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CONTEXT

Institutional history

Traditionally speaking, the core of Irish support for soccer lay in Ulster. The correlation between soccer, often regarded as the ‘garrison game’, and British rule in Ireland encouraged those with nationalist outlooks to participate in the Irish games of Gaelic football and hurling. Nonetheless, soccer was played, to a degree, outside of Ulster, and this resulted in the establishment of the Leinster Football Association in 1898, as an affiliate of the Irish Football Association (founded 1880). Its primary purpose was to foster soccer in the province of Leinster.

However, the IFA was seen by many southern soccer enthusiasts as doing very little to promote the game throughout the country, but instead focussing its attention on the professional clubs in Ulster. By 1921 all but two of the clubs in the Irish League were based in Ulster.

The political situation in Ireland throughout the 1910s and 1920s indubitably exacerbated tensions between northern and southern clubs and supporters. The April 1921 Irish Cup semi-final replay between Shelbourne F.C. (based in Dublin) and Glenavon F.C. (based in Lurgan, county Armagh) was due to be played in Dublin. The IFA however moved the match location to Belfast amid security fears. Southern players and supporters were dismayed at this decision, and it led to the establishment of the Football Association of Ireland in September 1921. The LFA affiliated with the new organisation.

In its early years, Leinster Football Association committee meetings were held at various rented premises in Dublin, notably Molesworth Hall and 56 Middle Abbey Street. However, the need for permanent premises was clear, and in 1929 the association purchased 43 Parnell Square, Dublin, where it would remain until 2009 and its move to the National Sports Campus in Abbotstown.

The LFA remains the governing body for the Leinster Senior Cup competition, which was first played during the 1892–3 season. It is also charged with the organisation and administration of soccer throughout Leinster.

Archival history

The Leinster Football Association archives were deposited in May 2009, and were transferred from the premises at Parnell Square, Dublin to UCD Archives.

CONTENT AND STRUCTURE

Scope and Content

Junior League: minutes and proceedings from various committees (including council, emergency, protest and appeal, and rough play) and annual general meetings; attendance book of committee members.

Senior League: minutes and proceedings from various committees, (including council, emergency, finance, management, leagues, and executive).

Arrangement note: where minutes from more than one committee have been recorded in the same volume, it is included in the section to which the majority of the minutes belong. These cases are noted in the item descriptions.

Senior League: bound volumes containing minutes of all Senior League committee meetings (1993–2004).

Senior League: attendance book of committee members.

Indices of Senior League players; lists of teams affiliated with the LFA.

Senior League: suspensions and disciplinary actions.

Material relating to the centenary celebrations of the LFA.

Administrative material: match ledgers; cash books and petty cash books.

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CONDITIONS OF ACCESS AND USE

Access

Available by appointment to holders of a UCDA reader's ticket. Produced for consultation in microform.

Language

English

Finding Aid

Descriptive catalogue

DESCRIPTION CONTROL

Archivist's Note

This descriptive catalogue was prepared by Sarah Poutch in March 2010.

ALLIED MATERIALS

Archival material in UCDA

IE UCDA P137 Football Association of Ireland

IE UCDA P243 Connacht Football Association

1. JUNIOR LEAGUE

1.1 Full Committee minutes, 1903–63

P239/1–8 Minutes of meetings of the Junior League Committee

Bound volumes of handwritten minutes of meetings of the Junior League Committee, which oversees the organisation of Junior League matches, the Junior Cup, and related matters. Meetings are generally held twice each month. Topics such as the fixing of match dates, rough play cases and appointments to the committee are covered, as well as the reading of previous minutes, reports and appeals, the reading of letters sent to the committee, and other general committee business. Minutes note the names of those in attendance, apologies for absence and are generally signed by the current chairman of the committee. Match draws and other related printed material are often glued into the minute books. These volumes also include the minutes of annual general meetings. There are some gaps in the sequence of minutes, most notably for the periods 1925–31 and 1932–39.

