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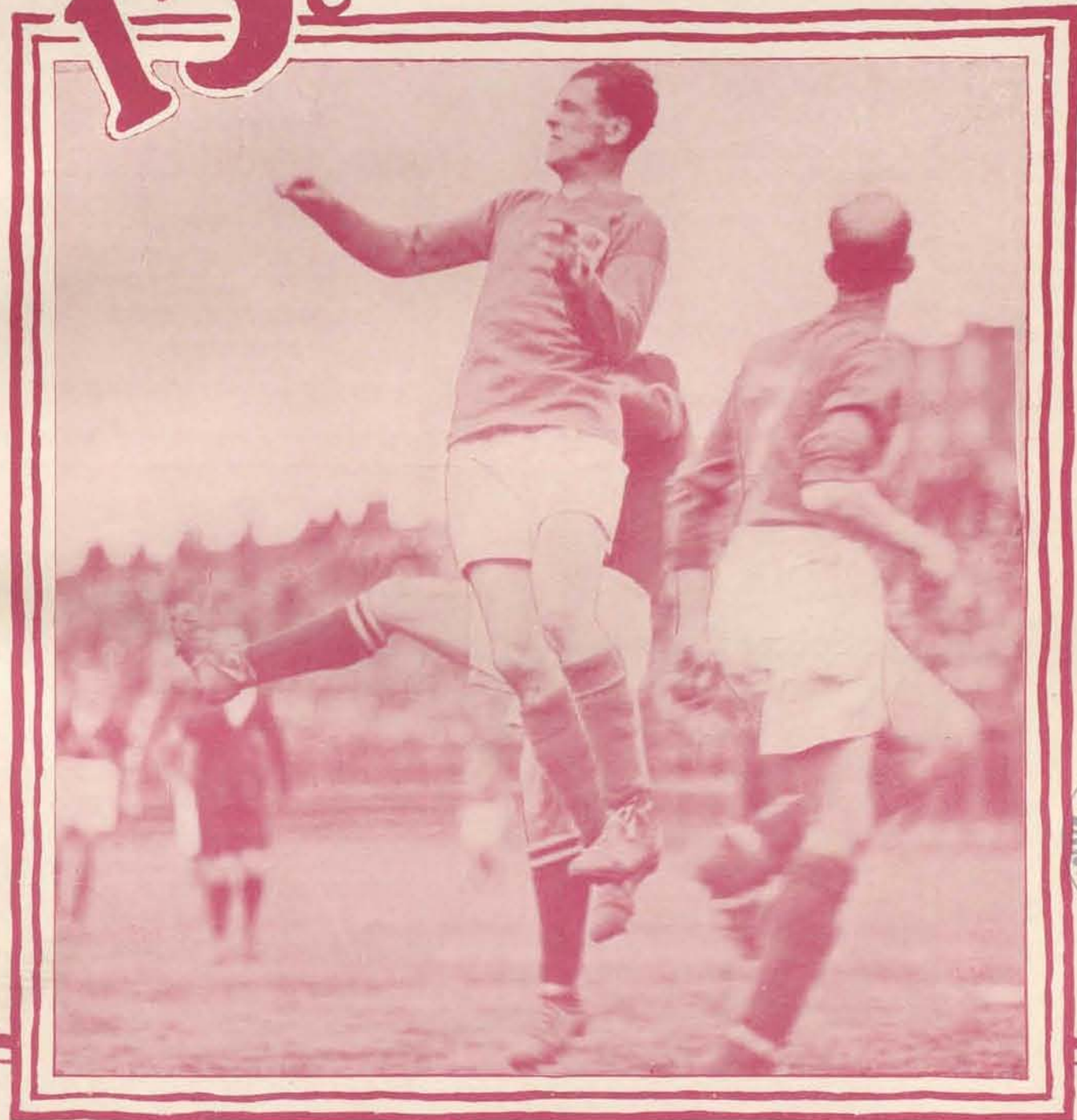
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U. S. F. A. President Speaks

Andrew Brown Tells of Aims of Soccer's Ruling Body

—By OUR SPECIAL COMMISSIONER—

ANDREW BROWN, president of the U. S. F. A., is one of the outstanding figures in soccer today. Somewhere, perhaps, he may have an enemy, but the identity of the individual is not known.

Although Mr. Brown has been very much in the limelight so far as soccer is concerned, he has persistently eschewed personal publicity. It will surprise his associates in the game to learn that when the special Commissioner of the Soccer Pictorial was assigned to the task, the U. S. F. A. president granted an interview to a newspaper man for the first time in his life.

Andrew Brown is wholeheartedly devoted to soccer, and never, while he is president, will he permit any tinkering with the honorable precepts of the greatest game in the world, as he calls soccer. He has followed its progress since he was a mere lad and before the writer initiated discussion upon matters of momentous interest, the U. S. F. A. president was quite reminiscent.

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WHEN he came to this country in 1921, there was little communication between the clubs then in existence. Only through the medium of the American Cup Competition were they brought together. When Mr. Brown played in Philadelphia, he recalls a game at which there were seventeen spectators present who each paid fifteen cents for admission. They had a splendid ground, for which they paid in rental annually the staggering sum of \$50.

A little known fact was made known to the writer. As far back as 1898 the professional element was introduced into the game, the league embracing clubs in Philadelphia, Paterson, Newark and Jersey City. The U. S. F. A. president distinctly recalls the coming of the Paterson team to Philadelphia, and the mild sensation which its visit created.

That initial attempt which failed, was followed by an effort to introduce the game at the baseball grounds. These were the days of Wild Bill Donovan and the famous Riley of the Philly team. There was a team in Baltimore and on the baseball scoring sheets, the meeting of soccer teams was announced and the results of games published. Eventually a small club sheet was issued, but there

was nothing done in the way of getting a following and the league disbanded.

The players who took part in the games were crude in their movements, and it was little wonder that the game did not attract the masses. The necessity of coaching was very apparent. The best thing that was done about that time in Philly was the creation of a league in which the colleges and the cricket clubs took an interest in the game in the winter time. C. C. Morris and Mr. Thayer, the vice-president of the Pennsylvania Railroad, took part in the game at that time.

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THEN followed the creation of the U. S. F. A., who encouraged the establishment of State Associations and the formation of the American League. "And what about the American Soccer League?" I queried.

"When we came to that, we entered upon a state where money is spelt in large letters, because, for one thing, there have been brought into the game a number of men with experience gained in other branches of sport, and they have been brought in contact with men whose experience has been developed. I refer to such as Tom Adam, Maurice Vandeweghe, and Nat Agar, who have followed along the lines of soccer, while others have just come into the game, so to speak.

"I have always felt that the men who have worked at the legislative end for 25 years would one day hand over their duty to others who were to see possible the carrying on of the game. It is perfectly possible that the day is arriving, but it is not yet on the calendar. There are some who are merely making an investment, and these are not the men who should have control. It would be inflammably dangerous were it so."

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"I FEEL very strongly," President Brown said, "that the important games here should be played earlier in the season, although the American League has changed that to some extent. We have not taken advantage of the good weather, being afraid of the baseball situation, but when the clubs are not afraid, then it is almost certain to my thinking that we shall reap results, a harvest after a long effort.

"We have previously allowed the most important of our games to be played in December and January. The game could go on through every month of the year with the exception of July and August, starting off on September 1. Men are not fit to stand the enervating period of hot summer weather in this country."

"Do you think there will be a split between the U. S. F. A. and the American Soccer League?"

"My answer is very definite, that is as to the expression of my own opinion. I have always been wedded to the idea of a solid national organization, solid regardless of where that body might control. To my mind, it is inconceivable that any aggregation of smaller numbers, however powerful, could usurp the powers of the national body.

"National Associations are bound together in all avenues of sports. The F. I. F. A. controls our soccer game internationally. It has welded together all the nations where the game of soccer is controlled.

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THE result of this is that an exchange of players has been made possible as well as visits from one club to another. If the time has arrived, or will have when the league feels that it is strong enough to proceed along its own path, feeling assured that they will secure the desired results by playing with their own clubs, then I have nothing to say.

"But I say only when that time has arrived in this country, when it may be found profitable, with a due regard to a business-like consideration of the subject as well as a business-like attitude towards it, the power of the Federation ought not to be tampered with. Assuming the continuance of the power of the F. I. F. A., considering our present dependency upon the imported player, the native borns suitable—with one or two exceptions—to excell in the game having not arrived in quantity sufficient to warrant that independence, the dependence upon the ruling of the Federation must obtain.

VISITS of foreign teams to this country—always assuming the Federation remaining in power—would not be permitted to any club or clubs who were not affiliated with the parent body, owing allegiance to that territory. When any

body has the confidence to appeal to the native born, then that body might go ahead on their own and endeavor to thwart the power invested in the ruling body, but to my thinking until that time arrives, it would be imprudent for anybody to dissolve partnership with the U. S. F. A."

"Do you seriously think that, what for the want of another word, I shall call a 'split,' is contemplated?"

"I think not. There are a few of the club representatives aggravated over purely trivial matters. I have found the larger number of them—and I speak only of these with whom I have acquaintance—and of those whom I have been brought into contact. I have found them wholly reasonable. I have the feeling that because the American Soccer League prefers to conduct its business behind closed doors, by so doing is created an impression that what concerns them concerns no one else.

"This, I think, is a mistake. Where there is appeal for the support of the people you must make of them a confident. I believe that they should rather welcome the presence of those whose appearance might be of advantage in the discussion of the many questions which are continually appearing on the agenda of unknown business."

"Have they anything to conceal?"

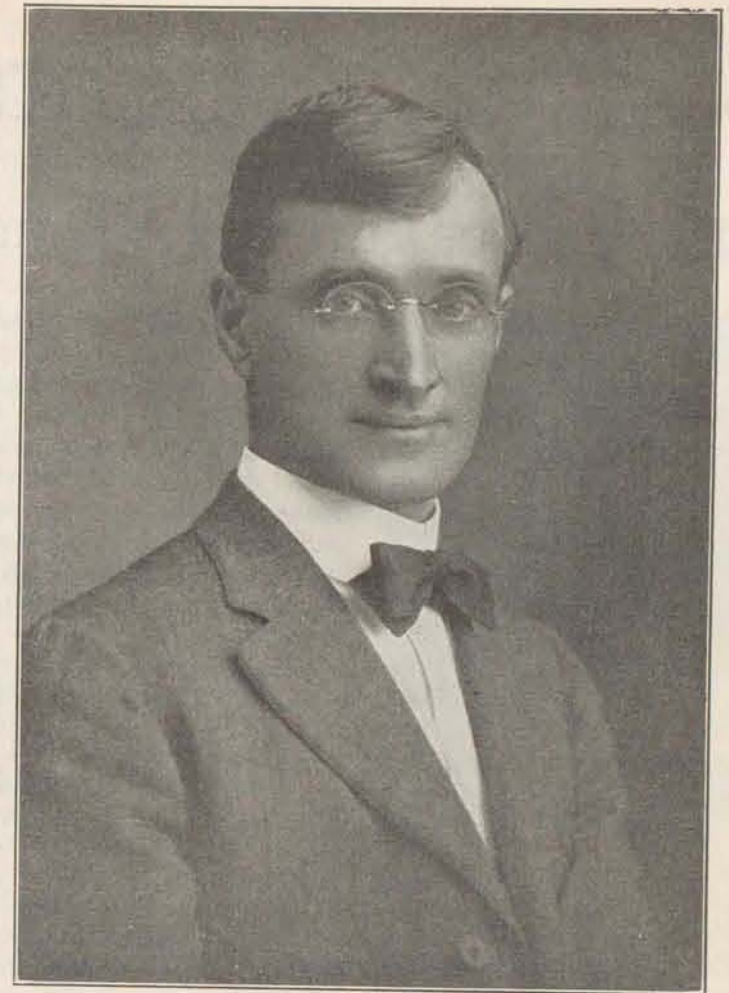
"That I don't know. Foolish of me to entertain any idea on the subject other than what I have stated."

"WHAT do you think is the real objection to the U. S. F. A.?"

"I believe it is born of a lack of inside and intimate knowledge of what the U. S. F. A., if not accomplishing to the fullest fruition of their organized effort, is at least endeavoring to accomplish. There are a number of men in the American League who have no knowledge whatever of the work done by the National Association and what it is trying to do for the junior player.

"The junior is the most alarming problem we have to deal with. The school boy is being taken care of. City governing bodies find grounds for them. They provide paraphernalia. They even provide coaches. But when the school boy's educational curriculum has finished, there is no link to associate with the juniors, the "intermediates" between the juvenile and senior ranks.

"To my thinking, the care of the youth of this country is one of the biggest problems in soccer, to care for the development of second class clubs. It is not in reason to expect that any league should undertake this duty. That is a matter for the Association. They are only interested in bringing along the players until they have reached a standard when



Andrew W. Brown, president U.S.F.A.

they will be of value to the leagues. To bring them from the lower to the higher grade is our ambition, feeling that by doing so we are doing a duty to soccer. "All over the United States equipment is being provided for the boys. It is amazing what is being done for them. The connecting link we are looking after. When we have quantity sufficient of native born players then we will force the American public to take notice of them and the game. To the extent that we could desire—not till then. I am op-

posed also to the carrying of the game to quarters where they are not ripe to receive it. To the native born junior, however, we must give every attention. I feel very strongly about it."

Other duties claimed President Brown's attention, and thus concluded an interview, productive of much sensibly intellectual thought which will assuredly cause many people seriously to think. Before closing, he remarked that Soccer Pictorial will do a world of good in booming the sport in this country.

A Lucky Break

Manager Fletcher can congratulate himself on a lucky break which came his way recently, prior to the game with New Bedford. Some time before the players went to the club house to strip, the Providence pilot was approached by two local fans, and asked to give a friend of theirs, who accompanied them a try out. Loath to lose a chance to uncover some unknown talent, and yet under the conditions a bit skeptical, Manager Fletcher made a few more enquiries about the prospective recruit's record, and decided to give him the trial asked for.

Right from the first whistle this "dark horse" came into focus, and ere two minutes had gone had his side in the lead

with a well taken goal. Although taken out at the interval, he played a fine game in the first half, and was as good as any forward on the field. His name is Hutchison, formerly with Rangers A. team in the Scottish Alliance. I also hear this big rangy forward is not only a footballer, but a cricketer of no mean ability, having played for South Barry Mass. this season.

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Contract Rights Respected

American League Enters In Alliance with International Body

By NAT FLEISCHER

Publisher and Editor

AT a special meeting of the American Soccer League a few days ago, contractual obligations, the thorn in the sides of professional club owners for many years, received the most thorough discussion that ever has been held on this most important topic since the inception of this circuit. A three hour conference which began with the question of eligibility of player Stevenson, star goal keeper of the Hartford Club, ended in the adoption of a rule which makes it incumbent on the part of all Clubs in the American Soccer League to respect contracts of leagues affiliated with the F. I. F. A. and the United States Football Association and likewise calls upon all foreign bodies allied with these same organizations to respect all suspensions and contracts of men signed by the American Soccer League.

Upon the face of it, the rule means nothing more than the acknowledgement of the club owners of the American Soccer League to abide by the decision of the Federation which last spring called for the outlawing of contract jumpers and likewise clubs which harbored such players contrary to the international soccer rules, but the placing of this rule upon the minutes of the American Soccer League meeting, signifies the strict interpretation of such international law by the league which it was thought would shut its eyes to any violation.

THE adoption of this rule is so important from a point of view of the future of soccer in this country, that we shall go deeper into its discussion than we would under ordinary circumstances. Our reason for this is two fold. First and foremost, its adoption sets at rest the idle talk of a break between the American League and the parent body in this country, the United States Football Association. It sets at rest the idle talk that the club owners of the biggest pro-

fessional soccer league in this country would organize an outlaw circuit by refusing to abide by suspensions abroad and by going after any and all players of note in the old country who might make their acquisition here worth while financially.

Secondly, its adoption will hereafter prevent the jumping of contracts in this country by notable foreign stars who heretofore have often received big pay and a bonus here only to skip abroad in mid-season and sign with a big team abroad without possible redress by the American Soccer League club owners. Several such cases occurred only six months ago prior to the enactment of the international contractual rule and resulted in severe losses to Nat Agar, owner of the Brooklyn Wanderers, Ernest J. Viberg, owner of the Indiana Flooring Club and now business manager of the New York Nationals and to Mr. Fletcher of the Providence team and the J. & P. Coats eleven.

The all-important topic might never have come up before the executive board this season had not Tom Adam of the Newark Club protested the game won by Providence on September 11 because of the playing of Stevenson at goal, and had not Ernest J. Viberg, of the "Nats" protested the playing of Stevenson on the ground that he had been suspended by the Scottish League because of contract jumping.

It is good for the future of soccer here that it did come up, otherwise the American Soccer League might have run the risk of being suspended by the foreign ruling powers and ultimately might even have been declared an outlaw circuit. There is not a club owner in the American League who would have desired such thing to happen.

THE big investments behind professional soccer in this country must be protected. This protection, necessary to the success of the circuit, both financially and from a playing point of view, rests upon amicable agreements between the big powers behind professional and amateur soccer the world over.

A break means war, and war never did any nation, nor any league any good. The men behind the guns in the American Soccer League realize this and their aim always is and will be protection of their interests and the game here. Without that, they cannot win the support of the public.

The trouble with the International body is that its members seem to think and take it for granted that all the offenses against soccer law are in this country. On the contrary, there are just as many violations cited against the members of the allied bodies abroad as they can cite against our organization here.

The trouble is that the Scottish League and others abroad, are beginning to become extraordinarily bold and mercenary. They see the light. They see a chance to milk the American cow, which fortunately, always seems to have plenty of rich milk, and therefore try to clean the American House but shut their eyes to offenses by their own members.

It is for this reason that the American Soccer League went even a step further in demanding that the same protection be afforded our club owners as we are affording those from overseas. In the future the laxness of the past will be a thing of the past. An offense against the international law will be reported to the American League which will take the proper action to suspend the player who jumps a contract or fails to live up to his full obligation to the club owning him, and such offense and the suspension will be reported to the United States Football Association with a request that that organization, the ruling body here, report the case to the International Federation for action.

We shall then see whether that body will respect our rights. If they do, then we must live up to our end of the agreement and do likewise when one of their players is involved but if they don't, then there is plenty of time to talk secession from the International body.

