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SOCCER PICTORIAL

SALUTATION!

WITH this issue, SOCCER PICTORIAL, a weekly magazine, enters the field of high class publications devoted to sporting interest. SOCCER PICTORIAL, unlike any other publication on this sport brought forth in this country, will be unique in that it will be a national soccer magazine instead of local in its scope, and will contain many photographs in each issue. It will be unique, also, in that it will be published on the finest of paper and will contain weekly articles written by the greatest experts on soccer both here and abroad.

Its aim will be to please. Its scope will be worldwide.

Constructive criticism will be paramount with the aim that soccer be developed in this country along the lines now enjoyed in European centers. Weekly schedules of games here and abroad, reports from all sections of the world, interesting stories of the stars of the soccer firmament, suggestions for the elimination of rules which are proving a burden rather than an asset to the sport—these and many of other features will be carried weekly in its columns.

In addition, a special form chart, showing the probable winners of the games here and in Europe's biggest tournaments, will be published. In short, everything that will aid in the progress of soccer in this country, will be handled by experts.

TO further the interest in soccer, the Publisher, who is the Publisher and Editor of two other great sporting magazines, The Ring, world's foremost book on boxing and Sport Pictorial the finest all rotogravure magazine on general sports appearing anywhere in the universe, feels that the great game of soccer has been ignored too long. He feels that the interest in soccer in this country has grown in such leaps and bounds, that the sport is deserving of having a national spokesman. This spokesman will be Soccer Pictorial. It will be recognized by the various major leagues as its magazine and will undoubtedly be received with open arms by the soccer public, players and officials of leagues.

There is no reason why soccer should not to-day be on the same plane here with other branches of sport. The trouble lies not with the game itself, but with the lack of exploitation of one of the most interesting, thrilling sports that ever graced the field of athletics. Placed alongside American football, soccer more than holds its own in interest. It is a much faster, far more spectacular game than our football, yet our football draws 100,000 persons at the leading contests and here in America, soccer barely is able to survive.

A MAGAZINE such as this, will gain thousands of new friends for soccer. It will increase interest, it will increase patronage and with it will come an increase in the calibre of play.

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Straight from the Shoulder

By CAPTAIN JIM MONTGOMERY

IF there is anybody who should be in a position to tell exactly what reforms are necessary to make soccer the greatest sport on the American continent, such person is a player. I am particularly proud of the fact that I have been captain of New Bedford team and have had the loyal support of so many fine fellows. I have had plenty of opportunity to study the needs of soccer both from the point of view of player and spectator.

I don't know that I shall make an amazingly clever mess of this, my first article, to SOCCER PICTORIAL, but if I don't succeed, please keep in mind that I am writing this story myself as I never wrote for a paper or magazine before. I came through the College of experience and the first lesson at my Sunday School was "Play the game." Sometimes I wonder where that great little woman is, who put the first noble thought into my Scottish noodle.

When I arrived in Montreal, it was to find a tremendous number of players around the ropes. The fellows in the picture never played for Killie. Who was the fellow at outside left who said that he ran in the same handicap at Manchester as Gavy Stevenson, for many years International selector? Surely he never did.

The players came over with a family album. I must confess that I could not afford the luxury. But these fellows with the pictures spoke and their words are being listened to all the world over today. Just these wee, wee, words that "get home."

Game Progressing

I AM trying today to play the same game on the village green. But since I came to the United States I have played some games which I would much rather I had not. I listened and looked on. You cannot be sent off the field for that. There may be laws drawn up, of course, which will debar the careless fellow from changing his own mind.

You may say to yourself "the rambling thoughts of a rambling fellow." The supposed prerogative of a center half! Very well, be that as it may.

It is glorious to see the game progressing so rapidly. I have written home and told them about it. I have informed my people abroad just what is required, to improve the sport here, and I tell you

the gospel truth fellows that I am glad to have the opportunity to say what I feel sure every player would like to be said in order to improve the game here.

You can have your own ideas broadcasted. You have played on some strange fields.

The truth I think will be good enough for all of us.



McAdams, of I. R. T. Celtics, formerly of Philadelphia

It will tell what is on my mind and let you readers be the judges.

FIRST!

I should say that the American Soccer League should compel clubs to have a competent force of police, to maintain order and protect the referee.

That sounds like a bomb falling but it is not really intended as such but when it falls I know full well that there is going to be an explosion.

BUT—

Just as soon as this is done, the fans will see better refereeing and that will lead to better football.

THE "ref." at the moment is very nearly sure in his own mind that if

there is any verdict given which is not favorable to the home team, he will have a rough journey on his way to the dressing room. I am putting the question straight as an arrow. It is as it should be. The next best thing to a good winner is a good loser. Have not all of us been taught how to do both?

SECOND.

There should be more attention paid to the playing pitches. If you had a billiard champion as an attraction, the first thing you would see to, is that a billiard table with no bare patches on it is furnished.

The players are far too near the spectators. The outside men are always supposed to stuff their ears with cotton wool. They cannot do it if they listen to the men with the leather lungs.

Under adverse weather conditions the people must be educated to come and see the games. I would not go the length of saying that they should be provided with warmers but they must be made to feel at home. The fellows on the field don't matter. They get to know all about it any way.

Discipline Big Factor

THIRD.

Players must be disciplined, I mean properly. You don't want to have fish made of some players and bone of others for certain specific offences. And when there is a club that feels it might be able to pull certain strings, that club should be told that there are certain honorable laws which must be observed. All appeals should be ignored. Make the punishment fit the crime.

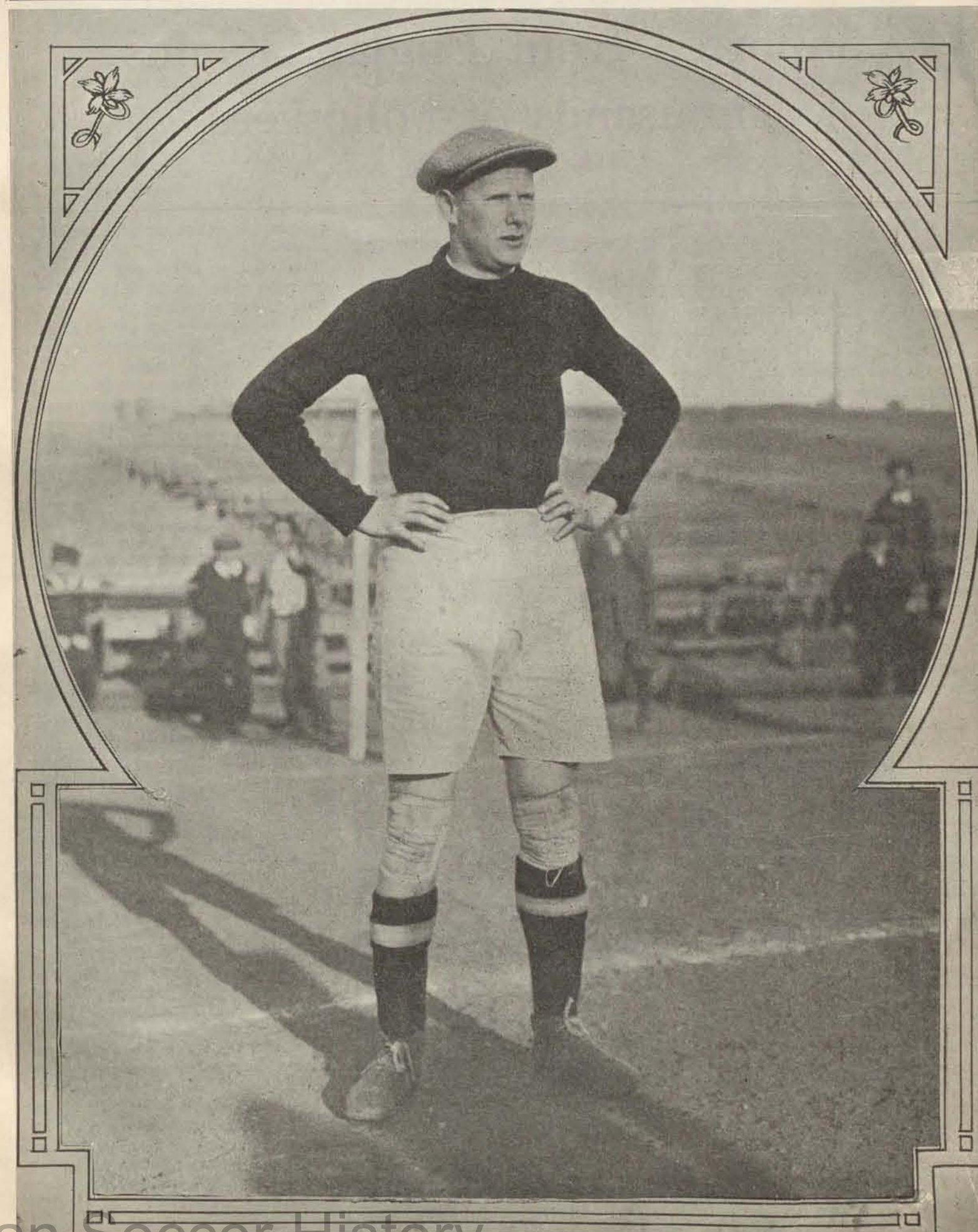
FOURTH.

Every club should be compelled to provide dressing accommodation that should be a credit to the club itself. I am strongly tempted to say what I don't want to say. The hovels must be cleared away.

These are only casual thoughts of a man who has the game at heart. I have a great wish that something may be done to help along the game which we love so much. If there are any individuals who may happen to be in possession of self-controlled views which are diametrically opposed to my own I would be glad to hear from them.

(The Editor would also be pleased to get such views. Write them on one side of the page only and mail to the Editor.)

Star of Modern Defence



Alexander Gibson, brilliant Vienna goal keeper who is expected to make a big noise with New York Giants this season. He is a sensational

Soccer Making Rapid Strides—Game Imported from England Gains Thousands of Followers

By NAT FLEISCHER

ACROSS the Pond, over in the outskirts of London, there recently was organized a baseball league consisting of six teams. Despite the lack of patronage, the management feels that the time is now ripe for the introduction of America's national pastime into Great Britain and that eventually, when the British learn the intricacies of baseball, this game will become as popular as is cricket and soccer abroad.

The judgment of the backers of this venture, may not be as poor as what those who see no future for baseball in England or France, think. We here in America, felt the same about soccer a few years ago. When the game was first introduced in this country, few gave it a chance to compete successfully with American sports. Yet those who loved soccer and enjoyed its thrills, were not in the least perturbed.

These pioneers sowed the seeds of a pastime which today has a following in the United States of more than 2,000,000 persons. Only three years ago, promoters were catering to a corporal's guard at games here that should have drawn a minimum of 30,000, yet last year, Nat Agar, owner of the Brooklyn Wanderers, took in close to \$200,000 from his soccer matches.

Patience of Pioneers Is Finally Rewarded

THE patience of the pioneers has been rewarded. Some of those who struggled to financial ruin in the early days, are still alive to see their efforts bear fruit. It has been a most difficult struggle, a gigantic task, this placing of soccer on the plane it now occupies. The sport has reached a point where it no longer can be ignored. It has taken its place among the nation's six leading pastimes and ere long it will outdraw in



James Cameron, star half back of Indiana Flooring team. Jimmy can flick the ball. Rumor had him going to Hartford, but he is not

patrons every professional sport except baseball.

