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How Soccer Can Be Improved

—By CAPTAIN JIM MONTGOMERIE—

PEOPLE keep on asking the question—"Is Soccer improving in the United States?" It most certainly is, and more particularly within the past four years has it advanced. It cannot be said that there has been sensational progress but it has been very sure. If you cast your mind back over the period I have mentioned you cannot but admit that the quality of play is far ahead of what it was.

The importation of players has been mainly responsible for this, but for some reason which I cannot explain away, there seems to be a keener competitive spirit. It would be futile to say that the players of four years ago were not as eager as are those of today, but there is a team spirit abroad which did not exist to the same pronounced degree as it does today.

One of the biggest boosts the game ever got was when the Indiana Flooring club was taken over by New York Nationals. The actual value of this transaction as far as Soccer is concerned is not apparent yet. You can imagine how pleasantly surprised New Bedford was on arrival at the Polo Grounds. Nothing could surpass the dressing accommodation. The imagination was fired as soon as we entered. We wandered around and inspected everything much after the manner of kids when they have "flitted" from one house to another, poking our noses into corners to see just what could be seen.

It was a revelation to us, and there can be no denying the fact that we were keenly appreciative of the general scheme of things for the benefit and comfort of the players. How different compared with some of the grounds we go to. The dressing accommodation in one or two instances is a positive disgrace. No need to mince matters. The truth will tell twice.

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WHAT I have wondered at for quite a while is why the League has not taken action in the matter long ere this. If I were a referee, I think I should be inclined to include in my report a complaint about the accommodation which is provided for them. In several instances, they have to strip with the players and this is very far from being a satisfactory arrangement.

If they were to complain, it would do a world of good. A player may have his

"grouse" when he goes into a dressing room which is little more than a shelter from the elements. He may complain about the place not being clean, but he has not the power himself to lodge a complaint with the League. If he did, the likelihood is that he would very promptly be told to mind his own business.

But it is his business just the same. No player cares to dress in a place which



Jimmy Montgomerie, New Bedford captain.

is probably cleaned out annually. He has some regard for the elementary rules of cleanliness.

Say what you like, but there is a great deal in the influence of environment. A man living in a back street has not the same cheerful outlook upon life as has the fellow in the villa. Same with a football player. When he enters a dressing room such as that at the Polo Grounds he feels that he is really somebody, and that feeling of exhilaration is reflected in his play.

The fans at the Polo Grounds are also well provided for. There is a splendid covered stand and they have a magnificent view of the game in comfort which is a great consideration. It is a marvel in a way that there have been so many who have viewed our games in the past considering the accommodation which has been provided for them. I venture to say

that if baseball could be played in winter as is Soccer, there would not be half the number at the games who turn out weekly to see Soccer played if they had the same accommodation.

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AND look at the quality of the playing surface at the Polo Grounds. The player who cannot play there, will never be able to shine anywhere. It is certainly the best I have played on in America. In Montreal, there used to be a grouse about the grounds, but it has to be said that there are better grounds there than here. The matter is one of vital importance to the game. It is only on a surface such as that at the Polo Grounds that a player can properly manipulate the leather. On hard grounds, the bounce of the ball is not so true as on turf such as there is at the Polo Grounds. You have every chance to play the game.

But while dressing accommodation is all important from the point of view of the player, and the quality of the playing pitch is a matter also of paramount importance, the question of improved accommodation for the spectators is the most vital of the lot. The fans must be made comfortable. The more the clubs realize this, the sooner will Soccer take a firmer grip upon the public. They will then turn out in greater numbers.

Summarized briefly, I should say that the sooner club managers improve the grounds, improve the accommodation for the spectators, and improve the accommodation for the players, then the game will take a distinct step forward. Admittedly "the play's the thing," but when these points to which I have called attention are tackled seriously, then we shall have real soccer in America.

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The Art of Shooting

Or How to Kick the Ball

—By JOHN R. CREIGHTON—

AS a former player both here and abroad and a referee in one of the English League many years ago, I want to congratulate Soccer Pictorial on its many most interesting articles. Particularly do I want to pay my respects to the editorials and to the articles on training and how to play. Even to a veteran like myself, I find plenty of instructive matter in them.

I read with interest the article by Charles Milne on the Wing Half Backs, the Fullbacks and the Goal Keeper, and having been a crack shot myself when I was in my heyday (the above is not my correct name or my playing name), I think it will be well worth while for Soccer Pictorial readers for me to discuss in a short article, the "Art of Shooting," or "How to Kick the Ball."

I have watched many games in the American Soccer League and have refereed several in the Pittsburgh Amateur League, and I find that the greatest fault with our present day soccer players is a lack of knowledge on how to shoot. Shooting is the chief weakness, especially with our amateurs and our collegians.

Untrained players kick from the hip and that is bad. This is what is responsible for many apparently good openings resulting in wild shots. I counted four such shots in a recent game between the New York Nationals and the Providence eleven which, had they been shot properly, would have resulted in an one-sided victory for Charles A. Stoneham's new team. Instead his Purple and White players failed.

The force of the shot should come from the ankle and the knee if it is to be accurate. If a player will thrust his foot back from the knee only, and then take the ball with the instep, that is the top of the foot, then kick it by jerking the knee straight, the result will be a perfect kick.

There must be a distinct "flick" with the ankle at the moment of impact. Just as golf, cricket and tennis are aided by this "flick" so in football, it is the "flick" of the ankle that adds the sting to the kick.

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FORCE and extra speed are given by jumping off the ground as you kick. You kick while the ball is under you, not

in front of you. As you kick with the right foot you jump off the ground with your left, and vice-versa. This gets your weight behind the ball.

To be a good shot, one must shoot equally well with both feet. Any man who intends to play football can, if he wishes, learn to kick with both feet. It is a matter of becoming accustomed to the use of your "wrong foot." You cannot afford to waste time by changing the ball from one foot to the other, especially



Edward J. Gilgane, one of the best referees in the game in this country.

when you are being pursued as you dash for the goal. In changing feet, too, you lose your balance for an instant. This is a frequent cause of erratic shots.

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GET on top of the ball before shooting, and kick with your toes tucked down. Low shots are always the most difficult for the goalkeeper to stop. To send in a low shot with plenty of sting in it you must be well over the ball, and your toes must be pointing to the ground. Propel the ball forward with the top of the foot.

Your knee must be over the top of the ball—in front of it, in fact. Controlled shots are impossible unless your bent knee is above the ball.

Brilliant forwards when taking a pass will frequently shoot straight away, kick-

ing the ball on the volley. That is, they will kick it while it is still in the air.

This volley kick is extremely difficult. It calls for judgment, because some balls can be shot on the volley and others cannot. When the ball is taken on the volleys, it is not always possible to get your knee over the top of it as you kick. However, the essential thing is to get your knee—and consequently your body—balanced above the ball.

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MOST goalkeepers can capture high shots, but very few can deal efficiently with the ball that keeps low. Never take a long shot when you are safe in taking a short one. The ideal way to score goals is to get so near that you are able to dribble the ball round the goalkeeper.

This way is not often possible, but you see the point. The nearer you are when you shoot, the less chance the custodian has of blocking the space into which you can aim.

It is not necessary to place the ball before taking your kick. If you do anything like this, you may expect to be knocked off the ball before you get your shot in. Players who "place" the ball are usually those who swing back from the hips. If you keep over the ball and thrust your leg back from the knee there is never any need to place the ball.

IT is common to hear a long string of names reeled off—Steve Bloomer, Bob Crompton, G. O. Smith, Willie Wedlock, Billy Basset, Nudger Needham, Bob McColl, Johnny Goodall, Albert Shepherd, Vivian Woodward, Billy Meredith, and so on without end. Having reeled off a string of names similar to the foregoing, the cynic asks airily—Where are their equals in the game to-day?

The trouble with the old timer is that he looks only on the great deeds of the players of the past, but forgets their short comings. It is perfectly natural to conjure up a vision of Steve Bloomer as he played in some match when he gave of his very best, and also perfectly natural to forget that Bloomer was not always at his best, and that he even missed sitters in front of the goal.

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Fans' Encouragement Helps

By MIKE KELLY



Langley, who has returned to J. & P. Coats after a season in Canada.

still nursing injuries received during the "lay-off" period.

Those who have not yet regained form, may attribute their lack of condition to the continuity of the soccer season. There has been no cessation of activity for at least a dozen players who are now actually stale. They have had absolutely no rest and it is doubtful if they will regain their true form this season.

Club managements in the old country, mindful of accidents to their players, are not overly keen on "close-season" tours. Neither are the players who realize the importance of an annual rest from competition. It is for this reason that Scottish and English clubs always have trouble in assembling representative teams for Continental tours.

For clubs' and players' sakes and in justice to soccer fandom in general, a halt should be called on close-season play. The fan, as well as the player, needs a rest from the game.

Discontinuation of this branch of the game for a reasonable period will sharpen the appetite of the soccer fan for the opening of the season. As it is now, or has been, the regular fan becomes wearied of too much soccer and looks less eagerly forward for the annual openings.

REAL MADRID TEAM SAILS; WON 11 GAMES ON TOUR

Cutting down a 1-0 lead gained by the Galicia F. C. team in the first half the Real Madrid eleven, Spanish soccer stars, succeeded in obtaining a 1 to 1 tie in the last game of its American tour at Hawthorne Field, Brooklyn, on September 24. It was the sixteenth game of a schedule which took them to South America, Cuba and Mexico before they came to New York.

The record for the tour consisted of eleven victories, three ties and only two losses. The tourists, who were entertained at a dinner given in their honor by the Galicia Sporting and Athletic Association at the Hotel Pennsylvania, after which they sailed for home on the steamship Alfonso XIII.

During the early part of the first half the Galicians had quite the better of the game, but later the Spaniards found their true form and gave an excellent exhibition of soccer play. F. Perez, a tall and slim inside left, was easily the outstanding figure among the visitors.

A VICTORY over the Bethlehems at Hawthorne Field, followed by another notable win over the Fall River Club may or may not cast shadows of forebodings over those who have yet to appear at the Agar Stadium. Two victories over the American Soccer League champions and the National Cup holders are no mean performances and are feats that should not be snickered at.

It would be well, therefore, that those who have yet to play their initial games at Hawthorne Field should not overlook these victories. Brooklyn players are getting lots of encouragement from their followers and these same players are wholeheartedly responding to the importuning of the fans. From the look of things, Hawthorne Field will be a hard place to emerge from with points as far as visiting teams are concerned.

It is a long time since we saw a Brooklyn team display so much "pep." Maybe Davey Robertson is in a measure responsible for the transformation. If this change is not due to Davey's presence at right half-back, I think he should receive credit for the manner in which he transfers the ball into the other fellow's territory. And keeping the ball out of your own backyard is exceedingly profitable at a time when you and your cohorts are nursing a narrow lead with but a few minutes to go. No man on the Brooklyn team can belt the sphere with the same speed that the old Queen of the South man can. Fall River made desperate efforts to tie the game up in the closing minutes, but Robertson attended to his function by driving the ball up the field with terrific speed.

In my opinion, Brooklyn was no better than its opponents when it comes to the play. Brooklyn won, however, by outscoring their rivals for the ninety minutes play could very well be distributed as being a 50-50 proposition.

Fall River Team No Better

FALL RIVER, I believe, is not any better than last year's team. At least the players who appeared at Hawthorne Field are not one whit better than last season's performers, unless we except Harper.

The Scottish Internationalist distinguished himself by kicking "byes" three quarters the length of the field. He did not have much saving to do and had no chances of preventing the balls that went past him as Robertson's lengthy drive from a foul entered the net like a rocket

Soccer-Grams

By WILLIAM (BILLY) BISSETT

FIFTEEN thousand Detroit school boys play the healthful game of Soccer Football every fall regular.

Outside the schools Detroit Soccer meantime is stronger than ever it was.

With its professional, inter-city and American amateur leagues which includes a junior division, there are approximately forty-eight clubs interested in chasing the round pigskin in "the Dynamic City."

The American Amateur League, with its thirty-six clubs, is the largest of its kind in the United States.

Why not a Soccer world series?

Let the seasonal international games among England, Ireland, Scotland and Wales decide the British representatives. Then have the winner meet the winners of Continental Europe with the winners in turn playing the victors of the triangular contest among United States, Canada and South America, the ultimate winner to be declared world Soccer champions.

Renton F. C. of Renton Scotland was the first club that ever laid claim to the title—World Soccer Champions.

The Rentonians' remarkable achievements during their heyday fully justified the claim.

Tom Holland, genial vice-president of the D. F. A., puts lots of weight behind his arguments.

Tom tips the scales around three hundred pounds.

OF all the humbugs in sport the greatest is the amateur who is in the game for a living.—Syd Puddefoot Blackburn Rovers.

Whether or not the above grand slam at "shamateurism" was aimed at British amateur or Internationale Federation Clubs is hard for us to say.

Anyway, the famous forward also meant to say, "Whoever the cap fits may wear it."

Notwithstanding the aforementioned declaration emanating from such a prominent Soccer "pro" as Puddefoot, according to the latest overseas cables, it must

be admitted that meantime English professional Soccer is certainly providing us with the real "school for scandal."

SOCCER is fast coming into its own in these United States.

Some one said "Put a soc in it." And they did when they took the soc out of As-soc-iation and put it in Soccer.

Dave Brown, America-born soccer star and "pocket-edition hercules" of American League Soccer is certainly a go-(al)-getter.

The Romans may have invented Soccer and introduced the game to England. But one has to admit that Englishmen learnt the intricacies of Soccer—as they did in golf from the Scots.

Ask Me Another—No Siree! "The Gold Rush" is not a picture of the latest Scottish soccer invasion. Its merely a Charlie Chaplin film.

Detroit soccer professionals must have been reading of Mayor Jimmy Walker's exploits abroad. The Detroiters were twenty-minutes late in starting their inaugural game.

Detroit Cougars put "The Dynamic City" on the Hockey Map and the same sportsmen connected with the name are destined to do the same with soccer. Great Stuff.

LOOK out Heidelberg F. C. River Rouge Scots also of national amateur Soccer fame is after that precious mug—the National Amateur Challenge Cup and they "won't be happy till they get it."

The last time those two championship amateurs met was at Cleveland in 1926 in an inter-sectional play-off.

The wind that day kept the elusive leather high and the Heidelberg outfit being composed of big stalwart fellows, when it came to heading the leather generally got ahead of their rather "wee" opponents.

However, as "the Fighting Scots" fr-r-ae R-r-r-iver R-r-r-ouge, this year, are earnestly practicing jumping from off a spring-board, they fully mean to overcome that particular stature deficit, providing they are lucky enough to again meet in battle the 1926 National Amateur Champions, the Heidelberg giants.

Some referee's whistles, for all the world, sound just like a peanut stand "tooter."

What is really needed is a standard whistle that can be heard all over the field. Though not too often, mind you.

ASK me another—"Sideline" you're mistaken. "Come seven, come eleven" has nothing whatsoever to do with a dice game. The respective numbers indicate instead players interested in both indoor and outdoor Soccer.

During the progress of a sand lot Soccer game a spectator so far forgot himself for to swear at the arbiter. After he had "thrown a barrage of choice 'cusses' from off his chest" that would have done credit to a color-sergeant, the culprit's nearest neighbor, a rather cool sort of a chap, gently tapped the heated one on the shoulder and said, "Say, Bozo, if you want to do some damning, go dam the Mississippi."

Mack says—A center-half who knows his "onions" and can keep as cool as a cucumber can stop many a leak (leek) in the defense.

An epitaph found on a headstone in England:

Here Lies
Harry Docker
Saved from Davy Jones Locker
To be Killed at Soccer.

New York office boy, a radical Soccer fan, to Boss: "Sir, can I get away this afternoon? My grandad is very sick and not expected to live." Boss, with a knowing smile, "All right, Jimmy, only be sure not to miss the 'kick-off'."

As We See It

Editorial Comment
By NAT FLEISCHER
Publisher and Editor

WITH the American Soccer Football Association going definitely on record as favoring contractual rights between foreign Soccer Leagues and their players and the American Soccer League and its players, comes the proposition now for the National registration of players in order to make a complete job out of this all important issue.

Under the present regulations of the American Soccer League, a player signing with any club in the circuit, is automatically placed upon the registration list of the league, but his name may be turned over to the secretary of the U.S.F.A. for registration. Under the circumstances the American Soccer League is handicapped to the extent that such player may or may not have been affiliated with another organization in this country or elsewhere without having received the permission of such Association to make his transfer.

It is therefore seen that the system of registration in this country is in need of revamping and speedy revamping at that. If the American Soccer Football League intends to protect itself against possible outlawry and at the same time intends to protect its own financial interest and those of its members, it must see the light and attempt to pass legislation for national registration instead of only League registration.

It behooves also the U.S.F.A. to stress this point, for after all, isn't it in the interest of the future of Soccer in this country to have a perpetual record of all players who are participating in professional Soccer so that the rights of everybody, individual clubs, leagues and players, be fully protected to the utmost limit.

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AM FLETCHER of Providence, feels that he will have Jack Green back in the fold by December. You can have some idea how Sam felt when he came back from the Old Country to receive the news that the very player around whom he had built his team, had been knocked out by a hit and run motorist in Montreal.

Jack, one of the brainiest men in the game, is going to the country for a rest. It is a terrible gash in the head which troubles him the most. Providence is to play a benefit game for him and it is cer-

tain that he will receive a bumper. Green's recovery is little short of marvelous. When he was taken to the hospital his life was despaired of. He is certainly built of the right kind of stuff. We hope to see him in harness sooner than he anticipates himself.

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On Reserve Leagues

NEW ENGLAND has decided against the reserve league. This, it was pointed out, would be a circuit in which reserves would be built for future use such as is now in vogue in several European countries. By keeping up a reserve league, players who under ordinary conditions are kept waiting for an opportunity to get into a lineup, would be kept in action and thereby be better fitted when ready to take their regular turn in a major game. Reserve leagues enable players to get the rough edges knocked off, hence are beneficial.