IN conjunction with the above, a most interesting talk on the relation of the

American Soccer League with the United States Football Association and F. I. F. A. was given by Andrew Brown, president of the U. S. F. A. at this session and it must be here remarked that the writer never has heard a more clear interpretation of involved laws than that given by Mr. Brown. Probably more was learned in his elucidation of the topic than ever before.



Montgomery, center half back and manager of the New Bedford eleven. He is one of the stars of the American Soccer League.

He pointed out that his organization was helpless to protest contract jumping and protect the rights of the American League owners unless a specific charge and suspension were forwarded to him for action.

"If we receive these and file our protest and then find that we are ignored, it will be time for us to talk of independ-

ence but until such time, I would advise strict adherence to the international law adopted at our Nelingsfor conference last June for if we don't, you will find the American Soccer League outlawed."

Such was his comment and it was this, which stirred up a lively discussion which finally resulted in the adoption of the rule above quoted. Mr. Brown pointed out and rightfully that we at present are dependent upon foreign stars for our talent. Our schoolboys and our college stars are not fully developed to cope with the great or leading professionals from overseas.

"Until we can master a team of our own along the lines of the Glasgow Celtics, let us not antagonize the International League," was his parting comment.

THE writer fully agrees with Mr. Brown's version as do most of the members of the American Football Association. Even those who oppose this view are not eager for a break. All they want is an equitable arrangement. A fifty-fifty break. They feel it is totally wrong for Scottish clubs to protest players in this country and seek their suspension here, while they are guilty of identically the same offense of which they accuse our owners.

The die has been cast, and we are happy, for the future of soccer, to see that it has been cast in favor of harmony and of obedience to law.

As regards the case of Stevenson, a fine goal keeper, Mr. Fletcher voiced the opinion that a wrong was being done him in asking for his suspension. He pointed out that he had acted in good faith in signing him and that he never knew of a previous contract which Stevenson had signed to play with the Arthurly Club.

Fletcher's explanation was well received and the members were eager to help settle the matter satisfactorily without injury to the Providence Club or the player whose suspension would mean his loss of wages, a terrific hardship for him. At the same time, it was agreed that law is law and that no exceptions can be taken if we in America are to avoid suspension and outlawry and therefore Fletcher has been given four weeks to attempt to straighten the tangle with the Scottish League.

The Aberdeen Club is playing Black, one of Fletcher's men whose contract jumping has cost the Providence owner a big financial loss, and the American League has therefore given Fletcher an opportunity to obtain Stevenson's release from Arthurly by having them arrange a deal with Aberdeen for the acquisition of

Providence's player, Black, from the Aberdeen Club.

This, of course, would be subject to the ruling of the Scottish League and whether Fletcher can manipulate such a transfer, remains to be seen. However, the fact remains that Fletcher has a just grievance in the case of Black, but two



William Stevenson, whose playing at goal with the Providence team has brought forth protests from abroad.

wrongs do not make a right and Stevenson's eligibility still remains open to question.

ONE other important matter was taken up at this meeting worthy of mention because it proves that the power behind the American Soccer League, the club owners, stand for none but proper business methods. A complaint was filed by the members of the Philadelphia Club against their owner, James McGuinness, to the effect that he had left them stranded and had paid none of the men's wages other than a small sum. The league took prompt action by suspending the Philadelphia franchise and taking it over for a period of a month during which time McGuinness is given an opportunity to dispose of the franchise. Such action merits commendation for it instills confidence in the players that the league stands for righteousness, clean sportsmanship and honest business methods, and it also strengthens the league with soccer followers.

An Internationalist's Views

Asks for Better Playing Conditions

By JOCK MARSHALL

(Newark Soccer Star)

IT may appear like beating dead horses, but before there is any radical improvement in the quality of play in the United States, at least so far as American Soccer League Clubs are concerned, attention will have to be paid to the playing pitches, and to the improvement of the grounds generally.

The playing surfaces of nearly all the grounds are too awful for words and the accommodation for both players and spectators, leaves a very great deal to be desired. It is not very pleasant to have a grouch in this, my first epistle to Soccer Pictorial, but it is my contention that it is all for the benefit of the game that the truth should be told.

With the exception of Bethlehem's ground, and now of course the Polo Grounds and Ebbets Field, there is not a pitch on which it is possible to control a ball. You have got to meet it first time or you are lost. That is why players of real ability, when they come over from the Old Country, appear as second raters even in their own judgment, and they have to play the matter of half a dozen games before they can get into their swing. The playing conditions are so vastly different, it is a wonder that those lads coming over play as well as they do, but they cannot help comparing their form here with what they could accomplish at home.

IT may seem a strange thing for me to say, but it is nevertheless a fact that it is almost impossible to direct the ball properly from a place kick. I have tried often enough to do it and know; at least I should. I have no statistics upon which to base my statement, but I do not think it is incorrect to assert that there are more penalty kicks missed than there are scored. I am perfectly well aware that this statement will cause discussion in many of the camps, but if each club were to compile a list of the number of penalties that have been missed, it would amaze them.

THERE must be a reason for this. Players can still kick a ball with power and accuracy. My explanation is

that the ball is on the "swivel."

It is as if it were sitting on a dish of gruel. There is no real grip to it, and unless you have that, you will never have accuracy. You may appear to be putting plenty of leg power behind a ball, but it is not only strength of limb which is required to propel the "pig skin."

Take the golfer who is all out to reduce his score, and as often as not when he has reached the nineteenth hole he is a state of complete exhaustion. At every stroke he has put in every ounce of "beef" behind it in the forlorn attempt to get distance and fails. Along comes the professional or the skilled amateur and the ball seems to glide from the club without any effort on the part of the player.

THAT is as it should be with the soccer player. If you hit the ball in the proper place, it should leave the boot without any apparent effort, and just as in golf, when you dislike to play off a hard baked surface, so it is with the soccer player. A little bit of turf makes a world of difference.

It is little wonder that Bethlehem can produce great football year after year. They have everything in their favor, and just why their "away" record is not so good as their "home" achievements is entirely due to the fact that when they go away from home the conditions are so vastly different that they cannot produce their real form.

It is the same with players who have been accustomed to play on a hard baked ground when they go to a patch like Bethlehem's. The conditions are so vastly different. They find that the ball does not travel the same distance. The gentle tap on the hard ground which would be quite sufficient to get the ball a certain distance to a forward or a half back usually results in the pass being yards short of the spot aimed at.

I AM very fond of cracking that wheeze to the knowing ones: "What is the first law in football?" The answer of course is "that the game shall be played by not more than eleven players on each side." The first law in the United States should be that the game shall be played on properly prepared grounds.

I have often been asked the reason why

soccer is not better than it should be. I have given you one reason. There is another. It is because of the mixture of different grades of players. You have the juvenile rubbing shoulders with the junior, and the experienced player has to boot it along with both. It is impossible to think of obtaining a happy blend under conditions of the kind.

No one will argue against that fact because it is a self evident truth.

You have this borne out in many instances as far as the American Soccer League clubs are concerned. Where there is a harmonious blend of experienced players even of varying quality, you get a better brand altogether as when played by many who give every promise of being players but who are lacking in experience.

SANTAUULARIA IS ELECTED SPANISH LEAGUE PRESIDENT

AT the Annual Meeting of the Spanish-American Football League of New York, the following officers were elected: J. Santaularia, president; J. S. Suarez, vice-president; F. Cididanes, treasurer; P. Obregon, recording secretary; N. Palmero, corresponding secretary; L. Garcia, delegate to the Southern New York State Football Association; F. Mares, H. Cristobal and L. Garzon, Entertainment and Publicity Committee.

The following clubs affiliated for season 1927-28: First Division: Espana F. C., Hispano F. C., S. C. Portuges, Portugal F. C., Asturias F. C., Italian F. C., Chilean F. C., "A," Segura F. C., Centro Asturiano, Athletic F. C., South American F. C. Second Division: Goyan F. C., Chile S. C., "B," Sardinero F. C., Argentine F. C., Astoria F. C., Segura S. C., "B," Vasco F. C., Racing F. C., Iberia F. C.

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A Britisher's View

By JIMMY MUGFORD

I HAVE read with much interest Edward J. Gilgane's answers to the questions propounded by SOCCER and published in last week's issue.

These answers undoubtedly provide much food for thought and, as SOCCER suggests, a careful study of them will do much to clear the air and at the same time improve the position not only of the referees, but of the game itself in this country.

There is a vague suggestion in Soccer's opening remarks that the appointment of a football Czar might be an asset to the game—at least, that is the impression I get from examining the introduction to Mr. Gilgane's answers. Quite frankly, I unreservedly disagree. I do not believe in czardom. Autocratic power vested in one man is always a potential danger, and that baseball has its Czar in the person of Judge Landis is no evidence that the same principle would apply to football. Judge Landis, it is commonly admitted, is an exceptional man.

Who Is Your Choice?

IF every reader of SOCCER were to send in his choice for the name of a football Czar—(No—please don't do that—Ed.)—there would be probably dozens, scores, possibly hundreds of different nominations—and then to whom should we allot the difficult task of deciding which name would be the right one?

No—let's have no Czars in football! Absolute individual autocracy is contrary to the spirit of the game, contrary to American traditions and sentiment, and, in spite of Judge Landis, I don't believe it would work in football.

I rather think that Mr. Gilgane shares this view, for several of the questions submitted to him would have given him an opportunity of making such a suggestion if he had wanted to—but he didn't take the opportunity. Am I right in believing that he very carefully avoids making any such suggestion?

For example, who could better decide as to the value of classification of referees, and as to how such classifying should be carried out, than a Czar? But Mr. Gilgane, far from asking for a Czar, wants the local referee bodies themselves to do the job.

Are they the best people? Can we always decide between ourselves as to which of us is better qualified than his

fellow? Surely some outside authority would make a better decision—a decision more likely to command respect.

Why not the Football Association through its local organizations—or through the Leagues?

The British Way

EVERY referee in Great Britain has to pass a double examination—written and practical. He is classified



Hookie Leonard of Cowdenbeath, Scotland, would like to be with New York Nationals today. Hookie was with Indiana last year, then returned abroad and is now on Cowdenbeath's list. He may yet be seen in action here.

according to his performance—and he is appointed, week by week, to take charge of this game or of that.

The examinations, the classifications, and the appointments are conducted and made by the various Leagues, working under the authority of the Football Association.

These Leagues are not conducted by the clubs—they have no axe to grind—it does not matter to them whether any particular team finishes at the top or the bottom of the League table. The result is that the decisions command universal respect.

And while I am on this subject let me say something else which has a considerable bearing on the status of the referee. The British League and Association officials back their referees and linesmen to the limit—and woe betide any unfortunate or foolish player who tries to "get fresh" with a ref! Strong and stern actions in support of the game's officials must result in strengthening their hands and increasing the respect that is their due.

The Cash Question

WITH regard to increasing the referee's fees—I believe that a ref should be paid as highly as possible.

The better the class of men who can be attracted to refereeing, the higher will be the standard of refereeing, and the cleaner will the game be kept. But I am of the opinion, and very strongly of the opinion, that the system of allowing clubs to pay a referee is absolutely opposed to the principles which lie behind his duties.

A referee should be paid by the Association or the League, and if necessary, a levy should be made on the clubs in order that these organizations can act as paymaster. No money, no gift, no consideration of any kind should be allowed to pass between a club and a referee. It flings the door wide open to abuse. It is too dangerous—and the Referees' Union should take immediate steps at this early stage of the game's development in this country to stamp out what may easily become a source of serious scandal that is capable of killing forever the popularity of the game.

Under such an arrangement as I have suggested, the referee becomes the servant of the League or the Association as the case may be—and the organization who engages him would undoubtedly take steps to insure against Employer's Liability, thus assuring the referee adequate recompense for any injury sustained in the course of his work.

Classify our referees by all means. Have them appointed and paid by the authority that controls the game. Let that authority back up its officials to the limit of its powers. Let every player try to cooperate with the officials in every game he plays—and football will be the stronger, the cleaner, the more enjoyable, and the more popular because we have done, and keep on doing these things.

U.S.F.A. Cup Tie Competition

By CHARLES MILNE

WILL Fall River, present soccer champions of the United States, repeat last year's triumph in the National competition? The U. S. F. A. cup tie tournament.

The Fall River team need not be told that American Soccer League clubs have been strengthened to a greater degree this season than ever before. The competition for the U. S. F. A. cup is bound to be as keen as a razor when one takes into consideration the fact that there are several reinforced clubs in the middle west. All this is admittedly true, but it can be taken for granted that Sam Marks will not surrender the Dewar trophy which his Fall River club has without a terrific struggle.

The entries for the fifteenth annual championship which is conducted by the United States Association, closed with a rush at mid-night Monday. National Secretary Tom Cahill having gone over the entrants carefully to decide as to their eligibility, was able to present them to the National Challenge Cup Committee before the draw was made last Wednesday evening.

This committee is composed of Ernest J. Viberg of New York City, Chairman and representative of the American Soccer League. T. W. Cahill of Newark, secretary; Wilfred Holleywood, New York City, Winton E. Barker of St. Louis—guiding the destinies of the western division in the tournament—and Andrew M. Brown of Arlington, N. J., and assumes full control and management of the tournament.

A QUALIFYING competition will precede the competition, two in each division, which will enter the "big show" in January with twenty-eight exempted clubs representing the cream of soccer organizations in the United States. These exemptions are granted to the strongest clubs when the draw is made for the initial round of the qualifying tournament according to custom.

FOUR seasons ago the competition was brought to a conclusion with records which have not been broken up to the present time. Fall River played J. & P. Coats before a crowd of 14,375 which stands on the books as the largest crowd which has ever witnessed a soccer game in this country with the ex-

ception of games in which foreign teams have been participants.

The season 1924-25 proved a disastrous one for the U. S. F. A., due largely to the fact that the American Soccer League clubs refrained from entering the competition when certain demands made by the Eastern Soccer moguls could not be granted.

The following season, however, found the professional clubs back in the fold, and as a result the crowds and receipts increased by more than 100 per cent. over the previous season. The 1926-27 competition showed even greater improvement and Fall River almost equalled its record of 1923-24 falling just 95 short of the number who attended the previous final record.

THE American Soccer League has again entered en masse. The strong St. Louis Professional League is also represented by four clubs, and Chicago's colors will be carried by six clubs in the Mid-West Soccer League

Cleveland, Detroit, Pittsburgh, and Milwaukee have also placed teams in the running. For the first time in the history of the competition an entry has been received from Washington, D. C., Baltimore, after a trial in the national series last season, has again come forward with three entries.

Secretary Cahill feels confident that all records will go by the board during the present competition.

Draw for the preliminary round: National Challenge Cup Competition—Qualifying series: to be played on October 1st or 2nd—Illinois and Wisconsin District: Home Club, Ambridge F. C., Gary, Indiana; Away Club, Coal City S. C., Coal City, Ill. Byes: Wacker F. C., Milwaukee, Wis.; Ravenswood United F. C., Chicago, Ill.; Jugo-Slavia American F. C., Chicago, Ill.; Pullman Mfg. Corp., Chicago, Ill.; Ulster United F. C., Chicago, Ill.; Buda A. F. C., Harvey, Ill.; North Shore S. C., Evanston, Ill.

Exemptions: Thistle F. C., Chicago, Ill.; Bricklayers' S. F. C., Chicago, Ill.; Olympia F. C., Chicago, Ill.; Canadian S. C., Chicago, Ill.; Vienna S. C., Chicago, Ill.; Sparta A. & B. A., Chicago, Ill.

Michigan District: Home Club, All Scots F. C., Detroit, Mich.; Fay-Miller F. C., Detroit, Mich.; Industrial Mutual A. F. C., Flint, Mich.; Away Club, Garwood S. C., Detroit, Mich.; Scarlet Runners F. C., Detroit, Mich.; River Rouge Scots F. C., River Rouge, Mich.

Byes: Flint Buick S. C., Flint, Mich.; Wayco F. C., Detroit, Mich.; Detroit Cougars F. C., Detroit, Mich.; Solvay F. C., Detroit, Mich.; Detroit Celtic F. C., Detroit, Mich.; Toledo F. C., Toledo, Ohio; Clark Park F. C., Detroit, Mich.; Highland Park F. C., Detroit, Mich.; Detroit Street Railway F. C., Detroit,

Mich.; Saginaw Thistle F. C., Saginaw, Mich.; Workers A. C., Detroit, Mich.; Caledonia F. C., Detroit, Mich.; Walkerville F. C., Detroit.

Exemptions: Holley Carburetor F. C., Detroit, Mich.; Swedish American A. C., Detroit, Mich.

Ohio District: Home Club, Magyar American A. C., Cleveland, Ohio; American Hungarian F. C., Cleveland, Ohio; Shamrock S. C., Cleveland, Ohio; MacKenzie F. C., Akron, Ohio; Away Club, Slavia F. C., Cleveland, Ohio; Cleveland United F. C., Cleveland, Ohio; Clan Gordon F. C., Lorain, Ohio; Sons of St. George F. C., Youngstown, Ohio.

Byes: Akron Magyar A. C., Akron, Ohio; Telling Belle Vernon F. C., Cleveland, Ohio; Mahoning Valley S. C., Youngstown, Ohio; Goodyear F. C., Akron, Ohio.

Western Pennsylvania District: Home Club, Harmarville Whippets F. C., Harmarville, Pa.; Heidelberg F. C., Heidelberg, Pa.; Pittsburgh S. C., Pittsburgh, Pa.; Away Club, Mustard Hollow F. C., Elizabeth, Pa.; Pittsburgh Rovers F. C., Pittsburgh, Pa.; Pittsburgh International F. C., Pittsburgh, Pa.

Bye: Westinghouse F. C., Turtle Creek, Pa. Missouri District—Exemptions: Ratican F. C., St. Louis, Mo.; Wellston F. C., St. Louis, Mo.; White Banner Malt F. C., St. Louis, Mo.; Ben Miller F. C., St. Louis, Mo.

Northern Massachusetts District—Exemptions: Boston S. C.; Byes: Fore River F. C., Quincy, Mass.; Whittall Carpet Mills F. C., Worcester, Mass.; Falco F. C., Holyoke, Mass.; General Electric E. A. A. Lynn, Mass.

