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Above—Geo. Healy of Detroit, one of the strongest men in Soccer today. He has done considerably for the betterment of the sport in the middlewest.

Soccer Owes Them a Vote Of Thanks

Above—Maurice Vandeweghe, owner of the N. Y. Giants. He is a prince of sports. "Anything for Soccer" is his motto. Mr. Vandeweghe has strengthened the Giants considerably with a number of Hakoah stars.

Below—Douglas Stewart, the man in charge of the Rules Division of the U. S. F. A.



Below—Box Lenox, the greatest favorite among the old timers here. He knows Soccer from A to Z and is an ardent booster for the sport.

Above—William Angus, third vice-president of the U. S. F. A., who has done nobly for the game.

Below—Sir Thomas Dewar, donor of the Connaught Cup in Canada. He may soon own a club here.



The Season's Forecast

By SAM MacLERIE

NOW that the American Soccer League race has started the fans are beginning to forecast what the new season may bring forth. So I thought that I might just as well try some experting on the prospects of the various clubs that are expected to cut a big figure in this year's league race. It must be understood of course, from the outset, that there are some teams in the circuit that are not expected to be very much in the running for honors. These are just in there to fill out the schedule and do a little up-setting now and again to keep the race exciting.

In trying to pick out this season's league winners, I know that I am borrowing trouble, and some of my best friends will think I have gone "nuts." But, here goes.

To begin with, it is my candid opinion that we will have most of last year's contenders fighting it out for this season's honor. After reviewing the preliminaries and the results of the pre-league contests, there is no reason whatever why Bethlehem, the present champions, Fall River, New Bedford, the New York Nationals, Providence, and Boston should not make the most trouble for other clubs that have designs on the league championship.

I am also looking for stronger opposition this year from the metropolitan clubs, although with the exception of Brooklyn Wanderers, other clubs have not given us the opportunity to get more than a faint idea of the strength of their teams.

The acquisition of the Indiana Floorlayers by the National Exhibition Company, owners of the New York Giants Baseball Club, should help the team considerably. It should be the making of Ernie Viberg's team. The new team, now called the New York Nationals, should finish well up because of its financial backing.

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Fall River Looks Good

WITH three American League flags already salted away, the Fall River team seems to be better moulded together this year and unless I miss my guess, Sam Mark's crew is

going to make it mighty interesting for the steel workers for premier honors.

Many fans will say—what about the New York clubs? I know it is about time that we had a real contender for the American League title. Gosh, the big city has been trying long enough to land the cream, and its clubs have probably spent more money than the others in their efforts, but so far without success.

On the other hand I cannot seriously figure them out at this early stage, and can only base my opinions on what I have already seen and know about concerning the probable make-up of the three New York and the one Newark club.

I expect the New York Nationals and the New York Giants to do better, especially now that Indiana is owned by the New York baseball club. Brooklyn, I am still doubtful about, and its position, in my opinion, will not be a great deal better than last year.

Bethlehem is going to be a very hard team to push out of the championship race. In fact, it is my belief that Luther Lewis, who looks after the welfare of the Steelmen, has a much better team than he had last season. He has added several new players, some of which have already shown their stuff in local engagements, and you will agree that they look likely looking players.

Always looking for real good talent in order to keep up or improve on the class of football of the Bethlehem team, I am of the opinion that the present champions will once more lead the way in point of finesse, for which the club has been famous in American Soccer.

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New Bedford Stronger

WITH the addition of two of the Boston team's foremost stars in its lineup, and one or two other equally good men signed, it looks as if Dave Pomfret, owner of New Bedford, is going to make things hum this season to reach first place.

The Whalers have a good goalkeeper in Steel, former Boston player. He got in McMillan of Boston, one of the best backs in this country, and with Jimmy Hunter again available, the Whalers have what I would call quite

a formidable defence.

In the forward line the addition of "Red" Ballantyne of Boston, the New Bedford team has added some much needed pep, and it has already made its presence felt in some of the friendly games. The former Boston-Clyde player has pep and fire enough for five forwards.

I candidly expect the New Bedford team to be a real serious contender this season. Paterson, former Springfield and Fall River player, is another valuable addition to the Whalers' lineup.

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Boston is Doubtful

WHILE I have figured the Boston club among those likely to give most trouble, yet I have reasons to believe it will miss the great McMillan and equally great "Red" Ballantyne, sold to New Bedford.

Not knowing much about the new players engaged at this writing, I feel reasonably assured that they will not be any better than the players that have been lost to the team.

The Hub eleven has been a big favorite around the circuit since its debut in the big league three years ago, and I seem to be somewhat conscious that this year will be equally as good for the Beaneaters.

In signing up Barney Battles, the Hub management did a wise thing. This youngster is a budding star and there were quite a few clubs ready to sign him if the Boston team had not come to terms.

Another promising youngster in Milt Gavin of Fall River district has been signed by Boston. He is rated to be extremely fast and has a deadly shot.

The J. & P. Coats' team of Pawtucket has made quite a good first and second appearance, first by tying with Providence, and then holding the fast Fall River team to a draw the week following. But even on top of these good performances, I cannot hold out any better hope for the threadmen than a position among the last five clubs.

Findlay Kerr and Johnny Reid, two former Fall River players were turned over to the Pawtucket team by Sam

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Acquisition of Indiana Club by National Exhibition Co. Boom to Soccer

By **BILL CUNNINGHAM**
(President of American Soccer League)

THE germ of perhaps the longest and strongest lunge toward promotorial progress that professional soccer has made on this side of the water was contained in the report that Charles D. Stoneham, President of the National Exhibition Co. which controls the New York Giants Baseball Club has entered the field of professional soccer. This report told in a few terse lines that Charles A. Stoneham, John McGraw, the individuals who have made the New York Giants, year in and year out, the biggest proposition of its sort in the baseball world, have acquired the professional soccer franchise formerly owned by the Indiana Flooring Company in the American Soccer league and that the home field of the club, hereafter to be known as the New York National Soccer Club, will be the celebrated Polo Grounds.

This news has been hailed with delight by the large army of soccer enthusiasts, and their number in New England alone is estimated at 100,000, for it has long been felt that the only thing needed to popularize this thrilling game with the American public was capital enough to exploit it properly and real playing fields where it could be shown to its merited advantage.

Of course, this new change is only a step toward the long-desired goal in one particular spot, but it no doubt presages similar moves in at least two other cities, where soccer has been struggling along as best it could on back lots while neighboring baseball parks yawned vacant and non-productive through most of the soccer season.

Almost Natural Partners

THIS wedding of baseball and soccer is a somewhat natural one. The baseball people have long been scanning the sky-line for something to keep their parks busy through the long months of fall, winter and spring. In the big towns they thought professional football would fill the ticket when it came clumping along.

But professional football, a synthetic sport, was a poorly paying proposition from the start and even where it did manage to break even it was merely a fall attraction, which left the winter and spring lots still untenanted.

Professional soccer, which starts in mid-September and plows dead ahead through fair weather and foul until the middle of May, will keep any park working at least once every week-end and can guarantee at least some custom at the turnstiles, for the soccer fan is the hardiest fan known to sports. Zero weather is nothing in his young life, and a peculiar paradox of the game itself is the fact that the heavier the field is, the better the game will be, for passing then is slower and shorter, which makes for decidedly more skilful play.

Messrs. Stoneham, McGraw and McQuade and other directors of the National Exhibition Company were fully aware of these facts. They likewise learned, no doubt, that Nathan Agar, a New York accountant who owns the professional soccer franchise in Brooklyn, has seen his receipts grow in five short years from \$5400 to \$200,000 per season.

They have likewise seen that the trend of American colleges is more and more away from football battles staged in big city parks, where big gate receipts are the primary thought and charges of "over-emphasis" openly invited.

Not Individual Proposition

IN view of all these things they were more than willing to listen when approached by professional soccer officials, and the most significant feature of the entire deal is that the Indiana Flooring franchise was not purchased by Stoneham and McGraw as individuals, but by the National Exhibition Company, which is the same corporation that owns the New York baseball Giants. Stoneham is president of this concern. McGraw is vice-president and field manager.

This is the first time in history that a baseball company has interested itself directly in the promotion of another sport. Even in the professional football venture, the teams were owned by outside individuals. The baseball folk merely rented their grounds for play and had nothing to do with the promoting nor management.

In this new venture, however, baseball and soccer, although far from equally grown, will be twins living under the self-same three decker roof and nourished from the self-same till.

New England will be powerfully interested in this piece of news, for New England is strongly represented in the professional soccer loop. Fall River, New Bedford, Providence, Pawtucket, Boston and Hartford, Conn., are New England representatives in the league, which includes besides these Brooklyn, the New York Giants, Newark, Philadelphia, Bethlehem, and now of course the new New York Nationals.

Two New England teams, as a matter of fact, had the honor of initiating the Polo Grounds as a league soccer field last week-end. These two teams are New Bedford and Providence.

Championship Under Way

By "UNO"

THE American League Soccer championship season got under way with a bang last week-end, with every team in the circuit, including Philadelphia, which it was thought would quit, engaging in thrilling contests. The New York Nationals started their season under the new management of the National Exhibition Company and lost both its games and also the services of McIntosh, star full back who broke two ribs and is now in a New York hospital.

The big surprise of the opening games was the overwhelming defeat of the Bethlehem team, champions of the league, by Nat Agar's Brooklyn Wanderers, by a score of 5 to 0 and the double victory of the Providence eleven which triumphed over the Nats and the Newark, by 3 to 1 and 3 to 0 respectively.

The first games proved the need for new and better blood by several teams, especially the New York Nationals. This team was forced to engage the services of two amateurs because of their shyness of players, but with the arrival here this week of several Scottish soccer experts, the team should perk up as the season advances.

The games proved a mystery so far as the results were indicative of what might be expected in the future. However, one thing is certain, a banner year and a great competitive season is assured soccer fans in the circuit.

Need New Blood

IT must be evident to the New York Nationals, formerly the ex-Indiana Flooring Club, that there will have to be one or two radical changes in the team if the boys are to "get there." The team lost to Providence which took the field under a cloud of gloom, and when New Bedford looked in at the Polo grounds on Sunday, the fact was impressed upon all who are interested in the new-old club that there was a deficiency which must be remedied.

There are four players en route from Scotland who should strengthen the team materially.

There was a weakness in defence which will have to be rectified "tout suite" and Ernest J. Viberg, the club manager, is sure to rectify this shortly.

THERE will be blame given to the man between the uprights, but you have to look a little further forward for the real weakness in the team. The forwards were too eager.

Providence went out in the second half of the game with the great will to win. Stevenson knew that there was a protest about his being played, and there will have to be a ruling by the American Soccer League about his eligibility. He played confidently all the way through and did well. McAuley was resolute in his tackling. Aimer surprised everybody by the way he cleared his lines.

Clam Diggers Surprise

A NEW of Providence is not the most polished of center forwards but there was determination in his every action. On the wings, Beattie and Hogg, were all life. Briefly this is what has to be said about Providence as a team.

Bob Millar, manager of the Nationals, has a big job on hand. Jenkins must be

Park but he gave one the impression at the Polo Grounds that he could not understand Stevens when it came to the crossing of a ball. There was a hesitancy which is not Chedgzoyan. If he will take a hint from an old friend, he will biff that ball not thinking whether the other player is studying checkers or thinking about himself.

Sam must know that the greatest successes he ever achieved were from his beautifully accurate crosses, McLeavy is just the same fellow in the front rank, and you can take it from the writer that New Bedford will go far. Dave Pomphret is very confident but he was not too pleased at the Polo Grounds with an occasional slackness on the part of the defence in clearing their lines. He was right. Bob Millar was heard to remark after the "Nats" had scored from the first corner, "Another of the same." Bob must have noticed the weakness.

Brooklyn walked into Bethlehem and scored an easy triumph.

Blame Referee

AS if to emphasize that the victory over New York Nationals was no fluke, Providence baited Newark and romped home. It surely calls for some explanation that New York Giants were defeated by 7 to 4 by Fall River. Here were two of the greatest goalkeepers in America in opposition, Harper and Fabian. Between them, these wily Scots forwards chalked up eleven goals.

New Bedford was a little peeved that it lost to Bethlehem. The New Englanders maintain that the referee's judgment was not always correct. The writer will go a little way on the journey and say that he has among the many games under observation that the only well refereed game so far has been that at which Charlie Crichton officiated at Starlight Park between New York Giants and Bethlehem.

There are apparently to be many ups and downs in the League. It was intensely gratifying to a multitude of friends that Philly was able to fulfill its engagements.

That Hartford extracted a draw out of their visit must have come as a great surprise to Fred Rochelaw who had already learned to anticipate defeat.

The favorites for League honors at this writing seem to be Fall River, but it would be well to wait a week. Nearly every team will be strengthened.

American Soccer League Results and Standings, Saturday, Sept. 10.

Bethlehem, 2; New Bedford, 1.
Coats, 3; Philadelphia, 1.
Boston, 3; New York Giants, 0.
Providence, 3; New York Nationals, 1.

Sunday, Sept. 11.

Wanderers, 5; Bethlehem, 0.
Fall River, 7; N. Y. Giants, 4.
Hartford, 1; Philadelphia, 1.
Providence, 3; Newark, 0.
New Bedford, 3; Nationals, 2.

STANDING OF CLUBS.

Team.	P.	W.	L.	D.	For	Ag.	Ps.
Providence	2	2	0	0	6	1	4
Wanderers	1	1	0	0	5	0	2
Boston	1	1	0	0	3	0	3
Coats	1	1	0	0	3	1	2
Bethlehem	2	1	1	0	2	6	2
New Bedford	2	1	1	0	4	4	2
Fall River	1	1	0	0	7	4	2
Philadelphia	2	0	1	1	2	4	1
Philadelph	1	0	0	1	1	1	1
N. Y. Giants	2	0	2	0	4	10	0
Nationals	2	0	2	0	3	6	0
Newark	1	0	1	0	0	3	0

in that front rank at any price. He is one of the best center forwards kicking a ball in the States today. Millar's place is at inside left. His influence among the forwards is most apparent there. He may have different ideas, but that is our verdict.

MUCH in the same way as Providence clashed on the goals, so did New Bedford on Sunday at the Polo grounds. Steel was in goal and his name seemed to personify the whole spirit of the team. No beating about the bush. This New Bedford team to take a terrible lot of stopping. Fore and aft the team is strong.

