

The life of a professional footballer player is precarious and likely to be cut short at any time by injury, loss of form, financial or other problems affecting the club for which he (or she) plays, or even just a change of manager. A few careers, though perhaps more than most people realise, are ended by suspension. Players have been suspended for bribery, violence, corruption and joining teams not sanctioned by the football authorities. But only one professional soccer player and manager has had his career terminated for refusing to apologise. That player was James 'Dun' Hay, former captain of Celtic, Newcastle United and Scotland. Later he was manager at Clydebank and Ayr United and was seeking to bring Ayr back into the top division of the Scottish League in January 1926 when he was banned *sine die* by the Scottish Football Association after accusing the treasurer of the SFA of trying to bribe a referee.



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