Northwestern New York District: Home Club, Pennsylvania R. R. S. C., Erie, Pa.; Buffalo Hungarian F. C., Buffalo, N. Y.; Sons of St. George F. C., Rochester, N. Y.; German A. C., Rochester, N. Y.; Away Club, General Electric S. C., Erie, Pa.; Buffalo Rangers F. C., Buffalo, N. Y.; Holland F. C., Rochester, N. Y.; Rochester Moose F. C., Rochester, N. Y.

Byes: MacKenzies F. C., Rochester, N. Y.; MacNaughton Rangers F. C., Rochester, N. Y.; Rochester Celtic F. C., Rochester, N. Y.; Kodak Park F. C., Rochester, N. Y.

Southern New York District: Home Club, Centro-Asturiano F. C., Brooklyn, N. Y.; St. Marys' F. C., Brooklyn, N. Y.; Away Club, Hispano, F. C., New York City; New York Celtic F. C., New York City.

Byes: Otis Elevator A. A. F. E., Yonkers, N. Y.; Swedish F. C., Brooklyn, N. Y.; First German American F. C., New York City; Hungaria S. C., New York City; Calpe American F. C., New York City; I. R. T. Celtic F. C., New York City.

Exemptions: Brooklyn Wanderers F. C., Brooklyn, N. Y.; New York Nationals F. C., New York City; New York Giants S. C., New York City.

Connecticut District: Home Club, Bridgeport Celtic F. C., Bridgeport, Conn.; Away Club, Danersk F. C., Stamford, Conn.

Bye—New Haven United F. C., New Haven, Conn.

Exemption: Hartford F. C., Hartford, Conn. New Jersey District: Home Club, Highlanders F. C., Trenton, N. J.; Away Club, Trenton British War Vets F. C., Trenton, N. J.

Byes: Trenton F. C., Trenton, N. J.; McLeod Council F. C., Jersey City, N. J.; Clan McLeod F. C., Jersey City, N. J.; Ryerson Juniors F. C., Kearny, N. J.; Paterson Caledonian F. C., Paterson, N. J.; Portuguese S. C. of Newark, N. J.; Kearny F. C., Kearny, N. J.

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Gossip from New England

By ST. MUNGO

NOW that the belated part of the Fall River-Pawtucket soccer "swap" has been consummated, and Tommy Martin has followed the trail of Findlay Kerr to Pawtucket, the matter as far as the officials of both clubs are concerned is a "closed book." But not so with the man in the street in the respective cities. He it is that has carried the case to the fans "highest tribunal"—the street corner—and there we hear the merits of the deal being thrashed out, pro and con, with a vigor that would do credit to a State attorney.

As viewed from the Massachusetts side of the boundary line, the deal is entirely satisfactory, both among those concerned in the trade, and, by the major portion of the Stadium hordes. Among the latter we have more than once in the past season heard the query:

Why was the "Village Blacksmith" allowed to leave the fold in the first place?

I do not intend here to go into the details of that unexplainable act, but it seems a coincidence that it all happened after the popular skipper of the cup-holders, Harold Brittain, left the Stadium about a year ago, and the coincidence is further strengthened by the fact that his return has been timed by the return of the "Spindle" city's one and only Brittain.

THE question, which of the two clubs are the richer by the trade? This is wholly a matter of opinion, and depends greatly on the angle from which the club concerned looks at it. Ned Tate since coming from the cup-holders to Pawtucket early last season has been far from satisfied. I say this without meaning to cast any reflection on his treatment by the Pawtucket club.

Tate had long been part of a winning combination and it can hardly be said that the "Threadmen" last season were the counterpart of what the burly defender had been used to. Perhaps this had something to do with it; I have it on good authority that such was the cause of the dissatisfaction.

Of Pawtucket's feelings on the matter, I hear the boys are elated over the results of Manager Wade's efforts to build up the home club. One thing is certain.

Last season Pawtucket found it was in need of a capable net-guardian. I mean to cast no blemish on Sandy Park's efforts between the uprights last season. He gave his best, but it must be said

Sandy was on the downward trend, and knew it better himself, than anybody around the ropes. I repeat the "Threadmen" wanted a goalkeeper, and their trade has brought them what?

Findlay Kerr, one of the best in the country, and to-day, just as good as he ever was. Agile, alert, and possessor of keen anticipation and judgment, Findlay seems mysteriously to sense the mental workings of the forwards opposed to him. With an enviable record behind him, and his share of the honors of the soccer world in the country of his adoption, I look for many prosperous seasons for the newcomer to Pawtucket.

Tommy Martin, the other part of "WE" from Fall River, is a half-back, and while not of the spectacular type of player is a player that will, I am sure, prove his worth to the mill team before the season is far gone. Tommy has given a good account of himself with the cup-holders as a full-back, the position I like best to see him in, and the one in which I expect to see him most often played in with his new club.

Impartially I believe both clubs are satisfied with their efforts, Tate should strengthen the "Marksmens" rearguard, which has not given entire satisfaction to the cup-holders in the past season, and I believe the players themselves will find the change to their mutual benefit.

Good Sportsmanship

THE "MARKSMENS" directorate added a philanthropic touch to its dealing with the Pawtucket club after the TATE case had been put out of the way. Knowing that the Lonsdale avenue people had urgent need for a leader in the attack, and that, to put it plainly they had not the money to go out and get one, they offered them young BARLOW ON LOAN to help over one of their great problems.

The act is to be commended. It is the spirit that will do more for the good of soccer than any other. Barlow is what might be termed the greatest "sand lot" capture made by the stadium officials since the club was organized, and a youth who has all the ear marks of becoming a second edition of the present leader at Fall River, Harold Brittain.

I have seen this youngster in several games for the cup-holders at the end of last season, and in the Coats-Fall River game two weeks ago, and was impressed greatly with his abilities as a forward pivot.

The "Threadmen" accepted the offer, and signed him up in time to take part in the Philadelphia game at Pawtucket in the opening game, and I am told he gave every satisfaction. He injected a spirit that has been lacking in the Coats' attack for some time, and worked well with his wing-men. I feel optimistic about this lad's future, if he is not spoiled, and feel that if played regularly with the team in his proper position he will be a decided asset at Lonsdale Avenue.

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Jack Green's Benefit

ON Tuesday evening, Sept. 20, a benefit game was played at Providence for Jack Green, the "Clamdiggers" former inside right, who played with Carsteel in the Dominion during the close season. Jack, unfortunately, met with a serious accident while in Montreal, and I fear is out of the game for "keeps" from what I hear. It will be regretted if such is the case.

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A Sterling Defender

SINCE Bob McAulley the "Clamdiggers" left full-back returned from Canada at the beginning of this season I have noticed a decided improvement in his play, both in his tackling and kicking. In these days when good defenders are as scarce as "hens" teeth it is refreshing to note a decided improvement in the play of some of our younger defenders, and Bob can certainly lay claim to be in that class, being not much over twenty. At Newark against the "skeeters" two weeks ago, I hear he gave a classy exhibition, and had much to do with the "Clamdiggers" victory.

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Whose the Back?

I HEAR on good authority that J. & P. Coats are dickering with an American League club for a full back, but the

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Racial Influence on Soccer

By ERNEST J. VIBERG

SOCCER is the only team competition played in every land with the same rules. It therefore gives the best chance for study of the racial influence in sport. Though the same rules apply everywhere in soccer, many are surprised to observe how differently the game is played by the different nationalities.

To shoot a goal, make a pass or a throw-in is naturally a similar performance on the part of any player of whatever race, color or clime, but the system of play, the way in which the contestants handle their bodies, their manner of running for the ball and the measures of energy demonstrated, make the style of play look much different in some instances, though it be all soccer, played under precisely the same rules and regulations.

That the American manner of working toward the goal—by the shortest possible route—should apply to our brand of soccer is only natural, following the lines of our methods of doing business and particularly the chain store policy of making a small profit, but that many, many times.

Our craving for sensations, too, has its imprint on our soccer, and just for that reason it is hard for the kicking game to become popular with the crowd that always craves continuous excitement. To the many who do not understand the game soccer may sometimes seem to have its slow and uninteresting phases. It probably will not be until the boy from his earliest school days has been brought up in the game as he is in baseball that the public in general will appreciate the fact that soccer is actually more sensational than college football or baseball, because the ball always is in motion in the open.

AS the most adept exponents of the style of play which is the opposite of American soccer, we would pick the Slavic race. Their system was the same both at Antwerp and at Paris, in the Olympics. Although their technique had improved somewhat during the intervening four years, their style was quite the same. We might term the Yugoslav's play weak, but simple and fair at all stages.

The Bulgars and Roumanians made the same impression, although the latter, whose players were mostly of Bulgarian extraction, showed more temperament. Their classification of soccer is with what we might call our parlor games. When they first observed how bruising, even fierce, was the behavior of the Spaniards, Italians and South Americans on the soccer field, they were much like frightened children, and feared the day when they should be compelled to meet these savage players themselves.

Just as they can rise to the occasion to deeds of heroism in a crisis, so, too, can they give up readily when faced with adversity. In soccer they seemed to lack special qualification in the way of vitality or determination to pull their team together when the emergency arose.

SIMILAR to the Slavs in this respect are the nationals of the Far East, the Egyptians, Turks and so on. Comparatively their soccer is child's play. Although remarkably fast, they have none of the Nordic's pep, force or systemized organization of play. These dark-skinned kickers seem always to be playing individual football—for themselves rather than for the team's success. The tempo of the play is changed so often that one player, in comparison with his teammates, seems to be limping along.

They are keen for the unexpected and bizarre combinations, even if they do not comprehend the value of the move themselves. So, often in their eagerness to fool the opposition, their stratagems do the greater harm to their own cause.

Far more chance for the leadership in international soccer has the Germanic race, but even here can be found several serious faults, such as the Czechoslovaks' and Germans' system of rough play and intrigue. The Austrians' smooth-running and easy-looking but very complicated combination play is a fine show for the public and at the same time very difficult to beat.

IN many ways Denmark's soccer resembles the Austrian style, or perhaps that statement should be reversed, for the Danes were among the first to import the game from England. Like their fellow players from Vienna their play seems to be very easy-going, with no great effort or even seriousness showing on the surface.

Switzerland and Holland lean to a hard, open and honest play. Their teams give the impression of seeking victory with the least labor possible. The Swedes take their football very seriously and are perhaps more careful and exact than any other nationality.

The Swede's honesty rarely permits him to resort to the tricks of the game. His natural ready acceptance of discipline gives him an advantage on the road to success in soccer competition. Slow-witted, the Swede nevertheless shows keen recognition of what is good for the team's good, strives always for precision and relies very little on the so-called breaks of the game which are counted upon and sought after by the players from southern Europe.

QUITE the opposite is shown by the Latins in soccer, the Italians, Spaniards, French and South Americans. Frequently their hot tempers cause them to abrogate both rules and reason on the field. The Spaniard's brutality toward animals with indifference to suffering is shown in Spanish soccer, particularly if the luck is against him. One minute he may be offering everything he has for team success and the next moment he forgets all about team play in seeking to gain popular favor.

What we saw in the Paris Olympics satisfies us that the soccer loving public will have to find idols elsewhere than in the Anglo-Saxon school, where the game was started and, in large measure, developed to its present high standard.

Soccer will always be a game largely of manipulation of the ball, but a team of artists at toeing and heading the ball can now be overrun by a team of wild men whose superior physical condition will offset the others' cleverness on the big field born of the new off-side rule. Two very clever fullbacks could under the old rule keep the play within the limit of half or two-thirds of the field, while now many yards have been added to their range under the new official rule, which means that every player must do just so much more playing.

Where before this rule change was adopted even a short-passing team of Chinese or Japanese might have come along to furnish an international surprise as did Uruguay in the last Olympics. The

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Picked Up at Random

By SAM MAC LERIE

THEY'RE OFF! And this time the soccer followers in the American League circuit are assured of one of the hottest campaigns in the history of the organization if present indications do not go amiss. Although the first two weeks of play in the championship tournament had its surprises and its disappointments, mostly surprises, I feel confident that ere long things will be equalized and a battle royal for league honors will take place.

While injuries have affected the play of several teams, including the New York Nationals, close observation shows that lack of team work, more than any other factor, was responsible for the failure of several of the strongest teams in the circuit to come through triumphantly. The results of the games in the first two weeks have not caused me to change my opinion regarding the season's prospects. Take for example, Bethlehem's overwhelming defeat over in Brooklyn; that must not be taken too seriously. The Steel Workers will find themselves shortly and when they do, just watch their smoke.

Then again take the case of the Providence eleven. While Sam Fletcher's boys deserve a world of credit for carrying off two victories, even if they did have in their midst a protested player, I feel the team lacks the strength required of championship or near championship timber. I still believe had McIntosh not been injured at the Polo Grounds, the New York Nationals would have won its game with the Clam Diggers.

Agnew, center forward of the Providence eleven was the only player who in my opinion stands out as a top-notch. He is certain to be a source of worry to opposing full backs throughout the season. Aimer, at full back, also has the stamp of a star imprinted on him. He bears watching.

Fall River Is Strong

FALL RIVER strikes me as a team that will be hard to beat, and now that Sam Mark has landed George Graham of Ulster United for centre forward, the team looks to be one of the best that Fall River has had in its long and brilliant career.

From goal down there is not a weak spot on the eleven, and there is one thing sure, and that is this, Fall River can depend a great deal on its defence. With Bill Harper, former Arsenal and Scottish International goalkeeper, behind such excellent full backs as Tate and Gibson, there is nothing to fear. Yet at

the same time I am wondering at this moment of writing how did the Giants break through this trio for four goals in their first game? You readers will have to figure that out for yourselves.

I like Fall River's forward men. What club would not like to have Brittan, Kennedy and George Graham on its list for centre forward? I fancy Sam Mark is going to be well up front this year, and it would not surprise me a bit if he landed the championship.

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Bethlehem Has Hopes

WHILE that 5 to 0 defeat from Brooklyn stunned the crack Bethlehem eleven and gave the team much to think about, yet I don't believe it will do the champions any harm, perhaps more good.

I still fancy the Steelworkers as one of the strongest teams in the league today. They are a well balanced lot, and have an abundance of strong reserve material, which means a lot in a series such as we have in this country.

McDonald, Carnihan, Reid and McGregor are a force of half backs that will worry most any forward. In McMeekin, the Bethlehems picked up a neat full back. I like his style of kicking, which has been of the clean-cut variety in both games I have seen him play.

Two of Bethlehem's first string men in Edwards and Gillespie are still in Scotland, but expect to leave for the United States some time this week. Meanwhile, Bobby Goudert is guarding the goal with a great deal of credit.

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What Price Brooklyn?

FEW will put a great deal of reliance on a team that has been so changeable during the past two seasons, but I must say their opening performance was the "cat's meow" in terms of the day. If anyone deserves a break, it is Nat Agar, and I hope his players will be able to keep up the good work which they have started.

After the first few weeks are past, there will be more opportunity to discuss the future of the clubs which have been rather uncertain in the past seasons, but Brooklyn looked so good in its opening match that its prospects seem to be much brighter than at first anticipated by most of its followers.

My readers know the value that I place on the half back line, and how it can make or break a team. I think that Brooklyn has discovered this to its cred-

it and my suggestion, made some time ago, to keep Davie Robertson at right half back, has been the means of giving Brooklyn one of the strongest middle lines it has had in a long time.

There is a lot in having half backs that know how to shoot, and Robertson has added much needed strength where the Wanderers needed it most.

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Here and There

THE proper training of soccer players was never more manifest than in the opening games of the American Soccer League. While the opening defeat of the New York Nationals by Providence was somewhat due to the unfortunate loss of McIntosh, yet the players showed in that game that they were not in anything like proper condition for ninety minutes of gruelling football.

New York Giants is another team that has had practically no pre-season training to speak of, and although their opening performances cannot be considered poor, yet more preparation for the league games would stand the club in better circumstances for the hectic season ahead.

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Other Prospects

BOSTON, reckoned one of the best football playing teams in the league, can be expected to make it interesting for all the other clubs again this year. At this writing I have not seen them play, but on the strength of their opening performances, they appear to be equally as strong as previous years.

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J. and P. Coats, according to New England comment, has a stronger eleven than last year. Yet I cannot predict a much better place on the league table from which Coats has been accustomed to holding.

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The New York Nationals disappointed us in their opening games, but with new talents, should do well.

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Newark, Philadelphia and Hartford seem destined to fight it out for the cellar berth, although we are not trying to belittle their future, which, I hope, will be more promising, but some one has to be on the lower end of the league table, and I don't know at the present outlook of any other teams that are seemingly set for this end than from among the three above mentioned.

As We See It

Editorial Comment
By NAT FLEISCHER
Publisher and Editor

FOLLOWING the lead set by Charles A. Stoneham, president of the National Exhibition Company which controls the New York Giants Baseball Club and the New York National Soccer Club, Garry Herrman, president of the Cincinnati Club is planning an entry into the soccer field. Garry, one of the pioneers of baseball, is an ardent athletic enthusiast and like Mr. Stoneham, sees in soccer, great possibilities.

Although Cincinnati is too far West to make it worth while for American League soccer clubs to embrace that territory in its sphere, yet there is no reason why Garry Herrman and several other mid-west baseball club owners cannot obtain a league franchise for the organization of a circuit similar to that of the American Soccer League. The time is not far off when such will be the case and then it will be possible to stage a world's series in soccer such as now takes place in baseball.

OF course there are many of the veterans of the game who would find objection to such a move on the ground that the U.S.F.A. Cup Tie Competition answers the world's series problem, but to one who has been a sporting writer for twenty-two years, eighteen of which have been spent in a sports editor's post, we disagree with them. The writer believes in innovations in sport. He is firmly convinced that the new element in a sport is what draws attention and ultimately leads to bigger patronage and greater enthusiasm and this always results in better playing because of increased encouragement which players receive.

There are at present several weak clubs in the American Soccer circuit and by degrees, these will give way to stronger ones either by the shifting of franchises to cities that will support soccer clubs or by changing the club ownership by placing it in the hands of major league baseball club owners. The former is a method that often has been tried in the International Baseball League with good result, and we see no reason why it cannot be done successfully in soccer.