Reserves under present conditions are kept idle for the most part, and when the necessity arises for them to go into the line up, they go out on the field in what condition? Half trained. Under the proposed system, such players would have been as much in condition as the regular eleven, and could have answered the call at a moment's notice, without fear of not being able to last the allotted ninety minutes. Eventually the change will have to come, hence why not now?

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Seek Curb on Foul Play

WORD has been passed down the line that the football authorities intend to take a firm hand this season against foul play. While the American League is eager to protect both referee and player alike, those behind the guns want to see the players of this circuit engage in clean, sportsmanship games.

Now that the Polo Grounds has been obtained as the home of the Indiana Club, it is expected that many new patrons will be brought into the fold and the officials realize that such added patronage will soon be lost if rough house tactics are permitted to be the rule rather than the exception. Players who disregard the rules will not find such easy sailing this year as in the past. Drastic measures will be taken against those who stop opponents in a manner that proves dangerous to life and limb.

This is as it should be and the officials of the American League should be highly commended for their stand.

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Impossible Transfer Laws

THAT the British transfer laws are raising considerable dissatisfaction among the soccer players, is evident from letters received here by several managers of American League clubs, asking for terms. George Henderson, star Darlington player, is the latest to take issue with what he terms the "impossible laws," by accepting an offer to come to this country and play for the Indiana eleven, now owned by the New York Giants Baseball Club.

The addition of Henderson should strengthen the Polo Grounds outfit considerably. Henderson was obtained last year by Darlington from the famous Glasgow Rangers at a fairly big fee, but dissatisfaction arose over his salary this season and he decided to sever relations with British football and cast his lot in this country.

Henderson, in announcing his intentions, declared:

"I am accepting the offer of the Indiana Flooring eleven from America because I am very much dissatisfied with the terms of the Darlington team, I feel I am worth much more than I am asked to take from Darlington, a wage smaller than that which I received from the Rangers. I refuse to accept this cut and have cast my lot overseas.

"I was given a splendid offer by the Bethlehem Club but the Indiana club, with its great financial backing of the New York Baseball Club appealed to me and I have signed. I am going to join other British players in America and ere long I expect to see many more good British boys sail overseas to join us. They cannot, as I cannot, continue to work under the impossible transfer laws in Great Britain.

"The door in the United States is open and I shall enter."

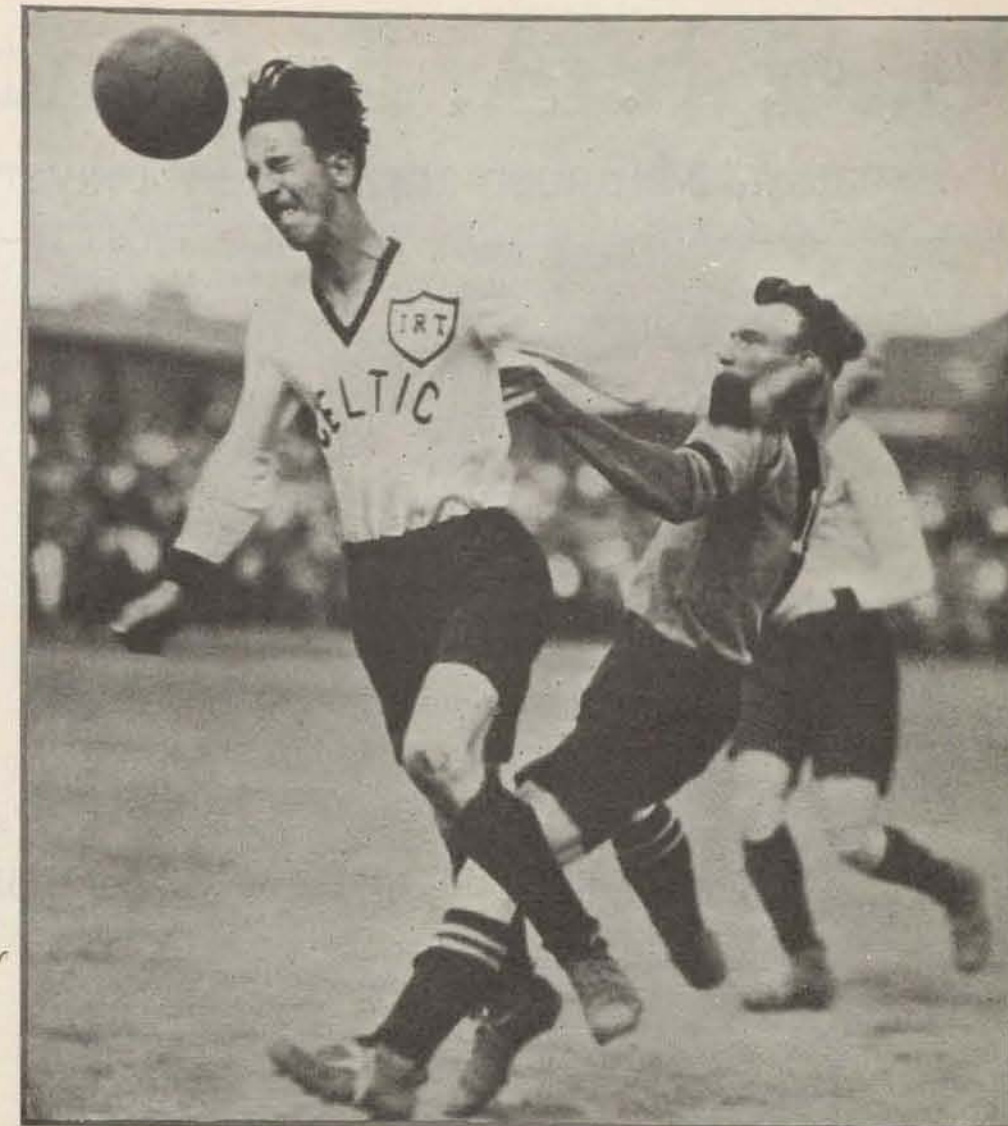
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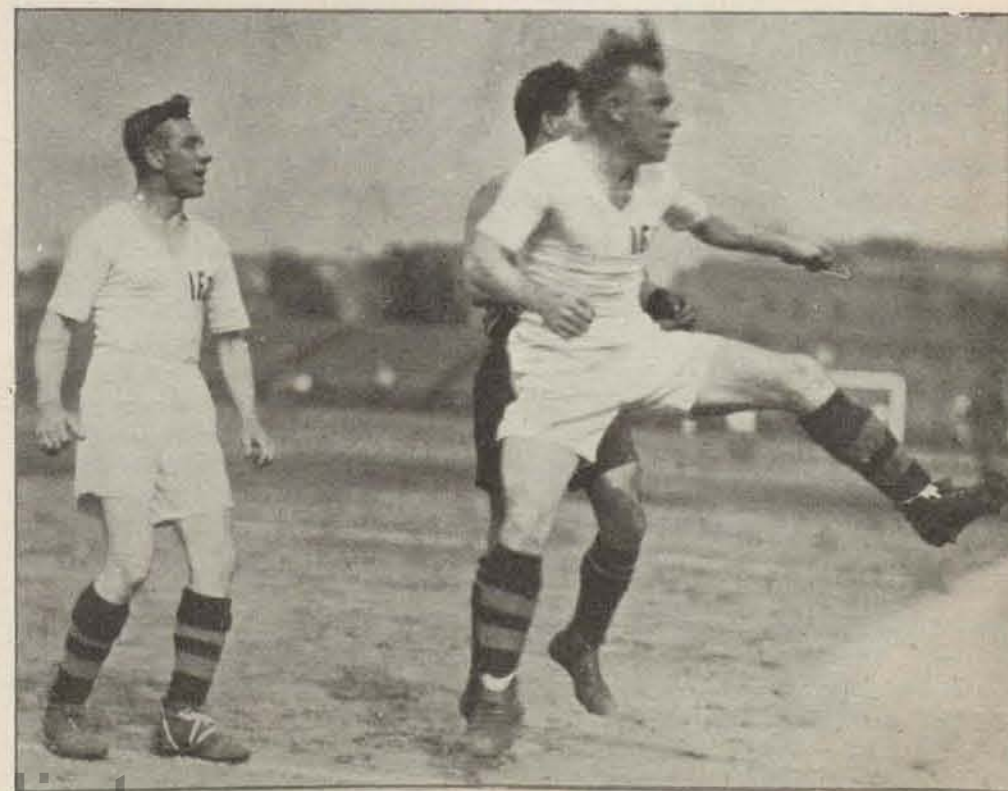
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Jimmy Purves of New York Nationals, a promising player



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U. S. F. A. Suspends Players

Espana's Manager and Seven Players Are Hard Hit

By DONALD PRATT

SELDOM, if ever, since the U. S. F. A. was created, has the ruling soccer body in this country taken such drastic action as in the case of Andrew Soidy, manager of Espana. After being given ample opportunity to defend himself against accusations — he was found guilty by the National Commission of using four players who held contracts with other clubs and three players who were not registered at all, in the final for the Everlast Cup at Newark, N. J., on August 7, 1927.

Soidy, apparently, did not anticipate that his action would reach the ears of the officials. From long experience in the game, he must have known that he was committing an indiscretion. It was a violation of the rules of the U.S.F.A. and called for the sentence which has been meted out to him and the seven players who were caught in the U.S.F.A. net.

Soidy sent a written reply to the U.S. F.A. in answer to the charges. His epistle contained an implication that there was another "craw in the pie."

Plot Thickens

WITH the receipt of Soidy's communication, the plot thickened. The U.S.F.A., however, felt that it was on the right trail.

When the facts were assembled, the pleadings of the different parties read and very carefully digested, the case was submitted to the National Commission. It was simply a matter for the National Commission to decide as to the severity of the sentence, and apparently they resolved that they must make "the punishment fit the crime."

The upshot is that Andrew Soidy has been suspended from taking part in Soccer management and fined \$100. His suspension will remain in force until the fine is paid to the Secretary of the U. S. F.A.

THE players were not exactly innocent. They must have known that they were sinning against the written law. The National Commission thinks so at any rate, and the players have been fined \$10 each and suspended for three months from the date of the offence.

The specific charge against them is that they played for a club other than the one which held their registrations. They were all Calpe American players at the time. The players are—Frank Alecio, Peter Gallagher, Hans Mullestein and Manuel Mena.

The other three who came under the ban were Thomas Wylie, W. Andrews and C. Michie. They are unregistered professional players; at least, they were unregistered on August 7. Michie was an Espana player but his contract expired on July 31, seven days before the offence

was committed. Each was fined \$10 and will not be allowed to kick a ball until November 6.

Others in Same Boat

THE action of the U.S.F.A. indicates a determination to deal with offenders who have violated rules and regulations and who thought that the U.S.F.A. was a sleeping body. The fancied sense of security has been rudely shaken up.

To say that there is alarm in many camps over offences committed in the "closed season" is to put it mildly.

Picked Up At Random

By SAM MACLERIE

NEW ENGLAND scribes don't think much of Bobby Walker of the Nationals. One said he was a flop. Another wrote that he failed to impress. I may not be much of a judge of a good player—but I do think that the former Scottish first league player has a lot of good football in him. Keep your eye on him.

Davy Robertson is more than a good soccer player. Brooklyn should be proud to have such a free kick specialist. Robertson's two goals from foul kicks, one against Bethlehem and the other versus Fall River, should go down as two of the most beautiful shots seen here in a decade.

Fabian, the Giants' new goalie, a disappointment? That's what fans are asking. Personally I don't think so but I do believe that he will find playing in the American League is more arduous than that to which he has been accustomed to. It will take him a little time to get used to it. In having McClure as a substitute goalie the Giants are well taken care of. A rest now and then will not harm Fabian.

Best Right Back

WHO is the best right back in the American Soccer League today? That's a hard one to answer at this moment. From what I have seen so far I am for Grosz of the Wanderers. This

fellow from Hungary is a real star. He has speed, excellent judgment and can kick well with both feet. He has a way of his own in beating an opponent and that makes him one of the most outstanding players in the league.

Defeats handed to Fall River provide sweet music to New Bedford fans. There is bad blood in the veins of these New England rivals. The recent game at Fall River showed it. There is some advantage in such a condition of affairs, it helps the gate receipts.

Referee Dempsey does not appeal to the Fall River team. Of course, that is to be expected. Did you ever find a referee who pleased a beaten team. That man is not born yet and probably never will be.

George Graham, late of Ulster United, looks very good on Sam Mark's Fall River team. He is going to make it very interesting for the goal scoring record hunters this season. He knows where the goal is and worms his way through a defence in a very clever manner. He will be a marked man before very long.

According to Hughie Magee, Red McMillan of Brooklyn is the best left back kicking a ball. He is certainly a marvel for his inches. He is the double of George Chaplin, who used to play for Dundee and Bradford City.

Gossip from New England

By "ST. MUNGO"

FANS in New England are being greeted with a succession of surprises. While the news that the Boston Braves may purchase the Boston club was still fresh in mind, the J. and P. Coats and New Bedford teams sprang some unexpected stuff in releasing several of their players.

Stanley Brooks, Bill Langly and Hendry are free agents. J. & P. Coats gave them their passports the other day. At this time, the clubs usually cut down to their allotted number to carry them through the season. The "Threadmen" may be following this procedure but is more likely that the Pawtucket management is casting its eyes around for new blood to bolster the team.

Manager Wade has the club's welfare at heart. Slipshod methods of training will have to go, and the club will be brought up to a condition that will win back the support it has lost during the past two or three seasons.

Of the three players released, Brooks' departure caused the biggest surprise. Stanley has given valiant service in the three seasons he has been with Coats. He's a worker, one of the type that simply cannot slack. He'd believe himself guilty of false pretences if he did less than his best during the whole ninety minutes. A few more changes among the regulars will be due as the season goes along if results are not forthcoming.

Bob Perry is another to go. He got a free transfer from New Bedford after the game with the Nationals. The big fellow is still too good a player to go around idle and would fit in nicely with some of the clubs looking for material to strengthen their middle line. There have been some inquiries made to Manager Dave Pomfret regarding the big half-back but the New Bedford management decided to give Bob a free transfer and let him settle his future "stamping-ground" for himself.

Braves Seeking Boston Club

It is being whispered about that the management of the Boston Braves is seeking to follow the lead of the New York baseball magnates and are trying to land a soccer franchise. It looks like a deal will go through for the present Boston club. If it should, the future home of the Hub outfit will be at Braves Field.

When singing the praises of our star

goaltenders and there are a fine crop of them at present Boston fans say a good word about Newark's custodian. At Boston the other day this lad gave the fans something to talk about and puzzled Bobby Blair and his "henchmen" for the greater part of the ninety minutes. One lone marker was all the blue and gold forwards could get past this nimble keeper of the Newark uprights. Time and again Boston players swept into Newark territory but Murdock turned them back. His slogan is one of World War fame—"They shall not pass."

Two Great Players

I have yet to see the equal of the Chedzey-Ballantyne wing. What a delightful combination of craft, speed and wizardry of control they possess. I am

PROVIDENCE CLUB MOVES "HOME" GAMES

PROVIDENCE is having a hard time these days to get the use of the home field to fulfill home engagements. They had to carry the New York National game to Tiverton Stadium. The management is more than anxious to stage as many games in Providence as possible but the club has to play "second fiddle" to baseball and rugby football at Kinsley Park and the cyclodrome.

not forgetting the other members of a great side when I single out this Scotch-English combination for special mention. Their constructive work has been a treat to watch. The ex-Clyde forward has made a host of friends around New Bedford by his scintillating plays and there is no one better pleased than the veteran Sam.

The "cog" slipped somewhere on Fall River's recent trip south. Fall River official whispers that the last line of defense is crumbling up. In the past other clubs have waited in vain for that same defense to weaken at a critical moment but, nine times out of ten, it stood firm as steel.

According to Dave Pomfret, Gregg and McLaughlin the former "Quakers" who are on the Battery Park roster, got a raw deal in being held up by the U. S. officials on the Canadian border. The case is hard to understand. Just why

there should be any discrimination against McLaughlin or Gregg, when other players have come through on the professional list as entertainers, is beyond understanding. The immigration officials claim that the pair are under a labor contract and held them up for that reason. The New Bedford officials petitioned Washington on the matter and the affair is being cleared up.

IT was apparent to all who witnessed the "Whalers" in their opening games two weeks ago that "Red" Ballantyne, the newcomer to Battery Park, is just the right type of a player to be playing alongside Sam Chedzey. Ballantyne is the thoughtful type of player, which just pleases Sam, and we expect to see a capital understanding spring up between the two ere the season has far gone.

Keen disappointment was felt in the Rhode Island mill town when Bain, the left-fullback from Canada, decided against the Rhode Islanders, and cast his lot with Hartford. Manager Wade, I hear, made Hartfords new defender a tempting offer when he visited Canada two weeks ago, but evidently Manager Dewhurst went one better.

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Advice on Training

New Methods Advocated by Soccer Expert

By "UNO"

IT was the following letter which I received from a Brooklyn reader which definitely influenced me to a decision to impart what help I can to young players anxious to become proficient in the playing of the game.

"I am at present the secretary of an organized soccer club that has two teams on the field. We've been organized for about a year and therefore feel ourselves in need of a great deal of advice concerning soccer, and how to become PLAYERS. I, in the name of the entire membership, would wish to ask you whether you can give us advice or information, as to how we may obtain a coach for our team. We are certain that we need such a man, especially one who is willing to serve gratis or for a small sum perhaps. We play on Sundays from 11 a. m. on a well-known field in Brooklyn."

