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Foreword

In presenting this issue of SPALDING'S SOCCER GUIDE to the players and followers of the great game throughout the world, the editor finds new cause for congratulating those who have done so much to raise the game to its proper estate. But before proceeding to any rejoicing over the prospects of the game, it is fitting to pause to pay a tribute to those who, as all sportsmen should, have recognized their duty to humanity and to the flag to which they pay homage by making the supreme sacrifice in laying down their lives in the great war. Such a tribute is one of sorrow, assuaged by the pride all men feel in being associated with those who leave home and kindred, who sever all ties, to meet the supreme duty of manhood, the defense of flag and country.

All sports have contributed their quotas to the armies of the United States and its allies in the great struggle for the protection of civilization and free government, and soccer football has met the test in a manner of which none of its votaries need feel the least shame. It would be impossible to include in this volume a complete honor list of the heroes who have left the soccer ranks to join those of national service. It could not possibly include all, or nearly all, but the daily papers in various sections of the country have published such lists, and on these the names of soccer players stand out prominently. It remains for us, therefore, only to add our salute to that of the world at large to the heroes in the trenches.

In all the sombre news which comes from the fighting front, it is a matter of pleasure to soccer enthusiasts to note that in the temporary relief from the grim conflict of life and death, our soldiers, in common with those of our allies, in seeking diversion and forgetfulness of the horrors turn to sports, and mainly to soccer football. Competent army officers testify to the fact that the game is one of the greatest aids possible to restore the nerves of the soldiers, shattered by the crash of tremendous guns, half asphyxiated by poisonous gases, depressed by the sight of shattered comrades. The game has done much to let a little relief into the life of strain made necessary by modern warfare, and for that all should be thankful.

At home the game continues to grow with tremendous strides. The mobilization of the National Army in cantonments all over the country has spread the game everywhere. It has been favored by army officers because it is the one game that can be played with the soldiers of our allies without preliminary instruction or practice. This is, of course, because it is the only sport which is governed by the same rules the world over, and which is played by all nations. The Americans have their base ball, the Englishmen their cricket, but both have association football, and there they can meet on an even basis. It is for this reason the game has been encouraged in the mobilization camps and by associations, religious and otherwise, which are looking after the material comfort of the men during their relief from active fighting.

The United States Football Association continues to thrive and to extend its influence. At its last annual meeting it elected, for the first time, a

Western man to the presidency, Peter J. Peel of Chicago having attained that honor. With George Healey of Detroit as second vice-president, it can be readily seen how the game is developing. New associations are being formed throughout the West and Southwest, and it will be but a little time now before the association can boast of a solidly organized United States, from the Atlantic to the Pacific.

For the first time since the organization of the national body, New England carried off the national championship. The trophy was won by the Fall River Rovers of Fall River, Mass., after a splendid competition, defeating the great Bethlehem Steel Company team, champion of the two preceding seasons, by a score of 1 to 0 in the final, played on May 5 at Pawtucket, R. I., before a tremendous crowd.

There was hope in the early part of the season that the triumphant visit of an American team to Scandinavia in 1916 would be duplicated and added to in 1917. Two series of games were tentatively arranged, an international match with Denmark and a series of games between the pick of the clubs in Sweden and the pick of the professional players of the Missouri State Football Association. But the entrance of the United States into the world war prevented either of these enterprises being carried through.

In the coming season a series of international matches will be played between the United States and Canada if negotiations now pending are carried through, as they probably will be. The games will be played for the benefit of the Red Cross, the receipts in Canada to go to the Canadian branch, those in the United States to the American Red Cross. The editor of the OFFICIAL SOCCER GUIDE wishes to direct the attention of soccerites all over the country to these matches and to urge that every lover of the game consider himself a factor in making them a success and to attend them if they are played anywhere within reaching distance of his home.

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- Paraguay—Liga Paraguaya de Football. Ramon P. Herreros, Asuncion, Calle Ayolas 373.

The associations are reminded of the following articles :

Without the consent of the Federation football shall not be entertained between its members and associations, clubs or persons, which are not members of an association recognized by the Federation. Associations and clubs in membership with the Federation must not permit clubs or teams not recognized by the Federation to play on their grounds.

Each national association must inform the other national association concerned when consent has been given for matches applied for.

Each association shall forward to the secretary-treasurer and the other affiliated associations their official organ, handbook and important communications.

C. A. W. HIRSCHMAN,
Hon. Secretary-Treasurer F. I. F. A.

BALANCE SHEET, APRIL 30, 1917.

INCOME.		EXPENDITURE.	
Bank Balance, May 1, 1916	fl. 2,630.42½	Printed Matter	fl. 26.30
Subscriptions	447.54	Stamps, etc.	11.80½
Interest	81.44	Bank Balance, April 30, 1917	3,121.30
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	fl. 3,159.40½		fl. 3,159.40½

C. A. W. HIRSCHMAN,
Hon. Secretary-Treasurer.

United States Football Association

INSTITUTED AT NEW YORK CITY, APRIL 5, 1913.

Incorporated under the Laws of State of New York. The Governing Soccer Organization of the United States.

Affiliated with the Federation Internationale de Football Association.

OFFICERS.

PETER J. PEEL, *President*.....20 West Jackson Boulevard, Chicago, Ill.
 DOUGLAS STEWART, *First Vice-President*.....Philadelphia, Pa.
 GEORGE HEALEY, *Second Vice-President*.....Detroit, Mich.
 HAROLD CROOK, *Third Vice-President*.....Fall River, Mass.
 THOMAS BAGNALL, *Treasurer*.....12 North Third Street, Harrison, N. J.
 THOMAS W. CAHILL, *Honorary Secretary*...126 Nassau Street, New York City
 Ex-Presidents—G. Randolph Manning, M.D., New York City; John A. Fernley, Pawtucket, R. I.

COMMITTEES, 1917-18.

National Challenge Cup Competition—Thomas Bagnall, Andrew M. Brown, Joe Booth, William Palmer, A. W. Keane. *Finance*—William Cameron, George H. Kirk. *Press*—Joe Booth, M. F. Kelly, James Marshall, Frank Gough, R. S. Burleigh, A. W. Keane, William Palmer, Richard Bolton, D. M. Whyte, A. Patterson, A. Frank Counts, Dr. G. R. Manning, Douglas Stewart, William S. Haddock. *Credentials*—Andrew M. Brown, William Cameron, A. W. Keane. *Appeals*—Douglas Stewart, Andrew M. Brown, James Marshall, A. Frank Counts, George Healey. *National and International Games*—Dr. G. R. Manning, William Cameron, Charles E. Creighton, Richard Bolton, Morris W. Johnson. *Reinstatement*—E. L. Mockler, M. F. Kelly, Richard Bolton. *Rules and Revision*—Andrew M. Brown, Douglas Stewart, Dr. G. R. Manning, George H. Kirk, Thomas Bagnall. *Olympic*—Dr. G. R. Manning, A. Patterson, M. F. Kelly, Frank Gough, William S. Haddock, Charles E. Creighton, Morris W. Johnson, R. S. Burleigh, D. M. Whyte.

The President and Secretary are ex-officio members of all committees.

AFFILIATED ORGANIZATIONS.

Allied Amateur Cup Competition.....Philadelphia, Pa.
 American Football Association.....Newark, N. J.
 California Football Association.....San Francisco, Cal.
 Connecticut State Football Association.....Bridgeport, Conn.
 Football Association of Eastern Pennsylvania and District..Philadelphia, Pa.
 Illinois State Football Association.....Chicago, Ill.
 Michigan Soccer Association.....Detroit, Mich.
 Minnesota State Football Association, Inc.....Minneapolis, Minn.
 Missouri Soccer Football Association.....St. Louis, Mo.
 New Jersey State Football Association.....Newark, N. J.
 North Massachusetts and New Hampshire State Football Assn., Boston, Mass.
 North Texas Soccer Football League.....Dallas, Tex.
 Northwestern New York State Football Association.....Rochester, N. Y.
 Ohio State Football Association.....Cleveland, Ohio
 Peel Challenge Cup Competition.....Chicago, Ill.
 Southern New England Football Association.....Providence, R. I.
 Southern New York State Football Association.....New York City
 Western Missouri-Kansas Football Association.....Kansas City, Mo.
 Western Pennsylvania Football Association.....Pittsburgh, Pa.

ASSOCIATE MEMBERS.

Amateur Athletic Union.....New York City
 National Collegiate Athletic Association.....Philadelphia, Pa.
 Public Schools Athletic League.....New York City
 United States Referees' Union.....Philadelphia, Pa.

FOURTH ANNUAL MEETING.

The fourth annual meeting of the United States Football Association was held at Young's Hotel, Boston, Mass., May 27 and 28, 1917. President Fernley called the meeting to order at 2.10 P. M. Roll call showed the following present:

OFFICERS.

President John A. Fernley.
 First Vice-President Douglas Stewart.
 Second Vice-President George Healey.
 Third Vice-President George M. Collins.
 Secretary Thomas W. Cahill.
 Treasurer Archibald Birse.

DELEGATES.