P239/1 29 July 1903–6 December 1905

c.159pp

P239/2 6 December 1905–20 November 1912

c.352pp

P239/3 20 November 1912–21 November 1922

c.427pp

P239/4 21 November 1922–20 November 1925

c.257pp

P239/5 7 September 1939–25 September 1947

c.481pp

P239/6 23 October 1947–27 May 1954

c.373pp

P239/7 14 June 1954–1968

c. 594pp

P239/8 8 September 1955–25 July 1963

c.300pp

1.2 Emergency Committee minutes, 1904–47

P239/9–12 Minutes of meetings of the Emergency Committee

Bound volumes of handwritten minutes of meetings of the Emergency Committee. Issues dealt at meetings are mainly the reading and resolution of letters of complaint or protest at decisions made, or at match results. Also covered are occasions where exceptionally rough play was noted by a match referee and, less frequently, issues such as one team not turning up for a match. Match draws and other related printed material are often glued into the minute books. Minutes note the names of those in attendance, apologies for absence and are generally signed by the current chairman of the committee.

P239/9 15 February 1904–3 March 1913

c.138pp

P239/10 3 May 1917–3 December 1924

c.114pp

P239/11 15 May 1939–1 June 1942

c.271pp

P239/12 9 September 1942–18 November 1947
c.221pp

1.3 Protest and Appeals Committee minutes, 1911–14

P239/13 5 October 1911–12 February 1914
c.67pp

Minutes of the Protest and Appeals Committee

Bound volume of handwritten minutes of meetings of the committee, established to hear grievances from teams and individual players, and to grant or refuse appeals against various suspensions. The letters of protest or appeal are transcribed or summarized, and the consequent steps taken are noted. Meetings are held only sporadically. Match draws and other related printed material are often glued into the minute books. Minutes note the names of those in attendance, apologies for absence and are generally signed by the current chairman of the committee.

1.4 Rough Play Committee minutes, 1934–56

P239/14–18 **Minutes of meetings of the Rough Play Committee**
Bound volumes of handwritten minutes of Rough Play Committee meetings, generally held on a weekly basis. Players who have engaged in rough play and the disciplinary measures taken by the committee are recorded. Match draws and other related printed material are often glued into the minute books. Minutes note the names of those in attendance, apologies for absence and are generally signed by the current chairman of the committee.

P239/14 22 January 1934–7 December 1939
c.320pp

P239/15 10 August 1936–27 March 1941
c.288pp

- P239/16** 31 March 1941–20 October 1941
c.365pp
Also includes minutes of Full Committee meetings (24 August 1931–8 July 1932).
- P239/17** 8 December 1947–14 January 1952
c.301pp
- P239/18** 14 January 1952–12 November 1956
c.520pp

1.5 Related material, 1903–24

- P239/19** 12 August 1903–29 May 1924
c.279pp
Attendance book
Signed by all attendees of the meetings of the Junior League Full Committee. Absences are noted.
- P239/20** Not dated
12pp
Constitution of the Junior Leinster Association
Incomplete, undated copy of the Junior Association's constitution.

2. SENIOR LEAGUE

2.1 Minutes, 1899–2004

2.1.1 Council

**P239/21–
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Minutes of meetings of the Senior League Council

Bound volumes of handwritten and typed minutes of meetings of the Senior League Council, which oversees the organisation of Senior League matches, the Senior Cup, and all related matters. Meetings are held, on average, twice a month. Topics such as the fixing of match dates and appointments to the committee are covered, as well as the reading of minutes of previous meetings, the consideration of reports and appeals, the reading of letters received, and general organisational business. Minutes note the names of those in attendance, apologies for absence and are generally signed by the current chairman of the committee. Typed minutes and other related printed material are often glued into the minute books, and there are some loose pages, which have been left in place. These volumes also include the minutes of annual general meetings.

P239/21 16 November 1899–6 February 1902
c.352pp

P239/22 12 February 1902–6 April 1904
c.415pp

P239/23 13 April 1904–5 December 1906
c.260pp

P239/24 5 December 1906–15 September 1915
c.328pp

P239/25 13 October 1915–5 May 1922
c.270pp

P239/26 10 July 1924–19 July 1927
c.165pp

P239/27 29 July 1927–20 January 1932
c.378pp

P239/28 10 March 1932–13 February 1936
c.504pp

P239/29 12 March 1936–16 December 1938
c.312pp

P239/30 12 January 1939–14 May 1944
c.311pp

P239/31 7 June 1944–28 June 1946
164pp

P239/32 9 September 1946–12 January 1949
c.192pp

P239/33 16 June 1953–12 June 1968
c.572pp

Also includes Junior Full Committee minutes (6 June 1972–15 June 1983).