No game associated with the life of our people has made such wonderful strides in so short a period as has soccer. Its popularity has grown in leaps and bounds. This sport, imported from our brethren in England, has gained thousands of followers in the last ten years and if England can develop as much interest in baseball as we have in her game, then baseball is certain to have its big day in the land of cricket and soccer.

Soccer Originated in Old Roman Empire

LIKE billiards, bowling and wrestling, the three oldest sports in the history of mankind, soccer had its origin in the Roman Empire. It is difficult to locate the names of those responsible for the introduction of soccer among the athletic contests, but in an old volume on sports and their origin which the writer purchased last winter in England, there is one page which shows six Romans kicking a round object resembling a ball, and according to the notation on this page: "the above depicts the origin of soccer."

Hence it will be seen, that contrary to the general impression that soccer is purely an English sport, just as is baseball a native American game, soccer had its origin in Rome. It was introduced to England by the Romans.

This same book, published back in 1618, says that soccer was played in all the villages of Rome and that the rivalry was keen, at times resulting in bitter feuds. The object of the game in that period was to see which side could get the ball into the opponent's village and there was no limit regarding the number of players or sex. Likewise there were no rules, kicking or throwing being permissible.

Soccer is the oldest game of football. Rugby School in England was the scene of transition from soccer to rugby, the

great British pastime, and it was in the United States that rugby was converted into the type of football now being played by our colleges and schools. Over in England, if one pays a visit to the city of Rugby, he will note a tablet marking the birthplace of the game of rugby.

This tablet explains that a player, "on this spot," with a fine disregard for the rules of football, picked up the ball and ran with it and so doing founded a new game."

Introduced in This Country by Pilgrims

THE rules of what we know as soccer were first drawn up in England in 1863, and since, have been extended throughout the world. It was the Pilgrims who first introduced this pastime to this country and it was a body of English mill workers in New England, to whom credit must be given for starting the first soccer league in America.



Dave Ferguson, an old-timer, but most reliable, particularly in closing minutes of the game

This was back in 1879.

Our first professional body, the American Football Association, was organized as an associated member of the Football Association, Limited, of England, in 1885. This body took no part then in the promotion of the game among amateurs or youngsters. It merely acted as an outpost for the control of professionals who left Great Britain.

The first visit of a foreign team to this country was made by the famous Pilgrims in 1909. Thomas W. Cahill and Winton E. Barker, who had been promoting the game among the native born boys around St. Louis, thought it would

be a great boost to soccer to see a real first class team in action both for the instruction of the youngsters and as an eye opener for the fans. The trip was a success from every angle and was followed a few years later by the Corinthians, the Third Lanark and other club teams coming here.

The first real progress of soccer started with the organization of the United States Football Association in 1913. The men who put this association into existence were T. W. Cahill, T. Bagnall, Dr. G. R. Manning and a few others whose names were less prominent. It was a hard undertaking as the American Football Association, which controlled the professionals, did not feel inclined to give away its power.

With the formation of a national body, the game began to make inroads into our schools, colleges and universities with the result that today it is a major sport in each. Twenty states have associations affiliated with the U. S. F. A. while the National Collegiate Athletic Association, Public Schools Athletic League and Municipal Soccer League of St. Louis have associate membership giving each the right to make its own rules and promote the game as it sees fit.

All professionals (over 12,000 last season) are registered with the U. S. F. A. while amateurs are under the control of their respective state associations and leagues. Their number cannot be ascertained but it is close to the 100,000 mark.

THE major pro organization in this country is the American Soccer League. Since the formation of the latter six years ago, the game has progressed to a point where it is almost as well played here as abroad.

England boasts of greater attendances than we get in this country and has better players than we have, but the fact that American promoters are able to offer bigger salaries to the English stars, has resulted in many of these jumping their leagues and coming to the United States. The presence of these stars has helped the sport considerably.

Over in England the boys devote all their time to soccer. The players have big followings and the games not only draw thousands of persons, but it is estimated that fortunes change hands on all important contests.

As many as 200,000 soccer fans were at the Wembley Park Stadium in London last year for the soccer final, this writer being amazed at the gathering. On that game alone, the newspapers recorded that close to \$2,000,000 were wagered and in addition thousands were distributed by newspapers to those who guessed the

correct winner and the score.

Over in Scotland, 150,000 have attended a soccer final. Even Belfast, in Ireland, often has crowds of 25,000 to



Andy Clark, who rivals a jock Marshal as the finest punter of a ball in America.

see its cup final and International game. Here 46,000 attended a game at the Polo Grounds in which the Hakoah team of Vienna was a participant, and it is safe to say that such gatherings within the next few years will be the rule, instead of the exception.

Soccer is making its hold upon the American populace and it is here to stay. It is a thrilling game, far more thrilling than is the American football, and on the American public becomes educated to its rules, its growth will be phenomenal.

An Alluring Game Calls You

By JACK SIMPSON

TO a keen observer and student of Association Football or Soccer, to use its American moniker, the question uppermost in ones mind is not the inevitable position in the forefront of popular fancy the game is destined to occupy, but rather how soon its realization. The progress in round numbers compared with Germany and many other countries is small. What is the reason for this slow progress in the fastest country on this planet and what is the best way to speed up production?

In this article we will deal with the first part of the question and later offer suggestions to overcome the handicaps, encountered in this Country, the severity of which has rarely before entered the realms of soccer in its world-wide conquest.

Facts and figures prove we have the most saleable article in the world, so why simply state it. The game holds the record for the largest attendance on any one day since the world began. More people watch and play the game of soccer than any other game.

Strong as baseball is entrenched in the good will of the American people, a well-known American sports writer once said, after looking over the situation in the British Isles, "Soccer has a greater following by far than baseball in the United States."

The sport has spread in Europe like a prairie fire. In 1900 there were 60 clubs in Germany with 2,500 members. In 1925 there were 28,000 clubs with over a million members. These amazing figures have been practically duplicated throughout Europe. Now you will understand what is meant by "slow progress in the fastest country on this planet."

Great Progress in Germany

A RECORD in this country such as Germany has made, would have placed our game "on the map" in the sport page, opened a market for ambitious youngsters to enter professionalism, provided "idols" to stimulate young players, ushered in big transfer fees with its incident colorful and sensational press ballyhoo, swelled the music of the turnstiles and brought dollars into the game.

After all, money is the backbone of sport just as it is the backbone of its antithesis,—War. This is our heritage but what is preventing the realization of a picture that has been painted in Ger-

many in 25 years, while the canvas has scarcely been started in the United States over the same period of time. What will bring about its realization quickly for we all know that the supreme merit of the game itself will achieve it eventually.

Soccer progress in the United States has been hampered by geographical conditions, unequal emigration and adverse sentiment. Club owners could write up the first, Canada answers the second, while the third covers a lot of territory. Soccer has been branded as a foreign game. It is an international game, and so far as that goes, most games are lost in antiquity, but this fact has not reduced a certain amount of discrimination.

In the Navy to-day, competition for the "Iron Mike" does not include soccer, though we unhesitatingly state that many games not so meritorious are included. The High Schools have been reluctant to include it in the curriculum and the colleges are slow to recognize it.

Some leeway must be allowed the Navy, High Schools and Colleges on the grounds of the game playing the role in this Country of the "Shrinking Violet," and of course, it must also be remembered that most of the athletic directors have had little or no contact with soccer and the importance charged to it may be gleaned from the fact that the game is generally played under the direction of a "Manual Trainer."

As the boys know little about the game and the manual trainer even less, the game is just buffeted along and gets nowhere.

Too Much Prejudice

THIS prejudice has perhaps appeared where it might have been thought the game was destined to replace another. We know this fear is ungrounded for there is room for all good sports which help to provide variety which we are told is the spice of life.

Germany is a small thickly populated country closely connected with large manufacturing towns. This condition facilitates cheap transportation and readily lends itself to spread of propaganda naturally resulting in the rapid growth already mentioned. We have no such geographical advantage and our progress has been relatively small, in round numbers.

Canada is confronted with the same geographical handicap, but soccer emigration has apparently settled evenly throughout the Dominion, resulting in a

chain of soccer provinces from East to west, making possible country wide competition for the National Cup and soccer games with visiting European teams in every province. In face of the fact that our National Body is richer than the Dominion Association and no League in Canada is as rich as the American Soccer League it emphasizes the advantage even Canada has over us through accidental evenly distributed soccer emigration.

The vortex of soccer in this Country has shifted from St. Louis to the "money belt,"—New York, Boston, Philadelphia, Newark, etc., and we find the geographical angle even coming up inside a country that is on the whole battling this very condition.

THE Seattle Baseball Club, operating an excellent club in a city of 400,000 people, is a member of a league which takes in Los Angeles, San Francisco, Salt Lake, Oakland, etc. The Seattle club has more than once hinted the moving of its franchise to a more central point. When this geographical handicap hits an established game like baseball in a City of 400,000 people its significance is brought home.

It will undoubtedly occur to a reader to express the opinion that the game is going fine in this Country. Relatively speaking it is and perhaps if it were possible to take into account our undeniable handicaps in the promotion of the game in such far-flung territory, our progress might equal Germany's, or that of Wales, where Cardiff City took over a franchise in the greatest rugby center in the world.

The directors of Cardiff City were told it could not be done. Every soccer fan knows what happened to Cardiff City and we can all imagine how the stockholders feel. Cardiff City had only to convert the fans which is the easiest hurdle for soccer to negotiate. It had no geographical handicap to overcome and the ground was decorated with 40,000 crowds within 5 years of organization.

Our handicaps are common to all sports in a more or less degree. We cannot remove them, but we can overcome them.

We cannot change topography so we must bend our efforts to winning over sentiment for our game which I will show in the next article embraces everything in the realization of complete success in this Country.

Brooklyn, City of Soccer Clubs—Nat Agar's Wanderers in Limelight

By EDWARD P. DUFFY

SOCCER is booming in Brooklyn probably at a faster rate than in any other territory in the United States. This situation is clearly demonstrated by the fact that the total gate receipts of the Brooklyn Wanderers last season were approximately thirty times those of the season four years prior thereto and an increase is expected this season, judging from the pre-season games.

Crowds at Ebbets Field and Hawthorne Field last year were very enthusiastic and in points of numbers were beginning to approximate baseball attendances at times.

Brooklyn is represented in the professional soccer ranks by the Brooklyn Wanderers of the American Soccer League. The club is owned and managed by Nathan Agar who is probably the only remaining active figure in soccer of the little band of men who started soccer football in the New York district in organized form with the organization of the New York State League and the New York State Football Association with the Boy's club of Avenue A, New York, back in 1905.

Nat was a prominent soccer player himself for about twenty years and has held many important positions of various soccer football organizations. At the present time in addition to being secretary of the Brooklyn Wanderers, Nat is president of the International League, and the Hebrew American League and Vice-President of the Southern New York State Football Association.

Injuries Hurt Club

LAST season the Wanderers were beating all comers at the beginning of the season but injuries and breakdowns in health of some of their star players in midseason resulted in serious reverses. Towards the end of the season the club again struck its stride and won its way to the final of the American Soccer League Cup.

For this season these players will be missing from the lineup of the Wanderers: Neufeld, Konrad, Schonfeld, Haar, Mahrer and Sedlacek. The deletion of these players, however, should not prove

any handicap to the club and in fact should prove beneficial.

In place of Konrad the Wanderers have obtained the services of Bobby Curtis. Bobby will be remembered as a former Brooklyn Wanderer favorite. Some time since when the Wanderers had a surplus of forwards Curtis's release was sold to Providence. Recently Curtis has been playing excellent football and last season was one of the top goal-scorers for his club. It is expected that with Adair and Curtis in right wing, they will round out a smooth working forward line along with Eisenhofer and Nelson.