It is difficult to instruct soccer "by correspondence," so to speak, but if any suggestion I may offer, appears somewhat obscure, I shall attempt further to explain. There can be no doubt but that the one great failing among players, juvenile, junior and senior, is their inability to control the ball. Every boy is a born footballer. As soon as he can walk, he starts kicking something about.

It may be a bunch of rags, anything, in fact, that is movable, and in nine times out of ten, he will kick with his right foot. It seems the right thing to do. If he indicates a preference with the left, the parental advice is given to "try the other foot."

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THERE is an unconscious prejudice against the left, just as there is against a pupil who attempts to write with the left hand. The objectors, tutors, or parents, think it does not look businesslike, and the child is corrected as often as opportunity presents itself until in later years, they discover that the youngster has become ambidexterous,

using the right hand with as much freedom as the left.

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TO be able to control the ball does not simply mean to take it alone. There are players who are extremely clever with the right foot, others with the left, but of very few players in the soccer universe, can it be said that they are two-footers. One of the best dribblers of a ball the soccer world has produced is Billy Meredith of Welsh International fame. Dribbling developed into a habit with him. In training he was obliged to break through the usual routine laid down by trainers, because he did not think they knew what he required.

He would dribble the ball from one end of the field to the other, eluding imaginary opponents, and finish usually by scoring from seemingly impossible angles. In this way, he not only gathered speed on the ball but wonderful ball control.

He did not kick the ball three or four yards ahead and then run after it. No, he just tapped it with either side of his boot and played with it as a cat would do with a mouse. On occasions he would flick the ball with the outer edge of either boot and in this way he learned to slip the ball on the run without stopping and then passing it to his partner without undue elaboration.

THESE might be designated the master touches, however, and for the time being, we shall content ourselves in acquiring a knowledge as to how the ball can be controlled with both feet. For this purpose, it is recommended that the matter of half a dozen flag sticks about three or four feet long, should be secured, and stuck in the ground six yards apart. Let the player start off with the ball at his toe from a point to the immediate right of the flag and complete a circle with the ball.

When he reaches the second flag stick, he will be obliged to take the ball around with his left. If he is a naturally left-footed player, this will cause him no inconvenience, but if he is given almost wholly to the use of his right, it is long odds on that he will find it very difficult, indeed, to take command of the ball with the wanted confidence.

On no account should he bring his right into action until the circle has been completed. He will notice, too, that if he does succeed in bringing the left foot solely into action, that his pace will slacken considerably. This is not to be wondered at, of course, because he brings into active service muscles which have become knotted like a piece of crumpled elastic, and if they are

stretched, not only does the weakness of the leg become apparent but he will feel tired latterly.

On his way to the third flag stick he will obtain smiling relief, and increase his speed. He will give the ball a more confident tap all the way round, but in the interval between the sticks the ball should pass from one side of the toe of the boot to the other, so that when he comes to the fourth flag stick when he is called upon to complete the circle with the left doing more work than the right, he will not feel so awkward and instead of the left becoming rebellious as it was originally, it will become resigned to the fact that it is something more than a mere appendage, and must be of some service in controlling the ever elusive leather.

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YOU should "carry on" circling the flagsticks alternately with the right and left, returning to the starting point to commence anew another journey. You may say that you have never seen anything of the kind on a football field. I will grant you that this system which I advocate is not in common use, for this reason that trainers nowadays have too much of their time taken up with the physical condition of the players and they neglect the instructional part of their duties. Moreover, in professional ranks, nearly every player when he signs a form for a club, assumes that he has little or nothing to learn about the game, and he is reluctant to take advice even from those who have become famous as players. They presume very often upon a skill which they do not possess. They know how to do this and that, and don't require to be told. Oh, yes, I have come across their kind, hundreds and hundreds of them.

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A GREAT many players do not thoroughly understand how to kick a ball. They will tell you that it must come in contact with the instep, but instead of the toe of their boot being pointed towards the ground, it is inserted between the base of the ball and the ground. The swing of the leg is almost semi-circular with the natural result that the ball is propelled skywards and lacking in accurate direction.

I have never put myself to the trouble yet of estimating with the aid of a stop watch the length of time the ball is in the air during the playing period of a game, but obviously, there must be a tremendous waste. You cannot do anything with a ball that is soaring in the heavens. There is by far too much of it in soccer here, which is in large measure due to

the fact that the ball is not propelled properly.

It is agreed that a player who can place a ball is of infinitely more value to a side than one who has no regard whatever as to its destination. Did you notice what happened in that place kick competition at the Polo Grounds when the Maccabees played Indiana? The Flooring men lost out because they put all the leg power possible behind the ball, whereas the others "followed through" properly.

The elevation of the ball was not much more than fifteen feet and consequently



Bobby Guedert of Bethlehem who was transferred from the New York Giants to the Steelmakers

greater distance was obtained. They did not realize it themselves. I reckoned that Andy Clark could kick a ball. I was sure that Renzulli could make an indent upon the leather, and I am doubly sure that both of them could have made the ball traverse yards and yards more if they had remembered.

Instead they were united in the one resolve which was utterly wrong. They thought that leg power was the only essential. They know differently, and just why they did not utilize their knowledge that day, passes my comprehension.

As a guess I should say that it would be a near tie between Jock Marshall and Andy Clark for the leading honor in their

specialty if it came to a show down, with the betting in favor of Marshall just the same. He can kick a ball. Muscle has something to do with this assuredly, but not all, not by a when o' miles.

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YOU have seen a sprinter getting down to his mark. He digs a hole with his toe. In much the same way should a footballer kick a ball. Get his toe down and "Carry on, Sergeant Major." The rest is easy.

You will hear it said that the English style, the long passing style of play is much faster than the short passing Scotch game. It is not. The ball is banged about more but that does not make the game speedier. It is an optical delusion.

When you see an outside forward endeavoring to connect with a ball which has come over from the other wing, it does convey the impression as he races along top speed on a wide open field that the game is very fast, but unless he has the ability to control the ball, to manoeuvre it when he is face to face with resolute defenders, all his speed goes for naught.

Take the famous Glasgow Celtic team when it was composed of Adams, McNair, Dodds, Young, Loney, Hay, Bennett, McMenemy, Quinn, Somers and Hamilton.

It is not very much of an exaggeration to say that they could have played blindfoldedly, so splendidly did each of them occupy their proper position. A word, little more than a whisper, would have been sufficient to direct the movement of the ball from one to the other. Never in a month of Sundays could they have done this if they adopted the kick and rush style.

Since I was a kid I can remember the advice which used to be bellowed all over the field by Bob Hunter, long time trainer and now manager of the Millwall club. "Places, boys, places. Do you hear me?" Pity the wanderer in his team. You know that joke about the precentor of a church choir who was greatly annoyed because the tenor would suddenly switch over and attempt to sing bass. He kept on for a bit and then resumed the tenor part.

"Look here," said the irate precentor, "if you are going to sing tenor, sing tenor, and if you are going to sing bass, sing bass, but nane o' yer shandy gaff."

Much the same reproach from Bob would come the way of a player who attempted to play half back the one minute and full back the next. "Places, boys, places. Do you hear me?" It is very important. Play your own position, boys.

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Jim Armstrong Reviews Game

JIM ARMSTRONG, manager of New York Giants, is not one of the happiest of men these days, but he is emphatically one of the most optimistic. Verily, he has need to be, for there is no more unwelcome individual in the vicinity of a soccer encampment when everything is going dead wrong than a dismal Jeremiah, who looks out upon the world through a pair of blue spectacles.

As Bob Robertson of J. & P. Coats remarked the other day "a winning team manages itself," but when defeat after defeat comes along, then there is call made upon the judgment of the man behind the gun. Jim Armstrong was never panicky. It is not in the nature of things to expect that he should move around, his face illuminated by a series of reinforced smiles, but it calls for the effort of a real man to remain cheerful under such depressing circumstances, as prevail at the present time.

"One thing I am mighty glad about," said Jim the other day "is that a Metropolitan team heads the League. If it must be that New York Giants cannot scale the heights then I hope sincerely that the Brooklyn Wanderers will remain where they are. For long enough honors have gone to the east. I am not hoggish enough to wish that our rivals would not occupy the premier berth. But I do wish that the Giants were occupants of similar position.

"The Brooklyn Wanderers at the present time are playing mid-season football. They played a type of game against us which was calculated to compel fruitful results and to one player more than any other was the success of the team due. Drucker reminded me of Bill Fryer in his hey-day. He opened up the game magnificently. Long swinging passes to the extreme wings kept the Giants defence on tenterhooks.

Why They Are On Top
"LITTLE wonder Adair and Yule were always in the picture, the outside right particularly. This may savor of stale news but the illustration of their methods against us is employed to explain the enviable position to which Brooklyn has aspired and attained.

"The play of our fellows so far has been terrible. Particularly was this so against Coats when we were lucky indeed to get a point. I say so quite unre-

servedly and Maurice Vandeweghe was frankly of the same opinion. He does not delude himself into the belief that



Pat Sweeney, J. & P. Coats' outside left, a veteran but still going well.

our position is due to bad luck, but to rank bad play.

"The only one about, who seems to have any luck at all, is McClure. He has the luck of the Irish with a vengeance. He could take a chance of running down to shake hands with the other goalkeeper and something would occur which would

prevent the ball from entering his own net before he got back again. That is how he strikes me.

McClure's Great Luck

"YOU remember that incident last season when the ball actually ran along the cross-bar from one post to the other while McClure stood under watching events. That is the nearest approach to a miracle in soccer I have ever seen. But luck apart, if there is not more pep shown by our fellows, both Maurice and myself will have to go on.

"I am confident, however, that the coming of Schwartz will continue to bring about better results. It is not in reason to think that he will perform miracles. There can be little doubt, however, that he contributed to a considerable degree to Davy Brown's success last season. To my thinking he will improve the attack by 100 per cent.

"Poor as has been the form of our forwards, it has to be kept in mind that we have been getting goals. I overheard Maurice Vandeweghe say that three should be quite sufficient to win any game. No doubt as to that. But we even got four against Fall River—and these were not sufficient. Our defence, so far, has been rocky in the extreme. Last season we were second on the list of goal scorers, yet we were well down the list as far as goals against were concerned.

Case of Fabian

"THE same thing has happened so far. There has been a lack of co-ordination in defence. Fabian certainly, has failed to reproduce the brilliant form of which we all know him to be capable. Take the case of Harper, however, one of the best goalkeepers Scotland has produced in recent years. You would not say that he has yet touched international form. It is wise rather to take his sea-

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son's average. And the same with Fabian. In practice he has started to go down for low balls in a manner which he has not hitherto exhibited in actual play.

"I am in agreement with those who believe that Guttman has been lying too far forward, this particularly in view of the working of the new offside rule. I have had a talk with him, however, and I feel certain that the advice tendered him will be acted upon. These days, with center-half is well advised to remain in his own half of the field, which has the effect of reducing the areas of freedom enjoyed by the center-forward when he is not policed by the pivot of the team.

"A great many center-halves forget that they occupy the pivotal berth. It is the dominating position on the field and no one as yet has succeeded in dominating the play from among the forwards. That is a matter of historical record. It isn't theory. It is hard incontrovertible fact."

Law Brought Cablegrams

JUST then Armstrong withdrew from his desk a volume of cablegrams.

"All these," pointing to the file of cables, "have been necessary to maintain the New York Giants' attitude towards International law. There is no doubt about it that the newly reorganized Hakoah had secured Schwartz's signature. We instantly realized that there were likely to be International complications if we cabled Schwartz to come on and forget about his having already signed for Hakoah.

"It has cost us principal to preserve our principles. These are not on the Stock Exchange. You couldn't buy them—and yet they are purchaseable by all in the soccer market. You won't get quotations from Wall Street. There is a limit even to the purchasing powers of the great money market.

"Schwartz, who has probably the greatest following of admirers of any soccer player in New York, could not have come back to us unless he was governed by the dictates of the Hakoah club in granting or withholding his release, as well as the permission of the Austrian Association. As a matter of fact we were negotiating for the purchase of a successor when we realized that he had signed a form for the regenerated Hakoah club. We were willing to make the sacrifice.

No Outlawry Wanted

"MAURICE VANDEWEGHE had made up his mind, that as far as the Giants were concerned there was to be no outlawry. He would not countenance such a thing. So these cables are spokesmen, every one of them, for the integrity of Maurice. He will have to

foot the bill, but even if it had meant the expenditure of thousands of dollars he would have demanded that I should conduct negotiations in the manner as to which you have visual proof.

"It is admitted that the only way you can get players is at the source. The only way in which you can get them easy is by playing fair with them as far as it concerns their relationship with the Associations to which they owe allegiance. It has been seriously contended that matters would be very much easier for American Soccer League clubs if they cut adrift from the U.S.F.A., And what then? Is there any individual who seriously contends that at the moment the



Alec Lorimer, left half back of the New Bedford team, considered the best utility man in the American League.

United States is in a position to supply her own soccer needs? The answer is in the fact that there is not a club but is dependent upon the foreign article.

Harvest Unproductive

"THE home harvest, after years of effort, has been unproductive. Supposing we had acted as some would probably have liked, what would have happened? The Austrian Association would have received a complaint from Hakoah that Schwartz has signed a one year's contract with them. The complaint would have been transmitted to the F.I.F.A., and in the end the American Soccer League would have been declared an outlaw body.

"Do you think for a moment that any player for the matter of a few extra dollars can reasonably be expected to

join the American Soccer League if declared an outlaw body? It is unthinkable. If the American Soccer League had accepted the form which I sent on to them with the signature of Schwartz, who in turn had forwarded it to the U.S.F.A. which had accepted the registration, the upshot would have been that the U.S.F.A. would have been declared an outlaw body, and then every League would have been isolated from the world.

"Our source of supplies would have been cut off. That is one of the reasons why we were very particular about Schwartz receiving his release before we even forwarded his transportation via the Cunard Company's agents. A cable put our minds at rest.

Something to Remember

"THERE is no question about the trouble it has been to us but you can have now some idea of the greater trouble which would have been ours had we not made inquiries direct whether the player had been signed or not. Therefore the stack of cables. There is one factor which those who would not care an Indian coin whether or not the American League remained under the protecting wing of the F.I.F.A. must keep in mind.

"If they had their views carried out in detail, it would not be possible for a player who failed to give satisfaction here to cross into Canada and play. He could not go to Spain. He could not go to Italy. To put the matter succinctly, he could not move. We would be islandic instead of cosmopolitan, and no Icelandic attitude towards the U.S.F.A. or the F.I.F.A. can possibly prevail. It is suicidal in theory. Why go further?

"Disappointments are accountable occasionally for the contortion of the output of the mental organs, but I can tell you this. Great as would have been the disappointment of the Giants to lose the services of one of the most popular players who ever kicked a ball, we would rather have been without him than commit an offence against International law. This by some will be looked upon as mock heroics, but this file of cables is undeniable proof of the Giants' resolve to "Play the game!"

Change in Soccer League International Date

England.—At a meeting of the Scottish Football League Management Committee, October 12th was fixed as the date of the inter-League match against Ireland. The English League requested a change in the date of the inter-League match, and it was decided to offer March 10th instead of October 22nd as originally fixed.

Schoolboy Soccer Dates

By EDWARD J. McCUE

THE Public School Athletic League Championship Soccer Tournament of Greater New York, won by Erasmus, of Brooklyn, last season, will get under way on Saturday, October 1, according to the P.S.A.L. schedule. The final games will be played on November 19. The officials of the league have divided the schools of the city into three divisions in order to make for better balance and convenience in playing.

Division 1 is in effect, a Manhattan and Bronx division. Division 3 is a combination of schools in Brooklyn and Queens.

According to the drawings, the winners in Division 1 and 2 will play each other in the semi-final game. The winner in Division 3 has the bye and will be in the final automatically. In 1928 Division 1 will have the bye and in 1929, Division 3 will have it.

The Chairman of the Soccer Committee, is Daniel M. Alperin, while Rowland Patterson is the Inspector of Athletics in charge.

DIVISION 1

Oct. 1—Morris vs. Townsend Harris, Commerce vs. Theodore Roosevelt, George Washington vs. De Witt Clinton, James Monroe vs. Stuyvesant.

Oct. 8—De Witt Clinton vs. Morris, Commerce vs. Townsend Harris, George Washington vs. Evander Childs, Theodore Roosevelt vs. Stuyvesant.

Oct. 15—George Washington vs. Morris, Townsend Harris vs. James Monroe, Evander Childs vs. Commerce, De Witt Clinton vs. Stuyvesant.

Oct. 22—Morris vs. Evander Childs, Townsend Harris vs. Stuyvesant, James Monroe vs. Theodore Roosevelt, Commerce vs. De Witt Clinton.

Oct. 29—Morris vs. Commerce, Theodore Roosevelt vs. De Witt Clinton, Evander Childs vs. James Monroe, Stuyvesant vs. George Washington.

Nov. 5—Townsend Harris vs. Theodore Roosevelt, Commerce vs. George Washington, Stuyvesant vs. Evander Childs, De Witt Clinton vs. James Monroe.

Nov. 8—Morris vs. James Monroe, Stuyvesant vs. Commerce, George Washington vs. Theodore Roosevelt, Evander Childs vs. Townsend Harris.

No. 12—Theodore Roosevelt vs. Morris, Townsend Harris vs. George Washington, James Monroe vs. Commerce, Evander Childs vs. De Witt Clinton.



Marteo Aranz who will lead Manual's outfit this season, is aiding Doc Dittberner in coaching the team.

