

LFA Football Crimes, Fines & Misdemeanours 1899-00

Leicestershire Football Association ruled football in the county with a rod of iron. Crimes and misdemeanours by players, officials and clubs were severely dealt with. A summary of the punishments handed out in 1899-00 are given below:

A Wells, G Holland, E Copson, D Clarke, and J Pawley, members of the Blaby United, T Burgess and T F Cufflin, Belgrave St Michael's. all having paid their shares of fines due by the clubs name under suspension were reinstated.

[LFA meeting - 1 September 1899]

Rolleston Cup: The referee's report as to the stoppage of the match — Anstey v. Leicester Imperial — was received, and, after hearing evidence from all the parties and the referee, the match was ordered to be replayed at Anstey on Saturday next, to a finish, Mr. A. T. Chamberlain referee.

[LFA meeting - 2 October 1899]

Morley and Beesley (Imperial) were cautioned for not obtaining referee's permission to take extra time to change clothing owing to the state of the weather.

[LFA meeting - 2 October 1899]

Mountsorrel St. Peter's F.C. were ordered to pay Syston Swifts F.C. the amount due for non-fulfilment of fixture on or before October 15. failing which to be suspended.

[LFA meeting - 2 October 1899]

The following rulings of the hon. secretary were confirmed:

- That extension of time to October 14 be granted to Burton Swift Reserves and South Wigston (O. Wright's) to play their Senior Cup tie.
- A benefit match was granted to Woodhouse United for Abdon Squires, and permission was granted to Hinckley Town to allow the tradesmen of Hinckley to play matches for the benefit of the Hinckley Hospital.
- H. Cassell (Leicester Fosse) having paid his subscriptions due to Leicester YMCA, his suspension was removed.

[LFA meeting - 2 October 1899]

Loughborough and District League

Messrs. Marson and Carpenter reported that they had investigated the letter of complaint of Barrow Excelsior F.C. against the rulings of this League, which were:

1. That it was irregular and improper for Barrow Excelsior F.C. to change the headquarters of the club to another village for the purpose of evading the League.

The Management Committee's ruled that Barrow Excelsior F.C. be cautioned and censured for their treatment of the rulings of the League, and for presenting a report to the Association open to misinterpretation.

[LFA meeting - 2 October 1899]

SUSPENSIONS.

- G. Hayward (Barwell Swifts) was suspended until November 27 for misconduct in a senior cup tie at Woodville.
- C. Wood (late of Ashford United) was suspended for 14 days for playing whilst being an unregistered professional.
- Leicester Banks F.Cs explanation as to their action was accepted.
- E. Marlow (Barrow Rising Star) and F. Towle (Loughborough Trinity) were suspended for one month for misconduct.

- W. Morns (Kegworth) was suspended until December 31, 1899, for abusive conduct to the referee and giving a wrong name.
- An application by H. Sabine (Swadlincote) for a reduction of his suspension was not entertained.
- J. Harris (secretary of Whitwick Town) was suspended until he appears before the executive to explain his misleading correspondence as to the club's connection with the Senior League and Association.
- H. Barrett (late secretary of the Loughborough Havelock and now assistant-secretary to the Loughborough F.C.) was suspended from taking part in football management until January 1, 1900, for approaching H. Lovell and H. Brinkley, members belonging to Loughborough Havelock F.C. During the consideration of this case by the executive Mr. Dunn voluntarily vacated his seat on the executive.

[LFA meeting - 19 October 1899]

A letter from Hugglescote Robin Hoods F.C. as to playing matches before completing the payment of the amounts due to the Leicestershire Senior League was received, and the explanation tendered accepted. It was decided to extend the time for payment of amounts due to December 15 to give time for the club to apply to the League for reconsideration.

[LFA meeting - 19 October 1899]

The referee in the Market Harborough Congregational v. Ratby Swifts (Shield tie) drew attention to the necessity of being punctual in starting matches, and Ratby Swifts were ordered to explain the arrangements of the match. It was decided to draw the attention of the Lincolnshire Association to a Leicestershire club (Bottesford) not being affiliated, playing in the Grantham League.