Sam Chedgzoy nipped along the wing just in the same old way as at Goodison

Soccer's Ruling Power in U.S.

By JACK SIMPSON

THE bedrock of success is laid. It is admitted that the constitution of the United States is the finest document of its kind and the success of this country is founded on it.

This is just as true of the constitution governing soccer. Perhaps the greatest influence in popularizing the game among the masses to-day is the American League. In the West we are not conversant with the workings of this organization but we know its power and unlimited possibilities. It is gathering in the finest players who are attracting the fans, and this in turn, is interesting the wise promoters to the great financial possibilities of the game.

Probably this success is so great already, that the League may be wealthier than its parent body, the United States Football Association, but it must never be forgotten that no league is bigger than the governing body which represents the law and the governing organization in this country. The U. S. F. A. rules through a franchise from the international body.

There will be temptations for rich professional leagues to usurp the power, but we hope that such usurpation will not cause disruption. I for one, feel that the American Soccer League should receive every concession within the law because we must all realize that the American League is the pulse of popular success among the masses in this country.

This league, through its clubs, is in position to line up strong opposition for overseas visiting clubs and such affiliated bodies only will reap the benefit from these games. The game of soccer, through the power of its laws, can never be exploited. It is association football dovetailed into a Federation of Associations which all work for the general good and protection of all its affiliated members.

The law governs and no private individual can step in and exploit it. But let us not forget that the great professional league, the American Soccer Circuit, is doing a world of good for the sport, and this circuit must not be antagonized.

The Hold of the U. S. F. A.

BEFORE a European club leaves Europe, it cannot sail without the sanction of its governing association, and its games in this country are under the jurisdiction of the United States Football Association. The law says:

"The United States Football Association

and its affiliated members have developed the game in America, and are entitled to the profits." Our laws will not permit a private individual to exploit the game for his own personal gain. Under these laws the U. S. F. A. is securely protected. But the American Soccer League feels this is all wrong. It sees no reason why the U. S. F. A. should benefit from its professional games.

The American Soccer League legislated for "subs." Whether or not we are in favor of subs, does not enter the argument, but at present the use of substitutes is contrary to international law. I do not think the American League had the right to use substitutes without the sanction of the U. S. F. A., and I do not think the U. S. F. A. had the right to permit it without the sanction of the international body.

Apparently it was not brought up regularly, for there was quite a debate at the international conclave in Finland where the international body courteously granted the use of subs in the American League but correctly insisted that there would be no waving of international law in this respect in international games.

This illustrates the power of the law in Soccer, for had the American League fought it, the international body through its wonderful organization, would have prohibited any affiliated Association and its tributary clubs from taking part in games with clubs of the American Soccer League, which at this time practically means the United States, for the reason that the professional clubs of the premier league have the only real opposition for crack visiting teams from Europe.

I say American Soccer League while I mean the United States Football Association as of course the international body deals direct with the National Association, and so far as legislating for or against a league, is not even conscious of a league's existence.

U. S. F. A.'s Responsibility

THIS proves the responsibility of a National Body which must answer for all its affiliations. It also brings to mind the point that in dealing with a State or league body, the U. S. F. A. is governed by international law and if it passes freak legislation under stress of powerful influence, the U. S. F. A. has to account for its actions and shortcomings, not to the league receiving the concession, but to an international tribunal.

This should deter and preclude the possibility of any affiliated bodies in this country from embarrassing the National Body by asking impossible favors and advocating freak changes in the law. Many have been suggested in the schools of the country. All proposed amendments affecting the laws and playing rules of the game, should ultimately reach the international body for final ratifications. Any body acting on its own initiative, sets a very dangerous precedent.

There will be a temptation for the financially strong American Soccer League to gain unwarranted concessions and any such action that is not within the law, simply challenges the authority of the National Body and tends to embarrass the constitutional authority which has no choice but to conduct the game in accordance with the law as laid down by the international council of the Federation of Soccer nations. This is why the American Soccer League feels it cannot much longer abide by U. S. F. A. control. It feels its financial interests will prevent it.

The law protects the associations, leagues and clubs from the encroachments of private individuals from exploiting the game for personal gain and sees that the profits accruing from the game go into the coffers of the National Body, the State Associations, and affiliated clubs and leagues, which have built up the game and according to the U. S. F. A. are entitled to the profits, if any there be.

This is just where the rub comes. The American League feels that its money is bringing the cream of the professionals to this country and that its money is being used in the exploitation of soccer. If its money is the means for bringing soccer to the attention of the masses and is building up a big following here, then why, ask its club owners, should they be compelled to support the national body, state associations and affiliated clubs and leagues?

Of course there are two sides to all questions, and since I have taken what might be termed the neutral stand, showing the benefits to both the U. S. F. A. and the American League, I shall wait to hear what others have to say. Take it any way you care to, the question is a mighty big one in soccer, and the future of the sport depends upon a proper solution. I for one hope the problem can be settled amicably.

They Dazzle New England Fans



Upper left—McAuslin, Hartford outside right who has joined the giants.

Upper right—Tec White, Fall River's great tactician.

Center—Alick McNab, of Boston. He is an outside right who takes lot of holding.

Lower left—Sam Fletcher, manager of Providence, who still plays a useful game.

Lower right—Happy Abdullah, Egyptian born, who is expected to do much for Hartford.

Shooting Forwards Wanted

By "ST. MUNGO"

TWENTY goals in the five pre-season games played—can the New Bedford sharpshooters keep this form up when there is more at stake, and points are in the balance?

This all important question is the topic in the "Whaling" city. Although I am inclined to forecast a prolific season for Pomfret's men, I

the injured list. When "Red" Ballantyne came to Battery Park the question was asked,—where will Maxwell fit in? He is too good a man to be left on the bench. That question answered itself against Providence. "Sturdy" went in at right-half, and proved his versatility. His wizardry on the ball and his knowledge of the finer points of half-back play from the viewpoint of a forward made him a tower of strength, behind his successor in the forward line, and imparted a new dynamic force to the "Whalers" right, that will bring its own reward ere long.

Harvie and J&P Coats

JONNIE HARVIE has settled his differences with the Coats management, and put his autograph to the form that binds him to Lonsdale Avenue for another season. Terms, were the "bone of contention," but as Jonnie remarked to me after the Fall River game,— "Everything is 'hocus pocus'! We patched up our differences this morning, and everybody is satisfied."

I thought, when looking at the midget winger perform during the game, that his play reflected a different mental attitude than in the Providence game the week previous. The news will be welcomed by the club followers, as the little fellow has always been a prime favorite, and now that Jonnie Reid has been paired off with him, I look for one of the best wings in the league.

Changes have to be made of necessity, but where everything seems to be satisfactory, I believe it better to let well enough alone. The club in the two pre-season games has acquitted itself to the satisfaction of the management, and made many of the prophets "bite the dust." A leader for the attack is still lacking, and one or two spots could be strengthened further, but time may remedy the defects if procrastination is not indulged in.

The club will have to regain some of its lost prestige this season if it intends to carry on. Manager Wade has informed me that such is the officials' intentions,—a statement that carries some weight, when we glance at the names added to the club roster in the past two weeks. In Kerr, Reid, and Lyons, the Avenue officials have a trio that will greatly strengthen the mill team.

The ex-Providence forward can play in any of the three inside positions, and

while not up to "par" as leader of the attack, he is far from being a poor class footballer.

Forwards Who Can Shoot

HARTFORD'S forwards must learn how to shoot when they get an opening. Outside of Willie Ballantyne, not one of the Hartford forwards seem able to raise a gallop, or get in a real try. With



"Tec" White, popular inside left.

the opening league season a perplexing problem presents itself to the Hartford officials.

With the organizing of the new club at Hartford the officials have a double-barrelled mission on hand. First, to educate the people of the Connecticut City in the ways of professional soccer, and secondly, to build up an eleven that will bring soccer prestige to the "Nutmeg" State, and keep the support, once they have acquired it. There is nothing like a winning team to keep up the enthusiasm, and the support.

Take Fall River for instance! First and foremost in the deliberations of the "Spindle" city management is to produce a winner, and as to whether it has paid dividends to the stockholders at Fall River, I leave with the reader.

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Amateur Champions of U. S.



The Heidelberg F. C. of Pennsylvania. Back row, left to right: Courtley (goal); Strachan, right-back; Mitchell, right-half; Harbin, center-half; Fagan, left-back; Stenzell, left half. Front row: Chappell, outside-right; Kuisis, inside right; O'Donnell, centre; McCoskey, inside left; Jones, outside left. Jones (outside left) was a member of the U. S. team at the Paris Olympic games in 1924.

A Few Inside Kicks

IT is a four by two world after all! Recently at Starlight Park a player was looking for the writer. It was six years since I put my specks on and tried to locate this player for Glasgow Rangers, but failed.

He bobbed up serenely at Starlight Park and asked if it were possible to get a game for him. Nothing is impossible.

Maurice Vandeweghe had heard about the lad. He had a trial for Brooklyn Wanderers. He played against Indians but the four didn't like him. He did not look the part as an outside right. The truth of the matter is that he never was and may never be an outside right. He is an inside forward. The lad never got a pass. He realized that everyone was playing for himself and felt lost.

And to think that there were players on the same field who did not think he could kick a ball! This boy has forgotten more than many of them will ever learn. The Giants have a player in him who will be

talked about by people who count.

If I had to go through the same experience as this fellow did, I would have come off the field on some sort of pretext to the referee. More anon! The Giants have a great player in this boy. Just wait and see. Those who scoffed at him will remain to pray. His name is Ryan.

Hartford does not like players who by force of circumstances are compelled to live out of town. Eddie McAuslin who should have been one of the players Hartford should have had on its pay roll, is now a Giant.

Remember well being pretty nearly thrown overboard at Montreal, when I asked the skipper to release him. The player who might have done Hartford a great deal of good will be paid by Jim Armstrong weekly. The same McAuslin can trap and kick a ball. Just watch him.

Shooting Forwards Wanted

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Great "Tec"

AFTER his exhibition at Pawtucket, as substitute goalkeeper to Willie Harper, I think we might not be far out if we voted "Tec" White, New England's best utility man. "Tec" has played several positions other than his own since coming to the cup-holders, and came out with flying colors, but he even made the knowing ones from Fall River sit up and take notice by the cool confident manner in which he cleared his lines time after time from the Coats attack.

Perhaps, the art of goalkeeping is a sort of institution in the family. "Tec's" brother Willie White, who plays for Hearts of Midlothian is one of Scotland's ablest net guardians and incidentally has been honored by his country in the representative games. The Tyne-castle keeper will have to look out for his laurels if his brother Jimmy decides to patrol the chalk line permanently.

Referees Should Be Classified,

Says Edward J. Gilgane

—BY OUR SPECIAL COMMISSIONER—

WHO is the target for most abuse in any branch of professional sport? The referee, of course!

It doesn't take much thinking to answer this query, for any person who follows baseball, soccer or other field sports where the officials take a prominent part in the game, know full well the status of these arbiters.

While baseball has its Czar in Judge Landis, and soccer has its rulers, it must be acknowledged that soccer has far the greater worries when it comes to its officials than has our National pastime.

With this in view, and having in mind the many squabbles that annually arise over rule interpretations and field management, Soccer Pictorial has undertaken the task of trying, if possible, to strengthen the game by gaining greater prestige for the referee. Realizing that there is nothing in the field of professional sport that will work more towards steady progress than proper officiating and an harmonious understanding between players and referees, Soccer Pictorial has decided to go to the root of past troubles and ascertain the cause and then propose a remedy.

To do so the writer, knowing Edward J. Gilgane very well, paid a visit to the president of the United States Soccer Referees' Association, and to Mr. Gilgane he placed a number of questions such as might be asked of any ardent follower of the sport. Mr. Gilgane was asked to study these queries carefully and then write his answer.

Gilgane, who is a man of peaceful aim, a great student of soccer, a level-headed official, a diplomat in the handling of complex problems, and ever helpful to those in need of aid, looked these questions over with a directness that fitted his post and remarked:

"They are pointed questions. Just the thing that if properly studied by the powers that be and the soccer fans alike, will work towards the mutual aid of all. My opinions may not coincide with those of my brother referees, but—well, they are mine. With that he wrote his answers to the following:

Classifying Referees

Q.—Would you be in favor of the Classification of Referees?

A.—The classification of soccer referees

was suggested, to the best of my recollection, some years ago by officers or delegates of the United States Football Association, and was subsequently recommended to its affiliated bodies by the then United States Referees' Union. Whether the idea has had general acceptance among referee associations, I am just now unable to state with any degree of accuracy.

"Undoubtedly a system of referee classification is desirable. Whether the application of such revolutionary means, however, will produce an arbiter millennium and result in the elimination of such undesirable features of refereeing as occasionally have arisen when a referee is called to task by partisan followers because of a team's defeat, is more than I can foretell."

Q.—By whom do you suggest the Classification should be made?

A.—"Here again I find myself placed like the unwary navigators, between Charybdis and Scylla. The grading of referees will unquestionably be a difficult task for whoever may be requested to act in such official segregating, and it is not at all improbable that pressure from interested sources may be applied to have some designated referees placed in the higher classifications whether these are deemed sufficiently capable or not by the expert classifiers.

"We occasionally have such experience in civil service and other tests that are generally believed to be hedged around by fool-proof formula and inviolate procedures. In my opinion, however, if the classification were left to the local referee bodies themselves, I believe the final results would be quite satisfactory."

On Increasing Fees

Q.—Would you be in favor of increasing Referees' Fees?

"Your question, if applied to professional and senior games, would naturally call for an affirmative reply. But we should be very considerate of the smaller clubs, of course, and retain for these fees that are within their clubs' capacity to pay. Few persons ever consider the risks a referee nowadays undertakes when he accepts an appointment.

"In the event of his receiving serious bodily injury, what compensatory redress can he hope to except? The signed player is protected by his contract, but referees have not such benevolent protection. The higher fees would, I believe, permit of referees insuring themselves against accidents or assaults received during or incident to their services."

Q. More pay, then, will call for increased ability?

A. Naturally, every employer who has what are called premium employees on his pay-roll, expects these persons to be more capable than the non-premium ones. Similarly, if clubs offer attractive terms to secure a better or more efficient type of referee, I am quite sure that the openings or opportunities shall not go a-begging. Instead of our having what is now considered a more or less diversional occupation, we shall witness a physical metamorphosis among our referee fraternity in which most of the training attributes of an athlete shall predominate. The referee who is not acting correctly, should never be entrusted with an appointment. Wherever an official's honesty can be seriously questioned, it were more than foolhardy to permit him to referee any game.

