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Football

A source list for items related to football in the Archives.

MS 2507/5/14/8/59

Bernard Moore Lantern Slide
People playing football in Selly Park. nd.

MS 4000/6/3/3/50C

Recording of Frank Joyce talking about American football 11 February 1976

MS 4000/6/4/2/13C

Recording of various radio programmes including a 'Sports Report', programme about the Football League, 13 April 1963

MS 2294/1/1/6/30

Photograph by Paul Hill of players on a football pitch with rooftops of houses and factories in background, c. 1960

BCC 10/BCH/3/7/3/4

Photograph of boys playing football, with seated spectators, 1928 [CLOSED]

MS 2658/5/2

The Millennium Book, 125 years of the Birmingham County Football Association 'The past 25 years' 1975 to 2000. By M.J.Bland (2002)

The Birmingham County Football Association was founded in 1875 and continues today. This is a 96 page booklet recording the history of the association and affiliated groups such as the Birmingham and District Works and Combination Amateur Football Association.

MS 2478/C/23

Press cuttings comprising articles which largely focus on racism in sport, with particular reference to racist attitudes in football; the collusion of some British sports teams with the apartheid regime in South Africa; and the reporting of news stories about black sportspeople. c. 1980-1990

MS 4000/6/2/6/46

Recording of a programme 'Football Crazy', a documentary by mature students in teacher training at Trent Polytechnic, 1 June 1970

MS 2645/5/4

A photograph of the trophy Purus Bakeries presented to Handsworth Football League after being defeated by them in a charity match held on 14th December 1932.

MS 1623/1/10/2/9/7

Black and white photograph showing a football team with family members, c. 1960 by J.R. Such, photographer

EP 105/16/1

St. Bernard's Youth Football Club

BCC 1/BH/21/5/1

Minutes of the Youth Football Sub-Committee, 1963 – 1972

It is unclear when the Youth Football Sub-Committee was formed, although the surviving minutes date from after the appointment of the Adult Education and Youth Sub-Committee in June 1963. The sub-committee was appointed to oversee the operations of the Birmingham Youth Committee Football Association, and considered and organised match fixtures for the teams of the various divisions of the Youth League, prize givings, financial arrangements (including income and expenditure) and the selection and appointment of officials. It also considered the reports of an affiliated Emergency Committee, namely allegations of misconduct on the part of players and spectators.

MS 4000/6/4/2/10C

Recording of football match between Blackburn Rovers and West Bromwich Albion, 13 April 1963

MS 4000/6/4/2/12C

Recording of BBC Radio News, 'Radio News Reel', League Football News, 13 April 1963

MS 4000/6/4/2/143

Recording of parents and children talking about football; news reports about sterling and the International Monetary Fund and Enoch Powell, 29 September 1976

S 16/1/3

Log book, Benson Road School, Upper or Mixed Department, 11 January 1910 - 08 June 1955. Enclosing newspaper cutting of photograph of football team, 27 December 1929.

MS 4000/6/3/3/91C

Pete McGuire talks about his experiences working with young people in the East End of London including discussions about gangs, family breakdown, sense of identity, violence and the use of humour to diffuse violence, delinquency, racial attitudes, sexual relationships, music, clothing, camping, and football. 30 June 1971

MS 4000/6/1/79/26/C

Tracks 1 - 9: Recording of part of a radio programme. This excerpt is a feature on the then-richest man in Britain, John Moores. He was the founder of the Littlewoods football pools business. The quality of the recording is variable. c. 1978

MS 4000/6/1/62/41/C

Interview with Jerry Mallet. He talks about the operation of Irish Nationalism in sport and the suspension of Catholics for playing 'foreign games' like football. He remembers playing