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P239/34 20 June 1969–20 April 1988

364pp

P239/35 15 October 1987–21 April 1993

c.89pp

Also includes Centenary Committee minutes (3 September 1992–25 February 1993).

2.1.2 Emergency Committee

- P239/36–41** **Minutes of meetings of the Emergency Committee**
Bound handwritten minutes of meetings of the Emergency Committee of the Leinster Football Association, convened in special instances to discuss matters of urgency. Minutes note the names of those in attendance, apologies for absence and are generally signed by the current chairman of the committee. Typed minutes and other related printed material are often glued into the minute books, and there are some loose pages, which have been left in place.
- P239/36** 23 December 1902–20 October 1924

c.234pp
- P239/37** 6 March 1913–21 April 1917

c.210pp
- P239/38** 18 December 1924–27 November 1930

c.225pp

Also includes:
- Rough Play Committee minutes (1 October 1928–31 March 1931);
 - Selection Committee minutes (6 May 1929–15 April 1927);
 - Housing Sub-committee minutes (14 December 1929–28 October 1930).
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- P239/39** 9 April 1931–19 March 1935

c.196pp

Also includes:
- Rough Play Committee minutes (9 April 1931–19 March 1935);
 - Selection Committee minutes (23 May 1931–5 May 1932);
 - Housing Committee minutes (7 May 1931–4 March 1935);
 - Rules Revision Committee minutes (18 May 1931).

P239/40 27 July 1955–24 April 1969

c.273pp

Also includes:

- Protest and Appeals Committee minutes (1 December 1966–22 May 1969);
- Finance Committee minutes (22 May 1969).

P239/41 23 June 1969–27 August 1987

c.259pp

Also includes:

- Youth Committee minutes (21 January 1980);
- Executive Committee minutes (1 September 1980–16 June 1986).

2.1.3 Finance Committee

- P239/42-46** **Minutes of meetings of the Finance Committee**
Bound handwritten minutes of meetings of the Finance Committee of the Leinster Football Association, charged with overseeing the income and expenditure of the organisation. Topics dealt with include club accounts, end of year expenditure reviews and match receipts. Minutes note the names of those in attendance, apologies for absence and are generally signed by the current chairman of the committee. Printed material, such as accounts, is often glued into the volumes.
- P239/42** 17 September 1902–21 March 1910
c.55pp
- P239/43** 6 April 1910–24 June 1924
c.138pp
- P239/44** 23 September 1924–7 July 1941
c.414pp
- P239/45** 28 August 1931–20 January 1954
c.146pp
- P239/46** 14 December 1955–16 September 1968
c.111pp

2.1.4 Referees' Committee

P239/47-49 **Minutes of meetings of the Referees' Committee**
Bound handwritten minutes of meetings of the Referees' Committee, later the Referees' Appeals Committee, of the Leinster Football Association. Topics dealt with include the nomination, examination, qualification and appointment of referees, and the investigation of complaints against decisions made by referees during matches. Minutes note the names of those in attendance, apologies for absence and are generally signed by the current chairman of the committee.

P239/47 31 July 1905-7 October 1921

c.187pp

P239/48 7 November 1917-24 June 1924

c.40pp

P239/49 26 January 1931-8 May 1945

c.255pp

2.1.5 Leagues Committee

P239/50-51 **Minutes of meetings of the Leagues Committee**
Bound volumes of handwritten minutes of meetings of the Leagues Committee, responsible for general leagues administration and organisation. Minutes note the names of those in attendance, apologies for absence, and are generally signed by the current chairman of the committee.

P239/50 6 November 1914-29 May 1924

c.259pp

P239/51 4 September 1931–14 July 1955

c.250pp

Also includes minutes of meetings of:

- Protest Committee (22 September 1931),
- Junior Leagues Committee (7 June 1943),
- Finance Committee (15 October 1943).