How They Finished Last Year

Division 1

School	W.	T.	L.	Pts.
Stuyvesant	8	0	0	16
Morris	6	1	1	13
Commerce	4	3	1	11
Evander	4	2	2	10
Monroe	3	3	2	9
Clinton	3	1	4	7
Townsend Harris	2	0	6	4
Roosevelt	0	1	7	1
Washington	0	1	7	1

Division 2

Erasmus	5	1	1	11
Manual	4	1	2	9
Boys High	3	3	1	9
Madison	3	2	2	8
Tech	3	1	3	7
Textile	2	2	3	6
Curtis	1	1	5	3
Lane	1	1	5	3

Division 3

Jefferson	4	0	1	8
Bushwick	3	1	1	7
Flushing	2	2	1	6
Richmond Hill	2	0	3	4
Hamilton	1	2	2	4
New Utrecht	0	1	4	1

Nov. 19—Stuyvesant vs. Morris, De Witt Clinton vs. Townsend Harris, Theodore Roosevelt vs. Evander Childs, James Monroe vs. George Washington.

DIVISION 2

Oct. 8—Manual Training vs. Curtis, Brooklyn Technical vs. James Madison, Erasmus Hall vs. Boys'.

Oct. 15—Curtis vs. Textile, Manual Training vs. James Madison, Boys' vs. Brooklyn Technical.

Oct. 22—Boys' vs. Curtis, Textile vs. Erasmus Hall, Brooklyn Technical vs. Manual Training.

Oct. 29—James Madison vs. Textile, Erasmus Hall vs. Brooklyn Technical, Boys' vs. Manual Training.

Nov. 5—Brooklyn Technical vs. Curtis, Textile vs. Manual Training, James Madison vs. Erasmus Hall.

Nov. 8—Curtis vs. Erasmus Hall, Brooklyn Technical vs. Textile, Boys' vs. James Madison.

Nov. 12—James Madison vs. Curtis, Textile vs. Boys' Erasmus Hall vs. Manual Training.

DIVISION 3

Oct. 8—Richmond Hill vs. Seward Park, Thomas Jefferson vs. New Utrecht, Flushing vs. Bushwick.

Oct. 15—Richmond Hill vs. Bushwick, Thomas Jefferson vs. Alexander Hamilton, New Utrecht vs. Seward Park.

Oct. 22—Flushing vs. Richmond Hill, Bushwick vs. New Utrecht, Seward Park vs. Alexander Hamilton.

Oct. 29—Alexander Hamilton vs. New Utrecht, Seward Park vs. Flushing, Richmond Hill vs. Thomas Jefferson.

Nov. 5—Seward Park vs. Thomas Jefferson, Alexander Hamilton vs. Bushwick, New Utrecht vs. Flushing.

Nov. 8—New Utrecht vs. Richmond Hill, Flushing vs. Alexander Hamilton, Bushwick vs. Thomas Jefferson.

Nov. 12—Alexander Hamilton vs. Richmond Hill, Thomas Jefferson vs. Flushing, Bushwick vs. Seward Park.

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Stuyvesant is the latest to acquire a player who learned his soccer in Vienna. He is Louis Klein. Coach Henry Shanholt, who won his first sectional championship last year, intends to use him at inside right to replace Max Weiss.

The Old Timers Talk

A Word for the Present Day Soccer Players

By DONALD MacDOUGAL

STRANGE as it may seem, be it is baseball, football, soccer or any other sport, seldom do you get an old timer to sing the praises of the present day star. Why is it that the old timer as a rule likes to talk of the past in nothing but the superlative? Why will not the old timer recognize that the world is progressing and that every day we find something new, something better than that which the "best" the day before?

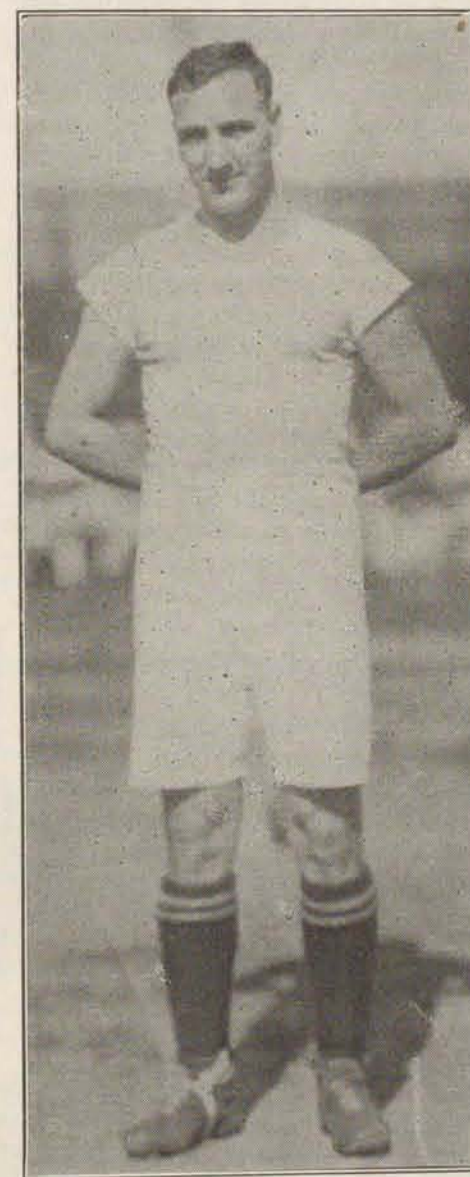
Only recently I read a most interesting article on baseball by Wilbert Robinson, manager of the Brooklyn Baseball Club in which he gave an interview on the comparison of the present day Yankees with the famous Orioles of thirty years ago. To those of Soccer Pictorial readers who do not follow baseball, I will add by way of explanation that the Baltimore Club of Wilbert Robinson's period had some of the greatest players of all time as its members. Included in the list was the great John McGraw, Wilbert Robinson, Bill Dahlen, Hughey Jennings, Joe Kelly, Jack Doyle, Willie Keeler and Billy "Kid" Gleason. To those who like myself, saw this team in action, it is difficult to believe that any baseball club could ever be considered its superior.

Yet Wilbert Robinson remarked: "The Yankees of to-day excelled our great team. I for one, refuse to feel that the old timers were greater. We have progressed in baseball just as in other fields. The world grows and with it, baseball has grown. The great Yankee team which has won this year's pennant is a greater combination than that which we had because it has great punching power and better pitching."

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AND so it is with soccer. I love the game. I've been brought up with it from my early childhood because although I was born in this country, in Baltimore. My father once told me that he was a great player in Scotland and I've always been equally fond of soccer and baseball, rather unusual for a Scotchman. And like Wilbert Robinson, I take issue with Charles Milne and Tom Adam and other soccer experts who assert there is nothing in present day soccer which compares to the past.

Tom Adam's article on the Greatest



A stalwart halfback of the Bethlehem Steel team is this giant, McGregor. He ranks among the greatest

THE ART OF SHOOTING

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JUST to bring this point home, I am going to suggest, very seriously, that in 15 or 20 years from now people will still be talking about the decadence of football. And the broadcasters of the future will want to know where are the equals of Grimsdell, McCall, Andy Wilson, Gillespie, Chambers, Alan Morton, Andy Cunningham, Sam Hardy, and Sam Wadsworth? To put the matter in another way—just as it is true today that things are nothing like they used to be, so it will be true twenty years hence.

The comparative scarcity of goals and the dearth of centre-forwards is a fruitful source for moaning. But will any man who takes a sane view of the game today and of yesterday say that the present standard of defensive play—tactics, position, covering, and pace—is not better than the history of the game has ever known?

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IN England and in Scotland the number of first-class clubs has increased annually so that to-day there are more stars over there than ever before.

I find no fault with the fellow who feels the present day stars lack the class of the fellows of bygone days but I don't feel that the football managers of to-day who speak of such dearth must recognize that they themselves are largely to blame if this situation be true. They say repeatedly that "the goods" cannot be found. Do these old players who are now managers fail to realize that in making statements on these lines they are reflecting on their own ability as managers?

You will never make me believe that there is a scarcity of young foot-balling material. Even if we grant that some of this young material does not come up to expectations, the managers whose business it is to teach them cannot be completely absolved. Certainly old players now acting as managers and coaches would be better employed showing the youngsters how it should be done than in bewailing to the effect that it can no longer be done.

Players of All Time in this country makes fine reading and creates considerable discussion, but Tom is in error when he feels that none of the present day players compares with the best of the past. I defy Tom to point to any of the stars he names who is Davey Brown's superior. Where do Brown, Archie Stark, Fabian, Brittain, Jock Marshall and half a dozen others I can name, belong if not at least in the substitutes of an All Time team?

Let us give credit where credit is due.

Minute Rests Between Goals

By "UNO"

Something Wrong

WHAT is wrong with the New York Giants? On their present form, the half backs are not worth candy. I include Billy Herd but I am not in the least afraid of him. He will strike it at any moment. Guttman got wild with me last season when I told him that he was lying too far forward. He can get wild again, because I am telling him the same thing this season. And take it from me, Guttman is a prince of fellows. Personally, I cannot help but admire him. For instance, if Davy Brown scores three goals in a game he purchases a bunch of roses and presents it to Davy, for Davy to hand it over to his good lady. Good!

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Tom Adam is one of the shrewdest of soccer judges in the game. Those who try to kid him along find themselves in queer street before they are much older. He tells me that Eddie McAuslin of New York Giants is a much better half back than he was ever an outside right. He was stuck one day and played the Baileston boy in the half back line. After that experiment, Tom would not play him anywhere else. This item of news will be of interest at Starlight Park where the half backs at the moment are positively "punk."

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Bob Miller, the popular team manager of the New York Giants, says that at Providence he was forty-five minutes in the air trying to catch a cross from the forwards. By the way, the said Bob is suffering from a very severe injury sustained in that game. It makes one wonder that he can take the field at all. It takes a lot to kill a Scotsman, however, especially one hailing from Paisley, the ancient home of corkscrews.

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Has Bad Knee

YOU will have wondered, no doubt, why Geordie Jenkins of the New York Nationals has not played recently. He is suffering from a laceration of the lateral ligament of the right knee. I was under a Harley Street specialist—that is in London, England—for a complaint of the same kind. It cost the British Government quite a lot of money. Rest was all that he advocated after I had got rid of the plaster cast. Am afraid Geordie will have to remain out of the game for a while.

Bill McIntosh of the New York Nationals was at the Polo Grounds last week feeling quite O. K., after his short spell in the hospital. There were no ribs broken. On Thursday afternoon he was certain of Dempsey winning the big fight while Jimmy Gallagher was Tunney crazy. Sharkey is Jimmy's idol. You should have heard them holding forth at the Boston game Sunday. It was rich!

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According to the players who have banged against him so far this season, Sturdy Maxwell of New Bedford is one of the best right half backs kicking a ball. He and Sam Chedzoy have struck up a rare understanding. With Stevens they have formed a triangle. Sam's advice to the man behind him is usually "Go to it." Such is his confidence in the player who, during the Scottish tour of Canada in 1921, was one of the most valuable members of the team which accepted Bob Connel's invitation.

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Clubs Pay Money

A CORRESPONDENT asked me the other day which club had contributed the greatest amount to the funds of the American Soccer League last season. Fall River led with \$1,848, Brooklyn followed with \$1,570, New Bedford paid over \$1,324 and Giants parted with \$1,164. Pretty good! They will have more to pay this season. "Gates" are increasing.

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It looks as if there will be no International this season between America and Canada. The D.F.A. believe that with the many exhibition games the visit of an American team would not be an attraction this fall. They are behind schedule anyway so that the suggestion that the game should be played next May will likely be accepted.

The Canadian people wish to continue these annual conflicts, but they are looking at the matter from the monetary standpoint. It is better perhaps, for all parties that the date of the game will be deferred. America will then be in a position to select a representative team. This is not possible at the present time.

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He's Not Blind

Archie Stevenson of J. & P. Coats, some people will have it, is blind. This because he has occasionally to put on a

pair of spectacles. He says that he can see all that he wants to.

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It is not generally known that Barlow, the ever thrustful center-forward whom Sam Marks has given to J. & P. Coats, is an American born boy. I shall be terribly disappointed if young Ryan does not give him the opportunities of going on his own. He reminds me very much of Scott, the Irish International player, whom I recommended to Coats the time they were on the outlook for a center. He has speed and the same determined will to get there.

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Johnnie May, he of Derby County and Glasgow Rangers fame, has just stepped off the boat from Glasgow. Here is the opportunity of securing the services of one who, in the writer's opinion, would prove one of the greatest coaches in soccer. There are many great players who believe that, because they could play once upon a time they are qualified to tutor the inexperienced. That is delusion. May has never done any coaching officially in soccer but has imparted to many a youngster just what is the right and wrong thing to do. I thought he would eventually take to golf. He is a 70 man or better.

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THERE is no player who takes more out of himself in the course of a game than Haeusler of New York Giants. It may be that I am wrong but I have formed the impression that he could be doing with a little more training. In recent games he has been blowing long before the final whistle.

When Charlie Crichton told Fabian to "get rid of the ball," the player did not understand the advice tendered. Charlie must really brush up his Hebrew or should it be Yiddish?

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Davy Ferguson will not forget his first experience with the Giants. His feet were so sore that he could scarcely walk the following day. You won't play much Soccer with skinned heels.

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It has always been a mystery to me why Johnny Nelson has not been appreciated at his true worth at Brooklyn. Properly fed—in the football sense I mean—he would get a lot of goals. He is a player who gives you the impression that he is always going to be doing something.

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German-Americans Organize

By FRANK JAY

WHEN five German Soccer clubs decided to break their affiliations with the Leagues they belonged to—the Brooklyn Soccer League, the Empire State League, the New York State League, and the New Jersey State League—and joined the German American Football Association, this League became the biggest organized body in New York and its environs, or in fact, anywhere else in the East.

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Today the German American Football Association, with its new season two weeks old, has 36 members. Within the next few days it is expected that to this number several others will be admitted and the league's membership will rise well over forty.

The five divisions of the German American F. A. is composed of the following teams:—

League Division—Brooklyn, first team; Germania, first team; Hoboken, first team; Newark, first team; Vienna, first team.

The five teams in the league division will play a double series with each other, with two games at home and two games away.

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Division 1—Elizabeth, first team; Hempstead, first team; Hota, first team; New Brunswick, first team; Paterson, first team; Sparta, first team; Union City, first team; Yonker's Teutonia, first team.

Division 2—Brooklyn, second team; Germania, second team; Hoboken, second team; Hota, second team; Newark, second team; Vienna, second team.

Division 3—Brooklyn, third team; Germania, third team; Elizabeth, second team; Hempstead, second team; Hota, third team; Newark, third team; Paterson, second team; Union City, second team; Yonkers' Hungarians, first team.

Division 4—Brooklyn, fourth team; Brooklyn, fifth team; Elizabeth, third team; Germania, fourth team; Hoboken, third team; Newark, fourth team; Newark, fifth team; Vienna, third team.

Brooklyn Looks Best

ON PAPER the Brooklyn kickers look the strongest. They have a well balanced team with nary a weakness

in any position. They have a large stock of very good reserve players to pick from in case of any injuries to regulars. They have the advantage of always being able to find a substitute capable to step in the breach and hold his own.

This very important reserve strength is a decisive factor over a long stretch of games. The team scored a 5 to 1 victory over Germania in its first league game.

The Newark club's pre-season record entitles it to second place. Newark has a well functioning playing machine and there is perfect understanding between every player. The club is one of the few which has hardly changed its line-up since last season.

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THE Vienna eleven is expected to make the most trouble for the other contenders. Vienna can boast of having one of the league's best center forwards in Kuntner. It was he who scored the

MINUTE RESTS BETWEEN GOALS—(Con. from page 18)

HAEUSLER of New York Giants has found his tooth! This is official. He showed me the missing molar and the exact spot where he recovered it. Future historians are hereby informed that they are out of a job if they seek to invade Starlight Park.

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Charlie Vandeweghe, one of the keenest men in soccer to-day, is far from satisfied with his brother's team. In this connection, let me say that he would not have some of the players donning a jersey, who are taking the field to-day. Maurice is wrong. Charlie is right. Even after the victory over Hartford, Charlie did not think the victory was anything to write home about. Maurice, as usual, was philosophical. What Hartford wants and needs very badly is a leader. They require some one who knows the psychology of the game and the men to respond.

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McClure of the Giants tells me that it is one of the hardest jobs in the world to keep goal at Starlight Park, and he says that Fabian is to be sympathized with. The ground in front of goal is fierce. He pointed to the fact that Tommy Blair of Hartford went to meet a ball,

only goal against Hoboken with a drive into the left hand corner of the net from 25 yards out. It was a beauty. Vienna is especially strong on the defense. Haltenback, right full back, is the best of the trio.

The Hoboken club has placed a strong combination on the field and it will gain many a point before the season is over. The defense is very good and the work of Zietz at left full back is outstanding but the smooth working forward line lacks the scoring punch which is so essential in winning ball games.

The once formidable Germania eleven are badly handicapped by the loss of three of its star players. So far Germania has not been able to fill the vacant positions satisfactorily. The team gave Brooklyn hardly any trouble. Some of the goals may be attributed to the weakness of Schussler in goal for Germania. The club has no reserve strength and the outlook for the future is not very encouraging.

and had made the move to prevent it going into the net on Saturday, he was where the ball should have been, but it took a different and very unusual route to reach the net. That dot and carry one had Tommy beat to the world. Fabian must study the topography of Starlight Park instantler.

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There is no truth whatever in the rumor that Jimmy Dewhurst, manager of Hartford, is going back to Fall River. I tackled him straight on the point and he gave me a very emphatic answer. Somebody must have said so. It was on the soccer radio at any rate.

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MANY people will no doubt have wondered why it was that Ulster United did not appear at Starlight Park on Sunday. The explanation is that they wanted more money that Jim Armstrong was prepared to part with. He thought he was doing pretty well when he guaranteed them \$750. They wanted the City Hall thrown in which simply could not be "did," and so the game was called off. Good judgment, Jim.

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Repartee. Said Bob Millar to Tommy Blair of Hartford before the game at Starlight Park on Saturday.