As for the latter, ere long soccer en-

thusiasts will learn through proper channels of the purchase of at least one more American League Club by a National League Club owner or possibly two. The Cunningham organization ere long will be one of the strongest soccer organizations both financially and in point of star players, in the world.

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The kind of people who are getting behind this league, are the kind that will boom soccer to the skies. They are all business men who know sports both from the promotion and playing end, and with such men in power, the dream of Tom Cahill, will soon come true.

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ONE of the most pleasing developments in connection with football during recent years has been the steady increase in the number of women who go to watch football matches. There was a time, and that not very long ago, when it was considered shameful for women to be seen on a football ground, but the influence of those who control the game has been directed along wise lines to check the forces of evil and give the most democratic of all pastimes a more dignified bearing.

To-day the big games are conducted with such orderliness and decorum that men are being encouraged to take their women folk along to enjoy the sport. And many members of the fair sex are amongst the most enthusiastic and excited supporters of the game.

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Several of the league clubs in the Cunningham circuit are offering special prices of admission for women and children in an effort to induce more of the fair sex and young boys to attend championship matches, but Charles A. Stoneham of the New York Nationals is going to go them one better. He will introduce the novel feature of having all women who are escorted to the Polo Grounds admitted free.

This should be good news to the women rooters who heretofore have paid the same admission as the men at the former home of the "Nats" at Indiana Oval. It is possible that other clubs in the league will follow the lead of the "Nats" with the exception of games of major importance.

THE interview which Mr. Brown, president of the U.S.F.A. has granted to Soccer Pictorial for this issue and which appears elsewhere, is one of the finest, clearest resumes of the American soccer situation it has been our pleasure to read at any time. Mr. Brown, who never before has given an interview to any newspapers, feels so kindly towards our aim as outlined in the inaugural number of Soccer Pictorial that he willingly consented to give his views and we feel that every soccer enthusiast who has the future of the game at heart, will accept Mr. Brown's viewpoint.

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MANY letters were received by the Publisher of Soccer Pictorial weekly commending him on his stand favoring the elimination of dangerous pitches advocated in a recent issue. Players and spectators alike feel that the time has arrived when the management of big teams should invest sufficiently in proper playing grounds so that those who pay the freight and make professional soccer matches possible may be treated to the kind of soccer they are entitled to view and those who exhibit their skill, will not have to risk life and limb every time they engage in a contest.

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League officials should see to it that clubs take the proper precautions. At present the system is too lax and the danger therefore, is too great.

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WHILE on the subject of pitches let me add that the question of comfort is equally important. Soccer Pictorial Weekly has received many letters of congratulation regarding the suggestion that all club owners cover at least one section of the grandstand to protect the spectators, especially the women, during inclement weather.

The wise football clubs are those who are looking ahead and providing every comfort and accommodation for the fair sex. Amongst the clubs that are spending a lot of money which they believe will come back to them because women who cannot afford a seat on the grandstand will patronize the cheaper parts of the ground if afforded reasonable protection from the weather.

Clubs which desired to make football the sport of both sexes would have to

launch out in order to make it possible for women to watch the game in comfort. "We cannot expect women," he said, "to come to our games if they are exposed to the danger of a drenching. We have noticed more and more women at our games during the last few years, and as we believe the number will continue to increase we want to make our accommodation second to none in the country."

That is why the Polo Grounds, the home of the New York Nationals, Ebbets Field, the home of Nat Agar's Brooklyn Wanderers, and other ball parks which will be used by several clubs in the American Soccer League, should have a banner year so far as attendance is concerned. They are playing into the hands of women folk, who once they become soccer enthusiasts, will be the greatest patrons of the sport.

By all means, let us build up soccer by catering to the fair sex and to the kiddies. It is the boy of to-day, who is the soccer fan of the future. Young America must be educated in soccer as he is in baseball, from the cradle up.

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Fostering Sportsmanship

THE arrival of the Worcestershire Amateur Soccer team from England for a series of 15 games with the Worcester Club of Massachusetts again brings to the front the fact that amateur competition in athletics is a tremendous asset in the fostering of good fellowship among nations.

This experiment initiated by the Worcester County men who have seen the vision of its great possibilities, will undoubtedly be duplicated by groups in other counties and cities of other states. The Olympic Games, the international polo matches, the visits of the Japanese college baseball teams and of the teams representing the best players of the different nations in golf, tennis, soccer and other sports, have proved the great value of sport as an international harmonizer. When the purpose is clearly seen and the platform is definitely stated, there cannot be too many contacts of this character.

As the recent sporting exploit of Lindberg's has shown international sports is the keynote to international brotherhood, Ambassador Herrick correctly summed up the situation when he remarked in France recently:

"To the sportsman of the world should be assigned the solution of our international difficulties. It is they who fly so far above international boundaries that the things which separate us become of little consequence and the great unity and brotherhood of mankind become real and apparent. The ambassadors of



Laurence Holden, part owner of New Bedford Club.

Harold Crook, Secretary of New Bedford Club.

sport, have done more to create goodwill between nations than have the ambassadors at court."

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WITH no champions involved and trophies of significance of significance

New England Gossip

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club wants two players from the Rhode Islanders in exchange. Coats could certainly do with another defender to carry them through the season, but the question, who are the two players that could be let go without weakening the Lonsdale Avenue side.

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A Youngster Worth While

YOUNG GONSALVES, Boston's new recruit at inside left, is rapidly rounding into a promising forward. His work against the Giants at Walpole Street two weeks ago was inspiring to say the least. With height, and everything in a physical way in his favor there is a bright future in front of him.

As I said in last week's issue this lad has every opportunity playing alongside the Boston vets, to show his paces, and his latent abilities should be fully developed in company with Boston's fast quintet led by Bobby Blair.

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The Fall River Magnet

IHAVE noticed more than once lately that when Harold Brittain is in the cup-holders attack, the team seems to find better balance, and seems to move as a

cance to compete for, but solely for the purpose of developing friendship and fellowship between the working men of the two counties, these two soccer teams have earned the respect of all who have the interests of soccer at heart.

unit, something that it lacks at other times. I do not intend to cast any slur on Kennedy when he takes his place as leader in the Fall River front line, but it is an outstanding feature in the play when Captain Harold takes hold, he seems to have that mysterious influence that carries the cup-holders through and over obstacles with the touch of a true leader. Brittain is still a serviceable part of the cup-holders, I should say a necessary part I might say, as past experience has shown, and on the field he is still one of our best center forward.

NEW ENGLAND clubs went off with a flying start on the first lap of league marathon. Of the eight games played by the New Englanders; the magnificent total of thirteen points were gained against three lost. Twenty-four goals were scored against eleven for the opposition. Strangely enough, five of the local clubs found the net three times in their respective games over the weekend to carry them to victory.

Fall River had the scoring record for a single game, in scoring seven goals against the New York Giants.

Stories I Have Heard

On and Off the Soccer Field

By WILLIAM MALEY

(Manager of the World Famous Glasgow Celtic Football Club)

IN the years that have passed since my active participation in the game, I have derived great pleasure from the company of very many good players and personal friends whom I have had the pleasure of associating with, and the stories I have heard are so numerous that it is almost impossible to remember them all. Out of my big list I have selected the following, which I hope may give equal amusement to your readers as they did to myself on hearing them, and I will be amply rewarded for my time in writing them down.

The story of the referee standing examination by one of the Referees' associations. He was asked what decision he would give in the following circumstances. He was questioned: "If a ball kicked from a corner kick came in and, landing on the cross-bar, stayed there—what would that be?" He studied for a few minutes and then replied—"It would be a — miracle!"

The story of Peter Somers and his great opponent, J. H. Galt, who at the time of the incident had achieved considerable distinction as a golfer. In a very hot Rangers vs. Celtic game Somers and Galt had got across each other rather hotly, and were handing out to each other their personal opinions of the other's capabilities. Somers eventually told the big Ranger—"If you'll teach me golf, Jamie, I'll teach you football!"

Peter Somers' Retort

ONCE when the same great rival teams contested the Glasgow Cup final, Jamie Quinn hadn't been doing just as Peter would have liked. "Whit did ye dae that for?" said Peter. But the redoubtable centre was in no good mood. "Don't talk to me like that!" he hurled at the inside left. "A' richt," said the imperturbable Peter, "I'll write you next time!"

One of the best stories about the genial Celt is one in which T. T. Fitchie figured. T. T. had tramped on Peter's toes. "Look here, what do you mean by that? Do you not know how to play the game?" he asked. "No," came the rather unexpected answer from Fitchie. "Well, watch me,"

said Peter, and away he went pirouetting down the wing.

When Somers was quite a young player his youthful vanity was very much hurt by a certain observation, consequent upon a bit of "scrapping," which J. Simpson, the old Third Lanark half-back, passed to him during the course of a game with the "Warriors."

They had both gone after the ball. Somers got it, and Simpson "got" him on the shinbone. At this time the Celt was very light and had extremely thin legs. So when Simpson's boot came into



Bob Millar, manager of New York Nationals, nodded a beautiful when he was snapped for this photograph. He was amazed himself when he accomplished this feat.

rather forcible contact with Peter's scraggy legs, the latter complained rather brusquely to him. "What's like wrang wi' ye young ane?" Simpson asked. "You kicked me on the leg just now," Somers angrily replied. "Did I?" smilingly answered the half-back, looking down at Peter's "pencils." "Then I must have good eyesight."

Very Like the Ba'

THE story of Tommy M'Dermott, the wandering Ru'glen lad, in his day a wonderful juggler with the ball. As a junior he was captain of his team, and

they, as usual, had had their photos taken. When the proof came along, with Tommy sitting in the middle of the front line with the ball between his knees, he was asked what he thought of the photo. Tommy replied—"It's very like the ba'."

The story against myself of the first occasion when goal nets were used in Scotland (January 1, 1892), when, in a friendly game at Parkhead, Dumbarton beat Celtic 8-0. In a practice kick before the game I, in the ordinary style, had gone behind our goal-line to retrieve the ball kicked there, and on my way back, dribbling the ball with my head down and forgetting the nets, I ran right into them from the back of the goal, and looked, I am told like a big salmon just caught in the net. Our big defeat, chiefly due to several members of our team holding Ne'erday not wisely but too well, caused a disgusted supporter leaving the ground to exclaim—"Nae wonder they lost. Even Maley was drunk!" As I was a strict teetotaler in those days, the point is easily seen. Another supporter, however, made the best suggestion of the day. He averred the goal nets were on the wrong side of our goal!

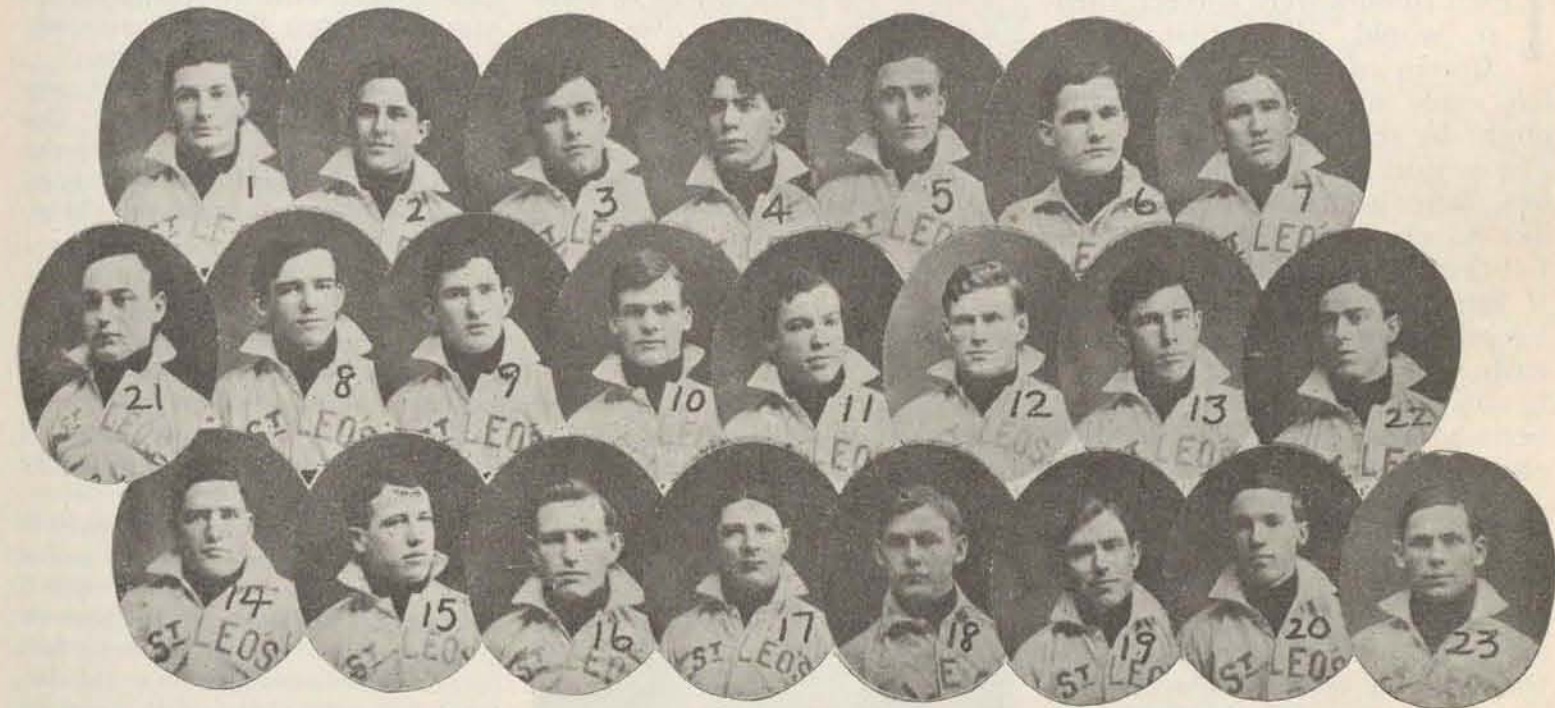
The Celtic Terror

THE story of Rab MacFarlane, the Aberdeen goalkeeper. In a League game at Aberdeen when Jamie Quinn was the terror of all goalkeepers, it occurred during the game that Quinn dashed in for a lovely cross ball dropping nicely into goal, where MacFarlane stood ready to catch it. He, however, got his eye on the onrushing Quinn, and as the centre connected with the ball MacFarlane hopped out of his way and the Celt scored. After the game an Aberdeen director asked MacFarlane why he had not faced up to Quinn. Rab replied with his famous smile—"It's better to lose a goal than a goalkeeper!"

Dan Loses a Bet

ON a London trip, staying at the then famous Covent Garden Hotel, in the smoke-room in the sma' 'oors, Dan Doyle—then in his prime—offered, in a mixed company, to back Charley Ather-Smith, of Aston Villa, to run any other

St. Louis and Middle West Champions



These are the players of the famous St. Leo's Soccer team. St. Louis (Mo.) who were champions of St. Louis and the Middle West from 1906 to 1912. They were real champions every one of them. Their names are—(1) W. J. Klosterman, Mgr.; (2) Dave Miller; (3) M. Boucher; (4) Jim Donahue; (5) John Miller; (6) January; (7) Jim Flynn; (8) Capt. Brannigan; (9) Joe Flynn; (10) F. McCormack; (11) Jim Mason; (12) John Sheehan; (13) Wm. Abstein; (14) J. A. mmons; (15) H. McCarthy; (16) W. Tallman; (17) J. Tully; (18) H. Petersen; (19) G. Shea; (20) Joe Mason; (21) Wm. Monahan; (22) L. Garethy; (23) D. Adams.

League player for £500 a side, and Dan was ready to put the money down at once. A stranger in the room said he was prepared to cover the money, but before doing so told Dan he would lose as the stranger was backing a certainty. Dan, a bit stubborn and thinking he knew all the fliers, was inclined to increase the bet. The stranger, to ease the situation, proved to us all that just that day Alfred Downer, the Flying Scot, and possibly the fastest runner of all times, had signed a League form for Preston North End.

W. R. Moon, the famous Corinthian goalkeeper in the old days, used to tell a very good story. In one game against the Corinthians, Bob Smelle, Walter Arnott's partner, was unable to turn out for Queen's Park, and "Spriggy" Rae, a Third Lanark defender (dead now, poor chap), was drafted into the side.

At the conclusion of the match there was the usual banquet, at which plovers' eggs happened to be on the menu. Rae looked at the eggs for a long time until he could contain his thoughts no longer.

"Aye, man," said he to his neighbour, "if ma hens didna' lay bigger eggs than they, I'd wring a' their blessed necks!"

My Pet Aversion

WHAT is my pet aversion? I suppose in all our little personal selves we do have a special aversion, and speak

ing from the point of view in which the question is asked, viz.—the sporting side, I would at once say it is sympathy so lavishly given to a team or individual on defeat.

I will not say that at times such is not genuine, say, at a time when a man or a team has made tremendous effort and Dame Luck has been rather unkind to them. Then sympathy is often sweet and rather to be welcomed.

But look at sport today. In every little in pot race we see how men turn back after an event and fall over each other in congratulating the winner and sympathising with the loser. To anyone, no matter how chivalrous, the hour of defeat is the time he wants to be left alone. He requires no sympathy there at all. He knows only one can win, and that's an end to it. As often as not the sympathy is false, and I know that many a time in a big disappointment I knew the sympathy I was getting was not from the heart, but rather a sort of gloating over a victory attained by a favored opponent.

In the old days the S.F.A. used to give a runners-up badge for the Scottish Cup. This was soon discarded, as players did not want a reminder of defeat, and so to the profuse sympathiser who must, of course, be distinct as a species from the real good pal who will, with a squeeze of the hand, convey that good comradeship

in the hour of defeat, which is the only real sympathy I have any use for.

Without the very slightest desire to open a sore point with my good friends and rivals, the Rangers, I feel sure sympathy to them in their unfortunate Scottish Cup efforts will in no way be very welcome, and they would rather "just let the fly stick tae the wa'" and go on and win the Cup, as they inevitably will do, of course.

PORTSMOUTH'S METEORIC RISE; ENTERS FIRST DIVISION

Portsmouth signalized its entry into English league, First division, competition by playing a 3 to 3 draw with the strong Sunderland club in the opening of the football season in England. Portsmouth's rise from the Third division to the faster circuit has been meteoric and much interest is centering in its efforts to remain up there.