Q. Are you aware that it is common allegation referees have been under secret obligations to clubs?

A. I am now, and always have been, absolutely opposed to referees having any association with clubs, either official, commercial or in any other way which could leave the referees' actions upon the field of play open to question or doubt.

"I regard the referee as a judicial person always, and just as the administration of our laws demands the strictest impartiality and elision from business ties, so also should and must our referees be free from any and all association with clubs or obligations.

"You must be aware, of course, that few clubs have provided separate dressing accommodations for referees within their grounds, and I am sure you will agree that it is highly objectionable to have referees and players commingle before or after games. Personally I am not aware of the existence of a referee

who has obligated himself to any club or manager, for the very obvious and good reason that where I had such knowledge it would very quickly be used in preventing such referee from officiating.

"Of course, it were foolish to deceive oneself into believing that allegations are not being made against clubs and referees, but so far as my investigations have permitted these allegations are not developing beyond the "allegation" stage, and obviously it would be quite beyond my official capacity to adjudicate a strictly legal question upon simply hearsay statements."

Q. Would it not be a good idea to leave the Appointment of Referees to a strictly neutral body?

A. If our leagues and associations could agree on and select, say, three or five independent persons to act as Referees Grievance Committees and also to undertake the appointment of referees in all competitions within their respective spheres, I am sure much of the gossip and adverse comments now coupled with referee appointments would be dissipated. There is no blinking of the fact that there is a general and very considerable dissatisfaction under present conditions.

In the Roaming Commissions

Q. Do you think that referees from "down East" should be appointed to games in the Metropolitan district and vice-versa? Would not that be more satisfactory and free football atmosphere from suspicions of any kind?

A. To the pure, all things are pure. I cannot see any valid reason, however, why any member of the United States Soccer Referees' Association should be excluded from acceptance of an appointment anywhere within the Association's jurisdiction. It seems to me that much valuable thinking power is being wasted upon essentially provincialized ideas, and that many persons are very slow in throwing off the circumscribed habits of small-town environment.

"The United States Soccer Referees' Association hereafter will operate as a national body, and every member is entitled to receive and will receive the same consideration that his ability calls for in any appointments that are requested. It is entirely illogical that John Smith should be deemed to have exclusive right to appointment in New York or Pennsylvania, and that Tom Jones may not be invited from Massachusetts or Michigan without invoking a state warfare.

"So long as either John Smith or Tom Jones are members in good standing of the United States Soccer Referees' Association, their respective right to an appointment anywhere in the United States is paramount and should not be ques-

An Effective Block



tioned. The advent of either to the other's residential territory should be accepted graciously and with every evidence of good-will."

Non-Members Appointed

Q. Is it not a fact that referees are sometimes appointed by so-called football commissioners in cup-ties and that these referees are not members of the United States Soccer Referees' Association?

A. I believe such to be the fact, but am sanguine that all appointees in future will be asked to affiliate with the National Referee body. There are localities, of course, in which it is impossible to form even the nucleus of a referee body. In such cases naturally, direct associate affiliation should be sanctioned by the United States Soccer Referees' Association, and these isolated referees given membership cards on payment of the nominal sum other members contribute. By this means, I believe such referees will

be materially aided and football in such localities given a deserve impetus.

Q. Have you any special message regarding your administration next season?

A. Beyond what I have stated in my first circular message to all affiliated referee bodies, I am not anxious to elaborate my hopes. So far, the written exchanges are brimful of good wishes. Our committee appointments have apparently been received with general approbation. As you may have heard, the United States Football Association is endeavoring to bring about a conference on tripartite lines in the expectation of clarifying the American Soccer League referees situation, and we are naturally sincerely anxious to bring back again those amicable working relations that existed prior to the regrettable "strike" incident between the American Soccer League and the United States Soccer Referees' Association.

Uno's Form Chart

WITH the British Soccer season only a few weeks old, it is exceedingly difficult to form an estimate as to the probable winners for each week. Soccer form always was, always will be, unreliable. The great uncertainty of the issue of any particular game is probably one of its greatest charms, but just as there are horses for courses, so there are teams for particular grounds.

Early season form is very unreliable for another reason. Players usually spend the summer in lazy attitude in anticipation of the kick-off. It is a thousand to one that they are not sound in wind at any rate. Trainers have different methods. Norman, when he had charge of the English Cup winning Barnsley team, kept these miners' noses to the grindstone.

The late Jimmy Chapman of Heart of Midlothian and Leeds United believed in hard work for those under his care, and yet it has to be recorded that when Heart of Midlothian last won the Scottish Cup, the common saying in the old training tent was that the coveted trophy had been won on "fish and chips," i.e., "tuppeny struggles" with tubers of doubtful quality and denizens from the deep who had not been to sea for quite a bit. The fact that they had had some submarine experience at one part of their career was accepted cheerfully as evidence of their nativity.

Gibson, \$50,000 Player

IT must not be supposed that Gibson, Aston Villa's \$50,000 man, is to create much of a disturbance for a week or two. It is said that he will find the game in England ever so much faster than in Scotland. That is "ze bool." The ball is made to travel faster. The players are about the same when it comes to breasting a tape. Where the \$50,000 man will find the difference is in the reluctance of English players to hold the ball. They want to get rid of it all the time. When Gibson does get going the speed merchants will look like so many tortoises.

It is a curious feature about English managers. They go to Scotland. They are attracted to players because of their great command of the ball, and when they have parted with a few thousand dollars, they want to make a greyhound out of a collie. Take the Jewish players here. They have been tutored by Scots. That

is why their soccer skill is so keenly appreciated.

Middlesbro Looks Good

IT may be that I am wrong, but when the heavy grounds come along, you will find that Middlesbro will be one of

What the Clubs Did Before

ENGLISH LEAGUE—First Division.

Arsenal	v. Sunderland	2-3..H
		1-5..A
Birmingham	v. Cardiff City	1-2..H
		0-1..A
Burnley	v. Aston Villa	6-3..H
		1-1..A
Bury	v. Sheffield U.	4-4..H
		0-2..A
Huddersfield	v. Manchester	0-0..H
		0-0..A
Leicester City	v. West Ham U.	3-0..H
		3-3..A
Liverpool	v. Derby County	3-2..H
		1-2..A
Middlesbro'	v. Blackburn R.	
Newcastle United	v. Everton	7-3..H
		3-1..A
Portsmouth	v. Tottenham H.	
The Wednesday	v. Bolton W.	2-1..H
		2-3..A

ENGLISH LEAGUE—Second Division.

Bristol City	v. Reading	
Clapton Orient	v. Chelsea	3-0..H
		1-2..A
Fulham	v. Barnsley	1-0..H
		0-5..A
Hull City	v. South Shields	2-0..H
		1-3..A
Manchester City	v. Leeds United	
Nottingham F.	v. Notts C.	2-0..H
		2-1..A
Preston N. E.	v. Port Vale	4-4..H
		0-4..A
Southampton	v. Oldham	0-1..H
		1-1..A
Stoke City	v. Grimsby Town	
Swansea T.	v. W'hampton W.	4-1..H
		2-2..A
West Brom A.	v. Blackpool	

ENGLISH LEAGUE—Third Division (Northern Section)

Accrington S.	v. Darlington	
Bradford City	v. Bradford	
Chesterfield	v. Tranmere R.	3-1..H
		2-3..A
Durham City	v. Barrow	1-1..H
		1-2..A
Hartlepool U.	v. Ashington	0-1..H
		0-1..A
Lincoln City	v. Crewe A.	3-3..H
		3-3..A
New Brighton	v. Halifax T.	0-3..H
		2-2..A
Rotherham U.	v. Rochdale	1-1..H
		1-2..A
Southport	v. Nelson	3-4..H
		2-1..A
Wigan Boro.	v. Doncaster R.	1-1..H
		1-4..A
Wrexham	v. Stockport C.	2-1..H
		2-3..A

the most formidable teams in the First League football. Weather conditions are very important in the consideration of the

likely issue of a game. Take the all-conquering Celtic team. They are tutored to a certain style of soccer.

They know their "cabbage patch," and home or away, you get the same brand of stuff. They have the invariable knack of being able to accommodate themselves to the tactics of the other fellow.

It is with a certain amount of reserve that you must accept my prognostications for a week at least. For your guidance (X) indicates probable home winners. (A) indicates probable winners away from home.

Where there are no index letters, the anticipation is that the games will end in a draw.

These games are scheduled to be played on September 17:

ENGLISH LEAGUE—First Division.

Arsenal	v. Sunderland (X)	
(X) Birmingham	v. Cardiff City	
Burnley	v. Aston Villa (X)	
Bury	v. Sheffield United	
(X) Huddersfield	v. Manchester United	
(X) Leicester City	v. West Ham United	
Liverpool	v. Derby County	
(X) Middlesbro	v. Blackburn R.	
(X) Newcastle United	v. Everton	
Portsmouth	v. Tottenham H (X)	
The Wednesday	v. Bolton W.	

ENGLISH LEAGUE—Second Division.

Bristol City	v. Reading	
Clapton Orient	v. Chelsea (X)	
Fulham	v. Barnsley	
(X) Hull City	v. South Shields	
(X) Manchester City	v. Leeds United	
Nottingham F.	v. Notts C.	
(X) Preston N. E.	v. Port Vale	
(X) Southampton	v. Oldham A.	
(X) Stoke City	v. Grimsby Town	
(X) Swansea T.	v. Westhampton W.	
(X) West Brom A.	v. Blackpool	

ENGLISH LEAGUE—Third Division (Southern Section)

Coventry City	v. Plymouth A. (X)	
Crystal Palace	v. Brighton	
Exeter City	v. Southend U.	
(X) Gillingham	v. Merthyr	
(X) Luton	v. Brentford	
(X) Millwall	v. B'mouth	
Newport C.	v. Bristol R.	
Queens Park R.	v. Watford	
(X) Swinton T.	v. Charlton A.	
Torquay U.	v. Northampton (A)	
Wallsall	v. Norwich C.	

ENGLISH LEAGUE—Third Division (Northern Section)

(X) Accrington S.	v. Darlington	
(X) Bradford City	v. Bradford	
(X) Chesterfield	v. Tranmere R.	
Durham C.	v. Barrow	
Hartlepool U.	v. Ashington	
Lincoln C.	v. Crewe A.	
New Brighton	v. Halifax	
Rotherham	v. Rochdale	
Southport	v. Nelson	
(X) Wigan Boro.	v. Doncaster R.	
(X) Wrexham	v. Stockport	

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English Team Coming Here

By DONALD PRATT

THERE have been many sporting and athletic visitations between the representatives of different colleges and athletic organizations of the different nations in the past few years, but a group of sportsmen in Worcester, Massachusetts, is financing and sponsoring what is perhaps a unique venture in this field of international sport. With no championships involved and no trophies of significance to compete for, but solely for the purpose of developing friendship and fellowship between the working men of the two counties, i. e., Worcester County, Mass., and Worcestershire, England, a soccer football team was sent to England last year and played a series of five games, and in the coming September a return visit will be made by a team of English players.

The men who went to England were selected from the shops and factories, amateur players in the industrial teams of Worcester County. They were financed by the Worcester Sportsman's Brotherhood of which Daniel Reese is President, H. H. Chamberlin, Vice President, Charles A. Barton, Treasurer, J. W. Shepardson, Secretary, and includes Jerome George, President of the Morgan Construction Company, Clinton Marshall of the American Steel Company, George P. Leighton of the Barree Woolen Co., George P. Booth, proprietor of the Worcester "Telegram Gazette" and other prominent citizens of Worcester.

THE English group which sponsored the games was called the Worcestershire Sports Fellowship, the chairman of which was Viscount Goham, and united in its membership, the Prime Minister of England, Mr. Stanley Baldwin, the Right Honorable Earl Beauchamp, the Earl of Coventry, the Earl of Plymouth, General Sir Francis John Davies, and others equally prominent in national life.

Although the American players lost every one of the five games, they returned feeling that their trip had been thoroughly successful. As the American Ambassador, Mr. Houghton, stated in his address at the welcoming banquet, "this effort to utilize the great universal interest in sport to develop friendship and peace is of far more significance than the athletic event.

"The experiment is being watched by many who are deeply concerned with the establishment of a basis for permanent peace and mutual understanding between the nations and they realize that this can only be accomplished when the standards of fair play and sportsmanship which prevail in the athletic field are translated into the everyday life of the common citi-

games have been arranged in Worcester County, beginning September 21st and ending October 1st. One of them will be staged at Worcester in connection with the New England Fair on September 29th. The British Ambassador, Sir Eame Howard, will be one of the speakers at the welcoming banquet.

Mr. John McEntee Bowman, a member of the Board of Directors of the



O'Brien of New York Giants displaying his famous right foot drive. He collapsed soon after this photo was snapped.

zens, who make up the bulk of the population."

THE Americans were well received on every hand and the program of entertainment was so generous and extensive that the Worcester County Committee is making elaborate plans for returning the hospitality. Five

National Sportsman's Brotherhood, with headquarters at 342 Madison Ave., New York City, which is cooperating in the arrangement of a week of sightseeing and entertainment in New York State, following the Worcester Games, has invited the entire team to be his guests at the Westchester-Biltmore Club at Rye, New York.

Soccer In England

By JIMMY MUGFORD

SOCCER is England's national game. Every Saturday afternoon for eight months in the year, literally millions of people gather all over the country to see their favorite teams chase the leather.

Not so many years ago, a woman was a rarity at a football match. It was regarded as being in the same category as a prize-fight, and in the language of England, for a woman to attend either a boxing-match or a football game, "simply wasn't done." But that foolish convention, like so many others, was swamped by the Great War, and today every professional team has its large or small bevy of fair followers, who attend as regularly and root as faithfully as any member of the opposite sex. Indeed, there are now several teams in England, playing regularly Saturday after Saturday, composed exclusively of women—though, of course, they are an exception, and are strictly amateur teams.

And the small boy of England knows more about Patsy Hendren and "Moses" Russell than he does about Richard Coeur de Leon—just as every gamin from New York to San Francisco knows the Bambino and "Lou" far better than he knows Thomas Jefferson and James Russell Lowell.

