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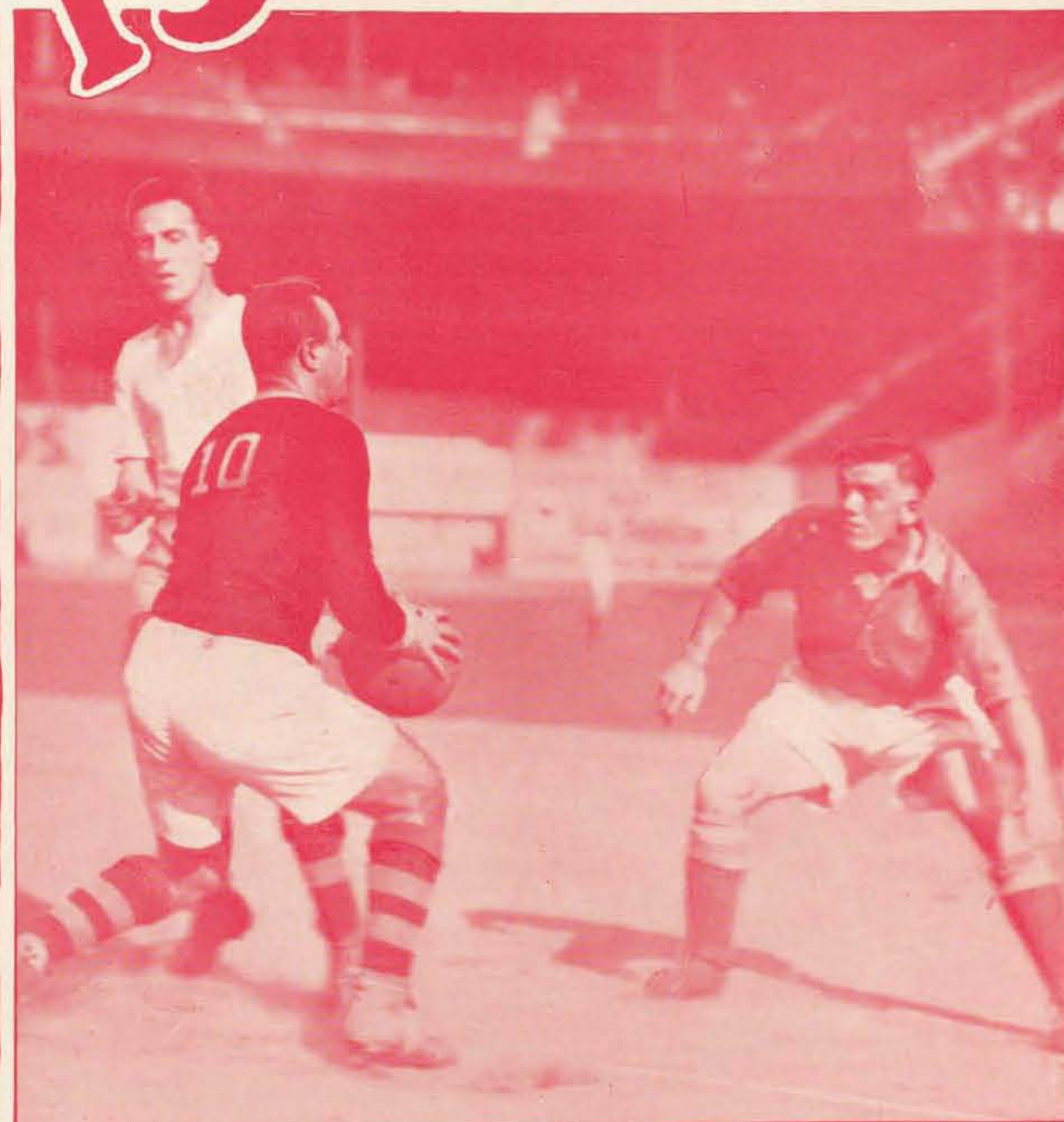
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How Jimmy Cameron was Discovered

New York Nationals' Great Half is Product of Army

By CHARLES MILNE

IF there is one player who has excelled in the ranks of the N. Y. Nationals this season he is Jimmy Cameron, the Hielan' ladie frae Inverness—the Capitol of the Scottish Highlands—where it is claimed that the purest English is spoken. Cameron is very Hielan' and just as the Highland Gills are famed the world o'er for their ability in stalking deer, so might it be claimed for Cameron—thus far at any rate—that he has successfully stalked all the fast moving bipeds who have strayed across his path this season.

Cameron's ability as a half back is not generally appreciated except by keen and long experienced students of the game. How many at the Polo Grounds ever see that mystifying flick of his? With the outer edge of his boot, Jimmy can put a ball to another player's toe.

I have heard that he is not great as a defensive player. To thoroughly understand his play, the inside forward in front of him must exercise a little bit of "savvy." So also must the back behind him. He is the link between the two. You will never see him careening all over the field with his tongue hanging out in a vain endeavor to create an impression.

He keeps on thinking all the time and very often the most surprised men of all are the forwards on the other wing when they get a ball to their tootsies, with the invitation to go ahead and see what they can make of it.

Does Not Play to Gallery

THERE is no hope of Cameron ever playing to the gallery. He is a constructive player all the time and he has at least two great admirers, Pete McWilliam, the famous manager of the Middlesbro club, and Andy Cunningham, star forward of Glasgow Rangers. To hear them, you would think there is nobody like Cameron. That's a mistake. But his work has not been appraised at its true worth in New York.

"My first club," related Cameron "was the Third Clach. If there had been a Fourth, it is possible that I would have been there, but it is something to look back upon that the Third Clach won the much envied Duncan Munro Cup. I went

to London for a year, played for Mitcham Athletic, always as an inside right—and then when the war broke out I was among many pros at Invergordon.

"It was there I met Jimmy Spiers of Bradford City and McAteer of Dundee and Clyde. After a hard day's march which included bayonet fighting and peeling 'spuds' at the cookhouse, we used to turn in very, very tired, but it was wonderful the way the amount of reserve energy arose when we caught sight of a football.

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Finished With Fight

ONE hut would play another hut. The Macdonalds, the Frasers and the Macleans were there. We would start with about eight aside and finish with about sixteen. There was no such thing as three quarters of an hour each way, unless some members of the team wanted to pay a visit to the canteen when there was a temporary armistice.

"The battle was renewed with all the fury of a mob of rioters and at the conclusion of the game there was usually a fight. Spud Murphy would hit Donald McKay and argue that 'it wasn't goal.' The goalposts were tunics and very often, in the course of the argument, one of them would say 'Look at the sleeve. See the mark on it? That is proof that it wasn't a goal. It was a bye kick.'

"Sure, we had a referee, but he usually finished by playing for the losing side. Of course, we were all in kilts, and if any of us was unceremoniously bundled over, we were told to cut out the 'fancy stuff.' 'You are no' on' Glesca Green noo!' was the sort of thing thrown at those who would try to be clever with the ball.

"The same teams played the following night, resuming with the previous night's score, usually 16-15 or thereabouts. The game was really never finished. No one could tell what the final score was. Some might make a guess and alas, there were many who are not with us today who would hazard an opinion.

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Drafted to Front

WHEN we were drafted to the Western front and arrived at Armentieres, the first questions were 'Any miners here? Any carpenters or tailors? Any Footballers?' It was then

that Private Taylor stepped from the ranks and said, 'Yes, sir that fellow there. His name is Cameron!'

"And so it came about, that when the boys came out of the trenches, I played for the Regimental team, the Cameron Highlanders. The call was for half backs but I was so anxious to take part in the game that I said I was a half back instead of an inside forward—and it was at right half that I made my name. It was the best bunch I ever played with for team work and I include the Hearts when I say this.

"We left for Salonika. There, in the semi-final, we beat the Scottish Horse. It was an all-professional eleven. Willie O'Hagan of St. Mirren kept goal. Bob Crumley of Dundee was substitute. There were, among others, Lawrie of Rangers, Nicol of Dundee and Mitchell of Forfar Athletic.

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One of Greatest

I HAVE always been of the opinion that if he had lived, the latter player would have been one of the greatest outside lefts in Scotland. How that boy could control a ball and how he could cross it! Poor fellow he went west.

Georgie Henderson, who has just arrived from overseas to join us at the Polo Grounds, remembers this great game. The first words we exchanged when we shook hands were 'Do you remember that game we had at Salonika?' He did! They came from all parts of the front to see this game—that is, those who could.

"The Scottish Horse had a beautiful outfit of blue. The Camerons rig-out was a raw affair. We wore 'greybacks' for jerseys. The tailor, after laborious effort, evolved a thistle. The cloth representation of that was a disgrace to the Scottish emblem. It was sewn on to the left breast.

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How They Celebrated

TO CELEBRATE the great event, a barrel of beer was secured for the battalion. After the usual line up, they were absolutely disgusted to learn that they were only to receive a litre per man. They wanted two. 'Well' said the Sergeant major seeing they were dissatisfied, 'we shall give the remainder to the

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"Two-Hundred"-Goal Scorers

Veteran Joe Smith Leads Buchan

WHO are the most prolific goal scorers in the English League?

A table of interesting statistics sets forth the achievements of the many players in the course of their career.

It is not surprising that the veteran Joe Smith, for many years the great favorite of the Bolton Club, leads the way. He is closely followed by Charlie Buchan of the Arsenal.

Were the figures worked out on a percentage basis, however, Ken McDonald of Bradford would be in the front. In proportion to goals scored and matches played the young Scot is the best of all.

The following shows the standing at the start of the season:—

	Goals	Mtch.
J. Smith (Stockport C.)	258	457
C. M. Buchan (Arsenal)	256	476
H. Barnes (Oldham Ath.)	225	451
T. Brownell (Blackpool)	193	343
W. T. Roberts (Preston North End)	171	279

	Goals	Mtch.
H. Bedford (Derby C.)	169	252
F. Roberts (Manchester C.)	168	333
J. G. Cock (Plymouth A.)	154	269
W. E. Rawlings (S'th'ton)	154	298
G. Whitworth (Hull City)	150	288
W. H. Walker (Aston V.)	146	268
A. A. Dominy (Everton)	145	363
H. Johnson (Sheffield U.)	135	231
J. Moore (Chesterfield)	132	309
H. Chambers (Liverpool)	130	285
D. B. N. Jack (Bolton W.)	130	300
P. Cherrett (Bristol City)	129	203
A. Chandler (Leicester C.)	127	234
T. W. Phillipson (Wolverhampton W.)	124	223
S. C. Puddefoot (Blackburn Rovers)	123	249
J. Gill (Derby County)	121	290
C. Stephenson (Huddersfield Town)	121	398
G. W. Beel (Burnley)	120	250
D. Brown (Barrow)	120	198
G. W. Edmonds (Watford)	120	288
R. Forshaw (Everton)	119	275
W. Gillespie (Sheffield U.)	119	377
S. Jennings (Brighton and H. A.)	119	248
D. H. Morris (Swindon T.)	116	188
J. Clennell (Bristol R.)	114	295
V. Watson (West Ham U.)	114	219
K. McDonald (Bradford)	114	132
J. Bradford (Birmingham)	113	186
J. Eddleston (Swindon T.)	112	230
N. Harris (Oldham Ath.)	112	222
J. Trotter (The Wedn'day)	112	164

	Goals	Mtch.
C. Wilson (Stoke City)	112	194
J. Swan (Queen's P'k R.)	111	243
W. P. Haines (Port's'th)	108	139
J. Fowler (Swansea T.)	107	163
R. Kelly (Huddersfield T.)	106	339
W. T. Kirkham (Port V.)	106	144
R. Parker (Millwall)	106	191
F. Stringfellow (Bournemouth and Bosc.)	105	283
T. Keetley (Doncaster R.)	104	176
D. J. Cook (Wolverhampton W.)	103	221
E. W. Hine (Leicester C.)	103	190
F. Richardson (Reading)	103	190
N. Bullock (Bury)	102	220
G. Brown (Huddersfield T.)	100	153
E. Harper (Blackburn R.)	100	132

There are other noted sharpshooters who are within hail of the century. Among those who should complete a three-figure aggregate during the season now in its infancy are:

S. Davies (West Bromwich Albion) 98; H. A. White (Nelson) 96; J. A. Halliwell (Nelson) 94; L. Davies (Cardiff City) 92; T. C. F. Johnson (Manchester City) 91; A. Fairclough (Gillingham) 88; H. Crockford (Norwich City) 87; J. W. Spence (Manchester United) 86; H. Hill (The Wednesday) 84; T. Walsh (Bristol City) 84; S. J. Taylor (Southampton) 83; W. R. Waincoat (Leeds United) 83; L. Thompson (Swansea Town) 82; T. McDonald (Newcastle United) 80; and T. E. Cook (Brighton and Hove Albion) 77.

How Jimmy Cameron was Discovered

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football team.' What an incentive to win. We did win and that night Harry Graham wandered in to see how we were all keeping and Willie O'Hagen left the trenches to join the 'royal' party. Dunlop of Morton was also there. These were among the most notable beer drinkers.

"Out there, I was selected to play for the Scottish team against the pick of all others—English, Irish, Welsh and goodness only knows what other nationalities were represented. Harry Graham was at inside left. In the final were many great players—Quantrell of Derby County, Barber of Aston Villa, Smith of Barnsley. Willie O'Hagen of St. Mirren. Willie Reid of Rangers was there but didn't happen to get his place. It was at that game which the Camerons won I knew that if I got out of the 'big game' safely, I would receive offers from the home clubs.

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Received Many Offers

MY SURMISE proved correct. When I got 'hame' I had offers from Hearts, St. Mirren, Dundee and Aberdeen. Those with whom I had played at Salonika had evidently spoken. Little Willie Lennie of Aberdeen wanted to buy me out of the Army. And a war was on! It was a scream. But Willie

walked boldly up to the Colonel and made the suggestion. Wee Willie got his 'marching orders.'

"In the end, I made my appearance for the Hearts. There has been many a laugh just how I managed to get the money which I wanted legally from the Hearts for signing. My first big trial was at Tynecastle when Rangers supplied the opposition. I was up against Andy Cunningham and Sandy Archibald. That was the best game I ever played in my life. Since that time the great Andy and myself have been the most intimate friends.

"The story of how I was approached by Stoke illustrates the methods of managers on the other side. They asked for Paddy Crossan. Nothing doing! They asked for Willie Porter. Nothing doing! And then as an off-chance they asked 'how about any of your halfbacks?' 'Who would you like?' asked John McCartney. 'Well, we would even take Cameron,' was the reply. McCartney showed them to the door. It was one of the tricks of this trade but I couldn't help it.

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Almost Won Cap

I WAS once in the running for a cap. Tommy Miller ascertained at Ayr, who the selectors were giving the

once over. The information was imparted to me and for the love o' mike could I play ball? I did nothing during the afternoon but kick up divots.

"But enough about misfortune. I might have been with Clapton Orient, Stockport County, Kilmarnock, St. Johnstone or Hull City, but I am quite content where I am today. If there is anybody who has made a mistake in his estimate of my ability, he is Bob Millar. He is in line with Peter McWilliam.

"It may be that I am not coming up to expectations. There may be a cause which I know nothing of. They tell me, however, that I never played so well as I have done this season. Personally, I am not satisfied. I have not been able to touch the top of my form.

"I will get there, I suppose, in time and then perhaps the explanation will come. One thing is certain—I will work my 'innards' out for Bob Millar. And nothing would give me greater pleasure than to play immediately behind him."

Cameron was never more fit in his life to go the full ninety minutes. The fact that his name has not been heralded more these days is because of his invisible tactics to those who don't know the game, the full value of which they cannot estimate.

Pittsburgh Fans In Furore

By HARRY H. FAIRFIELD

A RECENT decision by the cup committee of the U. S. F. A., concerning a first round game between Heidelberg F. C. and the Pittsburgh Rovers, is causing a lot of heated discussion among the fans of western Pennsylvania and is apt to be source of considerably more trouble before its effects have waned.

Heidelberg F. C. was the home club and, as such, was entitled to choice of ground and date. Being situated in a township where observance of the Sabbath day is left to individual discretion, the management finally decided to play the game on Sunday, October 2. Previous to this the Rovers had notified by letter and telegram both Heidelberg and the U. S. F. A. their desire to play the game on Saturday, October 1.

To appreciate the position of the clubs one must know that the Rovers, the oldest and probably the most popular soccer aggregation in western Pennsylvania, now entering upon its nineteenth active season, is a club which has never played on Sunday. The management consists of young men closely allied to an English Methodist community in the Lawrenceville district of Pittsburgh.

They are not "kill-joys" in the matter of Sabbath observance, but they have no particular desire to make themselves social outcasts by countenancing Sunday football as far as their team is concerned.

All negotiations having failed and financial inducements to the Heidelberg management also having been barren of results, the national cup committee finally decided that Heidelberg should have its way, and that the game should be played on Sunday. Thereupon the Rovers withdrew from the competition. Whether they will get their ten dollars back remains to be seen.

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THE heated discussion referred to in opening paragraph revolves around the question—"What right has the U. S. F. A., or any other body, to order a soccer team to play on a Sunday when it is contrary to the laws of the State?"