William Palmer, Allied Amateur Cup Competition, Philadelphia, Pa.
 Ernest Viberg, Amateur Athletic Union. (Proxy.)
 Andrew M. Brown, American Football Association.
 Albert W. Keane, California Football Association.
 Joe Booth, Connecticut State Football Association.
 Morris Winder Johnson, The Football Association of Eastern Pennsylvania and District.
 Peter J. Peel and
 William Cameron, Illinois State Football Association.
 A. Patterson, Michigan Soccer Association.
 Michael F. Kelly, Minnesota State Soccer Football Association.
 Edward L. Mockler, Missouri Soccer Football Association.
 Dr. George W. Orton, National Collegiate Athletic Association. (Proxy.)
 James Marshall, New Jersey State Football Association.
 James W. Riley, North Massachusetts and New Hampshire State Football Association.
 Frank Gough, Northwestern New York State Football Association.
 A. Frank Counts, Ohio State Football Association.
 George H. Kirk, Peel Challenge Cup Commission, Chicago, Ill.
 Dr. G. Randolph Manning, Public Schools Athletic League.
 Harold Crook and
 Richard Bolton, Southern New England Football Association.
 Thomas Bagnall, Southern New York State Football Association.
 David M. Whyte, United States Referee Union.
 Charles E. Creighton, Western Missouri-Kansas Soccer Football Association.
 Charles A. Lovett, Western Pennsylvania Football Association.
 James G. Barclay, Wisconsin State Football Association.
 Absent was Harold H. Williamson, holding the proxy of William W. Davidson, delegate of the North Texas Soccer Football League.

In addition to the regular delegates, several associations were represented also by alternate delegates in the meeting:

Theodore Dillman, Michigan Soccer Association.
 Harry Sandager, Ohio State Football Association.
 William Donovan, Missouri Soccer Football Association.

Courtesy of the meeting was extended to Frank Kelly, Quincy, Mass.; M. Hogan and A. Williams, Lynn, Mass.; Samuel McLerie, T. Underwood, Robert Ritchie, R. McWhirter and Messrs. McGregor and Scott of Boston; Alec Black, Beverly, Mass.; Mr. McKenna, Providence, R. I.; William Sheridan, Bethlehem, Pa., and several newspaper men.

Chairman Brown presented the Credentials Committee report and those portions on which there was no question were accepted on motion of Mr. Mockler, seconded by Mr. Johnson.

Question was raised as to the right of the Public Schools Athletic League to have representation in the Council, but on motion of Mr. Stewart, seconded by Mr. Peel, it was voted the representation accorded the P.S.A.L. at preceding Council meetings should be continued.

Mr. Sandager was accepted as Ohio State F.A. alternate, he having resigned the conflicting appointment as alternate for S.N.E.S.F.A.

Discussion of the case of the Western Missouri-Kansas S.F.A. affiliation developed the fact that President Fernley, who with Secretary Cahill constituted the Emergency Committee, had held up this affiliation, likewise the papers pertaining to it, for a long period, although the Council at the Bridgeport, Conn., meeting of October 22, 1916, ordered the Emergency Committee to grant a provisional affiliation to this body so soon as it adopted the prefix "Western" to its name, Missouri-Kansas Football Association, and agreed with the Missouri Soccer F.A. upon a line of demarcation splitting up the Missouri territory over which the two bodies are to have jurisdiction. Secretary Cahill explained the new association had been prompt to comply with these provisions and to adopt several minor changes in rules suggested by President Fernley. President Fernley gave as his only excuse for delaying the matter what he described as the Western Missouri-Kansas S.F.A.'s stated desire to have its affiliation fee, already in, apply for the 1917-18 season. It was pointed out that the Western Missouri-Kansas Association had made no such request, having asked only that its dues should apply from the date it was granted affiliation. On motion of Mr. Mockler, seconded by Mr. Marshall, the credentials of the Western Missouri-Kansas body were recognized.

Mr. Peel, seconded by Mr. Johnson, moved admission of the new Minnesota State Soccer Football Association, Inc., with full rights of an affiliated association. The point was raised that the Emergency Committee had not gone through the formality of acting on the application, and on motion of ex-President Manning, seconded by Mr. Marshall, the Council recessed five minutes to allow the Emergency Committee to report on the application. When the committee reported the application to the Council, President Fernley surrendered the chair to Vice-President Stewart and read a telegram sent from St. Louis by Secretary Cahill to Mr. Lovett, in charge of the Secretary's office in his absence.

Dr. Manning arose to a point of order, holding the matter irrelevant to the Minnesota case, and Acting-Chairman Stewart sustained the point. On inquiry of Mr. Mockler, Chairman Sandager of the Rules and Revision Committee explained the minor suggested changes in the Minnesota body's rules as submitted, and in subsequent discussion, entered into largely by Dr. Manning and Mr. Healey, it developed that the rules conformed in the main with those of the national organization. Mr. Peel revocied his original motion, for full recognition of the Minnesota Association, and seconded by Mr. Marshall, the motion prevailed.

Credentials Committee Chairman Brown, on the case of the National Collegiate Athletic Association's representation, stated the affiliated body had taken no part in U.S.F.A. affairs or in its Council meetings in four years and that although proper credentials had been presented by Dr. George W. Orton as delegate for the meeting appointed by Dr. James W. Babbitt, the Credentials Committee had no recommendation to make, leaving the matter up to the Council. After a word from Mr. Stewart, Dr. Manning, seconded by Mr. Peel, moved acceptance of Dr. Orton's credentials. The motion carried.

Chairman Brown then presented the annual report of the Credentials Committee, as follows:

REDENTIALS COMMITTEE REPORT.

Yonkers, N. Y., May 25, 1917.

During the season the Committee on Credentials considered two matters of more than usual interest and in bringing them again to the attention of the Council it is with the recommendation that due consideration be given to the points raised with the view to the adoption of rules for the guidance of a future committee.

At the Bridgeport meeting, on October 22, 1916, a proxy was presented issued by an officer of this association; the majority of the committee held that Rule XIV did not contemplate granting such a privilege to an officer elected by the Council, but that it was reserved for the duly elected or appointed representatives of affiliated associations. This opinion prevailed on presentation of the report.

At the Providence meeting, on February 25, 1917, application was made by two affiliated State Associations seeking additional representation with voting powers under Rule IV, Clause 3, the lists of clubs contained the names—

First—Of clubs placing on the field two or more teams under the same management, bearing the same or similar names, but regarded as distinct clubs in the claim for additional voting powers.

Second—Of clubs or teams disbanded for playing purposes, but continuing membership in their leagues for other reasons.

Third—Of clubs or teams represented or entitled to representation on the Council through collegiate or scholastic associations.

These claims, insofar as they were based on the points quoted, were rejected by this committee and the decision upheld by the Council with a declaration, however, that the matter be referred to the Rules and Revision Committee. (See minutes of meeting, February 25, 1917.)

Respectfully submitted,

ANDREW M. BROWN,

Chairman Committee on Credentials, U.S.F.A.

On motion of Mr. Keane, seconded by Mr. Johnson, the report was accepted.

Mr. Brown, seconded by Mr. Kirk, then moved the Credentials Committee report as a whole be accepted, and the motion prevailed.

The hours limiting the session and subsequent sessions of the Council in the annual meeting then were set by formal vote.

On motion of Mr. Stewart, seconded by Mr. Sandager, the minutes of the last previous Council meeting, at Providence, February 25, 1917, were adopted.

On motion of Dr. Manning, seconded by Mr. Johnson, the report of President Fernley, as printed and distributed, was accepted.

The report of Secretary Cahill, also printed and distributed, was accepted on motion of Mr. Mockler, seconded by Mr. Kelly.

The printed and distributed report of Treasurer Birse was accepted on motion of Mr. Stewart, seconded by Mr. Lovett. With some discussion, in the course of which Treasurer Birse explained the financial returns from the fourth round of the National Challenge Cup Competition had been received after his report had gone to the printer and Mr. Johnson of the Finance Committee urged that no disbursements whatever be made in future unless approved by the Finance Committee, the report was accepted.

The Finance Committee report, on motion of Mr. Stewart, seconded by Mr. Mockler, was accepted.

FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT.

Philadelphia, Pa., May 26, 1917.

On all bills passed from February 25, 1917, to May 25, 1917.

Council meeting at Providence, R. I., February 25, 1917—

Expenses of First Vice-President D. Stewart.....	\$21.50
Second Vice-President George Healey.....	54.00
Third Vice-President G. M. Collins.....	2.80
Treasurer A. Birse.....	64.70
Secretary T. W. Cahill.....	14.99
C. A. Lovett.....	13.47
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	\$171.46

N.C.C.C.C. meeting, at Providence, R. I., January 17, 1917—

Expenses of A. W. Keane.....	\$2.95	2.95
(This bill was received after the last report was made.)		

N.C.C.C.C. meeting, at New Haven, Conn., February 11, 1917—

Expenses of E. P. Duffy and A. W. Keane:

E. P. Duffy.....	\$10.11
A. W. Keane.....	11.73
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21.84

(Bills received after the last report was made.)