And, after all, why not?

Bleachers at Fifty Cents

FOOTBALL in England has, wisely enough, been kept within the financial reach of everybody. That's one reason why such huge crowds gather every week. Admission to the ground at ninety-five per cent of the games can be secured for a shilling (about twenty-five cents), and a seat in the English equivalent of the bleachers (though there's mighty little "bleaching" possible during an English winter!) costs just twice as much. The reserved stand is open to everybody at the English equivalent of seventy-five cents, and a program costs four cents.

But who wants a program anyway, whether it costs four cents or four dollars? Everybody around the field knows everybody in the teams—so what's the good of a program?

Listen to the crowd as the captain of the visiting team leads his heroes out of the dressing room, exactly five minutes before the team scheduled for the kick-off. A yell that can be heard for miles greets them—no crowd could possibly make more noise.

Couldn't they? Wait just one minute, until the skipper of the home team leads out his super-heroes! When they appear, every man, woman, boy and girl present jumps to his or her feet, and their combined greeting makes the earlier yell fade into a mere whisper. The greeting is merely a jumble of noises.

Whistles shriek, bells clang, rattles threaten to split the eardrums, and the human voice does its utmost to drown out the other sounds. Here and there a name can be distinguished amid the babel—"Danny boy" is being strictly charged to "show 'em what you're made of," and "Baldy" is receiving dire warnings of what will happen "if you goes and lets 'em get one."

Loosening Up

WILD excitement seems to have taken possession of everyone. No! Not quite everyone—there are twenty-two players, a couple of linesmen and a referee down there on the white-marked green, that might be stone deaf for all the notice they are taking of the uproar. Forwards and halves are potting at the goal which the backs and goal-keeper are defending; the linesmen are inspecting the goal-nets, and the referee is standing near the center-mark, idly toying with his whistle, and with a brand new ball under his arm.

Suddenly he toots a short blast. The rival captains saunter nonchalantly down the field, shake hands with the referee and then with each other as though they were old friends—as, indeed, they probably are. The "ref." hands the home skipper a coin. He flips it into the air—you see the visiting skipper's lips move, but it's quite impossible to hear what he calls. The coin falls, the three men stoop and look at it, the home skipper points to the goal he has elected to defend—and the cheers break out afresh. "Bobby" has won the toss, and the crowd wildly approves it as a happy augury. The teams line up, the noise dies away and a hush settles over the crowd. One short, shrill note from the whistle . . . the game is on.

Infinitely greater events than this have been attended with far less excitement. Empires have been made and unmade with less thrill than surrounds those twenty-two figures (Kipling's "muddled oafs") kicking a ball about on a field, "which shall not be less than 80 yards

nor more than 120 yards long" as the rule-book reads.

King Soccer

BUT who cares for empires? King Soccer is enthroned, and his royal subjects have neither eyes nor ears for any but these players—his faithful servants.

For Soccer is the King of Games.

English Association Football is probably the cleanest of all the sports in that land of sportsmen. That statement may possibly be challenged—someone will say, "What about cricket?" My answer would be—"Well—*what* about it?" Still, this is not the place to argue the question—I will simply repeat that it is my considered opinion, after an experience of both games covering twenty-five years, that Soccer is the cleanest of all the British sports.

The Football Association, which is its governing body, has power so wide-reaching as to be almost autocratic. It makes or breaks a man, be he player, official, or club director, at a word. Its authority extends over everything pertaining to the game. It dictates how much shall be paid in wages to a player, and it says what shall happen if proper dressing accommodation is not provided for all concerned. It makes the laws of the game—and enforces them. It metes out punishments and rewards with a fearless, and almost invariably a just hand. It has the confidence of the vast army of football fans and players; and, most important of all, it knows its job . . . and does it, thoroughly.

Lessons We Can Learn

The Editor of SOCCER has been good enough to invite me to inform his readers of the real position and condition of football in England. In subsequent articles I hope to deal with a number of important questions affecting the greatest of all games, and particularly with some aspects of the game in which this country can benefit from the experiences and developments through which English football has won its way to its present position as England's most popular sport.

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Bob Millar's Experience

By CHARLES MILNE

TEN thousand dollars! Yes, that is the price which will have to be paid to Indiana Flooring before Alick Donald and Harry Chatton kick another ball. They broke their contract and we have imposed the penalty. It is not what you would call a fine. It is just our end of a deal.

Before they left for Scotland, I came to an agreement with them. It was contractual, binding as between both parties. I had heard that they had violated the written understanding. Harry Chatton was to do what he could to get the right stamp of player to Indiana. The information had been passed along to me that both he and Donald had signed for Heart of Midlothian. A letter from my brother made me a little apprehensive. And yet, I couldn't see how they could do anything to violate the written understanding I had with each.

"Hookie" Leonard had signed for me also, but in view of all the circumstances of his coming here, I was not quite so certain as to what the official attitude would be if there should be any breach. He jumped his contract. There can be no doubt about that. At that time, however, it was the attitude of the United States Football Association that they took no cognizance of any dispute as between player and club. That was regarded as a purely domestic affair. It was domestic at least in this respect that there was no International question involved.

Outcry in England

THERE was an outcry in England. The papers were full of all sorts of statements. Then followed the statement that Tom Blair had had to work his passage. Billy Hibbert followed on with his harrowing story as to conditions here. The atmosphere generally was not exhilarating when I sailed.

The story goes that as soon as I arrived in Glasgow I paid a visit to my old friend, J. K. McDowell, to lodge a protest against the transfer of Chatton and Donald. I did nothing of the kind. The story goes further that I was so indignant over the "Hookie" Leonard business that I forthwith proceeded to tell him off as soon as I arrived. I did nothing of the sort.

At the Helingsfors Congress of the Federation Internationale de Football Association it was agreed that a professional player wanting to leave his former Association be allowed to play under the new Association only if he gets the permission of his former Association. Should the player not get such permission, he must wait until the end of his contract, and in this case, payment by his club of his wages must be maintained. Every contract with professionals shall have an article in which the engaged player

desired to hold them to the letter of the written contract to which they had agreed.

There was nothing for me but to communicate with New York and our club took steps to acquaint the Scottish Football Association with the fact that there was objection on the part of the Indiana Flooring to the registration of the players as they were under contract in the United States. I was not in the least surprised, therefore, when the S. F. A. gave a ruling that the players were ours for the season.

When I saw that there were so many difficulties which were not easily negotiable, to put it in a Scottish kind of way, I thought that the International rule was good enough for Indiana, at least.

I set about acquiring the players who were required to replace these trustworthy gentlemen and in fourteen days I got the "sailors" aboard. Some of them were seasick but when the League games are under way, we'll have a team worthy of the name.

The stand which Indiana has made has all the fruits of a memorable judgment but I am not going to that length. My cards are on the table. There are those who went into the soccer checker game and it does no matter who have won or lost. The point is that it pays in the end to stick to your word.

I was very sorry about the whole business. I never was a fellow who would leave a pal on an island. When you desert a ship, however, there is one penalty. I shall do all in my power to help but if there must be given and take, I am standing by the written law. The F. I. F. A. has laid down and why permit evasion?



Nat Agar, owner of Brooklyn Wanderers. He has done much to boom soccer in this country.

agrees to submit to the rules of the F. I. F. A.

Sought Cancellation

IT was very evident to me what was to happen if my reading of the rule was correct. Putting it simply, it meant that any contract between club and player would be recognized by every Association. The full force of this, I was impressed with when I was approached by Donald and Chatton asking me to cancel their transfer. How could I do anything of the kind even if I had a mind. I could not cancel their registration and I certainly

FLETCHER TO COACH BROWN SOCCER TEAM

Sam Fletcher, manager and one of the owners of the Providence soccer team, has been appointed coach of the Brown varsity and Freshmen soccer teams, according to an announcement by Dr. Frederick W. Marvel of the Brown Athletic Council. Fletcher was coach of the team last year, but was operating on a one year schedule.

As We See It

Editorial Comment
By NAT FLEISCHER
Publisher and Editor

THE American Soccer League schedule is under way. From all sources we hear that the prospects for a most successful season are exceptionally bright. For the sake of soccer growth in this country, we earnestly hope that the year will be the greatest in the history of the sport here.

The clubs entered the field well prepared for the season's task. Some threw out on the field lineups that contained many new players. Others, with just a few changes, kept close to their playing strength of last year. New faces mean new blood on a team. New blood means an added interest and an added interest means more patronage with the resultant increase in prosperity.

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Enormous Growth

THE addition of many foreign stars shows conclusively the enormous growth of soccer in this country. It proves that the game is here to stay. It proves that the power in back of professional soccer in this country is determined to raise the standard of play so that the sport will enjoy proper prestige.

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Big Money Behind Soccer

NO better example of the growth of soccer here is needed than the purchase of the Indiana Flooring Club's franchise by the National Exhibition Co. through Charles A. Stoneham, president of the New York Giants Baseball Club. The National Exhibition Company, of which Judge McQuade and John McGraw are also officers, thought enough of the future of soccer to invest big money in the game.

The Publisher of SOCCER PICTORIAL, an ardent follower of all sports, was the means for bringing Messrs. Stoneham, McGraw and Judge McQuade into the professional soccer ranks, and ere long, through this same channel, the followers

of soccer will find their sport spread over a circuit that will embrace the bulk of the national league baseball parks, with these baseball diamonds, as the future home for soccer.

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Will Add to Patronage

SOCCER here needed just such an impetus as was given it by the entry of the New York Baseball Club into the field. By one stroke of the pen, Mr. Stoneham, in acquiring the Indiana Flooring Club, lifted soccer into major sports.

The greatest handicap the sport has had in this country, has been the lack of proper playing fields. Whereas baseball and collegiate and professional football have their huge stadiums, professional soccer here has had to be content with fields unfit for use. How often has an ardent soccer fan been anxious to attend a Sunday game but changed his mind when he found that he could not take his better half because of poor seating conditions?

This, so far as the New York Nationals' games are concerned, will no longer be a bugaboo. With the Polo Grounds as the home field, rain or shine, snow or sleet, the comfort of an enclosed stand will be ready for the soccer fan.

This is as it should be and the sooner the other members of the American Soccer League get proper playing fields, the better for the sport. It will not be surprising to see within the next year the fields of the National League Club at Boston and Philadelphia turned over to soccer, and with this as a nucleus, it is a foregone conclusion that eventually the Eastern circuit of the National Baseball League will be the circuit of the American Soccer League. Nat Agar is certain to use Ebbets Field at Brooklyn.

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A Suggestion

With the Polo Grounds idle when the N. Y. Nationals' team is away from home, what a fine thing it would be for soccer if the New York Giants Soccer Eleven were to reach some agreement with Mr. Stoneham whereby that team would also use the Polo Grounds for its home contests. Such an agreement would give to Manhattan-Bronx-Queens fol-

lowers an all-year round home for the sport which would rank with the greatest soccer field in the world barring Wembley Stadium, and half a dozen others scattered through Europe and Argentine.

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England and Innovations

CONSIDERABLE commotion has arisen in England in-re the suggestion that the soccer ball be painted white. The British, as is well known, are adverse to any innovation, be it in boxing, cricket, soccer or any other sport. We learned this last year on our tour of Europe when we were invited to a newspaper writers' luncheon at which we were the guest of honor.

Called upon for a speech, we selected the topic: "Why English Boxing has Failed." It was our opinion at the time that the failure of England to produce champions was because the boys were burnt out by long fights before they reached their majority. We also pointed out that British boys are content to be clever and follow in the footsteps of Jem Driscoll and others in the jabbing style, but our boys here practice and perfect both boxing and hitting.

Whereupon a staid old gentlemen, who introduced himself as one who has covered boxing for thirty-five years and prides himself on being called the dean of the boxing scribes, arose and said thusly:

"On behalf of my colleagues, I thank the gentleman from the States for his splendid talk but I thoroughly disagree with him in everything he said. I think he has an audacity to tell us how to carry on here. I for one, think our system the best and if the day arrives where one of our star boxers has to forsake the science of the sport to become an American bruiser, then on that day I shall take a vow never again to attend a boxing match.

"We want no American innovations. We want to let good enough alone. There is no need here for adopting anything new. Let the Americans do the tinkering. We want no knockouts. We are satisfied with seeing our boys box."

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Changes Introduced

And with that he took his seat, satis-



Ernest Viberg, who is fruitful of wonderful ideas. He is business manager of the New York Nationals. Ernie is a soccer thoroughbred. He knows his game and knows his players.



Pete Rensulli of the New York Nationals dropped this ball, but he was lucky in deflecting it.



Jim Armstrong of New York Giants is a manager with a heart and head. Everybody in soccer will endorse the eulogy. Jim's a great fellow and a real student of the game. He thinks so much of soccer that he has even consented to write a story a week for Soccer Pictorial.

fied that he had thwarted an attempt of an American to introduce something new in dear old England. Yet, before we left for Italy, we saw our preaching taking proper effect for Bernard Mortimer put on six bouts of which four were six rounders and one twelve and one fifteen instead of the usual three fifteen and one twenty round mills. To-day England follows our style and most contests are cut down from the usual length to eight, ten, twelve and fifteen rounds.

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Will Follow Our Lead

AND so it will be with soccer. England may not agree to any innovations at present, but once the United States starts innovations, be it in-re self government of the professional leagues and severance from the U.S.F.A., the transfer of players or the purchasing of players, England, despite its present stand, will join hands with us.

The use of the white ball is nothing new. Here in America the white ball has been used repeatedly in college football practice games, especially when such practice has taken place in the dark. Only a few days ago a well known college football coach urged that the white football be used in all football games, but the suggestion met with opposition because other coaches felt such a ball would be too easily detected by the opposition. In college football, the greatest asset of a team is its ability to keep the ball hidden from view, hence a white football would be impracticable.

But such is not the case in soccer. In soccer a white football would cause increasing interest, but in our opinion, a very black ball would serve even better. It would help keep the spectators on edge from start to finish, because regardless of weather conditions, and it must be admitted that soccer is played more often during inclement weather than otherwise and under far more adverse conditions than is college football, the ball would always be in full view of those who pay the freight.

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For this reason we feel that the use of a black football in soccer should be encouraged rather than discouraged. Its adoption in this country undoubtedly would be followed by its adoption abroad. How much more interesting it would be for the fans attending a game on a snowy or foggy day to see the ball in play at all times than so often now happens when neither players nor ball are on view. Think it over, fans and officials alike and let us get your view on this change.

