



BSPL NEWS

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SHIELD QUARTER FINAL DRAW

EDITORS COLUMN

In my first column of the new season, I have to start with a bit of a gurn regarding match cards.

It is important that all team managers, when completing the match card **print** the players **FULL** name and not just his initial and surname e.g.. Colin Johnston and not C. Johnston. This is because we have a number of players with similar names and it could cause a caution or sending off to be attributed to the wrong player. I am trying to be nice about this, but if the matter does not resolve itself with this reminder, match card fines will ensue.

On the point of fines, certain teams have obviously too much money, as during September, there were a total of nine match card fines for the manager not signing the card, with one particular team featuring no less than three times.

“Better is not always best”

Most people believe that matches between the so called “Big Teams” (and we all know who they are) turn out to be the best matches. I do not believe this is the case. I recently refereed a match between two of the “Alleged lesser teams”. Both teams played fairly, were evenly matched and produced a very enjoyable game of football to referee, participate in and also watch. A great advert for the BSPL

Chairman’s Corner

First of all a welcome to all the new teams that have come into the Belfast Sunday Premier League this season. So far, they seemed to have settled in very well.

I am very pleased at the way that the new setup at Ormeau Park is working with regards to security in the changing rooms. Having someone in attendance at all times will, no doubt, cut out the chances of thefts from them. I hope that this council policy continues.

On another point regarding the Changing facilities, it has been brought to my attention that no football should be played in front of the changing rooms at Cherryvale for Health

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The BSPL Shield group matches are almost complete as can be seen from the table on page 4.

With only Trinity Lodge to play Apollo Athletic in Group 4 to see whether Trinity or Turflodge progress, the Quarter Final draw can now be determined.

Knock FC will play Monagh Star FC, Rushlight FC will play SA Ramblers FC, Dub FC will play Trinity

Lodge FC. Finally St. Matthews FC will play St. Michaels FC in what I personally think will be the tie of the round.

These matches will be played on Sunday, 7 December, 2003.

Incidentally, the Group 2 match between St. James and Glencolin Swifts will not now be played as it is a meaningless fixture, the result of which cannot affect the final group standings.

MATCH CARD REMINDER

Would all Team Managers remember that the match card should be picked up from the referee and his fee paid **BEFORE** the team changes and not as they are about to go out on the pitch.

PLAYER OF THE MONTH

Shane Murphy (Dub FC) and Brendan Muldoon (Knock FC) will share the player of the Month award for September, with two nominations each and no disciplinary record. Well Done.

FAIR PLAY TABLE

Standings up to and including 5 October, 2003

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
ST. MATTHEWS FC	5				0	0.000
BOCA SENIORS FC	4				0	0.000
APOLLO ATHLETIC FC	4				0	0.000
C / WOOD SKUNKS FC	5		2		2	0.400
DUB FC	4		2		2	0.500
FORT FC	4		2		2	0.500
MONA STAR FC	4		2		2	0.500
ST. MICHAELS FC	5		5		5	1.000
BROOKVILLA FC	4		4		4	1.000
TRINITY LODGE FC	4		4		4	1.000
TURFLODGE STAR FC	5		4	4	8	1.600
KNOCK FC	5		5	4	9	1.800
RUSHLIGHT FC	5		6	4	10	2.000
S.A. RAMBLERS FC	5		6	4	10	2.000
C.F.A.N.I. FC	4		4	4	8	2.000
DEANBY SWIFTS FC	5	5	2	4	11	2.200
ADELAIDE FC	5	5	6		11	2.200
GLENCOLIN SWIFTS FC	3		8		8	2.667
ST. JAMES FC	4		10	4	14	3.500

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and safety reasons. Cars are continually passing this area and someone could be knocked down. My final point for this month is the manner in which we are now processing disciplinary matters that require the attention of the Committee. Rather than keep everyone behind after the Monthly meeting, if there is a matter which needs to be investigated, your club will receive a letter from the Committee asking for your views on the subject. Your response will have to be back with the Committee by a certain date. If your response is late or not forthcoming, then only the referees and observers reports will be used. The Committee will then decide on the punishment for the incident and inform the club by letter. Normal appeals processes apply after the initial Committee decision. No doubt we will experience a few teething problems, but I believe that this is the way forward.