2.1.6 Protest and Appeals Committee

P239/52–56 **Minutes of meetings of the Protest and Appeals Committee**

Bound volumes of handwritten minutes of meetings of the Protest and Appeals Committee, established to hear grievances from teams and individual players, and to grant or refuse appeals against various suspensions. The details of the protest or appeal are explained, and the consequent steps taken are noted. Minutes note the names of those in attendance and are generally signed by the current chairman of the council.

P239/52 10 November 1927–26 November 1934

c.202pp

P239/53 12 December 1934–18 May 1939

c.103pp

P239/54 30 May 1939–10 October 1950

c.164pp

P239/55 4 July 1955–8 February 1968

c.258pp

The volume has also been used as an attendance book for council and junior full committee meetings, and signed by attendees at these meetings.

P239/56 11 November 1969–26 April 1993
205pp

2.1.7 Other committees

P239/57 26 July 1937–19 April 1943
200pp

Management Committee

Bound volume of handwritten minutes of meetings of the Management Committee. Topics dealt with include major decisions such as the suspension or reinstatement of clubs within the league and player transfers. Minutes note the names of those in attendance, apologies for absence, and are generally signed by the current chairman of the committee. This volume also contains minutes from the Emergency Committee throughout.

P239/58 30 August 1935–23 March 1950
25pp

Rules Revision Committee

Hardback notebook containing handwritten minutes of the meetings of the Rules Revision Committee, which discusses proposed changes to existing rules and the institution of new rules. Minutes note the names of those in attendance, apologies for absence, and are generally signed by the current chairman of the committee. Also contains minutes from three special committee meetings (16 August–1 October 1945).

P239/59 29 November 1938–10 October 1940
c.71pp

The Dublin and District Printing House League Committee

Bound volume containing minutes of the meetings of representatives of printing houses, who are discussing the formation of a Printing House League. Minutes note the names of those in attendance, and are generally signed by the current chairman of the committee. Also includes minutes of some Leagues Committee meetings (10 October 1939–10 October 1940).

2.1.8 Amalgamated minutes

- P239/60-70** **Minutes of meetings of all LFA Committees**
Bound volumes containing minutes of all Leinster Football Association committees' meetings, including Executive, Rules Revision, Housing and Finance Committees, and Council. The minutes of these committee meetings contain the same type of material as in their previous individual volumes. Minutes include some handwritten pages, but are typed and pasted into the volume (5 March 1980–25 February 1993) before being typed and bound in chronological order (P239/62 onward).
- P239/60** 28 May 1956–13 March 1967
c.362pp
- P239/61** 15 September 1969–25 February 1993
170pp
- P239/62** 17 April 1993–27 April 1994
c.86pp
- P239/63** 16 May 1994–30 May 1995
c.85pp
- P239/64** 29 May 1995–27 May 1996
c.80pp
- P239/65** 28 May 1996–14 July 1997
c.78pp
- P239/66** 17 September 1997–17 August 1998
c.93pp

- P239/67** 21 April 1998–26 August 1999
c.72pp
- P239/68** 8 November 1999–9 March 2001
c.88pp
- P239/69** 7 February 2001–27 February 2002
c.68pp
- P239/70** 13 March 2002–19 January 2004
c.96pp

2.2 Other Senior League material

2.2.1 Affiliated clubs

P239/71-74 **Lists of clubs affiliated to LFA**
Volumes containing the names of Leinster Football Association affiliated clubs, listed in alphabetical order. Contact details for clubs are included in some cases. The additional pages in the volumes have been used for jotting notes and calculations.

P239/71 1948-55

c.168pp

This volume also lists the division or league in which clubs played.

P239/72 Not dated

c.36pp

P239/73 Not dated

c.27pp

P239/74 Not dated

c.55pp

2.2.2 Attendance books

P239/75 13 September 1899–14 February 1924

c.318pp

Attendance book

Signed by all attendees at meetings of the Council and other senior committees. Absences are noted.

P239/76 5 October 1982–31 May 1992

c.179pp

Attendance book

Signed by all attendees at meetings of the Council and other senior committees. Absences are noted. Also contains the signatures of attendees at some Junior Full Committee meetings (5 October 1982–26 September 1984).