The wanderers' defense this season will



Billy Adair, of the Brooklyn Wanderers, a good goal scorer.

probably feature Fischer in goal, Wilson and McMillan, fullbacks, Robertson, Drucker and Morris in the halfback line. The chances of the Wanderers this season appear to be good. The team is composed of workers who will play the entire ninety minutes. It appears to be a better laid out and more evenly bal-

anced team than that of last season and the team should do better than in 1926-27.

BEFORE the season is very far advanced, it is also expected that the club will have a few new players added to its roster. The management of the team, however, has attached the policy of making no announcements as to prospective players until the players are actually ready to take their place in the lineup.

It is undecided at present where the league matches of the team this season will be played. The league will open on September 11 with a game in Brooklyn between the Wanderers and Bethlehem Steel the following Sunday Fall River will play in Brooklyn. The schedule makers of the League have therefore for the first two Sundays of the schedule drawn for the Wanderers successively the champions of the American Soccer League and the United States champions.

City of Soccer Clubs

THE borough of Brooklyn is also the hot bed of amateur and pro soccer, and the large percentage of the 162 teams in the State Association have their headquarters there. For instance, of the eight clubs composing the International Soccer League six play in Brooklyn. These teams are, Galicia Sport Club, Hungarian F. C., First Germans, Norwegian F. C., Calpe Americans and Brooklyn Americans. Then there is the Hebrew-American League which expects to play practically all its games at Hawthorne Field. This league at the present time is composed of eight of these clubs. Trumpeltour, Haguibor, Maccabee, American-Hebrew, Paltseine, Arista, Zeire-Zion, and Poale-Zion.

The Brooklyn Soccer League which is entirely a Brooklyn organization was last year composed of sixteen teams playing in two divisions. The St. Marys playing at Todd Field are the champions of this League. Owing to the sickness of Tommy Lanceley, its secretary, the Brooklyn Soccer League has so far not organized for the season but word is expected on this score daily.

Most of the twenty-six teams in the Empire State League of which Jim

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SCHEDULE—AMERICAN SOCCER LEAGUE—FIRST HALF OF SEASON

	Indiana Flooring	New York Giants	Brooklyn Wanderers	Bethlehem Steel	Newark	Fall River	New Bedford	Provi- dence	J & P Coats	Phila- delphia	Boston	Hartford
Indiana Flooring	Read	Oct. 2	Nov. 8	Nov. 26	Oct. 12	Oct. 16	Sept. 17	Sept. 18	Nov. 19	Oct. 29	Oct. 15	Nov. 20
New York Giants	Nov. 24	Soccer	Oct. 12	Oct. 29	Nov. 20	Sept. 11	Oct. 8	Oct. 9	Nov. 12	Oct. 22	Sept. 10	Nov. 20
Brooklyn Wanderers	Nov. 13	Sept. 17	Pictorial	Oct. 22	Nov. 24	Oct. 30	Oct. 1	Oct. 2	Oct. 29	Nov. 5	Nov. 26	Nov. 27
Bethlehem Steel	Oct. 23	Nov. 27	Sept. 11	The Only	Oct. 2	Nov. 20	Sept. 24	Sept. 25	Oct. 15	Nov. 24	Nov. 19	Oct. 16
Newark	Oct. 30	Nov. 8	Oct. 23	Oct. 1	National	Nov. 27	Nov. 12	Nov. 13	Nov. 26	Dec. 10	Sept. 17	Sept. 18
Fall River	Nov. 5	Nov. 6	Sept. 18	Dec. 3	Dec. 4	Soccer	Oct. 12	Nov. 24	Sept. 24	Sept. 17	Oct. 22	Dec. 11
New Bedford	Sept. 11	Oct. 15	Nov. 20	Sept. 10	Oct. 16	Sept. 25	Magazine	Oct. 30	Nov. 5	Nov. 19	Oct. 29	Oct. 23
Providence	Sept. 10	Dec. 11	Oct. 16	Dec. 10	Sept. 11	Dec. 18	Oct. 22	In America	Oct. 1	Oct. 15	Nov. 5	Oct. 12
J & P Coats	Dec. 3	Sept. 18	Dec. 4	Sept. 17	Oct. 9	Oct. 23	Dec. 10	Nov. 6	None	Oct. 8	Oct. 15	Oct. 2
Philadelphia	Oct. 9	Oct. 16	Dec. 11	Nov. 12	Sept. 25	Oct. 2	Nov. 26	Nov. 27	Sept. 10	Its Equal	Oct. 1	Sept. 11
Boston	Sept. 25	Dec. 10	Oct. 9	Oct. 8	Dec. 11	Nov. 13	Dec. 3	Nov. 20	Nov. 24	Sept. 24	The World	Oct. 30
Hartford	Oct. 8	Sept. 24	Sept. 25	Nov. 5	Nov. 6	Oct. 9	Nov. 24	Dec. 4	Oct. 22	Dec. 3	Nov. 12	Over.

GAMES PLAYED IN HOME GROUNDS OF FIRST NAMED CLUBS

Read down each column for all games to be played at home.
Read across each column for all games to be played away.

Bethlehem Outlook Is Very Bright

By MIKE KELLY

The Professional League will make its initial debut on Sunday next at Packard Park, Philadelphia Celtic meeting an eleven selected from the four clubs in the circuit. It is reported that the Pennsylvania club is composed entirely of Irish players making their first appearance in this country, and will represent the Quaker City in the ranks of the American league.

The only other bout on the program is a game at Solvay park between Walkerville and Solvay F. C. When hostilities were halted at the end of the 1926-27 season these two clubs were tied for the Western Intercity league championship, and this game has been arranged to decide the issue before the new tournament gets under way. Philadelphia Celtic is remaining in Detroit over Labor Day, on which day it will oppose a representative eleven of Detroit American league players.

AFTER seeing the performances of McMeekin (right full-back), O'Neill (inside right) and McConnell (Centreforward) for Bethlehem against the Brooklyn Wanderers in two week end games, I believe that the prospects look very rosy for the League

champions.

McMeekin, who played for the Athurles, a Scottish side, is more than an ordinary defender. He possesses a healthy kick and is not the least bit bashful in his tackling. He played brilliantly against Brooklyn and if these displays are any indication of his regular game, then Bethlehem are fortunate in having him.

O'Neill, whose last club was the East Fife, also a Scottish club, just happened along and was instantly put in harness. He played excellently against the Hamilton and Toronto teams, and wound up by giving a very nifty display against the Wanderers. O'Neill came unheralded without any advance notice of his doings in Scotland. He is splendidly built and will likely horn in on one of the Bethlehem inside positions.

If there is anyone who will come within hailing distance of Archie Stark's 1925 scoring record, it is McConnell. So far "Jimmy" has played in three games for his new club and has a total of six scores to his credit. By the middle of the coming season, McConnell will undoubtedly rank high as a scorer. He maneuvers the ball nicely and is an extremely deceptive dribbler as both Mc-

Millen and Gross of the Brooklyns are prepared to testify. McConnell's distribution of the ball is something that soccerites like to see. The new centre-forward is a rather determined individual in his work.

Fall River's New Custodian

Willie Harper made a good impression at Fall River on his first appearance for the "Marksmen." Cool, of keen anticipation and judgment, the former Scottish internationalist conveys to the mind the same note of quiet confidence that first brought him under the spotlight in his native country.

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American League Tries New Schedule Plan—Territorial Rights Granted

By SAM MacLERIE

THE American Soccer season whose season opens on September 10 gets under way with exceptionally bright prospects. With many new players in the line-up and an additional team in the fold, Hartford, Bill Cunningham's charges look forward to a banner year.

There has been evolved this season a new system whereby the first half will end early in January. The battle will be renewed at a later stage, and then there will be a "round robin" series to decide who shall be the League champion.

It is an interesting experiment. There are those who do not like the innovation, but the development will be a great source of interest to "Bill" Cunningham who evolved the idea. It looks sound and should prove a good move.

Under the new arrangement, the league officials hope, the men will not be forced to play in the severe weather of mid-winter, yet all teams will play the same number of games as under the former schedules.

A revised constitution and set of by-laws was adopted by the owners, the new regulations conforming in the main with recommendations made by President "Bill" Cunningham in his annual report.

Territorial Rights

TERRITORIAL rights were established for club members of the circuit and to determine the entrance of new members in the future. In the cases of clubs which are domiciled in close proximity special areas were designated. Generally the territories include the city in which the team is located and the adjacent territory for a radius of seven miles. Under the revision, no clubs operating in one territory can be molested by another club in the matter of scheduling games in such territory. A club of one territory seeking to play on a field other than its own may get permission from the club in whose territory such field is situated if the field is outside the territory of the club seeking such charge.

An important addition to the constitution is a clause that any field within the territory of a club may be considered as its home field if it is deemed advisable to stage a game on other than its regular playing pitch. It was voted to change the form of guarantee fee from the

\$1500 bond which was effective last season to a cash deposit of \$500.

The so-called gentlemen's agreement in regard to approaching and signing of players was eliminated and the reserve

Bedford as the opposing eleven.

On the following day, Brooklyn Wanderers tackle Bethlehem at Hawthorne Field, Indiana Flooring will have as its opponent New Bedford at Indiana, Fall



Edwards of Bethlehem on the alert. He is not worried about the ball.

clause of the United States Football Association adopted in its place.

Fine Schedule Arranged

Under the arrangements made by the schedule committee, the schedule has been divided into Saturday and Sunday games. On the opening Saturday of the season, the Indiana Flooring Club will play Providence at the Indiana Grounds on River Avenue and 150th Street. The New York Giants will travel to Boston to clash with Boston; J. and P. Coats plays Philadelphia at Pawtucket and Bethlehem will open at home with New

River meets the Giants at Fall River. Hartford will face Philadelphia at Hartford and Newark will get under way with Providence at Newark.

The league has arranged special cards for both Columbus Day and Thanksgiving Day. On Columbus Day a splendid intersectional contest has been arranged between Brooklyn Wanderers and the Giants for Hawthorne Field and another between Newark and the Indiana Floor Layers for the Jersey field. On Thanksgiving Day the schedule has been reversed with Indiana tackling the Giants and Brooklyn facing the Newark Club.

Davy Brown, Homebred, Out to Eclipse Great Scoring Record

By ERNEST VIBERG

THERE is not a soccer club in the universe but aspires to the possession of a star center forward, be he small or tall, so long as he can score goals. He is the player in whom is reposed the greatest faith in his ability to win games.

A crack goal keeper may prevent the other team winning, but the man in whom every club is desirous of seeing in the picture all the time is the center. He is usually the "enfant terrible" who kicks up all the noise. It is something of which the United States can be legitimately proud, that last season, a native born was the top goal scorer. This kingpin of goal scorers was the natty, nimble Davy Brown of New York Giants.

We have the policeman type of center-forwards, he who hangs around and wishes his confreres to put the ball in his pocket so to speak. As a rule he is cognizant of the fact that in ball manipulation, he is a back number. Because of that, he does not make any attempt to weave his way into goal.

He relies almost wholly upon his weight and strength to carry him through. Possessed of these, and the ability to shoot with terrific force, he is a danger indeed to opposing defences. But just as a boxer can usually knock the stuffing out of a hulking masculine of the human animal type, so in soccer can brain beat brawn.