N.C.C.C. meeting, at New York City, April 8, 1917—	
Expenses of A. W. Keane.....	\$16.65
J. A. Fernley.....	16.86
G. M. Collins.....	15.50
W. Palmer.....	6.05
T. W. Cahill.....	1.25
	56.31
N.C.C.C.C., other expenses—	
A. W. Keane, stamps, telephone and telegrams.....	\$5.55
T. W. Cahill, telegram to P. J. Peel.....	.75
22,000 tickets for semi-finals and final.....	11.55
Telegram to G. Healey and reply.....	.80
Messenger service paid by C. Lovett.....	.60
2,500 special tickets for Bethlehem vs. Joliet, semi-final game	8.91
9,000 Acme roll tickets, with postage.....	8.00
Long distance telephone call to Bethlehem.....	.85
	37.01
Appeals Committee—	
A. M. Brown, Secretary, postage.....	\$1.88
Expenses of Secretary's office—	
Postage, parcel post, special deliveries, registered letters, etc.	\$10.65
Circular stamp and telegram to Lovett.....	1.75
2,500 Pro. A. Forms, 1917-18.....	18.50
Express charges on returned forms.....	.32
Overhauling and cleaning tabulating typewriter.....	6.50
	37.72
Special items—	
Resolutions to Scandinavian football associations and metal	
case for sending the same.....	\$32.00
Three football banners to schools.....	11.25
	43.25
Treasurer's expenses—	
Typewriting report.....	\$5.00
Printing report and express charges.....	42.70
	47.70
President's expenses—	
Telephone and postage.....	\$2.80
	2.80
Total	\$422.92

Respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM PALMER, Chairman.

The report of the Appeals Committee embodied in the printed report of the Secretary, was accepted on motion of Mr. Lovett, seconded by Mr. Johnson.

Chairman Collins read a report of the Reinstatement Committee, which was accepted on motion of Dr. Manning, seconded by Mr. Keane, although Messrs. Kirk, Healey and Booth, all members of the committee, complained they had been given no notice of and had not in consequence attended the meeting, held in the hotel that morning, of which the report related. The report announced the reinstatement as amateurs of players Herman Loewer and Frank Hague.

AUDITOR'S REPORT.

JOHN A. FERNLEY, Esq.,

Chicago, May 14, 1917.

President U.S.F.A.

DEAR SIR:—We certify that the accounts of your Treasurer for 1916-17 are correct.

Receipts	\$4,950.57
Disbursements	3,624.36

Balance	\$1,326.21
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JOHN C. SOUTTER, }	} Auditors.
DAVID MCKAY, }	

On motion of Mr. Mockler, seconded by Mr. Kelly, the report of the committee of auditors who went over the accounts of Treasurer Birse was accepted. Mr. Birse later explained the absence of an item of \$15 among his receipts was due to a clerical error. It was the affiliation fee of the Western Missouri-Kansas Soccer Football Association. The auditors had failed to observe the oversight.

Chairman Richard Bolton submitted the report of the National and International Games Committee, mentioning two letters received from the Dominion of Canada Football Association, asking for one international and two other United States-Canadian games in that country in October. The committee turned the matter over to the Council without recommendation. Mr. Mockler, speaking on the proposal, suggested an interchange of international games, three in each country, the net proceeds of all of the games to be turned over to the Red Cross societies, respectively, in the countries in which the games were played. Mr. Healey, Mr. Viberg, Mr. Cameron, Mr. Peel, Mr. Kirk and Mr. Riley spoke in favor of the proposal of Mr. Mockler. Mr. Johnson voiced a qualified approval and Mr. Brown disapproved the project, replying to the argument that football is encouraged in war time in Europe with the fact that no international football is being played in the countries at war. Mr. Counts raised the point that the Dominion of Canada F.A. might not wish to devote its share of the proceeds to the Red Cross, and Mr. Peel, seconded by Mr. Lovett, proposed an amendment to the Mockler motion, to authorize the interchange of games provided the Canadian organization would agree to the conditions relative to the disposition of the net receipts. The amendment and, in turn, the amended motion, were carried. Then, on motion of Mr. Mockler, seconded by Mr. Johnson, the National and International Games Committee report was accepted. The report follows:

NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL GAMES COMMITTEE REPORT.

Greystone, R. I., May 26, 1917.

MR. PRESIDENT AND DELEGATES :

There has been no meeting of this committee since the last Council meeting. Two letters have been received from the Dominion of Canada Football Association, asking to play one international and two other games in that country in October.

I herewith submit both letters to this Council meeting to decide what action may be taken.

Respectfully submitted,

RICHARD BOLTON, Chairman.

President Fernley took the floor, calling Third Vice-President Collins to the chair, to read the Emergency Committee report, which follows:

EMERGENCY COMMITTEE REPORT.

From March 1 to May 25, 1917.

Pawtucket, R. I., May 26, 1917.

March 14—Application from Connecticut S.F.A. for permission to conduct benefit game was approved by the President.

Secretary wrote making request for President to take action on affiliation of Western Missouri-Kansas S.F.A. Inasmuch as said association wrote requesting that affiliation be deferred until 1917-18, no action was taken. Secretary also requested that the chairman's Emergency Committee report, not accepted by Council at February meeting, be turned over to him. President could not comply with request as worded.

March 15—Rules of A.A.C.C. of Philadelphia were approved by the President and Secretary and the Secretary of same notified.

March 21—Secretary wrote, calling attention to several matters, more especially the so-called "Booth" case and the Philadelphia Referees' matter. In the former, President wrote saying he was ready to act and, inasmuch as insinuation was made that the President was in danger of suspension if action was taken, he voted to suspend the guilty parties. In

the Referees' case, he ruled that the matter was not properly before the committee, as it should either be sent in as a regular appeal, or otherwise taken up by the U.S.R.U.

- March 22—Request from Secretary for papers, etc., in case of Western Missouri-Kansas S.F.A. In this letter Secretary complained of President neglecting his official duties and suggesting that it might be the President's intention to surrender his authority to Vice-President Stewart, with the request that if such be the case, he begged that same be hastened into execution. Inasmuch as Secretary probably was unaware that the President had been seriously sick for two weeks, the President hastened to assure Secretary Cahill that he could not accede to his request, but intended to continue in the office he was elected to.
- March 28—Request from Secretary Booth of Connecticut S.F.A. for permission for Ansonia F.C. to play professionals other than their own was approved.
- March 31—Request of Worcester F.C. for permission to play a benefit game was granted.
- April 10—Request for ruling on status of players (roving amateurs) when original club stands suspended. President ruled that a player who was a registered player of a club, and such club was suspended, said player could not play under U.S.F.A. auspices during such period of suspension.
- April 12—Permission granted to Riverside F.C. to play a benefit game on April 19, 1917.
- April 13—Letters from Messrs. Stenger and Patrick, B. & W. F.C., were submitted to the President for action. After receiving ruling, Secretary decided case was a matter entirely in the hands of the New Jersey S.F.A. and forwarded letters to them.
- April 15—President received resignation of E. L. Mockler as member of N.C.C.C. and Appeals Committees of the Council, effective immediately. Reason given was that demand of war business took all of Mr. Mockler's time.
- April 25—Secretary requested that President submit the Emergency Committee report (submitted and tabled at Providence meeting) for his inspection. Same was done.
- Request was also made for papers in the matter of Western Missouri-Kansas affiliation. Same were duly sent.
- April 18—Permission was granted for player Lynn of Fall River to play with a club other than the one registered with.
- May 11—Player Perry, Fall River, reprimanded and placed under a suspended sentence of six months for playing without being registered.
- May 14—President wrote asking for list of names and addresses of delegates and alternates then accredited to the Council, but failed to receive same.
- Request of J. & P. Coats F.C. to play a benefit game on Decoration Day was granted, subject to proviso that gross receipts be turned over to charity.
- May 16—President again asked for names, etc., of delegates and alternates. Again failed to receive same.
- May 17—President wrote stating that place of meeting for Council was changed to Young's Hotel. The Secretary felt that he could not assist in the details for the annual dinner, etc., and would leave same to the President.
- May 19—Secretary again requested to supply list of delegates, etc., but no reply was received.
- May 23—Secretary returned Emergency Committee report (of February meeting) with statement that he could not approve same.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN A. FERNLEY,

Chairman.

Mr. Johnson, seconded by Mr. Mockler, moved for acceptance. Secretary Cahill as the other member of the committee stated he had not previously seen the report, and took exception to two parts of it—those referring to the

matter of the Western Missouri-Kansas S.F.A. affiliation and to the President's requests for the names of new delegates to the Council.

There was lengthy debate entered into by Messrs. Creighton, Johnson, Healey, Brown, Mockler, Manning, Barclay, Peel and Riley over the W.M.-K.S.F.A. request that its affiliation fee apply from the date full affiliation was granted, contained in a letter which Secretary Cahill read to the Council. It finally was agreed the affiliation fee should so apply for the 1917-18 season, and the Johnson-Mockler motion for acceptance of the report prevailed, with the exceptions by Secretary Cahill noted.

Mr. Healey moved that it be the sense of the Council

"That the National Challenge Cup Competition Committee has no jurisdiction over grounds on which National Cup Ties are played unless under their direct control, such as semi-finals or final, and that all matters regarding conduct of spectators shall be dealt with by the State Association under whose control the ground is."

Mr. Stewart seconded the motion. Discussion by Messrs. Brown, Bagnall, Manning, Mockler and Healey developed criticism of the N.C.C.C. Emergency Committee for its suspension of three members of National Football Club of Detroit for remarks which they, as spectators, addressed to a referee in a Cup Tie game at Detroit. Mr. Collins defended the Emergency Committee's action. Chairman Keane of the Cup Committee explained the committee had failed to sustain its Emergency Committee in the suspensions, and the Healey motion carried with five opposing votes.