In support of their argument, the strict observers of the Sabbath point out that a few months ago the highest court in Pennsylvania declared that Sunday sports in the State were illegal. It will be remembered that this decision was rendered on a test case brought about

by the owners of two American League baseball clubs staging a game in Philadelphia on a Sunday in 1926.

To many of those living in States where Sunday sports are not taboo the subject of this article will resemble the proportions of a molehill, but to many who pride themselves as being law-abiding citizens the subject has its interesting features.

It is generally believed that the powers of a self-governing State are inviolate. Even the Federal Government, while supreme, does not venture any interference with the right of the people in each State to prescribe its own rules of conduct.

This policy has always, except in one glaring particular, been observed. The laws of the State of Pennsylvania prohibit Sunday sports, soccer among them, and the law, as evidenced by the recent decision, is of full force and effect.

Notwithstanding the fact that in certain areas removed from civic centres Sunday sports are carried on, there appears to be no good purpose served by the responsible officers of the U. S. F. A. by openly encouraging Sunday soccer here and giving the cold shoulder to one of the oldest and best soccer teams in the country simply because they preferred to act in accordance with the law.

One realizes, of course, that the U. S. F. A. cannot legislate to suit everybody, but that is apart from the question. The real question which is bothering the well-wishers of the U. S. F. A. is "What enhancement of prestige does a national sporting body receive by openly encouraging something contrary to the law?"

Would it not be better, as a guiding principle, that in future the cup committee rule that "failing agreement between the teams the game shall be played on the ground the date selected by the home team, providing no violation of the law is entailed thereby?"

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IN the meantime, the effect of the decision is likely to develop into a determined struggle between the partisans of closed and open Sundays, respectively. Following the lead of the U. S. F. A., the cup committee of the West Penn. F. A. are bent on pursuing the same policy with regard to the local event.

There are a number of clubs in this section which will not, under any circum-

stances, play Sunday football. Neither are they willing to withdraw from the competition to satisfy the desire of the Sunday clubs.

Just how far the squabble will go remains to be seen, but threats are already being made to the effect that political pressure will be brought to bear upon the Sunday aggregations and their happy hunting grounds closed if they do not hold their hand.

Heidelberg is fortunate in getting a free trip into the second round, for the Rovers were primed for the occasion. It is regretted that we were deprived of a battle which would have ranked among the most vivid hereabouts.

The remaining games, two in number, have yet to be played at the time of writing, but neither will hardly rank in importance with the one that has been squashed.

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THE news that C. A. Stoneham and John J. McGraw have definitely committed themselves to the soccer game has created considerable interest here. It has long been the desire of local fans to see Pittsburgh represented in a big way, and there is no doubt that if Sunday football was allowed a group of individuals would quickly get into the game, with reasonable expectation of at least making ends meet.

Being restricted to Saturday sport, however, there is little hope of making expenses. Several ineffectual attempts have been made to interest Barney Dreyfus, owner of the Pirates, in the game, but the baseball magnate fails to see where the financial returns would be sufficient to compensate him for the expense involved.

If the rumor that Cincinnati is to take up soccer is correct it might afford the necessary incentive to push the proposal of forming a league embracing Pittsburgh, Cincinnati, Cleveland, Chicago, Detroit, Youngstown and adjacent cities.

Lack of a suitable ground would be a detriment to the consideration of Pittsburgh. There are only two suitable playing fields in the city limits—Forbes Field, the home of the Pirates, and the Pitt Stadium. Neither is available for any consideration at certain times of the season and at other times the fee for use of them is altogether incommensurate with receipts.

American League Review

BROOKLYN Wanderers have lost their lead in the American Soccer League due to their defeat, 4 to 3, on Saturday, October 1, by New Bedford and their inability to get over the Providence hurdle. Ne'er a goal was scored in Sunday's game, October 2.

Nat Agar feels rather peeved over the New Bedford conflict. Yes, conflict would seem to be the proper word. The Wanderers started promisingly. Nelson got his cranium to a ball two minutes after the kick-off. Adair scampered along the wing, pushed a sweetly inviting ball to Nelson, and the enterprising center very kindly obliged with another of the same.

Sam Chedgoy thought it were time that he had a wee place on the map but Morris upset his calculations. Scotsman up against an Englishman! Inevitable result! Penalty against Brooklyn. It bore fruit, according to reports.

One can have some idea how the conflict went when Kelly was knocked out. It must have been a "guid yin" or Kelly, from the backwoods o' Camlachie. Must have had a fish supper the night before.

IT WAS anticipated that Newark would succumb to Bethlehem. The Jerseyites did nothing of the kind. Tom Adam always thinks he can get the better of the Steel workers with any sort of a team. He got a draw at Bethlehem which was distinctly good business, but failed to chronicle at Newark on Sunday.

Coats flattered at home to Providence. They won, 3 to 1. By precisely the same score they lost to Hartford.

The Phillies went under again, but in their defeat by Fall River, there is need to take note of two facts which ought not to escape notice.

Harper was beaten thrice, evidence of vitality on the part of these hibernating Irishmen. There is proof also that Sam Marks' boys have a geographical knowledge of the location of the goal posts.

THE rejuvenation of New York Giants who went all out to beat New York Nationals, was the feature game in the Metropolitan area over the week-end. There were 6,000 persons who paid to witness a really exciting contest in which the Giants asserted their indisputable authority by 4 to 1 at Starlight Park.

It was a disappointment to the many who thought that with the advent of Gordie Henderson, everything in the

garden would be lovely with the Nationals, but the ex-Ranger might as well have been sojourning in Scotland so absolutely awful was the support which he received. He was left in the lurch with

STANDING OF SOCCER TEAMS IN THE AMERICAN LEAGUE

Team	P.	W.	L.	D.	For	Ag.	Pts.	Pct.
*Boston.....	4	4	0	0	10	1	8	1.000
Brooklyn....	6	4	1	1	10	8	9	.750
N. Bedford..	6	4	1	1	16	11	9	.750
Bethlehem...	7	4	1	1	15	14	10	.715
Providence...	6	3	2	1	12	8	7	.584
Coats.....	6	2	2	2	10	12	6	.500
Hartford....	5	2	2	1	7	8	5	.500
Fall River...	6	2	3	1	10	20	5	.415
N. Y. Giants	6	2	3	1	14	18	5	.415
Newark.....	6	1	4	1	9	13	3	.250
*Phila.....	6	1	4	1	13	20	3	.250
Nationals....	6	0	6	0	6	19	0	.000

*Game of Sept. 24 declared no contest by league officials.

Games of October 2

Bethlehem 1, Newark 1.
Boston 4, Philadelphia 0.
Coats 3, Providence 1.
New Bedford 4, Brooklyn 3.

Games of October 2

Hartford 3, Coats 1.
Giants 4, Nationals 1.
Bethlehem 3, Newark 2.
Brooklyn 0, Providence 0.
Fall River 4, Philadelphia 3.

little to do as his team mates decided on individual play instead of team work.

So absolutely disgusted was Bob Millar, captain and manager of the team, that he voluntarily retired. And when he did so, the whole fabric tottered and fell with a clash.

It was anticipated that Matt Wilson and Slavin would have been included in the Nationals team but for some reason, not explained, neither donned a jersey.

The revivication of the Giants was immensely pleasing to their supporters. Molnar, an inside right from Budapest came along as a surprise packet. It was he who opened the scoring and if he maintains the same form as during his 45 minutes debut, then it must be evident to Hauesley that he will have to play for his place and play very hard at that.

Molner is here to stay. He cannot be left out of the Giants front rank. Having written that, we have provided quite a lot of food for thought.

In no department did the Nationals excel or even impress. The bitter truth must be told. Jimmy Cameron latterly

assumed control of the mid-section but individual herculean effort was of no avail.

Henderson got no support whatever. When he did get a ball, and it was seldom, Guttman was sright o ntop of him.

From the wing men, Henderson looked appealingly for encouragement of a sort, but when Charlie Creighton sounded the cessation of hostilities, he was still looking and longing—cannot be left out of the Giants attack. Who is going to go out with young O'Brien coming along so swiftly?

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However, it is doubtful if they can keep up with the hot pace throughout the season and I cannot see to-day where they will have a chance in the final showing.

Having never been able to claim a contending position in all their years with the league, Yonkers Teutonia has tried this season to bolster up its line up by adding a few Scotch players. However, this experiment has not proved any too successful as they started the season by dropping their first two games.

The team has one very apparent weakness. It does not seem to be able to go through the 90 minutes of play without weakening during the second half. Again and again it has happened that, after holding their opponents on even terms for the first half, they folded up completely in the second period.

RESULTS OF SOCCER GAMES IN METROPOLITAN DISTRICT

The fast-going Galicia eleven of New York City easily defeated the Hungarians by 5 to 0 in the opening game for the championship of the International Soccer League at Hawthorne Field in Brooklyn.

Guerra and Wall each scored two goals and Findlay one.

In a preliminary game at Hawthorne Field the Galicia Juniors defeated the Triumphador eleven, 2 to 1. Blanco scored twice for the victors and Preminger for the losers in the first half.

Two games in the Hebrew-American Soccer League were decided at Hawthorne Field last week end. The results were: Maccabees 2, Olympic F. C. 0; Arista F. C. 3, Hagibor F. C. 0.

Extra periods were required to bring a decision in the National Cup game of the United States Football Association between the New York Celtics of the Empire State League and the St. Mary's F. C. of the Brooklyn League at Todd Field in Brooklyn on Oct. 2. Neither side scored in the regular periods. One minute from the final whistle Gibson, centre forward in the Celtic lineup, shot the only goal from a pass by Beveridge.

A Word for the Referee

Give the Knight of the Whistle A Chance

By COLONEL ROBERTSON

I HAVE read with interest the recent article in Soccer Pictorial, by Ed Gilgane, on the referee question and with equal interest the Britisher's view on this same subject by Jimmy Mugford. Both items showed clearly that the writers know whereof they spoke and I for one, a soccer enthusiast, who scarcely misses a game in my territory, feel that the crusade started by this publication is a worthy one and will eventually lead to a better understanding between soccer patron and the referee and between players and the official.

I played soccer on several teams abroad and have followed the sport for more than two decades and during my time, I think I have seen some of the greatest officials in the soccer field take abuse after abuse from players and spectators, that was unwarranted. Let us above all remember that the referee, like ourselves, is human. No human is infallible. We all make mistakes, though some of us, make errors that are more serious than others.

I mention this because I feel that the fellow who continuously makes mistakes, has no more right to act as a referee than a youngster who has never seen a soccer game, but the fellow who only now and then is accused of making grave errors, should not be harassed, for after all, with such an official, it is only a case of poor judgment.

Let us give the referee fair play. Let us help the soccer game by recognizing the authority of the chief official. If we find this man to be an efficient referee, let us sing his praise even though he does make an occasional error, but if we find he is incapable, let's adopt a novel way of getting rid of him by sending our protest to the proper authorities instead of endangering his life by riding him with in complimentary remarks or threats. Above all, let us not forget that soccer is now a sport which caters to the fair sex and if for no other reason, show them the respect due them.

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THE most abused man in soccer today is the referee. He is the butt of biased partisans. He is criticized by players, and is made the object of scathing attacks.

How many of these fans do you think would be able to answer satisfactorily six elementary questions on the laws of the

game? Not one in ten. Yet they ride the man who has made the laws and their application his careful study, who has demonstrated in the most searching ex-

amination, written and oral, his theoretical knowledge of those laws, who spends hours of his leisure time trying to keep himself physically fit.

No man would do all that for the remuneration clubs are able to offer him had he not some love for the game and a fondness for the duty he undertakes. And for what reward? The abuse of his fellowmen. I should like to see what effect it would have if football crowds by way of a change were to show a little more toleration and give a little more encouragement to referees who are doing their best under difficult conditions.

Referees are just as necessary as are the players and if they were judged by the same standard, we would hear less criticism. It is more than passing strange that the average football crowd will readily forgive and forget twenty mistakes committed by a favorite player and yet become quite angry because they consider the referee has blundered once or twice.

This carpeting attitude is not going to raise the quality of refereeing. Men who value their character will hesitate to submit themselves to the abuse of the public and to be judged by men whose knowledge of the very things they criticize is doubtful.

A referee who will not place confidence in himself, who has not the courage of his convictions and is prone to permit his linesmen to saddle his responsibilities is undeserving of the chance to officiate. But I am not so sure that the confidence of many good referees has not been shaken by the unfair and unfriendly attitude of the fans—and I might say of the officials, and players as well—I do not hesitate to say that 90 per cent of the decisions that are questioned by the crowds, players and officials are perfectly correct, for the referee makes it his business to get in a position to see what happens and judges it with an impartial mind.

Let us be tolerant. Let the American League raise its standard of officials by increasing the referee's fee. Let the club owners put through a rule such as exists in the major baseball leagues, where the officials are assigned by the league, are paid by the league and are subject to the jurisdiction of none but the president of the league. This would do away with many of the present day evils.

Better pay and a higher standard of officials will be the immediate result.



Allan, half back of the Bethlehem team.

Four Great Defense Players

This quartet of soccer stars are among Nat Agar's Reliables. The Brooklyn Wanderers of which these players are members, are playing great football this season.



Dave Robertson, who has helped the Wanderers by his fine kicking. Dave has scored quite a few goals this season. He is one of the mainstays on the Wanderers' attack.

(Upper right)—McMillan, left back of exceptional ability.

(Lower right)—Eissenhofer, inside left. He is a good shot and a steady, heady player.



Leo Drucker, one of Nat Agar's most dependable players.

German-American League

Circuit Shows New Strength

By FRANK JAY

AFTER having discussed the penultimate chances of the German-American league division in last week's issue, I shall endeavor to give a few pointers on the playing strength of the first division teams. This division is made up out of the first teams of the following clubs: Elizabeth, Hempstead, Hota (New York), New Brunswick, Paterson, Sparta (Hoboken), Union City, Yonkers (Teutonia). Only four out of these teams have participated in last year's championship games while the others became affiliated with the league only towards the end of last season, three of them taking part in the Everlast cup games.

Judging from the pre-season performances and the few league games played up to the time of this writing, it seems as if the Elizabeth kickers have not improved to any noticeable extent over the form shown last season, which they finished third. However it is expected that they will improve considerably while the season moves along and will furnish a strong opposition to the other contenders. By losing their first league game to the New Brunswick, by 4 to 3, they furnished the first upset of the season.

This is the first year of championship competition in the German American League for Hempstead. They took part in the cup games for the Everlast trophy but were eliminated in the first round by Newark's second team. The club was formed at the beginning of this year and there is not sufficient data to judge their strength. With several strong teams in this division they will have a hard time keeping pace with the leaders.

Their lack of experience is made up to a certain extent by an excellent fighting spirit. In their second league game they went down to defeat, 4-2, against Sparta.

IN Hota we have a team which has all the earmarks of a championship eleven but, somehow or another, they have never been able to come through. They started poorly last season but finished with a rush which however could not lift them above fifth place in the final standing. However they went right along in their stride during the Everlast cup games and swept everything aside, only to fall by the wayside in the final game,

being beaten by the silk shooters from Paterson on their second encounter by two goals to one, the first game resulting in a 2-2 deadlock.

The dark horse of the race is New Brunswick. It surprised everybody by putting an exceptionally strong team on the field and although they have not met

GERMAN AMERICAN LEAGUE. (Results of games played September 25)

League Division: Brooklyn 1 vs. Vienna 1 1:0
First Division: Union City 1 vs. Paterson 1 1:1
Sparta 1 vs. Hempstead 1 4:2
New Brunswick 1 vs. Yonkers Teutonia 1 6:1
Second Division: Hoboken 2 vs. Vienna 2 4:5
Third Division: Union City 2 vs. Paterson 2 2:4
Newark 3 vs. Yonkers Hungarians 1 1:0 (forfeited)
Fourth Division: Brooklyn 4 vs. Vienna 3 14:0
Newark 4 vs. Hoboken 3 2:2

Standing of the clubs including games played September 25

	P	W	L	D	For	Agst	Pts
League Division							
Brooklyn 1	2	2	0	0	6	1	4
Vienna 1	2	1	1	0	1	1	2
Hoboken 1	1	0	1	0	0	1	0
Germania 1	1	0	1	0	1	5	0
Newark 1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

First Division							
New Brunswick 1	2	2	0	0	10	4	4
Sparta 1	2	2	0	0	8	5	4
Hota 1	1	1	0	0	3	0	2
Paterson 1	1	0	0	1	1	1	1
Union City 1	1	0	0	1	1	1	1
Elizabeth 1	1	0	1	0	3	4	0
Yonkers Teut. 1	2	0	2	0	4	10	0
Hempstead 1	2	0	2	0	2	7	0

Second Division							
Germania 2	1	1	0	0	7	1	2
Brooklyn 2	1	1	0	0	4	2	2
Vienna 2	1	1	0	0	5	4	2
Hoboken 2	1	0	1	0	2	5	0
Newark 2	1	0	1	0	2	4	0
Hota 2	1	0	1	0	2	1	0

Third Division							
Newark 3	2	2	0	0	7	4	4
Paterson 2	1	1	0	0	4	2	2
Brooklyn 3	1	0	0	1	2	2	1
Germania 3	1	0	0	1	2	2	1
Yonkers Hung. 1	1	0	1	0	0	1	0
Elizabeth 2	1	0	1	0	4	6	0
Union City 2	1	0	1	0	2	4	0
Hempstead 2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Hota 3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Fourth Division							
Brooklyn 4	2	2	0	0	19	2	4
Hoboken 3	2	1	0	1	8	3	3
Brooklyn 5	1	1	0	0	5	2	2
Newark 5	1	1	0	0	1	0	2
Newark 4	2	0	1	1	4	7	1
Germania 4	1	0	1	0	0	1	0
Elizabeth 3	1	0	1	0	1	6	0
Vienna 3	2	0	2	0	2	19	0

any of the stronger teams yet, they showed plenty of strength in beating Elizabeth by four goals to three and Yonkers Teutonia by the score of six to one. They have a couple of promising players in their center forward and inside left and opposing teams should have a watchful eye on this team, lest they will suffer an

unexpected drawback in their pennant hopes.