Gallacher Like Brown

THERE was one Appleyard who used to lead the Newcastle United attack who depended upon his bull-like rushes for success. If you banged up against him, you felt as if you had been struck by a cyclone. His successor to-day, Hugh Gallacher, is a player something after Davy Brown in his physical make-up. He is slightly more robust than the Newark born, New York Giant. He is slightly more thrustful, a little speedier perhaps, but the methods of the players are essentially the same.

Davy is not wholly dependent upon his comrades for his success. They have contributed to it in a measure, but it has to be remembered that a player who can consummate the united efforts of a team, is almost worth his weight in gold.

The American club which has been the most fortunate in the matter of centers

power to contribute to Gillespie's success from the inside berth. Stark has the typical R. S. McColl repose. He is unselfish. Even when he was, he did not think he was the whole cheese.

His distribution of the play was a rich treat to watch. He was almost poetical in his movements, until he let go with

Read This Carefully If You Are Not Familiar with the Soccer Rules—It Will Help You

IN order to enable readers of Soccer Pictorial who are not familiar with the rules, to follow the sport more intelligently, the editor has made notes of the salient features and herewith gives a resume of the essential points.

If you cut this out, read this box carefully, then keep it for reference, you will soon be able to follow a game with the same enthusiasm that the most ardent soccer fan possesses.

- 1—Soccer is played with a round ball, not less than 27 inches in circumference nor more than 28 inches.
- 2—The ball may be propelled by the feet, head or body, but not with the hands or arms.
- 3—The goal keeper is the only player permitted to use his hands in touching the ball, but only within a restricted area.
- 4—Outside of the penalty area the goal keeper becomes the same as any other player and he no longer enjoys any special privileges, hence cannot touch the ball with the hand.
- 5—The field on which the game is played must be no less than 50 yards wide, and 100 yards long. A half way line is marked across the field of play.
- 6—The center of the field is marked suitably and a circle with a ten yards radius is drawn around it.
- 7—Goal areas and penalty areas are also marked on the field.
- 8—The goal posts are similar to those used in American football.
- 9—A team is composed of eleven players.
- 10—The players constituting a team are: Goal keeper, two fullbacks, three halfbacks and five forwards

is Bethlehem Steel. It has at its command Gillespie, for whom Preston North End made an offer of the limit wage to play for them this season. He declined the invitation to cross the ocean. Its offer is indicative of the poignancy of its regret that he is not now on their payroll.

GILLESPIE should worry! He is very comfortably fixed with the Steel team, thank you. Although not now occupying the center forward berth, President Lewis of Bethlehem has also at his command a player who, since he went to Bethlehem, has been the darling of the gods, Archie Stark is his name.

He chalked up a great goal-scoring record two seasons ago while he led the attack, and now he is doing all in his

that deadly right foot of his. And his left was no dummy!

Stevens of New Bedford is a player of the fiery type. He is very effective in his own peculiar way.

It has to be said, however, that Davy Brown has not been nursed so assiduously as has been the aforementioned. He has not been played up to, and to a very great extent, he has been dependent upon his own individual efforts and initiative. This is to be explained from the fact that he has potential goal scorers to the right and left of him.

Kid at the Game

AND he is still a kid at the game. He has only seen twenty-seven summers and it is not risking prophecy which

is out with the bounds of probability to say that his record of last season will be eclipsed during the season upon which we have just entered. Success has not spoiled him. He is captain of the Giants team, and one of the most popular players in the game.

Being only 63 inches tall, Brown, like the great Hugh Gallacher of Scotland, is an exception to the rule that big fellows are the best center forwards. His father, John Brown, who used to own the Newark franchise of the American Soccer League, tells us Davy was a soccer player before he knew it. He had already acquired ball control, when as a youngster he joined his first club, the Fords of Newark, who won the Amateur League championship of New Jersey in 1925-26.

The fact that this native born lad has developed into the game's greatest star in this country, should be of vital interest to promoters of the game here. Brown has shown that Uncle Sam can produce talent second to none. When the time comes for us to pick a team worthy of foreign competition, it must be remembered that every boy should get a chance to make the team, whether he comes from a college or the sandlots anywhere in this country.

It is common knowledge that Davy Brown was not wholly satisfied with his achievement last season. He was on the injured list for a goodly period and if he can steer clear of accidents he is modestly of opinion that he will eclipse his own record this season.

Brooklyn, City of Soccer

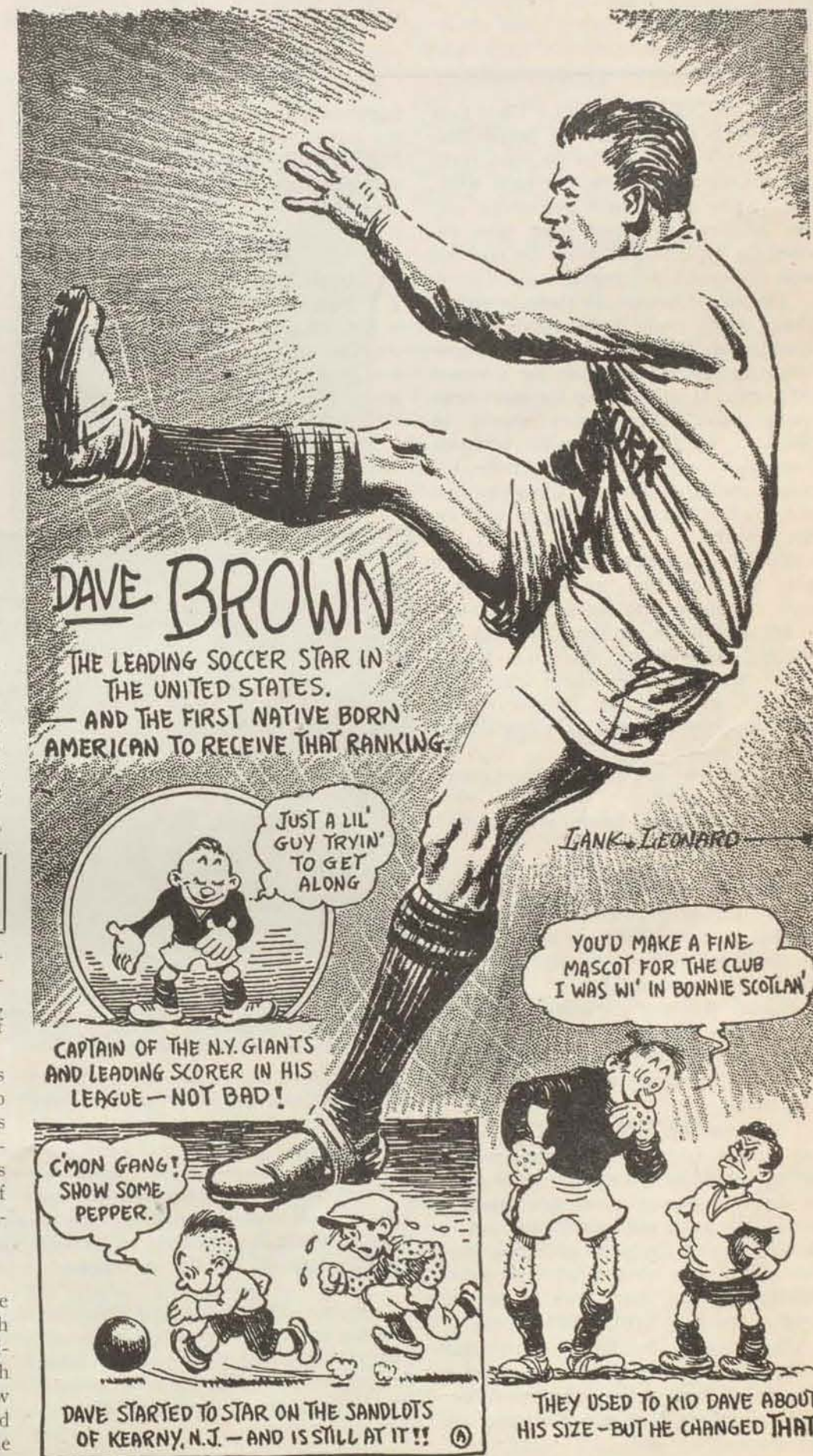
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Cunningham is president play in Brooklyn. This League is composed of twenty-six clubs playing in three divisions, The Flushing club are the champions of this League.

About sixteen teams of the 28 clubs of the New York State League are also Brooklyn teams. Wilfrid Hollywood is president of this league and all the officials are Brooklyn men. Yonkers Thistle F. C. holds the championship of the league which is played in three divisions.

The Scandinavian-American League is entirely a Brooklyn organization with about ten teams, and the German-American League has twenty-one teams which are located either in Brooklyn or New York. Of the five clubs in the Field Club League, the Brooklyn Club of the Crescent A. C. are the champions.

America's Best!



Between You and Me and the Goal Post

By "A SCOT ABROAD"

HE was a brilliantly descriptive soccer writer—very! "Smith flew down the touch-line with the ball at his toe as if on eagle wing," he wrote. "His footwork was amazingly brilliant. It was now or never for the Blues. Nearing goal, however, Smith completely lost his head and kicked it over the bar." Accident or suicide, would you say?

It is wonderful what the compositor can do in his line. The reporter wrote: "Robertson lost the spin of the coin and Wanderers kicked up hill."

What a run on the paper there was that night when it was discovered that the report read: "Robertson lost the spin of the coin and Wanderers kicked up hell."

SOCCER news from Paisley, Scotland: "Bob Millar, the Indiana manager, who is here in search of talent for next season, was seen to enter a tobacconist store in Love Street yesterday and purchase a packet of Players."

Davy Hamilton of Celtic fame, looking out at the train window upon a great assembly of logs chained together and anchored in the river Clyde for seasoning purposes, remarked: "There's no' very much to see here, Peter." (This to Somers, the great soccer wit). "No," replied Peter, "but there is a deuce of a lot to saw." (Next for saving.)

Tom Adam's Repartee

TOM ADAM, of Newark, to a persistent, impertinent peddler: "You remind me of Rudolf Valentino (gazing at the cherry ripe proboscis), you are so different." "Trying to make a fool of me, eh?" "Can't. The job's already done."

Mike Kelly's Latest

IT is rather sad news. Fact nevertheless. Mike Kelly of Bethlehem Steel has completely run out of really good jokes. He will be writing to Archie Stark one of these days to have his stock replenished. Perhaps it's new to you. Perhaps it has whiskers. Here's Mike's latest anyway:

"Three Scotsmen, after sampling a glass of whiskey at the close of the International between Scotland and England. First Scotsman: "It's the best whiskey she has ever tasted." Second Scot: "Neither did I too." Third Scot: "So did I neither."

The Shortest Cut

SOCCER enthusiast: "Could ye tell me the best way to get round the back?" "Sure, gae doon the close." Its the shortest cut any way.

GALT was a good soccer player and a good golfer. Somers was a very good soccer player, but could not handle the sticks very well. Galt gave Somers a terrible beating on his home course one day, and great was Somers grief thereat, when they sat around the "nineteenth" hole.

"Look here, Galt," said Somers at length, "I'll strike a bargain with you. If you teach me how to play golf, I'll teach you how to play football."

Think it over. It's a gem.

He Strengthened the Team

EXCITED spectator: "You are no' injured, Peter. Hoo hev ye come aff the field?" Angry player: "To strengthen the team."

Chairman of soccer board to a newly appointed director: "I think you should go and have a look at this young junior. He has been very highly recommended to us." "What is his position?" "Right half." "No use of me going then. I am only an authority on left outsides."