2.2.3 Officers and Council

P239/77 1916–17

c.201pp

Officers and council book

Bound volume containing a handwritten list of the officers and members of the Senior League Council. Also includes a list of the teams participating in the 1916–17 season and their team jersey colours.

2.2.4 Disciplinary actions

- P239/78–81** **Records of disciplinary actions**
4 volumes containing handwritten alphabetical lists of player suspensions. The player's full name and club are included, as well as the length of their suspension. Other disciplinary actions such as cautions and fines are noted. Cases of clubs being cautioned, fined or otherwise disciplined are also included within these lists.
- P239/78** 21 September 1925–20 September 1931
96pp
- P239/79** 11 September 1931–1 November 1933
82pp
- P239/80** 30 October 1933–28 May 1934
39pp
- P239/81** 30 July 1934–11 September 1950
c.256pp

2.2.5 Registers of players

- P239/82–85** **Registers of players**
4 volumes containing handwritten alphabetical lists of players registered with the Leinster Football Association. Listings often include the player's home address, club and the date on which they registered.
- P239/82** 27 August 1938–4 February 1939
c.76pp

- P239/83** 20 July 1938–5 May 1939
c.48pp
- P239/84** 4 August 1940–24 April 1941
c.86pp
- P239/85** May 1941–November 1946
c.28pp

2.2.6 Centenary material

- P239/86** 1993
128pp

Centenary yearbook

Yearbook produced to commemorate the centenary of the Leinster Football Association in 1992. Contains fourteen articles which reflect on the history of the association and its influence. The foreword is written by the president of the Football Association of Ireland, Michael Hyland, and the yearbook contains a letter of congratulations from the president of Fédération Internationale de Football Association, Joao Havelange. The yearbook was compiled and edited by George Briggs and Joe Dodd.

- P239/87** c.1992
2 items

Centenary pennants

Two small identical pennants produced to celebrate the centenary of the Leinster Football Association. The pennants are white with the association's crest printed on them in blue. They are decorated with blue tassels and gold fringing, and measure approximately 18cm by 18cm.

3. FINANCIAL ADMINISTRATION

P239/88-92 **Match ledgers**
5 ledgers detailing the expenses incurred in both Junior and Senior cup matches by the Leinster Football Association. Match details are noted. In some cases gate receipts and revenue are included. Generally, referee and assistant fees, ground expenses and other sundries such as refreshments are listed.

P239/88 27 January 1906–21 April 1906

37pp

Also includes several pages detailing general office expenses, which are not dated.

P239/89 1932–1937

c.78pp

P239/90 1939–June 1944

c.79pp

P239/91 1944–28 February 1955

c.160pp

Also includes minutes of Emergency Committee meeting, held 24 February 1955.

P239/92 14 April 1983–8 April 1992

190pp

- P239/93-104** **Cash books**
12 cash books detailing the income and expenditure of the Leinster Football Association. Expenditure encompasses general administrative costs such as renting offices, salaries, repairs and insurance, as well as sundry expenses. Bank account details are also given, including lodgment amounts and dates. Several of these volumes include an index inside the front cover, and some have also been used to note individual match expenses.
- P239/93** 1 May 1906–26 March 1910
c.160pp
- P239/94** 1938–39
c.54ff
- P239/95** 1 May 1943–10 May 1945
c.109ff
- P239/96** 14 May 1946–30 April 1953
c.134ff
- P239/97** 11 May 1946–10 May 1953
c.140pp
- P239/98** 11 May 1947–11 May 1948
c.184pp
- P239/99** 11 May 1948–4 June 1948
c.169ff

P239/100 30 July 1955–30 April 1967
c.61ff

P239/101 11 May 1959–1 May 1976
c.239ff

P239/102 June 1959–April 1976
c.176ff

P239/103 July 1976–April 1985
c.176ff

P239/104 June 1976–April 1984
c.94ff

P239/105 27 January 1931–May 1959
c.73ff

Petty cash book

Details the outgoings from the Leinster Football Association's office petty cash account. Expenses include stamps, telegrams and telephone costs.

P239/106 10 May 1978–29 May 1988
c.148pp

Lodgment book

Includes particulars of lodgments made to the Leinster Football Association bank account.