The booters from Paterson are also one of the freshmen teams in the race. However in spite of this being their first season in championship competition, they have already won their laurels by winning the Everlast cup at the end of last season. In doing so, they showed exceptional strength in the forward line which was a main factor in gaining this valuable trophy.

The team has lost none of its strength shown in these games, but got away to a slow start by only being able to gain a 1-1 tie against Union City. Unless they crack badly under the strain of hard fought games with such experienced clubs as Hota, Sparta and Elizabeth, they will be well up at the top at the end of the season, in fact, I should not be surprised if they succeed in adding the championship of the first division to their last year's triumph.

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THE Hoboken Sparta huskies from the windmill country also are new to the German American League. They showed much promising material among their ranks last year, when they were eliminated in the third round. They recently held their local rival, the strong first team of the Hoboken Soccer Club to a scoreless tie, but took a beating from them the following Sunday when a match was arranged to settle the supremacy of "little Germany" definitely.

Their team is well balanced and although there are no outstanding stars among them, they have a big advantage by having the tallest players in the division, practically everyone of them reaching 6 foot. In their first two starts this season they emerged victoriously both times, conquering Yonkers Teutonia by four goals to three and Hempstead by four goals to two.

This is the second year for the Union City eleven in the league. Last year they were able to do no better than a tie for last place but this is another year and they hope to do much better. From the looks of things it seems as if they have improved considerably as they were able to hold the supposedly strong Paterson team to a 1-1 tie in their first league game.

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In British Soccer Leagues

Results and Standing, Including Games of October 1

THERE were several extraordinary results in the English League on Saturday. Thundersfield was expected to win over Cardiff City even if past achievements did not wholly warrant the assumption. But 8 to 2! Whew!

By the identical amazing result, Liverpool put it over Portsmouth. The Afield crowd had been moving along sweetly, but there was no indication in their make-up suggestive of the fact that they would be responsible for any seismic disturbance in the soccer universe. They are unusual scores and it is charitable to assume that something unusual must have occurred.

Newcastle United has need to watch its step. Blackburn Rovers went to St. James Park, saw and conquered which must have been distinctly unpalatable pie for Frank Watt and Co. to consume at their palatial home over the week-end. The Rovers victory was easily the best achievement of the day.

Bury rubbed it into Sunderland by 5 to 3 so that when you come to weigh things up, the North of England would not have been the pleasantest of places to live in on Saturday night. The fans don't like these untoward happenings. They are highly indigestible comestibles.

In the First Division of the Scottish League, no fewer than six "away" teams triumphed, the most noteworthy perhaps, being the humiliation of Dundee at Dens Park. In the city of jute and marmalade—queer mixture—they would have drawn the blinds early on Saturday night and gone to bed—to forget!

Queen of the South in the Second Division are plugging along. 'Twould be strange indeed were there to be a Second Division club in Dumfries next season. Stranger things have happened. Who would have had the hardihood to suggest that there ever would have been a First Division team in Bo'ness.

BRITISH SOCCER RESULTS

Games played on Oct. 1:

ENGLISH LEAGUE

First Division

Arsenal 2, Westham United 2.
Birmingham 1, Bolton Wanderers 1.
Burnley 4, Derby County 2.
Dury 5, Sunderland 3.
Huddersfield Town 8, Cardiff City 2.
Leicester City 1, Manchester United 0.
Liverpool 8, Portsmouth 2.
Middlesbrough 3, Wednesday 3.
Newcastle United 0, Blackburn Rovers 1.

Tottenham Hotspur 1, Everton 3.
Second Division
Barnsley 2, Wolverhampton Wanderers 2.
Bristol City 1, Chelsea 1.
Fulham 4, Port Vale 0.
Hull City 2, Nottingham Forest 1.
Manchester City 3, Idham Athletic 1.
Notts County 3, Grimsby Town 2.
Preston N. E. 5, Leeds United 1.
Southampton 0, Reading 0.
Stoke City 2, Blackpool 0.
Swansea Town 6, South Shields 3.
W. Bromwich Albion 4, Clapton Orient 1.

Third Division

(Southern Section)

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

Third Division

(Northern Section)

Accrington Stanley 5, Crewe Alexandra 0.
Bradford 2, Stockport County 0.
Chesterfield 6, Barrow 0.
Doncaster Rovers 5, Darlington 0.
Durham City 3, Rochdale 2.
Hartlepool United 0, Halifax Town 1.
Lincoln City 2, Bradford City 2.
New Brighton 0, Tranmere Rovers 1.
Southport 1, Rotherham United 1.
Wiganborough 0, Ashington 0.
Wrexham 5, Nelson 2.

SCOTTISH LEAGUE

First Division

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

Second Division

Alpion Rovers 2, East Stirling 3.
Alloa 3, Dumbarton 3.
Arthurlie 10, Armadale 0.
Bathgate 3, Third Lanark 2.
Clyde Bank 1, Ayr United 4.
Forfar Athletic 2, Leith Athletic 2.
King's Park 5, Arbroath 1.
Morton 1, Dundee United 1.
Queen of South 4, Stenhousemuir 2.
S. Bernard 2, East Fife 1.

Arsenal	8	4	2	2	19	17	10
Everton	8	3	1	4	21	14	10
Cardiff	8	3	1	4	15	16	10
Middlesboro	8	3	2	3	15	14	9
Liverpool	8	3	3	2	23	16	8
Aston Villa	8	3	3	2	16	14	8
Leicester C.	8	3	3	2	14	12	8
Sunderland	8	3	3	2	22	21	8
Portsmouth	8	3	3	2	19	25	8
Manchester U.	9	3	4	2	12	16	8
Huddersfield	7	2	3	2	20	18	6
Burnley	8	3	5	0	18	22	6
Derby C.	8	2	4	2	18	20	6
Bolton W.	8	1	3	4	8	11	6
Wedsday	8	1	3	4	12	17	6
Tottenham	8	2	5	1	10	20	5
Birmingham	8	1	4	3	13	19	5
Sheffield U.	8	1	4	3	10	18	5

English League (Second Division)

	P	W	L	D	For	Agst	Pts
Manchester City	8	6	1	1	24	17	13
Preston Nor End	8	5	1	2	22	11	12
Bristol City	8	5	2	1	20	16	11
Clapton Orient	8	5	2	1	16	12	11
Stoke City	8	4	1	3	18	10	11
Swansea Town	8	4	2	2	28	21	10
West Bromwich A	8	4	2	2	22	15	10
Hull City	8	4	2	2	10	8	10
Leeds United	7	4	2	1	17	10	9
Chelsea	7	3	1	3	14	6	9
Oldham Athletic	8	4	3	1	18	13	9
Barnsley	7	2	1	4	15	14	8
Fulham	8	3	3	2	14	16	8
Notts Forest	8	3	4	1	22	18	7
Wolverhampton W	8	2	3	3	13	19	7
Port Vale	8	2	5	1	10	18	5
Southampton	8	1	4	3	11	17	5
Grimsby Town	8	0	3	5	13	19	5
Notts County	7	1	4	2	5	14	4
Reading	8	0	4	4	9	19	4
Blackpool	8	1	6	1	12	23	3
South Shields	8	0	7	1	11	27	1

English League (Third Division)

Northern Section

	P	W	L	D	For	Agst	Pts
Halifax Town	10	6	2	2	25	15	14
Wrexham	9	5	1	3	17	10	13
Bradford	8	5	1	2	19	10	12
Lincoln City	8	5	2	1	21	16	11
Rochdale	7	5	2	0	16	10	10
Tramers Rovers	7	4	1	2	12	8	10
Nelson	8	5	3	0	18	15	10
Doncaster Rovers	8	4	2	2	17	6	10
Darlington	8	4	3	1	11	8	9
Hartlepool Unit	8	4	4	0	10	14	8
Rotherham Unit	7	3	3	1	10	13	7
Accrington	7	2	2	3	12	7	7
New Brighton	8	3	4	1	15	15	7
Chesterfield	8	3	4	1	14	12	7
Crewe Alexandra	9	2	4	3	12	19	7
Stockport County	7	3	4	0	8	10	6
Bradford City	7	2	3	2	14	12	6
Durham City	8	3	5	0	14	18	6
Southport	8	2	5	1	13	18	5
Wigan Borough	8	1	5	2	8	15	4
Ashington	9	0	5	4	12	29	4
Barrow	9	1	7	1	11	29	3

Scottish League (First Division)

	P	W	L	D	For	Agst	Pts
Celtic	9	7	0	2	26	3	16
Rangers	8	7	0	1	29	9	15
Motherwell	8	6	1	1	21	9	13
Hearts	8	6	2	0	25	7	12
St. Mirren	8	5	2	1	18	17	11
St. Johnstone	8	4	2	2	12	16	10
Cowdenbeath	8	4	3	1	11	16	9
Airdrieonians	8	3	2	3	15	12	9
Kilmarnock	9	3	3	3	14	18	9
Aberdeen	8	4	4	0	20	19	8

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STANDING OF OLD COUNTRY LEAGUE CLUBS, OCTOBER 1

English League (First Division)

	P	W	L	D	For	Agst	Pts
Bury	8	6	2	0	21	14	12
West Ham	7	5	1	1	21	15	11
Blackburn	9	4	2	3	15	12	11
Newcastle	8	4	2	2	22	13	10

National Registration

Coast League Seeks Means to Check Outlaws

By JACK SIMPSON

WITH officers already chosen for the 1927-28 season of the Washington State Football Association, the Spokane Soccer League, Northwest Soccer League and a few of the individual clubs organized, the stage is all set for a successful season in the State of Washington. But one league remains to choose its officers. The Seattle Soccer League will hold an election before the end of the month.

The officers of the Washington State Football Association are Bill Chapman, President; Bill Fraser, Vice-President; Jimmy Leathley, Harry Jackman, and "Silent" Jack Miller are the other members of the Council with George Kempton, Secretary, and Grant Brown, Treasurer.

The Northwest League delegates elected Archie Miller president for the third time in a row; Ben Robertson of Kirkland went in as Vice-President, with Johnny Maier, Secretary-Treasurer, and Johnny McLean, Assistant Secretary.

The officials of the Spokane Soccer Football Association are Doctor George E. Hurd, President; Harry Goetz, Vice-President; Dan C. Batcheler, Secretary; Albert Papst, Treasurer.

With the joining of the Spokane Soccer League this year for the first time the State body will have three Leagues under its jurisdiction: Northwest Soccer League, 14 clubs; Seattle Soccer League, 16; Spokane Soccer League, 4. Entries are not yet closed and the foregoing number of Clubs is an estimate. The Northwest Soccer League and the Spokane circuit are registered under senior status, while the Seattle Soccer League is composed of boys of high school age.

AT the last Annual General meeting of the Washington State Football Association an amendment was offered by the Electric Dentists of Seattle to amend by deleting the whole of Section XXXVIII of the State Constitution dealing with registrations and transfers. The northwest league due to passage of the amendment has since affected legislation in its own laws to cover this phase. Heretofore the State governing body had complete jurisdiction over registrations and transfers, but the above amendment, by deleting section XXXVIII from the State constitution, now places the registration and transfer of players under league jurisdiction, the idea being taken from California.

The reason advanced for the change was that the new procedure will expedite registration and transfer, speed up action and avoid possible secretarial delinquency, it being argued that the leagues can deal with its own registrations and transfers at the league meetings without occasioning delay by waiting for a player's status through the State Secretary.

The new arrangement may work out at present, but as time goes on, a double summersault will be made in the direction of the old plan and we shall find that all players in the United States will be required to register with the National Body. This will occur when soccer is played in every state as it will then be necessary for the National Secretary to have the registration of every player in the United States, which method will permit a check on every player.

AT THE present time a suspended player in Massachusetts could arrive in Seattle and sign up with a club. He might play most of a season without his real status being discovered. Under national registration this would be impossible, as a player from Massachusetts upon arriving in Seattle would be asked to produce his release which upon presentation would be honored with a completed transfer, and of course he could be transferred immediately. The same suspended player might approach a club without a release (which if suspended he would be unable to present) and ask for a registration blank.

As he is required to be signed seven days before he can play and the State Secretary is required to send his registration form to the national secretary the same day he signs, his form would reach the National Secretary anywhere in the United States in four days. Upon checking up, his name would be found among the suspended players and a telegram would be sent to the State Secretary which could be done inside the seven day limit required before a newly registered player could play for his club.

AS BEFORE stated, the new system may be working in California and may work here, in a fashion, but it is the

writer's opinion that while the United States is perhaps not quite ready for national registration of all players, it would seem to be a good plan for each state to issue all registration blanks and make itself the origin of registration. It keeps the state secretary more in touch with players and most important, educates along the line of correct procedure, for it is self evident that sooner or later, the old system must come back as it will be forced in through demands of National registration of players.

True it is that under the new system the State secretary issues a card to all players, but he does not issue this card until the player's registration form has been received by the league and he may play games before he receives an official card from the State Secretary. Thus it will be seen that a player may have signed a form, played a game before the State secretary receives his portion of the registration form, which is issued by the leagues to their various clubs.

It also provides the possibility of an ineligible player participating in a game before the stub reaches the State secretary, an impossible situation in a state having all registrations in the archives of the State Secretary. Leagues within a state handling their own registrations and transfers are simply guessing when signing and transferring players, but when registrations and transfers are handled through the State secretary he can tell at a glance whether a player has signed two forms; whether he is on the suspended list and whether he is eligible or ineligible.

AN EXAMPLE of what might happen in a state where leagues control their own registrations and transfers: Club "A" signs two players and the forms are accepted by the league.

"A" plays club "B" and after the game is played, it is discovered that the two new players signed by "A" are ineligible. In some leagues acceptance of a registered form is final and the game would have to stand. However, should club "B" appeal to its governing state body, a play-off might be ordered. It could only be one or the other for a club manager could not be blamed for not knowing a player's status recently arrived say from New Jersey. Imagine a State body being

confronted with troubles of this kind when the simple procedure of requiring jurisdiction of registrations and transfers by insertion of such section in the State constitution would eliminate any such trouble.

ON THE face of it, a league has no authority to deal with registrations and transfers as a State Body does not recognize a league within a state when that league is playing under its jurisdiction. Of course, a league like the Portland League or the American Soccer League may affiliate directly with the National Body. Then it has the same prestige over the territory it governs as a State Body.

But in a State where its clubs are operating under the State Body, it has no jurisdiction whatever and a State Body does not recognize a league, but only the clubs.

National registration of players will force in uniform procedure among the affiliated State bodies. Among the evenly distributed soccer immigration of Canada are men familiar with procedure and country-wide affiliation was easy, but in this country, there are many sections where the governors of the game have had no contact with the fundamental law of soccer and considering this handicap, the United States Football Association has done wonderfully well.

While the tremendous resources of the United States has something to do with its present greatness, the resources of Russia are almost equal, and that fact almost proves that the constitution of the United States (conceded one of the finest documents ever framed) is practically responsible for the Country's unity, and progress. This is equally true of soccer. Its laws are the result of over 50 years experience and reflection shows how wonderful they are.

U. S. F. A., its affiliated bodies and clubs, who have pioneered and made the game are taken care of in international law, which protects their interests through associated affiliation. Only clubs which are members of the international federation of soccer can come to the United States, and only clubs under the jurisdiction of the United States Football Association can meet them.

State bodies and professional leagues respect the constituted authorities, for it can be readily seen that respect of the governing bodies simply means respect for our wonderful LAWS, which are so thorough and fair, that it is honorable and to our best interests to obey them for the reason, that like the constitution of the United States, they are formulated in the best interests of the majority, be they sentimental or material.



Nick McAvoy, left half of J. & P. Coats.

the line of correct procedure for it is self evident that sooner or later the old system must come back as it will be forced in through demands of National registration of players. Under the new system the State secretary, doing his duty, issues a card to all players, but he does not issue this card until the player has been signed by the league and he may even play games before he receives an official card from the State Secretary.

Thus it will be seen that a player may have signed a form and played a game before the State Secretary receives his portion of the registration form, and also provides the possibility of an ineligible player participating in a game before the stub reaches the State Secretary, an impossible situation in a State with all original registrations in the archives of the State Secretary, and just as impossible throughout the country with all players registered with the national secretary.