Cunning Cunningham

IT was during the Scottish tour of Canada this summer. The left full back of the home team was urging the left half not to leave Andy Cunningham at any cost. "Even if he goes off the field, follow him," was the command.

The young half back, kicked and plunged at the burly Andre until at length he tapped the youngster on the back and remarked soothingly: "Never mind lad what that fellow tells you. You go up there and play your own game. You'll be a star then, because I won't be there."

Cunningham might as well have added Peter Somers' advice: "If you want to learn how to play the game, watch me."

There are those who think that Swallow, who toured Canada, would make a good outside right. Well, it is only natural that he should be on the wing. It is also appropriate that Brain, the English player, should occupy the center forward berth.

HARRY RENNIE, the famous Scottish International goalkeeper to Henry Pierpont, the hangman, after I had introduced him: "Well, Mr. Pierpont, you are a very nice man to meet off duty, but I don't know that I would care to meet you on duty."

"It's all right, Mr. Rennie," replied Pierpont. "If ever I should happen to meet you on duty, I shall let you down very gently."

THERE are many who would have liked to have seen the introduction of night soccer games continued. The event at the Polo Grounds, when Hakoah was the attraction, was a great success in every way, but because night games were voted a success, that is not the reason New York Giants will play this season at Starlight Park. Oo-oo-oo! Indigestion.

Ward 23

THE injured one: "Blimy. Wot was that?" Team mate: "All right, old man. It was a foul." The injured one: "Foul? It felt more like a blinkin' mule."

I RATE director to player on trial. "You say you played for Glasgow Celtic? That would be in the year of the short corn, I suppose?"

Player (attempting to excuse his awful exhibition): "I never said I was a half back; it's a full back I am."

Director: "A full back, eh? Why, man alive, you wouldn't make a decent back for a waistcoat."

News from Western Pennsylvania

By HARRY H. FAIRFIELD

WESTERN Pennsylvania fans make no secret of their pleasure at the re-election of Tom Cahill as secretary of the U. S. F. A. This is no reflection on those who have followed him in office since 1924. Cahill has always had the confidence of Western Pennsylvania as a capable and efficient pilot of the administrative office. Furthermore, when information is desired, or a particular point settled, you can rest assured of a prompt and pointed answer.

Right merrily are local fans carrying the story of how the Western Pennsylvania representatives of the "Amateurs" scored at the St. Louis gathering. Details must, of course, be suppressed, but certain shining lights in that august body of the U. S. F. A. may be expected to question the amateur status of William Carson and other West Penn "players" from now on. Not since Heidelberg won that national amateur championship has this state made such a neat cleanup.

Incidentally, Carson made quite an impression on the floor and, whether or not he makes the grade when the next elections come on, he left everybody with a distinct impression that western Pennsylvania has been needlessly neglected. There are few brighter men, or more forceful characters in the Council of the U.S.F.A. President Brown recognized his worth by putting him on the amateur cup committee and the Olympic committee. Two years ago, in this neck of the woods, some of us were disconcerted to find we had to take him, whether we wanted him or not. To-day we wouldn't part with him, simply because he makes us work and makes us smile while doing it.

Ivor Hopkins, former president of the W.P.F.A., for many years, has staged a comeback and gets a life-membership by reason of past services. He is very active once again. His wide experience and canny Welsh judgment are appreciated. Like Lloyd George, his prototype, he always comes up smiling.

The West Penn-Valley Referees, a combination of two bodies that were at loggerheads with each other until the national body stepped in last year, will de-

bate the question this week as to whether or not they will link up with the U.S.S.R.A. Despite the unanimous opinion that both sides were handed "dirt" by the meddlesomeness of, and final desertion by, the national referee body, it is almost certain that the local

"refs" will ally themselves with Gilgan outfit.

The western Pennsylvania referees are not the only ones who feel that they get no value for their money, but are willing to take a chance and see whether or not the national referees will do something useful.

Out for Another Title

FINALISTS in 1925, winners in 1926, the Heidelberg Football Club of Pittsburgh, Pa., amateur soccer champions of the United States, are about to start another season's campaign with a view not only to entering the amateur championship final for the third successive time, but also to convince the Olympic committee of the U.S.F.A., that when the time arrives for selection of the team to represent the U. S. at Amsterdam the simplest and most logical method would be to pick Heidelberg F. C., as an entire unit. With one exception, the champions are American born players, fifteen in number.

As is well known, the idea that a champion amateur team is more likely to produce results than an all-star aggregation selected willy-nilly from various parts of the country was propounded several years ago by Wm. S. Haddock, former treasurer of the United States Football Association.

On the occasion of the annual West Penn F. A., banquet held in Pittsburgh last April Mr. Haddock expressed the hope that the delegates to the U.S.F.A. convention in St. Louis would use their best efforts to push his proposition with particular reference to Heidelberg F. C.

The delegates, William Carson and Philip Hillen, the latter being pilot of the Heidelberg club, put up a forceful plea for recognition of Haddock's principle, which has the backing of all western Pennsylvania fans. The fact that another season must be played through before the Olympic team can be selected was an effective barrier to acceptance of the proposal, but that it made an impression may be deduced from the fact that Carson has been appointed on the National Amateur cup committee and also the Olympic committee.

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Charlie Crighton, acknowledged the best referee in United States

Soccer's Greatest Need

By ERNEST J. VIBERG

WHAT is soccer's greatest need in order to become a major sport in the United States?

That is the question our editor asked the writer recently. Being regarded by many as one who never gets tired of suggesting changes in rules and who disregards traditions so that the kicking game may be bettered, we shall proceed to give our views, based on fifteen years' experience in various sports in America.

What soccer needs first of all, is worthwhile competitions. Not that we claim that the present game is under suspicion but because there are at present too many cup competitions and series championships, with the result the public is confused.

Starting with the professionals here in the East, we have three champions in the American Soccer League alone. First we have the league title holder, the team which earned the crown by gaining the highest average on points won or lost out of forty-four games in a home and home series.

Then comes the National Challenge Cup champion, a "knock-out" competition open to all clubs in this country, the winner being declared the United States title holder.

In addition, the American Soccer League runs its own cup competition, from which the victor emerges with the unofficial title of professional champions. This title was originally intended for the winner of a series of games between the winner of the A. S. L. cup and the champions of the St. Louis professional league, but as it was found impracticable to play in the West, the cup is now played for only among the members of the league.

The Confusion

THREE different teams holding titles in a single league certainly is something that makes fans wonder what it all is about. Why should they attend league games or cup ties if such contests do not amount to anything? This is a question the public has the right to ask of promoters. While we contend that the league series running through a whole season is the best way to deter-

mine a team's real value, the cup ties have their supporters who assert that nothing can surpass the "live or die" spirit which a "knock-out competition creates.

We shall not here attempt to question the value of the above, but in our humble opinion it is all wrong. On the other hand we are willing to assume that the cup ties furnish better amusement to the fans, but when we do acknowledge this, the question arises, why play anything but the best?

The reason why clubs engage in games other than the National Challenge Cup Competition is because this competition is based on the hit-and-miss theory whereby a team defeated is automatically eliminated for the rest of the season. Teams therefore could not be organized just for one game and therefore other competitions are staged for their benefit.

Settling World's Title

IT is therefore evident that something must be staged besides the cup ties to keep interest alive.

In soccer, the powers that be have no right to award the title of "World's Champions" to any of the winning teams without making it an international competition due to the fact that soccer is a universal game. We could, however, produce the United States Champions, without the American Soccer League or any state association, having two title holders.

The winner of the American-Soccer League series could therefore meet the survivor from the rest of the country so declared after every state association first had determined its winner, this victor in turn settling the matter of supremacy with other state associations' best team. By this method the best team in the country could be obtained. There then would be only one champion within the pro circuit and one professional champion for each state association with the champion of the United States leading all.

This professional championship must however be restricted to elevens composed of not less than eight professionals. The public is entitled to know that the teams really belong where they compete. The same rule prevailing with the amateurs should be in force.

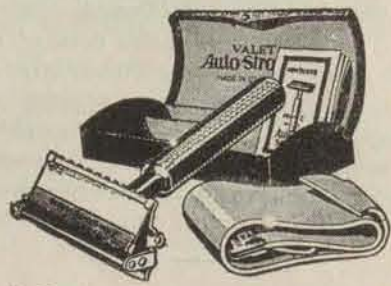
Even in the amateur competition, re-

form is much needed. In order to promote the game among the juniors, each state association should sponsor its own amateur championship, the winner of such competition to be entitled to represent its state in the National Amateur championship. This method would be simple yet create considerable interest among the juniors.

By the above system the fans would soon realize that every game counted for something. At present one competition is stopped when only half finished in order to enable the team to play in other competitions. The adoption of any plan would mean that every game played would be in a series which had the national championship as the goal, be it amateur or professional.

Going a step still further the game should be cleansed of false publicity. The fans should not be hoodwinked in exhibition games. They should know the truth. It should be the duty of our International Games and Foreign Relations Committee to see that foreign teams really are what they claim to be and not imposters. They should see that no visiting aggregation is allowed to borrow players here to fill their ranks. Likewise the Committee can better the game by seeing that no team organized in this country, is booked as a foreign eleven.

Adopt the above, and soccer will take a tremendous boom.



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Cleveland Tunes up for Season

By J. PICKERING

CLEVELAND is all set for a banner soccer year. Teams from all over the state have prepared for the year's activities with a vengeance. The class of ball to be seen here will be on a higher standard than ever before, as teams appear to be more evenly balanced than heretofore.

The two new teams in the Major League that ascended from the A. B. C. League, are likely to give a good account of themselves. The German Sports eleven is in tip-top condition, and the Shamrocks have signed up a few good players to strengthen their weak points. Their field on West 65th Street is in fine shape.

Cleveland can boast of many fine enclosed grounds, all of which are in good playing condition. The Hungarians at Kinsman, have a splendid enclosure. The Slavias, have had a lot of money put into their field at Harvard. The Magyars have improved their grounds at 73rd street.

The Cleveland Club is made up of players of the Jordon Lumbers and The White Motors of last year, and judging by their lineup, a good team will take the field.

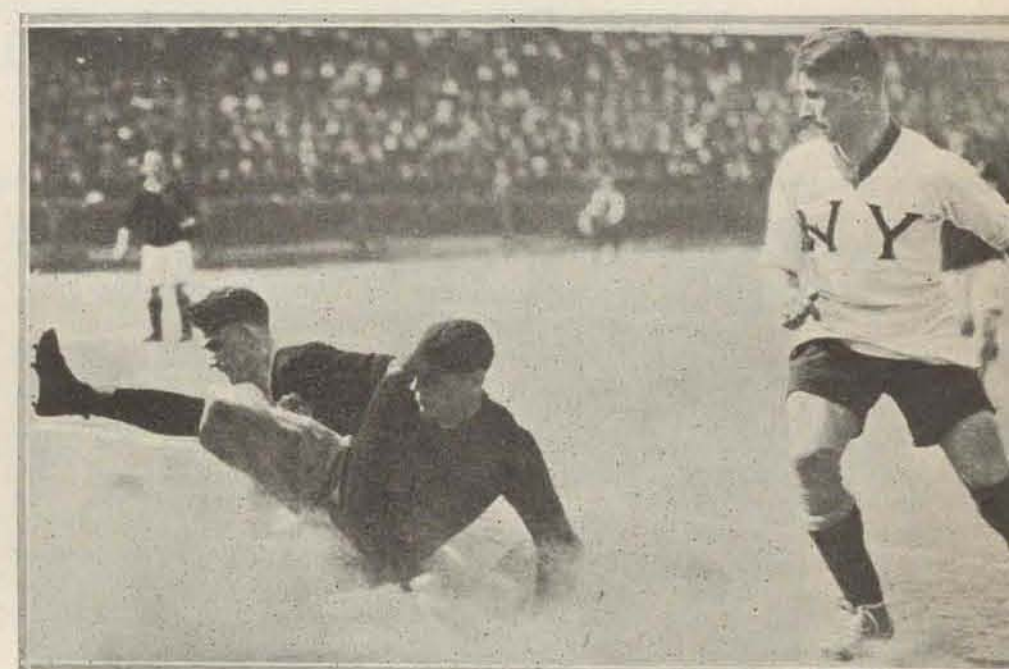
The Goodyears of Akron, who won the Major League last year, will join the new Akron League. At the Annual General Meeting of the Major League, it was decided that an application from them to join the Major League would not be entertained for two years.