gaelic football with Protestants and talks about meeting Northern Irish Protestants in the army and meeting up with them when on leave. He talks about his impression that the younger people in both communities are less militant, but agrees that they are more easily inflamed by a sense of injustice and are more likely to get arrested. He discusses the small percentage of people on both sides who just want to make trouble and remembers taking his own children to watch the Protestant parades and enjoying the spectacle. He talks about some of the processions that the Catholic community holds. He goes on to discuss the history of Derry that is shared by both sides and the differences in employment opportunities for Catholics and Protestants, his first visit to a Protestant home when he came back from the army at nineteen and his feelings about the visit. He talks about his daughter's engagement to a Protestant boy and the attempts by the boy's father made to end the relationship, the lack of interest amongst some Protestants in joining the Orange Order and the ban on Catholic marches within the walls of Derry which was broken on 5th October 1968 for the civil rights march. He goes on to discuss Catholic and Protestant marches and celebrations in more detail, the escalation of tension in Derry and the arrest and detention of young men for alleged crimes. He describes the case of one particular young man who appeared in court for allegedly causing trouble during a march and an incident where he was almost arrested and the lack of assistance he received from a soldier. He mentions some of the British army units who have been in Derry and explains the views of the local community about the presence of the soldiers, their perceived arrogance, and his view that this has been influenced by the newly elected Conservative government in mainland Britain (tracks 1-10). Total: 35.53 mins.
17 July 1970.

MS 4000/6/1/54/13/C

Interview with Graham Granger from Leicester, a student at Lickey Grange. He talks about football on television compared with on radio, discussing his preference for BBC football programmes and for David Coleman and Kenneth Wolstenholme (track 1)

MS 4000/6/1/54/141/C

Interview with John Watt, Edinburgh. He talks about his love of football, the system in Scotland where a commentator for the blind attends football matches, and attending matches with sighted relatives who commentate on the game for him and have to be accurate in their descriptions of the game and of his position in the ground. He talks about supporting Glasgow Celtic and deplores the rivalry between supporters of Celtic and Glasgow Rangers. He discusses his childhood in Musselburgh, how he lost his sight in a childhood accident, his education at the Royal Blind School at Craigmillar Park, Edinburgh and the school's re-location during the Second World War. He talks about the development of the braille press in the school grounds, his desire for schools for blind children to be located in more rural surroundings with greater recreational facilities, and his acknowledgement that children need to get used to living in an urban setting. He thinks that there is a strong case for blind children to be integrated into mainstream education for certain subjects and speaks about his own experience of mixing with sighted children, the disadvantages of attending a residential school, and the benefits of co-educational schools. He discusses nineteenth century attitudes towards blind people, talks about his training at the Royal Blind Asylum in Edinburgh and expresses his views about the employment and further education opportunities available to blind people in the 1960s, comparing the

situation with his own experiences. He talks about opposition to blind teachers and mentions the names of some of the blind teachers and university lecturers he knows of (tracks 1-10). Total: 32.56 mins. 24 April 1967.

MS 4000/6/1/54/142/C

Interview with John Watt, Edinburgh. He continues to talk about his experiences at the Royal Blind School in Edinburgh and the freedom he had as a teenager to go out to dances and to attend football matches. He talks about his experiences at Scottish football matches he has attended recently, and how he feels in large crowds. For part of this discussion he talks to Charles Parker in a set of toilets, and speaks about specific difficulties that arise when asking for guidance in this environment. They then conduct the rest of the interview in another location, and John Watt talks about how the atmosphere of a sports match cannot be recreated when listening at home, his preference for going in the stands at football matches and the response of other people around him. He wants to attend the match himself, as independently as he can, with a companion to commentate for him, rather than as a 'showpiece blind person, who has to be delivered to a certain part of the stand and given a special commentary'. He goes on to talk about the limited opportunities for blind people in the 1930s, who usually ended up in sheltered workshops, his feelings about his own experiences in the workshop, his thoughts about training to become a home teacher, the difficulties that some blind adolescents today have in finding suitable employment, the work of the National League of the Blind in campaigning for better wages and conditions for blind workers, and how hard many blind employees have to work in the trades allocated to them in sheltered workshops (tracks 1-10). Total: 35.28 mins. 24 April 1967.

MS 4000/6/1/10/25/C Track 9

Seamus Ennis sings 'Football Crazy', 4.08 mins, 16 February 1958

MS 4000/6/1/10/39/C Track 4

Seamus Ennis sings 'Football Crazy', 2.13 mins, 21 March 1959

MS 4000/6/1/10/49/C Track 3

Seamus Ennis sings 'Football Crazy', 2.14 mins, c. 1957/8

MS 4000/5/3/5/5/21

Continuation of a recording of an interview by Charles Parker with George Dunn of Quarry Bank, 29 - 30 March 1971. George Dunn talks about his life, dog fighting, cock fighting, football, dialect etc. and sings.