Newcastle United, last year's champions, started off the season with a 3 to 1 triumph over Huddersfield on the latter's grounds. Cardiff, the cup holders, opened at home against the Bolton Wanderers, winning 2 to 1. Bury hung up the day's high score in the First division, trimming Arsenal 5 to 1 in the season's opening games.

Minute Rests Between Goals

By "UNO"

IF all rumors were correct, then it would seem that Davy Brown of New York Giants has made up his mind that he might be more useful elsewhere. The reason need not be specified, but there is talk that he would like to change his headquarters. Let there be no dubiety about this. If Jim Armstrong asks the player himself why, he will get an eminently satisfactory, if not an entirely satisfying answer to all questions addressed to America's own center forward.

A Fall River correspondent says that when the New York Giants were there, no fewer than four of the players gathered together to decide seemingly who was at fault. Whether they were stars or only stars in the making matters not, but this sort of business ought to be rigorously cut out. The players seem to forget that they are not there for their own glorification or for their own entertainment, but for the entertainment of the people. We quite agree with what our correspondent says, but he must allow a little for the nativity of the conversationalists.

It will surprise Maurice Vandeweghe to know that there were two players opposed to the Giants recently who had telegrams from the Heart of Midlothian with reference to Davy Brown.

Willie Harper, who is pleasing the Fall River people immensely, was sadly beaten by Davy Brown when the Giants were at Sam Marks' headquarters. A ball came in from the right wing. Davy Brown was standing with his back to his own goal. Harper thought everything in the garden was lovely until the New York Giants center forward hooked the ball overhead into the net. The great Scottish International player frankly admits that he was caught guessing.

J. & P. COATS' team although defeated at Bethlehem, is of opinion that if it had a center half, it could hold its own with any team in the League. It is whispered that McAvoy, son of the famous Mick of St. Mirren fame, will be given that position in the very near future. He has everything in his favor to make the position his own. His dad would have rejoiced at the opportunity.

I will let you into a little bit of soccer history. Jimmy Douglas, since signed for the Giants was transferred to Hartford. The player did not like the idea of going to Connecticut although he was sold without his knowledge. Tom Blair was the most surprised man in the world when Jimmy Dewhurst called for him and thrust home upon him the fact that he was no longer a Fall River player but was now associated with Hartford. You could have knocked him down with a feather.

This sort of stuff will have to stop too sweet. On a later occasion I will voice some salient facts as to the iniquity



Chedgsoy, outside right of the New Bedford Soccer Club.

of the procedure, conscious as I am that I shall have the backing of every player in the United States. There is not a single one but will subscribe to what I shall have to say the half of which can almost be anticipated now.

I was always under the impression that Hartford had signed Kennoway of C. P. R. Has anything gone wrong with the works? The Canadian was due at the Velodrome a few weeks ago, but apparently he has missed his train or something.

J. & P. Coats has parted with Bill

Langley of C. P. R. after he played half a game. I know the player very well. I asked what about his agreement.

"Well," he replied, "You know what agreements are in this country." That does not sound nice at all. If any club scoffs at an agreement, then you have got a club to scoff at. It ought not to be tolerated.

When J. & P. signed on this player they knew what they were doing, but if they didn't then I say that it is deuced hard lines that the player should suffer from their lack of business acumen. I really do think that this is a matter for the League to deal with.

To play "half a game" and then to be thrown overboard, is one of the poorest deals I have ever heard of for quite a long while. If the player had been unknown to them then there would have been a different complexion to the case, but in that the Coats people knew the player then there is need for some explanation to officialdom.

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Watch The Next Issue

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Burness of Boston, late of Brooklyn, is putting up a great game for his new masters. Whitey Fleming, the outside left, went off in a recent game. Burness went on as a sub and played a whale of a game.

JACK COLL of Brooklyn thinks the Wanderers have got a team of workers this season. We had a good team last year. We had a lot of stars, one or two have gone, but we have got the fellows this season who are fit and anxious to go the full ninety minutes. Give me the team we have this season in preference to the team we had last season is how Jack puts it. Must say that I am in entire agreement with his views. Better skimmed milk than a mixture of cream and sweet, from the match winning point of view.

Players all over the American League circuit are complaining about the vexatious similarity of jerseys these days, similarity of color I mean. This is a matter which brooks no delay. Referees if they had been attentive to their duties would have called the attention of the authorities to this matter long ago, but I suppose with some the matter of engagements was of much greater import to

them than the actual conduct of the game.

Against Boston, on at least two occasions, Davy Brown of the Giants thought he was passing to Bailie when as a matter of fact the ball passed to the foot of the Boston right full back.

"Refs." this is your job. Why in the name of goodness don't you report such matters, even if it does reflect upon your original judgment and you were in error. Might I respectfully draw the attention of Bill Cunningham to this matter. It is one of very urgent importance and the fact that there may have been no complaint lodged does not lessen the fact that there is need for official interference.

FALL RIVER, whose fall to Philadelphia is one of the early season sensations and will do the game a great deal of good, is adopting the tactics peculiar to Glasgow Rangers. They go off with a bang and they have the ball in the net before the opposing team realises that the game has actually begun.

There are one or two New England managers who tell me, however, that if Harold Brittan was taken out of the front rank that it would be "gie so and so stuff." With which opinion, of course Sam Marks does not agree. For Harper to be beaten on five occasions, is a sensation in itself. Never mind the defeat of the team. I rather fancy Bill will not take too kindly diving for the ball on a ground that is like a sheet of galvanized iron. There may not be a very great deal, but there is something in what I say which will start some people thinking.

In the recent game with Brooklyn Wanderers, Heausler lost a tooth. There was something of the pathetic in his search for the missing molar at the end of the game. He combed the surface of Starlight Park, and when one day it is discovered the biologists will put it down as being the possession of a dental unit belonging to the savages who used to disport themselves on this terrestrial globe about the year 1927. Nothing surer.

IT is a rather remarkable fact that in two games for two different clubs, Eddie McAuslin of the Giants has been obliged to leave the field because of defective shoe gear. If there are any players who wish a recommendation as to where they can be well and truly shod, I shall be glad to advise them.

Have you noticed that Fabian has got the same kind of haircut as Haeusler? It is scarcely correct to say that it is a haircut. More properly, and much more accurately descriptive, to say that each had had a shave. Of course, as Haeusler said when first he made a public appearance with no thatch to his roof, that the first year is the worst.

A CORRESPONDENT asks if I can say what team in the city is under petticoat government, where the women have all the say and some say a great deal more than they should. I plead entire ignorance.

It is not often that a referee advises a player, but he took it upon himself to advise Fabian to get rid of the ball at Starlight Park after he had given an award against Brooklyn. We do advise that Fabian should turn to page 32 of the Soccer Pictorial of last week and he will read therein a great deal that will be to his benefit.

What really are the Giants colors? They have had white with a black collar. They have had black and white stripes. They have had green, and now they have got blue with white sleeves. Every club should be compelled to register two colors. If this were done it would dispose of a great deal of needless confusion.

It will not come as a great surprise to some people that Ryan the player I think so very much of, has been transferred to J. & P. Coats from New York Giants. The lad had no hope whatever of ever getting a show at Starlight Park and he acted wisely. When you find a player deliberately starved as was Ryan and McAuslin, it is time to think of the possibilities in other quarters. I am very sorry to have to say this but the bitter truth must be told. Schwartz's place is being well preserved for him. Schwartz is this kind of a fellow, however, that he would have played to any member in the front rank even if he were a Hindoo.

Maurice Vandeweghe, a great friend of mine must look facts fairly and squarely. He knows that there are players with reputations who would not be in his team on merit. If he does not know he is hereby informed. There are players on his team who are playing on their reputations who are not physically fit to last the ninety-nine minutes.

The Jewish people are rapidly beginning to discriminate as between cream and skimmed milk. The Giants' team will never be a fighting force this season until there is a leaven of fighting stuff introduced into the team.

Soccer Kings of the Past

Newark Club Owner Selects Best Team

By TOM ADAM

IN the inaugural issue of Soccer Pictorial I selected an all-American team and these met with such widespread enthusiasm that I have been urged to write another on the best soccer team from among the "has-beens" in America. I shall have to think, and think hard, for just as there were those many undoubtedly who disagreed with my views on the best team that could have been selected from among players in the American Soccer League on the form they displayed last season, hence there are certain to be those who will oppose my selection of the best team from the long list of "has-beens" who were the pioneers of the game in this country. How ever I'm game. I love to take punishment, hence here goes my choice.

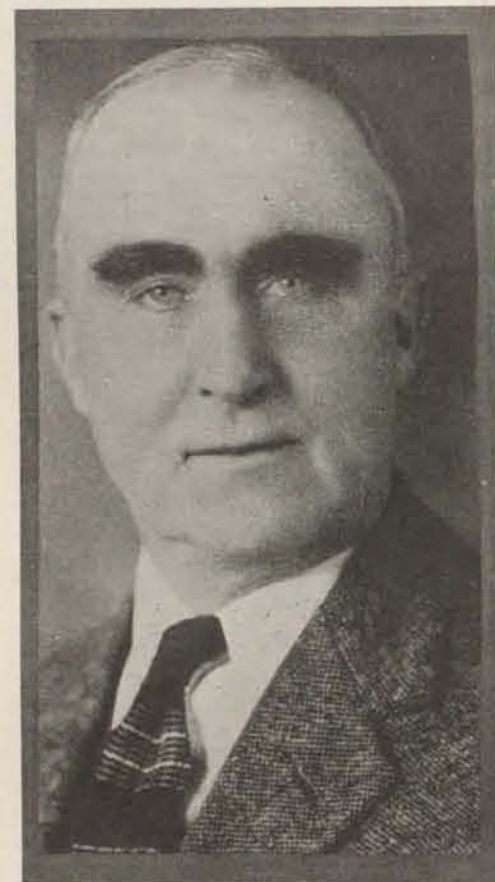
It must be understood that fifteen years ago there was very little serious competitive soccer anywhere else than in the Metropolitan area and if it does appear that there are those who have been overlooked in other localities in my selection, the reason given is explanatory. It were better perhaps that I should merely mention the players who were very much in the picture and allow you to sort them out yourself but since I've been allotted a task, I'll do the job as thoroughly as possible.

BILLY DOWIE, who came from Raith Rovers, was a goalkeeper of class and in my opinion takes highest rank in my choice. It was a great sight to see him struggling with two or three opponents who were making a joint effort to strangle him, but he was the master. He is an architect in Newark now and is residing in Arlington. He was with the West Hudsons, the acknowledged crack team of its period. Billy Laidley was another good 'un. He joined up with a Canadian regiment and was killed in the war. He played for Newark Field Club. These two were marvels and take first choice.

George Murray, whom I got from the Old Patterson True Blues, was a dandy

full back. As reserve to him, I should place Rennie, who played for Newark. Tommy Miller, who went from Falkirk to Chelsea and played four seasons for them, was one of the greatest left backs who ever kicked a ball. He went to Philly and finished his career with them.

To tackle, kick or dribble a ball he had no superior. Jimmy Wilson who came from St. Mirren, played for West Hudsons and afterwards went to Beth-



Tom Adam, owner of Newark Soccer Club

lehem. These were real stars. I wish I had a few of their ability on my Newark. A plugger all the time, he was a player worth while in a half back line. He was a sterling right half and there was not a very great deal of difference in ability between him and Jock Stewart, one of the most reliable and one of the most loyal of players.

WHEN you come to the selection of a center-half, why there could but be one name to select for the leading honor. He originally came from Holly-

wood A. C., an all Scotch team at that man.

Opponents bounced off him when it came to a tackle. He is now a superintendent of construction in Newark. If ever player was charged with electricity, he was. He was galvanized and he hypnotised his opponents. What a strange contrast between him and Frank McNeil. Very seldom did he charge an opponent. It was a real treat to watch him.

Johnny Lone, who played for the Hudsons and Clark A. A., now a captain in the Kerny Fire Department, was one of the cleanest players who ever kicked a ball. Frank Porter, who played for Bronx F. C., was a good half back in his time. He has grown very portly and it is a rich treat to hear his criticism at the games.

FEW if any at all will deny that James McHolland was one of the finest outside rights who ever kicked a ball. He was a thorough gentleman on and off the field. He is the only real amateur I have ever known in the game. He would only accept his bare traveling expenses. Very often I asked him to accept the same as the others, but he steadfastly refused.

He is now a consulting engineer and doing well. He finished his career with the West Hudsons. Charlie Fischer was small in stature, but fast and tricky, and he had a great shot.

As an inside right I cannot go past Alick Lowe who was with the True Blues of Patterson. He was heavily built and a very hard man to put off the ball. It seemed he had the ball tied to his boot. As reserve to him I would place Faulds of New York Caledonian.

MY choice of a center forward would be Tommy Gorman. He was very small but a born fighter. He was rushing all the time and he would get the ball from seemingly impossible angles. He played for years with the Scottish American. Reserve to him I would place George Richardson who played for the Federal Shipyard team. He was a fine type of athlete and always in the pink of condition.

As an inside left you cannot go past Bob Lennox. He was a tough customer

and it was little wonder they called him the "iron man." He was native born and was one of the most aggressive players who ever kicked a ball in American soccer.

Reserve to him would have to be placed Tommy Sword, famous old Fall River Rovers player. He starred either at inside or center. He had a short like a cannon ball. He is a cripple today. I see him occasionally at the matches. Without doubt he was one of the finest inside forwards in America.

FOR the outside left berth I would be inclined to award honors to Frank Carter whom I secured from California. He played for Notts—where they make the lace curtains—but there was no pattern weaving with him. He was an aggressive player and put up a good game at center as well as at outside left.



Hughie Roddan, trainer of New York Giants gives Ryan, just signed for Vandeweghe's outfit, a few pointers. Roddan was the great confidant of Tancy Lee, who was first to knock out Jimmy Wilde.

Jackie Nelson, the old Clark A. A. player had a wicked left foot. I don't think there was ever a player in the States who had a stronger shot. Now that I have exhausted my list it would appear that the best of the old brigade were:

Billy Dowie, goal.
Geo. Murray, right full back.
Johnny Young, right half back.
Tommy Miller, left full back.
Geordie Masson, left half back.
Johnny Lone, center left.
Jas. McHolland, outside right.
Alick Lowe, inside right.
Tommy Gorman, center forward.
Bob Lennox, inside left.
Frank Carter, outside left.

I am not so stupid as are some as to say that the quality of soccer has not improved these later years, but I'll tell the

Greatest All-Time Team

Billy Dowie, West Hudsons—Goal.
George Murray, West Hudsons—Right full back.
Tommy Miller, West Hudsons—Left full back.
Johnny Young, West Hudsons—Right half back.
Geordie Masson, West Hudsons—Center half back.
Johnny Lane, West Hudsons—Left half back.
James McHolland, West Hudsons—Outside right.
Alec Lowe, West Hudsons—Inside right.
Tommy Gorman, West Hudsons—Center forward.
Bob Lennox, West Hudsons—Inside left.
Frank Carter, West Hudsons—Outside left.

world that if that bunch were in training today that they would give the best a terrible run for the crown, especially in a cup tie match. They were all teasers, die in the last ditch men, and they could play soccer.

Picked Up at Random

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New Bedford made it pretty lively for Bethlehem in their first league contest, and while the Whalers lost by the odd goal in three, they showed their opponents that their climb to another league championship this season is not going to be so very easy. Watch New Bedford.

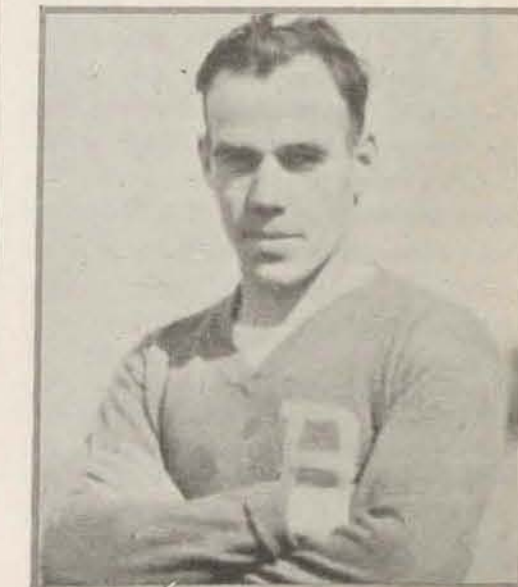
New York fans who were of the opinion that Bobby Goudert, late of the Giants, was slipping, had better speak with some of the fans who saw him perform against New Bedford. He alone was responsible for New Bedford's defeat, so I am told.

I cannot say that I was greatly impressed with the opening display of the Providence team against the Bob Millar's Nations. Sam Fletcher has got quite a rugged team of ball players, most of them great punters, but apparently lacking in football finesse. Most of the game the ball was in the air, and very little attempt was made to try and keep on the ground.

Bobby Walker's goal for the "Nats," the first to be scored under the new Stoneham regime, was a pippin, and showed that the newly acquired outside right will be able to score freely if given

the opportunity. The real work prior to his scoring was from Bob Millar himself.

Credited with two of the three goals scored by Providence, Agnew, the Clam Diggers' new centre forward, seems to be destined to be up among the leading goal getters this season. His second goal at the Polo Grounds sure was a pippin. The ball sailed to the net at terrific speed, from about 25 yards out.



Johnny Jaap of Bethlehem does not listen to the other fellow's argument. He makes a date with him.

PETE SWEENEY, FAVORITE WITH J. & P. COATS' FANS

PETE SWEENEY, who plays the outside left position for the J. & P. Coats eleven of Pawtucket, is one of the most popular players who ever wore a soccer uniform in the United States.

Pete has been playing the game for a long time, and has a few more seasons to play yet. This makes his fourth season with the Pawtucket club. He has played with the old Paterson team and also with Fall River. There is no cleaner player in the game. He is respected by all soccer players in the League.

Pete lives in New Jersey and makes the trip to Pawtucket every week.

While not so fast as he used to be he can still hold his own with the best of them.

When the Coats team came on the field to open its American League season and Pete was not in the line-up there was a general uproar from the fans who wanted to know where was Sweeney? Before things were returned to normal, the announcer gave the reason for Pete's non-appearance.