The American Hungarians have signed nearly all the old men of last year, and in addition have Campbell, McKenzie, and Johnstone from the White Motors, and Carswell and Dickie from The Telling Belle Vernon.

These men will strengthen the apparent weak spots in The American Hungarian line-up.

The Slavias, who played wonderful ball the latter part of last season, are going strong this year. They have signed up Lindsey and Becker of the Magyars, Thompson of the Tellings, and Kobsa of The Hungarians. With these additions they will go a long way.

Stanley Scott, the Welsh International Schoolboy, will again captain The American Hungarians. He says he is looking to his team to go a long way after national honors.



What happens when two players attempt to kick the ball at the same time. We have Haeurt of the New York Giants shown headed for Frank McKenna of the Indiana Flooring eleven who has fallen over him.

When Billy Angus returns from his vacation he will decide whether he can spare the time to take the chair of the Major League for the Season 1927-1928. Needless to say, all interested in Soccer are hoping for the best. The season will open with three Clevelanders holding of-

fice on National Bodies. W. Angus was elected 3rd Vice-President of the U.S.F.A., H. Johns was re-elected a Second Vice-president of the U.S.R.A. and J. H. Pickering was elected on the Credentials Committee of the U.S.R.A.

Soccer in the Illinois District

By "SOC KERR"

The Mid-West League, formerly known as the "Big Four Circuit" has taken in the Olympia F. C. (last season with the Major League) and the Vienna F. C. representing the German contingent from the Northwest side of Chicago. These combinations with the Sparta A and B.A., Bricklayers S. F. C., Canadian Club F. C., and the Thistle F. C., will form one of the strongest leagues in the city of Chicago.

The Major League of Chicago, having lost the Olympia F. C. to the "Big Six Outfit" and the British Legion's combine with the International League has been revamped. It has drafted Ulster United from the International Loop and the Tube

Works F. C. of Gary, Indiana from the Northern Indiana League and looks forward to operating a very strong suburban circuit during the 1927-28 campaign.

The Sons of St. George, International Northern Indiana and Czechoslovakia Leagues are all busy bolstering up the affiliated teams for an active soccer season in Chicago.

Entries for the Peel Challenge Cup Competition (Players' Hospital Fund) will close at the annual meeting and election of officers at the Brevoort Hotel, Chicago, Ill. on Thursday evening, September 15th. A record-breaking entry is expected.

New England Prospects for 1927-28 Close Season Efforts Bear Fruit Another Scottish Invasion

By 'ST. MUNGO'

THE first pre-season exhibitions are over and the "first night" critic has handed out his "bouquets" or vice versa to the newcomers, so every body is happy and eagerly awaiting the firing of the league gun that will announce the beginning of major engagements, both league and cup-tie. The season promises to be a whiz-bang campaign. Managers just returned from an ocean hop, are looking forward with confidence to the new arrivals "producing the goods."

From first impressions gained at Providence last Sunday, I believe ere the league season is far gone, such will be the case. When I say Providence, I refer to it mainly because the Rhode Island Capitol has been the "Mecca" for the major portion of the soccer pilgrimage from Europe this season.

The Kingsley Park folks made it plain in the latter part of last season that if the almighty dollar could do it, they were out to get a team that would carve their name on the "honor role" in the near future. This spirit animated the "clam-diggers" pilot when he trekked toward the soccer nurseries across the pond.

Youth and Enthusiasm

IF youth, and a deep seated love for the game go for anything, then the quintet that arrived at Providence two weeks ago have everything in their favor. Manager Fletcher is particularly sanguine over the debut of his young goal-tender, Stevenson. The young net guardian first caught the eye as a junior with the Glasgow Junior League Club Strathclyde, but it was with Arthurlie in the second division Scottish league that his stock received the necessary boost to bring him under the eye of several first league managers.

The Providence pilot found himself in competition with several of them when he sought the lads signature, and it was as if a bombshell had burst among them when the young custodian decided to embark for America.

The other new men signed are Falconer, halfback, formerly with Bo'ness, and last year club captain; Aimer, full

back from Third Lanark, a big rangy defender; Bob Finlayson, a forward, brother of Bill Finlayson, the Providence centerhalf.

Agnew, another forward, formerly with Fulham, England; Johnnie Dick, who played center-half for the "Clam-diggers" two seasons ago, and Alex. Beattie, who also played at that time, have also returned, and will join their old club. Hughie McNair, and Bill Finlayson are also signed, also Andy Auld, Garland McAulley, Campbell, Martin.



Jock Marshall, captain of Newark, than whom there is no finer player in United States

Cupholders' Goaltender

EQUALLY alert during the close season, the Fall River pilot during a trip across, made a ten strike in landing the famous Scottish international goal-tender, Willie Harper. Harper's presence in the cup-holders' lineup ought to bring the eleven up to concert pitch; as manager Marks himself remarked on re-

turning from his trip:

"I had plenty of applications from players on the other side eager to come to the States, but I felt that the "Marksmen" as a whole made a good showing in the crucial tests of cup competition, and that in my own judgment, it would be better to leave well enough alone." I thing the "Marksmen's" pilot has shown the right spirit.

The team in the closing stages of last season seemed to have found its bearings, one of the main reasons for the change, I believe, being the return of Harold Britton, but in any case whatever it was the effect followed the cause, and the satisfaction of the Fall River officials cannot be better expressed than in the manager's own words. Ned Tate and Tommy Croft have returned to the fold again; the first named on a trade with J. & P. Coats, for Finlay Kerr, and another to be named later.

Croft came back a free agent, but he will have to give a better showing than he did in Pawtucket if he would retain his place on the regular team. The other men on the club roster are Martin, McGill, McPherson, Coyle McEachern, Campbell, White, Britton, Gibson, Kennedy, Kelly.

New Bedford's Good Pair

FROM New Bedford a note of quiet confidence comes filtering through, and not without a good reason. Since its organization the club never entered a campaign in better shape. "Red" Ballantyne, ex-Clyde forward and formerly with Boston, and McMillan, the "Hub" defender last year, have been signed up. This should improve the "Whalers" attack and strengthen the defense.

Mick McLeavy, the idol of the Battery Park following, is just recovering from an operation, but will soon be back in harness again, where he is sure of a warm welcome. Most of last season's side are signed up. Best, Stevens, Maxwell, Montgomery, Hunter, Perry, McLeavy, Pacheco, Steel, Gregg (Philadelphia), Stewart, Lorimer, McLaughlin

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Albert Rocheleau, the "Man Behind the Gun" at Hartford

By DONALD PRATT

THE city of Hartford up in Connecticut made up its mind that it wanted a real soccer club. That is the dominant reason why appeal was made to the American Soccer League for admission to what might be designated the "charmed circle." It was a confident appeal this, because Hartford had much to offer that was essential, and a wonderfully equipped field to accommodate 20,000 persons, easily one of the best of any belonging to clubs at present composing the American Soccer League. Needless to say, Hartford was accommodated.

Hartford's is not a new-born desire for soccer. Its admission to the League will result, it is confidently hoped, in the opening up of what will assuredly prove one of the richest soccer centers in the United States.

With a thoroughness which is commendable from the standpoint of the keenly critical, preparations were under way for some considerable time prior to the application for admission to the League being made, not only to secure the successful launching of the venture, but continuous effort to promote the progress of the game.

Success Assured

THEY are not so insanely optimistic in Hartford to say that in the first year of their membership in the select circle they will scoop up the honors, but they are practical dreamers up in Hartford. They have left nothing untouched that will assure success.

They have paid wonderful attention to essential detail. The club even boasts accommodation for referees, which is as it should be, a provision, however, which one or two clubs have neglected to provide. Hartford's management is not boastful of what it has achieved, but is reasonably justified in the pride the men take in what they have accomplished.

It was realized from the outset that while a spacious enclosure to accommodate their patrons was an important essential, that the club would require powerful backing, at the outset at any

rate, and that it would be imperative to get together a team fit to hold its own with the best.

In the little time at his disposal, Jimmy Dewhurst, secretary and manager of the club, has worked indefatigably to secure the best available players and in his task, he has enlisted the co-operation of friends with gifted knowledge of the "stuff" required. Those who have thus far been secured will have to play for their places, for there are other players whom Dewhurst has in view, and to whom overtures have been made.

The prospects of the team are reviewed elsewhere. Let it be sufficient to say here that there is a wealth of confidence in the ability of the players who have already been secured.

Broadcast Soccer News

HARTFORD is situated in what might be called the heart of the Soccer zone. The success which has been attained by other clubs in the locality gives it a guide in its estimate of the support which the club is likely to obtain. Junior teams have been getting two and three thousand "gates" with 50c admission.

Manchester, a team only some six miles away, has been able to draw from four to five thousand persons. Last season, Springfield, playing an exhibition game in Hartford, attracted a crowd far in excess of what was anticipated.

Arrangements have been made with the Hartford Radio Station WTIC to broadcast soccer news weekly. In that and other ways, the club is confident that it will win support from a wide area if it provides the "goods," which is its avowed and enthusiastic intention. The team will play in bright red shirts with white collars, white pants, and red and white-topped stockings. Sure and the team will have a striking appearance on the field!

Rocheleau, in Limelight

AND who is the man behind the gun? None other than Alfred Rocheleau, the ice cream magnate. He is the President who has inspired all the enthusiasm among those who are operating for the success of the club. Soccer is his hobby. You can have some idea of his enthusiasm for the game when it is stated that

he went to Wembley last year to witness the English cup final.

Mr. Rocheleau was born in Montreal forty years ago, and came to the United States when he was two years old. Making New Bedford his home, he has been resident in the locality ever since. Opening up business in the city of his adoption, he acquired the controlling influence in the Maderite Ice Cream Co., a flourishing concern operating in Southern New England and Connecticut. He afterwards became financially interested in several New England dairies.

Mr. Rocheleau's financial interests, however, are not confined to these concerns. He has invested his wealth in the stimulation of other enterprises. But even the busiest of men must have some relaxation. If you ask any of his intimate associates, they will tell you that Rocheleau is soccer crazy. It is his one great hobby, and he is keenly desirous of providing the people of Hartford with the best soccer fare procurable. It is a well known fact that he offered to purchase the New Bedford club, but the owners refused to sell at his price.

Mr. Rocheleau is brimful of enthusiasm over the inauguration of League football in Hartford. He is well known in the city, and is tremendously popular. The people recognize him as one of themselves, and they will not be lacking in the loyal support of his team whose doings will be their special concern from week to week.