Dr. Manning moved that the proposal of President Fernley that a special committee be appointed to formulate and carry into effect measures to promote soccer in schools and colleges, with power to expend such sums as may be necessary, be left to the new administration. The motion was seconded by Mr. Kelly and carried after some deliberation.

The proposal of President Fernley that the officers of the association be made a special committee to go over the matter of dividing the country into sections, to devise organizations, etc., to cover same, and to report their conclusions to the next annual meeting was classed as a rule change matter and went over to that order of business, on motion of Dr. Manning, seconded by Mr. Keane.

Mr. Stewart asked the basis of the request of the United States Referee Union for a reopening and rehearing of the case of the Western Pennsylvania State Football Association appeal case against the bulletin issued by the U.S.R.U. and promulgated by the U.S.F.A. on January 13, 1917, outlawing the Western Pennsylvania Referees' Association. The W.P.S.F.A. appeal was sustained and the W.P.R.A. declared in good standing at a previous meeting of the Council. President Whyte of the U.S.R.U., delegate of that body to the Council, declared the Council had not fully understood the case and stated the national referee organization could give further information in support of its action. Motion of Mr. Johnson that the President appoint a committee of three to investigate the case and report to the next Council meeting was seconded by Mr. Stewart and carried.

On motion of Mr. Collins, adjournment then was taken until 8 P. M.

When the Council reconvened for the evening session, Treasurer Birse explained the oversight in the omission of the Western Missouri-Kansas S.F.A. affiliation fee from the receipts contained in his report. Mr. Brown inquired as to the failure of the auditors to notice the omission. Mr. Peel declared it a bad practice for the President, in appointing the auditors, to accept the suggestions of the Treasurer as to who the men to audit his books should be. President Fernley protested that he knew the auditors he appointed, having met them on his midsummer trip to Chicago.

Chairman Sandager offered the report of the Rules and Revision Committee, explaining that since President Fernley's proposals for rule changes had been irregularly submitted to the committee (not being permitted to pass through the hands of Secretary Cahill) it might require a three-fourths vote to consider them.

President Fernley explained he had not time to submit them to the Secretary as required by rule. Dr. Manning, seconded by Mr. Kelly, moved all

matter improperly submitted be stricken from the list of proposed changes, pointing out that the rules should be strictly adhered to. Mr. Peel, in support of the motion, declared a dangerous precedent would be established in entertaining such proposals improperly submitted. After prolonged discussion in which Messrs. Riley, Johnson, Counts, Collins, Sandager, Bagnall and others opposed it, the motion was withdrawn. On motion of Mr. Johnson, seconded by Mr. Stewart, it was voted to suspend the rules and consider the President's proposals.

The suggested rule changes then were acted upon singly and, codified, will be embodied in the 1917-18 rules and regulations of the association. The matter of the agenda, at the instance of President Fernley proposing "that the officers of the association be made a special committee to go over the matter of dividing the country into sections, to devise organizations, etc., to cover same, and to report their conclusions to the next Council meeting," was amended in its last provision on motion of Dr. Manning, seconded by Mr. Marshall, to read: ". . . and to report their conclusions to the Council in midseason," and, so amended, was adopted.

The session was adjourned at 10.15 P. M.

Monday morning's session was convened at 10 A. M.

H. H. Williamson, as proxy for W. W. Davidson, North Texas League, and W. Donovan, as alternate for Missouri F.A., answered the roll call.

President Fernley called attention to the poor prospects for a favorable attendance at the banquet, and lengthy discussion developed the fact that but very few from Boston and vicinity had been induced to attend, whereas, as pointed out by Mr. Brown, practically four-fifths of the attendance at banquets of the association in other years had been local. Motion by Mr. Peel, seconded by Mr. Lovett, to donate to the Red Cross what had been subscribed toward the banquet, subsequently was withdrawn and a motion of Mr. Brown, seconded by Mr. Stewart, to dispense with the banquet feature was carried. Mr. Fernley surrendered the chair to Second Vice-President Healey for a time in order to send telegrams to the banquet speakers who had been arranged for.

The Rules and Revision Committee report, after all printed proposed changes had been acted upon, was accepted on motion of Mr. Lovett, seconded by Mr. Kelly.

Chairman Keane read the National Challenge Cup Competition Committee's deferred report. It follows:

NATIONAL CHALLENGE CUP COMPETITION COMMITTEE REPORT.

New Bedford, Mass., May 27, 1917.

MR. PRESIDENT AND DELEGATES, U.S.F.A.:

The National Challenge Cup Competition Committee completed its work for the 1916-17 season with this morning's session in Boston. It was the sixth meeting of the committee, the others being held in Providence, Newark, New York City and New Haven, Conn. The expenses of the five former meetings, printing of tickets for the semi-final and final games of the competition, telephone and telegraph bills of the officers, postage and parcel post, traveling expenses of members to meetings and expressage amounted to \$433.39. A detailed list of the expenditures, supplementary to the detailed list submitted with the report, February 25, at Providence, is attached. (This supplement brought the total expenses of the committee to \$632.79.)

The season has been a success in spite of the unparalleled bad weather conditions. From the second round right through to the final the majority of the contests were played under very poor weather conditions. This is especially true of the third and fourth round games, when a low temperature, as well as storm, aided in handicapping the quality of the play and the size of the crowds.

And it is for this reason that the retiring chairman suggests to the committee which succeeds that of 1916-17 that they give careful consideration of the dates set for playing the various rounds and that if possible the months of January and February be entirely deleted from the playing dates and with them the last of December and the first half of March. It is one's belief

that if this is done higher grade soccer and a much more interesting competition will result.

The detailed report of round by round of the competition, furnished by the association's Honorary Secretary, shows a marked falling off in the receipts from 1915-16, the figures going back practically to the net receipts of 1914-15 for the competition. There is no two ways to assign the reason for this. First and foremost stands the very unfavorable weather conditions; second, the fact that but very, very few games in the competition had to be replayed.

According to the figures, not computing the entry fees of the clubs which became members of the competition nor the fees received from unsustained forfeits and fines, the competition alone earned a net \$1,415.94, and as their expenses were slightly over \$433, it can be easily seen by computing the entry fees, forfeited protest fees and fines, that the parent body this season was enriched between \$1,400 and \$1,500 by the competition.

It has been a very difficult year for the officials of the committee. The resignation of Secretary Cahill at the very first meeting was an entirely unexpected action, and E. P. Duffy, who was subsequently elected to this difficult office, found his own business affairs suffered so much by the time he was forced to give to the committee work that he, too, resigned, this resignation coming in April. No election of a successor nor appointment of a temporary Secretary was made, Honorary Secretary T. W. Cahill assuming the duties for the balance of the season.

The chairman of this committee recommends that when the rules for 1917-18 are discussed, that one giving the Cup Committee delegate to game as much power as possible in determining the fitness of grounds for play, will be incorporated in the laws. Referees this past season have proved that the present law does not do justice.

It was the first year that the price of the semi-finals and the final was raised from 25 cents to 50 cents. It was a "year of education," as it were, to the public, and in two of the three districts where tried it proved a success, the only failure being the New York-New Jersey district. Without the new prices there is no doubt but the final on May 5 would have been a failure, as it was played under most miserable weather conditions.

The final result, the cup being won for the first time by a New England team, should give the game a big boom next season, as it proves no one club has a monopoly on the trophy. The final was ideally staged under the direction of National President Fernley, all ground arrangements, police protection, handling of crowds and advertising especially well handled.

The chairman desires to offer sincere congratulations to the Fall River Rovers club, the new champions, who dethroned the two-time cup winners, Bethlehem Steel. The final game was played on a day when the rain fell from early morning right through the whole afternoon, yet there was 4,529 adults and 98 boys paid admission at the gates and the extra receipts from sale of grand stand and bleacher seats brought the total gate receipts to \$2,582.60. Considering weather, this was really a remarkable crowd and gate, most of the credit falling to our retiring President, who stirred up the interest by novel and personal advertising throughout New England.

Since the last Council meeting there have been two meetings of the committee. The first was held at New York City, on April 4, and the other in Boston to-day. At the New York meeting sites were chosen for the semi-finals and final games, officials appointed and prices fixed. The request of the Bay Ridge F.C. to return certain moneys held by the committee was given careful consideration and \$21.10 in payment of all claims was allowed. Protest of Lynn Hibernians regarding referee's decision on grounds at Fall River not accepted. Matter of registration of players on N.C.C.C. forms considered and clubs at fault exonerated. The Emergency Committee was given full power to handle the case of the Scottish-Americans (referred by Council to committee) and the charges of President Good of Connecticut F.A. against Joe Booth.

David Burns of the Howard & Bullough F.C., Pawtucket, R. I., was suspended five weeks for using insulting language to referee. Attention of committee to shift of referees in Eastern semi-final, for purpose of economy, was called by Eastern Pennsylvania Referees' Association and their observations were noted.

The Emergency Committee placed a sentence of public apology and a suspended sentence on players Patterson, Hodgkinson and Patton of Detroit, on report of Referee J. B. Stark, for encroachment on field of play and improper language to the referee. A letter from Secretary Cant of the Michigan State body urging drastic action was also received.

Immediately a protest was received from the Michigan State body, through President Healey, and after interchange of communications Emergency Committee raised suspensions until full evidence in case could be procured. At to-day's meeting of full committee, after long argument and representation of both the referee's and players' side of the fracas, the following resolution was passed :

"That decision of the N.C.C.C. Emergency Committee be not sustained in regard to the public apology and suspension of players Patterson, Hodgkinson and Patton, of Detroit, and the sentence imposed stand suspended until affidavits requested by this committee from players and referee have been filed."