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SCOTTISH LEAGUE—First Division	
Clyde	v. Aberdeen
Dundee	v. St. Johnstone
Dunfermline A.	v. Celtic(A)
(X) Falkirk	v. St. Mirren
Hamilton A.	v. Cowdenbeath
(X) Hibernians	v. Bo'ness
Kilmarnock	v. Motherwell(A)

(X) Raith Rovers	v. Patrick T.
Queens' Park	v. Hearts(A)
(X) Rangers	v. Airdrieonians

ENGLISH LEAGUE—Third Division (Southern Section)

Coventry City	v. Plymouth A.	3-3..H
		0-3..A
Crystal Palace	v. Brighton	2-0..H
		1-1..A
Exeter City	v. Southend U.	2-0..H
		2-1..A
Gillingham	v. Merthyr	0-1..H
		0-2..A
Luton Town	v. Brentford	2-1..H
		2-2..A
Millwall	v. B'mouth	1-0..H
Newport C.	v. Bristol R.	0-4..A
Queens Park R.	v. Watford	2-4..H
		2-1..A
Swindon T.	v. Charlton A.	2-0..H
		2-2..A
Torquay U.	v. Northampton	
Wallsall	v. Norwich C.	

SCOTTISH LEAGUE—First Division.

Clyde	v. Aberdeen	5-1..H
		2-5..A
Dundee	v. St. Johnstone	4-1..H
		1-0..A
Dunfermline A.	v. Celtic	0-6..H
		1-2..A
Falkirk	v. St. Mirren	1-1..H
		0-3..A
Hamilton A.	v. Cowdenbeath	4-2..H
		1-5..A
Hibernians	v. Bo'ness	
Kilmarnock	v. Motherwell	1-4..H
		0-1..A
Raith Rovers	v. Patrick T.	
Queen's Park	v. Hearts	2-0..H
		1-4..A
Rangers	v. Airdrieonians	1-1..H
		3-3..A

X—Winners at home
A—Winners away from home.
No index—Draw.

Bright Prospects for Wanderers

By EDWARD P. DUFFY

BIG league soccer has made its debut for the 1927-28 season in Brooklyn and there is apparently the same enthusiasm as last year in that section of Greater New York for the ancient and worldwide sport.

The second home game on the Wanderers' schedule is set for Sunday next at Hawthorne Field when Fall River, National champions will be the Wanderers' opponents.

Bethlehem, American League titleholders, opposed the Wanderers in the first battle of the season under circumstances that presage an enjoyable year for Brooklyn fans who appreciate seeing such worthy teams in their opening clashes.

Bethlehem has had outstanding teams for many years due largely to the outstanding efforts of Edgar Lewis, old player and vice-president of the large steel corporation whose name the team bears. No ordinary expense is spared by the Bethlehem management to obtain players from abroad that will maintain the reputation of the club and this year is no exception, apparently.

Steelmen Drew Well

THE Steelmen's team has no following of its own, but it is considered the best drawing eleven of the league on the road because of the aggregation of foreign stars on its roster. With the Hebrew fans who have been educated in the fine points of the game since the first trip of the Hakoahs, the Bethlehem eleven is greatly admired.

This brings us to a conclusion that these new fans have reached a rather high degree of appreciation of the high spots of the game quite apart from any trace of nationalism.

For an oldtimer in soccer, from the days of the Clark O. N. T. Bs of East Newark and Kearny, it is odd not to hear the Scotch and British flavor to language prevailing at football games as of yore. Out of our meager knowledge of the Yiddish, it is easily gleaned that the fine points of the game intrigue these new addicts of the sport whether a Jewish, English, Irish or Scottish player is responsible for them. Billy Morris and Dave McMillan and at times Bobby Yale, are as genuine favorites with the Wanderers' Jewish fans as Grosz, Eisenhoffer, Fischer or Drucker. And these fans have their favorites with visiting teams that have no Jewish touch at all. The Jewish fans are getting so well educated

in soccer that players of their nationality come in for criticism on account of poor playing just as quickly as performers of other birth. This is a healthy sign for soccer—an evidence that these new fans have remained with the game for its own sake and not because their fellows play it, though that caused them to flock to it in the beginning.

Brooklyn Activities

BROOKLYN'S soccer activities which have cost Nat Agar a pretty penny in deficits are largely responsible for this state of affairs but the future ought to square these losses.

There has been soccer every Sunday during the warm months at Hawthorne Field and despite the attractions of the seashore, baseball and other summer amusements, the teams playing on the Flatbush pitch have drawn not less than fifty per cent of the crowds of the winter season which was the greatest that soccer ever experienced in this country. The Wanderers last season turned into the American League treasury five times what they did in their best previous year; an event that is probably casting its shadows ahead.

Eisenhoffer, of the Wanderers, is like so many of the other southpaws in sports—powerful. His kick is probably the strongest in football. If he could only learn to get up into the mouth of the goal more often to take the ball when it is centered, his goal-scoring would become sensational. Eissy remains so far out, it is remarkable his kicks register at all. The full backs and goalies frequently have time enough to set for his drives.

The other serious fault of which the former Hakoah star has been guilty—not passing the ball enough to his fellow forwards—is being remedied very appreciably this season. It is a great pleasure to watch this imported player for he is strong enough to stand the gaff of American soccer's severity and denies nothing of himself while in action.

Shortt to Return

MATT SHORTT, Brooklyn's center halfback will soon be back in football togs. Matt's broken arm is healing rapidly. This veteran may not be a spectacular but his consistency of play and headwork make him a fine asset to the club. As a ball distributor, he is a tower of strength.

Soccer is like baseball in its heartaches when it comes to picking up players. Some of the better clubs have spent large sums of money relatively for men who have gone to pieces under fire. Yet a team like Newark which has no great sums to pay for any man, is frequently more lucky in this respect.

A youngster named Dawson and another older player by the name of Cairns were marooned in the depths of Staten Island. They had a great desire to join one of the big pro clubs. One of their boosters asked Nat Agar of the Wanderers to give the youths a chance. He was willing and told the impromptu scout to have the men report for practice.

In the meantime, they had written the Newark club, among others, begging a chance. Tom Adam answered their appeal and signed them. They were on display recently against the Wanderers' main exhibition match. Dawson revealed himself on the outside wing to be a player of great possibilities. He is fast, accurate and able to cross the ball into the goal mouth just right. Cairns played left fullback in place of the very good Herd who is still on the other side of the Atlantic. Cairns did very well. Brooklyn scored only one goal against the Jersey-men while he was on the job. But in the second half when he was absent on account of an injury, the Wanderers scored three times principally on the left side of the line. Agar who is looking for reserve men to back up his apparently very good first eleven, lost two good men when he missed this pair.

When Billy Adair was injured in Sunday's game with Newark, Nat Agar called on Koenig, a recruit from one of the junior teams to substitute. Koenig is an Austrian who learned his game abroad. He is tall, well built and fast and is cool when things are trying. He pleased all who saw him with his uncanny knack of centering the ball into the mouth of the goal perfectly as to time, pace and position. Agar has apparently drawn a prize for future development in this man.

Roly-Poly Forward

THE roly poly forward who has been playing with the Wanderers' squad is Alphonse Buerkle. He is a German internationalist. His stoutness may prevent him from making the squad but

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Penalty for Broken Pledges

By SIMON FLAHERTY

WHAT the United States Football Association will do in the case of Stevenson, the former Arthurlie goalkeeper from Scotland, now signed and playing with the Providence club of the American Soccer League, is being watched with keen interest in British football circles, particularly in Scotland, where the player has just recently been suspended "sine die" for jumping his contract with the Scottish club.

According to the agreement arrived at during the recent congress of the Federation International de Football Association, the suspension must stand and must also be recognized by other Associations, who are members of the Federation.

The United States Football Association has apparently only one course open and that is to get full particulars

of the case and if the facts reveal that the player involved has broken his contract with the Arthurlie club, then he should be immediately suspended from playing football in this country.

Let's play the game fair and above board with other Associations. That's all we ask from them in return. Just take the case of Players Chatton and Donald of Indiana Flooring, already pretty well known here. These two players signed contracts before they left for Scotland to play with Indiana this season.

When they arrived back on their native land they apparently took a change of heart and signed to play for the Hearts of Midlothian, with little thought about their American contracts. However, the Scottish Football Association took a hand in their case, and barred the players from

playing in Scotland, until they can settle their affairs with the Indiana Flooring club.

If the Scottish Association is willing to protect American players and American clubs, then it is only fair that we should handle the Stevenson case in the same decisive way.

Reports have even reached Scotland, according to one of their responsible football weeklies, that there is a possibility of the American League clubs seceding from the U. S. F. A. While I doubt any truth in the report yet such a possibility would give American clubs more of a free hand to go after any player they may desire on the other side.

Associations on the other side seem to be just a bit afraid that such may happen.

The Season's Forecast

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Marks, presumably for the transfer of Bill Tate back to Fall River.

Providence Has Hopes

PROVIDENCE has quite a new team, but even with the addition of a few clever Scottish players, I do not expect the team will kick up any more seriously than it has done in the past. According to the latest dope from Scotland, concerning Stevenson, the club's new goalkeeper, who is reported to have jumped his contract with the Arthurlie club, he is likely to be suspended and barred from playing in this country.

The return of Alex Beattie and Johnny Dick to Providence after a sojourn in Scotland is greeted with enthusiasm by Providence fans, with whom they are both quite popular. With the addition of other new players, Sam Fletcher, manager of the clam-diggers, seems to have high hopes for his team.

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Philly and Hartford

BEYOND the fact that I cannot figure seriously the prospects of the Philadelphia and Hartford clubs, I am unable at this writing to discuss seriously their prospects for this season.

Fred MacGinnes, the Philadelphia magnate, told me a few weeks ago that he has sixteen new Irish players over here ready for the start of the League season.

May be he is planning a real surprise. His first game is with Coats and the next is with Hartford, and in these two games, the real strength of his outfit will be fittingly tested.

The "Babes," as the Hartford club will no doubt be nicknamed, have not made much of an impression in its exhibition games. Yet, from the list of players signed, I am somewhat hopeful that the team will cause more trouble than is expected in some quarters.

In summing up, my guess is that it will be Bethlehem or Fall River again for the championship, with New Bedford, Indiana, Providence, Giants, Boston and Brooklyn hovering around the same positions as last year.

Wanderers' Prospects

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when he substituted for Lyell against Newark in an exhibition game, he showed flashes of fair enough form. He is cool under fire and thoroughly experienced. Lyell was removed from the game because with a sure goal in front

of him, he hesitated in placing the ball and finally kicked right into Goalie Murdock's arms. When Buerkle had the same opportunity a bit later, he beat the goalie with precision.

If Billy Adair continues to play the ball on the outside right for the Wanderers that he has shown thus far this season, he will be one of the stars of the league. Eisenhoffer is whisking the ball over to Adair's side with great speed these days. Adair's dash in getting to these drives is remarkable, cutting in with no loss in momentum and his shots are deadly on the run. If Adair were a bit taller, so he would not be beaten in heading by his opponents, he would be really with but a few minor faults as a soccer star. Yes, he has been kicked around quite a bit.

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Listening In at the Goal Post

By A SCOT ABROAD

THE referee was very indignant. During the game, one of the players had called him a blank, dash, blank, blank, and so on—but he couldn't identify the offending player. So he reported the affair, and the committee was trying to trace the guilty one.

After a lot of useless questioning, up spake the gallant skipper: "Well, gentlemen, it don't seem to me as though we'll find out who called that referee a blank, dash, blank, blank—but what I should like to know is who called that blank, dash, blank, blank, a referee?"

He Guessed Wrong

"My brother has five medals for goal scoring, two medals for best player on the team, three for most goals in a game, and four badges for playing in the championship team—and they're all real gold."

"Gee! He must be some soccer player."

"Soccer player nothing! He keep a pawn-shop."

Not Too . . .

THE Club Captain called up the Local Referees' Association, and asked: "Can you send us a referee for Saturday?"

"Sure," said the l. r. a., "any particular referee?"

"Well, no," came back the skipper, "not too darned particular."

Ask Me Another

Q.—When does eleven equal nine?

A.—When it's a football eleven, because one of them is left outside, and another is always right outside."

The game was fast and furious—especially furious. Three of the home players were stretched on the grass, knocked clean out. The visiting forward was dashing towards the goal with the ball at his feet; he'd forgotten all the rules, if, indeed, he had ever known them. The angry skipper of the home team dashed over to the referee and hotly demanded: "Why don't you stop the game? That fellow's breaking every rule there is. Blow your darned whistle."

But the referee could only answer: "I c-c-cant; I've s-s-swallowed it."

It Nearly Happened to Me!

Which reminds me that I once had to stop a game I was refereeing, by grabbing up the ball; there was nothing else left for me to do, for the ball, a moment before, had hit me full in the face, and sent my whistle flying. I really thought I had swallowed it, but after a hunt, I found it on the grass!

THE fair one, at her first game: "Whatever is the matter with that man they call the referee? He must be jealous—every time dear John gets the ball, he blows his whistle and stops the game."

The Scribe

A certain well-known English player used to write for the newspapers. And his team was to be engaged, one Saturday afternoon, in the final for the English Cup—England's greatest football trophy. Mr. Blank was a full-back, and in his daily

article he held forth thus: "My team will win this afternoon; if the forwards fail, I shall take the ball myself, and run down to score the winning goal."

"My team" lost, 3—0. I guess he was too busy thinking how he could score that winning goal, to bother about his defense.

A few seasons ago, the English Football Association made a regulation forbidding players to write for the press a description of any game in which they had been playing. As one official wisely expressed it: "Their job is to play the game—not to describe it."

And there's sound sense behind that, if you think it out.

The Dear Old Lady Again

Enthusiastic fan: "Good, they've passed it out to Jones. Now you watch him swerve."

The D. O. L. (being introduced to football): "Swerve? Why? Isn't he er—quite er—sober?"

AT the meeting of the Internationale Federation there was a proposal made that the next convention should be held in Paris. There was a suggestion that it should be held in Rome in 1937. Pickford, great foreign expert, thought that it might be held in England in 1938. The suggestions were that the meeting should be held here and there and in the end Andy Brown, President of the U. S. F. A. arose and calmly suggested that it might be advisable to hold the convention in New York in 1972.