Yours in Sport - *Gabe Devlin*

A VIEW FROM THE MIDDLE
By Con Fox



Welcome back to the new season, and it is good to see that most of the referees have returned, fit and ready for action, to keep the League running well. As with every season we have personnel that leave and unfortunately Gary Williamson has decided to forego the Sunday refereeing for a while. However we are pleased to see Stevie Martin back in the ranks of the "Men in Black". I must also take this opportunity to welcome all the new teams into what is now a League of nineteen teams, showing just how popular the BSPL is. I have little doubt that this is because of the fact that we guarantee referees for all matches, something that happens very rarely if at all in other Junior Leagues.

Hopefully all the teams will remember that if you abide by the rules, you will enjoy yourself, but woe betide those that think they can get away with constant fouling, violent and abusive behaviour, abuse to officials and playing unregistered players. If you do, you will need well filled pockets for the fines, and plenty of wins under your belts to allow for points deductions. So far the referees have had a trouble free start to the season. Let us hope that this continues so that referees and teams alike can enjoy their Sunday afternoons.

Yours in Sport - *Con Fox*

League Tables up to and including 5 October, 2003

D I V I S I O N 1						
	P l d .	W o n	D r a w n	L o s t	P o i n t s	
ST. MICHAELS FC	2	2	0	0	6	
RUSHLIGHT FC	1	1	0	0	3	
ST. JAMES FC	1	1	0	0	3	
MONA STAR FC	0	0	0	0	0	
ST. MATTHEWS FC	0	0	0	0	0	
TRINITY LODGE FC	0	0	0	0	0	
TURF LODGE STAR FC	0	0	0	0	0	
DEANBY SWIFTS FC	2	0	0	2	0	
S.A. RAMBLERS FC	2	0	0	2	0	
D I V I S I O N 2						
	P l d .	W o n	D r a w n	L o s t	P o i n t s	
KNOCK FC	2	1	1	0	4	
BOCA SENIORS FC	1	0	1	0	1	
BROOKVILLA FC	1	0	1	0	1	
DUB FC	1	0	1	0	1	
ADELAIDE FC	0	0	0	0	0	
APOLLO ATHLETIC FC	0	0	0	0	0	
C.F.A.N.I. FC	0	0	0	0	0	
C / WOOD SKUNKS FC	0	0	0	0	0	
GLENCOLIN SWIFTS FC	0	0	0	0	0	
FORT FC	1	0	0	1	0	

Teams with a * () - points deducted - excessive disciplinary points

SHIELD TABLES

Standings up to and including 5 October, 2003

GROUP 1									
		Pld.	Won	Lost	Drawn	Points	Goals For	Goals Against	Goal Diff.
Knock FC		3	3	0	0	9	12	5	7
S.A Ramblers FC		3	2	1	0	6	9	4	5
Brookvilla FC		3	1	2	0	3	3	6	-3
Fort FC		3	0	3	0	0	3	12	-9
GROUP 2									
		Pld.	Won	Lost	Drawn	Points	Goals For	Goals Against	Goal Diff.
Rushlight FC		4	4	0	0	12	22	5	17
Mona Star FC		4	3	1	0	9	15	3	12
St. James FC		3	1	2	0	3	8	7	1
Glencolin Swifts		3	1	2	0	3	4	13	-9
C.F.A.N.I.		4	0	4	0	0	5	26	-21
GROUP 3									
		Pld.	Won	Lost	Drawn	Points	Goals For	Goals Against	Goal Diff.
Dub FC		3	3	0	0	9	18	3	15
St. Michaels FC		3	1	1	1	4	9	7	2
Boca Seniors FC		3	1	1	1	4	4	8	-4
Deanby Swifts FC		3	0	3	0	0	3	16	-13
GROUP 4									
		Pld.	Won	Lost	Drawn	Points	Goals For	Goals Against	Goal Diff.
St. Matthews FC		5	5	0	0	15	25	2	23
Trinity Lodge FC		4	3	1	0	9	16	6	10
Turflodge Star FC		5	3	2	0	9	16	7	9
Adelaide FC		5	2	3	0	6	14	14	0
Apollo Athletic FC		4	1	3	0	3	7	20	-13
C / Wood Skunks FC		5	0	5	0	0	4	33	-29