



BSPL NEWS

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Chairman's Corner

With the League Programme fully under way, we are still having one major problem with match cards. Teams must fill in match cards with full names, printed, or you will be hit with a £2.50 fine.

We have been fairly lenient with this in the past, but it is causing problems with referees in clarifying names on match cards when cautioning or sending off. This is a rule that has always been abused by teams, and has not been fully implemented by the Disciplinary Coordinator in the past, as he has been giving teams a bye ball. So to make the Committee's job easier, this rule has, as you can see from your bills been fully implemented over the past four weeks.

Yours in Sport -

Gabe Devlin

MASS BRAWL

St. Michaels/Mona Star match Abandoned

For only the third or fourth time in the history of the Belfast Sunday Premier League, a game had to be abandoned at Ormeau Park yesterday, 31st October, 2004.

Ten minutes into the second half of the St. Michaels versus Mona Star Division One League game the referee sent one player from each team off for Violent Conduct. Although the nature of the offences in themselves were comparatively minor the scenes that followed were disgraceful.

Following the dismissal of the St. Michaels player, both sets of management, substitutes and supporters made their way onto the pitch. The Mona Star player was then dismissed for a continuation of the confrontation that had already occurred between himself and the previously dismissed St. Michaels player.

Both players continued their attempts to "Get" at one another, and it was only team mates

and Management that kept them apart. At one stage a female supporter from one of the teams came right onto the opposite line and tried to assault the player that had been sent off from the other team, whilst a registered player for one of the teams who is currently suspended was seen drinking a can of harp in the middle of the pitch whilst this was all going on, and then throwing it down to become involved in the actual incident itself.

By this time, the referee decided to abandon the game as there was little likelihood of order being restored and if the game had continued the mind-set of the players involved meant that the risk of injury to players involved was too great. A full report reference the matter has been submitted by the referee to the Committee of the Belfast Sunday Premier League and clubs will receive letters asking for their submissions on the matter prior to a full hearing at the December meeting.

EDITORS COLUMN

We are now into November, and a look at the Fair Play Table shows once again that new teams in the League tend to struggle with the strict discipline policy that the Belfast Sunday Premier League implements.

Of the five new teams coming into the League, four of them are in the bottom third of the Fair play League, all have in excess of an average of two disciplinary points (One booking) per game, and all four have at least one sending off. Having said that, Newhill come in a credible joint fifth with a mere eight disciplinary points from eight games, but I feel that this comes from the fact that Newhill are a long established club with a good footballing background which instils a sense of discipline. I feel that brand new teams take a while to bed in, and that it is a steep learning curve for them in the Belfast Sunday Premier League where Official Referees take charge of games and teams cannot get away with misdemeanours that they would escape with in other Leagues. But once teams have been in the League **contd. page 3 col. 1**

FAIR PLAY TABLE

Standings up to and including 31 October, 2004

TEAM	No. of Matches	Additional Disciplinary Points	Total Points from Yellow Cards (2 Pts per Card)	Total Points from Red Cards (4 Pts per Card)	Total Points	Average Points per Match
CFANI	7		0		0	0.000
DUB FC	6		4		4	0.667
FORT FC	8		2	4	6	0.750
COLLINGWOOD SKUNKS FC	7		6		6	0.857
ST. MATTHEWS FC	7		6		6	0.857
MONA STAR FC	8		4	4	8	1.000
NEWHILL FC	8		8		8	1.000
KNOCK FC	8		4	4	8	1.000
RUSHLIGHT FC	9		10		10	1.111
BOCA SENIORS FC	7		8		8	1.143
ADELAIDE FC	8		10		10	1.250
CLIFTON STAR FC	7		10		10	1.429
TURFLODGE STAR FC	6		10		10	1.667
TRINITY LODGE FC	6	5	8		13	2.167
APOLLO ATHLETIC FC	8		14	4	18	2.250
FITZGERALDS FC	7		12	4	16	2.286
PARK INN FC	7		12	4	16	2.286
S.A. RAMBLERS FC	7		12	4	16	2.286
MORNINGTON FC	8		16	4	20	2.500
BROOKVILLA FC	7	5	14		19	2.714

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for a couple of years, you would think that it is all plain sailing. Oh no. As can be seen from your bills, and from the main headline, the match card amnesty is over. For the past four weeks, a total of twenty fines were dished out, with at least one club receiving a match card fine for every card they submitted.

At the time of writing, it is unlikely that I will be at the Monthly meeting due to work commitments, but all I can say is that there is no use forming an orderly queue to complain to Gabe about all the match card fines. If the players names on the left hand side of the card were not printed, if the full name of the player was not entered (e.g. J. Bloggs instead of the proper Joseph Bloggs) or if the match card was not signed, then you have just won yourself a £2.50 fine. No complaints, No appeals just read the rules and learn by your mistakes.

PLAYER OF THE MONTH

Congratulations to the following three players who each receive £10 having received two Man of the Match awards and having no disciplinary records. They are: - Emmet Hughes of Newhill FC
 Ciaran Tully of Rushlight FC
 Peter Corbett of Park Inn FC

CORNER FLAGS

Following meetings with Belfast City Council, it is hoped that the problems over lack of corner flags has been addressed. There are definitely sufficient flags at Cherryvale, and the Committee will monitor the situation at Ormeau. Teams should confirm whether they are the home team or the away team and home teams should ensure that they bring out and return corner flags otherwise a fine of £2.50 will be levied.

PICS FROM THE PAST



Gerard Mc Laughlin (Mona Star)
 April 2001



Knock v Sprint Auto - 23/9/2002



St. Matts v Turflodge



Glenville Star
 in an
 uncharacteristic
 Red Kit
 23/9/2002

LEAGUE TABLES**Standings up to and including 31 October, 2004**

DIVISION 1						
		Pld.	Won	Drawn	Lost	Points
St. Matthews FC		3	3	0	0	9
Rushlight FC		4	3	0	1	9
S.A. Ramblers FC		2	1	1	0	4
Mona Star FC		2	1	0	1	3
Trinity Lodge FC		2	1	0	1	3
Turflodge Star FC		2	1	0	1	3
Adelaide FC		3	1	0	2	3
St. Michaels FC		3	1	0	2	3
Dub FC		2	0	1	1	1
Boca Seniors FC		3	0	0	3	0
DIVISION 2						
		Pld.	Won	Drawn	Lost	Points
Newhill FC		3	3	0	0	9
Carrick Hill FC		4	2	1	1	7
Brookvilla FC		3	2	0	1	6
Clifton Star FC		3	2	0	1	6
Fitzgeralds FC		3	2	0	1	6
Park Inn FC		3	1	2	0	5
Apollo Athletic FC		3	1	1	1	4
C.F.A.N.I. FC		3	1	0	2	3
Fort FC		3	1	0	2	3
Knock FC		3	1	0	2	3
Mornington FC		4	1	0	3	3
Collingwood Skunks FC		3	0	0	3	0

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