At the final meeting of the committee, in this hotel, with all members present, G. M. Collins was appointed Temporary Secretary. The objection of the British-Americans against Referee Rae, in the second round game, and the method of his selection was dropped, the same not being sustained to the satisfaction of the committee. A claim of \$1.40 by W. Culpan for a delegate's expense in the first round was referred to the Treasurer, his books showing payment of such claim.

Claims for traveling expenses, under the so-called two hundred mile law, were made by the Joliet Steel F.C., Detroit Soccer Club and Homestead. Motion passed that this committee endorse the claims against the association for reimbursement for losses under rule governing same and that they be requested to file with Secretary of the association a detailed financial account of all rounds, including the games in question, and that the net loss be paid by the Treasurer of the U.S.F.A. when endorsed by the Finance Committee up to the actual gain of the competition in the district implicated.

Acting upon orders from the last Council meeting, the committee unanimously voted, after a lengthy consideration of the case, to fine the Scottish-American F.C. of New Jersey \$25, and each player who participated in the refusal to play game against Bay Ridge F.C. the sum of \$10. It was voted that the Council be requested to appoint a special committee to ascertain who are the players implicated, so that decision may be operative.

A financial report of the final cup game was rendered by the delegates and accepted.

Respectfully submitted,

A. W. KEANE, Chairman.

On motion of Mr. Johnson, seconded by Mr. Lovett, report was adopted.

Action on the endorsed claim, \$21.10, of the Bay Ridge F.C. growing out of the Bay Ridge-Scottish-Americans second round National Cup game was taken on motion of Mr. Healey, seconded by Mr. Johnson, that the claim be paid.

Motion of Mr. Kirk that the President appoint a committee of three delegates from the district to establish which players of the Scottish-American F.C. were guilty of having failed to appear to meet Bay Ridge in a replay ordered by the committee, so that they may be punished in line with the suggestion of the committee, was seconded by Mr. Collins and carried. President Fernley appointed Messrs. Brown, Manning and Cahill to the committee.

Motion of Mr. Collins, seconded by Mr. Healey, ordering the N.C.C.C. Committee not to schedule games during January and February, after January 1, prevailed.

Adjournment was taken at 1 P. M.

The Council convened for its final session at 2.45 P. M. There was no unfinished business.

Motion of Mr. Cameron, seconded by Mr. Kirk, that the National Commission be given discretionary powers to invest a part of the association's surplus funds in Liberty Loan bonds was carried unanimously.

Motion of Mr. Cameron, seconded by Mr. Kirk, that the Finance Committee pass on and pay the bills of President Fernley for expenses incurred in arranging for the banquet that was called off, was carried over the objection of Mr. Healey that it had been customary for the State Association honored with the meeting to defray all such expenses. President Fernley explained that he had taken it upon his own responsibility to call the meeting for Boston and admitted the North Massachusetts and New Hampshire S.F.A. had not issued an invitation to the National Association to hold the annual meeting in its district.

President Fernley again left the chair, turning it over to Mr. Collins, to delve deep into the history of the A.F.A.-Chicopee Rovers-Joe Booth case. He complained that the charge had been made in a letter from the Secretary's office that he had misguidedly Mr. Booth. There were insistent demands when President Fernley sought to read correspondence in the case, that the Council proceed with its election of new officers, and, to hurry matters along, a vote in exoneration of President Fernley was given on motion of Mr. Johnson.

President Fernley named Messrs. Palmer and Williamson tellers of the election.

Mr. Birse nominated A. Frank Counts of Cleveland for President. Mr. Riley seconded the nomination.

Mr. Brown, delivering a high tribute to Peter J. Peel of Chicago, nominated him for the office. Mr. Johnson seconded the nomination.

On motion of Mr. Johnson, seconded by Mr. Marshall, the nominations were closed. The ballot for President elected Mr. Peel, with 25 votes to 9 for Mr. Counts.

Dr. Manning, seconded by Mr. Cameron, moved the retiring President name a committee to escort the new chief executive to the chair. Mr. Fernley named Messrs. Orton and Stewart, who escorted Mr. Peel to his new seat. President Peel then delivered a brief address of acknowledgment.

Mr. Collins then presented the retiring President with a gold watch as a token of esteem on behalf of a group of Mr. Fernley's friends in the Council.

Dr. Manning, seconded by Mr. Orton, nominated Mr. Stewart for First Vice-President. Mr. Barclay nominated Mr. Healey, and this nomination was seconded by Mr. Kelly. Mr. Johnson, seconded by Mr. Creighton, moved nominations be closed and the motion prevailed. Mr. Healey then moved a unanimous ballot be cast for Mr. Stewart, withdrawing as candidate. The Secretary then cast the one ballot for Mr. Stewart, electing him unanimously. He briefly acknowledged the honor.

At this juncture Mr. Fernley voiced appreciation of the token of regard with which he had been presented.

Mr. Johnson, seconded by Mr. Lovett, nominated Mr. Healey for Second Vice-President and, on motion of Mr. Bagnall, seconded by Mr. Kirk, the nominations were closed, and Mr. Healey was unanimously elected. He spoke in acknowledgment of the honor.

Mr. Johnson nominated Mr. Riley for Third Vice-President, the nomination having Mr. Collins for a seconder.

Mr. Barclay nominated Mr. Counts, and Mr. Kelly nominated Mr. Crook.

On motion of Mr. Johnson, seconded by Mr. Bagnall, nominations were closed.

Then started a long discussion over the right of officers to vote in the election, and in particular whether a retiring officer lost his vote immediately upon the election of his successor or not until the complete set of new officers had been elected. On motion of Mr. Kirk, seconded by Messrs. Johnson and Manning, it was voted that officers should have a vote in the election. It was agreed, after much discussion, that an error had been made in seating President Peel and that the retiring officers remained in office until the full quota of new officers had been named and the old year was officially closed. No attempt was made, however, to have Mr. Fernley resume the chair. Dr. Orton left the meeting and the voting strength of the Council thereby was reduced to 33.

The first ballot gave Mr. Crook and Mr. Riley each 14 votes and Mr. Counts 5.

The second ballot gave Mr. Crook 16, Mr. Riley 12 and Mr. Counts 5.

The third ballot gave Mr. Crook 16, Mr. Riley 14 and Mr. Counts 3.

Mr. Counts then withdrew, with the consent of his nominator.

The fourth ballot elected Mr. Crook, with 17 votes to Mr. Riley's 16.

Mr. Riley moved the election of Mr. Crook be made unanimous. Mr. Cameron seconded the motion; put to a vote and carried.

Mr. Crook then voiced his appreciation of the honor.

Mr. Fernley nominated Mr. Collins for Secretary with an introductory speech.

Mr. Healey paid many compliments to Mr. Cahill in nominating him for re-election. Mr. Barclay seconded this nomination.

On motion of Mr. Marshall, seconded by Mr. Kirk, nominations were closed.

Mr. Cahill was elected, with 19 votes to 14 for Mr. Collins, and thanked the members for their tribute to him.

Mr. Stewart nominated Mr. Palmer for Treasurer.

Dr. Manning nominated Mr. Bagnall.

On motion of Mr. Marshall, seconded by Mr. Collins, nominations were closed and Mr. Palmer, being a candidate, retired as election teller and was succeeded by Mr. Cameron, President Peel's first appointee.

The ballot elected Mr. Bagnall, with 18 votes to Mr. Palmer's 14, one member present not voting.

On motion of Mr. Gough, seconded by Mr. Lovett, a vote of thanks was tendered the retiring officers.

Retiring President Fernley made the presentation speech in handing over the National Challenge Cup to the new national champions, Fall River Rovers. The cup was received by Manager Randolph Howarth of the Rovers, who responded briefly to the presentation speech.

President Peel designated Second Vice-President Healey to present the champions' medals to the Rovers' secretary, Mr. Crook, and Secretary Cahill presented the medals to the runners-up, Bethlehem Steel Company F.C.

With President Fernley on the floor seeking to bring up the matter of the appropriation for the Secretary's office for reconsideration, the annual meeting was adjourned on motion of Mr. Bagnall, seconded by Mr. Viberg.

T. W. CAHILL,

Hon. Secretary U.S.F.A.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT.

TO THE OFFICERS AND MEMBERS OF THE UNITED STATES FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION:

Gentlemen: We are again approaching the close of another season's work and are about to meet in annual meeting to elect a new board of officers to interpret and enforce such rules as the Council in its wisdom may lay down for the guidance of the association during 1917-18. It is particularly desirable that the affiliated associations be represented at this meeting, not only for the purpose of taking advantage of the opportunity to decide upon whatever amendments are considered necessary to improve or amplify the existing rules, but to ensure the election of men to office who can give the time and attention necessary for the proper fulfillment of the duties pertaining to such, and who can subserve personal and ulterior motives for the interests and advancement of the association they represent.