H. Miller,
Pawtucket, R. I.

With the N. Y. Nationals

Stoneham's Scottish Kickers Encounter Hazard

By JACK ESMOND

THE New York Nationals are having a little trouble in getting their team together through the inability of the club to have proper clearance from the Immigration authorities for several Scottish stars. It is only a question of a few days more and then Bob Millar will have as strong a team as there is in the American League. It seems rather tough on Bob and Ernest J. Viberg, business manager, to have their plans go astray through no fault of their own, for had the three of his best six Scottish stars been permitted to come into this country when they reached Canada, the Stoneham kickers would have been up with the leaders at this writing.

However, the season has only begun, and invariably a poor start means a good finish. The "Nat" even now are playing very fine soccer. The team went into its opening games without proper conditioning. The men were unable to play any exhibitions because of unsettled conditions while some of their rivals had at least two and some three games under their belts. Practice makes perfect, no matter what line of endeavor one is in.

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THE addition of Jimmy Wilson, formerly of the Wanderers, should help the team. It was a sad blow to Bob Millar to have one of his best players, McIntosh, break his ribs in the very first game. The morale of the team was momentarily shattered and it was only after the injury that Providence broke through for its victory. Had McIntosh been playing in the New Bedford game, it is doubtful if New Bedford would have won. The "Nats" played better soccer than the victors but the defense lacked that something which spells victory.

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AN effort is being made by Viberg to bring over a strong Spanish team for a series of games at the Polo Grounds. Ernest is now negotiating with several other crack European teams and the possibility of getting them to cross the Big Pond looks bright. If present plans do not go amiss, Charles

A. Stoneham's kickers will be kept pretty busy next spring and the soccer fans of New York will be treated to some fine football games.

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JOE SLAVIN, of the six Scottish players signed by Bob Millar when he was in Scotland recently, is still held across the Canadian line. There is a slight misunderstanding regarding his status but this will be cleared and he will probably be in the Nationals' line against Boston at the Polo Grounds. Matt Wilson and James Warden are the other two in Canada whose entry to date has been balked by American Immigration authorities.

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The "Nats" traveled to New Bedford last Saturday and were defeated by a 3 to 1 tally. This was the team's third straight defeat.

The home team held the opposition scoreless until eight minutes from the close of play, when Walker, the outside right, registered the lone tally for the Nationals. New Bedford scored all its goals in the first half. Best beating Brown at the end of ten minutes after the goalie had saved from Chedgzoj.

Stevens added a second seven minutes later when he conveyed a ground pass from Maxwell. Four minutes from half time Stevens beat Brown in a race for the ball, the leather entering the net off the goaltender's body. Clarke of the Nationals suffered a scalp wound in the first half of the game, but played throughout.

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On Sunday, September 18, the "Nats" lost their fourth consecutive game to the Providence club.

The New York Nationals fell before the Clam Diggers, 2 to 0, in a game played at Tiverton before 4,000 fans.

Beautiful defensive work by Providence, especially by Stevenson, in goal, who was at ease with all of the Nationals' frequent bombardments gave the New Yorkers no chance to win. Rinsulli, of the Nationals, put in a busy day and did good work. Florie slipped in the first goal five minutes after play started

and Agnew scored near half time on a fine pass from Florie. Neither team could get the ball into the net in the second half. Clarke, of New York, and Macauley, of Providence, played a sterling game.

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IT will be at least three weeks before Bill McIntosh, the New York Nationals' fullback who suffered two fractured ribs in the game against Providence on September 10 at the Polo Grounds, will be fully recovered.

The accident happened when McIntosh collided with Pete Renzulli, his own goal keeper, after the game had been under way for ten minutes. At first it was thought that McIntosh's ribs were broken but an examination at the Columbus Hospital showed that they were fractured. He was in the hospital for four days.

U. S. F. A. CUP TIE DRAW

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Exemption: Newark S. C.
Eastern Pennsylvania District—Byes: Bethlehem Wanderers F. C., Bethlehem, Pa.; Fairhill F. C., Philadelphia, Pa.; Pen Mar F. C., Philadelphia, Pa.; Centennial F. C., Philadelphia, Pa.
Exemptions: Bethlehem Steel S. C., Bethlehem, Pa.; Philadelphia F. C., Philadelphia, Pa.
Maryland and Washington District—Byes: Patapsco Rangers F. C., Baltimore, Md.; Walford S. C., Washington, D. C.; Baltimore S. C., Baltimore, Md.; Canton S. C., Baltimore, Md.
Southern New England District—Exemptions: Fall River F. C., Fall River, Mass.; Providence A. F. C., Providence, R. I.; J. & P. Coats A. A. F. C., Pawtucket, R. I.; New Bedford F. C., New Bedford, Mass.

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History of Wanderers

By ED DUFFY

THE Brooklyn Wanderers of today are the outgrowth of efforts made by Nathan Agar, their owner, back in 1904. The history of the club from that day serves to reveal the real growth of soccer in Brooklyn where it has made real strides.

The club in 1904 was known as the Critchleys and played on a vacant lot on Coney Island Avenue and Avenue L, Brooklyn. The spot was known as Gerenfield Park for want of something better.

Due to lack of opposition in those days, the Critchleys played mostly against steamship teams. There were a few clubs organized in 1904, however, such as the Camerons, New York Caledonians, Fifeshires, Brooklyn Football Club and the Brooklyn Hibernians. The next year the New York State League was formed with Agar as its secretary.

Through succeeding years, Agar was always in the forefront of soccer, holding various offices, managing teams and also finding time to play himself. In 1921 Agar organized the Bay Ridge Football Club. In its first year, he carried the club to the final of the La Sultana Cup. The following year Nat organized the Brooklyn Wanderers and entered the team in the New Jersey State League leaving the Bay Ridge team in the New York State League.

The New Jersey State League did not prosper and shortly after the season opened, Agar transferred the team to the American Soccer League.

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The Worcester soccer team of Worcester, England, which will play five games in Worcester, Massachusetts, later this month, will be entertained by the Southern New York State Football Association, before leaving for home.

The entertainment will take the form of a dinner and dance and may be held at the Crescent Club, Brooklyn, or at one of the larger hotels. The occasion will also be used to celebrate the twenty-first anniversary of the New York State League, the oldest soccer league in America.

The league officers will welcome the fair sex. Tickets may be obtained from Wilfred Hollywood, 330 Third Avenue, New York City. (Telephone Madison Square 8908).

After Sunday's game (September 25) the Wanderers will make a trip to New England where New Bedford will be played on October 1 and Providence on October 2. When the Wanderers return to Brooklyn for games on October 9 with Boston and on October 12 with the New York Giants, they may have a new home pitch,—Ebbets Field.

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While the Wanderers are away on October 2, Hawthorne Field will be occupied by two of the Junior teams. Arrangements are now being concluded for the games to be played at Hawthorne Field.

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Young Ryan who was tried out by the Wanderers and later by the Giants has been released by the latter club and has been signed by the I. R. T. Celtics. Ryan was rather light for the big league but should prove a good man for the Celtics.

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The transfer of Billy Wilson of the Wanderers to the Nationals should prove of great benefit to Charles Stoneham's Nationals. Wilson is a vigorous full back, strong and knows the game thoroughly.

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Sedlacek, Mahrer and Neufeld are still in Europe but are yet the property of the Wanderers, whose management thinks there is no need for their services this season. It is understood that the Wanderers are perfectly willing to dispose of the services of these players by trade. If they are not sold or traded, they will be subject to the call of this old team in the event that reserves are needed.

Sedlacek showed flashes of fine form while with the Wanderers but he seemed to lack something with that team as a center forward. The same goes for Mahrer who is a half back. Neufeld probably cannot be played regularly as a forward but, as a reserve man, he ought to be good enough to fill in a gap while regular men are injured.

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THE Brooklyn Wanderers will play the remainder of their American Soccer League schedule at Ebbets Field after the first week in October. Negotiations have been going on for some time and, at press time this week, the matter had almost been closed, so that Greater New York will have two major soccer teams playing scheduled contests at ma-

for league baseball parks, the other being the New York National at the Polo grounds.

Ordinarily this would be an expensive step for Nat Agar, owner of the Wanderers, as he has Hawthorne Field on his hands, but the growth of soccer in Brooklyn has been such that the old Flatbush pitch should not be a loss inasmuch as it can be rented to the numerous smaller teams with which Brooklyn is dotted.

Playing on Hawthorne Field will mean much to the advancement of the minor league players of the section. They will have a decent place to play and the youngsters some of whom are about two or three years away from major league calibre will be that much more quickly advanced.

Teams in the International League, the Hebrew-American League and other such organizations will play there.

Soccer fans are noted for their hardiness. It is amazing how even the new Jewish fan will brave the arduous weather, rain, sleet and snow to see the game of which he is fond. But the acquisition of Ebbets Field by the Wanderers will mean that much of the severity to which the followers of the game has been subjected in winter conditions, will be obviated. The covered stands will afford a protection that will be appreciated and will undoubtedly bring out more than enough extra money on bad days at least to pay for the added cost.

Soccer owners have to consider such steps in the furtherance of the game. The Nationals were in advance of all with the Polo Grounds as their home pitch.

There is little doubt but that the development of soccer will find more and more ball parks being appropriated for the ancient sport.

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THE Wanderers will play Hartford on Sunday at Hawthorne Field. The Babes of the American Soccer League have yet to be really tested as to what are their playing prospects for the season. They accomplished a draw in their first game and did pretty well on the field but the speed at which the Wanderers are going just now will provide a good comparison with the other teams the Brooklynites have met: Bethlehem beaten 5-0, the Giants trounced 5-3 and Fall River 2 to 1 in the first three games.

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Duties of a Fullback

By CHARLES MILNE

WHEN I come to consider the duties of a full back, my memory harks back to the days of some of the greatest stars of the soccer game, I think of the great men whose names were legion in soccer. The pigmies always fall by the way.

Mention Bob Crompton and you stir up something among the followers of the sport.

You remember, when in an international contest, the famous Jimmy Quinn of Celtic renown, was pitted against him? Here was a case where the Scottish International selectors could not find an outside left to battle against the strength of the stalwart Crompton. The real idea was that Quinn was to knock the English captain stiff. He did nothing of the kind.

It was a man to man battle if ever there was one. They each knew why they had been pitted against each other. It is not for me at the moment to say who got the better of the contest, but for the nonce, Bob Crompton demonstrated to Quinn that although each of them were well equipped physically for the fray, there was only one thing which mattered in the end. BRAIN.

When the old offside rule was in force, there was a Scottish player who wandered into Ewood Park, Blackburn. His name was Suttie, a real rough diamond. Bob Middleton, the then manager, said he could have a game. He started the then modern theory of real full back play. Crompton went out into the country and Suttie looked after the goalposts.

Bill McCracken, now manager of Hull City, and Colin Veitch, of Newcastle, got together. Bill was a full back and Veitch was a half back. That was the origin of the fame of McCracken as a past master in the interpretation of the offside rule. McCracken instructed the other full back to keep the goalkeeper company and when an opposing forward sought to pass McCracken, he moved forward a pace or two and all that could be heard all over the field was McCracken's appeal to the referee to take notice of what he had done by simply moving forward a step.

"Luk ye here, referee," is famous in England to this day.

It was McCracken's solution as to the best way to beat a forward by the exercise of a little carefully considered thought.

A good full back is one who is always



This is how they look when a desperate attempt is made to score a goal

calm. Temperamentally he must be an icicle. He must be one upon whom you can depend. The full back who rushes at an inside forward will never be heard of. The fellow who waits, who thinks what the man trying to beat him has got in his brain pan, will always come out on top.

When it comes to a tackle keep your eye on the ball all the time. Do you remember little Herbert Burgess? That fellow used to come from nowhere. Do you remember Fatty Weddlock, where he sprang from nobody could say. The great guiding principle with the most notable defenders so far as full backs are concerned, in continuous activity.

If a half back is fully alive to his duties, he will stop the inside is going to provide opportunity for the other fellow

to do a great deal of damage. The inside man has to be stopped. The obvious duty of the full back is to tackle the outside man.

The right full backs are the stalwarts of the team. Players kick with the right foot. Where is the ball going? You can see in the question the answer. It is going to come to the right back nine times out of every ten.

The only player in the United States at the moment who exemplifies by his tactics the real play of a right full back is Jock Marshall of Newark. Is there anyone who would have the hardihood to go right up to Jock and say to him that he should do this and that? Not a one. It is very easy to write that Marshall did something wrong, but give me the

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Jimmy Gallagher of the New York Nationals. He is one of the few quick-witted players in the game. He smiles all the way through.



Rankin of Bethlehem, who can jump higher for a ball than any player in the game.

Duties of a Fullback

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name of the critic who could advance to the sometimes lazy-looking Jock and give him any hint whatever. What a great chance the Scottish International player of teaching the young idea.

Just the other week, a wiseacre in Soccer came along with the suggestion that I was wholly wrong in my conception of the Newark skipper.

Several years have elapsed since Willie Porter of Raith Rovers, Scotland, announced to a startled world that, he was to play in the United States. To the hardened, dyed-in-the wool Scotch soccer

fans this was unthinkable. America had no place at all in the soccer universe hence why should such a great player as Willie Porter consent to leave his native soil. Porter was among the first to accept an American offer and since his journey here, hundreds of others have followed. This is cited just to prove that nothing is impossible. Those who then laughed at the thought that America could place a soccer team in the field are among the first to acknowledge that we are rapidly reaching the heights enjoyed by foreign nations in this sport.

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By HARRY H. FAIRFIELD

THE soccer season in western Pennsylvania started off last week on another hectic campaign. As is usually the case, the leagues conducted under the auspices of The Pittsburgh Press are leading the way. In fact, the four organizations competing under this newspaper's jurisdiction, are the only ones which got under way by September 10. These are the District league, comprising eight clubs, the American league of nine clubs, the International league of five clubs and the Scottish Clans league of four clubs. A regular program of Saturday and Sunday games is assured until April 1928.

This is the seventeenth consecutive season that the Pittsburgh Press has co-

newspaper and at their expense, so that outfits which could not otherwise afford to carry on, find plenty of incentive.

ONE of the oldest soccer clubs in the United States is the Pittsburgh Rovers, a club of amateur players hailing from the Lawrenceville district. It is now entering upon its eighteenth suc-



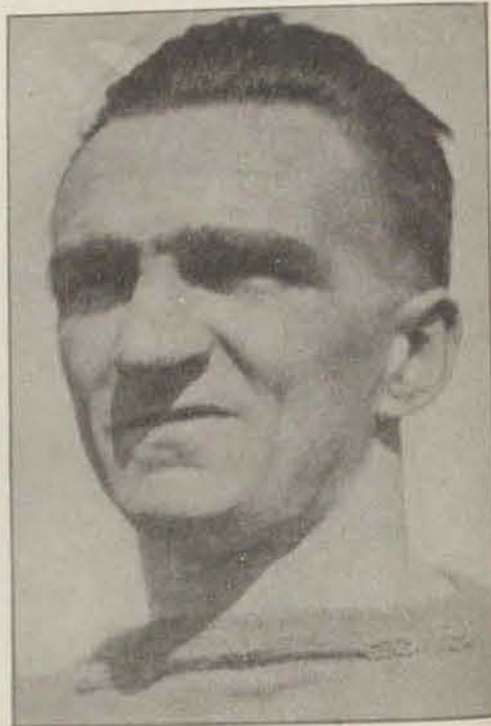
Matt Short of Brooklyn Wanderers never knows when he is defeated. Hero of saying "It wasna ma faut."

cessive season of soccer and, while it has not always been in the forefront, it enjoys a reputation which is the envy of all clubs in western Pennsylvania. This club was the first to win the Western Pennsylvania Championship cup when it was established in 1913.

It has twice won the championship of The Press senior soccer league, has entered the semi-finals of the state competition twice and, in addition to winning the competition in 1913, it also entered the final in 1925. It was beaten in that memorable encounter on New Year's day of 1926 by Vestaburg, F. C., the team which met a surprising defeat in the national challenge semi-final (western division) at Cleveland that year. In that year the Rovers sported a lot of good Scotch in the outfit and the story of their defeat lies in the fact that a Scotchman never greets New Year's in bed.

At this writing it is not known how many teams from this district are entered in the national challenge compe-

tition, but it is expected that the entry list will be up to usual standard. Among the prospects are Heidelberg, Internationals, Lafayette, Harmarville, German Sport Club, Union Switch and Signal and Pittsburgh Rovers, all of whom are of exceptional strength from an amateur point of view. It is confidently expected that western Pennsylvania will be represented in the closing stages of the competition.



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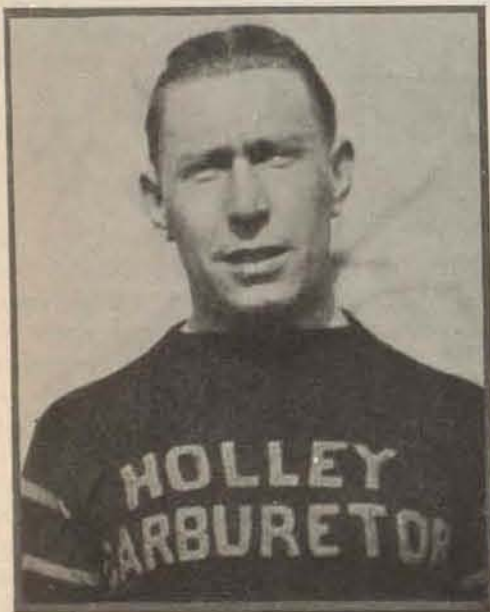
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operated in the promotion of the soccer game in this district and in all respects, this will prove to be one of the most successful seasons it has ever had. Those who have had anything to do with purely amateur soccer organizations of the self-supporting type, will readily realize the value of this support when it is stated that The Press furnishes a handsome trophy and fifteen gold medals to the winning team in each of the leagues which enroll under its name, besides standing a large amount of expense in furnishing printed schedules, display posters and other forms of advertising. Much of the administrative work, too, is carried on by officials appointed by the

Uno's Form Chart

Picking the Winners in British Contests

ASTON VILLA is finding out that fame carries with it a certain penalty. By reason of the fact that the team is one of stars, it is required of them that they will have to play a cup tie every week. It is pretty safe to assume that the team will win almost every home game, but when the eleven invades foreign soil, it will find that it will have to travel every inch of the way to secure a victory.