"I hope you keep all the goals out." Said Blair—"I hope I keep more out than I let in."

You grammarians! Do you see anything wrong with this conversation?

Opinions That Carry Weight

By FAMOUS BRITISH STARS

(London, Special Correspondence)

C. E. SUTCLIFFE, a somewhat out-spoken critic of referees, and yet a very warm friend of the man who is striving to do his duty to the game, utters a word of warning to referees who think they have reached the top of the tree and can now sit in ease and comfort. If, he says, they approach the season in that spirit, they will soon tumble down.

To keep at the top they will need to prove their merit in every game. They have in front of them a job for a fit man, and we want to see it conducted throughout by a man who acts as a man. We need no tomfoolery nor showman's antics. If you escape blunders no one will see you, and that will be the best evidence of satisfaction and success.

One thing all referees should strive for is consistency.

Release from Football League refereeing duties has been obtained for about five weeks by Mr. W. P. Harper, of Stourbridge, on account of his visit to the United States with the Worcester team which is to play against Worcester, Mass. This is a trip in return for that made by the Americans to this country. In the absence of Mr. Harper, Mr. J. Roscoe (Bolton) will referee Blackpool's game with Clapton on September 10th.

MR. PETER O'ROURKE, the former Bradford City, Yorkshire, manager tells a good story about Mr. J. T. Howcroft, the Bolton referee, and Jimmy McDonald, the City forward.

"I remember Mr. Howcroft," he says, "assuming such an attitude in the field in one match that I fully expected Jimmy to get marching orders. He was only cautioned, however.

"As he was such a gentlemanly player, I wondered what it was all about. Mr. Howcroft explained when the match was over that McDonald had sworn at him. I went and asked McDonald what he had sworn at the referee for. 'I did'n'a swear,' he said, 'ye ken I dinna swear. I only asked him if we had lang to gang.'"

"I brought him to see Mr. Howcroft, who, on hearing him repeating what he said on the field, in his broad Scotch

dialect, patted him on the back and smilingly remarked, 'It still sounds like swearing.'

THE Scottish Referees' Association have decided that all referees in membership must be loyal to the Scottish Football Association, during the rupture caused by the introduction of Intermediate Leagues. They must not officiate in any game conducted under the auspices of the Intermediate League, the penalty being suspension. Originally the Referees' Association decided to remain neutral, but at a recent meeting they decided to throw neutrality overboard.

IS there any game in which so much help is given to the raw youngster as in football? Is there any body of men so ready to help, encourage, and "carry" the youngster through his first big game as footballers? I doubt it.—C. Camsel, Middlesboro.

Shout yourself hoarse about the merits of your team if you like, and better still if they are actual; but give the other side some credit. Don't tell them to play fairly, because others not looking through the same colored spectacles might see that your side isn't perfect in that respect.—Charlie Roberts.

IDON'T want to shift the responsibility for doubtful tactics for stop-at-nothing football, from the shoulders of the players. But the spectator can help to put an end to this sort of thing. The foul player must be told about it, whether he is a friend or foe.—F. Hudspeth (Newcastle United).

Temperament plays a very big part in the game, and at the commencement of this season I should like to appeal to the supporters of all clubs to "have a heart" for players who may be with the team for the first time. Things don't always go right at the start. If they go wrong the player is in real need of encouragement.—J. H. Hill (Burnley).

THE game as we know it through the alteration of the offside rule offers great chances to speedy wingers, and defenders have learnt their lesson. The change in the offside law is good for the game, because it stops offside specialization by full backs who cut up the play

unnecessarily and spoilt it as a spectacle merely to exploit a law.—C. Wadsworth (Huddersfield Town).

I BELIEVE in the immediate future of Cardiff City, because we have that blend of youth and experience which has so often proved valuable. You never can tell how things will go in football, of course. But if the luck goes our way then it may be our turn. The will to win the championship exists at Ninian Park.—Fred Keenor (Cardiff City).

I should like to see the players wear numbers. Any little improvement to make it easier for tens of thousands to enjoy the game should be adopted. A bold numeral on the back of each man would enable home spectators to recognize at once the leading personalities in a visiting team, and to keep track of them even in the hurly-burly of a fast and strenuous match.—Vivian Gibbins (West Ham United).

The future of the League game depends upon the position of its members, and the poorer clubs cannot go on indefinitely adding to their losses after having cut their expenditure to a minimum. It seems to me that the wealthier clubs might agree to a pooling scheme by which temporary aid could be given to those who need it, or else that the F. A. might make a move in the direction of granting loans.—"Evening Standard."

British Nurseries to Develop New Talent

England—Quite a number of League clubs are taking smaller clubs under their wings and utilizing them as nurseries. It was recently reported that Huddersfield had arranged to have their young players tried out in two junior teams, and now it is stated that Sheffield Wednesday is to make the Wombell Football Club their "nursery."

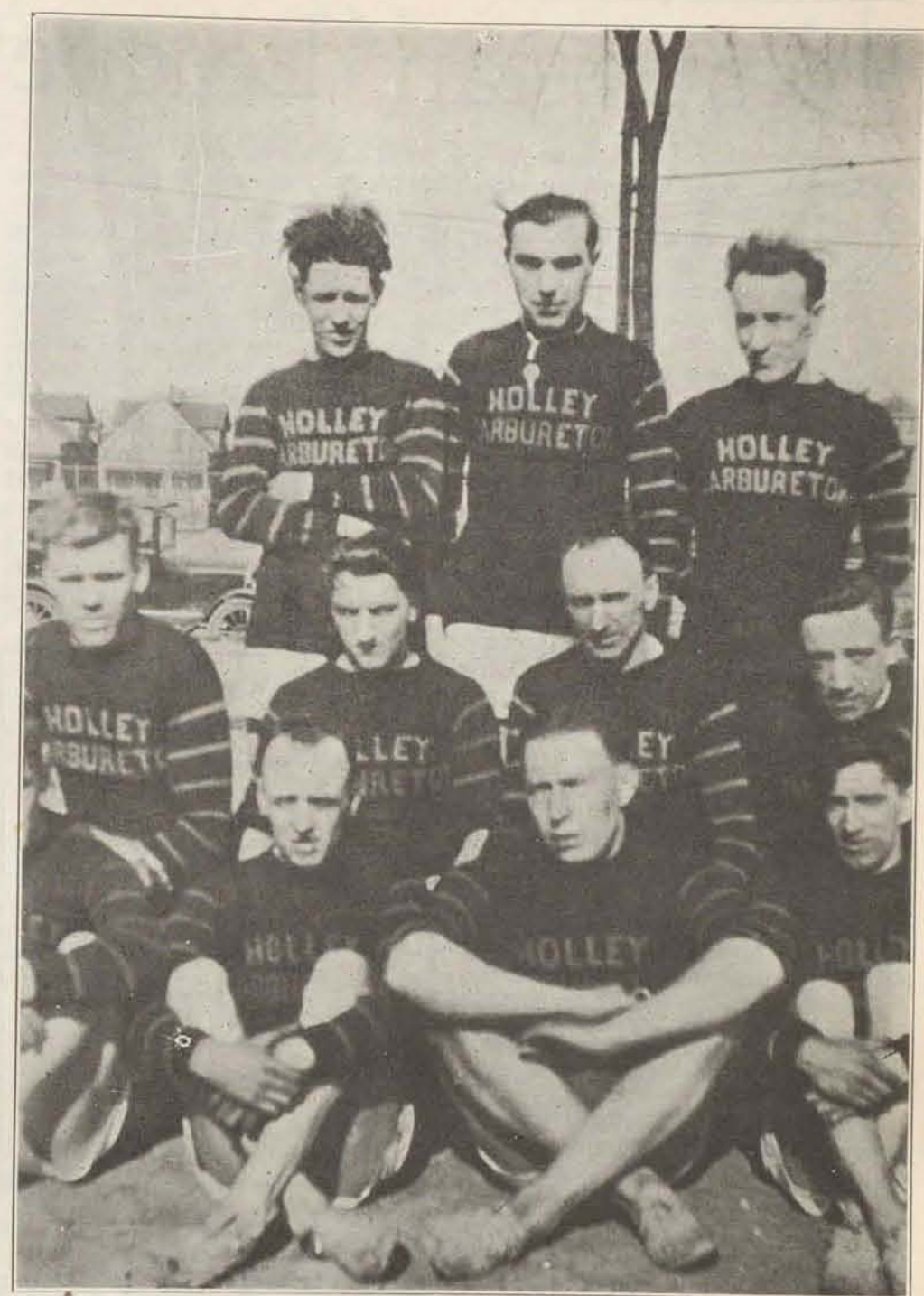
For some time the Sheffield and Midland League clubs have been in negotiation, and with the transfer of Wednesday reserve forwards, Bradford and Smith, to Wombell, the arrangement has been settled. Sheffield Wednesday, as they discover young players worthy of developing, but for whom they have not the facilities for regular match practice, will place them with Wombell for observation purposes.



Davy Brown of New York Giants and Jack Ferguson of Bethlehem had an argument. Will the third player in the picture send UNO a wireless? We are anxious to know who he is



Do you know him? Of course, "Uno," the Soccer Pictorial editor



Holley Carburetors who went into the final of the American Challenge Cup.

Pawtucket Boosters

The membership of J. & P. Coats Boosters Club has now swelled to 200. Additional names are being received daily.

The club has arranged a number of dances and whist parties to be held during the winter season in the Coats recreation building. Following is one of the Boosters' slogans:

Wake Up Coats!

Wake up Threadmen, get into the scrap, Put Pawtucket back on the Soccer Map. Get busy now, oil up your joints. Forget Maggie and Lizzie and go after the points.

The Boosters are with you, You'll hear them holler, But they want a run For their half-a-dollar.

Takes Advantage of Offer

Dear Sir:

AS SECRETARY of the New York Eagle Sport Club may I congratulate you upon your most magnificent publication in behalf of my club, and hereby take advantage of your broadminded suggestion, very democratic indeed, "make this your magazine," by sending you the following news item.

A team of the Eagle Sport Club played an exhibition game against the American Hebrew Athletic Club, a team, at Crotona Park last Sunday, which resulted in a 1-1 tie, and was quite a fast and interesting game. In the first half the wind favored the Eagles and its Centre Forward, B. Roth, succeeded in scoring in that half. In the second half Bumsey scored for the American Hebrews.

American League Review

THE American Soccer League entered into the fourth week of its championship season last Saturday and Sunday, with several big surprises taking place. The most amazing of the lot, was the second downfall of the famous Fall River club at the hands of New Bedford by a 4 to 2 score and a 2 to 2 draw with J. & P. Coats the previous day.

The week-end also showed the temporary superiority of Nat Agar's Brooklyn Wanderers over the rest of the field, the Brooklynites annexing their fourth consecutive victory by defeating Hartford by a 3 to 0 count.

In the other week-end games Boston beat the New York Nationals and in turn the Hub team was defeated by the Wanderers Phillips. The New York Giants scored a triumph over Hartford. Tom Adams' team came through with its first victory by defeating the Philadelphia club by five to three and Bethlehem vanquished Providence.

THE more you study form, just as surely are you going to be all agley. It was Jimmy Brownlie, the great Scottish International goalkeeper, who, at the close of what an equally famous goalkeeper called "these last fifteen minutes," remarked "it's a great game fitba."

Wanderers are still at the top of the table and look like remaining there. They beat Hartford by 3-0 on Sunday after the "babies" of the league had got their medicine the previous day. They will keep on winning until next week, and then there is to be a fall which will do the league a vast amount of good.

Hartford did not impress to any great extent, either against the Giants or Brooklyn. They have got a queer mixture of players who are liable to do anything at any moment. They require a leader very badly. There is urgent need for the unification of their forces, and a consolidation of their energies. There is a terrible lot of real value that is going to waste. One old timer, content to play a minor part, but who could impart his knowledge, would work wonders. If they take this advice, may I also suggest that they be very careful as to their choice.

The Brooklyn Wanderers are the only undefeated team in the league. The form displayed by the wanderers so far

has been the sensation of the league but it has been by no freak of play by any means. The fifteen goals that they scored have been clearly earned. The wonder is they did not tally more, considering the chances they had in their superior attack. But even this had its reward. Though they missed many opportunities to score, they kept their opponents so busy defending themselves that only four goals were scored by four teams met so far, Bethlehem, Fall River, Giants and Hartford.

Their theory is—like Jack Dempsey's championship system—the best defense is a dynamic attack.

Standing of Soccer Teams in the American League

Week Ending September 25

						Goals—	
Team.	P.W.	L.D.	F.	Ag.	Pts.	Pct.	
Wanderers	4	0	0	15	4	8	1.000
Providence	4	3	1	0	11	5	.750
Boston	4	3	1	0	8	4	.750
Bethlehem	5	3	1	1	11	10	.700
New Bedford	5	3	1	1	12	8	.700
Philadelphia	5	2	2	1	13	14	.500
Coats	4	1	2	1	6	8	.500
Hartford	4	1	2	1	4	3	.375
Fall River	5	1	3	1	15	17	.300
N. Y. Giants	5	1	3	1	10	17	.300
Newark	4	1	3	0	6	9	.250
Nationals	5	0	5	0	5	13	.000

Games of September 25

Brooklyn 3, Hartford 0.

Boston 2, Nationals 1.

Newark 5, Philadelphia 3.

Bethlehem 4, Providence 3.

New Bedford 4, Fall River 2.

Games of September 24

New York Giants 2, Hartford 1.

Bethlehem 1, New Bedford 1.

J. & P. Coats 2, Fall River 2.

Philadelphia 4, Boston 2.

Something very unusual happened at the game between Philadelphia and Boston. A player was put on the field as a substitute when there were only five minutes of the game to go. Jim MacDonald of the Boston club pointed out to the Philly "outfit" what they were doing, and how they were transgressing the law. They paid no heed. Nat Agar was looking after the business end of the argument on behalf of the League, and only when the error had been irrevocably committed, did he learn what had happened. This is a matter which will have to come before the league at its first session and according to all the usages of civilized soccer warfare, the points will have to be awarded to Boston who lost by 4-2. They paid no heed to MacDonald's advice. It was an act of foolishness. They could have held their lead, but whoever was in charge had certain preconceived ideas which had to be worked out in absurd detail. No fewer

than 2260 paid admission and if a properly managed club cannot subsist on that then there must really be "something rotten in the State of Denmark."

NEW YORK NATIONALS went down again. Boston were awarded a goal—it was the winning point—which was yards and yards offside. If the position of the players were put on a chart, and referee Dempsey gave a similar verdict to that which he awarded on the field, then the Referees Association would have something to say to him, apart altogether from what action the league might take. It was almost as bad as the decision of a referee last season who after the ball had been played by the goalkeeper gave the goal scorer offside. Oh dear. We must really start a night school!

As was indicated in these columns, New Bedford are to take a bit of beating. They drew with Bethlehem and put it over Fall River. What does that indicate? Do you require any elaborations upon the obvious?

The moral value of these triumphs is inestimable, and when you begin to think about the results of games, you will kindly take note of the fact that you have been reminded in these columns of great possibilities. The championship has not yet been won.

You remember what Newark did last fall? Tom Adams' bunch are liable to do anything. Philly came to New Jersey, they saw, but they did not conquer. This was distinctly good stuff. They will make great progress. Earmark this item of information. Could you imagine Jock Marshall in a team that was trailing? He will drill these fellows of his and "mind am tellin' ye."

Sam Marks cannot be too happy this weather. He is not accustomed to defeat. Today he has to swallow the bitter pill. He is a real sport, and can take the knocks. One of the reasons why we like him. Harper will be getting tired picking up the ball from the back of the net. He may not say so, but the fact of the matter is this, that he knows a terrible difference in the style of defensive play compared with the Old Country. If he will take the advice of an old friend he will go out to meet everything, and place no reliance whatever upon the man in front of him.

National's Acquire New Strength

By DAN HUMPHRIES

YET again, New York Nationals went down to their fifth straight defeat at the Polo Grounds when they met Boston last Sunday, but it must be said that the "Nats" scarcely deserved the thick end of the stick which was wielded by Referee Dempsey, who, by the way is not even a whittle off the same family tree as his extinguished namesake.

Many a time you must have played lost and won, but the breaks seemed to be against you all the time. That is what is happening at the present time to the New York Nationals. Would you believe that on Sunday two hours before the kick-off, Bob Millar, suffering from a variety of ills, knocks, bruises, with a touch of hay fever thrown in just to balance things up, declared that he could not possibly take the field. Persuasion and will power, plus, were responsible for the appearance of what unknowing scribes are pleased to call the "veteran Bob" whose grey hairs give the lie direct to the length of his sojourn on this terrestrial globe.

It may be news to you, but it is seemingly a fact that the said Bob, when the score stood 2 to 1 in favor of Boston, actually scored the equalising goal. Very skilfully did Davidson scoop it out and throw it into the safety zone, but player Walker would go in front of St. Peter to-morrow prepared to swear that the ball which Bob had manipulated so cleverly, and which many people were of opinion struck the post, was over the goal line before the Boston goalkeeper, diverted the leather behind.

NEW YORK Nationals were moving so irregularly, the forwards in particular, that it was no surprise when Nilson, the Norwegian, just back from his homeland, scored with an angular shot from a beautifully timed pass by Blair. Pete Renzuli had no chance at all to deal with it. He might as well have had a comfortable seat in the grandstand. By way of retaliation, Walker moved sprightly down the wing, and got in a shot that would have beaten nine goalkeepers out of every ten and Davidson got his mitts to it. The score was 1 to 0 at interval time.

There were lamentations over the fact that the Leviathan was steaming so slowly and could not reach port until Monday

morning. On board was Georgie Henderson, on whom hinges a great deal of the anticipated success of the New York Nationals in the immediate future, and who will make his debut in the clash with New York Nationals at Starlight Park on Saturday, September 30.