[LFA meeting - 19 October 1899]

SENIOR CUP -The drawn game between Nuneaton v. Earl Shilton. Town was ordered to be replayed on October 28, at Nuneaton, the kick-off to take place at 2.45, and to play to a finish. A protest from Hinckley Town F.C. against Coalville Town for playing ineligible players was, after hearing the correspondence from both clubs, upheld, and the match awarded to Hinckley Town.

Suspension of Players:

- W Healy, Knighton Casuals, was suspended sine die for assault upon a player belonging to the Leicester Banks.
- T Freer, Barwell Albion, was suspended for 1 days for abusive conduct.
- T Millr, Ashby United, suspended for 6 weeks for misconduct to a referee.
- A report against C Lovett, of Mountsorrel St Peter's was referred to Mr Dunn for investigation.
- T Bourne, Overseal St Matthew's, 17th Regimental Depot, suspended for 6 weeks for misconduct and refusing to leave the field when ordered to do so.

[LFA meeting - 9 November 1899]

J Oldham, Cumberland and H Collins, Sanvey-gate, were suspended for one month. T Jayes, Ratby Swifts, was suspended for 6 weeks for misconduct.

[LFA meeting - 9 November 1899]

Gresley Rovers were ordered to hand over to S Newbold the Leicestershire Cup medal forthwith.

[LFA meeting - 9 November 1899]

Boundary Albion FC were granted permission to organise a medal competition subject to the rules being approved by the secretary of the association.

[LFA meeting - 9 November 1899]

Loughborough Havelock were awarded 8s 6d expenses and H Barratt was ordered to pay the same. Kibworth FC were fined 2s 6d for playing a player belonging to Great Glen Swifts before ascertaining his financial position.

[LFA meeting - 9 November 1899]

A report was received from the Loughborough and District League regarding the conduct of F Lovitt, Barrow Excelsior's secretary. After hearing evidence from the Barrow Excelsior club and Mr Bates on behalf of the League, it was found that Mr Lovitt had been acting contrary to the wishes of his Club in continuing to set the League rules at defiance, and he was suspended from taking any further part in football or football club management until he tendered a satisfactory explanation, and further, he was ordered to hand over all papers, books and monies due to the club within 7 days.

[LFA meeting – 9 November 1899]

J Broughton, St Leonard's Excelsior, S Brooks, W Woodward, W Holand, H Ball, Wainwright and Ibstock Wanderers members of clubs under suspension, having paid their share of fines were reinstated

C Barnes (Thursday Rovers), J Glover (Thursday Rovers), E Durrad (Belgrave United), H Langton (Belgrave United), A Houlton (Whitwick Town), and E W Marvin (North End), having paid their shares of fines due by clubs named were reinstated.

[LFA – 24 November 1899]

J Oldham (Cumberland) was suspended until the end of the season for gross misconduct, and T Hart (Moir) until the end of January.

[LFA – 24 November 1899]

J North (Anstey Town) was suspended until the end of the season for misconduct on the field and giving misleading evidence before the executive.

[LFA – 24 November 1899]

A report as to the general misconduct of the spectators on the Shepshed Town ground was received, and with a view of making full inquiries into the matter Messrs. Dunn, Mason, and Carpenter were appointed as a commission to meet the committee of the club, and to get some assurance as to future conduct.

[LFA meeting - 22 January 1900]

A report was received with reference to alleged irregular proceedings in the Leicester and District League Competition between Market Harborough and Leicester Waverley F.C., having a bearing upon the championship of last season. — After bearing witnesses on the matter the committee decided that there was nothing irregular in the action of Market Harborough F.C. , and that the report was unfounded.