Middlesbro is pretty much in the same plight. The team has met with wonderful success to date, as was anticipated they would because of the wonderful performance of last season.

The Arsenal people are still of the opinion that Charlie Buchan is maintaining his old brilliant form, but he thinks they would be in Queer Street if he should be knocked hors de combat some week. It is not in reason to expect that he will be able to maintain his present form all through the season. If it should be that he has to look on, the Arsenal eleven will see the folly of building a team round one individual player.

WHEN Manchester United meets Tottenham, the weakness of its team will be brought home to it. The team requires forwards very badly. Just why there has been such an apparent laxity in securing players of outstanding ability, is what the followers of the old club would very much like to know. It cannot be for lack of finance. Apparently it is the settled policy of the directors to hammer away with the men whom they had on their list last season and who are now doing duty this term.

Chelsea, as usual, has gone off with a bang. It has always been a mystery to the football world that the Pensioners should be so poor finishers. It is long odds on that they will head the table for quite a long period and just when the little extra effort is required to crown the season's work, it will be lacking. It is now come to be recognized as a kind of traditional failing with this club.

Barnsley is forging ahead and what impresses most about the team's progress, is the fact, that although the players are meeting with success, the club is strengthening its reserve list. It is a very sound policy and brings to mind the year of triumph when the team won the English Cup which Dicky Downs

helped so much to win. The miners will be a very difficult team to beat at home.

PLYMOUTH is not meeting with the success which was anticipated. Bob Jack would like to have one or two more class forwards, but the question of price is a barrier to any deal of importance.

Bradford City is making a bold bid to return to the upper circle. How the team ever dropped out of it, is one of the strangest things that ever occurred in soccer. It was a bold step to "scrap the lot" in view of limited financial resources, but the wisdom of Tom Paton, who is helping Colin Veitch in an unofficial capacity, is now evident.

IN Scotland there is discontent with the performance of the Aberdeen team. It is much to be feared that the South African tour is responsible for the in and out displays. The eleven has a big job on to beat Falkirk. If the team gets a point at Falkirk's expenses, it will farewell. It has always to be kept in mind, that Pittodrie has always been one of the Bairns favorite pitches.

The old firm, Celtic and Rangers, are ploughing along in their own irresistible fashion and are likely to do so to the end.

Motherwell is playing confident football and must be marked down as one of the danger teams of the season.

Bo'ness, the babies of the League, are performing prodigiously and it is a certainty that they will take a bit of beating on their own ground the peculiarity of which is a great asset to them. It is the smallest pitch in the Scottish League.

Dunfermline is finding the terrible difference between First and Second League football and unless the team puts its house in order, it will go down to the lower division. The championship promises to be a very interesting one. Motherwell has gone off with a bang and is sure to create a stir throughout the season.

For the guidance of our readers, (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 24.

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Wing Half Backs

Why They Should Tackle Inside Forwards

By CHARLES MILNE

THERE have been many discussions in many climes as to the precise duties of a wing half. There are some very eminent players who are of opinion that he should pay attention to the outside forwards. If I remember correctly Sam Chedzoy, the swift moving outside right of New Bedford, is one of the number. I disagree entirely with this contention and I will give you my explanatory views on the subject.

I do not think there is anyone who will seriously contend to the contrary that the inside forwards are—or certainly should be—the brains of every team's attack. If the inside men are of poor quality, then you can safely bank on it that the forward line is not of very much account. If you were to take Charlie Buchen of the Arsenal out of the front line it would not amount to a very great deal.

Is there anyone who will seek to deny that when the great Quin of Glasgow Celtic fame was at the zenith of his power, he owed practically the whole of his success to McMenemy and Somers. True, both Bennet and Hamilton gave him opportunities to score which he was not slow to take advantage of, but it was mainly through the feeding of Somers and McMenemy that the outside men were able to provide Quin with these chances of scoring.

Quin was a great center forward. None admired him more than the writer. He never stood on ceremony. He did not stand in the order of his going. He went, but Quin will tell you today that he never could have been such a sensationally successful center had it not been for the gilt edged opportunities which were presented to him by his inside forwards.

ENGLISH teams will pay almost any price for clever Scottish inside forwards. You say, why Scottish? Because Scottish inside forwards are taught from the time they start manipulating a tin can or a bunch of rags to "hang on to it." They do not think that they have achieved any kind of distinction until they have attained the ability of working the ball skilfully round a lamppost or electric standard at the outset of their career, and when they do take part in serious football they are not content until they can walk



O'Brien of New York Giants is a "First Timer." He is young at the game, but he is a "Score at any price" man.

round an opponent, and if at all possible, make him appear foolish.

The native cleverness of the Scottish players attract the English managers, and curiously enough, when they are transported over the border, the very skill for which they paid so high a price they ask them to eliminate.

"Get the ball away" is their demand because they know full well that the English half backs will not stand on any ceremony and there is serious danger to the star forwards coming by serious injury by sticking to the ball.

IF you want tips and run artists, you have got to go to England for them. In Angleterre, they are taught the value of speed which is certainly a great asset to any forward, but if you put on your thinking cap, you will have difficulty in recalling any really great inside forwards, who could manipulate a ball who were speedy. They have to do the thinking

and they cannot in consequence move quickly.

The point therefore is that wing half backs have to attack the thinking part of the machinery because when that has been successfully accomplished you have taken the gasoline out of the engine if I might so put it. The wing half backs must strive to stop the movements of the inside forwards because when they have done that there is not such a very great deal to do. If the inside men cannot get going, then it is a thousand to one that the outside men won't do a great deal of damage.

THE half back line is the backbone of every team, that can in any sense be considered a good one. On this line depends to what extent the team can be successful both in defence and attack. The first duties of a half back line is to break up the opposing attack because an attack continues until such time as it is



Tom Cahill, secretary of the U. S. F. A. and one of the leading lights in soccer in this country

broken up. The first essential qualification of a half back therefore is to be able to tackle, to dispose opposing forwards of the ball. If he cannot do that successfully, then he must hustle his opponent off the ball before he has time to get it to the player he wants to receive it, or before he has time to have a shot for goal.

In short, he must be a spoiler of all his opponent's efforts and tactics to advance and dominate the play. An opponent must not be given any latitude to manoeuvre, because the more space and time you give an opponent to manoeuvre the ball, the easier it is for him to beat you.

If the half back can force the forward to part with it then he makes it ever so much easier for the men behind who are given a much greater opportunity of clearing and certainly making their duties infinitely easier.

Half backs may not be inclined to agree with this contention, but he is the better equipped for his task who has a knowledge of the duties expected of those in front and behind him. He can anticipate what each has in mind and act accordingly.

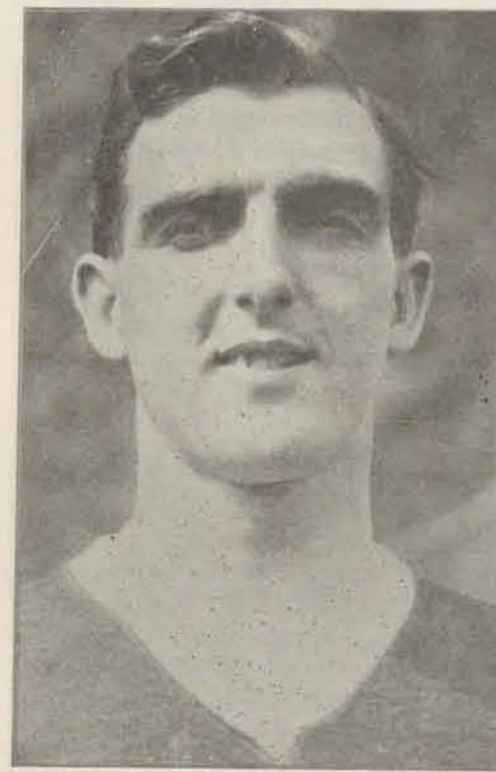
When the half back has learned to tackle, and shadow tackling is every whit as valuable as shadow boxing, he should then acquire a knowledge of how best to transfer the ball to the forward the better placed to receive it, and having decided that in his mind, it is incumbent that he should consider in what way the forward would prefer to receive the ball.

A FORWARD can do very little with a ball that is ballooned. It is very helpful to opposing defenders, but of absolutely no constructive value to for-

wards. One of the best half backs we have in thinking out how best the ball can be utilized and placed to the forward in a way that he can carry on with it is Jimmy Cameron of New York Nationals. It is very difficult to guess what he is thinking and it is very difficult to anticipate his intentions.

Instead of slavishly playing the inside forward or the outside man in front of him with the ball very frequently the inside right or the outside right receives it. In this way the opposing defence is called upon to alter their tactics. The oftener you can do that the better. You keep your opponents on tenterhooks.

After all, the main objective is to get the ball through your opponent's goal and you should always remember that it is only eight yards wide and eight feet high. The value of good placing therefore is evident.



McKimney of New York Giants is a quick thinker. Before he lets a ball go from his boot, he always seems to know where it is going.

The virtue of being able to place every obstruction against opposing forwards must also be evident. A half back who cannot feed his forwards should seriously give thought to the idea of changing his position. If he volleys the ball ahead not caring very much where it goes, it is long odds on that the ball will come back to him. It is useless labor and certainly of no value to his side.

Don't be led away by any momentary applause because of what is considered a clever or hefty clearance. Always keep in mind that the game is one of ninety minutes duration. Once a player in-

dulges in tactics for his personal glorification, it is detrimental to his side and marks the beginning of his decline as a player. He certainly abbreviates his period of usefulness. Above all a half back must keep on thinking and occasionally ask himself the question, "what am I doing this or that for?" He will speedily correct his own faults when he himself answers the question.

Next week—

A center half's multitude of duties.

RACIAL INFLUENCE

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threat of the Far East's greater cunning—as exemplified in acrobatics, juggling, sleight of hand work and other feats requiring principally a vast amount of practice—is now removed with the off-side rule. The yellow man will never be able to outclass the white in anything where physical prowess can surmount mere cleverness.

For all of these reasons we believe the Slavs are not to be considered as dangerous competitors in soccer. The really dangerous footballers are the Latins. The new off-side rule is a boon to the game here, but it has given them a trump card.

The recent acquisition of the Indiana Flooring team by the owners of the New York Giants' Baseball Club speaks well for the future of the game in this country.



Fred Richelean, owner of the Providence Club of the American Soccer League

In British Soccer Leagues

Results and Standing, Including Games of September 17

The results in the English League on Saturday were of the most extraordinary nature. At the beginning of the season it is considered safe policy to give home teams the benefit of the doubt, but it is scarcely believable that eight teams in the First Division came out on the right side and ten teams in the Second Division hoisted the flag of victory on their own cabbage patch.

In the Northern section of the Third Division, six home clubs cashed in and in the Southern Section five did likewise. You would have expected the Scots to do something different, but in the first Division, six home teams came out on top, and six home teams in the Second Division kept their brethren in the upper circle company.

Newcastle United have gone off with a bang. There does not appear any doubt whatever but that they have got a quality team together, but strangely enough they could not get the better of Everton.

The most amazing result was the triumph of the meantime lowly Burnley over Aston Villa. The Birmingham bunch are considered to be exceptionally strong in defence, Burnley weak in attack, and yet the Lancashire team pierced the armor of the Birmingham combination on four occasions.

Huddersfield have started off very shakily, but it was no surprise that they downed Manchester United by 4-2. There were varying estimates as to Birmingham's worth and it is evident thus early that their defence is no great shakes. That they should fall on their own ground to Cardiff City was one of the big surprises to the student of form, that ever unreliable quantity.

In the Second Division, Bristol City kept up the hot pace which they set from the beginning of the season. They actually beat Reading by 4-1. When the City gained promotion, a promise was made to the players that, if they succeeded in attaining their object, every man would be retained. The promise was kept. It was a master stroke of strategy. Many thought that Alik Raisbeck had made a mistake but there is an element of psychology in the game. The team has risen gloriously to the call upon their prowess, and their latest victory is a distinct triumph.

The battle of Nottingham resulted in an unexpected triumph of the Forest. The

Foresters have a nasty habit of going down before their own spectators when they are opposed by the "ancient enemy." That they have conquered on this occasion will give employers of labor a great deal of satisfaction. It will terminate discussion. If it had been a draw there would have been very little work done in Nottingham for the remainder of the week.

IN the Scottish League, it does not greatly surprise that Rangers lead the way. They had something on hand to dispose of Airdrie, but they succeeded,

men from the linen town could not beat carpets. Apparently they resented the insinuation and went out of their way to administer a dose of medicine to the "Buddies." It is all for the good of the game.

The gentle tap which Allos administered to Third Lanark will remind them of the fact that they are not dead certain as to their transportation to a higher sphere of attractive activity. The results and standings:

BRITISH SOCCER RESULTS

Results of football games played in Britain on September 17:

ENGLISH LEAGUE

First Division

Arsenal 2, Sunderland 1.
Birmingham 1, Cardiff City 3.
Burnley 4, Aston Villa 2.
Bury 1, Sheffield United 0.
Huddersfield Town 4, Manchester United 2.
Leicester City 2, West Ham United 3.
Liverpool 5, Derby County 2.
Middlesbrough 2, Blackburn Rovers 0.
Newcastle United 2, Everton 2.
Portsmouth 3, Tottenham Hotspur 0.
The Wednesday 3, Bolton Wanderers 0.

Second Division

Bristol City 4, Reading 1.
Clapton Orient 2, Chelsea 1.
Fulham 3, Barnsley 1.
Hull City 1, South Shields 0.
Manchester City 2, Leeds United 1.
Nottingham Forest 2, Notts County 1.
Preston North End 4, Port Vale 0.
Southampton 5, Oldham Athletic 2.
Stoke City 0, Grimsby Town 0.
Swansea Town 6, Wolverhampton Wanderers 0.

Third Division

(Northern Section)
Accrington Stanley 0, Darlington 0.
Bradford City 2, Bradford 3.
Chesterfield 2, Tranmere Rovers 2.
Durham City 4, Barrow 1.
Hartlepool United 4, Ashington 1.
Lincoln City 3, Crewe Alexandra 2.
New Brighton 3, Halifax Town 1.
Rotherham United 3, Rochdale 1.
Southport 1, Nelson 2.

(Southern Section)
Wigan Borough 1, Doncaster Rovers 1.
Wrexham 1, Stockport County 0.
Coventry City 1, Plymouth Argyle 1.
Crystal Palace 1, Brighton and Hove Albion 1.
Exeter City 3, Southend United 2.
Luton Town 5, Brentford 2.
Millwall 2, Bournemouth and Boscombe 0.
Newport County 3, Bristol Rovers 1.
Queens Park Rangers 2, Watford 1.
Swindon Town 2, Charlton Athletic 2.
Torquay United 1, Northampton 5.
Walsall 1, Norwich City 1.

SCOTTISH LEAGUE

First Division

Clyde 3, Aberdeen 2.
Dundee 1, St. Johnstone 2.
Dunfermline Athletic 1, Celtic 1.
Albion Rovers 2, Dumbarton 3.
Alloa 1, Third Lanark 0.
Arthurlie 1, Dundee United 3.
Bathgate 1, Ayr United 1.
Clydebank 1, Arbroath 2.
Forfar Athletic 4, East Fife 0.
Kings Park 5, Armadale 2.
Morton 3, East Stirling 1.
Queen of South 5, Leith Athletic 2.
St. Bernard 3, Stenhousemuir 1.

Second Division

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Arthurlie 1, Dundee United 3.
Bathgate 1, Ayr United 1.
Clydebank 1, Arbroath 2.
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Kings Park 5, Armadale 2.
Morton 3, East Stirling 1.
Queen of South 5, Leith Athletic 2.
St. Bernard 3, Stenhousemuir 1.

Falkirk 3, St. Mirren 0.
Hamilton Academicals 5, Cowdenbeath 1.
Hibernians 3, Bo'ness 0.
Kilmarnock 1, Motherwell 3.
Raith Rovers 4, Patrick Thistle 2.
Queens Park 0, Hearts 2.
Rangers 2, Airdrieonians 1.