Crilley tried hard enough. He is not the same infant who startled the soccer world when in season 1921-22 he scored 55 goals out of an aggregate of 94 goals for Alloa Athletic. The route to the goal seems strange to him these days. He tried hard enough, but as a leader he was among the also rans. Crilley these days, instead of acting on his own initiative as was his wont, looks for assistance in pursuance of his one-time goal scoring policy.

Soon after half time, Boston made a confident appeal for a penalty. Andy Clark handled in the dreaded area. Let there be no doubtiety in anybody's mind on that score. I was standing ten yards distant from where the incident occurred which brought the whole Boston front rank to a halt as if they had been on parade. The "ref" heeded not their appeals. The order was "carry on."

Clark was wearing a skull cap to protect a gash in his cranium which was gifted to him when he was out east the previous Saturday. It would not stick on, and when he picked it up time after time, he reminded me of Jock Drummond of Rangers fame who seemed rather ashamed of his scanty locks, and whose cap refused to be a permanency in its direct association with the upper storey of his make-up.

Boston got rather particular as the game progressed. Even at the taking of a bye kick, Blair appealed to the referee because Pete Renzuli had stolen half a yard of space. He was absolutely correct in what he did. The tide of anxiety as far as Boston was concerned was rising. Robertson, the full back of the Nationals, progressing favorably, thank you, nearly bust his ribs shouting.

His exhortations could be heard by the players. His lip fell, and he was sulen when Blair registered the second goal for Boston. Johnny Ballantyne was at least four yards offside. Even when Pete Renzuli picked the ball from the back of the net, he was still in an offside

position, and just how the ref did not perceive is one of these things which no fellah can understand.

Jimmy Cameron raced after Dempsey, much in the same manner as Dempsey raced after Tunney. When he got to close quarters, he succeeded in persuading the referee to consult his linesmen, who I regret to say were not in a position to give a truthfully, or at any rate, accurately descriptive report as to what had occurred. It was not to be expected that having awarded a goal that he would go back upon his decision. The Boston players were wise. They did not trouble interviewing the 'ref.' What was the use of arguing for something which they had already got? Their judgment was good.

BOSTON was the better team undoubtedly, but the Nationals were unfortunate to lose by a goal which ought never to have been awarded. Accustomed to the adamant pitch at the Oval, they are not taking readily to the herbage at the Polo Grounds. They are on a different diet now.

The Nationals will make them all sit up before long. Nothing surer. Their new players are in the pink of condition. Henderson was at the Polo Grounds on Tuesday and looked very fit. The players who have been held up in Montreal have been training all the while so that Trainer Stearne need have no anxiety.

With New York Kickers

After holding the Madrid eleven to a tie in Brooklyn on Saturday, the Galicia Football Club on September 25 lost an exhibition game to the New York Giants by a 5 to 2 at Starlight Park.

The New York Hakoah soccer team won an exhibition game from the Brooklyn Football Club, 4 to 2, at Starlight Park on September 25.

The New York Celtics defeated the Bronx Workers by 5 to 2 in a New York State League match at Steinway Oval on September 25.

From Our Canadian Border

By CRAIG CAMPBELL

THE national soccer body of Canada recently held its annual meeting in Calgary, and, as expression of confidence in the officers who directed affairs during the past twelve months, all were re-elected. Business was conducted in a quiet orderly manner (not always the case), and everyone seemed pleased, from President Russell downwards.

The recent Scottish tour showed a net credit balance of \$14,800, of which \$9,000 will be distributed amongst the several provincial associations, in proportion to the amounts contributed to the general fund.

There is, however, one fly in the ointment, the D. F. A. recording a loss on the year's working of \$5,000. The Dominion Championships (once called the Connaught Cup) is being partly blamed for the deficit. President Russell is of the opinion that the Scottish Tour was responsible, overshadowing as it did, the domestic end. This, of course, is a matter of conjecture. Anyway, the D. F. A.'s bank balance still stands at something like \$10,000, quite a respectable sum.

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The Dominion Championships, is one of the greatest sporting competitions in the World. Distances to be traveled, are enormous, covering a "trek" from Montreal to Vancouver Island, in British Columbia. Provincial bodies work out their own competitions, until it comes down to East versus West, for the grand finals, usually taking place in Winnipeg. All of which is accomplished in a country, half a continent in area, and a population of but ten million. We repeat, it is a wonderful competition.

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An Interval for Tours

ACCORDING to D. F. A. officials it will be quite a year or two before Canada is favored with a visit from Old Country teams.

Both the English and Scottish tour, were profitable as far as dollars and cents were concerned, but in sport, even that, however desirable, is not everything. We have witnessed the "Napoleon" in action, and with particular pleasure, but the time has arrived to set our house in order, make greater progress in Canada, so as to fit ourselves for the next tour, say three or four years hence.

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The Equality of the Pro

THE D. F. A. has now removed the last barrier regarding the desirability of the professional player, by opening the gates of the Dominion Championship to

them. Hitherto the constitution read, "for Amateurs only." National League clubs (Montreal, Toronto, Hamilton and Windsor) can now compete for the Dominion Trophy, which to say the least is sound common sense, and as far as the east is concerned, will create greater interest. This step has been well received by sporting writers, who desire to see the bar sinister separating amateurs and professionals removed. They applaud the action of the D. F. A., to which we add our quota.

Soccer Is Summer Game in Canada

Soccer in Canada is a summer game, climatic conditions preventing it from being otherwise. Consequently it has to compete with every other outdoor sport, such as horseracing, lacrosse, baseball, tennis, athletics, aquatics, etc. That we are where we are, is one of the romances of the Canadian sporting world. In the Old Country, soccer holds the field from September, to the following April, and conditions are similar in the United States, where you only run into baseball during September and October.

About Jack Green

The many admirers of this finished player will be glad to learn that he has almost completely recovered. Arrangements are growing apace for the big benefit game on September 24. Carsteel versus the "Rest." No player within recent years has made such an impression upon the local soccer public, as Jack Green.

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Graham of Ulster United

ACCORDING to Billy Fenton, in the Toronto Telegram, Graham has not left for Fall River, even if Sam Marks has the player's contract in his pocket. Graham wants to see Ulster United's season out, which will run well into October.

The Toronto Telegram carries another story to the effect that the Irish F. A. would like to send a team to tour Canada.

Apart from the D. F. A.'s decision not to send out any more invitations for a while anyway, it is extremely doubtful if Northern Ireland could collect a team with sufficient glamor around their names to make it pay expenses. Of course some great Irish players are operating in English clubs, but these would scarcely be available. We are getting very particular in this country nowadays, and only want

the Davie Jacks and Willie McStays. Let me put down something that is perfectly true, yet has a touch of humor. If we can beat visitors, we think little of them; if they walk all over us, then we think they are immense. The Irish will not come—yet.

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Briefs

ONTARIO'S share in the profits from the Scottish tour is \$2,155, and will be apportioned. Ontario F. A., \$900.00; Toronto and District F. A., \$1,255.00.

The Province of Quebec F. A. receives about \$1,500.00.

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James Bardell, a Montreal product, has gone to Providence. This youth (he is only 19 years old) should make good in the American Soccer League. Andy Cunningham said he was the best right half that the Scots had played against. Though born in Scotland, Bardell came to Canada with his parents when an infant, and learned his football in the Montreal district, passing through Juvenile and junior ranks to the senior.

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Carsteel and Canadian National are the Charity Cup finalists, and meet on McGill Stadium. From this competition, \$1,000 is distributed annually among the Montreal hospitals. The sum may not seem a very large one, but it shows that soccer followers realize in some measure their responsibilities to the general community.

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In a Toronto local international, Scotland defeated Ireland by five goals to one. Though beaten five times, Browne gave a brilliant exhibition in goal, for the Irishmen.

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PRAGUE CLUB OBTAINS NEW HOME IN ASTORIA

IT WILL be of interest to the many followers of Prague, the Czechoslovakian team to learn that on October 15 the club will have its own home at Astoria Park, Long Island. At the present time they are disporting themselves at Van Cortlandt Park and are attracting big crowds every week end. The star player of the team is Frank Josifek, a center forward who takes a lot of looking after. He has played soccer at Prague with great success ever since he was ten years old.

During the past two seasons in the Empire State, he has been recognized as the best leader of all taking part in the competition. Last season he scored thirty-six goals.

Fortune of Football

The Luck of the Game

By JAMES McMULLAN

(Manchester, England, By Special Correspondence)

THE first thing a footballer has got to learn is not to get angry when the luck of the game goes against him.

When playing for Partick Thistle against Greenock Morton at Greenock early in my career, the referee gave a penalty against me. That kick lost Partick the match 1-0.

I was certain that the ball played me, and so were the other Partick men who saw the incident. One of them let the referee see that he disapproved of the decision, and he got sent off the field and afterwards was suspended.

I was a youngster then, and was very excited about it. Losing the match three minutes from the finish was bad enough, but it was worse to see one of our men suspended over the business.

However, experience with the varying luck of the game brings wisdom. The

only thing to do when something of this sort happens is to remember that the decision may be in your favor next time, and that the fortune of football evens itself out in the end.

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Are Inches Needed?

I RECENTLY heard a football manager, who has "discovered" some very good lads in his time, say that he would never sign on a half-back who was less than 5 ft. 10 in. tall. This is a policy that would eliminate some of the best half-backs playing football to-day.

Undoubtedly the center-half needs height and bulk to stand the buffeting he gets and for use in front of the goal, but as long as a wing half has the weight for tackling, it does not matter much about the inches.

England's centre-half at Hampden last season literally dominated the field with his 6 ft. 3½ in. The right-half, Edwards, is not nearly so big a man, but he stepped

valiantly into the breach when Hill left the field with a head injury.

The most important quality in a half-back is plenty of courage in tackling. When a man has that he can acquire many of the other traits that make the player.

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Clever Buchan

NATURALLY, the inside man is out to "draw" the defenders, and it is of the first importance to outwit him. The cleverest player I know at drawing the defence is Charlie Buchan.

If a youngster wants a model to study he cannot do better than watch this great exponent of the game. I have played in England and in Scotland, and against Irish players, but I cannot recall a more clever opponent than Buchan.

Each of the five times I have met him on the field he has played a clean, fair game, as well as a thoroughly sound one; and his temperament is as much a model as his play.

Playing Strength Equalized

By MIKE KELLY

IN the American Soccer League this year, the entry in numbers of first-class players has considerably increased. This condition has allowed the so-called weaker clubs to gain the services of those whom the bigger clubs could not use, making the competition even and all the harder for the prophets.

In the past, Bethlehem was the only club in the country that carried a real first-class eleven, and it has only been in late years that other clubs followed the Steelworkers' policy of importing star players.

The entry of these star players adds enormously to the many difficulties that the individual clubs experience in breaking even financially. However, too much importance cannot be placed on the necessity of having the best in our midst.

These talented players are needed in the building of the game that bears every indication of rivaling baseball as a commercial paying proposition. It is unfor-

tunate that some of the present owners will eventually lament their extravagance, but they will at least have the satisfaction of seeing better play and increased patronage. They will also get the good will of those followers with whom the financial end of the game is not of the same concern as is the engagement of really first-class men.

A few weeks ago, Brooklyn was considered no sort of a rival for the Bethlehem team. Bethlehem started its season by taking the Brooklyns in two games and it was not thought that its opening league game in the City of Churches would be attended by any difficulties. Bethlehem, however, was playing its second league game in two days and it was without three of its regular members at Hawthorne Field where it floundered badly and dropped both points. The Brooklyn victory put the Wanderers back in the good graces of their followers. Bethlehem's defeat represents no decline in the Bethlehem standard of play. The present league champions will not be very far away from the top rung when this

season finishes if I do not miss my guess.

The Giants, always slow starters, seem to have had too much close-season football. Tandler, Guttman, Gruenwald and Heusler, all excellent players, are not by any means in form. The recent defeats of the Starlighters are merely a repetition of their annual openings.

The Nationals' good play and defeat of the Giants was thought to indicate a revival. Even though defeats from New Bedford and Providence might not indicate this, we are assured of better work from Bob Millar's team which has been suffering from injuries. The club has been momentarily stopped and just as soon as its new players swing into action we will be assured of a star in the right direction.

Newark's customers should not be particularly alarmed about the non-success of their favorites. The Newark men had little or no training before opening the season and both Brooklyn and Providence had any number of exhibition games prior to the League opening to become unlimbered.

The Week-End in Soccer

By SAM MacLERIE

Week-end Games:

SATURDAY—OCTOBER 1

Boston vs. Philadelphia, at Boston.
New Bedford vs. Brooklyn, at New Bedford.
Bethlehem vs. Newark, at Bethlehem.
J. & P. Coats vs. Providence, at Pawtucket.

SUNDAY—OCTOBER 2

New York Giants vs. New York Nationals at Starlight Park.
Newark vs. Bethlehem, at Newark.
Providence vs. Brooklyn, at Providence.
Hartford vs. J. & P. Coats, at Hartford.
Fall River vs. Philadelphia, at Fall River.

SEVERAL very interesting games are scheduled for the week-end, starting October 1, and the tests for some of the clubs appear to be quite severe. Brooklyn Wanderers first trip to New England is fraught with considerable danger, and there is a feeling that its splendid record of victories might be difficult to keep against such strong teams as New Bedford and Providence away from home.

The determination of the Wanderers to keep on top will make it very interesting for both of their opponents in this instance, and we look for at least an even break in the two games, or better.

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Giants vs. "Nats"

NEW YORK fans will pack Starlight Park on Sunday to get a glimpse of the first clash between the New York Giants and Bob Millar's New York Nationals in the league race.

With Brooklyn in New England, the Bronx Stadium will be the mecca for the American League followers, and since the teams have acquired strength during the past week, the prospects of a tight game will prove attractive.

I am inclined to think that this clash will be more than a game. It looks more like a game and half. Down deep in the hearts of the two clubs is quite a little hard feeling, more of a jealous nature than anything else, and now that the former Indiana Flooring is a bit more high toned, and may be "high hatted" a bit since the National Exhibition Company took them over the feeling may be more pronounced.

Sunday will tell the story, and I am going to be there if the Lord spares me. I would not miss this game for two dollars, no, not even five would tempt me to stay away. Both clubs are stopping at nothing to get their players in shape for the tilt.

Newark vs. Bethlehem

EVERY time I think of Newark and Bethlehem coming together, I am always reminded of what happened to Bethlehem last year in the American League Cup. It makes me kind of skeptical in predicting the possible outcome of this week's league clashes. The teams meet both Saturday and Sunday, first at Bethlehem and then at Newark.

If one must be consistent, the chances of Newark getting any points from the league champions are mighty small. Bethlehem is meeting too much opposition from the stronger teams, not to take advantage of capturing as many points from the weaker elevens.

Yet, where there is life, there's hope, and Newark is noted for doing the most unexpected things quite often, and Bethlehem is one team that knows it only too well, and this week's matches will be somewhat interesting because of this possibility of danger to the champions.

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Coats vs. Providence

IN New England the fans always look forward to games between J. & P. Coats and Providence teams being something out of the ordinary. There is additional interest this year, because the teams are much stronger and with Providence fighting to keep its present lofty position in the league standing, there will be plenty of fur flying on Saturday, when the two Rhode Island "roosters" clash for the first in the league.

Sam Fletcher's crew will be given plenty of action this week to take points from both Coats and Brooklyn Wanderers. This is the team's hardest assignment so far, and if the Providence club can win both games, then they will bear watching for the rest of the season.

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Philly at Boston

THE Irishmen of Philadelphia are on the war path, and after what happened to Fall River at Philadelphia recently, the rejuvenated Philadelphia team minus Fred MacGinnes will bear close watching in this season's league race.

Boston is a hard team to master on its own dump, particularly if the team's supporters are feeling a bit loyal. If the team is getting beat, they think nothing of taking a hand and beating up a few of the visiting players once in a while. That's not an every day occurrence, but

it has happened. I would be the last man to urge such an attempt on the clever Irish team from Philadelphia, who, I am sure, will be quite able to take their own part.

All joking aside, this Philadelphia team is going to make it mighty interesting for some of the would-be champions. Just watch the Irishmen the first time you get the chance.

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On to Fall River

AFTER trying its ability against Boston on Saturday, the Philadelphia team tackles Fall River on Sunday at Fall River. That's where they are sure of a great reception, nix. Beating the National Champions at Philadelphia two weeks ago at Philly was quite a setback to Sam Mark's high priced team which goes to show that money don't always talk.

It was no flash in the pan either according to Mr. Mark himself, and he told the writer that the Phillies had quite a sweet little team.

The result of these two games for the Quakers will give more weight as to the team's prospects for the season.

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Hartford vs. Coats

BULLY wee Hartford, the latest team to join the ranks of pro-soccer, is doing a great deal better than some people expected, and some of the older clubs wish they were in the position now held by the "babes of the League."

It's a little early yet to predict where they will be at the end of the season, but from what I have seen of the team, they will win quite a number of their games, and make it interesting for all the clubs on their own field.

Most of their players are seasoned American League kickers, and with such good men as Blair, Cowan, Izatt, Abdullah, Ballantyne and Hutchison in their ranks there is not much fear that the team will make good.

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Brooklyn's Fine Game

THE Brooklyn Wanderers are displaying an article of ball in the American Soccer League games, which, if it can be maintained, should carry them to a high place in the final standings. Whether the Wanderers can hope to win league

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Picked Up in Ohio

By J. H. PICKERING

THE referee question in Ohio is gaining as much ground and interest in Ohio as the game itself, and if things come anywhere near expectation, the Buckeye State will be second to none. A few years ago, if a person were asked to join the Referees Association, all he did was to look at you and ask what guns he was supposed to carry? But now, owing to the full co-operation of teams and a better understanding of rules by the spectators, things have improved 100 per cent.