Creighton President of National Referees' Association

The officers appointed in the National Referees' Association for season 1927-8 are: President, Charles E. Creighton; Vice-President, Tom Cunningham; Treasurer, Charlie Stott; Secretary, Fred W. Brown, 114 Ebony Court, Gerritsen Park, Sheepshead Bay, Brooklyn; telephone "Sheepshead 1449."

A training class for young referees is being conducted by former President Fred deGroof, who is this season the executive chairman. Those desirous of becoming referees are given adequate instruction in the laws of football. Meetings are held once a month of the general body at 311 West 23rd Street, New York City.

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NATIONAL registration would prevent the possibility of a club suffering through playing a blacklisted player. With National registration, before a player could move from Washington, he would have to be transferred through the office of the National Secretary, who upon checking up the records would detect the irregularity.

It keeps the state secretary more in touch with players and educates along

Soccer-Grams

By WILLIAM BILLY BISSETT

THE new Off-side Law is working out nicely in Detroit and District Soccer, with the slow Full Back being gradually eliminated and with less stoppages taking place, thus enabling the game to become speeded-up considerably.



Duke Campbell, Fall River's outside right

The Substitute Rule as practiced by the Detroit Professionals and Semi-Professionals, is also functioning admirably. "Anything logical to speed up the game you know."

While on the Soccer Substitute theme I notice where some good folk balk at it being practiced in certain sections of the United States, maintaining that its "all wet" according to International Law.

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Quite So. But did those same sportsmen ever stop to consider the fact that, Geographically and Climatically speaking, the United States (and this pertains to Canada as well) is placed vastly different than is Europe,—home of La Federation Internationale de Football Association—in that respect.

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HERE in the United States where numerous other outdoor and indoor sports are indulged in, the Substitute Rule is in vogue and the speeding up and popularity of those same sports has been chiefly brought about through the prevailing use of "Subs."

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If we wish to "wean over" the Native-Born to the dribbling code game, we must necessarily make the great game both speedy and attractive, in line with their sports.

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In the writers viewpoint, Soccer Substitution insofar as this country and Canada is concerned, is not freak legislation, but a necessity. That is why he's for it, line, hook and sinker."

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Re-Law Amendments. Precedent as practiced, or rather worshipped in Europe is indeed a great barrier to overcome in amending the Soccer Laws to conform with Geographical conditions of some Nations affiliated with the International Federation and in our humble opinion, Scotland, which has given so much in the past to Soccer and is sponsor of the new Off-side and Corner Kick Laws, is the lone Nation in Europe that is far-sighted when it comes to Law, Amending it in order to speed-up the game. In doing so, Scotland looks the game "squarely in the future" and "not in the past."

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THE SCOTTISH LEAGUE may perhaps be mercenary but one cannot say that, of the Scottish Football

Association which is out for the game itself, first, last, and all the time.

Talking on fog reminds one of the wheeze in which the interested parties, two London, England Soccer Clubs, after fifteen minutes play, found themselves enveloped in an exceptionally heavy fog. With the coming of the fog, the visiting team unexpectedly found itself the aggressor, with them failing to account for the sudden turn of events, and the weak-



McMillan, right fullback of New Bedford Club

ing of the opposing defense until after, having extended themselves to the limit, the fog lifted, and the somewhat amazed ones found themselves, all alone. The homesters having left the field of play when the fog was at its thickest.

What the visitors said and how the home eleven ever managed to "cut their way thru" the well-nigh impregnable fog to the dressing pavilion, never was recorded and to this day remains a mystery.

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If Barney Battles Junior, takes after his dear old dad in a soccer way, the youngster ought to battle his way thru' all right. Cheer up Barney. The first seven years is the hardest.

Game Thrives in Spokane

By JACK SIMPSON

THE thriving and enterprising city of Spokane is situated very close to the border of Idaho and far removed from the present center of soccer in Washington, Seattle. From time to time, news had seeped through to the Coast that "some" soccer was being played in and about Spokane, but the soccer activities of the brethren in Spokane were not taken very seriously as distance shut out personal contact and nothing came through "right off the fire."

But in the background of our imagination, we in Seattle, had hoped for the development of the kicking game in the Eastern part of our State and we naturally looked to our eastern metropolis to give it the necessary impetus, but little concrete evidence reached us of real ac-

d'Alene Hotel, soccer Headquarters, more out of curiosity than in anticipation of finding a soccer boom. Harry Goetz, proprietor of the hotel, and Vice President of the Spokane Soccer Football Association looks like ready money with a prosperous appearance and pleasing personality.

That evening, through the efforts of Harry, I met Dr. George E. Hurd, President; Dan C. Batcheler, Secretary; Albert Papst, Treasurer; Fred J. Lake, Manager of "Sad Slim Smith's" (1926-27 Champs), Herbert Ingham, Manager of Mahr's Service club; Captain Paul T. Hogge, Manager of the soldiers team at Fort George Weight, and Nels Anderson, Manager of the Vikings.

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TRADE in conversation brought out the fact that these gentlemen were conducting the affairs of the above four clubs in Spokane and were flirting with teams in Kellogg, Wallace, Coeur d'Alene, in Idaho. Trail, Nelson, Kimberly and Mischel in British Columbia. Their Association were fostering all four clubs in Spokane, that is, buying uniforms, paying all expenses and taking the gates, which arrangement seemed to be satisfactory to the clubs. Discussion ran along the channel of affiliation with the Washington State Football Assn. which was agreed upon at a later meeting.

The matter was also brought up recommending that the Association simply govern and promote the game in and about Spokane and have the league clubs handle their own affairs. Affiliation will ultimately result in this procedure.

The point was brought up that promotion among the grammar schools amounted to nil, unless bridges from grammar school activity through high school into senior ranks. It was agreed to foster along this channel and organize a league similar to the Seattle Soccer League. As President Hurd said "If we wait for players to migrate here we will have a long wait; we must develop the boys within our midst." The same day a cup was secured for this league from the Spokane Chronicle with that paper's promise to go the limit for soccer.

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THE Spokane Association has three available enclosed grounds, which is three more than Seattle possesses, and it is now dickering for the Gonzaga stadium. The day we were in Spokane, a team had been brought in from Trail, B. C., a distance of 200 miles to play at the

State Fair, which was attracting crowds of 25,000 people.

Continuance of the enthusiasm and enterprise of these pioneers in Spokane (this is only their second year), spells success, and a visit from National Secre-

Rhode Island Team Has Girl Playing Goal

SOCCER is not a sport for males alone. The latest to join the ranks of players is Miss Stacia Pnenata, who is playing goal for the Federal Chimney Company's team of Central Falls, Rhode Island, reports Joseph Curry of 546 Duter Street, Central Falls, R. I. Miss Pnenata was signed up along with several former Todd and Pine Terrace players.

tary Cahill which they hope for will stimulate them, as it will us, to greater success. The American Soccer League, visits of foreign clubs to eastern cities, has given the east not a little momentum. To help to offset this, we in the West rather crave periodical personal contact of occasional visits from a representative of the United States Football Association.

MAJOR LEAGUE OF CHICAGO

THE Major League will be operating this Season with eight clubs in Chicago. Last season the league had six clubs. The officers of the league are very optimistic for this Season's activities. They feel confident of a very successful Season.

Sunday, October 2, two of the Clubs will be engaged in the preliminary rounds of the National Cup Competition, when the Coal City Soccer Club will travel to Gary, Indiana to engage the Ambridge Football Club. Coal City is a strong organization. It is out to win the first game in the Competition. Coal City was able to win the Peel Challenge Cup of Chicago last Season and can be expected to put up strong competition.

League games for the week ending October 1, are as follows:

Joliet vs. Buda A. A., Farragut Field, (Wilcox & Raynor) Joliet.

Ulster United vs. North Shore, at White City, Chicago (64th Street & So. Park. Ave.)

Pullman vs. Cermak Slavia, 103rd St. & Corliss Ave., Chicago.

The first named club is the home club.

Soccer—The Ideal Melting Pot

—By ARTHUR SALE—

THE near approach of the annual inter-league baseball tournament, erroneously termed a world series, emphasizes most strongly the universality of soccer and its irresistible appeal, with the wonderful possibility it holds of ultimately staging a genuine sport.

Its adoption as a national game by the large majority of the civilized countries of the earth makes it the one great medium for determining international supremacy along lines that would tend to bring the peoples of the world more closer together.

At the last Olympiad more nations competed for the laurel wreath of soccer than in any other single event, and following that great gathering in Paris a better spirit of brotherliness was engendered between hitherto hostile factions than had existed at any time in past history.

America has long been regarded as the center of the world to which all eyes are turned, the meeting place of all nations on a common ground, the mecca of the war torn and down-trodden, who gravitate to this land of the free, attracted by its democracy and unlimited opportunities for improvement that it offers with such a lavish hand.

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ONE of the greatest problems incident to our republican form of government has been to properly assimilate this cosmopolitan influx, representing racial differences and inbred hatreds of centuries past. Our future national progress is to a great extent dependent upon how successfully this task is accomplished, and the rapidity with which all that is demoralizing of the old world traditions is eradicated and supplanted by the principles of liberty and equality, the bulwarks of our civilization.

What is true regarding nations is equally true when applied to individuals. The national representatives at the Olympiad returned to their own lands with a better understanding of other people, as the result of having rubbed shoulders together in the playing arena. Individuals from various parts of the world when first reaching these shores immediately endeavor to align themselves

with members of their own particular race, which in our big cities invariably found colonies of their own, a community within a community.

This condition in itself has proved a big obstacle to the successful dissemination of the doctrines of Americanism, because of the tendency to perpetuate old world ideals oftentimes at variance with our own.

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IT was originally anticipated that considerable difficulty would be encountered in administering the necessary laws, and making these various factions



McLeavy, inside left of the strong New Bedford team

amenable to discipline. Many of these foreign born players do not properly understand our language, and this in itself presented a big obstacle, but while at times it has been necessary to rule with a firm hand, the league and State association officials have endeavored to lead rather than force, and now the good of the whole is the first consideration, and harmony and respect for recognized authority at all times prevails.

That this should be reflected in the broader scope of city and national government is bound to follow, and soccer may be hailed as a national asset, and an ideal melting pot in America, besides offering the prospects through its international agencies of establishing universal peace.

With the growth of soccer in this country during the past decade there has been erected a new melting pot, one that is doing more to weld this divergent mass into an acceptable part of our national life, than any other single agency yet devised.

Like other large cities Detroit is decidedly cosmopolitan in its make-up, having within its boundaries representatives of practically every nation under the sun. It is not so long ago that this variety of tongues presented a real menace to our civic life and development, but in recent years a marked change has been apparent. Without being egotistical, or making any exaggerated statements, I am firmly convinced that the wide-spread soccer movement in Detroit is in a great measure responsible for the better state of affairs that exists at the present time.

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WHILE the game was for the most part monopolized by the British element up to within a short time ago, we have now what may be termed a veritable league of nations, known as the Detroit American soccer league. This is an amateur organization consisting of four divisions of eight clubs each, and recognized as the largest circuit of its kind in the country. It is only four years since the Detroit American league had its inception, when six amateur clubs formed its membership.

The league's ramifications have been extended into group centers of alien activities, and clubs composed exclusively of the different nationalities designated have joined the organization, namely, England, Scotland, Ireland, Canada, Germany, Denmark, Belgium, Spain, Sweden, Holland, Hungary, Scandinavia and Czechoslovakia. In addition it has individual players connected with other clubs from Malta, China, Japan, South America and different parts of the globe.

One very noticeable feature connected with these foreign clubs is that after a short time the word American appears in the title name — German-American, Swedish-American, Irish-American, etc.

With the memory of the world war still vivid, it is very significant to witness this fraternity of interest, and the entire absence of anything approaching the former anti-racial feeling.

Evils of Barracking

—By JOHN NEIL—

BARRACKING of players on the field is not to be condoned by any sportsman. It is superfluous and out of place in soccer. In this country, where players are close to the fans, it can do more harm than good.

By barracking I mean the offensive kind of stuff that we hear at many of our games. Good natured banter or chaff is always acceptable and enjoyed by the player as well as the fans but where the personal element enters into remarks hurled at a player, it is a detriment to our winter pastime.

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I CAN hear the remark: "Well, a player has no place on the field if he is 'thin skinned' or sensitive!"

A player does not hear all the remarks hurled at him during a game. There are moments when the hub-hub is too great and the player's mind is concentrated on the business in hand. But in the lull it is the lone voice that cuts deepest. A bit of good fun is never out of place but there are people attending soccer games who are not sportsmen. They have had no experience of the game and they do not make allowances for the weakness of the human element. They take no cognizance of what we know as human nature.

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Doesn't Know Game

THE barracker as a rule, is an individual who has a limited knowledge of the game. This knowledge is almost negative. He does not understand that there are occasions when the play is running all one way. It doesn't matter how hard the other side may try to get going when they cannot do anything right. Newcomers and young players are to be pitied when the barracker gets set in their direction.

Players making their debut for a new club tell me that they absolutely could do nothing right after they had made one slip that called for abuse from the barracker. As a rule this individual can only see with one eye. He forgets that there are two sides playing—that the play for the time being may be running against his favorites.

He does not take into consideration that on the following week-end, when his face is aglow because his side has scored a victory, that the tide may have been in their favor and that the other side may have had the poor luck which all clubs experience.

A newcomer is usually very nervous when playing before the home fans for the first time. Many players of merit have not been able to show their real ability in their "trial" game because of abuse for playing the game as some particular fan thinks it should be played.

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Worships Success

THE barracker has only one standard of criticism. He worships success! He would rather have his side win by a "flukey" goal in a bad game than see a good game in which the score ended in a draw or happened to be against his side. Success is his standard of values.

Another form of barracking often heard on the soccer field, and which to me is most inhuman, is the individual who is so concerned about his side getting the winning goal that he has no time for delays in the game under any consideration and feels it his duty to hurl abusive language at the referee and players. At the moment they may be crowded round an injured comrade on the ground.

How often have we heard the phrase used on such an occasion: "Throw him off! Let the game go on!" Such an individual is not a sportsman, and is of little use to the progress of soccer or any other sport. He cannot see that a player may be the strategist of the combination and yet be a poor marksman.

Many of our finest inside forwards have been responsible for a record goal scoring season of their center-forward and yet not go into two figures on their own. What the barracker wants is a little schooling on the finer points of the game. With this knowledge his treatment of the player will change. He will come to recognize that there are twenty-two players on the field, eleven of them trying to stop his particular side.

Let us have all the good natured "banter" we can. It helps sometimes to brighten up an otherwise drab contest—but let us be sensible in how we let it go.

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Minute Rests Between Goals

By "UNO"

SCHRODER, a famous International Soccer player, will appear in the Bethlehem forward line in the very near future. He is from Nuremberg, which team has been champions of Germany for two years.

He has a wonderful athletic record. Schroder is the Hun, former 200 metre champion, and reports as to his soccer talent suggests to the casual observer that Bethlehem's chief difficulty in the very near future will be the embarrassment of riches.

You have got to hand it to them. In the Steel line, they demand the best and in the Soccer line they are every whit as particular. We don't envy the task of "W. L." in the near future when he comes to select his team. If Dame Rumor is correct, Bethlehem has not finished. I should rather say that Messrs. "W. L." and "H. E." have not finished. They are expecting another Scotsman to join them. For enterprise you have got a long way to go before you beat the Bethlehem club.

Davy Edwards and Tommy Gillespie of Bethlehem arrived on the Caledonia from Glasgow on Monday and immediately proceeded to Bethlehem under the guidance of Mike Kelly. The League champions certainly give color to the belief that they will yet make a desperate effort to retain their Championship honors. Again, I repeat, I do not envy "W. L." his task in selecting the team to do duty every week.

I WAS not an eye-witness and cannot vouch for the truth of the story, but it is solemnly asserted by a Bethlehem Steel player—if need be I will ask the privilege of letting his name being made known—who solemnly asserts that in a recent game, a referee actually gave a penalty kick against Bobby Gaudert, the goalkeeper, for handling the ball. It is perfectly possible that a penalty kick could be awarded against a goalkeeper, but emphatically not for handling the ball. It is perfectly possible that another player could have been mistaken for Gaudert, but my informant says that this could not possibly be. It almost looks as if, in the very near future, we shall have to import referees.

It did come as a great surprise to me to learn that only the other day Jock

Hume received his first League appointment. He is just about the best whistler agoing—Charlie Crichton excepted, of course—but he is following closely on Charlie Crichton's lines. Players don't crowd round Crichton or Hume in an attempt to influence them to change their decision. They know better. These "refs" I have mentioned are not only capable but strictly impartial. That is something to be going on with.

I am certain that Bill Cunningham would like to be able to call upon the services of a really top notch referee once in a while. There are whistlers in Canada who would put our lot here to shame. It would be a great education to the fans if they had the opportunity of seeing Horace Lyons in charge of a game. They would probably not agree with the manner in which he handles a game, but he is the personification of exactitude and accuracy.

He is transparently honest in all his decisions. An extra few dollars to his fee would not influence him should he be called upon to officiate in any game in which the benefactor took part. He is above that.