Soccer in Hartford will be as an oasis in the desert to quench the soccer thirst of its enthusiastic fans. It will assuredly be a great day in the city when the first League game is played. Hartford will be en fete.

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New Detroit Professional League

By ARTHUR SALE

WITH the opening of the 1927-28 soccer season prospects are exceedingly bright for a banner year in Detroit and district, where the progress of the sport has already reached a high peak.

Chief interest is centered upon the activities of the new Detroit Professional League, a four-club loop organized since the close of the previous season, composed of three old clubs and a new aggregation. The latter is an ambitious venture along strictly professional lines, and marks the first real attempt to commercialize the sport in this section. The Cougars, under which nomenclature the club will be known, is sponsored by a group of Detroit sportsmen, and has been incorporated under the laws of the State of Michigan.

Fred Broomfield has been appointed manager, and already some of the best known local players and a number of eastern and British stars have been lined up in readiness for the coming season.

Such well-known players as W. Maxwell, goalkeeper, Oxford City; Clem Owen, i.l. Liverpool; T. McKee, i.r. Doncaster Rovers; Archie Campbell, c.h. South Shields; Harry N. Watt, r.h. New York Giants; F. G. Carnegie, r.b. Brooklyn Wanderers; R. Barrie, l.b. New Bedford; Matthew Dickie, c.f. Indiana Flooring; J. H. Rainey, i.l. Walkerville; and Joe Spence, l.h. Gar Woods; have come to terms, and will sport the Cougars colors.

Goalkeeper F. C. Thorpe, Tottenham Hotspur, had also been signed up and his passage booked, but will not be immediately available on account of immigration difficulties.

All Scots, Michigan state champions, Celtic F. C., former members of the Western Intercity semi-pro loop, and Holley Carburetor, divisional champions, make up the personnel of the circuit.

Holley's Victory

HOLLEY'S sensational run of victories in the U.S.F.A. "open" competition, which carried the local club into the grand final, is too fresh in the minds of soccerites to warrant repetition. Most of last season's players have been retained, and some additional talent secured, and the team should be as strong as formerly.

It is planned to run a league tournament, but visits from prominent outside

eleven will furnish the chief attraction. So far Philadelphia Celtic, Sparta A. C. and Chicago Bricklayers have been booked for games here, and negotiations are under way to bring some of the better known American league clubs to Detroit in the near future.

Efforts were made to organize a Western professional league, embracing clubs from St. Louis, Chicago, Cleveland and Detroit, but the matter has been held in abeyance for the present. It is proposed, however, to run a Mid-West cup competition between the leading clubs of these various Cities on the two-game knock-out principle. Local series will be



Allan of Bethlehem and Moorhouse of New York Giants. They had a clash and will explain this picture in our next issue

played to determine the respective representatives, and home and away games booked until the final, the ultimate survivors participating in three games if necessary to decide the championship.

Keen Rivalry

CONSIDERABLE friendly rivalry exists among the different cities named, and inter-city exhibitions in the past have invariably resulted in well

patronized high-class soccer. With the additional stimulus furnished by a definite cup competition the interest is bound to be increased and make the innovation a real paying proposition. In addition the Big Four will engage in the national championship series and state cup tournament, providing the fans with a variety of competition, much more interesting than the usual run of weekly league games between the same group of clubs.

The Western Intercity semi-pro loop will be confined to one division of 8 clubs, the "B" division having been disbanded, and will operate on Mack park and Solvay park, the popular Packard ground having been annexed by the Professionals.

Clubs comprising this circuit are—Walkerville, Solvay, Toledo, Swedish-American, Gar Woods, Fay-Miller, Flint Buick and Irish-American.

Detroit American league has enlarged its scope of operation until it is now the largest circuit of its kind in the country, being composed of four groups of eight clubs each, a total of 32. Most of its games will take place on the City public parks, the absence of available enclosed grounds making this imperative.

Holley Carburetor was a member of the "A" division last season, the western champions finishing second to River Rouge Scots, a club prominent in national amateur circles, which ran through the league tournament without losing a single game.

In addition, River Rouge annexed the Barlow cup for the second successive season, and was runner-up to All Scots in the State competition. Detroit & District league which last year had a membership of seven clubs has not yet been heard from, and it is doubtful if it will be resuscitated, as several of its strongest clubs have migrated to the American circuit.

Cleveland League Openings

The Soccer Leagues in Cleveland will start their season on Sunday Sept. 11th, and about 14 games will be going on in the City alone. The Cincinnati Leagues will open on the same day, they have 8 teams in the 1st. Div. and a junior league is being formed, together with a Grammar School that will get under way in late Sept. or early Oct.

Corner Kicks With the Editor

I HAVE just been reading an article dealing with the type of soccer which may be expected during the season which has just started. One might reasonably ask without attempting in the least to be querulous or argumentative, what type of soccer we have been accustomed to?

Has there been a stereotyped class of game? Has the accepted Scottish style been in favor, or has there been a greater demand for speed to the sacrifice of ball control?

Or, again, has the game been played by rule of thumb, so to speak, the "kick and run" style advocated by some? To the writer's thinking there has been too long a lack of what might be designated cohesive effort—a "win-the-game-anyhow" kind of campaign, the issue of which always has been, and always will be uncertain, too often fruitless, and always lacking in lustre.

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Bethlehem's Effectiveness

WHAT were the methods pursued by Bethlehem, the champions of the American Soccer League? Theirs was a happy combination, an attractive alliance of brain and brawn. They built up their success week by week. Every man was assigned to a certain job. They standardized individual effort with the result fans were treated to a brand of soccer which it was a delight to watch at all times.

They not only studied ground conditions, but displayed an adaptability in thwarting the chosen tactics of their opponents if they were of the unorthodox variety. Bethlehem's players did not rely upon aimless speed. Ball control was their object, and in the center-forward berth, they had in Gillespie a type of player who could crown finessing efforts. He put the practical touch to the idealistic, poetic movements of the men to either side of him.

McDonald, Carnihen and McGregor, half backs of the constructive type, yet strong in defense, supplied the men in front with the necessary ammunition, the cannon fodder to such sharpshooters as Stark, Gillespie and Rollo. The effectiveness of the middle line was such that the rear division was seldom called upon to exert the same amount of strenuous effort as in the case of teams functioning with halfbacks of inferior quality. The unquestionable ability of the middle

division was a tremendous asset to the men in front who were practically spoon fed.

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Finds Fault with Rules

CHARLIE ROBERTS, the well known English International player, has been bemoaning the fact that the quality of English football at least has deteriorated considerably since the introduction of the new offside rule. This because forwards as a rule have not been able to adapt themselves to it. Is it not a fact that with Bill McCracken of New-



Andy Stevens, New Bedford's center. He is always trying to "get there."

who are willing students of his effective instructional tactics.

When Jock contrives to put an opponent offside, his partner moves forward in line with him. It looks very simple, and in actuality it is, but it calls for great presence of mind, quick thinking, and supreme confidence.

If the backs do not operate in unison, their efforts go for naught, and then there is a very real danger of speedy forwards sweeping down upon the unprotected goalkeeper. It is then that goals can be piled on with greater ease than formerly.

To think of ordering an all around speeding up of the game to the sacrifice of essential ball control is crazy stuff. Slow moving, thinking inside forwards, are more essential than ever to-day.

Speed up the wing men by all means. If the center-forward is a blue streak, so much the better if in addition he has got a shot in his locker.

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Chance for Improvement

WHEN the old offside rule was in operation, the center-half followed closely on the heels of the man in front of him, but unless he is possessed of phenomenal speed there is a very real danger in this with the new rule in operation. The general experience as to the most effective means of arresting the progress of the center-forward, always the player in whom the greatest reliance is placed, is for the pivot to remain as much as possible in his own half of the field.

English center-halfbacks claim that they have a much easier time than they had formerly. With the wing half-backs working in unison with the inside forwards, it should be possible to produce a greatly improved brand of football.

Jock Marshall, who apart from his positional tactics, I regard as the greatest player in the United States to-day, has provided every team with an object lesson which they would do well to emulate. And I do not think we have yet seen the best of the said Jock.

Others think differently, of course, but if he would but exercise his talent and power to the limit, he has no equal on this side of the Atlantic. Can you point to a player who can kick a ball with greater ease and with such wonderful accuracy than Marshall? He is on his own. Oh! if it could be that he would not look so indolent on the field of play!

Uno's Advice on Training

Poor System in U. S. Our Methods Wrong Afraid to Offend Stars

By UNO

FROM the point of view of the keenly critical, soccer in the United States is a vexatious anomaly. There is no sport which in later years has made such rapid progress in the strength of its numerical appeal to the masses than soccer, but the quality of play has not improved proportionately. Why is it that we are not in the first flight among the soccer nations? is often asked. Our answer is, because our training methods are at fault.

Before one can successfully maintain methodical effort, before one can aspire to absolute efficiency, physical fitness and the expert training of the required muscles, the correct method of tuning up is essential. Because we are deficient in this, is why the soccer chariot wheels are not revolving more speedily. Soccer players must not be put through a curriculum as if they were training for a race.

Bad System of Training

THE truth is, players are pretty much left to look after their own preparation. Trainers are negligent and systematic workouts are lacking.

There is nothing better for the leg muscles than the old fashioned skipping rope. Seldom is it seen in the dressing room. There is no stronger advocate of ball practice than the writer, but, were I a trainer, I should give those under my charge very little of the ball until I were satisfied that they were approaching that physical fitness when training ceased to be an effort, but more or less a welcome resumption of necessary routine.

For the purpose of getting their wind, players should be able to make two or three circuits of the ground, and feel fresh enough to sprint home the last hundred yards.

The fat and the lean these days train as if their requirements were similar. Little or no heed is paid to the nature of the player's daily toil.

The fellows who are on their feet the greater part of the day, are called upon to go through the very same irregular routine as the fellows who are cooped up in an office all day. For indoor training, gentle gymnastics are most beneficial,

the stars of a team in laying down orders. Because of their prowess, players often think that they are entitled to special attention and given privileges denied to the lesser lights.



It requires perfect physical condition for one to be able to do this. Here Davey Brown is shown leaping three feet in the air. There is plenty of action here.

but must not be done to excess, because if continued for any length of time, they are apt to make you stiff in carriage and statuesque in appearance, especially when the movements are those which require great strength, or special physical efforts.

Afraid to Offend Stars

MUST it be said? Certainly! Too many trainers are afraid to offend

To safeguard their position, to obviate complaints going to the bosses, trainers are magnanimously lenient and effusively attentive when the favorites are stretched out on the rubbing table. To the writer's way of thinking, the players who have a reputation to make, who are nearing the apex of proficiency, are more valuable

to a team than the acknowledged stars, in this respect at least, that they are willing to take greater risks and do not expect so much individual attention. The fellows at the top have greater regard for their self preservation, whine at a skinned shin, and reckon it a sufficient excuse for a lapse in form.

A real trainer ought to be something more than a masseur. In fact, he should be relieved as much as possible of these duties. It is up to club owners to see to this. It stands to reason that when a trainer has the matter of a score of players to rub down in the course of the training period, he cannot spend the time on the field with the players where most assuredly he ought to be.

Individual Care

I HAVE said, and say again, that to train a team successfully, the needs of each player ought to be individually considered. There are some trainers who are never satisfied unless they have the muscles of the players like fiddle strings. That, too, is wrong.

When the call is made for that little bit extra in the course of a keenly fought game, usually in the last desperate quarter of an hour, it is not there to give. The muscles are taut and lacking entirely of that elasticity which ought to be the possession of every well-trained soccer player.