The delegates did not understand until the interpreter explained. It was the bon mot of the great Internationale gathering.

Billy Herd of New York Giants is very much interested in grey hound racing. He was always a speed merchant. He can do the hundred in some fractions of a second under evens.

George Morehouse is a great checkerplayer. It is said that he got three months to move and said at long length "I am sticking where I am." Morehouse is a full back. He plays the waiting game.

GEORGE HENDERSON of the New York National Soccer team is of belief that he also serves who stands and waits. He does. When the chance comes along then he doesn't.

Nat Fleischer would very much like to know who is the slowest soccer player in the world. He thinks it is the fellow who owed the other fellow who was Scotch.

Can a Scotsman understand an Englishman's joke? Think of the tremendous risk of an Englishman coming along with anything to beat Harry Lauder.

A spectator seeing the game for the first time was struck with the roughness of a certain player. Hearing the whistle blow he said: "I knew they would call the cops before long."

A CERTAIN Scotchman was sitting on a fence watching some boys fooling the ball around. Finally he could hold his temper no longer, ran out into the field and said: "If ye brats don't play the game according to the rules, I'll lay your case before the U. S. F. A. and have ye barred from playing the game at all."

Stoneham Outlines Policy

New York Nationals to Be Strengthened

By ERNEST J. VIBERG

THE National Exhibition Company's entry into the American Soccer League by acquiring the franchise of Indiana Flooring Company, has created considerable interest among the followers of this sport and by fellow promoters in the circuit.

Officials of the American Soccer League and the United States Football Association have greeted the event with great enthusiasm. Some have expressed the view that the move is the greatest boom the game has ever had.

While the results of this transfer can not be measured at this stage, the writer, who is the business manager, shall here outline the policies which will guide the New York Nationals toward to what we believe success:

Strict Adherence to Rules

THE National Exhibition Company wishes first to have the followers of soccer understand that it is its intention to promote the game in full accordance with the rules and regulations of the American Soccer League, and through their affiliation with the United States Football Association, which in turn is a member of the International Federation, hopes to boom the sport in this country.

People who believed that Mr. Stoneham and his associates intended to organize something new, a league which would compete with the American Soccer League or an outlaw organization, have been misinformed. Nothing of the sort has ever been thought of, nor do we think that such will ever be the case.

We think that the American Soccer League is a splendid organization. There is room for improvements, we agree, but we do not intend to force any one to accept our views as we firmly believe the league as a whole should make changes only after careful consideration. The A. S. L., like everything else in business, can never be perfect, but as the present organization has developed by combining and comparing the views of all the members, it can only be further developed by the same procedure.

Stoneham's Policy

THE National Exhibition Company is an organization whose purpose it is to serve the American public with the

best in sports. Its officials know how to do things properly and how to serve the public. They intend to do with soccer what has been done in baseball. What they have accomplished in baseball has been summarized as the most successful organization in the world. Whether such statement is a fact, we leave to the people of the world to decide.

The greatest asset for the success of a soccer team or any other form of amusement, is the support of the public. The only way such support will be forthcom-

ing, will be by creating and maintaining public confidence. In order to attain this, honesty and play above board is demanded by the fans, and this they will get from the National Exhibition Company. A promoter may succeed in fooling the public once, but as he never can do it more than once. The National Exhibition Company, which has taken up soccer with all intentions to stay in the game, will never with its knowledge be con-

To Play the Best

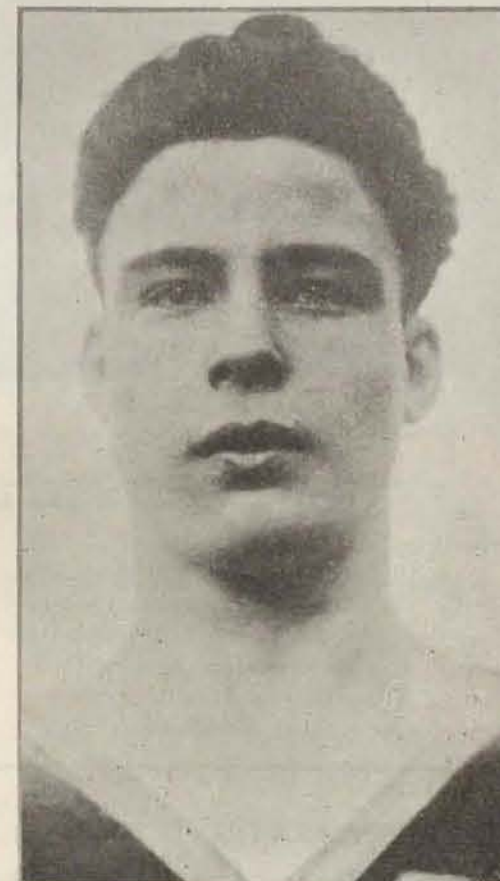
THE "New York Nationals," which is the name of our soccer team, will compete in all games under the direct control of the American Soccer League. It will also take part in the National Challenge Cup competition and any other series subject to the approval of the league. We will engage in exhibition games with teams we believe are an attraction. Such games will, however, come secondarily to regular competitions, as we at all times intend to do our utmost to carry out our obligations to the League and U. S. F. A.

It is also our intention to invite high class foreign teams for exhibition games in this country. We want to assure the public that such teams will be fully investigated as to their calibre and their make up before engaged by us. A team coming here which represents a foreign club or association, will have to prove its players are bona fide, or if the team represents a country, we will insist that every player be a citizen of the country which he represents.

To Get New Players

AS to the make up of the New York Nationals our playing manager, Bob Millar, has been instructed to do everything possible in order to secure a team second to none in this country. While no such team can be brought together overnight, we feel sure Mr. Millar soon will have a squad worthy of the great reputation John McGraw has built up with his New York Giants. We have all confidence in Bob Millar and we feel sure soccer fans in this country will agree with us that Millar must be regarded as one of the most successful players and managers in this country.

While we feel capable of carrying out the program as outlined above, we will at all times gladly receive suggestions from our fans regarding anything they believe will benefit New York Nationals, our grounds The Polo Grounds and soccer in general. We want every fan to know that the National Exhibition Company has entered the soccer field in order to serve the public, not to dictate to them.



Bay McAuley of Providence. He is a wonderful defender. He can use both feet

ing, will be by creating and maintaining public confidence. In order to attain this, honesty and play above board is demanded by the fans, and this they will get from the National Exhibition Company. A promoter may succeed in fooling the public once, but as he never can do it more than once. The National Exhibition Company, which has taken up soccer with all intentions to stay in the game, will never with its knowledge be con-

More Protection for Fans

By SAM MacLERIE

FOR real dyed in the wool sport fans, I think there are none more faithful than those who follow soccer, and there are few any tougher when it comes to braving the various elements that comes during the months of January, February and March.

At this moment I am thinking of the 1500 stout hearted or "weak" hearted, just as you may decide to call them, that stood in the pouring rain at Hawthorne Field a couple of weeks ago and saw Brooklyn play Bethlehem.

Provisioned with either raincoat and umbrella, or both, the crowd braved the unpleasant conditions just to watch its favorite sport, and they stuck it out faithfully, and seemed to enjoy watching the players revel in the mud, which sometimes covered them beyond identification.

Whether this may be attributed to their love of the game, or a slight tendency towards insanity, I don't care to say out loud, but I think it ought to serve as a good hint to club owners to get busy and put up better protection in covered stands for those who are willing to pay their good money to get soaked watching their teams play.

The players get well paid for their efforts, and it is about time that the people who pay to keep the game alive were given a "wee bit" of consideration. This also goes for the press, and the men who are doing their good share to obtain the necessary publicity needed to keep the game alive and in-



For action, how's this?—Geudert of the New York Giants, Schoenfeld of the Hakoah team and the ever watchful Billy Parkes of the New York Giants, displaying some phenomenal defensive tactics. Many of Flo Ziegfeld's Follies dancers would be envious of such agility.

teresting.

I am pleased to see that the owners of the New York National League Baseball Club have joined the ranks of soccer club owners for their acquisition of the Indiana franchise means the playing of the home games on a

field well suited for soccer, a field that affords every protection to the public and the press. What we need is more modern stadiums for soccer and the day is not far off when the ball parks of the country will be the future homes of the leading soccer teams.

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Prizes to be Awarded America's Greatest Amateur and Professional Soccer Stars

By NAT FLEISCHER

WHO is the greatest soccer player in this country?
Who was the most valuable soccer player during the championship season?

What soccer players are deserving of the honor of being named members of an American team?

What amateur player is deserving of being ranked the best in the country?

What college player was the outstanding star of the year?

Mighty interesting discussions would arise were the above queries placed before red-hot soccer fans.

BASEBALL has its most valuable player who annually receives a handsome cash award from the major leagues and has his name written among the game's Immortals.

Football has its All-America heroes, its sectional heroes and its outstanding hero. Then why not soccer?

It has been found that in every sport in which an all-star team is selected at the end of a playing season or individual stars are named, the interest in such sport increases. Every ball player strives his mightiest to be named the most valuable of the year because he realizes full well the monetary value to him of such honorable mention.

Every college gridiron player fights for all he is worth to gain the goal of his ambition—a place on the All-America or All-Sectional Eleven. The fighting spirit is aroused in him when he thinks of the hero worship that is certain to follow his selection. Both the game and the spectators are the gainers.

TO arouse this spirit in soccer, to urge a player to give the best that is in him, to increase sectional rivalry, to gain the keen interest of soccer fans, the Publisher of Soccer Pictorial has hit upon a novel plan. He has decided to name a committee of ten experts, to act as judges in the selection of the greatest soccer player for the year 1927-28, the most valuable man in championship play, the best eleven players for an All-America soccer team, the best amateur and the outstanding college star of the year.

Beautiful prizes will be awarded. Read the next issue for further details.

Newcastle Again in Limelight

THE most amazing feature of the English Soccer season so far is the depressing results registered by the Burnley club which has spent a lot of money to strengthen its team.

It is evident that Manchester United will have to go out and get players to strengthen its attack as well as its defence. It has been a mystery to the majority of people that the team should have waited thus long.

Burnley lost its fifth straight game and if Manchester United is not very careful it will find itself in the same hole.

Everton is creeping up. The club had a terrible struggle to escape relegation last season but spent a lot of money and managed to avoid the ignominy which would have attended them had the richest club in England gone under.

Newcastle United, Champions of the First Division of the English league, came through with the biggest win of the day in English soccer today, defeating Manchester United at Old Trafford by 7-1. Leicester City met with its first defeat when Derby County took a close game by 2-1. Arsenal picked up a point by sharing the honors with Ashton Villa at Birmingham, and hold the joint leads with Newcastle, each having seven points to date. Huddersfield Town picked up its first point of the season by dividing four goals with Tottenham Hotspur in London, though Burnley met with its fifth straight loss at Sheffield, where the United won by 5-2.

Blackburn Rovers registered a 3-1 win over the Wednesday at Ewood park, while Everton came through with a big win over Birmingham at Goodison park by 5-2. Cardiff City, English cut winners, shared the points with Middlesboro, Sunderland nosing out Liverpool to keep well up among the leaders while West Ham United took the measure of Portsmouth by 4-2.

British Soccer Results

Results of football games played in the British Isles for September 10, follow:

ENGLISH LEAGUE

(First Division)

Aston Villa 2, Arsenal 2.
Blackburn Rovers 3, Wednesday 1.
Bury 1, Bolton Wanderers 0.
Cardiff City 1, Middlesbrough 1.
Derby County 2, Leicester City 1.
Everton 5, Birmingham 2.
Manchester United 1, Newcastle United 7.
Sheffield United 5, Burnley 2.
Sunderland 2, Liverpool 1.



Paulino Uzcudum, European Heavyweight Champion, gets his foot in at soccer. It will be noticed that the other players are casually sympathetic.

Tottenham Hotspurs 2, Huddersfield Town 2.

West Ham United 4, Portsmouth 2.
(Second Division)

Barnsley 3, Swansea Town 3.
Blackpool 0, Clapton Orient 1.
Fulham 1, Chelsea 1.

Grimsby Town 1, Bristol City 4.
Leeds United 4, Nottingham Forest 0.
Notts County 0, Southampton 0.

Oldham Athletic 3, Stoke City 1.
Port Vale 1, Hull City 2.
Reading 1, West Bromwich Albion 4.
South Shields 0, Manchester City 1.
Wolverhampton Wanderers 2, Preston North End 3.

(Third Division)

NORTHERN SECTION

Ashington 4, Lincoln City 5.
Barrow 3, Southport 1.
Bradford 2, Chesterfield 0.
Crewe Alexandra 1, New Brighton 1.
Darlington 5, Hartlepool United 0.
Doncaster Rovers 0, Accrington Stanley 0.

Halifax Town 2, Bradford City 1.
Nelson 6, Rotherham United 1.
Stockport County 2, Durham City 1.
Tranmere Rovers 2, Wrexham 1.
Wigan Borough 1, Rochdale 2.

SOUTHERN SECTION

Bournemouth and Boscombe 2, Luton Town 2.
Brighton and Hove 3, Millwall 1.
Bristol Rovers 1, Coventry City 1.
Charlton Athletic 3, Newport County 2.
Merthyr Town 3, Walsall 2.

Northampton 5, Exeter City 0.
Norwich City 4, Torquay United 0.
Plymouth Argyle 2, Gillingham 2.
Queen's Park Rangers 2, Brentford 3.
Southend United 6, Crystal Palace 1.
Watford 2, Swindon Town 5.

SCOTTISH LEAGUE

(First Division)

Aberdeen 4, Hibernians 2.
Airdrieonians 2, Hamilton Academicals 0.
Boiness 2, Dundee 0.
Celtic 3, Queen's Park 0.
Cowdenbeath 1, Kilmarnock 1.
Hearts 6, Dunfermline Athletics 0.
Motherwell 2, Falkirk 3.
Partick Thistle 0, Rangers 6.
St. Johnstone 0, Clyde 0.
St. Mirren 4, Raith Rovers 3.

(Second Division)

Arbath 4, Queen of South 1.
Armada 2, St. Bernard 1.
Ayr United 5, Albion Rovers 3.
Dumbarton 5, Morton 0.
Dundee United 1, King's Park 1.
East Fife 2, Alloa 4.
East Stirling 2, Clydebank 1.
Leith Athletic 2, Bathgate 2.
Stenhousemuir 4, Arthurlie 1.
Third Lanark 1, Forfar Athletic 1.