IN a recent issue I held up Jock Marshall as being my ideal as a right full back. I have a letter from a Newark correspondent who bluntly asks the question: "Have you seen him play this season?" I must confess that I have not, and am very sorry indeed to hear that Jock has not apparently struck his form so far. I must really give him the once over, and my correspondent can be assured of the fact that friend or no friend, there will be written expression given as to my views of his play.

Jock knows that. Just the same, the mere fact that the Scottish International has not touched top form, does not influence me in the slightest. If he wants to, he can emphasize the fact that he is the best right back in America. I would not be surprised were Jock to go out and show his detractors one of these days what can be done. Such is my belief in Jock, I am of opinion that he could stop any left wing opposed to him if he rolled up his sleeves and went to the job.

THERE will appear on the Soccer firmament in the Metropolitan area in the near future, a Dane who is not only a champion at pole vaulting, but has

collected honors as a javelin thrower. He is a well built kid of 20 years, and he thinks he can excel at soccer. He looked on at a game Sunday and his instructions were, if he thought he could do better than the men who were on view that he would communicate his thoughts.

Good idea this. If any aspirant can say what the other fellow did wrong, it must be that he knows what should be right.

There is a six footer from Liverpool who has just breezed in. He declared when I asked him what club he had previously played for, that "I wouldn't know it." As it so happened this same obscure club in the Liverpool area is very well known to the writer. There was one thing about this fellow which rather impressed me. He did not carry around with him half a ton of medals.

It will surprise many referees to know that their fancied position of security because of friendly relations which have been carefully cultivated—"no names no pack drill"—are to have their citadel of fancied security very rudely shaken which Bill Cunningham might explode at any moment. I am aware of the nature of the contents of letters which have reached him.

In fact I have read the letters before they were mailed to Bill in Boston, and I am just wondering what action he is likely to take. For the future, I propose to have a scale of efficiency in these columns according as I see them every week. The whistlers will then know just where they stand. The black list is growing.

TANDLER and Gold of N. Y. Giants think that as a pair they are the goods as full backs. They are not. Never will be. They are unthinkable. Oscar Kolb has just informed me that he has got a snapshot which proves up to the hilt that my contention is correct.

If "a picture is worth ten thousand words" then the valuation of this product of the camera is worth a whole library. I cannot understand Maurice Vandeweghe. He has had ocular evidence that his defenders are not suited one to the other. He knows that his half back line

Peel Challenge Cup Competition

By ROBERT SCOTT

THE Annual General Meeting of the Peel Cup Commission was held in the Brevoort Hotel, Chicago, Thursday evening, September 29. The entries for this Season sets a record for the Peel Cup Competition. The competition has been strengthened by the acceptance of the Mid-West League into the Circle. This league is composed of six clubs: Bricklayers, Canadians, Olympia, Sparta, Thistles, and the Vienna.

The Commission exempted the following clubs in the qualifying rounds:

Mid-West League—Brickies, Canadians, Olympia, Sparta, Thistles, Vienna.

Major League—Buda A. A., Coal City, North Shore.

International League—Norwegian-Americans, Swedish-Americans, Sture F. C.

The four surviving clubs in the preliminary and qualifying rounds will make a total of sixteen clubs to play in the four rounds of the competition proper.

Preliminary and qualifying rounds—Oct. 16, Nov. 20, Dec. 11.

Competition proper—(1928)—March 4, April 15, May 8, semi-final; May 20, final match.

WEEKLY STANDING OF THE MAJOR SOCCER LEAGUE OF CHICAGO

(This includes Sept. 25)

	P.	W.	L.	D.	For	Agst.	Pts.
Buda A. A.	1	1	0	0	4	2	2
Cermak Slavia	1	1	0	0	3	1	2
North Shore	1	1	0	0	2	1	2
Ulster United	1	1	0	0	3	1	2
Coal City	1	0	1	0	1	3	0
Joliet	1	0	1	0	1	2	0
Pullman	1	0	1	0	1	3	0
Ambridge							

The top goal getters are as follows: (Buda A. A.)—Dante DePratt, 2 goals. (Ulster United)—W. Corbit, 2 goals. (Cermak Slavia)—J. Mazac, 2 goals.

Buda Soccer Trophy

In the month of September, 1925, the Buda Athletic Association of Harvey, Illinois, donated a beautiful cup to be competed for annually by the members of the Major Soccer League of Chicago.

In the competition for the 1925-1926 season, this trophy was won by the Sparta A. B. A. and the Buda A. A. were the winners for Season 1926-7.

The "Draw" for Season 1927-8 was made at the Brevoort Hotel, Chicago, Thursday evening, Sept. 29, game to be played on the ground of the club, first out of the hat, as follows:

Pullman F. C. vs. Coal City.
103rd St. and Corliss Ave., Chicago.
North Shore vs. Buda A. A.

Foster Field, Evanston.
Joliet F. vs. Ambridge F. C.
Farragut Field, Joliet.
Cermak Slavia A. B. C. vs. Ulster United.
26th St. and Kostner Ave., Chicago.
This is the first round of the competition to be played on Sunday, Oct. 9.

Minute Rests Between Goals

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is not what it should be. He has the remedy at hand. He will be forced to abandon the exalted views he has of the value of certain players.

It was not until he read it in SOCCER PICTORIAL, that Jimmy Douglas was aware of the fact that he had been transferred to Hartford. With Tommy Blair doing so nobly for Fred Rochleau's outfit, it is not likely that Douglas will ever be seen between the sticks for the "babies" of the American Soccer League. He knows this himself. Here's a nice goalkeeper, and not all the clubs have been supplied with the "goods."

MARTYN, the left half back of Hartford, is one of the best players in his position in America. If there had not happened a mysterious something which I have never been able to solve yet. This same Martyn should have been a Manchester City player today. He can play soccer. He has emerged long since from the kindergarten stages.

HERE is a player to have on your side. If it ever came to shoulder to shoulder work, it is perfectly possible that he might play a not insignificant part.

By the way, he strenuously denies that he had anything whatever to do with the near riot at Montreal when Hakoah paid a visit to the Canadian Commercial capital.

Bain, the other Canadian in the Hartford outfit, will have to pull up his hosiery. If he will take my advice, he will not touch a ball in training for a month. Let him attend to his anatomy week after week and keep the old bellows going to the pleasing of the village blacksmith, but between games he ought not

to touch a ball. It took me just about ten minutes in a recent game to discover what was wrong with him. He has been over-running every ball.

Would you believe, it is the will of the ruling body that referees should cut themselves adrift from any other Soccer Association than their own. Even Wee Wullie Campbell will be recommended to cease his endeavors on behalf of the Protective Association. This does look like stretching it a bit too far. After all, as friend Barrowskill points out, the Protective is a charitable organization among the many aspects of its varied sphere of helpful activity to all in need of succour.

BRITISH SOCCER RESULTS

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Partick Thistle	8	4	4	0	17	23	8
Bo'ness	8	3	4	1	11	15	7
Hibernians	8	3	5	0	17	16	6
Falkirk	8	3	5	0	15	16	6
Queen's Park	8	2	5	1	8	15	5
Clyde	8	2	5	1	10	18	5
Raith Rovers	8	2	6	0	16	22	4
Hamilton Acad	8	1	5	2	13	21	4
Dundee	8	1	5	2	7	15	4
Dunfermline	8	0	7	1	8	26	1

In Cup Competition

THE Ryerson Jrs. which are made up of all American born boys between the ages of seventeen and eighteen are the big sensation in soccerdom over in West Hudson, New Jersey. These boys who last year had a clean slate in John Tittle's Boys' league, have entered the New Jersey State League under the management of Bill Traill, who in 1925-26 brought the Ryerson A. A. its first State Cup. The Ryerson Jrs. have entered both the National and National Amateur Cups. The League standing follows:

Clubs	P.	W.	L.	D.	For	Agst.
Ryerson Jrs.	1	1	0	0	3	1
Kearny F. C.	1	0	0	1	2	2
Hudson Club	1	0	0	1	2	2
Paterson Caledonians	0	0	0	0	0	0
British War Vets	1	0	1	0	1	3

Results of Games
Ryerson Jrs. 3, British War Vets 1.
Kearny F. C. 2, Hudson Club 2.

Soccer Here Shows Improvement

By CAPT. JIM MONTGOMERIE

YOU will have heard discussion in many quarters as to whether soccer in America is on a par with that in the Old Country. When I was playing with the Grenadier Guards in Montreal a year or two ago, I remember reading a statement by Tom Cahill of the U.S.F.A. that soccer in the United States, was on an equality with that in the Old Country, and if I remember rightly "Uno" tore his old friend to pieces.

It was good boosting for the game on the part of Secretary Cahill for even so wise a fellow as Uno fell into the net, and at that time we greatly enjoyed the reprisals to which Secretary Cahill was subject. You will never bring me to believe, however, that Tom meant in his heart of hearts that at that time, soccer was anywhere approaching an equality with soccer in the Old Country. It was crazy stuff, but, as propaganda it was top notch.

I have to admit that soccer has made great strides in America, but I have to say in the same sentence that Soccer has got a long, long, way to go to be on a par with that across the pond. It is nice to think we are progressing here so rapidly, but where would any club stand if pitted up against say Glasgow Rangers or the equally famous Celtic?

You don't want me to say it, but it is nevertheless a fact that we would never be in the hunt. Why delude ourselves? That is sheer stupidity. Rather let us concentrate our efforts upon an all round improvement in the game. You cannot live for long in the State of Delusion.

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LET us reason the matter out. In the first place, nearly all the players here are working. It stands to reason that they have not the time to devote to training as players on the other side. I know full well there are certain players who are in receipt of a wage for playing soccer sufficiently to enable them to while the time away. They are supposed to be stars, too. They are not filling the bill.

Yes, I refer to players in New York City. They are not in condition. Indolence and ease will not travel in the same wagon with the all-times aggressive King Soccer.

To my thinking, the fact that players

are paid wages to keep themselves in the pink of condition and complain at half time, as I have been informed, that they are not fit to go the remaining forty-five minutes, should start gardening as an occupation. There is some excuse for the player who is putting in a hard day's work and then has to go to the field to put in the requisite period in training for the week-end games, but there is no excuse for the gentlemen whose hardest job in the course of the week is in cashing their checks.

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IT IS hard for the spectators in the States when they view these barren wastes, to realize that the grounds in Britain are like bowling greens. This tends to the demonstration of real scientific football. There are those who think there is no science in soccer. Let them come along and have a kick at the ball.

It reminds me of the joke of the individual who thought there was nothing in playing golf. He was given a club. One, two, three vigorous swipes at the ball, and he failed to dislodge the "object" from the tee. Said a typical Glesca woman,

"It seems a very nice game, John, but whit is the wee white ba' for?"

On the putting green you can putt ever so much better when there is even an undulating surface so long as you have grass, but I am jolly well sure that you won't do much that will find its way into the papers if you are shooting on a bald patch. You might as well give a man who is wholly bald a brush and comb and ask him to brush his hair.

There is another reason why Soccer in the States has not reached the same standard of quality as in the Old Country. There are not the same number of players of quality to choose from. Over there, the First League teams get nothing but the best, that is to say, if they can afford to pay the purchase price. There is a scramble over there to get them, and if need be proof were required that we are almost wholly dependent upon the "foreign" article, it is in the enforced trips by managers to the homeland in the expectation of landing something here calculated to make a stir. They would search a long time in the States before they got what they wanted.

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BUT to come nearer home. There is one factor which has a detrimental effect upon Soccer in this country which

in the progress of time will assuredly be eliminated. I refer to the playing of two games in successive days. Soccer is too fast a game to get the best results out of players who have to pursue the flight of the ball continuously for three hours with but a few hours break. Take a ped. He could not last a game of soccer, take the knocks, sprint, go in for the Marathon, and finish up with a sprint, to save his life. It is more a question of stamina in soccer, and cut out the fact that I am a Scot, but it has to be said that that is the main factor, skill apart, why Scot players are in demand the world over.

We are not in the least put about when we have to meet a Jewish team for instance. They are clever on the ball, but they cannot take any knocking. If they show some semblance of virility, we are back at them, and they don't stand up very long. If they did not receive the knocks, they could go for a week, but that is not soccer. You must share in the distribution of the poundage.

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IN ENGLAND, soccer is played on the Saturdays only, and the only other occasions when the turnstiles are heard to click twice a week are on holidays, at Christmas and New Year. These are the only dates arranged demanding the playing of games on two successive days. In the States it is an every week occurrence, and we don't have half the training which the Old Country players receive.

By playing only one day a week, the players have a chance to keep themselves in the best possible condition. Moreover, the fans do not sour of the game. They are all the more eager in looking forward to the next week's game. I am perfectly sure in my own mind that there would be better and snappier football were there only to be one game per week. These points, if attended to, will travel a long way to the betterment of the game.

How often have the fans gone to see a game and been sadly disappointed because either one or perhaps both teams have played on the day previous? Do you wonder that their movements are lackadaisical? Usually a player takes so much out of himself in two games, that he is just beginning to feel well again, and very often he has not quite recovered, when he is called upon to step on to the field once more, feeling that he cannot do justice to his team, to the fans or to himself.

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Soccer in the Colleges

By EDW. J. McCUE

THIS week many of our best college soccer elevens swing into action. Penn State, undefeated in its '26 season, open against Altoona Shops at State College; while Princeton with 9 letter men from the '26 eleven entertains Lehigh at Princeton. Yale begins a series of eight games having Englewood as its opponent, and Williams tackles Clark University.

The first college to announce an international tilt is Penn State who will journey to Toronto, Canada, to play Toronto University on Oct. 20. After a day's rest the Nittany booters will play at Syracuse. On the 22nd the Orange soccer men and the Football eleven of Syracuse both meet Penn State this day.

Coach Bill Jeffries has seventy-five candidates working out, including eight veterans of the '26 team. Among them are Frank Cherry, leading the team, who plays full-back; Semisch, goal; Repino, Strimlan and Mollinger, half-backs; Marshall, Griffin and Serry, forwards.

W. J. McLaughlin, student soccer manager at Penn State announced the following schedule: Oct. 8, Altoona Shops at State College; October 29, Pennsylvania; November 5, Lafayette; 26th, Haverford; 28th, Swarthmore.

Away: October 20, Toronto University, 22d, Syracuse; December 3, Navy at Annapolis.

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COACH ALBERT B. NIES, who has been coaching at Princeton for some ten years, will have some 25 new men for the '27 season, including 9 letter men of last season. Princeton will play an intersectional game on November 5 when Ohio State journeys to Princeton. Eight games make up the Tigermen schedule with 5 home games and 3 away.

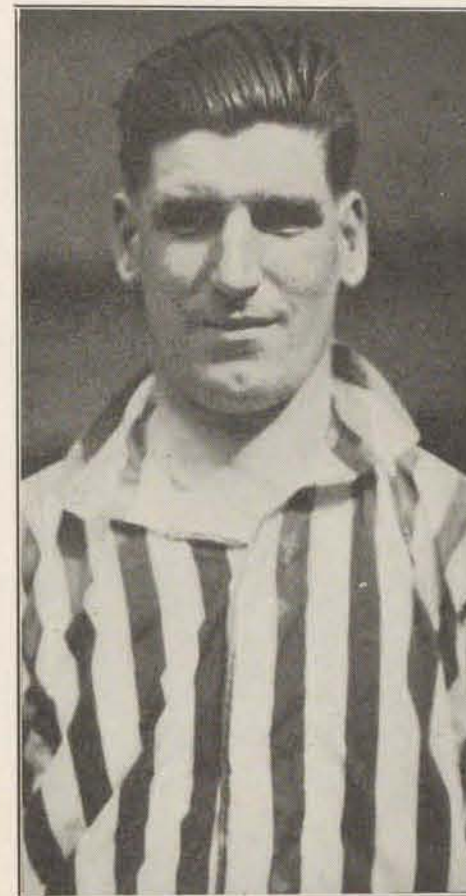
Beginning on October 8 with Lehigh; 12, Swarthmore; 15, Montclair; the tiger eleven travels to Ithaca to play Cornell on the 21st, and Philadelphia on the 29th to play Haverford. November 5th, will see Ohio State at Princeton; 12th a visit is paid Yale at New Haven, closing their schedule the 19th with Pennsylvania at Princeton.

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JACK KERSHAW, coach at Harvard and a former center forward for Abbotts Worsted, will have a corking good team this year.

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Harry J. Ratican, coach at the Military Academy and formerly center forward



Nisser, left fullback of the Providence Club



"Whitey" MacDonald of Bethlehem who makes the ball speak

for Todd's, will have a much better eleven this season than last although last year's team was very good.

The Navy will travel to Bethlehem this season and play Lehigh.

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YALE varsity soccer team will play a schedule of eight games opening against Englewood on the 8th at New Haven; Brown comes on the 14th, Springfield 21st; Dartmouth 28th.

Yale goes to West Point on November 5, plays Princeton at home on 12th, meets Harvard at Cambridge 19th, and closes its schedule against Navy at Annapolis on the 24th.

The Freshman schedule is Riverside School, October 29; Brooklyn Poly Prep at Brooklyn, November 5; Princeton, 12; Harvard, 19; Taft School, 26.