[LFA meeting - 22 January 1900]

A Whitwick Charity Association report against Shepshed Town for failing to play off a semi-final tie as ordered was received. After hearing witnesses from the association and Shepshed, the following rulings were given: —

1. That the Whitwick Charity Association be asked to deal with the Whitwick White Cross F.C. for late arrival, and causing the match to be abandoned.
2. That Shepshed Town be ordered to arrange to play the match on neutral ground with Whitwick White Cross for the funds of the Charity Association, to be arranged by March 30, and to be played during the current season.

[LFA meeting - 22 January 1900]

Messrs. Dunn, Carpenter, and Mason presented their report, with reference to the proceedings connected with the transfer of J. Newham (Hathern) to Kegworth, and the following rulings were confirmed: — That Kegworth F.C. be fined 5s. for paying money

[LFA meeting - 22 January 1900]

J. Newham to be suspended for the remainder of the season for giving misleading evidence before the commission.

[LFA meeting - 22 January 1900]

A complaint was received as to the conduct of Mr. J. T. Hawkins (Hinckley Town) in charity burlesque matches. The secretary was instructed to inform him that his action in this connection was irregular and

that these matches would not be permitted in future unless officials carried out their duties in a dignified manner.

[LFA meeting - 22 January 1900]

Quartermaster Clover was censured for failing to make a personal inspection of ground considered by the home club as unfit for a Rolleston Cup-tie.

[LFA meeting - 22 January 1900]

Suspensions.

- For leaving the field of play before time J. Johnson, E. Morris, and J. Gutteridge (Loughborough Trinity) were suspended for 14 days;
- Quorn Havelock Rovers were fined 5s., and the following players suspended for one month for leaving the field: H. Waite. G. H. Mee, J. Payne, G. Harris, C. Disney, W. Sutton, G. Rumsby, W. Wilders, E. Unwin. and H. Squires, the players named being members of the reserve team.
- Mountsorrel Castle were fined 10s., and the following players suspended for one month : T. Wadd, W. Dodge, H. Hunt. E. Palmer, J. Smith, F. Brewin, J. Dodge, and W. Lovett for leaving the field and refusing to give their names, and G. Hewitt for three weeks for also leaving the field.
- W. Taylor (Whitwick White Cross) was suspended for one month for misconduct ;
- G. Payne (Hinckley Victor) was suspended for one month for abusive conduct;
- H. Down (Earl Shilton Town) for one month for misconduct to the referee, and R. Wightman (Earl Shilton Town) for six weeks for abusive conduct and refusing to give his name;
- E. Parry (Loughborough Adult School) and F. Johnson (Loughborough Trinity) were suspended for 14 days for rough play;
- J. Black (Anstey Town) was suspended for one month for abusive conduct towards the referee, and J. Cresswell (linesman for Anstey Town) was suspended from taking any further part in football matches for the remainder of the season; Anstey Town F.C. were fined 5s. for abusive conduct of the team to the referee in the dressing-room after the match;
- W P West (Enderby F.C. linesman) was suspended for the remainder of the season for abusive conduct to the referee;
- H. Parker (Leicester Waverley) had his suspension removed on attending to give evidence;
- A. Smith (Wigston Excelsior linesman) was suspended from taking part in football matches for the remainder of the season for gross misconduct whilst acting as a linesman:

[LFA meeting - 22 January 1900]

SHIELD COMPETITION:

- Castle Donington St. Luke's F.C. were censured for their want of courtesy to the referee and the visiting team in the Shield competition. A protest by Melton Victoria against Melton Town for playing Houghton and Bentley, of Ashfordby, without obtaining permission, was upheld, and the match awarded to Melton Victoria.
- A protest by St. Matthew's Vicarage against South Wigston Albion on the question of a proper list of players was not upheld.
- The Stoney Stanton and Groby match, stopped through the late arrival of Groby, was ordered -to be played on Saturday next.

[LFA meeting - 22 January 1900]

With regard to Mr. Dunn's report as to four Shepshed Albion players leaving the field, the executive had suspended J. Hunt for one month and the other three for fourteen days each, the club being also fined 5s.