The past year has not shown the success and progress that should have attended the work of the association, and to many has been of a very disappointing nature. There has been too much of a tendency to allow personalities to influence and bias the work of the different committees and meetings, with the natural consequence of impaired usefulness and results. Any attempt to place the responsibility for such a condition would be both futile and unwise, our duty being to look forward to the coming year and its well-being, allowing the past to guide us only as it may tend to influence us in our legislation for the future and the selection of officials for its enforcement. To select the best men for the several offices will require all the wisdom that we possess, and we should exercise such to the utmost of our ability, while at the same time care should be taken that all localities be represented as far as the available material will allow.

There will undoubtedly be many changes proposed with a view to improve and enlarge the present rules, for however adequate and comprehensive they may have appeared when first adopted, the growth of the organization has demonstrated the fact that radical changes are a necessity. I again wish to call your attention to the recommendations made by me in 1916. In brief they are as follows: The appointment of a special committee to promote and foster the growth of soccer in the schools and smaller colleges; the necessity for special effort (in conjunction with the present State organizations) to bring into the association the unaffiliated clubs now scattered throughout the different sections of the country, and the division of the U.S.F.A. into sections. To quote from last year's report "we should take action relative to formulating sectional organizations, each controlling matters in its own part of the country, with a tribunal to whom could be referred matters of a national character. To divide the country into four or five sections should be entirely feasible, with their own cup competitions, etc., and at the end of each season arranging a series of games between the sectional champions." This will be one of the most important matters to be acted upon at the meeting, having been placed on the agenda for consideration. In the meantime it is imperative that changes be made in the present rules governing the administration of the business of the association, both in regard to the Council meetings and the interim between same. Past experience should convince us that the Emergency Committee as constituted by the rules is not adequate to the needs of our association. No two men can ever expect to keep in accord with each other upon questions allowing of such wide divergence of opinions, and we are faced with the painful fact that each of the association's presidents have felt compelled to appeal to the Council for relief from conditions arising from the inadequacy of the present rules. To overcome such conditions and to ensure a better and more satisfactory administration for the future, changes must be made. The present Emergency Committee should be abolished except where its functions are purely of a nominal nature, and in its place we should have an Executive Committee comprised of the president, vice-presidents and treasurer, with the secretary acting as secretary to the committee. Enlarging the powers of this committee, giving it full power to act for the association in all matters relating to administration, etc., and making it the sole power to incur pecuniary liabilities on behalf of the association, with certain stated times of meeting, would appear to promise far better results than can be attained by the present system. It may be urged that the expense would be prohibitive, but there appears to be a probability that such would not be a fact. Restricting the calling of Council meetings by requiring ten signatures to a demand therefor, and giving this right solely to the affiliated associations, would probably offset the increased cost of the committee, while the question of abolishing the National Challenge Cup Committee, transferring its work to the Executive Committee, is also worthy of your serious consideration.

Another change which appears to be desirable and should be adopted is in regard to the period of time which a season should cover. Previous to the last Council meeting the rule covering this was of an elastic nature. It was deemed wise to change to a specific period, but events have shown that in an association covering such a large territory as we do, conditions are so materially different that the present rule is not suitable. It would be far better if the association were to amend the rule so as to give authority to each affiliated association to determine the duration of its own season, thus placing the power in the hands of the parties who are most conversant with local conditions.

Should the proposition regarding an Executive Committee and the changes as to Council meetings be adopted, steps should be taken to abolish the sentence in Rule 14 of the constitution which allows members of the Council to appoint proxies, thus confining the membership to delegates or their alternates.

The matter of our adoption of a more strict and comprehensive rule regarding amateurism will no doubt occupy the attention of the Rules Committee and will be presented to the annual meeting for its consideration. The I.C.A.A.A.A. has devoted much time and painstaking study to this subject and has presented to the different bodies governing athletic activities their conclusions in the matter. Owing to the peculiar conditions surrounding the

game we control, it may not be thought best to adopt these conclusions in their entirety, but this association should make more clear its attitude on this important subject. We have accepted the principle of what constitutes an amateur and must formulate rules to put this principle into active working order.

During the past year or two some of our members have advocated and urged that it was desirable that the secretary of this association should be a paid official with headquarters maintained by us. At the time the matter was presented, a large majority appeared to think that such changes were not a necessity, feeling that the method in use was working out satisfactorily, but present conditions tend to bear out the wisdom of such a change. The expense that may be involved would be more than counterbalanced by the benefits that should accrue and would not very materially exceed the cost of the present system, and the association should have no difficulty in meeting whatever obligations the change may entail, while the desirability of having the executive officer under the direct control of the association, rather than a part thereof, seems to be a necessity, and it is to be hoped that the position of a paid secretary will be created at the coming meeting.

I cannot let pass this opportunity of expressing my appreciation and thanks for the many courtesies extended to me by the members and for the honor which the association has bestowed upon me by three times electing me its president. To those who have urged upon me their wishes that I again allow my name to be put before the association as a candidate for president, I can only say that I feel grateful for their loyalty and confidence, and while I am still willing to do all that I can to promote the sport we so much admire, yet I feel that I cannot longer make the sacrifices which the position of president calls for.

Our country is now in a state of war, which will undoubtedly have a decided effect upon the activities of athletic sports in general, and in many cases will result in an entire suspension of same. What the effect will be on the operations of our association during the coming season no one can tell, but our first duty is to our country, and whatever calls she may make upon the citizens in general will assuredly be supported and met by us. When we read of the large numbers of football players and officials who have freely done their "bit" for their country, even whole battalions being recruited from players, and know of the splendid heroism displayed and sacrifices made, we are confident that we of the United States Football Association will bear no small share in upholding the glorious heritage handed down to us by those who in the past have given their substance and lives for the cause of human liberty, and will not be behind our brethren in other lands in our willingness to sacrifice everything for the welfare of our country and the cause it has espoused.

Undoubtedly there will be many invitations to play overseas international games when the war is over, and after the splendid exhibition given by its first international team the United States Football Association need have no fear as to the outcome. We have demonstrated to the world that our players are fully capable of holding their own with any other country. The trip to Sweden was a decided success and the players are to be congratulated upon the exhibitions of football given by them.

The untimely death of H. W. Trend removes one of our most promising officials, and while all sports will lose through his death, yet soccer will especially suffer. Our sympathies are extended to his family and to the Bethlehem Athletic Committee in their great loss.

Sincerely yours,

JOHN A. FERNLEY.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE SECRETARY.

MR. PRESIDENT AND MEMBERS OF THE NATIONAL COUNCIL OF THE UNITED STATES FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION:

Gentlemen: In submitting my report for the past year I am glad to be able to start out with a cheerful note. Despite the turmoil which has existed in the organization, it has been a year of big accomplishments and of

bigger promise. We have to look back upon the first American team we sent abroad with a feeling of intense pride, not only over their brilliant success, but for the manner in which the members of the team comported themselves so as to win the enthusiastic praise of their hosts and add to the already splendid opinion of American athletics held in Europe.

That the United States Football Association is progressing along the lines which prompted its organization is further indicated by the additions to our membership during the year. The Eastern Pennsylvania District organized a sufficient number of new clubs to gain two additional delegates in the Council, Illinois and Southern New England gained one additional vote each, new associations were organized in Northern Texas, in Western Missouri and Eastern Kansas, in Minnesota, and one is in process of formation in Southern Illinois. These are indications of growth which must enthuse every member of this Council who has worked for the advancement of the game and its introduction into new fields.

The outlook for the coming season is one that it is difficult to properly fore-estimate. The entrance of the United States into the world war against "Kaise-ism" cannot fail to interfere tremendously with the personnel of the teams engaged in the game.

From all sections of the country football stars are enlisting in great numbers in one or another branch of the service of the nation. In the New York district alone one hundred and seventy soccer men, players and club officials, have enlisted in the military branch. In St. Louis half a hundred players, including twenty stars of the professional league of that city, tendered their services to the Government. Other sections are showing the same high standard of patriotism among the men who play the game.

While the men who are going to war will have more serious things to think of than football, still that is the principal recreation of the troops in Europe, and the hundreds of thousands of men we will probably send abroad before the chaos is ended who have not yet learned the game will see it and play it "between fights" and when they come home they will be undoubted votaries of this best of athletic contests.

In a financial way, the past season was moderately successful in its yield, but the expenses of operating the organization were extremely heavy, and nothing but the splendid attendance at the final cup tie for the National Challenge trophy saved us from serious problems. Even as it is, we are not any too well established financially, and I must renew my previous warnings against anything but the most careful economy in the administration of the affairs of the organization. The situation requires more than usual caution, because there is every reason to doubt that the cup competition will be as productive of receipts the coming season as it was last. The war undoubtedly will break into athletic sports of all kinds—in fact, already has—and we may find it necessary to call off the competition altogether. That is for the future to decide, but it is well to give full heed to the possibility and to prepare for the emergency such action would create. Even if we are allowed to play, there will be a war tax on gate receipts.

One of the principal items of expense during the past season was the traveling expenses of our officials. The expenses of all officers are paid to, and from Council meetings, and the committee members are reimbursed for their outlays in attending committee meetings. These expenses must be minimized in the coming season and there are various proposals to come before you from the Rules and Revision Committee intended to simplify the administration of the affairs of the organization so as to avoid these heavy expenses, and I hope that out of the consideration of the various proposals, wisdom will prevail and the matter will be satisfactorily disposed of.