A player should not be developed as a sprinter.

The muscle development required of a weight lifter or a wrestler is too absurd for words. Soccer is a game of ninety minutes duration. Sprinters are in action for the matter of seconds. In the course of an afternoon, the soccer player may be called upon to indulge in fifty or more sprints in pursuit of the ball. That sort of thing would ruin a ped.

Give me a well trained team of triers and you can keep your half trained team of stars.

But training alone will not teach the player what he ought to be able to accomplish with the ball. Next week I shall pass along a few unusual but thoroughly effective hints which will improve any player, and tend greatly to relieve the so-called drudgery of training.

New England Prospects

(Continued from page 24)

(Philadelphia), Paterson and Ritchie.

While the other clubs have been scouting for talent, Walpole Street has not been idle. As usual the junior ranks have been scanned closely, with the result that a trio of promising youngsters

Well Trained! Don't They Look It?



Fabian, famous Hakoah player signed by the New York Giants, seen in a spectacular attempt to prevent a score. He is leaping for the ball.

have been unearthed, and landed in the "Hub." Against New Bedford in the opening game they gave a sparkling exhibition. Gavin in particular at center was exceptionally clever on the ball, and gives promise of developing into a useful man.

Gonsalves and Solloway, the other two lads, gave a good display. Gibson, full-back, has been secured from New Bedford, and another fullback is expected from Canada at an early date. The other men signed are Blair, McArthur, McIntyre, Ewen, J. Ballantyne, R. Ballantyne, McNab, Flemming, Nilson, Docherty.

Pawtucket's Prospects

AT Lonsdale Avenue prospects are much brighter than they have been for some time. The club affairs are now in the hands of Harry Wade, who gave Pawtucket fans their only championship team a few seasons ago. With the short time at his disposal since his appointment, Manager Wade has changed the pessimistic feeling at Pawtucket into one of hope, and not without reason. Sev-

eral well known players have been secured to build up the "Threadmen" into an eleven to be taken into consideration, and bring back its lost prestige. Jimmy Lyons, Finlay Kerr, Johnnie Reid and Hendry, another new man, have been secured.

Langley, who played two seasons ago with the "Threadmen" and returned to Canada, where he had the most successful season of his career, has again been signed. Another half-back is due from Fall River ere long, and Bill McIntosh for the past few seasons at New Bedford, is expected to fix up for his old team. Bill went from Coats to New Bedford.

The regulars are all fixed except Tate who has returned to Fall River, and Parks, who I understand has quit the game for good. The following names are on the club roster: Harvie, Reid, Langley, Adam, Sweeney, Allan, Stevenson, McAvoy, Thompson, McGrane, Brooks, Knowles, Kerr, Lyons and Hendry.

Gathered from Near and Far

By JOHN HUMPHRIES

OF the 1926-27 players Bethlehem has retained Edwards for goal; Barrie, Allan and "Jock" Ferguson for backs; McDonald, Carnihan, Robertson, McGregor and Reid are the halves, while Japp, Grainger, Stark, Gillespie, Rollo and Goldie will be on hand for the forward line.

The players who will be missing this year at Bethlehem are: Galbraith, Eadie and Forrest. Galbraith is now a member of the Interboro Rapid Transit Celtic. Eadie has returned to Canada and George Forrest, it is said, has signed for the Alloa team of the Scottish League.

There are two Scottish forwards of considerable note dickering with the Bethlehem management. It is doubtful, however, if the service of these men are desirable in view of the good work of O'Neill and the other forwards.

There is no team in the country that can boast the reserve strength of the Bethlehem club, and there is hardly a man connected with the Steelworkers club that could not secure a permanent position with the other American League clubs.

Bethlehem will be at Starlight Park next Sunday against the Giants. It is more than likely that the club will trot out two more players who have not yet been seen in their ranks.

THE experts down Boston way say that there is not the same confidence in the team that there was last season. These same fellows are of the belief that the New York Giants are a very much overrated bunch.

Fred McGinness of J. & P. Coats has not told the world yet who are his stars from Ireland but there is one of them at least who will not be able to take the field. It is understood that a complaint has been made by the Irish Association which according to International law must be observed. They say that "J. and P." are no better than they were last year.

Indiana is of the belief that it will not lose anything by the absence of Chatton, McDonald and Hookie Leonard. There are six players who will be on view and it will be a terrible disappointment to Bob Millar if every one of them does not turn out to be the goods.

Sam Fletcher was over in Scotland and he has brought back the men who

think they can fill the bill here. The New York Oval is a very difficult ground to take points away from, and rightly or wrongly the belief is there that the Flooring people will garner the goods in their opening game.

We had a look at the Bethlehem champions when they were at Brooklyn, and they gave a great deal of confidence when at the finish of the game they had the Wanderers guessing. It would be well to put your faith in Edwards and Co.

Heard in British Circles

By JOHN ROBERTSON

BRADFORD CITY is putting a great deal of reliance in the judgment of Colin Vietch to pull the team through in championship competition. He and Tom Paton are working together. They have got Ewart, Manderson and Cairns on the pay roll and hopes run very high at Valley Parade. We are of opinion that the Bantams will be right back in the second division.

Few English League clubs have changed the color of their jerseys. Manchester United have decided that they must. The big red "V" that used to be beloved by all the lovers of the United will be a memory. When they were struggling to make a living at Clayton there was an old lady living over the way who washed away the team's regrets after every game.

It has just occurred to the people who are looking for talent that once in a while they might give the north of England the once over. John Phillipson, the Bury outside left has just been discovered in the locality. He has more than height, weight and youth to recommend him.

The stalwart Jack Hill of Burney, who by the way has taken unto himself a Scottish lady as a wife, thinks that the old team is going to have a great season. He tells us that it is sure to make a big bid for the championship.

It has just been given out why Willie Harper left Woolwich Arsenal and went to Fall River. At White Hart Lane four

It has to be said that Hartford is not likely to make a splash until it stiffens up its defense. The team is expecting the wonderful Kennaway from C. P. R. Montreal to come to its rescue but if what they could do in the goal scoring line is any criterion of the forward ability of the Hartford's team combinations in the absence of Eddie McAuslin, then Hartford will have to improve 100 per cent. to make good this season.

goals were registered against him. A director blamed Willie for the losing of the latter two. Willie rebelled. Sam Marks came on the scene. And that was the end of the story.

Notts Forest is having inquiries as to Gibson, the brilliant winger. The club was asked to mention a price. All that was asked was a paltry \$30,000. So far there has not been a deal. The Forest team wants to get back to the first division and then will discuss terms.

It is rather strange according to English critics that Middlesbro is to depend for its success this season upon Scotsmen. The team got there last season in brilliant fashion. Of, course the manager of the team is the famous Peter McWilliam who hails from Inverness.

They are discussing in Sheffield at this late hour of the day why Sheffield Wednesday were named the "Owls." It is a relic of old Owlerton.

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Gerritt Visser Outstanding Western Star

By ARTHUR SALE

UNDOUBTEDLY the outstanding performance in national soccer circles last season was the phenomenal rise to fame of the Detroit Holley Carburetor Club, whose sensational victories in the U. S. F. A. cup competition carried the banner of Michigan soccer to the highest pinnacle yet attained in that state, where the sport has shown a remarkable growth during the past decade.

For a club in the second year of its existence to carry everything before it in the fight for the divisional championship, is a feat worthy of record. But when it is remembered that it was a team of amateurs, culled for the most part from the sandlots of Detroit, that performed so phenomenally, the achievement is all the more meritorious.

Those of us who had followed the doings of the club in the ranks of the Detroit American league, generally regarded as distinctly inferior to the semi-professional circuit in operation here, would have been dubbed fit subjects for the attentions of an alienist had the thought been expressed that the club was destined to make soccer history in the manner it did.

No extraordinary display of brilliance had been noted. In fact the team was not classed as of championship caliber in its own sphere of action, and indeed recent events have confirmed the opinion that the players could not dispossess River Rouge Scots, a club prominent in national amateur circles, from the loop pennant they had acquired in the preceding season.

Triumph of "Unknowns"

MICHIGAN'S usual large entry for the national "open" tournament necessitated the playing of a preliminary round, in which Holley Carburetor was called upon to compete. This proved an easy task, and in the first qualifying round, Sons of Scotland, of the semi-pro league, furnished the opposition. Following a tie game Holley won the replay, and in the next stanza opposed

Toledo A. C., former champions of the Intercity circuit. This bout furnished a keen tussle, the Carburetors returning with the spoils.

Next in line was All Scots, twice Michigan state champions, and contrary to general expectations the amateurs again triumphed. Solvay F. C. was the sole surviving Michigan entry, and this obstacle was safely negotiated, leaving the hitherto unknown Detroit American leaguers to represent the state in the later series.

How they disposed of Chicago Thistle, Buda A. A. and Cleveland Hungarians to reach the western final, is a matter of record and local pride, the Detroiters in each instance being compelled to come from behind in the second half to take the spoils.

In the divisional final played at Chicago, Sparta A. C. of the Windy City, was the opponent, and few of the Detroit club's most ardent supporters could be found optimistic enough to concede their favorites a chance to capture the honors. And so far as the game itself is concerned, Holley was completely outplayed, except in one department, that of goalkeeper. Graham Dick, whose work between the sticks had not been such to enthuse over or inspire undue confidence, on this occasion surpassed himself by a brilliant display.

Single-handed he kept out the entire Sparta outfit, which kept up an almost continuous bombardment for more than three-fourths of the uneven struggle, without being able to puncture the goal. On the other hand a couple of breakaways by the Detroiters, resulted in tallies, and Holley found itself in the national final.

Visser Magnificent

DURING the whole of this strenuous campaign, one player stood out alone in the ranks of the western champions. He was the individual responsible for the unexpected success that had been achieved.

Gerritt Visser, blond Hollander, leader of the attack, and goal scorer de luxe, became the hero of the hour. He accounted for practically all the goals his side had registered and was the outstand-

ing player in his team's great drive. Against Thistle, he smashed his way through a powerful defense twice to overcome an early lead the Chicago club had taken. Buda scored a couple of goals in the first six minutes of the game and looked like easy winners, but Visser rallied his forces and three times charged through the mud with the ball at his toe, and as many times, Vic Neate, veteran goalie, who has never given a better display, walked to the back of the net to return the sphere to the center. The same thing happened against Cleveland, Stewart getting one goal from a free-kick after the Hungarians had taken the lead, and Visser coming through in the closing stages to turn apparent defeat into victory.

Hail, Gerritt Visser!

IN the Windy City bout Sparta did everything but score, and it was really pitiable to watch the Detroit team in its feeble efforts to justify its appearance in a titular bout. After a wretched exhibition of marksmanship, combined with extraordinary agility of goalie Dick, Sparta's supporters were mortified to find the highly fancied Chicago club in arrears as the result of two successive dashes by the same Gerritt Visser.

Against Fall River in the national final, the famous center failed to shine, and consequently his club was heavily defeated. Nevertheless his wonderfully effective work throughout the season was not dimmed by this reverse, and the name of Gerritt Visser will long be remembered in local soccer circles.

In the last Olympiad, Visser represented his native Holland, his side losing to Uruguay by a close score in the semi-finals.

He arrived in Detroit a year ago unheralded and unknown, and after several vain attempts to line up with a Detroit senior club, Visser secured a position with the Holley Carburetor Company—he is a draftsman by profession—and forthwith proceeded to weld the firm's soccer team into the effective organization it subsequently became, entirely due to his prowess, example and fine leadership.

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