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E. D. BULLOCK, coach at Williams, will have a schedule of six games this fall. The feature game will be against Harvard at Williamstown on October 29. The annual match to decide the "Little Three" title Wesleyan, Amherst and Williams.

The schedule opens on October 8 with Clark University; 15th, Hamilton at Clinton, N. Y.; 22nd, R.P.I.; 29th, Harvard; November 5, Wesleyan at Middletown; 12th, Amherst.

SOCCER SHOWS IMPROVEMENT

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ANOTHER drawback to the betterment of the game here, is the great lack of reserves. There are not many teams in the United States which can afford to carry the essential number. There are occasions by the score when a player is compelled to take the field who is not feeling physically fit for the fray.

The geographical location of the fields even within the American League circuit I am well aware is responsible to a considerable degree for two-days-a-week games. In England they have not the faintest idea what long distance traveling means. If a Glasgow team goes from St. Mungo to Aberdeen, the players claim that they are washed out. I wonder what they would think if they were out here?

Until all these points which I have mentioned are properly taken care of, we shall not have here, the same high standard of soccer which there is today across the water.

With the N. Y. Giants

By JAMES J. KELLY

THE New York Giants are full of confidence these days. Maurice Vandeweghe's boys, with additional strength, are on the road to success. They feel that once they get going there will be little to stop them in the American League cup race.

This confidence was in evidence when the team left for New England on its first invasion a few days ago. The sporting and friendly spirit was such that dissension was obviously not a factor among the Giants.

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Jimmy Armstrong, genial secretary and manager of the Giants, is one of the most popular men in the soccer realm. The players think highly of his ability.



Hans Tandler of the New York Giants can do this with the ball. However he much prefers to "biff" it instead of tipping it.

As for his knowledge of soccer, there are few experts who have anything on Jim. Armstrong is especially popular with the boys on pay-off day.

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George Moorhouse, with his best polished English, is often seen discussing matters with Alec Fabian, the former Hakoah goalkeeper. A few days ago quite a gathering surrounded George and Alec.

The spectators thought that a battle was on, but they found, much to their astonishment, that Moorhouse was trying

to impart some English to Fabian. Fabian understands very little of our native tongue. Moorhouse was trying to explain to him the art of stopping penalties.

THE Giants are pursuing the right policy in having everything up-to-



date. Telegraph wires have been installed on their grounds at Starlight Park and a comfortable press box for the scribes, conveniently situated, will be ready for occupation at the next home game.

Extra stands are also in the making and when all are completed 10,000 persons will be able to see the game in comfort. The stands will all be covered before the bad weather sets in and heated with special apparatus.

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Alec Fabian, the goalkeeper of Hakoah fame, has been a slight disappointment so far but is going through the acclimation period. True, he has been here twice before, but the excitement of the two Hakoah tours and jumping from here to there did not keep him long enough in one place to let the climatic conditions affect him. He will be his old self soon.

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Hans Tandler, sterling fullback, is one of the most powerful kickers in the American League circuit. How he can take them on the run and the fiercer the opponent's attack the better he likes it. He is a great defender.

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Billy Herd, the canny Scot and right halfback, seems to improve with age just like something else we used to be very familiar with. He is still very much "there" and the way he bottled up Hartford's much touted left wing was really "uncanny."

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Peel's Efforts in Chicago

By Robert Scott

THE desire of Peter J. Peel, a gentleman with a national reputation in soccer circles, to look after the welfare of his men, brought forth a scheme nearly twenty years ago which today is recognized as one of the best developments in favor of the players.

The Peel Cup Commission, which recently held its annual meeting at the Brevoort Hotel, Chicago, and elected new officers, is the oldest soccer organization in the Chicago district and dates back to the fall of 1909.

At that time there were about ten clubs in the entire section. Gates were rather lean and the men in charge of the teams used to find themselves called upon to pay medical bills for injured players. Sometimes the unfortunate player had to kick in with the money himself.

Peel, along with a few other persons interested in boosting the game and looking after the welfare of the players, got together and formed a plan whereby injured players would be assured of competent medical care without worrying himself to death about footing the bill.

This plan resulted in the annual Peel Challenge Cup competition and it maintains a medical fund. It is the premier soccer trophy in the Chicago district and is much coveted.

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Will Carry On Work

It is the carrying on of this fine work that the new officers have pledged themselves to do. The president is Robert C. Frye. Frank Tarpie is vice-president and Wilfred R. Cummings is secretary-treasurer. The commissioners are M. Ellingsen, George Fyfe, Herbert Heale and W. W. Wilkins.

Last season, what was known as the Mid-West Soccer League (Big Four)—consisting of the Bricklayers, Sparta, Canadians and Thistles—did not participate in this competition, but the Mid-West League containing six clubs are entered this year.

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Teams Change Leagues

The outlook for the major soccer league of Chicago is very promising for a successful season. A season ago four clubs withdrew to form the Mid-West League, namely, Bricklayers F. C., Canadian F. C., Sparta A. B. A., and the Thistles F. C. The expectations of the Big Four did not materialize, however,

and two more clubs have been added to the circuit.

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The Major League, during last season had six clubs. At the end of the season two clubs withdrew, one to join the Mid-West League and the other to join the International League.

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The Mid-West League is operating within the limits of Chicago. The Major

CUMMINGS, PEEL CUP SEC'Y, RECOVERING

WILFRED R. CUMMINGS, secretary of the Peel Cup Commission, has held his office since it was organized. He is also treasurer of the United States Football Association, secretary of the Mid-West Soccer League of Chicago, secretary-treasurer of the Illinois State Football Association. Cummings has had a bit of hard luck lately—been in hospital for a couple of weeks—but is now progressing favorably.

League has extended to out-of-town clubs the privilege of membership. The Joliet South Side Progressive Club of Joliet, Illinois, and the Ambridge F. C. of Gary, Indiana, and two Chicago clubs have been added, making an eight club League.

The members are:—Ambridge F. C. of Gary, Indiana; Buda A.A.S.C. of Harvey, Illinois; Coal City, S. C. of Coal City, Illinois; Cermak Slavia F. C., Chicago; Joliet S. S. Progressive Club of Joliet, Illinois; North Shore S. C. of Evanston, Illinois; Pullman Mfg. Corp. F. C. Chicago; Ulster United F. C., Chicago.

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An Inter-League exhibition game has been arranged between the Mid-West and the Major Leagues for Thanksgiving Day. In the spring of 1928 an Inter-League game will be arranged with the International League of Chicago.

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The Buda A. A., defending champions and winners of the Buda Soccer Trophy created a record last year by playing the entire season without losing a game. Two games were draws.

Empire State Soccer League

THE Empire State Soccer League of New York City starts its season this Saturday with all teams getting into action.

This will be the fifth season for this junior circuit which, under the capable direction of James Cunningham as President and Theodore Hartman as Secretary, has grown from an obscure league of eight clubs to one of America's best amateur leagues. It now boasts of a membership of 30 teams, made up of players of every nationality, as a glance at the list of teams enrolled will show.

The first division teams are: Barcelona, Bronx Sports, Bronx Workers "A," Clan Bruce, Gallega, Whitestone, Mount Morris, Sherman Creek, Trumpeldore, New York Celtics; the second division clubs will be Bushwick H. S. Alumnia, Greek Hermes, Prague, Visitation Parish Club, Gerrettsen Park, Palestine, German-Americans, Russian "A," Bronx Rovers "A," Hakoah; the third division members are Swiss, 92nd Street Y. M. H. A., Bushwick H. S. Alumni "B," Yankee Jrs., Bronx Rovers "B," Russian "B," New York Rangers,

Estonian-Americans, American Hebrews, Bronx Workers "B."

The winners of last season were Flushing F. C. in the first division, Whitestone in the second division and Bronx Rovers the third division. This season Flushing will be known as New York Celtics. Whitestone goes into the first division and Bronx Rovers advance to the second division.

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PICKED UP IN BROOKLYN

The writer has been asked several times for his explanation of the wonderful showing so far this season of the Wanderers. Last year the club showed evidences of inherent strength but was not able to maintain the pace consistently.

I would place as the foremost reason for the improvement in the playing of the team the fact that this year's eleven appears to be a better rounded and more evenly balanced aggregation, than last. There are no top-heavy stars on the team this season, but every man is a worker the full ninety minutes and every player is a cog of the entire machine which is working as a unit.

From Across Canadian Border

By CRAIG CAMPBELL

THE question is often asked in Canada, no less than other countries, whether certain rules of the game should be changed. Has the time arrived when the "grandmotherly" attitude of the British International Board be set aside to make way for brighter and more youthful minds? Or, let us put it this way, should every country play soccer according to its own fancy, changing this, or changing that? If so, which heaven forbid, the gentlemen who built the Tower of Babel, would have nothing on us.

I hold no brief for the Old Country, and would be the last man to declare that, what suits them should satisfy the whole world. Oh, dear no, nothing of the kind. But the field law-makers of soccer, are men of long experience, even if conservative.

Now, what am I leading up to. Well, in the first place, "The substitution of players." Many people in Canada would like to see it in force, following on the lines adopted by the American Soccer League. With due respect to the opinion of others, to my mind it is a dangerous plan, opening the gates to tricksters and malingerers.

We all know the hardship inflicted upon a team compelled to finish with ten men, but how often does this happen? Reflect, and consider the hundreds of thousands of games played on this continent. All sorts of arguments can be advanced in favor of substitution, and good ones too.

The practice as prevails in hockey and basketball is freely quoted. Some day it may come to pass, but as far as Canada is concerned, no new rule will be introduced, not sanctioned by the British International Board, composed as it is, of the associations of England, Scotland, Ireland and Wales.

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Multiplying officials are apt to cause confusion, but goal judges, as in hockey, would add to general efficiency in the conduct of the game; assisting referees, who often, too often, are not in a position to decide goals, but award them to clamor of the crowd. Yes, we like the idea of goal-judges.

However, all this remains for other people to settle, the central organization of law-makers, the British International Board.

The foregoing is but the Canadian view, and not intended to instruct other countries how to run their business.

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Ballantyne, inside right of New Bedford Club. He is a fine player

The Native Born Advance

THAT native born players are coming along, is shown by the result of the Toronto Internationals. Run on a league basis, teams representing England, Ireland, Scotland and Canada, met in turn. The Canadians captured the final honors, defeating a strong Scottish team by two goals to one. A few years ago such a thing would have been deemed an impossibility. The success of the Canadians shows remarkable progress.

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Montreal Maroons, of the National Soccer League, has been suspended for non-fulfillment of fixtures. Ever since Maurice Vanderweghe withdrew his support, two months ago, Maroons have travelled in hard times. They are not, however, worrying about the suspension, as the season is near its end, but the officials certainly would like a cheque for \$480 from Ulster United, due on a defaulted fixture last year.

Months ago, Ulster was ordered to pay this amount, which is still outstanding. It would seem from this, that the biggest thing about the National League is its name.

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With the exception of a row in British Columbia, which is entirely a local affair, we are closing the quietest year in the history of Canadian soccer. Time was, when the cry rang out from coast to coast "everybody's doing it." The power of organization has drawn provinces together. Canada is a little smaller than it used to be.

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Our Priceless Amateur

THE famous player grasped the pen, And gazed around with kindly mein, But before I sign this form, He asked, "what's in it?"

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A few years ago, a player was invited to place his "John Hancock" on a form. He would be graciously pleased to turn out for them if they gave him a piano, as his little girl was learning music.

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The final for the Hamilton Spectator Cup takes place at Brantford between Cockshutts (Brantford) and Hamilton Thistles. Cockshutts have only been beaten twice this season on their own ground.

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United Weston, former Connaught Cup holders, head the Winnipeg and District League, First Division, with 22 points for 12 games played.

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George Graham's Toronto friends were vastly pleased to hear that the ex-Ulsterman had scored three goals in his first game for Fall River.

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The fact that Colonel F. S. Meighen, C. M. G., consented to kick-off at the Jack Green Benefit game, lends color to the rumors that he will return to soccer, and revive his old club, the Grenadier Guards, in which Jimmy Montgomery was such a star.

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Bobby MacAulay, now with Providence, has a young 17-year-old brother in Montreal, named "Alex," and this boy bids fair to become a great player some day. Position, right full-back.

Old Reliable, the Unsung Hero

By JIMMY MUGFORD

THERE was a wide world of wisdom tucked away in one particular corner of SOCCER PICTORIAL WEEKLY a week ago. It was worthy of having been set in black-face type and put in a box in the middle of a page.

There is a saying among journalists that when an Editor wants to shorten an article, he just cuts out the last paragraph! Of course, it is a gross slander—but, anyhow, thank goodness, Sam MacLerie's little article, "Give the Referees a Chance to Make Good," just happened to fill up the rest of a page left over from a longer story. I am not suggesting that the Editor would have cut out that last sentence in any case—but it is a good job that the necessity or the temptation was not presented to him!

Here's the sentence. Let us have it in special type, please, Mr. Printer:

"If you escape blunders no one will notice you, and that will be the best evidence that you have been satisfactory."

Thank you, Mr. MacLerie, for that thought. I haven't yet had the pleasure of meeting my fellow-contributor—but if that's the sort of wisdom he turns out, I'm looking forward to hearing him talk.

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THE sentence I've quoted, was addressed to referees—but it might equally well have been addressed to everybody concerned with the great game. For it's the whole secret of the game's success.

At first thought, probably the majority of my readers will be inclined to disagree, and disagree violently, particularly the more ardent rooters. When we go to a game, we like to watch the brilliant forward dashing down the field. We admire his twinkling footwork, his marvellous dribbling, and his final successful shot.

He's the hero of the game; everybody talks about him. And we're apt to overlook the not-so-brilliant half-back or other player whose heady work drew the opposing defence, created the opening and, at exactly the right moment, slipped the ball to his brilliant team-mate.

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BUT it is the "not-so-brilliant" players who are the mainstay of the side. It is the good old steady players, the old reliables, who make football what it is.

How many men can you remember who have flashed into public notice and public favor like a meteor into a summer sky—and who have faded out again al-

most as quickly? Those wonderful finds—those bargain "buys"—whose first appearances have created the impression that a new genius had come to the game—where are they now? Oh of course, there are a few of them, still playing



Murdock, Newark's star goal. He is one of Tom Adam's mainstays

But the old reliables? They keep on turning out, week after week, giving their steady, unobstructive best—and making football what it is. They never attract public notice, any more than a taxi or a bus does in the stream of traffic; they're there, doing their job, that's all. But if they were not there, it would be a different story. How we should miss them then! It would be then that they would be conspicuous—by their absence. The bus and the taxi, we say, are just a part of the traffic—but we don't go far enough, they're the main part of it.

And the old reliables, we say, are part of the game. We're wrong . . . they ARE THE GAME.

They escape blunders, just as they escape brilliance, and so they also escape public notice and praise. That very fact is evidence that they are satisfactory.

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AND next time we're rooting the hero of the game, let us not forget Old Reliable, whether he be player or official. We shall probably not notice him all through the game. That's why he's so darned satisfactory—just because he IS Old Reliable. Let's give him an occasional cheer too, even if it's one that our neighbor on the grandstand can't hear; even if it's only a silent shout!

Thank you, Mr. MacLerie. At your reminder, I raise my glass to him—to every one of him, and to his ghosts of the days gone by—Old Reliable. I drink his health . . . and his memory, because not only has he made football what it is, he is football.

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From Field and Pavilion in England

By JAMES McGREGOR

IT IS a most astounding fact that a considerable percentage of the clubs in England are crying aloud for half backs. The Sheffield clubs used to have "quality" men at their command. They cannot say that today. Wolverhampton want a centre half and so do Middlebro. Peter McWilliam would like to secure the services of Willie Summers, St. Mirren's International centre-half, but even for much fine gold, the Paisley buddies are not likely to part.

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In the first issue of SOCCER PICTORIAL I hinted that there was a possibility of Alick Jackson of Huddersfield being transferred before the season had progressed very far. "In Yorkshire," says one writer, "there are the elements forming for the sensational transfer of a noted player, whose form has been a disappointment to his club. If he is put on offer, there will be a rush for his services and the fee will be hefty. An International, he is still young, and his early form is merely a temporary drop." Nuff sed.

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Judged by the form which Newcastle United are showing at the present time, it is certain that they won't be very far from the top at the end of the season, in fact, there are many players who have opposed the "Geordies" who are tipping them thus early to retain the League championship. The great understanding between the half backs and forwards is the secret of their success.

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Before the season started, Aston Villa were heralded as likely to prove the team of the year. Now they are described as a moody team. Their defeat by Leicester City did not go down well. They are particularly strong at half back where Gibson has tumbled to the ways of English forwards, and he is now playing in brilliant form, as I hinted he would when he became accustomed to his surroundings.

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A club director's lot is not a happy one. After Frank Womack's injury at Everton when he was forced to retire, the Birmingham Board were soundly slated because they had made no provision for any injury to their veteran captain. As a "skipper" he has few equals. He seems to be able to extract the best out of his

men. Back in the ranks again, Birmingham will have to be earmarked.