If the present form of the organization is to be preserved, I beg to subscribe to the statement of the President, in his annual report, that the Emergency Committee of two members is a failure. The rules provide that the Emergency Committee shall consist of the President and Secretary and confers equal responsibility and authority upon them. Under these circumstances, unanimity is necessary between the two before any action can be taken. It is impossible to find two men who will always agree on every question of policy that is presented, and where a disagreement arises, it is bound to create friction. Such a disagreement wrecked the co-operation

between the President and Secretary last summer and the ensuing friction has seriously impeded the work of the organization. The situation is one that needs consideration, and if there is to be an Emergency Committee, either under that title or any other, it should consist of an odd number of men, so that one cannot hold up the business of the United States Football Association and prevent the consummation of any order of the Council for months at a time, as has been the case in the last half of the season.

I can heartily subscribe to the President's initial recommendation for the election of capable and loyal officers, and I cannot understand why, after making that statement, he describes a capable and desirable official as one who will "subserve personal interests and ulterior motives." It is to the fact there has been altogether too much service of personal interests, too much subordinating the rules of the organization to ulterior purposes, mainly political, that all our troubles are due. I do not think a man who cannot subordinate his personal interests and his political ambitions to the welfare of the organization is fit to hold an office in it.

The National Challenge Cup Competition, after a disagreeable early and mid-season, ended successfully, and the final was a great success. It was played at Pawtucket and ended in a victory for the Fall River Rovers over the Bethlehem Steel Company F.C. by a score of one goal to none. The result marks the passing of the champions of two years, as fine a combination of sportsmen as ever was organized. In their position as holders of the premier soccer title in the United States, however, they could not have been succeeded by a better club than the Fall River Rovers. It is a noteworthy fact that Thomas J. Swords, the captain who led the Rovers to their triumph, is the same man who, as captain of the U.S.F.A. team sent to Scandinavia last summer, did so much to bring honor and glory to American football.

While on the subject, I wish to express again my highest regard for the football leaders and the public of Sweden and Norway, and my fullest appreciation of the generous reception they accorded our first American international team, and in particular, to thank Messrs. J. S. Edstrom, C. L. Kornerup and Anton Johanson for their prominent part in our splendid treatment abroad.

The one great sorrow of the competition was the loss to football by death of Harry W. Trend, secretary of the Bethlehem Steel Company Football Club and manager of athletics for the Bethlehem Steel Company. As staunchly loyal to his friendships as he was to the great game of association football, he was one we could ill afford to lose, and I am sure there is not a member of this Council, nor a soccerite the country over who had ever known the man, who will not join with me in this expression of sympathetic sorrow over his death.

I also would like to impress upon the officers of all State associations that it is in large part up to them to see that the rules of the United States Football Association are lived up to in their district, and where they have been violated, to take immediate steps to bring the offenders to account.

I would like very much to see the National Challenge Cup Competition handled in each of the various districts by an individual member of the Cup Committee, to be from the State association or associations comprising the district over which he should have full sway up to the semi-final rounds. Certainly State associations should have vastly more to say concerning the conduct of the competition in their respective districts than they have had heretofore.

In closing my report I wish to pay my highest compliments and extend my heartiest congratulations to the Fall River Rovers Football Club of Fall River, Mass., winners of the National Challenge Cup. Especial praise is due Lawrence L. Holden, Harold Crook and Randolph Howarth, the able officials of the championship club, for their loyal and generous devotion to the game of soccer and for the manner in which they have conducted the affairs of the club. The Rovers' victory on May 5 was a fitting climax to the splendid record of both players and officials, and I am particularly proud to call attention to the fact that the Rovers are practically a native-born aggregation, led by Thomas J. Swords, as able a captain as American soccer football has seen in many years. The Fall River Rovers F.C. has been a leader in promoting and popularizing soccer in New England, and when the Council elects its

officers for the new year at the annual meeting I trust this section, a veritable hotbed of soccer, will be properly recognized. The game has had a splendid response for many years past from New England, and the progressive management of the Fall River Rovers has been foremost in attaining this result.

A tribute also is due the wonderful Bethlehem Steel Company Football Club, and its leader, H. Edgar Lewis, the gentleman who introduced soccer in its present stronghold in the Lehigh Valley, and whose team won the American Football Association Cup on two occasions, and which just has relinquished the National Challenge Cup after having won it meritoriously in two successive seasons. In defeat the Bethlehem club proved most sportsmanlike; they are good losers.

In conclusion, I wish to thank sincerely those of my associate officers and the members of this Council who had given me their hearty co-operation in my part of the administration of the sport in the season just ended.

Respectfully submitted,

THOMAS W. CAHILL,

Honorary Secretary, U.S.F.A.

COMMITTEES APPOINTED BY THE PRESIDENT, SEASON 1916-17.

National Challenge Cup Competition—Albert W. Keane, New Bedford, Mass.; Edward P. Duffy, Newark, N. J.; William Palmer, Philadelphia, Pa.; E. L. Mockler, New York City; George M. Collins, Boston, Mass.

Appeals—Douglas Stewart, Philadelphia, Pa.; Andrew M. Brown, Yonkers, N. Y.; Richard Bolton, Greystone, R. I.; E. L. Mockler, New York City; Joe Booth, Bridgeport, Conn.

Finance—William Palmer, Philadelphia, Pa.; Morris W. Johnson, Philadelphia, Pa.

National and International Games—Richard Bolton, Greystone, R. I.; Douglas Stewart, Philadelphia, Pa.; George M. Collins, Boston, Mass.; John Lone, Kearny, N. J.; Harry Sandager, Pawtucket, R. I.

Press—Edward P. Duffy, Newark, N. J.; Albert W. Keane, New Bedford, Mass.; George M. Collins, Boston, Mass.; George Healey, Detroit, Mich.; William Palmer, Philadelphia, Pa.; Joe Booth, Bridgeport, Conn.; Harry Sandager, Pawtucket, R. I.; William Cameron, Chicago, Ill.

Reinstatement—George M. Collins, Boston, Mass.; Richard Bolton, Greystone, R. I.; George Healey, Detroit, Mich.; R. S. Burleigh, Pittsburgh, Pa.; John Lone, Kearny, N. J.; Joe Booth, Bridgeport, Conn.; George H. Kirk, Chicago, Ill.; Morris W. Johnson, Philadelphia, Pa.

Rules and Revision—Harry Sandager, Pawtucket, R. I.; R. S. Burleigh, Pittsburgh, Pa.; George Ritchie, Providence, R. I.; Joe Booth, Bridgeport, Conn.; George Healey, Detroit, Mich.; Archibald Birse, Chicago, Ill.; Douglas Stewart, Philadelphia, Pa.

Credentials—Andrew M. Brown, Yonkers, N. Y.; Albert W. Keane, New Bedford, Mass.; Edward P. Duffy, Newark, N. J.

Olympic—Morris W. Johnson, Philadelphia, Pa.; William Cameron, Chicago, Ill.; George Ritchie, Providence, R. I.; George H. Kirk, Chicago, Ill.; George Healey, Detroit, Mich.

The President and Secretary are ex-officio members of all committees.

U.S.F.A. COUNCIL MEETINGS.

Since the third annual meeting of May 29, 1916, the Council has met on three occasions: October 22, 1916, at Bridgeport, Conn.; December 17, at Newark, N. J., and February 25, 1917, at Providence, R. I. The expenses to the association resulting from these meetings totaled \$506.31.

FINANCE COMMITTEE.

The Finance Committee during the past season has done its work in a creditable manner, despite a considerable increase in the labor it was called upon to do, as the Treasurer's report will indicate. The committee's work reflects credit upon its chairman, Mr. Palmer.

RULES AND REVISION COMMITTEE.

This committee will submit its report to the Council on May 27.

OLYMPIC ASSOCIATION FOOTBALL COMMITTEE.

No meeting. No report.

PRESS COMMITTEE.

Report will be made at the meeting.

APPEALS COMMITTEE.

Philadelphia, Pa., May 11, 1917.

No regular meetings were held during the season of 1916-17. One appeal was lodged, that of the Greenpoint F.C. against a decision of the Southern New York State Football Association affecting two players of that club. With the consent of the chairman of this committee, the appeal was withdrawn, the appeal fee refunded and the incident declared closed. The case was reopened to the extent only of receiving and answering an objection entered by the Southern New York State Football Association against the action of the committee as reported to the Council at Providence, R. I., on February 25, 1917.

An appeal lodged by the Bay Ridge F.C. against a decision rendered by the National Challenge Cup Committee was not entertained, this committee having no authority to act in the matter.

The unfinished case of A. Birse vs. Peel Challenge Cup Commission, held over from last season, was advanced to the point where an affidavit apparently satisfactory to all parties concerned was signed by Mr. Birse on March 9, 1917, and immediately submitted to the Peel Challenge Cup Commission, thus closing the case in so far as this committee is concerned.

Committee expense, \$1.88 for postage.

DOUGLAS STEWART,
Chairman.

CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE.

Yonkers, N. Y., May 11, 1917.

This committee held three meetings during the season of 1916-17 and will finish its work with a fourth meeting to be held prior to the annual general meeting of the Council, on which occasion a complete report of the work done and the recommendations made will be presented.

ANDREW M. BROWN,
Chairman Credentials Committee.

REINSTATEMENT COMMITTEE.

