

John Walker

Born 20 June 1876 at 20 Smeaton's Close, St Andrew Street, Leith.
Died 1 August 1900 at 5 Queen Street, Leith, aged 24

Football career

Leith Primrose 1897-98

Leith Athletic March-Oct 1898 – 9 league matches, 5 goals; 11 other matches.

Hearts Oct 1898-June 1899 – 7 league matches, 1 goal; East of Scotland Shield winner; 7 other matches.

Lincoln City June 1899-Jan 1900 – 6 league matches, no goals.

Full playing record - League matches in bold

1897/98

Leith Primrose

Black Ground, Seafield

Winners of Leith and District Junior League and Leith Burghs Cup 1897/98.

Also competed in Simpson Shield and Renton Trophy.

Leith Athletic

Beechwood Park, Leith

12 March 1898 Hibernian (a) 3-3 East of Scotland League – scored 1
[19 March, East of Scotland Shield final v Hearts (a) 0-2, did not play]

26 March Linthouse (h) 2-1, Division Two

[2 April, East of Scotland League v Hibernian (h) 1-3, did not play]

9 April Hearts (a) 0-3 East of Scotland League

16 April, St Bernard's (h) 1-3 East of Scotland League

[18 April Port Glasgow Athletic (a) 2-4, did not play]

20 April Dundee (h) 2-3 East of Scotland League

23 April Airdrieonians (h) 6-3 – scored 1

25 April Port Glasgow Athletic (h) 3-1 – scored 1

26 April Dundee (a) 1-0 East of Scotland League

30 April Hearts (h) 1-3 East of Scotland League

14 May Hearts (n) 1-2 Rosebery Charity Cup SF – scored 1

1898/99

23 July Hibernian Five-a-Side Competition; lost 0-4 to Third Lanark

13 August Leith Athletic Trial match

17 August Hibernian (a) 1-2 friendly

20 August St Bernard's (a) 0-2 friendly – missed a penalty

27 August Hearts (h) 2-6 friendly – scored 1

3 Sept Hamilton Academical (h) 3-1

10 Sept Morton (a) 5-0 – scored 1

17 Sept Motherwell (h) 5-0 – scored 1

26 Sept Queen's Park (h) 2-3 friendly
1 Oct Airdrieonians (h) 3-2 – scored 1
8 Oct Kilmarnock (a) 3-5
[15 Oct Port Glasgow Athletic (a) 5-8, did not play]
22 Oct Motherwell (a) 2-2

Heart of Midlothian

Tynecastle Park, Edinburgh

Signed 25 October 1898 for £50

29 Oct Hibernian (a) 5-1, Division One – scored 1

5 Nov St Bernard's (h) 3-1

12 Nov Third Lanark (h) 2-1

19 Nov Partick Thistle (a) 4-2 abandoned 87 minutes in fog

26 Nov Dundee (h) 6-3

3 Dec Dundee (a) 5-2

10 December Third Lanark (a) 1-2

17 December Celtic (a) 2-3

2 January Hibernian (h) 4-1 friendly

4 February Raith Rovers (h) 4-1 East of Scotland League

25 February Dundee (h) 3-0 East of Scotland League

18 March Hibernian (a) 1-0 East of Scotland Shield Final

1 April Hibernian (a) 1-1 East of Scotland League

3 April Raith Rovers (a) 3-2 East of Scotland League – scored 1 (penalty)

15 May Wishaw Thistle (a) 4-2 friendly

1899/1900

Lincoln City

Sincil Bank, Lincoln

Signed June 1899 for £25

29 August Public Trial, first team v reserves

2 Sept Middlesbrough (h) 3-0, Division 2

9 Sept Chesterfield (a) 2-2

16 Sept Reserves v Northampton Town (a) 0-3, Midland League

23 Sept Reserves v Newark (h) 1-0, Midland League

30 Sept Reserves v Kettering (h) 4-1, Midland League

07 Oct Newton Heath (a) 0-1

14 Oct The Wednesday (h) 1-2

Suspended by club for his 'disobedience to rules'; reinstated after a week.

4 Nov New Brighton Tower (h) 0-0

11 Nov Grimsby Town (a) 2-5

6 January Reserves v Lincoln Lindum, friendly (a) 2-1 – his last match.

He was released (along with several others) in mid-January.