

1896/1897 Barnsley Association Football Union League Division A - Final Table

Team	Plyd	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Monk Bretton Colliery	13	12	1	0	73	11	25
Royston United	13	8	1	4	53	31	17
Staincross	8	8	0	0	53	3	16
Wharnccliffe Woodmoor	14	5	4	5	64	27	14
Hoyle Mill	14	6	1	7	48	41	13
South Kirkby	14	4	2	8	22	43	10*
Silkstone	12	4	2	6	32	67	10
Cudworth St. John's	14	2	2	10	25	67	6
Ryhill	12	1	1	10	13	92	3

Notes

*Last known complete table published in the Barnsley Chronicle 19 December 1896. *Incorrectly published as on 9 points in the mentioned Barnsley Chronicle. The competition, run by Barnsley Association Football Union, started as three divisions, running in a league format until Christmas. At the start of the season the association planned that the top four teams from each division then entered a "challenge section" in two divisions. The remaining teams from the three divisions formed a "minor section" in two divisions. The top clubs in each division then played off for the cups. In January 1897 a meeting of the association concluded that the top four teams of each division would enter into two more divisions to play for the "Challenge Cup". The top teams from these two divisions then would play a final fixture for the cup, with the runners up being awarded the "Harvey Cup". The remaining clubs from the three initial divisions would enter into two divisions and play for the "Minor Cup" with the top team from each of these two new divisions playing a final fixture to decide the winner of the "Minor Cup". The final of the "Challenge Cup" was meant to be held on the 10th of April at Olive Grove, Sheffield. Monk Bretton eventually won the "Challenge Cup" in a replay, held at Oakwell, Barnsley, in front of over 3,000 fans. The last known published league table for the competition (in the Division A phase) appears to have been published on the 19th of December 1896. Clearly many games had been postponed or cancelled at this stage. Leading Division A were Monk Bretton, who had played 13 games and had 25 points. This stage of the competition was scheduled to finish at Christmas but the most any teams had played of their 16 games was 14. Staincross were clearly the team lagging behind, having only completed 8 of their 16 games. More games were published in later weeks as scheduled but no final table is known. The entire Barnsley Chronicle of 1897 appears to be missing so no further progress is able to be made with this competition at present.*

Honours

Barnsley Association Football Union Minor Cup league winners.