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Everton are banking heavily this season upon "Dixie" Dean, their young, thrustful center-forward. It must bring back memories to Bill Cuff when he sees a classy player leading the forwards. Not since Bert Freeman's days has the position been filled by a real star. It is not generally known that Bert was only put in the position as a stop gap, yet in season 1908-9, Freeman scored 38 goals in 37 games. It must not be forgotten, of course, that in season 1914-15, Bobby Parker had 35 goals.

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Goddard of Queens Park Rangers gives promise of proving a great center forward and, if they wanted to sell at the moment, they could have \$20,000 for the asking. Rangers are hopeful that the "gates" will continue to render a sale unnecessary. There is no doubting his shooting ability. Better ball control would convert him into a real star.

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In Law, a fair haired laddie from Scotland, Chelsea think they have secured one of the best left backs kicking a ball, and the prophecy is made that it will not be long when he will receive the highest honors from the Scottish selectors.

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The poor form shown by Bolton Wanderers is attributed largely to the fact that David Jack and Ted Vizard have been far from well of late and they have been recruiting at Knott End, a West Lancashire summer resort. The bracing air, it is hoped, will reinvigorate them. Their substitutes have cut a dismal figure. This information will explain why the Wanderers have been such a big disappointment so far.

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It is wonderful what a change of club will do for a player. When Neil Harris was with Newcastle United, he pleased at the outset, but he never took kindly to Nottingham. Now that he has gone to Oldham Athletic he does not seem to have any difficulty in getting goals which he attributes to the fine team spirit which prevails. He is much better suited to the English style of play than the Scotch.

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Blundell Park is now Grimby Town's own home. Their great friend Alderman Frank Barrat gave them a donation

of \$5,000 and lent them the remainder of the purchase price at 5% to be spread over a period of 20 years. No wonder the Alderman is popular with the fans.

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Southampton is going through an anxious time. Several of their last season's players have failed to touch their true form, and, added to that, Keeping has been feeling far from well and Henderson the outside right has broken an arm and will not be able to appear in the team for quite a while. Injuries and sickness are also playing havoc at Burnley. In season 1920-21 they played thirty successive games without defeat.

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It is claimed for Bristol City that they have the oldest half back line in the League. In Walter Wadsworth (ex-Liverpool), Andy Smailes (ex-Wednesday) and Bert Neesam (local product.) They can point to well over a hundred years among them. Much of the success which Alick Raisbeck's team has achieved this season is in large measure due to the sterling play of the trio.

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Two Fulham players had an experience which I should say is unique in soccer. Devan and McKenna played on the left wing one Saturday, and the next they played as a right wing. When Billy Hogg captained the Sunderland team a lot of switching was done from left to right, but only in the case of individual players.

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Fanny Walden, the midget marvel of soccer in the Old Country, has decided definitely to retire from the game. He was 5 ft. 2 in. in height and weighed 129 lbs., yet he could beat the best and the most stalwart of defenders. His real name is Fred, but he looked so much like a little girl in football rig-out, that the fans called him Fanny. He was never known as Fred during his long career.

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Scott Duncan, the manager of Cowdenbeath—he is the old Newcastle United and Glasgow Rangers outside right—met with a serious motor accident while proceeding to St. Andrews recently. It was on a Saturday too. He did not say, but it is surmised that he was on his way to give a junior player the once over, and went over once himself.

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Around the New York Circuit

By SAM MacLERIE

ALTHOUGH beaten by Boston on September 25, the New York Nationals deserved a better fate, for with a bit of luck during that great seige of the Boston stronghold in the first half, when Davidson had all he could do to keep his lines clear, the Nationals might have recorded their first victory.

Horse-shoes certainly covered Jock Davidson during that most exciting few minutes, when shots rained in on him from all angles, but nary a one could get into the net.

Again in the second half Bob Millar almost had him beaten, and it was only by sticking out his hand did he manage to stop Bob's attempt to score, the ball was very nearly through.

Playing greatly under the strength that the team expected to start the season with, the Nationals are due to break their losing streak very soon. George Henderson is here, and it is expected that the other three Scottish stars marooned in Canada will arrive this week.

There seems to be still a weakness on the wings. Purvis is not an inside man, and Bart McGhee seems lost without a regular partner, as does Walker on the other side.

Jimmy Cameron seems to improve with every game. He played great ball against Boston, and it was noticed that he not only covered his own wing, but he was very useful in helping towards centre half.

Billy Wilson played a good full back game, and kept his eagle eye on Burness at outside left, that the former Brooklyn player did not get very far when Billy was around.

Johnny Ballantyne landed a five minutes lay off for crabbing with the referee. He was the best player on the field. His trapping of the ball and general all-round clever work was the feature of the game.

Now that the New York Giants have scored their first victory in the American Soccer League, the team will undoubtedly pull itself together and make it a bit interesting for their opponents from now on.

With the clever Erno Schwartz back in the team, the Giants looked fifty per

cent better against Hartford than at any time this season. To those who think this Hartford team is going to be easy picking, they had better look them over carefully.

The first half of the game was stubbornly contested, and the nutmeggers were in the lead 1 to 0 when the teams rested for the interval. From the start of the second half, the Giants went about their work in a businesslike manner, with only one object, victory.

They got it before the final whistle, thanks to Hausler, who scored a neat goal soon after the restart, and to Bela Guttmann, who drove in the winning goal some twenty minutes later.

Hartford is considering the possibility of playing its home games in Springfield or possibly in one of the towns bordering in Connecticut where the team could play on Sundays. The support of the team in Hartford has been very disappointing.

The Giants half back line played exceptionally well against Hartford, and the work of Herd, Gold and Guttmann had a lot to do with the result. Just keep it up.

Jimmy McGonigle, the former Boston half back seems to fit in very nicely in the Hartford team, he gave a good display against the Giants.

Dempsey, not Jack Dempsey, but the new right full back on the Boston team is quite a nifty defender. He formerly played with the Queen of the South.

Boston has a well balanced team, and every one of the players seem to understand their signals well. Take for instance the many back heel taps, very few of them went abegging.

Jimmy Gallacher was very much in the limelight against Boston. This "wee" chap is a glutton for work, and can bump with the biggest of them.

New York Giants ran through the Galicia in their exhibition game on Sunday to the tune of 5 goals to 2, which shows that the Starlight Park brigade seems to have struck their stride.

J. Brown, a brother of the famous Davie, the Giants centre forward, was given a trial against Galicia at centre half back, and while he may not be a Guttman, he gave a very good first showing.

McAusland was put in to partner Schwarz at inside right, a move that may result in the rearranging of the Giants forward line if it was considered successful by the management.

Billy Newman's I. R. T. Celtic put up a neat game against the Hungarians prior to the Boston tilt, winning by 2 to 0.

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Gilhooley, the player for whom Sunderland paid a huge transfer fee and who only played a few games for the Roker club when he came by a serious injury, is now a Queens Park Rangers player. The other week he was carried off the field and an X-ray examination revealed the fact that three of the toes of his left foot were broken.

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Motherwell Juniors are not too well pleased over the capture of Gemmell their center forward by Hull City. Bill McCracken has received a communication which does not sound at all nicely. Bill would have much preferred that he heard it over the radio.

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It would be straining a point to say that Jimmy Dunn of the Edinburgh Hibs will be at Easter Road for a long while. English clubs are knocking at the door. It was of the conditions when Dunn signed that if an English club came along, there would be no impediment put in his path. There won't be. Dunn is going to play in England before very long.

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When Jimmy McMenemy was telling his life story to the writer he casually let drop the hint that he had a son who could kick a ball. He is now with Celtic. Alec McNair of Dundee would very much like to have him on Dundee's payroll, but up to the hour of going to press there is nothing doing.

Gossip from New England

By "ST. MUNGO"

HOW the mighty have fallen! One point out of eight, that is the Fall River cup-holders record in the last four league games played.

Startling, to say the least. Not what the Stadium faithful have been used to. It was a bitter pill that the "Whalers" administered to the Mackmen on Sunday September 25.

It was the old story, a weak middle line brought about the champs downfall. For a time, the half time shuffle, of the half-back line looked like bearing fruit. White, and Kelly being rushed into the wing half positions in a desperate attempt to stem the New Bedford tide but the mischief was done, and Lorimer, and Best crashed through with two more to make the points certain for the "Whalers."

As I said recently, the New Bedfordites will be heard from before the season is far gone. From goal out they dazzled with sparkling plays. Steel was ace high in goal for the winners against Fall River, Hunter, and McMillan were staunch defenders, and the middle line. What a trio of die-hards. They gave no quarter, and asked for none.

HARPER is coming in for some of the criticism being freely broadcast. I have this to say of Bill, he is not all to blame. Far from it. If we look further afield, we can find other weak spots, just as vital to the showing, bad or good of the club, and which will have to be strengthened, not a few weeks hence, but now, if the lap last at this stage of the league race is to be recovered. Wilson has been sadly missed since his unfortunate injury, but it would not be fair to criticize Gibson while playing in his present position. He is not a center half. At his regular position in the full back line there are few better. But to return to Harper.

Big Bill has yet to hit his game. We know he has hit a slump since setting his foot in "Yankee land." The ex-Hib is experiencing one of those freakish spells so well known to every player, when everything is running against them. Nothing they do, comes off as conceived in their own minds, and a point is reached, when they go against their own better judgment and fail to give of their best from fear of contrary results.

Recently I watched the Fall River keeper at Pawtucket, and could find nothing but praise for his faultless clearances, and keen judgment. As the saying goes, it might be piling on the agony to the Stadium to say that Harper, by his keen anticipation, and fearless clearances brought them their only point in the last



Ferguson, left full back of Bethlehem

serves are wanted, but not of the makeshift variety, if the champs want to retain the silverware.

COATS is improving. It was inspiring to see them come from behind in that memorable second half, and by a dashing attack, however, belated, force the cup-holders to the wall. The "Threadmen played as if inspired."

There was but one weakness in the Pawtucket eleven, in the early stages of the game and it played an important part perhaps more important than was then realized. It is the outside left position I am speaking of.

Sweeney, I am fully aware of, was playing with an injury that should have kept him on the sidelines, but I am not only speaking of the game of Saturday, September 24, I have watched this position closely in the last two months of last season, and with all due regard to Pete for his valiant service in soccer in general I feel the time has come for the "Threadmen" to round up some young blood for the outside left berth. Barlow, Coats' new leader of the attack, was in scintillating mood and put in a brilliant afternoon's work. With care and cool heads around him I feel sure Percy will make his mark in the soccer realm. He led the attack in fine style and mulled few chances that came his way. I liked his style of getting off his mark Harperwards, with the minimum loss of time and effort. His transfers right and left pleased me, but I would like to see this promising youngster try a shot on his own once in a while.

Great lad this young center! Both wing combinations gave Barlow good support, and seemed inspired with the same ideal to pierce Harper's charge. Adam came through with the equalizer, then Stevenson, after Graham had put the "Marksmen" in the lead, came down field and drove home the final tally that carried with a division of the spoils.

Coats' middle shone better in this second half, and Kerr and Martin played in their usual form. It was a rousing tussle! The only answer I got to my inquiry about the why and wherefore of the cup-holder's stalemate was what I gathered during the ninety minutes play. The clubs I have seen this season have with but four exceptions, materially strengthened since last season, and the sequence as far as I can visualize, is that

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Picked Up in Ohio

By J. H. PICKERING

IT is with regret that Soccer fans in Cleveland will learn that Paul Bookie of The American Hungarians will not be seen chasing the pill at Kisman Field again. Living in Pennsylvania, he finds the trip too much, and has decided to get his soccer in some local team. This will make a big hole in the forward line of the State Champions, as, without a doubt, Paul was the best inside man in the State, and he leaves a place very hard to fill.

McDade, the goal hound was also absent from their line-up last week. The absence of these two forwards nearly cost them the game. A penalty kick had to be the scare. If the champions are still to maintain their position, they have to get down to business, as they don't seem to be showing their old form.

Judging by games played so far, the wise boys predict a good season for the Slavia F. C. They continue to play excellent ball, and it will be remembered that the end of last season saw them rise from 6th place in the League Table to finish a very good 3rd, winning 6 games straight.

The Magyar F. C. seems to have a larger following this year. The team should give a good account of itself. The Magyars played first class ball against the Clan Gordons, and any team that hands the Tube boys a 3 to 0 defeat is going some.

Hal and Pete Maywes, late of the Slavias, will be missed with that outfit, as both were good defensive players. Hal was seen in the uniform of the Akron Mackenzies last week, when he proved his worth and played a very good game in the half line. Pete, so far, has not signed for anyone, although several teams are after him.

The results of the games so far, coupled with the prediction, seem to make it certain that the Goodyear F. C. of Akron, which won the Cleveland Major League last season, will have no trouble in bringing in the championship medals of The Akron and District League. They are far superior to any team playing in that League, and have no competition as most teams are a young, newly-formed outfit, who will take a season or two to come anywhere near the class of the Goodyear eleven. Their place certainly

is in the Major League, and the reason of their break-away is only known to themselves.

Steve Toward is getting a good lot of boys around him in his new team "The Cleveland United." The team handed MacDougall's Tellings a neat 3 to 0 defeat. Steve is about one of the oldest hands at the game, and as the season goes on, it is certain that this veteran will get a nippy lot of boys together.

It is interesting to note that Reid Brown, late Manager of White Motors, has gone to The American Hungarians as Manager. Reid is a good scout and will supply the brains.

Becker, center forward of the Slavia F. C. created a State record by scoring 8 goals in one game, when the Slavias defeated the Tellings 12 to 0 in a Major League game.

HERE AND THERE

THERE is one gate "One-Eye" Connolly of international gate-crashing fame would have a "helluva" time in crashing to wit—A Scots Soccer Gate.

The only way the famous gate-crasher could accomplish the mission would be to catch these zealous Scottish guardians "napping," but as they generally "sleep" with "one eye open" "One-Eye" would require "two-eyes" and then some in order to accomplish the miracle.

Professional Soccer Director to prospective player fresh from the sandlots. "What would you say if I offered you fifty bucks a week." Sandloter—"I wouldn't say a gosh-darn word, I'd become speechless."

OVERHEARD at Starlight Park during the soccer intermission. Friend to Pal.

"Say Bill. What's your choice. A Black Ball or a White One?"

Bill—"Both."

Friend—"How Come?"

Bill—"Well it's like this. If I had my choice mine would be a Black and White (high) ball."

Mack says—The only difference one can see between Professionals and some Amateurs is that the former is paid-off

by check, while the latter "gets theirs" in cold cash.

An English soccer authority recommends for this country an Official Black-Book. Good idea. Only the powers that be must see to it that the said book be made of asbestos as some players' opinions, except at times, referees, if recorded in the pages of an ordinary book would most assuredly burn it up.

Yes, Indeed! A Black Ball for American League Soccer should pan out all right and give entire satisfaction to the boys who help to "keep the mare in Fodder."

Tho' the color, no doubt, wouldn't help the poor Goalie out any, especially when everything "looks black" to him. Nevertheless, the same said color, would at least, help the fans themselves, to keep in view the terrific drives for goal made at times by Schwartz, Brown, Stark, et al.

OWING to prevailing fogs, I would be inclined to recommend for England a ball "coated with luminous paint" and for Scotland, would in turn, advocate no change, as one never did hear tell of a ball becoming lost—from view—in Bonnie Scotland.

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Marks Hunts New Players

By JOHN NEIL

MANAGER MARKS left Fall River soon after following the New Bedford-Fall River game for parts unknown. I believe we can hazard a guess as to the mission of the Fall River owner. Something *sensational* is in the wind, and I would not be surprised if a general upheaval took place in the cup-holders' line before they again take the field. Undeservedly or otherwise, Bill Harper is seemingly shouldering the bulk of the blame for the stagnation in the Fall River camp.

But, is the Fall River custodian the only weak spot in the Fall River defence? I believe many who have watched the cup-holders in the last two games could answer my question without a severe mental strain. Then why, might I ask again, should the big custodian be the one selected from the lineup to shoulder the blame and be forced to accept full responsibility for the downfall of the "Marksmen"?

Harper is but part of the defence, not the whole of it. He is certainly off his game, but the best of them go off sometimes, and when we consider the ease with which the opposing forwards get in touch with him, there might be occasion to look elsewhere for the key to the mystery. As I said last week, the big fellow has hit a hard luck streak since crossing the "pond," but watch, and if the Fall River directorate are not too radical in their deliberations we will yet find Harper free from the cloud that hovers over his reputation at present and showing the wares that made him Scotland's premier goal-tender.

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THE "Whalers'" front line is gaining some reputation these days. The Chedzoy-Ballantyne wing, who gained their laurels from the Battery Park following early in the season, are being hard put to it to keep their reputation intact with the Best-McLeavy combination in their present form. At Fall River Jerry and Micky were a host in themselves, and McPherson and Ned Tate had anything but a pleasant Sunday afternoon. Tommy Steel was brilliant in goal, and the other Tommy in front of him played a binder and figured conspicuously in the "Whalers'" popular victory.

Andy Stevens is on a par with any center forward in the league, and is improving with each game. This promises

to be Andy's big season. The artists on each side of him know how to push the leather forward to the best advantage of the New Bedford pivot, and, well—the opposing keeper can finish my story.