The Referees Organization in the state is good, the state being divided into five areas, with headquarters in Cleveland, namely Cleveland, Akron, Youngstown, Cincinnati, and Columbus. Each of these areas have a properly organized Referees Association, which is affiliated with the Ohio State Referees Association, whose headquarters are also in Cleveland.

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It was once thought that the time had arrived when Cleveland was to come into the soccer picture with a first-class professional team, and great excitement was caused in the soccer circle. However, it was thought that the time was not ripe enough for the undertaking. But the embers are still smouldering, and it would not be a very big surprise to see fire in that direction in the near future. Of course, they would have to find a League to play in and a Western Professional League might yet materialize.

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It is good to understand that the local bodies of soccer have decided to have a closed season when the game will be shut down tight. This will help the game in Cleveland more than anything else, as no matter how good a thing is, there is always the chance of over-doing it, no matter how good the class of ball interest dies both with the player and spectator.

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The Am-Hungarians and the West-side Irish are again digging into their pockets to provide seating accommodations for their big following, this is a step in the right direction, and should be the means of doubling their gate receipts.

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Great things are looked forward to in Cincinnati as everything points to a banner year in that area. The opening date has been changed to the first Sunday in October. There are eight teams in big league namely, Cincinnati Kickers, Por-

ter's Thistles, The New Eras, The Northwest Gym, The Magyars, Norwood Victorias, all these are from Cincinnati, the two out-of-town teams being The Newport Boiling Mill of Newport, Ky., and Wheeling Steel Team of Portsmouth.

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It is interesting to note that big interest is being taken in junior football, and it is hoped to have a large junior league together with a Junior High School and Grammar School League, and we wish Mr. B. Faulkner and his co-workers every success in this undertaking, as in time this will help to place the game where it

belongs in this country.

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The first round of the State cup will be played on October 16. Entries close on September 30. Up to date a good many clubs have entered and before the closing date it is expected that the list will be a record for this trophy.

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On Sunday, September 18, McKenna, of the Clan MacKenzies, playing against the Am-Hungarians, fell on the ball and after being taken to hospital it was found that he had a bad fracture. We trust his recovery will be speedy.

Week-End In Soccer

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honors is still an open question as none of the New York teams seem to have much success on their New England trips. The Wanderers have always been known as a good travelling team and has been the most successful of the three New York teams on the road. In fact, year before last the Wanderers gained the majority of their points in "away" games.

Still very few points seem to be carried back from New England by the local teams and this condition is what is going to count in the final run to the tape. The attitude of the "home" crowds has often much to do with the manner in which the game develops and in some localities the spectators are rather more rabid enthusiasts than in others.

Pre-season experting has been given somewhat of a jolt by early season results but the experts are still not ready to admit error. The performances of the Wanderers, Providence, Hartford and Philadelphia, have been such as to entitle these clubs to far greater consideration than given them in the pre-season dope. The season is still young yet, however, and many teams are not yet at their full strength. Any team, however, that can defeat Bethlehem, American Soccer League champions, New York Giants, and Fall River, National champions, in successive games demands recognition in any calculation of prospective combatants for league honors.

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TOMMY LANCELEY, the hard-working secretary of the Brooklyn Soccer League, has just recovered from a serious siege of sickness. Tommy was the mainspring of the Brooklyn League

and his inability, owing to sickness, to hold the reins has resulted in most of the clubs in the league joining other circuits. As a result it is doubtful if the Brooklyn League will operate this year though Tommy is willing to operate a junior section of the league if there are enough clubs desirous of joining such a league. Tommy's address is 181 Fifth avenue, Brooklyn.

Next week most of the junior leagues will get under way. The Hebrew-American League of New York City, the only one thus far to get started. This league is fortunate in being granted permission by Nat Agar to use Hawthorne Field for its games as otherwise it would encounter the same difficulty as most of the junior clubs in obtaining suitable grounds. As there are about fourteen members of this league, it will be impossible to play all the games at Hawthorne Field. The league has shown excellent judgment and progressiveness in view of this situation, in getting its own grounds, East New York Oval. In this way between Hawthorne Field and East New York Oval, the league will be able to schedule a full list of games each week and the clubs will be relieved of the necessity of providing grounds themselves which is one of the most difficult propositions for young junior clubs.

The Hebrew-American League has also tackled the referee proposition by making its own list of referees most of whom are volunteers to help out the junior organization. This league is showing a very progressive spirit and initiative and other leagues would do well to show similar activity.

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Ten Soccer Experts Will Decide Honors List

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Too Many Chances Missed

By J. PICKERING

CLEVELAND expects much from its soccer teams. This city is a good soccer center and judging by the crowds present in the opening games, success is assured. The class of soccer is improving in this section. The games to date have been well played.

One thing appears to stand out with every team playing first class soccer in Ohio, and that is the strength is placed in the defence and too much is left to chance in forward line. With the introduction of the new off-side rule, which has opened up the game and doubled the chance of goal getting, it is interesting to note the chances that are missed to net the ball by the forwards.

The reason for this is that we have too many one foot men. Free and confident use of both feet is the essential to all first class players whatever their position. The center forward, if he is to make the best of this new rule, must have the grit to seize the ball, and drive it quickly. That is essential. Placing the shot is often of smaller account than catching the goalkeeper by surprise. The success of the State Champions, the American-Hungarians, was largely due to the quickness of McDade, Bookie, and Caraffi in the forward line. Short, quick passing turned the trick.

Take the long pass from the wings and then it is a matter of luck in most cases if one of the kicker's side gets it or not, for during the flight of the ball, it gives the defenders just as much chance to get in on the pass. Perhaps the boys will soon learn the error of their ways and reform.

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Ramsay of the Clan Gordan has signed up for the American-Hungarians. This will be a loss to the Clan, as he is about the best defender of the sticks to be seen in the State.

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McAuley, also of the Clan, will be missed, he having signed for the Shamrocks, and proved his worth in the opening game.

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Jerry Reynolds of Shamrock fame has returned to his old team, the Clan Gordans. Charleston, also of the Shamrocks, will be seen in the German Sports uniform.



Green of Newark is shown here displaying "what the well dressed player should wear."



Bob Curtis of Brooklyn Wanderers, one of the big favorites in the City of Churches

Record Price for Football

WHAT was probably a record price for a football was paid by C. Smirke at Leeds, when he handed over £210 for a Soccer leather.

Following a charity football match, in which the rival teams were well-known jockeys, who had been riding at York races, the ball was put up for auction at the Queen's Hotel.

Jockeys and bookmakers entered into spirited competition for the ball, which, in all, was sold twenty-two times.

The first purchaser was Gordon Richards, who got the leather for \$200 but when it was put up for the last time the bidding became very keen and a deadlock was reached between two jockeys.

Joe Childs, who was one of them, sought to solve the problem by making a "preemptive" bid of £1000 but to everybody's surprise Charlie Smirke went one

better by bidding \$1050—and at this figure he was left in undisputed possession.

The total sum realized by the auctioning of the ball was just \$45,000.

The football match—North v. South—was won by Tommy Weston's team, and the Donkey Derby was won by Weston, who just beat Jelliss on the post. The proceeds will go to Leeds hospitals.

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Uno's Form Chart

Picking the Winners in British Contests

IT is evident that the home teams are going to celebrate for quite a while in the British Soccer Leagues. It is very difficult to explain this away. It cannot be because of the introduction of the new offside rule. It has been in operation now for one season, much to the regret of Charles Roberts, who is of opinion that it has not tended to the improvement of the quality of plays.

He says that legislatively thought has been given to the forwards all the time. Defenders have never been taken into consideration. Forwards are having all the fun out of the "Legal" end of the deal. The quality of soccer, he says, has deteriorated in consequence.

C. E. Sutcliffe thinks that the new rule has tended towards the improvement of the game. So there you are.

Aston Villa is suffering the penalty of greatness. On paper the team should be able to lick creation. The eleven is not doing it, and will find that as the season progresses, the boys will be up against it much in the same as was Newcastle United when they had a "team of all the talents."

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HUDDESFIELD is not the great winning team people thought it would be. They are very much in the same street as is the Villa. They have to pay the penalty of their greatness.

Looking over the games to be played on Oct. 1, it does look as if the great London Derby between Arsenal and West Ham will end in a draw. The popular idea, no doubt, will be that the Arsenal will come out on top. "Ware the Hammers! They are great fighters."

Great things are expected of Bolton. They have not done alarmingly well to date, but it does look as if they had more than an outside chance of beating Birmingham, which is struggling.

For some reason which has not been explained, Sheffield United has not struck form. The team is proverbially a slow starter. The Villa has already got one or two lessons. These will not go unheeded, and even at Bramall Lane, the visitors ought to come out on top.

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LOOKING over the Second League, I cannot see that a single visiting team has even an outside chance of victory. There is a possibility that Clapton may get a point at West Bromwich.

In the Scottish League, the great battle of the day will be that between Dundee and Celtic. The Taysiders always put up a great game when they have the bould Celts as their guests and they will no doubt put their best foot forward, but I cannot see the Dundonians even getting a point.

Rangers will be at home to St. Mirren. This will be a gruelling contest, but despite the fact that the "buddies" have a well-knit team victory will in all likelihood go to the "Light blues." Rangers were always regarded as a purely scientific side. They are more than that this reason. They have got a punch which is strange to the Ibex team even from the days when R. C. Hamilton led the attack.

There are those who are a little anxious as to the fate of the good old Queens. They have not struck the form which appeals so fascinatingly not only to the classes but the masses, and they do seem to have a golden opportunity of adding to their prestige and their points account. The Scottish games are certainly teasers. The one thing certain is that the unexpected will happen.

The games scheduled for October 1, with possible winners, follow:

ENGLISH LEAGUE—First Division

Arsenal v. West Ham U.
Birmingham v. Bolton W. x
Burnley v. Derby County
Bury v. Sunderland
Huddersfield T. v. Cardiff City
Leicester C. v. Manchester U.
Liverpool v. Portsmouth
Middlesbro' v. Wednesday
Newcastle U. v. Blackburn R.
Sheffield United v. Aston Villa x
Tottenham H. v. Everton

ENGLISH LEAGUE—Second Division

Barnsley v. W'hampton W.
Bristol City v. Chelsea
Fulham v. Port Vale
Hull City v. Nottingham F.
Manchester C. v. Oldham A.
Notts County v. Grimsby Town
Preston N. E. v. Leeds United
Southampton v. Reading
Stoke City v. Blackpool
Swansea Town v. South Shields
West Brom A. v. Clapton O.

ENGLISH LEAGUE—Third Division (Southern Section)

Coventry City v. Walsall
Crystal Palace v. Brentford
Exeter C. v. B'mouth & B. A.
Gillingham v. Northampton
Millwall v. Luton Town
Newport C. v. Merthyr Town x
Norwich C. v. Southend U.
Queen's Pk R. v. Bristol R.
Swindon T. v. Plymouth A.
Torquay U. v. Brighton & H. A. x
Watford v. Charlton A.

ENGLISH LEAGUE—Third Division (Northern Section)

Accrington S. v. Crewe A.
Bradford v. Stockport C.
Chesterfield v. Barrow
Doncaster R. v. Darlington
Durham City v. Rochdale
Hartlepoons U. v. Halifax T.
Lincoln C. v. Bradford City x
New Brighton v. Tranmere R.
Southport v. Rotherham U.
Wigan Boro' v. Ashington
Wrexham v. Nelson

SCOTTISH LEAGUE—First Division

Clyde v. Cowdenbeath
Dundee v. Celtic x
Dunfermline A. v. St. Johnstone
Falkirk v. Hearts
Hamilton A. v. Aberdeen
Hibernians v. Patrick Thistle
Kilmarnock v. Airdrieonians
Raith Rovers v. Motherwell
Queen's Park v. Bo'ness
Rangers v. St. Mirren
x—Winners at home.
A—Winners away from home.
No index—Draw.

WHAT THE CLUBS DID BEFORE

ENGLISH LEAGUE—First Division

Arsenal v. West Ham U. H.2-2
A.0-7
Birmingham v. Bolton W. H.6-1
A.0-1
Burnley v. Derby County H.1-0
A.1-4
Bury v. Sunderland H.1-2
A.0-3
Huddersfield T. v. Cardiff City H.0-0
A.0-2
Leicester C. v. Manchester U. H.2-3
A.0-1
Liverpool v. Portsmouth H.
A.
Middlesbro' v. Wednesday H.
A.
Newcastle U. v. Blackburn R. H.6-1
A.2-1
Sheffield U. v. Aston Villa H.3-1
A.0-4
Tottenham H. v. Everton H.2-1
A.2-1

ENGLISH LEAGUE—Second Division

Barnsley v. W'hampton W. H.4-1
A.1-9
Bristol City v. Chelsea H.
A.
Fulham v. Port Vale H.6-2
A.1-7
Hull City v. Nottingham F. H.1-2
A.1-3
Manchester C. v. Oldham A. H.3-0
A.2-1
Notts County v. Grimsby Town H.3-0
A.4-1
Preston N. E. v. Leeds United H.
A.
Southampton v. Reading H.1-1
A.0-1
Stoke City v. Blackpool H.
A.
Swansea Town v. South Shields H.2-0
A.1-0
West Brom A. v. Clapton O. H.
A.

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Bitter Battle in Detroit

By ARTHUR SALE

THE bitter fight for supremacy being waged between the semi-pro Western Inter-City League and the Detroit Professional circuit is working out to the advantage of the latter organization. The pros recently formed a new four-club loop and is occupying Packard Park, Detroit's popular soccer rendezvous. Location seems to be the deciding factor. So far very little improvement has been shown in the caliber of the play dished out for the edification of the fans who have attended two successive weekly double-headers.

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One game on the opening day's program—Cougars vs. Holley Carburetor—was a pleasing exhibition. With that as a foundation much was expected from subsequent appearances, considerable improvement being anticipated from week to week. This however was far from being the case when later contests are reflected upon.

True, the Cougars registered a shut-out victory over All Scots—but in this accomplishment the winners had very little cause for satisfaction. The exhibition of the imported aggregation was well below the initial display. All Scots had sufficient scoring opportunities to register half a dozen goal but lucky saves, plus poor shooting ability, resulted in all efforts being frustrated.

Holley Carburetor also failed to live up to expectations. Celts got the better of a defensive duel, scoring in the last minute to win, 2 to 1.

Both Celtic and All Scots showed a decided improvement over the previous week and instead of being the uneven tournament predicted, the league race looks like it will be a very close affair.

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Pointing to Cup Play

WITH the approach of the inaugural games in the national "open" cup competition, interest will be diverted from the league series. It is for this particular championship that the Cougars are priming themselves. Manager Fred Broomfield intimated that he will add four imported players to his present roster and that they will be available for the first qualifying round. He promises to at least keep the western divisional championship in Detroit.

Holley Carburetor, last season's grand finalist, has been granted exemption from the qualifying rounds. An amateur aggregation belonging to the Intercity group, Swedish Americans, has been accorded similar treatment. They were the only applicants for immunity from the Detroit district.

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UNO'S FORM CHART

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ENGLISH LEAGUE—Third Division (Southern Division)

Coventry City v. Walsall H.
A.
Crystal Palace v. Brentford H.4-3
A.0-3
Exeter C. v. B'mouth & B. A. H.
A.
Gillingham v. Northampton H.1-2
A.1-2
Mill Wall v. Luton Town H.7-0
A.0-6
Newport County v. Merthyr Town H.4-3
A.2-1
Norwich County v. Southend U. H.1-1
A.3-3
Queen's Pk R. v. Bristol R. H.2-2
A.1-4
Swindon Town v. Plymouth A. H.1-2
A.1-3
Torquay U. v. Brighton & H. A. H.
A.
Watford v. Charlton A. H.1-0
A.1-2

ENGLISH LEAGUE—Third Division (Northern Section)

Accrington S. v. Crewe Alex. H.3-1
A.0-4
Bradford v. Stockport C. H.3-1
A.2-1
Chesterfield v. Barrow H.8-1
A.0-1
Doncaster R. v. Darlington H.
A.
Durham City v. Rochdale H.1-3
A.3-1
Hartlepoons U. v. Halifax T. H.0-1
A.1-2
Lincoln C. v. Bradford City H.5-1
A.1-3
New Brighton v. Tranmere R. H.0-0
A.1-4
Southport v. Rotherham U. H.2-0
A.2-1
Wigan Boro' v. Ashington H.1-4
A.1-1
Wrexham v. Nelson H.2-2
A.0-3

SCOTTISH LEAGUE—First Division

Clyde v. Cowdenbeath H.0-2
A.0-1
Dundee v. Celtic H.1-2
A.0-0
Dunfermline A. v. St. Johnstone H.4-0
A.0-1
Falkirk v. Hearts H.2-1
A.0-0
Hamilton A. v. Aberdeen H.2-0
A.3-3
Hibernians v. Patrick Thistle H.3-2
A.1-5
Kilmarnock v. Airdrieonians H.4-2
A.0-2
Raith Rovers v. Motherwell H.
A.
Queen's Park v. Bo'ness H.
A.
Rangers v. St. Mirren H.4-0
A.7-3



U. S. F. A. Cup Tie Challenge Trophy.

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A total of 21 entries was received from the Michigan area. To even the pairings three preliminary rounds have been scheduled. Inter-leagues rivalry will mark two of the contests. All Scots vs. Gar Woods, which will bring Professional and Intercity clubs together and Fay-Miller, of the Intercity loop, being pitted against Scarlet Runners of the Detroit American circuit. The other contest, Flint I. M. A. vs. River Rouge Scots, is a clash between amateur clubs.