BCC 1/BH/14/4/1/13

Football Section of the Birmingham Youth Committee (previously Youth Organisations Committee, previously Juvenile Organisations Sub-Committee, previously Juvenile Organisations Committee) minute book, 1926 – 1958

BCC 10/BCH/3/7/2/2

Photograph of boys' football team with shield, 1924-25. Closed until 01/01/2026

BCC 10/BCH/3/7/2/3

Photograph of boys' football team with shield, 1926-27. Closed until 01/01/2028

BCC 10/BCH/3/7/2/4

Photograph of boys' football team with shield, 1928-29. Closed until 01/01/2029

BCC 10/BCH/3/7/3/4

Photograph of boys playing football, with seated spectators. 1928. Closed until 01/01/2029

CC 30/17

Church Football Club minute book, 1936 – 1939

GP/B/16/25/2

Rules Re Cricket, Football, Swimming Shield May. 1927 – 1928

MS 466/1/1/1/3/11/4

Letter from Elizabeth Taylor to John and Mary Jane Taylor, nd. c.1876

In this long letter Elizabeth Taylor describes a visit to her uncle Joseph Taylor and his family with her elder sister Margaret (Pearlie). She writes that they had attended a football match and visited a church where they had climbed to the top of the tower. Elizabeth notes that she had assisted at a Sunday school where she had taught a class of boys.

MS 466/1/1/16/1/1/2

Letter from Mary Jane Taylor to Elizabeth Taylor, 15/09/1879

Mary Taylor begins this letter by remarking that she was tired of writing letters and asking her daughter to 'come home quickly' from visiting her cousin Hannah Lucas. Mary Taylor writes that the younger children in the family had gone to Scarcroft and provides an account of her efforts to help a poor widow. Mary Taylor also remarks on recent family visits and describes a number of books she had enjoyed reading which Elizabeth's aunt Bessie had borrowed from Mudie's library.

Mary Taylor writes that Elizabeth's brother Howard had travelled to Shepherd's Bush to attend a Football Club Committee. She adds 'I am very disconcerted at this - I say I enter with great interest into their bicycle pursuits - but foot ball playing seems to me barbarous and very dangerous & I do not like it'. She comments on news which Elizabeth had sent to her in recent correspondence and asks her daughter to send her love to various relatives. Mary Taylor comments that Elizabeth's elder sister Margaret would be attending her Mothers' Meeting before concluding her letter with an account of recent family activities and forthcoming events.

MS 517/A/1/1/10 Middlemore Homes 55th - 60th annual reports, 1927 - 1932

The annual reports include portraits and photographs illustrating the work of the homes, including views of children (unnamed) on farms in Canada, a group shot of the Middlemore Homes football team (in the 58th annual report for 1930).

MS 519

Birmingham County Football Association. Records, 1885 – 1968.

This association, which was founded in 1875, was known as the Birmingham and District Football Association up to 1894 and from 1895 - 1909 as the Birmingham District and Counties Football Association.

MS 519/1 Minute books;

MS 519/2 Attendance register;

MS 519/3 Financial records;

MS 519/4 Handbooks;

MS 519/5 Printed lists of referees etc.;

MS 519/6 Miscellaneous

MS 1549/7/6/1/5

Davenport's football team, winners of the Atkinsons Brewery Cup 1950-51. The team are identified on the picture frame. 1951.

MS 1623/1/6/12/2/14

Papers relating to the production of sports medals, 1991 – 1998.

This large bundle includes tooling order forms, design output sheets showing product designs, toolroom works orders and toolroom process sheets for a number of orders, including: Barnsley Football Club (c. 1997); Marshall Cavendish 'The Football Collection' tokens (nd.); Tamworth Junior Football League 1997

L 25.14, Birmingham City Football Club Programmes

1921 – 2005

Non-Archival Sources Available from the Department

Local Newspapers

Microfilmed copies of sports and general local newspapers including:
Sports Argus 1897 – 2003

Newspaper Cuttings on Sport

1970 – 2010

Aston Villa Programmes

Copies of programmes scanned to CD, 1906 – 2010

Birmingham County Football Association Handbook

L 25.14

1923 – 2008

Sports Argus Football Annual

L 25.14

1950 – 1968

Birmingham & District Works Amateur Football Association Handbook

L 25.14

1955 – 1980