IRISH LEAGUE

Glenavon 3, Linfield 5.
Cliftonville 0, Glentoran 2.
Barn 1, Ards 3.
Belfast Celtic 1, Portadown 1.
Distillery 0, Coleraine 3.
Bangor 2, Newry 1.
Queen's Island 1, Lame 2.

Olympic Team Selections

To Be By Elimination Competition

THE Olympic committee of the United States Football association has started making plans for the selecting of a team to represent this country at the Olympiad in 1928, and the following tentative recommendations are being discussed by the committee in order that they may get working on a definite basis:

1—That the team to represent the United States at the Olympic games of 1928 be chosen by an elimination com-

2—That teams for such competition be organized in cities and districts as approved by this committee and that for such competition they be regarded as picked teams; be allowed to use players registered in such district or city without impairing their registration with teams to which they may belong.

3—That teams entering for play in the elimination competition must file with this committee by Jan. 1, 1928, a roster of not less than 18 players eligible to participate in the Olympic games and that the committee have power to require proof of this to its satisfaction.

4—That teams in the elimination competition must be ready to enter competition any time after Jan. 15, that this committee sees fit to order.

5—That this committee have the right to designate districts for championship play with due regard to the convenience of the teams and successful financing.

7—That teams in districts be drawn against each other in due form and the cities for games be decided in the same manner; all games to be played as drawn unless by mutual agreement of both teams, upon approval of this committee.

8—That receipts from all games be handled by this committee and assigned to the credit of each of the competing teams on a 50-50 basis after reasonable expenses have been deducted by the home team and after the traveling expenses of the visiting team.

9—That the money to the credit of each team be used as a revolving fund to pay the expenses of the team in Olympic elimination competition so far as possible. That any surplus left over at the close of the competition go into the Olympic funds of the U. S. F. A.

10—That competition in the elimination be "knock out" up to the final and this latter be best two out of three. One game of the final is automatically assigned to the home city of each of the competing teams and if a third is necessary the teams are to toss to decide its selection unless otherwise mutually agreeable to both teams, subject to the approval of this committee.

11—That this committee assume charge of the championship team at the close of the elimination and have the right to use it in such exhibitions as it may see fit for the benefit of the Olympic fund, for a period not exceeding three weeks.

12—That this committee has the right to select any outstanding player from any district to be added to the strength of the team winning the elimination competition final in order to get the strongest possible team to represent the United States.

13—That this committee have the right to make such further rules and regulations as may be necessary to carry into effect the plans as outlined, subject to the approval of the National Commission of the United States Football association.



Bobby Yule, best outside-left in United States. He hopes to play better

petition amongst teams, all players of which are eligible to play in Olympic competition.



"Jock" Allen, left fullback of the J. & P. Coats

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On the European Continent

By **HIUGO MEISEL**

EUROPE is all het up over the recent statement of the Dutch Olympic Committee that it will recognize the "part time" rule in the next Olympics. Its interpretation of the practical employment of the "broken time" question has aroused those nations which heretofore have strictly adhered to the amateur code, with the result that it seems things will not be so rosy in Olympic soccer next year.

In 1925 and last year, attempts were made to get this rule into effect, but without result, but this year the Dutch spent so much money for their huge stadium that they figured some money must come back, and to get this money into the country the committee realized that every effort must be made to obtain as many of the leading soccer teams of the world as possible as competitors.

England, Sweden and Holland have always stood for an absolutely strict interpretation of the amateur rule, while Germany, France and Belgium have stood for an elastic code. To get these nations into the fold, the Dutch Olympic Committee decided to favor the lighter interpretation with the result that the field is now open for the introduction of professionalism into all branches of the Olympic games.

If it is right to pay the soccer players for their time off, then why not the swimmers, the track and field athletes, the fencers, the horsemen, etc.?

In my opinion, the decision of the International Olympic Committee was a great mistake.

The majority of the amateur star players on the European, South American, and perhaps other countries, will try everything in order to make money out of football, not only in connection with the Olympic Games, but on the occasion of every journey, amateur star players will try to get money under the "for broken time" rule.

Nobody is better acquainted with the mentality of the amateur star players than myself, and there is a great danger that by this decision, other sports like athletics, swimming, boxing, fencing and ice hockey will suffer in future. All depends upon the gates.

I am going so far as to say that if the International Olympic Committee is not

withdrawing its unfortunate resolution, the whole Olympic Games will suffer. All doors will be opened for many kinds of abuses. The Olympic Games are in danger of disruption. I think that the wonderful enthusiast, Baron Pierre Coubertin, for many years President of the International Olympic Committee, foresaw this sad development, and that for this chief reason he retired two years ago.

Central European Cup

THE Central European Cup Competition is under way. This organization was started by myself for the champions and cup winners of Austria, Hungary, Czechoslovakia and Yugoslavia. The first three countries with their best professional, and Yugoslavia with its two best amateur sides, are eligible to play.

The following clubs are taking part in this competition:

Austria—Admira and Rapid.

Hungary—Hungaria and U. T. E.

Czechoslovakia—Slavia and Sparta.

Jugoslavia—Beogradski Sport Club and Hajduk, Spalato, Belgrad.

The Central European Cup Competition is similar to the American Davis Cup system, but every team must meet the opponent at home and abroad. The victories or draws and the difference of goals are the deciding factors.

The favorite team is considered the Sparta-Prague, but in Hungary the fans think that also the Hungaria eleven has a good chance to conquer the Czechoslovakian champions.

Austrian Stars Here

GUTTMANN, Hausler, Fabian, Gold and Tandler have left us to join the New York Giants. All five left together Vienna in order to sail over to their second home, the United States.

Guttmann, Hausler and Tandler's capacities are known in New York. All played well here before sailing. Fabian also gave a very good account of himself, in particular in the game against Admira. Fabian, as English footballers say, was in the pink of condition. He is certainly one of the cleverest goalkeepers on the continent, but like many artists, he has also very weak moments. He is not always enjoying an understanding with his backs.

The Vienna press has expressed regret about the loss of Fabian and Hausler. At

present the Austrian professional class is in need of first class fullbacks. Many papers here would have liked to see Tandler remain at home because of his playing ability.

Konrad Stirrs Austrians

KALMAN KONRAD, former Wanderers' player, has returned to Austria, where he had quite a time getting an engagement.

As Konrad jumped his contract to join the Brooklyn Club last year, he was placed under suspension. When he returned here he tried to join his old club, the Austria or the Wacker Club of Vienna, but the Austrian Football Association has not yet discharged him from his suspension. When Konrad left the Austrian Club, that organization decided to ignore his request for reinstatement. Thereupon, the Hungaria Club, the organization with which Konrad made his start, offered him a contract, and Konrad signed.

As a result of this action, a battle is brewing as the Austrian Football Association, following the ruling of the International Federation, insists that no club has a right to sign Konrad until after his full period of punishment has been served. The Hungaria Club intends to settle the matter amicably if possible.

Neufeld in Difficulty

NEMES NEUFELD is without any contract. It is not probable that any first class club in Budapest will be able and disposed to make him a satisfactory offer. Considering that, according to the new rules in Italy, where no foreigner is able to take part in the championships, a great number of very good players are idle because they must return to their native country. There are plenty of cheap and excellent footballers at the disposal of the few professional clubs in Hungary. At present there are 67 players seeking for registration.

Under these conditions it will be difficult even for stars to join Hungarian League teams.

Send in Pictures

Readers of this magazine are requested to send in photographs of their favorites. They will be published as space permits. Soccer stories of 800 words are also requested. Those whose stories are accepted will receive \$5.00.

Gossip from New England

By **ST. MUNGO**

THE Lonsdale Avenue eleven pleasantly surprised its following on its first appearance of the season. Among those of pessimistic inclinations it had come to be accepted, that all the talent available as far as the "mill" team is concerned, is the so-called cast-offs of other clubs in the circuit. If the trio of toe artists, Kerr, Reid and Lyons, secured by Manager Wade for the coming campaign are in the aforesaid class, then the worst luck I can wish the management of the "maroons" is that they land one or two more of the same class.

"Clamdiggers" Problem

Providence as yet doesn't seem to have got that blend in attack it would like. Criticism, at this early date, is foolhardy and unfair to the players concerned, but I venture an opinion that a "swap" of positions between Bob Finlayson and Hutchison, the inside right, might be of benefit to the club. Hutchison, I am informed, has filled the center forward position earlier in his career, so the experiment is well worth a trial.

Popular Barney

Barney Battles and Boston have settled their differences, and this clever utility man has again thrown in his lot with the "beaneaters." Barney was not the only dissident in the New England district, but his troubles with the "Hub" officials claimed the undivided attention of the fans in more than one section. Speculation was rife as to Barney's future location, but now that he has signed it has done a great deal to revive the spirits of the "blue and gold" supporters.

Boston Support Needed

COMMENCING with the first league game on September 10, the price of ground admission for all Boston's games was announced as 75 cents, with the usual extra charge for grandstand seats. In making this change, the directors were faced with the cold fact that the support accorded the team since its organization did not warrant a continuance of an American League franchise in Boston.

Two courses were open to them. First, increased support by the people for whom the sport was provided, or secondly, transfer of the franchise to some better paying location.

Few people realize that the travelling expenses of the team are far greater than those of a Scottish or English league

team, owing to the wide territory which the American Soccer League embraces. It is obvious that the average crowd which attends Walpole Street does not begin to meet the expenses of a team of Boston's calibre.

New York and Brooklyn have a minimum charge of \$1.10, with the added advantage of being able to stage Sunday games. This latter privilege also helps to swell the coffers of Fall River, Providence, Hartford, Newark and Indiana. The men who, prompted by enthusiasm for the game, risked their money and gave uncomplainingly of their time and energy, are at least entitled to an even break. We know that the soccer fans of Boston will give it to them.

Others in "Queer Street"

The above announcement is not surprising. The support accorded the Walpole Street club since its organization has been far from satisfactory, and not in keeping with the calibre of ball provided by the Boston management. Boston is not the only Saturday club in New England which has had this experience. Pawtucket has found it difficult in the past two seasons to make ends meet, and while the management of the Rhode Islanders is fully cognizant of the fact that the club is not up to concert pitch, still the falling off in support has made it well-nigh impossible for the management to enter an open market and compete for talent with clubs in better standing.

Coats's "Mac"

In signing "Bill" McIntosh, the ex-New Bedford center-half, J. & P. Coats has taken a player who ought to do the club good service. Previous to throwing in his lot with the "Whalers," Bill was a popular member of the Lonsdale Avenue eleven, and his return has created supreme satisfaction among the club following.

Harper's Understudy

I HEAR Fall River is angling for Smith, Brooklyn's goal-tender. With the departure of Finlay Kerr and Tommy Blair to Pawtucket and Hartford, the Stadium eleven is without a reserve keeper to big Bill Harper. Smith is evidently first choice with the Stadium officials. The Brooklynite has been a prime favorite in these parts for the past season or two. His abilities as a capable net guardian is universally recognized.

The "Marksmen" would be fortunate in having two such as Harper and Smith to carry them through the coming campaign.

Lack of Capable Defenders

One noticeable feature in the make-up of the clubs for the opening of the league season was the scarcity of full-back material. In New England, the Cup-holders are the only organization which could replace either defender if necessary. Providence has two, McAulley and Martin, and Aimer, who is on the way across the pond. J. & P. Coats has Stevenson and Allan, and Hendry, a newcomer from the British Army, who is on trial.

Boston has McArthur and Gibson, and is scouting the Dominion for another. New Bedford has McMillan and Hunter, and also Gregg, formerly of Philadelphia. The list is not too convincing, with the injury "bogey" ever among us, and dogging us this early in the season. It would be a wise move to strengthen the rear guard before necessity compels that course.

"Will Ye No Come Back Again?"

Caldwell, last season with Fall River, and Dennis Lawson, last season with Providence, seemingly is lost to American soccer for this season at least. Caldwell has signed for his old club, Clydebank, in the second division, Scottish League, and Dennis, we hear, has had some trouble about his number in the quota, which will keep him about another year in the land of the "heather."

The cup-holders are the ones mostly concerned about these two capable toe artists. Lawson was as good as transferred to Fall River at the end of last season from Providence, while Caldwell was the property of the "spindle" city management, and a general favorite with the club following.

Towers Cleveland Leader

Cleveland soccer fans will be glad to see Steve Towers hooked up with the game again. He will manage the Cleveland Club, and should get a good side together, as Steve knows a player when he sees one.

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News from Old Country

By TED BROADRIBB

(London, Special Correspondence)

CHARLIE ROBERTS of Manchester United fame is not usually very far off the map. He says that the clubs to follow are Manchester City, Chelsea West Bromwich, Leeds



Stanley Brooks, left half of J. and P. Coats. Raised on sandlots of Pavoticket and popular with fans. United, Notts Forest and Preston North End.

A very good friend in the journalistic world says that there is no cause for

anxiety about the departure of Harper for the United States. The chief anxiety is: what is going to happen when he comes home. The people in the Old Country are in hysterics over his departure.

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When Bristol City went out for promotion to win a higher rating, a promise was made that if the team won, all players would be signed again. The promise was kept when Bristol City gained its objective.

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JOHAN MCCARTNEY is of the opinion that Nick Ross was the greatest full back who ever played. Must give these old timers the once over.

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Archie Cowan, the ex-Queens Parker is looking for a club that he could help along.

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Straight question. Straight answer. Would Steve Bloomer do the game any good here. He might try.

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It is almost a certainty that Stephen Mitchell of St. Bernard will transfer himself to Newcastle for a consideration.

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South Shields is quite cognizant of the fact that its defense is not up to the standard. Neil Morrison, the half back, is very much in demand. It will be a week or two before there is anything doing according to those in the know.

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H. M. Abrahams, who won the 100 meter race in Paris, is a great soccer enthusiast. He believes the best of all beverages for soccer players is strong cold tea.

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CRESSWELL, the ex-Sunderland and South Shields full back, has been appointed captain of the Everton team. He succeeds Hunter Hart, one of the cleverest players who ever came out of Airdrie.

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Young Wilson of Cambuslang Rangers who is doing so well for Aberdeen, is tipped by Alan Morton as a prospective Internationalist. That is going some so early in the season. He is taking Alick Reid's place, he who has gone to Preston.