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RUMOR has it that America's own —Davie Brown—may be seen in a J. & P. Coats uniform ere long. It sounds sweet in Pawtucket, and I know the "Threadmens'" management are dicker-ing at present for the Giants' center, but they are still at the talking stage—nothing doing at time of writing. Manager Wade is still scanning the horizon for talent. Harry has his mind set on another penant—if not this season, maybe next.

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If all Coats halves could place a ball like Bill Thomson, the Pawtucket attack would be more effective. The forwards as a rule have to find the ball instead of the ball finding them, and many valuable chances go abegging. The "Threadmens'" middle line are not alone in having this fault. Slam bang halves are common these days.

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DESPITE the mental worry and uncertainty of his status in American League soccer, Billy Stevenson, the "Clamdiggers'" brilliant young custodian, is still playing a brilliant game. McAulley is also retaining the brilliant form with which he ushered in this season and his partner, Aimer the ex-Third Lanark defender, is also giving the utmost satisfaction to Kinsley Park folks.

Andy Auld is also a shining light in the Kinsley Park eleven this season. In the Bethlehem game Andy took the bit between his teeth several times and waded through the Bethlehem defence in brilliant style. Florrie was also in the limelight that afternoon. Tommy has filled the bill at inside left in workman-like manner and keeps the "clamdiggers'" front line fired with pep by his brisk and businesslike methods of getting in there.

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McConnell in Bethlehem company is a much more dangerous forward than he was with the "Clamdiggers" last season. What's the reason? Have the blue jerseyed middle line got anything to do with Mac's improved game? Many fans at Kinsley Park on the occasion of the Bethlehem visit expressed regrets that McConnell was now on the opposing side.

BATTERY PARK fans got plenty of lung exercise at Fall River during the local "Derby" a week ago Sunday. After a lull when Tommy Croft knotted the score, the din broke out afresh when Alex Lorimer once more put the "Whalers" in the lead, and it increased to bedlam when Jerry Best crashed on the fourth. It was a memorable afternoon for the Battery Park followers, and they did it full justice.

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I have yet to see a more whole-hearted player than Johnnie Reid of J. & P. Coats. The former Fall River and Philly forward is a full ninety-minute player, and gets in a lot of telling if non-spectacular work. One surprising fact about Johnny Reid this season is that so far he has failed to register his first goal. As a Fall River forward, Johnnie could on occasion find the inside of the rigging, but so far he has failed for his new club. Let us have one, Johnnie!

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An autographed soccer ball was raffled off at Kinsley Park during the period between halves in the Bethlehem-Providence game. The ball was autographed by both the Bethlehem and Providence players, and the entire proceeds will be turned over to the Jack Green benefit fund.

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Stanley Brooks, released recently by the J. & P. Coats Club, would not be adverse to considering an offer from some of our league clubs. No need to state Stanley's abilities as a halfback; ask any player in the league, they all know him as a gentleman on and off the field, and as a player of no mean ability.

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New Bedford has in McMillan and Hunter two of the best defenders in the league. Why Tommy was let go from Walpole Street is still a mystery, but the "Whalers" care not for any explanation. It is enough for them to know that he now wears the New Bedford colors.

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Picked Up in Brooklyn

By ED DUFFY

BROOKLYN'S new player, Joseph P. Gregreizki, is built along the lines of Davey Brown. He is twenty-seven years of age and was born in Belfast, Ireland, of Polish Jewish parentage. He plays centre forward or outside right. He is very speedy and packs a punch in either foot.

Gregreizki has been playing for Boon in the Irish League and for Dundalk in the Free State League. He also had a trial for Glasgow Celtic and Cardiff City was at one time interested in his services. Last season he scored twenty-seven goals in league competition.

Brooklyn purchased Gregreizki's release from Holley Carburetor of Detroit, where the player arrived from Europe a few weeks since.

Bobby Curtis, who was the hero of the game against Hartford with two well-taken goals, has been suffering from a poisoned toe. The poison affected his leg and after the Hartford game Bobby had the toe lanced and took to his bed. It is to be hoped that his play will not be adversely affected as the team is going well and it would be unfortunate if the injury first began to make its appearance at this time.

Eisenhoffer has been playing the last few weeks under the handicap of a sprained ankle, and this has accounted for his failure to give his usual snappy play. The injured member is now well on the mend, however, which will be good news for the supporters of the club.

THE International Soccer League got under way last Sunday with a full set of games. All the clubs played except the Calpe Americans, who are at present under a cloud owing to the suspension of several of their players. The feature attraction was the Galicia-Hungarian game at Hawthorne Field.

Next Sunday the Empire State League will get under way. The Trumpelder A team has entered this league and will play preliminary games to the Wanderers. The Wanderers are taking a great interest in this junior organization and are trying to develop them to a point where they can possibly represent the second eleven of the Wanderers.

When Jim Kelly replaced Davy Robertson in the second half of the Wanderers game against Hartford it marked

the first change in the Wanderers' lineup in the four league games played to that date. Davy sustained a strained groin, which, however, is rapidly responding to treatment.

Paul Mahner, one of last season's favorite players of the Wanderers, has settled up his business affairs and is expected to sail at any time now for the United States. He should add excellent reserve strength to the Wanderers' half-back line.

Buerkle, the Wanderers' German forward, has reduced his weight seventeen pounds and is bemoaning the fate that he cannot get an opportunity to break into the forward line. It is a good axiom, however, never to change a winning team.

THE Real Madrid team, which played at Hawthorne Field against the Galicias on Saturday, September 24, was originally supposed to meet the Wanderers. Judging from their display against Galicia, succeeding only in getting a tie score, the Spaniards would not have fared very well against Brooklyn. The explanation of the last minute change in arrangements was that several of the first string players of the team had to sail direct from Mexico to Spain. Coupled with the fact that the team had a four-day train trip from Mexico, the management of the club felt that it would be asking too much of his men to meet the Wanderers and the change was made to Galicia.

Juan Gallego, manager of the Galicia F. C., presided at a banquet given at the Pennsylvania Hotel on Saturday evening, September 24, after the game between the Real Madrid and the Galicia F. C. The banquet was attended by the Spanish Consul, the editor of La Prensa and other Spanish-American celebrities and by Andrew M. Brown, President of the U. S. N. A.; Dr. G. Randolph Manning, Chairman of the Foreign Relations Committee, and by Mr. and Mrs. Nathan Ager.

The visiting Worcester team of England was banqueted at the Crescent Club of Brooklyn on Thursday evening of this week by the Southern New York State Football Association. A change in arrangements was made and the twenty-first anniversary of the organization of

the New York State Football League will be celebrated independently, probably later in October or November.

THE Hebrew-American Soccer League is well under way and up to October 2nd had played three weeks of its schedule. The games of this league are played at East New York Oval and Hawthorne Field. At East New York Oval there are three or four games scheduled each week. A fifty-cent admission entitles the spectator to see all of these games.

Grosz, the dependable Brooklyn full-back, goes about his work so perfectly as a rule—like Larry Lajoie did in his heyday in baseball—that the high caliber of his play is not always appreciated. Here is a fellow with an uncanny sense of anticipation. No matter how pressing may be the play; no matter how many enemy players may surround him; no matter if he be alone, this Hungarian star seems to bob up with the ball either on his head or toe to get it back into hostile territory so as his team earns a chance to consolidate its defense.

He is as fast as any forward in measuring strides with an opposing forward or halfback who thinks he has a chance to put the ball beyond the Wanderer and then beat him on the sprint.

Grosz is capable of long, hard kicks when necessary, but plays his position with sense. When he has the opportunity—and he tries to make them—Grosz always attempts to direct his kick to a man in front of him, starting, in that manner, many spectacular runs up the field. And the best proof of his ability is the fact that seldom has Manager Agar—as severe on his men as John McGraw—been heard to tear apart from the sidelines the fullbacks strategy during the progress of a game.

Now that Davey Robertson has shown that halfbacks ought to figure in the scoring in view of his spectacular shots against Bethlehem and Fall River and his narrowly missed attempts in other games, hard working and plunging Billy Morris is occasionally having his tries. So far Morris has scored one of these. The Wanderers' scoring has been pretty well distributed. Curtis, Nelson, Adair and Robertson have each made two, with Eisenhoffer and Morris accounting for one apiece.

Uno's Form Chart

THE soccer season in the Old Country has reached the truculent stage, when teams having a grudge will get their own back somehow. This is how to look at it. If a player is on the losing side week after week, there is bound to be a reaction sooner or later. That is wherein comes the psychology of the game. The temperament of the players has to be taken into account when you begin to anticipate events.

It will be a battle of brains when Aston Villa meets Middlesbro. This should prove one of the greatest games of the season. The Villa is capable of rising to greater heights than we have yet dreamt of, and that is why I am looking for a victory for the home lot.

Newcastle will have its reverses. It is not in the nature of things that they could wade right through the League even without the protection of top boots. Bolton is not moving so sweetly as one could wish. Against Newcastle, the team will be provided with a glorious opportunity of testing out the valuation of the Scottish and English styles of play. Newcastle United, I feel certain, will win.

Cardiff City has found its feet. The fact that the forwards are coming along must be very gratifying to Sid Nicolls who was very nervous as to their ability to come up to the same standard of equality as the defence. They have delivered the goods and will get the better of the Spurs who are not hitting it with the same confidence as is their wont.

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Chelsea Must Wake Up

IN THE Second Division, there are quite a number of people who are getting real angry with Chelsea who are aggravatingly frittering away the points which will be so valuable when it comes to a count at the finish. They won't have it all their own way, but it would be just as well that you gave them your vote. They must not go to sleep, however. They must wake up and keep awake.

You keep on sticking by Manchester City. It is perfectly true that they may falter once in a while, but they will win through the end. You will probably conclude that the clubs who will "ascend" will be the City and Chelsea. Well, that

is just about it, but one never knows what is to happen, does one?

The Bradford club in the Third Division is making a bold bid for promotion, and although the City has started in rather wobbly fashion, it would be as well that you repose a modicum of faith in them. When the heavy grounds come along, you will find them more frequently on the winning than the losing side.

In the Scottish League it will be noticed that neither Rangers nor Celtic have a fixture. At this writing it is not quite certain that they will be engaged in the final for the Glasgow cup. Willie McAndrew who makes up the schedule is really one of the greatest tipsters in Scotland. His anticipations at any rate were that the "old firm" would be in at the death. They usually are.

Aberdeen is getting on its feet. Dunfermline has only a faint hope, thus early, of retaining its position in the First League. The team has seen the writing on the wall and has paid no heed.

Heart of Midlothian is not setting the River Forth on fire. The team is not getting the utmost assistance from its faithful followers. It has been balked by the weakness of its defence. The club thought, of course, that it would get the assistance of Alick Donald, and Chattan. Certainly the full back would have done a bit of good.

It is not in reason to expect that Queens Park will give Motherwell very much trouble. The moral support of the whole of Scotland is behind the great amateur club, and it is earnestly to be hoped that they do not fall too far behind in the race. They must pick up now. It will be ever so much more difficult for them to do later on. They need not need to be reminded of the fact.

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Bob Finlayson, center forward of Providence, a strong player on the attack and a deadly shot

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

Gossip from New England (Continued from page 28)

the reign of the big two, or three I should say, hangs in the balance. A season of surprises is looming ahead, and I hope will continue, for the good of the game.

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CONGRATULATIONS, Phillie! Nowhere, more than in New England do the fans appreciate a winner. It was the "Hub's first setback in the league campaign this season, when the Irish Quakers' beat them and the Phillies third straight win." Next week-end the "Quakers," victims of the past two week-ends, will have an opportunity to test the "Boys" on their second visit to New England, and I look for stirring doings both at Boston, and Fall River. The season's biggest turnout is certain at both cities. The supreme test for the "Quakers" is at hand, and if their present form be sustained, and even a division of the spoils gained on the road, they will be fortunate indeed. Providence failed against the League Champs to keep their record untarnished, and the fault, for fault there was, lay with the men up in front. For one thing they were too eager to accomplish, and overran many likely opportunities.



Fabian, of New York Giants, ever watchful, has a moment of leisure. He is thinking things over.

Hutchison has failed to impress me in the last two games. He was far below the standard set by his teammates on Sunday. For one thing, he is too slow in getting up, and is easily beat to the ball both with feet and head. That second lost on Sunday, spoiled many likely openings. Agnew's chief sin was his eagerness. It cost the Providence pivot at least one opening that looked to many a cert.

The League Champs are the same powerful force we are wont to associate with the "Light Blues." They are none ornate in their tactics, but every move a factor in a well conceived plan of attack. Fore and aft they give a convincing display.

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The Week-End in Soccer

By SAM MacLERIE

EVENTS of the past two weeks, with so many unexpected upsets, make the games for this week doubly interesting and difficult to "dope." Two of the most interesting prospects will be seen in the metropolitan district, when the Philadelphia and Boston teams clash with the New York Nationals and Brooklyn respectively on Sunday.

The Phillies are making things interesting for all competitors, as witnessed their remarkable victories over Fall River and Boston. It will be the first visit of Philadelphia to New York, and the clever Irish players now making up the team will be sure of a warm reception at the Polo Grounds on Sunday against the "Nats."

With greatly improved conditions surrounding Bob Millar's team, there is greater confidence among the clubs supporters that the Nationals will put a victory across at the expense of the Quakers, even with their strong team.

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Boston at Brooklyn

IN being called upon to meet Boston, the Brooklyn eleven knows fully well that it has one of the hardest nuts to crack in the whole league. With the game at Hawthorne Field, the Wanderers will be the favorites to win.

At home or away the Boston team is equally strong, and the team that takes full points away from them, will have to work hard to get them, and don't you forget it.

Against the Nationals in their first appearance in New York, Boston fully demonstrated that it has lost none of its brilliance as a football team, although it did lose two very good men in McMillan, and "Red" Ballantyne, now playing with New Bedford.

Jack Dempsey, who replaced McMillan, is an excellent full back, and they have picked up two good youngsters in Milt Gavin and Burness, both of whom fit in well with the rest of the former team.

Johnny Ballantyne is just as clever as ever. He is undoubtedly the best forward in the league, and can play in any position.

Brooklyn will have to be on their toes on Sunday to keep their home record from getting smirched in this clash.

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Hartford in New York

WITH two defeats as a record of its first week end visit to New York, the new Hartford team is not

looking forward with any great prospects to its second visit here to meet the Nationals at the Polo Grounds on Saturday, October 8.

The "Nats" need points and need them badly, and as a result will have no feelings for other clubs failings when they come to the Polo Grounds.

On Columbus Day, the Newark Club will meet the "Nats" at the Polo Grounds in a game transferred from Newark.

THIS WEEK'S ATTRACTIONS

Saturday, Oct. 8

At the Polo Grounds, New York City—New York Nationals vs. Hartford.

At New Bedford—New Bedford vs. New York Giants.

At Bethlehem—Bethlehem vs. Boston.

At Philadelphia—Philadelphia vs. J. & P. Coats.

Sunday, Oct. 9

At the Polo Grounds New York City—New York Nationals vs. Philadelphia.

At Brooklyn — Wanderers vs. Boston.

At Newark—Newark vs. J. & P. Coats.

At Providence—Providence vs. New York Giants.

At Tiverton—Fall River vs. Hartford.

Giants in New England

THE Giants second raid on New England this week will be under more hopeful prospects than on the first occasion, when the Giants fell before Boston and Fall River. Since then the team has shown greatly increased strength, and the clubs supporters look for at least an even break in the two games this week end against New Bedford and Providence.

Both New Bedford and Providence are hard clubs to beat on their own fields, but the Giants have a way of doing the most unexpected things, and for the sake of New York, it is to be hoped that this will be the opportune time to snatch some much needed points.

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Boston at Bethlehem

WE would like to view the Boston vs. Bethlehem on Saturday at Bethlehem. It being their first meeting

of the season, we are sure it will be a game worth seeing. These two teams always put up an excellent attraction. There is such a wealth of football qualities in both teams, that this week's game should be productive of some rare football.

The desire to win sometimes spoils many a good game, as was the case recently when Bethlehem played at New Bedford, the game got a bit rough. Both Boston and Bethlehem can play good football and I have a hunch that their first clash is going to be a pippin.

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Coats at Philly

AS a home team, the Philadelphia team is going to be a hard one to beat, so when the J. & P. Coats eleven meets the quakers from "Ireland" on Saturday, I am a bit afraid that their visit in quest of points will be fruitless.

We know the Threadmen have a much stronger team than last year. It has already been demonstrated in results. But even on the strength of their good showing we can't hold out much hope for points.

On Sunday the Pawtucket team will be seen in action at Newark—where the local eleven is waiting to give them a hot reception and a beating to boot. Newark is another bad place for any team to expect any quarter, for none will be given.

Newark is something like the Coats team, it has never been a very strong eleven on the road, so it must depend on getting as many points as possible when playing at home.

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Fall Rivers Predicament

SAM MARKS' crew is not sailing the seas of football storms so very smoothly this season to date. Wonder what's wrong? His team looks like a million dollars, but it's not playing like a million-dollar outfit. It's beyond me to find a real good reason for his teams lowly position, that is lowly for them. The same kind of hard luck followed the team at the start of last season, but they got over it, and I am quite sure they will hurdle the same situation soon.

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