[LFA meeting - 9 February 1900]

The match Loughborough Forest Rovers v. Castle Donington being stopped before time, was ordered to be re- played at Castle Donington on February 15.

[LFA meeting - 9 February 1900]

A complaint was received from Stoney Stanton against their Rolleston Cup tie with Burbage on account of both clubs playing in white shirts. The Stoney Stanton Club had been censured for their conduct in

changing their colours without notifying Burbage, and were fined 5s, it also being resolved that via Burbage club did everything in their power to make the match playable.

[LFA meeting – 9 February 1900]

The Kegworth Club were ordered to apologise to their secretary, Mr. Kealey, for unfounded charges made against him.

[LFA meeting – 9 February 1900]

W Elverstone, Earl Shilton Victor, was suspended for abusive conduct to a referee in a Coalville cup tie.

[LFA meeting – 16 March 1900]

Club officials were all informed that they were responsible for the conduct of spectators after matches. Hemmings of Orson Wright and Sons' (South Wigston) until 1 October for abusive conduct while acting as linesman.

[LFA meeting – 16 March 1900]

A Martin,, Enderby was suspended until the end of the season for misconduct.

[LFA meeting – 16 March 1900]

E. Adey (Spring Cottage) and W. Edwards (Woodville) were suspended until October 1; F. Gilhiver (Earl Shilton) until December 1; C. Burton (Overseal), December 1; H. James (Barrow Rising Star), January 1, 1901, and the members of the Barrow Rising Star Reserve team, who played in the match at Sileby, were suspended until September 17, for leaving the field of play, and the club was fined 5s.

[LFA meeting – 9 May 1900]

J. J. Stirling (the secretary of the club) was censured and cautioned as to the tone of his letters, and ordered to attend the next meeting of the executive.

[LFA meeting – 9 May 1900]

Grant, of Wigston Excelsior, was ordered to remain suspended for failing to reply to the referee's report as to his conduct, until he appeared before the executive.

[LFA meeting – 9 May 1900]

Reports as to the method of arriving at the championship of the Loughborough and District League and the Coalville and District League were presented to the executive, and it was decided to hold a special meeting on Wednesday, May 16, to request the league secretaries and chairmen and the clubs interested to appear, and that both leagues be requested to withhold declaring championships or to hand over the trophies until after the meeting.

[LFA meeting – 9 May 1900]

Burbage F.C. were requested to explain the circumstances under which a player had been sent off the field, as no report had been received from the referee; also that Barrow Excelsior were reported for irregular proceedings on their ground, for which also no referee's report had been received.

[LFA meeting – 9 May 1900]

Coalville and District League were ordered to attend the next meeting to explain their dealings with the referee's report on breaches of the laws of the game.

[LFA meeting – 9 May 1900]

An application was received for permission to form club in Earl Shilton under the title of Earl Shilton United but owing to the fact that some of prospective players were in arrears with subscriptions to other clubs and also to the irregular way that the players approached, the application was refused.

[LFA meeting – 22 May 1900]

Coalville and District - A complaint was received from Whitwick White Cross as to the question of championship of this but no change could be made pending full league meeting league were ordered to

forward list of the clubs that had resigned from the league their indebtedness to it complaint of the against the league to proceedings at their meeting on April 2nd was read and was ruled that it was irregular for the league to deal with matters not under their jurisdiction and that their minute relating to Whitwick White Cross erased and that Mr Earp the referee, be censured for his irregular method of carrying out his duties.
[LFA meeting -22 May 1900]

Loughborough Emmanuel appealed against the decision of the Loughborough and District League Committee in awarding the championship to Hathern FC and the executive that the only way to arrive at the proper result was by deeming the clubs who did not finish their programmes as not being in the league. The appeal and the protest fee returned.
[LFA meeting -22 May 1900]

The reports as to misconduct of Burbage players and spectators on the Barrow Excelsior ground were referred to the secretary for investigation.
[LFA meeting -22 May 1900]