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The English authorities are taking a very strong stand against rough play.



Hughie Coyle, left half back of the Fall River eleven.

The referee sends along his billet doux to the F. A. and quickly follows a letter to the player which reminds him of his misdeeds. What about an official black book here?

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Heard and Seen in Brooklyn

By ED DUFFY

STEVE SMITH, one of the Wanderers' goalies, is much desired by Sam Mark, the Fall River impresario but the former Canadian will not leave the Brooklyn club. He has returned from his "loan period" at Fall River where he performed while Harper was injured. Smith is starting his fifth season.

This recalls to mind that Nat Agar has several veterans on his team. Dave Robertson who is playing very well at halfback—he has probably earned a regular berth in that position—is performing for his sixth year. Bobby Yule, Matt Shortt, Johnny Nelson have been on the payroll a long time and Bobby Curtis is back again after a period of play with the Flatbush men some four years ago. For a time Smith's name was placed on the transfer list but Agar has decided to cross it off.

Smith is what they call a money player in baseball. He rises to great form usually in important contests. We will never forget the game he played in the American Soccer League Cup semi-final against Fall River last year at Tiverton. Most every save that it is possible for a goalie to make was Steve's contribution that day.

It is strange how Gordon Burness never did quite find himself with the Wanderers. His acquisition from the Wanderers by Boston revealed the fact that Bethlehem was very eager to get the young player but for some reason or other the Steelmen did not push negotiations as rapidly as Boston and the Hub men took the young Canadian who yet will develop into a star.

A situation that was loaded with dynamite has been cleared upon by the payment of a cash sum to the Brooklyn Wanderers by the New York Giants for the services of Dr. Schillinger who came to this country with the Maccabees. For a time it appeared as if the young midico were going to play with the Wanderers but suddenly it was announced that the Giants had his name on a contract to play with them this season. The American Soccer League officials were appraised of the difficulty but James Armstrong of the Giants and Nat Agar of the Wanderers got together and the thing was patched up.

DAVY JONES, very good center forward of the I. R. T. Celtics has recovered from a badly sprained ankle and has resumed playing. Manager Billy Neuman of the Celtics has his fighting Irishmen working out every Tuesday and Thursday night in the club gymnasium.

The Hartford eleven which meets the Wanderers at Hawthorne Field on Sunday, Sept. 25, is the baby of the American Soccer League and has been recruited largely from other teams on the circuit. Tom Blair, goalie; Tewfik Abdullah, the Egyptian and Bob Hutchison, forwards, were obtained from Fall River; Harry Cowan, the mute fullback comes from New Bedford and Willie Ballantyne, one of the famous soccer brothers was obtained from Boston. Bain, a fullback and Owen, centerforward are Canadian players of considerable reputation.

But with all that this team will have plenty to do to hold up its end in its first year in big league company.

When Kalman Konrad refused to sign a contract to play with the Wanderers this season, there was no ill feeling behind the decision. He simply could not stand the severity of the game as played here with its Saturday and Sunday games. He has returned to Vienna and is understood to have signed for his former club there which, it is said, paid him \$1700 for attaching his name to the necessary papers. If that be true, soccer club owners in the United States are not the only ones free with their pocket-books.

Under playing conditions that are right for him, Konrad is certainly a star. The ability he displayed soon after his arrival in this country a year ago was uncanny and it did much to further appreciation of the art of the game with the new spectators who had no idea there was so much skill involved in "just kicking the ball," as so many have put it before witnessing such men as the Viennese wonder.

THE HEBREW-AMERICAN Soccer League which will play most of its games at Hawthorne Field this season has been whipped into shape for its current season of play. Nathan Agar was chosen present president of the league at a recent meeting at which twelve elev-

ens signified their intention of entering. The Agar Cup is the magnet of the season's effort. The circuit will not lack for support in Brooklyn as Mr. Agar has taken a great interest in the development of the young Jewish soccer players and will spare no effort to further its success.

The St. Mary's Soccer Club has made another application for membership in the International League. The application will be acted upon at the next meeting of the league.

Junior teams in Brooklyn are being whipped into shape for the competitive seasons in their leagues. Most of these circuits swing into play the first week in October. The International League teams, which have been playing exhibition games right along are quite ready but calls have been sent out by the other leagues operating in Brooklyn to teams desiring to enter for the season now at hand.

NEWS FROM THE OLD COUNTRY

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Cresswell, the Everton player, who used to have his habitation on the southern shores of the Atlantic, is now Captain of Everton. Wonder if he remembers the lucifers passing on their way to the sewer and the little speculations thereanent.

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IT is contended that Moody will be such a goalkeeper for the arsenal that Harper's absence will not be felt. He must be a star.

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It must be accepted as a certainty that Gregory will be with Millwall all season. There were whispers that he was to go further afield. The information is not correct. Gregory and Bob Hunter have come to an agreement. He is a strict amateur by the way.

IT is very hard luck on Burnley that it will be without Steel, its Hamilton half back. He is getting better, but he has had an attack of fever which is bound to incapacitate him for quite a while.

How To Keep Goal—

Quick Thinking Essential

By CHARLES MILNE

WITH this issue, the initial number, Soccer Pictorial, through Charles Milne, for years leading writer both abroad and in Canada, will conduct a page devoted wholly to the beginner. With this in view, Mr. Milne has started the ball rolling with an article on "How to Keep Goal." Mr. Milne is an authority on the sport and if you follow his articles, you'll soon become an expert yourself.

The position of the goal keeper is a most important one. Much depends on him. He is the one player who must not make a mistake, for an error on his part cannot be rectified by any of his team mates. He may play a supernatural game, yet his failure to hold a ball with a spin on it, for example, will offset all his brilliancy, for that blunder cannot be rectified. It is fatal.

In "ye olden days" the goalkeeper was liable to be bundled into the net. "You take the ball and I'll take the man" was the rule, although not the written law.

A goalkeeper had of necessity to possess the stature and girth of a Goliath. He was threatened, advised well ahead of time what was coming to him, and was really compelled to keep a more watchful eye upon his opponents than the ball. There were dozens of embryo Tunney and Dempsey duels, scraps every five or ten minutes, which helped to enliven the proceedings.

Most Protected Player

NOWADAYS, he is the most protected player on the field. Only when in possession of the ball can he be charged, and the least semblance of violence against him is promptly penalized.

He may handle the ball within the penalty area, but he cannot carry it more than two steps. Referees seem to forget this occasionally. Then penalty box stretches out from a point eighteen yards at right angles to the goal line, and connected with each other by a line.

Inside the penalty area the goalkeeper must not bounce the ball. He may drop it, pick up again, take two steps, drop



Johnny Nelson, the Yonkers lad of the Brooklyn Wanderers, shows how to kick a goal. Try one of these kicks.

again, pick up and so on until he reaches the boundary lines of the penalty box, but once outside the area he is subject to the same restraints as other members of the team, and can only use feet and head.

A goalkeeper must be possessed of supreme confidence because of the great

responsibility of his position. He is the one and only player to save his side when all seems lost.

Decision and courage are essential qualities, and hesitation in the least degree is fatal. Every goalkeeper must of necessity take risks. He must do some

thing, no matter how critical the situation.

THE very first duty of a goalkeeper is to get the ball away at all hazards. When under severe pressure he should turn the ball past the post or tip it over the crossbar for a corner. This enables the other members of the team to come to his rescue.

To possess height is an advantage, but is not essential. Baby Foulkes of Sheffield United fame was a giant in stature, and dealt with opposing forwards as if they were pigmies, but equally famous was the diminutive Dan McArthur, who kept goal for Celtic. He was intrepid, agile and totally lacking in fear.

Speaking generally, a goalkeeper who is under 5 ft. 8 ins. in height is at a disadvantage in catching high balls, whizzing angular shots just under eight feet in height I mean, not spirituous concoctions, the quest of the bibulous.

A tall goalkeeper, however, is at a disadvantage in getting down to low balls. The art of plunging or diving for a ball can only be acquired by constant practice. To throw one's self on the ground when it is bone dry or frost bound is not a very pleasant sensation. The time to practice it is when the ground is soft and pliable.

The best place of all to practice diving of the kind is a hayfield. These, of course, are not usually to be found adjacent to a city football enclosure, but in the absence of a supply of hay or straw, two or three mattresses will be found to answer the purpose.

There are those who maintained that a goalkeeper should stand on his goal line in all circumstances, but when there is no one between him and an opponent, it is policy to leave his charge and secure possession of the ball at all costs. Practice running out of goal when at practice.

Should Not Fist the Ball

A GOALKEEPER should never fist the ball unless he absolutely must, through lack of time or pressure of opponents crowding in upon him. A ball travelling at terrific speed may be stopped the more easily if it is brought down, but in doing this there is always the danger of the intervention of oncoming forwards. Every effort, therefore, ought to be made to catch the ball firmly and get rid of it resolutely with the utmost speed, preferably to the wing forwards. In wet weather the goalkeeper should wear gloves of the plain woollen variety.

When a corner kick is being taken, a goalkeeper ought always to take up a position at the goalpost furthest from where the kick is being taken. In this

Coming To The Front With A Rush



position he has a clear view of the ball all the way and can judge its flight accurately. And would referees, like good fellows, be good enough not to take up a position between the corner flag and the near goalpost when a corner kick is being taken. Goalkeepers don't like it.

In attempting to save a penalty kick, watch the boot of a player who is taking it. You may be able to decide at which side of the goal he intends to place. And keep on your toes ready to make the dive.

Next Week

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Keen Interest in Detroit

By ARTHUR SALE

SOCCER in Detroit made a somewhat inauspicious debut for the 1927-28 season, when an all-star eleven called from the newly organized Detroit Professional league, easily succumbed to Philadelphia Celtic in a tame exhibition at Packard park, by 4 goals to 2.

Considerable interest surrounded this opening engagement, as it not only served to introduce the new pro circuit to Detroit fans, but also marked the initial appearance of the Irish aggregation that will represent the Quaker City in the American league tournament.

From a local standpoint the game was disappointing, the score by no means reflecting the measure of the visitors' superiority, and if the talent selected is to be taken as indicative of the cream of the circuit, there seems little prospect for anticipating any great improvement over the mediocre displays which have generally characterized former seasons, and apart from Holley Carburetor's phenomenal and inexplicable success in the preceding national championship race, have invariably resulted in Detroit occupying a lowly place in senior circles.

New Blood in Line-up

A COUPLE of the recent importations received their local baptism. For John Maxwell, goalkeeper, secured from Oxford City by the Cougars, it was an immersion, and he was taken out at the interval after making the Irishman a present of two goals. Joe Gregreski, a product of the Emerald Isle, who will assist Holley Carburetor at outside-right, was more successful, and while displaying nothing spectacular, was easily the best forward in the Detroiters' line-up. This is not to be taken as fulsome praise for the newcomer, as the rest of the quintet, familiar faces in these parts, were miserable failures against the sturdy Irish defenders.

During the second period four substitutes were employed, the most prominent of which was W. McManus, another Holley Carburetor recruit, evidently secured as successor to Gerrit Visser, the blond Hollander to whose prolific goal scoring ability more than anything else the western champions owed their success. McManus was responsible for both tallies accruing to Detroit, although neither marker could be classed as earned.

The first was extremely doubtful, the center forward's drive being smartly

handled by the Celts' goalie, but the referee, although far down the field, ruled that the ball had crossed the line. The second goal resulted from a rebound, Maguire's clearance striking the onrushing forward squarely on the body and going off at a tangent out of Mc-Minn's reach.

Need More Time

HALF a game is, of course, insufficient to pass an opinion upon the caliber of Visser's successor, providing the latter does not come to terms with his old club, for whom he is reported to be a hold-out, but one thing is certain, he will have to be exceptionally good to equal the flying Dutchman at his best.

As regards the Philadelphia outfit, so far as possessing a knowledge of the finer points of the game is concerned, they displayed science in the art of ball manipulation, individual skill and combination of a high order, employing a mixture of short and long passing movements, and are a typical British aggregation.

In neither of the games in which the club participated (on Labor Day the Irish eleven defeated the best of the Detroit American amateur league 3-0) were they sufficiently extended to bring out the best they had. Nevertheless for a team that had not previously played together in competition, being imported from various Irish clubs, the side functioned well as a unit, and should soon be hitting as a well oiled machine. The players are all on the youthful side, the majority being well above the average in height and weight, and so far as fighting spirit goes are there with bells on when it comes to anything approaching a scrap. Referee David Evans had to rule with a firm hand to keep several of the players in check, and this in a friendly exhibition with nothing tangible at stake.

Discipline Required

While it is not strictly within the purview of a sports correspondent to record what happens off the field, the subsequent conduct of the visitors left much to be desired, and if continued will undoubtedly have a detrimental effect upon their standing, both in athletic and social circles. Probably it is to some extent excusable for those accustomed to liberty of movement in individual habits and custom, but stricter discipline will have to be maintained if the team is to excel in American soccer, and flagrant and open contempt for the tenets of the

eighteenth amendment curbed in order to give the public the class of play for which they will be expected to pay to witness. Had it not been for a good Samaritan giving his personal survey, at least one prominent member of the Celtic club would have been detained in Detroit in the clutches of the law, which is a condition that for the sake of the good name of the sport in this section, should not be allowed to be repeated. If the team will settle down and play fair with themselves, their sponsors and the public, they will develop into one of the best soccer machines in this country, and gain for the Quaker City considerable prestige in the realms of sport.

The other bout on the opening bill was won by Walkerville, who defeated Solvay by 4 goals to 3 to annex the championship of the Western Intercity league left undecided at the end of the previous season, and secure possession of the Mayor Smith shield for one year.

All local leagues swing into action Sunday, the Detroit Professional circuit staging a double-header at Packard park. Western Intercity loop has four games listed for decision, and the Detroit American, with its 32 senior and 4 junior clubs, has a full quota of bouts on the program.

Detroit Cougars have lined up a strong aggregation, the bulk of which is outside talent. This team is expected to dominate the major group. Holley Carburetor furnished the opposition in the opener of the league series, and although the western champs were minus the services of several former players, the recent acquisitions proved of benefit.

All Scots and Celtic, the other members of the quartet, clashed in the second half of the twin bill. There is known to be a lot of unattached soccer talent that has drifted into the City from outside points and across the Canadian border, and these men may be seen on some local club.

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