Second Division

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Arthurlie 1, Dundee United 3.
Bathgate 1, Ayr United 1.
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Queen of South 5, Leith Athletic 2.
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STANDING OF OLD COUNTRY LEAGUE CLUBS, SEPTEMBER 17

English League (First Division)

Team	P.	W.	L.	D.	For	Agst.	Pts.
Newcastle United	6	4	0	2	21	9	10
Arsenal	6	4	1	1	17	11	9
West Ham	5	4	1	0	16	12	8
Bury	5	4	1	0	11	8	8
Sunderland	6	3	1	2	17	13	8
Cardiff City	6	2	0	4	10	7	8
Middlesbrough	6	3	2	1	12	11	7
Everton	6	2	1	3	16	11	7
Liverpool	5	2	1	2	12	6	6
Leicester City	6	2	2	2	13	10	6
Portsmouth	6	2	2	2	13	13	6
Blackburn Rovers	6	2	2	2	7	8	6
Manchester United	6	2	2	2	9	12	6
Tottenham	6	2	3	1	9	14	5
Aston Villa	6	1	3	2	12	14	4
Bolton Wanderers	6	1	3	2	7	10	4
Derby County	6	1	3	2	12	16	4
Sheffield United	6	1	3	2	9	14	4
The Wednesday	6	1	3	2	8	13	4
Huddersfield T.	5	1	3	1	10	14	3
Birmingham	6	1	4	1	8	14	3
Burnley	6	1	5	0	11	18	2

English League (Second Division)

Team	P.	W.	L.	D.	For	Agst.	Pts.
Clapton Orient	6	5	0	1	13	4	11
Bristol City	5	5	0	0	16	4	10
Manchester City	6	4	1	1	16	12	9
Oldham	6	4	2	0	17	10	8
Swansea	6	3	1	1	22	16	8
Stoke City	6	3	1	2	15	9	8
Preston North End	6	3	1	2	14	8	8
Hull City	6	3	1	2	8	6	8
Leeds United	5	3	1	1	14	5	7
Chelsea	5	3	1	1	12	4	7
Notts Forest	6	3	2	1	18	11	7
West Brom	6	3	2	1	17	13	7
Fulham	6	2	2	2	9	13	6
Barnsley	5	1	1	3	9	10	5
Wolverhampton	6	1	3	2	8	16	4
Grimsby Town	6	0	2	4	9	14	4
Southampton	6	1	4	1	9	15	3
Reading	6	0	4	2	8	18	2
Port Vale	5	0	4	1	3	13	1
Notts County	5	0	4	1	2	12	1
South Shields	6	0	5	1	6	18	1
Blackpool	6	0	5	1	6	19	1

English League (Third Division)

(Northern Section)

Team	P.	W.	L.	D.	For	Agst.	Pts.
Lincoln	6	5	1	0	18	11	10
Bradford	6	4	1	1	15	8	9
Rochdale	5	4	1	0	9	5	8
Wrexham	6	3	1	2	8	6	8
Halifax T.	7	3	2	2	19	13	8
Tranmere R.	4	3	0	1	8	4	7
Darlington	5	3	1	1	8	1	7
New Brighton	6	3	2	1	14	11	7
Nelson	5	3	2	0	13	9	6
Hartlepool	5	3	2	0	9	9	6
Rotherham U.	5	3	2	0	9	10	6
Doncaster R.	6	2	2	2	10	6	6
Stockport C.	5	2	2	1	5	4	5
Chesterfield	6	2	3	1	8	9	5
Crewe A.	6	1	2	3	8	12	5
Accrington S.	4	1	1	2	6	5	4

Durham City 6 2 4 0 10 14 4
Bradford City 5 1 3 1 9 9 3
Southport 6 1 4 1 7 12 3
Wigan Borough 6 1 4 1 8 14 3
Barrow 6 1 5 0 9 20 2
Ashington 7 0 5 2 11 28 2

Scottish League (First Division)

Team	P.	W.	L.	D.	For	Agst.	Pts.
Rangers	6	6	0	0	24	6	12
Celtic	7	5	0	2	19	2	12
Motherwell	6	5	1	0	16	6	10
St. Mirren	6	4	1	1	13	11	9
Hearts	6	4	2	0	20	6	8
Bo'ness	6	3	2	1	7	9	7
St. Johnstone	6	3	2	1	8	13	7
Falkirk	6	3	3	0	13	11	6
Patrick Thistle	6	3	3	0	11	17	6
Airdrieonians	6	2	2	2	12	10	6
Kilmarnock	7	2	3	2	11	17	6
Clyde	6	2	3	1	8	12	5
Cowdenbeath	6	2	3	1	7	14	5
Raith Rovers	6	2	4	0	14	14	4
Aberdeen	6	2	4	0	15	16	4
Hibernians	6	2	4	0	11	15	4
Hamilton Acad.	6	1	3	2	9	13	4
Dundee	6	1	4	1	5	10	3
Queen's Park	6	1	4	1	7	14	3
Dunfermline	6	0	5	1	4	19	1

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Port Vale v. Swansea Town
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Watford v. Luton Town

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Rochdale v. Southport
Stockport C. v. Chesterfield
xTranmere R. v. Bradford

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New Detroit Circuit Opens

By ARTHUR SALE

AT last the loudly heralded and anxiously expected event has taken place in the realms of Detroit soccer, the launching of the new professional four-club circuit at Packard Park, Detroit's popular soccer rendezvous.

So far as the initial bout goes, All Scots, Michigan state champions, versus Celtic, there was very little to enthuse over, and to be perfectly candid it was not only improvement over the caliber of the play seen here in the last decade.

Furthermore, the old lackadaisical methods and inexcusable spirit of procrastination was again in evidence, namely, that bug-bear of soccer, the late start. In attempting to arrive at an answer to the editor's question—"What is soccer's greatest need?"—the virtue of punctuality and faith with the public should not be overlooked.

In the inaugural scrap a number of strange faces were seen, Celtic starting out with six players making their local debut, All Scots fielding three recruits.

From the commencement the Irishmen dominated the situation, and before the interval were two goals ahead. The final result, however, was a 2-2 tie.

WHAT was lacking in interest in the curtain-raiser was more than supplied in the afterpiece, Holley Carburetor and the Cougars furnishing a high-class exhibition that fully compensated the fans for the long wait. Speculation was rife regarding the caliber of the players which the Cougars, the newest entry into Detroit senior soccer circles, would display. Seven of the advertised line-up were strangers in these parts, emanating from England, Canada and the Eastern states.

The personnel of the Holley Carburetor team had also undergone a metamorphosis during the interim that had elapsed since the termination of the preceding season, which found the Detroiters enjoying the proud title of western champions. Only five of the original line-up remained loyal to the club, industrial conditions being in the main responsible for the migrations that had taken place.

Seldom has a better or faster exhibition of scientific soccer been witnessed in this district, and considering it was the commencement of a new season, when stiff muscles are generally expected, and that the weather was as hot as midsummer, the pace maintained

throughout was truly remarkable.

If this bout is any criterion of what may be anticipated hereafter, the quality of soccer in Detroit is going to be materially raised.

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GERRIT VISSER, famous center forward of the Holley machine, was early in the limelight. He played on a par with any of his sensational performances of last season, when he practically singlehanded carried the club to the national final. Holly won, 3 to 1.

Duncan Dalrymple, pivot man of the Carburetor outfit, was also in his best form, and Rutherford and Both, full-backs, who played with the team last year, were sound and reliable. The whole forward line showed considerable skill and determination, and the successful policy of last season, to play to Visser, was carried out with satisfactory results.

Jack Poxon was the outstanding player in the Cougars' side, his clean, powerful kicking and clever tackling, indicating that he will prove a valuable acquisition to the local soccer ranks. Poxon has been offered a part with Aston Viller, but the Montreal player has turned the offer down four times.

Mould, his partner, a former London Corinthian player, suffered by comparison being decidedly inferior, and evidencing a lack of training and inability to stand the pace.

Dickie proved a capable leader, with Rainey and McKee, brainy inside men, and Doherty and Chisholm, fleetly wingers, the former packing a terrific wallop.

Substitutes are used in this league, a maximum of four per game being allowed. McManus, who replaced Chisholm in the second moiety, did not shine, but Jones, who took the place of McKee, proved to be the right kind of material.

Notwithstanding the counter attractions in the shape of Western Intercity and Detroit American Soccer League bouts, as well as the national amateur baseball games being played on public parks here, the attendance was satisfactory, and if the same high class exhibitions are continued as the Holley-Cougar fray, minus the objectionable feature previously referred to, there is no doubt but what the Detroit Professional League will prove a big success.

SOLVAY F. C. defeated Swedish Americans 5 to 2 in the opening of the Western Intercity, semi-pro, loop at Solvay Field, Fay-Miller springing a surprise by taking the points from the highly fancied Gar Woods by a 2-1 score, Bond's penalty kick in the final stages deciding the issue. Walkerville, newly crowned king of the circuit, journeyed to Flint and lost to Buicks 3-2, Toledo beating Irish-Americans by the same score.

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GIVE THE REFEREES CHANCE TO MAKE GOOD

By SAM MacLERIE

WE have one phase of our most excellent game that very little has been said about, and that is the referees. Most of the clubs have many new players to show, whom the fans are keen to say—Oh, give them a chance—if they don't make good in their first game. But what of the new referee, who may be handling his first big league game? Will the fans be so generous with their support to the man with the whistle? I doubt it very much.

If they only get the same treatment as the new players, no one will find fault. Another thing that the fans should remember and that is that they will not seek to ease their disappointment with the teams, by blaming the poor referees.

There will not be many new officials in the big league games, because there is no attempt being made to develop new men, so long as the old reliable ones are able to stand on both feet.

This season we are promised excitement aplenty in the American League, therefore it will be up to the referees to keep cool at all times, and command respect from every player at all costs.

The referee's job is one of the most thankless ones imaginable, but there is a lot of satisfaction in being able to do it well. It's a man's size job, and while performing the duties, there is no need for stage tactics. This kind of stuff don't go well with the crowds.

If referees desire to be conspicuous, and some of them like to be, I know, then just make a few bad mistakes, and then see how quick it can be accomplished. If you escape blunders no one will notice you, and that will be the best evidence that you have been satisfactory.

Just Among Ourselves

Praises Stoneham

THERE is no question that Mr. Stoneham is a big business man. He sees the possibility and recognizes the fact that soccer is speedily developing in this country. It therefore seems to certain spectators that when he went to buy the Indiana Flooring team Mr. Stoneham had in his mind the old proverb that the early bird catches the first worm. Obviously it appears that the acquisition of the Indiana Flooring team has been only for the owner's personal gain.

Yet, I believe that we spectators may also gratify ourselves by acquiring such a person into the soccer circle. It is only through such people that a game takes a different turn. I mean a turn for the improvement of the game. This "turn" is only possible through the influence of the owners plus the cooperation of the spectators. The cooperation of the followers of the game the owners will receive. Now it is up to them to fulfill their promise; to make the game the most interesting.

As to the management we may express our gratitude to Mr. Stoneham for retaining Mr. Viberg as manager of the new club. We do not thank him for the favor he has done us, we only appreciate his good judgment.

While I speak about Messrs. Stoneham and Viberg I believe a request from the spectators or rather a suggestion to the owner and manager of the New York Nationals will not be a transgression of the subject.

According to my observation and similarly of all the followers of the game the Polo Grounds is a very nice field for soccer. But one thing is bad about it. The seats are too far away from the playing field and goal posts. The spectators consequently can not see all the "moves" of the players. If soccer would already have a following of forty or fifty thousand people, it, I mean the playing field would have to be situated in the center. But the game, as we know, has yet not reached its summit.

My suggestion therefore, is, that in order to satisfy these followers, the playing field ought to be laid out for the next game as well as for all the games they intend to play in the Polo Grounds on the side of the field instead of the center.

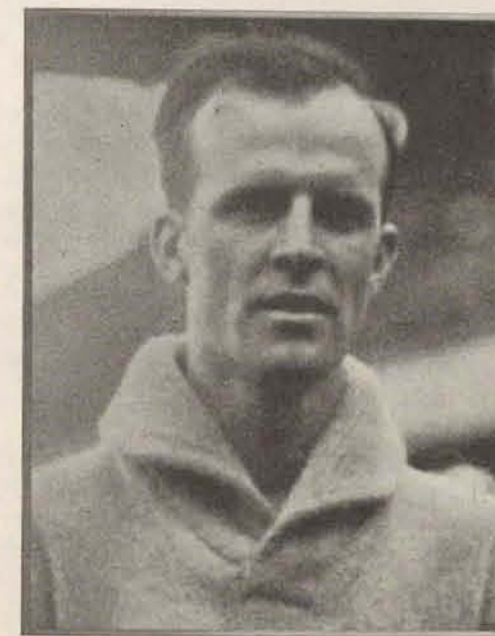
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Likes Our Contents

YOUR Soccer Pictorial weekly has been received. Its attractive cover

drew my attention to it. On perusing the contents of your inaugural number, must say you certainly have a most wonderful and real smart paper, which undoubtedly fills a much felt want and one that ought to satisfy the most critical Soccer Football Fan.



Findlay Kerr, Fall River's star player

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No Need for Fear

SOCCER PICTORIAL pinned together with national periodicals on a newsstand at a corner of 3rd Avenue and 149th Street, Bronx, pulled me back from the subway steps. The cover make-up was the attraction. After buying a copy what an enjoyable surprise was mine to discover that the contents held my attention during the trip from the Bronx to Bay Ridge, despite the fact that I also had a couple of the latest evening dailies.

Now gentlemen! In the interest of soccer, please attempt to follow your program as outlined in the salutation of your initial issue. My reason for this suggestion is that simultaneously with the birth of America's greatest soccer publication, an announcement in the dailies of the metropolis tells us the Stoneham of the New York Giants baseball club, has taken over the franchise of the Indiana Flooring club, and has appointed Viberg general manager—Viberg's name also appears as editor of your proposition.

Viberg was always O. K. on the Telegram—but there may be a tendency to cover your issues with happenings of

Stoneham's New York Nationals and to obscure the intended policy of an unique magazine of national character to give unbiased news.

Let me congratulate you upon the interesting contents of issue number one and upon the general makeup of a paper that is really great, and may success crown something that is actually worthwhile.

JAS. B. COGHLAN.
Bristol City (Southern League).

A Correction

YOUR statement in Soccer Pictorial that the Pilgrims was the first foreign team to visit this country is wrong. I saw the Corinthians play the pick of N. Y. State on the cricket grounds at Staten Island about the year 1906. The Corinthians won 18 to 0. In my opinion this was the best soccer team to visit this country, and I have seen them all.

ROBERT WORMALD.

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"Hit Right Idea"

As a critic, would state that in my opinion, you have "hit on the right idea, i.e. in publishing special articles by prominent players and by those in authority with a little humor sandwiched in between, a combination the Soccer readers enjoy best."

Rome wasn't built in a day. Neither can a new-born pictorial contain everything its converted readers would like to have. But later on, no doubt, the majority of your numerous readers would like to see you run a page of peppy pavilion and players pars, a referee's column, and last but not least a Soccer joke or story contest for you readers. However, as your pictorial stands now, "It's brilliant, 'peppy' and in fact a 'wow'."

In conclusion your slogan should read: "A Peppy Soccer Pictorial for Peppy and Particular People." The best of luck at this time is extended Soccer Pictorial and its officials by,

WILLIAM (BILLY) BISSETT,
Detroit, Mich.

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Praises Publication

"Congratulations on the first issue of 'Soccer Pictorial.' Your publication should prove invaluable in the promotion of soccer in America. I shall consider it a privilege to give the 'Pictorial' all publicity possible.

Bill Kennedy,
Malden, Mass.

American League Review

SEVERAL surprises took place in the week-end soccer matches of the American League for the week ending September 17, the most astounding of which was the defeat of Sam Mark's Fall River championship team by the newly reorganized Philadelphia Irishmen, The Irish eleven, which temporarily is being run by the league itself because of the suspension of Fred McGinness, the manager, came through with a 5 to 3 tally.

This victory came as such a shock to Mark and his boys that they failed to recuperate on time and went down to their second defeat in a row to Nat Agar's Brooklyn Wanderers by a score of 2 to 1. Brooklyn, the previous day, had taken the measure of the Giants by a score of 5 to 3 and now Agar's eleven ranks on the top of the table with a clean slate.

Tom Adam of Newark is going through a pretty rough time as is Charles Stoneham with his New York Nationals. His team and the 'Nats' are keeping company in last place.

Last Saturday the New Bedford eleven triumphed over the Nationals by 3 to 1. New Bedford emphasized the fact in beating the Nationals, the New Englanders are a strong team which will have to be reckoned with before the season goes very far. The New Bedford team is sound in defense and there is never any knowing what Stevens, star center forward is likely to do if Chedgzy keeps on feeding him with the ball.

ONE of the surprises of the season so far is that Chedgzy has not yet scored a goal. When he was with Everton, he was a regular contributor to the goal scoring register at Goodison Park.

Bethlehem Steel recovered from the shock sustained at Hawthorne Field sufficiently to defeat J. and P. Coats by a 4 to 0 score. We are not in the least surprised that the J. and P. team went under. The Coats boys constitute eleven possibilities and will require considerable strengthening of the front rank before being able to head in the battle for points.

THE New York Giants required a strengthening in the rear division.

It is an extraordinary happening for one of the premier teams in the East to lose no fewer than 22 goals in five games. Fabian was on the injured list last Sunday and his place was taken by McClure who put up a magnificent exhibition of goal keeping and on several occasions saved what seemed dead certain goals from Barlow, the Coats center forward who was recently transfered from Fall River to the Thread team.

Agar's Brooklyn Wanderers are by no means a great sight but they constitute a fine team of workers, fore and aft. It is very difficult to conceive the probability of Steve Smith being deposed after the finished exhibition he put up at Starlight Park. He caught the ball cleanly and cleared cleverly and did what few goal keepers these days do—place the ball to his forwards.

As regards the New York Nationals it is painfully obvious that there is not only a weakness in the rear division, but there is also a weakness forward. A team that has nine goals scored against it in three games and can only score four, indicates that Bob Millar has a job on hand to remedy the dual weakness.

We would suggest that Georgie Jenkins be kept in the front line. He is speedy, he is a good shot and should on no account be left off the team. When in Montreal he was recognized as the most deadly goal scorer there was in Canada with the exception of Phil Laver, of Ulster-United.

ONE of the features of the game between these great local rivals, Brooklyn and the Giants, was the apparently brilliant exposition of outside play by Adair. We do not wish in any way to detract from his display, but it must be pointed out that he practically played with an open field. He was never seriously tackled and got ball after ball over without being molested in the slightest. He had a picnic. There is a lesson here for the Giants if they care to take it.

The defense of the Giants is pitiful, George Moorhouse, instead of being tinkered with as an outside left, should be played at right full back as soon as possible. When he came to this country, he did come as an outside left, but has developed into one of the safest fullbacks there is in the American League. His speed alone is a great asset. Incidentally there is no speedier player in soccer in Montreal than George.

History of Wanderers

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12 goals scored and only four made by opponents.

Brooklyn continued its winning streak in the American Soccer League series by defeating Fall River, present national champion, at Hawthorne Field yesterday by 2 goals to 1 before a crowd of 5,000 persons on Sunday and the previous day they beat the New York Giants by 5 to 3 and now rank on top.

On Sunday although stubbornly contested, the first half ended without a score. Three minutes after the second half started a foul was called against Graham of Fall River. Davie Robertson scored direct from the kick with a great shot about forty yards from the goal. Great enthusiasm by the Brooklyn supporters followed and Robertson was cheered, as he had scored a similar goal in last week's game against Bethlehem. Fall River added pep to its efforts and in five minutes Graham equalized on a pass by Campbell.

The winning goal was one of the most unusual points ever seen taken at Hawthorne Field. Yule ran the ball down his side of the field and centred it toward the goal, when Nelson attempted to head it into the net, Gibson of Fall River tried to keep Nelson off and the ball dropped between the two players and lay dead for about two seconds before the players realized where it was. Nelson was first to get his eye on it and lost no time in putting it into the net.

IN the Saturday game, the Wanderers had the better of the play in the first half, leading by 2 to 1. They kept up a spirited attack upon resuming and ran their advantage to 4 to 1 before the Giants had many fine chances to even up in the closing minutes, but great work by Steve Smith between the uprights kept them from scoring. A wonderful goal by Billy Morris, just before the final whistle enabled the Wanderers to score their second league victory.

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