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As a direct result of Hakoah's visit to Detroit late last spring, soccer is taking a

Pivot's Exacting Duties

How to Meet New Rule

By CHARLES MILNE

QUITE a controversy has arisen as to the duties of the center half by reason of the introduction of the new offside rule. Under the old regime there were three men in England who were outstanding in that position. The greatest of all was Alick Paisbeck. He was then captain of Liverpool. He is now manager of Bristol City. As a club player he was always outstanding. As an International player he was supreme.

His tactics were a study to the keen soccer student. He was a fair haired laddie, and that, combined with his wonderful stature, gave the spectator the impression that he was in two places at one time. He moved to the right and left, returned back to his position and then constituted himself into a sixth forward. His one aim seemed to be to push home the attack. His judgment was a great asset. He had speed at his command. He had marvellous powers of recovery. Yet he was forever following up his forwards.

The second center half who comes to mind is Willie Wedlock of Bristol City, better known as Fatty Wedlock. In International games, he was always a success. He was ever on the move, and if on occasions he was beaten he had the marvellous faculty of bobbing up from nowhere and clearing his lines. He was a wonderful player, but it could not really be said that he proved a really great center half under the old regime. If my judgment is not at fault, he would have been one of the best, if not the best, center half to-day with the new offside rule in operation.

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The Great Roberts

THE third center half whose prowess I always appreciated was Charlie Roberts of Manchester United, when that club was a power in the land. He was capped against Scotland in the "big match" several times. Yet it has to be said that honors would have come to him in greater number had it not been for the fact that he had a habit of telling the officials frequently what he thought of them. And they did not like it.

His methods were strictly orthodox. I cannot recall any player who could place

This is the fourth of a series of articles by Charles Milne on "How to Play Soccer." In previous articles he explained how to play the positions of goal, fullback and wing halfbacks. The fifth article of the series will be published in our next issue.



One of Bob Millar's sterling defenders is Terris, center halfback of the New York Nationals

a ball better than he could. He used to lean over the leather. He, himself, was built on Stalwart lines, and the fellow who tried to rob him of the ball would have required to have had legs almost six feet long.

He was ever following up his forwards. He was continually having a shot at goal and when he did get back to his place he seemed to have the faculty of determining in his own mind what next to anticipate. He had marvellous powers of intuition. When he was among his forwards, he did not run back. Rather did he walk in a hurry.

I mention these three half backs to illustrate their methods and what they conceived to be their duties under the old system. In a previous article I have told

you what is expected of a wing half. The same is expected of the center half—only a little more. As a rule he is appointed Captain of the team, this because he is the pivot.

He is the center of all activities. If he is not defending he is attacking, and beside issuing orders, he must always be prepared to go to the assistance of either wing half should he get into difficulties. This necessitates his possession of a fine turn of speed.

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What to Do Under New Rule

THERE are some center halves who deem it their duty to overtake the forward who has beaten the wing half. This is a big mistake. If an inside forward should wander into the center of the field, then there is a chance of repairing the damage, but if the outside man should get away with the ball, then the center half should make for goal at top speed in anticipation of the cross. He is then in a position to help the full backs. If the ball is cleared, he must then move with the forwards, follow them up and give what assistance he can, preparing for the reply of the opposing defence.

In the case of both Alick Paisbeck and Charlie Roberts, they would have accompanied their forwards right into the goal area. They would have constituted themselves into a sixth forward. But what would have they done to-day in view of the new rule? That, of course, is highly problematical.

I think I know what Wedlock would have done. He would have kept to his own half of the field. At any rate, he would not have gone much over the mid line. That, I contend, is how the center half of to-day should meet the new situation. To move any great distance with the forwards as was the accepted rule in "ye olden days" is to leave a wide open space between himself and the backs, an altogether much too dangerous policy and ought to be eschewed.

These are the days of swift moving center forwards, and it stands to reason if the centerhalf fails to cover up effectively what is supposed to be the most dangerous man on the field, then he signally fails in the discharge of his duty.

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Good Start in Pittsburgh

By HARRY H. FAIRFIELD

THE somewhat surprising return of the Pittsburgh Pirates into the realms of certainty for the National League baseball championship, has somewhat eclipsed the importance of the opening of the soccer season in Pittsburgh and vicinity. Nevertheless, good crowds witnessed the opening games when ten contests were staged.

Some surprising results were brought about, chief among which were the defeat of Pittsburgh S. C., at the hands of Mustard Hollow, a comparatively young and unknown outfit located on the Monongahela river 30 miles south of Pittsburgh, and the smashing victory of Harmarville Whippets over McKeesport united by 6 goals to none.

The Whippets are mere boys, but like most coal-mining teams in this section, learned their game in frocks and developed wonderful speed. It is the sad experience of many of our "old country" players that science and the "nifty" style effected by so many of them avail little if the required speed is lacking. In this hotbed of amateur soccer it is frequently the case that teams, which old timers do not hesitate to describe as crude and lacking in football science, get there by the decisive method of scoring goals.

Moreover, in their own particular style they are far from lacking in the spectacular. It is amazing to see these boys, immediately after doing an eight-hour stretch in a coal mine, play a full 90-minute stretch of the fastest kind of soccer without any letup; and if the rules would allow they would rather play until a decision is arrived at. Splitting the points is not to their way of thinking.

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TAKE the case of Heidelberg. Everyone of the original team which entered the amateur competition last season was an American-born player. Andy Strachan, the only exception, was picked up before the opening game and made his place on the team. Soccer officials from east to west who saw Heidelberg in the closing stages pay no particular tribute to their soccer skill, but all have no doubt of their speed and driving power. In winning the competition they met some of the cream of the scientific fancy style of soccer and beat it.

Heidelberg started off on its campaign at home against Henry Peel's Corinthians who, by the way, bear no re-

semblance to the outfit after which they are named, beyond the fact that it is one of the best sporting teams in this district. For several years Peel has endeavored to build a strong outfit and failed to do better than win the wooden spoon every time.

This year he appears to have met with a measure of success, if an opening game victory is any indication. His outfit beat a heavier and stronger team by the close score of 4 to 3. It ought to be a good workout for Heidelberg.

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THE announcement of the national cup draw for October 1 discloses that two of the most prominent outfits in this section will be matched together, rather unfortunate by the way. Pittsburgh Rovers, the oldest outfit in the district, now entering upon its nineteenth season, has to go to Heidelberg, probably to meet defeat.

Results of opening games are as follows:

PRESS PITTSBURGH DISTRICT LEAGUE

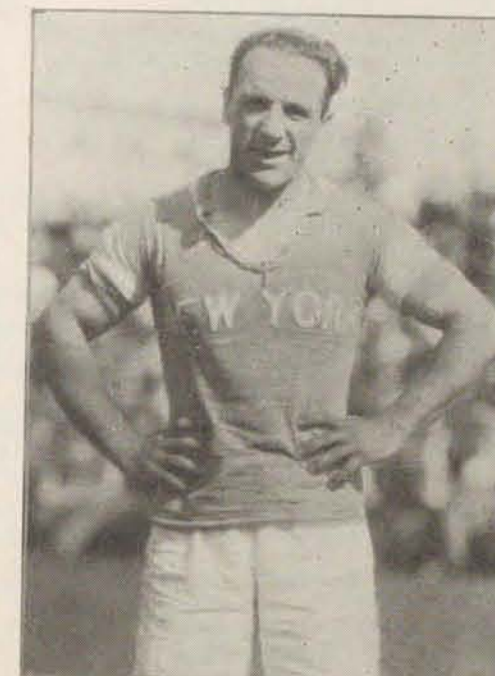
Celtics	7	New Kensington...	0
Rovers	6	Central A. C.	0
Thistles	5	German Sport "B" ..	0
U. S. & S.	5	Leechburg Steels..	0

PRESS AMERICAN LEAGUE

Harmarville Whip-	McKeesport United 0
pets 6	Pittsburgh S. C. ... 2
Mustard Hollow... 4	Internationals 3
German Sport "A" 3	McKees Rocks..... 3
Corinthians 4	

PRESS INTERNATIONAL LEAGUE

National Tube..... 4	Douglas A. C. 1
Westinghouse 3	Braddock United.. 1



Minardi, only Italian soccer player in American League. He is a member of the New York Giants.

PIVOT'S EXACTING DUTIES

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I am quite well aware that there are those who still contend that the center half should push on with the forwards as of yore, that the introduction of the new rule does not make a very great deal of difference to him, but I respectfully suggest to those who have voiced their opinions in that vein to the writer that they cannot surely have given the matter the close study which the new situation demands.

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Most Difficult Position

IN lying back, there is another advantage which must not be lost sight of. Victory does not always lie with the center half in a tackle. With the center forward lying fresh waiting for a burst through, it stands to reason that there must be co-operation between the half backs and the backs, but the center half in

particular. It matters not how famous the center forward, if there is a player at his heels all the way on his route to goal, it is bound to unsettle him. He may have all the confidence in the world in his ability to go through on his own, but with the center half in close attendance, it is going to be a much easier job for the full back to chip in and clear, assuming that the center half cannot catch up on the flying goalscorer.

The center half has the most difficult position on the field. He is the pivot upon which all movements hinges, defensive and offensive. He must be possessed of enormous vitality. Lacking in that, he unfits himself for the position. He is the one player who should pay particular attention to training. It is to his own advantage if he equips himself for the exacting task which is his every time he takes the field.

In British Soccer Leagues

Results and Standing, Including Games of September 17

THE results in the English League on Saturday were astounding. Shall we come along with the plebeian platitude that the uncertainty of the game is its greatest charm? As Harry Lauder would say, they were "awful awful," this because what we anticipated did not come to pass.

Gather up your scattered senses and think of this. The all conquering Newcastle United went to Ninian Park, Cardiff, and was humiliated. The Arsenal has been going strong. There has been official upheavals there, but it was supposed that the players were unaffected by the great cloud of suspicion which hangs over the club at the present moment. Derby administered the K. O. It was a wonderful performance.

Burnley who could not do anything right, apparently could do nothing wrong when the team went to Sunderland and the much fancied Roker men had to bow the knee.

No fewer than seventeen teams in the Northern and Southern Division won on home soil. There is something here, which is worth taking note of.

In the Scottish League, the results were in accord with anticipations if we except the result at Airdrie where Dundee managed to sneak a point.

BRITISH SOCCER RESULTS

Results of football games played in Britain on September 24.

English League.

FIRST DIVISION

Ashton Villa 1, Bury 0.
Blackburn Rovers 4, Birmingham 4.
Bolton Wanderers 0, Middlesborough 0.
Cardiff City 3, Newcastle United 1.
Derby County 4, Arsenal 0. *ff
Everton 2, Huddersfield Town 2.
Manchester United 3, Tottenham Hotspurs 0.
Portsmouth 2, Leicester City 0.
Sheffield United 1, The Wednesday 1.
Sunderland 2, Burnley 3.
West Ham U. 3, Liverpool 1.

SECOND DIVISION

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

THIRD DIVISION

(Northern Section)

Ashington 1, Accrington Stanley 1. ff
Barrow 2, Wrexham 2.
Bradford City 3, New Brighton 1.
Crewe Alexandra 4, Hartlepool United 0.
Darlington 1, Wiganborough 0.
Doncaster Rovers 2, Rotherham United 0.
Halifax Town 3, Lincoln City 1.
Nelson 2, Durham City 1.
Rochdale 5, Southport 1.
Stockport County 3, Chesterfield 0.
Transmere Rovers 2, Bradford 2.

(Southern Section)

Brentford 6, Millwall 1.
Bournemouth and Boscombe United 2, Crystal Palace 2.
Brighton and Hove Albion 0, Exeter City 2.
Bristol Rovers-Swindon Town, postponed.
Charlton Athletic 1, Queens Park Rangers 0.
Merthyr Town 3, Coventry City 2.
Northampton 4, Norwich City 2.
Plymouth Argyle 2, Newport County 0.
Southend United 1, Torquay United 0.
Walsall 7, Gillingham 4.
Watford 1, Luton Town 0.

Scottish League.

FIRST DIVISION

Aberdeen 2, Falkirk 1.
Airdrieonians 1, Dundee 1.
Bo'ness 4, Dunfermline Athletic 2.
Celtic 3, Clyde 0.
Cowdenbeath 1, Queen's Park 0.
Hearts 2, Raith Rovers 0.
Motherwell 1, Rangers 1.
Patrick Thistle 5, Hamilton Academicals 2.
St. Johnstone 1, Kilmarnock 1.
St. Mirren 3, Hibernians 2.

SECOND DIVISION

Arbroath 2, Arthurlie 3.
Armdale 2, Morton 1.
Ayr United 7, Forfar Athletic 0.
Dumbarton 4, King's Park 5.
Dundee United 3, Albion Rovers 2.
East Fife 2, Bathgate 3.
East Stirling 1, St. Bernard 2.
Leith Athletic 2, Alloa 0.
Stenhousemuir 2, Clydebank 0.
Third Lanark 1, Queen of South 2.

Irish League.

Distillery 0, Linfield 0.
Belfast Celtic 6, Glentoran 2.
Glenavon 3, Barn 3.
Cliftonville 0, Bards 2.
Bangor 2, Portadown 4.
Queen's Island 3, Coleraine 3.
Larne 2, Newry 0.

STANDING OF OLD COUNTRY LEAGUE CLUBS, SEPTEMBER 24

English League (First Division)

	Pl.	W.	L.	D.	For.	Agts.	Pts.
West Ham United	6	5	1	0	19	13	10
Bury	7	5	2	0	16	11	10
Newcastle United	7	4	1	2	22	12	10
Cardiff City	7	3	0	4	13	8	10
Arsenal	7	4	2	1	17	15	9
Blackburn Rovers	8	3	2	3	14	12	9
Sunderland	7	3	2	2	19	16	8
Middlesborough	7	3	2	2	12	11	8
Portsmouth	7	3	2	2	17	17	8
Everton	7	2	1	4	18	13	8
Manchester United	8	3	3	2	12	15	8
Liverpool	7	2	3	2	15	14	6
Derby County	7	2	3	2	16	16	6

Leister City	7	2	3	2	13	12	6
Aston Villa	7	2	3	2	13	14	6
Tot'ham Hot Spur	7	2	4	1	9	17	5
Bolton Wanderers	7	1	3	3	7	10	5
Sheffield United	7	1	3	3	10	15	5
The Wednesday	7	1	3	3	9	14	5
Burnly	7	2	5	0	14	20	4
Huddersfield T.	6	1	3	2	12	16	4

English League (Second Division)

	Pl.	W.	L.	D.	For.	Agts.	Pts.
Clapton Orient	7	5	1	1	15	8	11
Manchester City	7	5	1	1	21	16	11
Bristol City	7	5	2	0	19	15	10
Preston N. E.	7	4	1	2	17	10	10
Leeds United	6	4	1	1	16	5	9
Oldham Athletic	7	4	2	1	17	10	9
Stoke City	7	3	1	3	16	10	9
Chelsea	6	3	1	2	13	5	8
Swansea Town.	7	3	2	2	22	18	8
West Bromwich A.	7	3	2	2	18	14	8
Hull City	7	3	2	2	8	8	8
Barnsley	6	2	1	3	13	12	7
Notts Forest	7	3	3	1	22	16	7
Wol'hampton	7	2	3	2	11	17	6
Fulham	7	2	3	2	10	16	6
Port Vale	7	2	4	1	10	14	5
Grimsby Town	7	0	2	5	11	16	5
Southampton	7	1	4	2	11	17	4
Blackpool	7	1	5	1	12	21	3
Reading	7	0	4	3	9	19	3
Notts County	6	0	4	2	2	12	2
South Shields	7	0	6	1	8	21	1

English League (Third Division)

	Pl.	W.	L.	D.	For.	Agts.	Pts.
Halifax Town	9	5	2	2	24	15	12
Wrexham	8	4	1	3	12	8	11
Rochdale	6	5	1	0	14	7	10
Lincoln City	7	5	2	0	19	14	10
Bradford	7	4	1	2	17	10	10
Darlington	7	4	2	1	11	3	9
Nelson	6	4	2	0	15	10	8
Tranmere Rovers	6	3	1	2	11	8	8
Doncaster Rovers	7	3	2	2	12	6	8
New Brighton	7	3	3	1	15	14	7
Crewe Alexandra	8	2	3	3	12	14	7
Stockport County	6	3	3	0	8	6	6
Rotherham United	6	3	3	0	9	12	6
Hartlepool U.	6	3	3	0	9	13	6
Accrington S.	5	1	1	3	7	6	5
Bradford City	6	2	3	1	12	10	5
Chesterfield	7	2	4	1	8	12	5
Southport	7	2	5	0	12	17	4
Durham City	7	2	5	0	11	16	4
Wigan Borough	7	1	5	1	8	15	3
Barrow	7	1	5	1	11	22	3
Ashington	8	0	5	3	12	29	3

Scottish League (First Division)

	Pl.	W.	L.	D.	For.	Agts.	Pts.
Celtic	8	6	0	2	22	2	14
Rangers	7	6	0	1	25	7	13
Motherwell	7	5	1	1	17	7	11
St. Mirren	7	5	1	1	16	13	11
Hearts	7	5	2	0	22	6	10
Partick Thistle	7	4	3	0	16	19	8
Airdrieonians	7	3	2	2	13	10	8
St. Johnstone	7	3	2	2	9	14	8
Kilmarnock	8	3	3	2	12	16	8
Bo'ness	7	3	3	1	11	14	7
Cowdenbeath	7	3	3	1	8	14	7
Falkirk	7	3	4	0	14	13	6
Aberdeen	7	3	4	0	17	17	6
Clyde	7	2	4	1	8	15	5
Hibernians	7	2	5	0	13	15	4
Raith Rovers	7	2	5	0	14	18	4
Dundee	7	1	4	2	6	11	4
Hamilton Acad.	7	1	4	2	11	18	4
Queen's Park	7	1	5	1	7	15	3
Dunfermline	7	0	6	1	6	23	1

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