The Reinstatement Committee during the 1916-17 season granted reinstatement as amateurs to twenty-two professional players, rejecting three applications. The revenue from this source was \$22. Those granted reinstatement, and their addresses, were as follows:

November 13, 1916—Matthew H. Barrett, 1909 Dennie Street, Philadelphia, Pa.; Harry Cooper, 65 Clay Street, Newark, N. J.; Thomas Fisher, 6302 Woodland Avenue, Philadelphia, Pa.; Joseph Gilmartin, 230 Walnut Street, Lawrence, Mass.; Thomas Gradwell, 90 Devon Street, Kearny, N. J.; Robert C. Graham, 11 North Main Street, Bethlehem, Pa.; Hector Griswold, 5913 Mervine Street, Philadelphia, Pa.; James Ingram, 12 Highland Avenue, Kearny, N. J.; Harold Quinlan, 3 Hill Street, Bloomfield, N. J.; David Muir, 22 Highland Avenue, Newark, N. J.; William Robinson, 525 W. Cornwall Street, Philadelphia, Pa.; Victor Simpson, 286 Chamber Street, Phillipsburg, N. J.; William T. Schwartz, Clayton, N. J.; Leo Tipping, 19 Market Square, West Lynn, Mass.; Samuel Yeates, 77 Passaic Avenue, Garfield, N. J.

November 20, 1916—James Wilson, 1401 New Seneca Street, Bethlehem, Pa.; Robert Robertson, 112 Walnut Street, Bridgeport, Conn.

December 21, 1916—Hugh Kelly, 10 Clarmont Avenue, Quincy, Mass.; Robert B. Stewart, 634 East Laurel Street, Bethlehem, Pa.

January 18, 1917—James Ainsworth, 184 Connecticut Avenue, Bridgeport, Conn.

Before the new system of reinstatements became operative, the following players were reinstated under the plan in effect during the 1915-16 season:

May 24, 1916—Robert Greer, 274 Metropolitan Avenue, Rosindale, Mass. (By George M. Collins.)

June 2, 1916—John Dundas, 26 Bath Street, Manchester, N. H. (By George M. Collins.)

NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL GAMES COMMITTEE.

Report will be made at the meeting.

NATIONAL CHALLENGE CUP COMPETITION COMMITTEE.

The National Challenge Cup Competition Committee has held seven meetings since the last annual report was made. These have been at Philadelphia, Pa., May 28, 1916; Providence, R. I., October 8; Providence, November 14; Newark, N. J., December 2; Providence, January 17, 1917; New Haven, Conn., February 11, and New York City, April 8.

Two meetings of the Emergency Committee of the Cup Committee, regularly called, were held: June 12, 1916, and December 17, both at Providence, R. I.

The expenses for the conducting of this competition and committee work, including committeemen's traveling expenses, charges for meeting places, referees' fees for qualifying rounds, telegrams, postage, special roll tickets for semi-finals and final, printing, etc., amounted to \$493.32, as against \$431.63 the previous year.

But eighty-one clubs last fall entered the competition, as against eighty-eight the year before. Illinois, Michigan, Ohio, Pennsylvania, New Jersey, New York, Connecticut, Rhode Island and Massachusetts were represented. Considerably more than 1,100 players, professional and amateur, participated. Total paid attendance for the season was 38,449, as against 67,970 the previous year, and the gate receipts totaled \$11,210.75, as compared to receipts in 1915-16 of \$16,742.97. For the first time, last season, 50 cents admission to the semi-finals and final was exacted of adults. The net income to the U.S.F.A. was \$1,415.94, as against \$1,955.21 net revenue the season before.

The tabulated results of the National Challenge Cup Competition for the season of 1916-17, with the names of the officials, follow:

FIRST ROUND.

District.	Total Receipts.	Gross 10%.	Delegates' Fees.	Expenses.	Net Gain.
Massachusetts	\$520.65	\$52.07	\$6.00	\$4.50	\$41.57
Northwestern New York.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Eastern Pennsylvania	185.05	18.68	4.50	.10	14.08
Connecticut	219.65	21.97	2.90	.....	19.07
New York and New Jersey.....	686.10	68.59	9.00	.90	53.69
Rhode Island	289.80	28.97	3.00	.16	25.81
Western Pennsylvania	105.00	10.50	.....	.....	10.50
Ohio	210.25	21.02	3.00	.16	17.86
Illinois	296.75	29.70	4.50	.20	25.00
Michigan	301.75	30.15	4.50	.05	25.00
Total	\$2,815.00	\$281.65	\$37.40	\$6.07	\$233.18

SECOND ROUND.

District.	Total Receipts.	Gross 10%.	Delegates' Fees.	Expenses.	Net Gain.
N. Y., N. J. and Eastern Pennsylvania.	\$916.15	\$91.60	\$7.50	\$0.90	\$83.20
Massachusetts	442.40	44.24	3.00	1.15	40.09
Rhode Island	130.10	13.00	3.00	1.00	9.00
Connecticut	60.00	6.00	1.50	.30	4.20
Western Pennsylvania	19.75	1.97	1.50	.30	.17
Ohio	29.50	2.95	1.50	.14	1.31
Michigan and Northwestern New York..	124.00	12.40	3.00	.20	9.20
Illinois	57.00	5.70	3.00	1.03	1.62
Total	\$1,778.90	\$177.86	\$24.00	\$5.07	\$148.79

THIRD ROUND.

District.	Total Receipts.	Gross 10%.	Delegates' Fees.	Delegates' Expenses.	Net Gain.
Massachusetts and Rhode Island.....	\$189.30	\$18.92	\$3.00	\$0.40	\$15.52
N. Y., N. J., Connecticut and Eastern Pennsylvania	715.95	71.59	4.50	.09	67.00
Western Pennsylvania and Ohio.....	30.25	3.05	1.50	.30	1.25
Michigan	91.25	9.15	1.50	...	7.65
Illinois	149.75	14.97	1.50	...	13.47
Total	\$1,176.50	\$117.68	\$12.00	\$0.79	\$104.89

FOURTH ROUND.

District.	Total Receipts.	Gross 15%.	Delegates' Fees.	Delegates' Expenses.	Net Gain.
Eastern Division	\$513.55	\$77.03	\$10.00	\$0.60	\$66.43
Western Division	343.80	51.53	5.00	5.05	41.53
Total	\$857.35	\$128.61	\$15.00	\$5.65	\$107.96

SEMI-FINALS.

District.	Total Receipts.	Exp.	Net Receipts.	1/3 Net Recp. to Each Cl.	1/3 Net Recp. to USA.
Eastern Division	\$1,297.00	\$721.11	\$575.89	\$191.96	\$191.96
*Western Division	750.00	735.93	14.07	4.69	4.69
Total	\$2,047.00	\$1,457.04	\$589.96	\$196.65	\$196.65

* Note:

Actual gate receipts..... \$614.75
 Gate guaranteed by B. S. W. F. C..... 750.00

Amount paid by B. S. W. F. C. to bring gate up to amount guaranteed \$135.25

FINAL.

Total Receipts.	Expenses.	Net Receipts.	1/3 Net Receipts to Each Club.	1/3 Net Receipts to U.S.F.A.
\$2,536.10	\$677.69	\$1,858.41	\$619.47	\$619.47

SUMMARY.

Rounds.	Total Receipts.	To U.S.F.A.	Delegates' Fees.	U.S.F.A. Expen.	U.S.F.A. Net Gain.
Qualifying.....	(Association accepted no percentage under new rule.)				
First	\$2,815.00	\$281.65 (10%)	\$37.40	\$6.07	\$238.18
Second	1,778.90	177.86 (10%)	24.00	5.07	148.79
Third	1,176.50	117.68 (10%)	12.00	.79	104.89
Fourth	857.35	128.61 (15%)	15.00	5.65	107.96
Semi-finals	2,047.00	196.65 1/3 of net receipts			196.65
Final	2,536.00	619.47 1/3 of net receipts			619.47
Total	\$11,210.75	\$1,521.92	\$88.40	\$17.58	\$1,415.94

The tabulated results of the National Challenge Cup Competition for the season 1916-17, with the names of the officials, are as follows:

QUALIFYING ROUND.

NEW YORK AND NEW JERSEY DISTRICT.

Bay Ridge F.C., 3; Dublin F.C., 0. Referee, Charles E. Creighton, New York City.
 Greenpoint F.C., 4; Ford F.C., 1. Referee, F. Smith, East Newark, N. J. Irish-American F.C., 4; Ironsides A.F.C., 1. Referee, Henry Dunn, Newark, N. J. Interborough Rapid Transit F.C. won by default from Brooklyn Field Club, disbanding.
 Continental F.C., 3; Greenville F.C., 2. Referee, Thomas Cunningham, Brooklyn, N. Y.

NORTHWESTERN NEW YORK DISTRICT.

Rochester Celtic F.C., 4; McNaughton Rangers F.C., 1. Referee, J. Ackroyd, Rochester, N. Y.

MASSACHUSETTS DISTRICT.

Clan McLennan F.C., 3; Chicopee Rovers F.C., 2. Referee, H. S. Stanwell, Chicopee Falls, Mass. New Bedford Celtic, 4; Lawrence C. and A.A.F.C., 0. Referee, George E. Mitchell, New Bedford, Mass. Swedish-American F.C., 4; Clan Sutherland F.C., 3. Referee, Thomas Harrison, Worcester, Mass. Lawrence Olympics F.C., 4; St. George A.C., 1. Referee, F. Houghton, Lawrence, Mass. Methuen F.C., 1; Lawrence Thistle F.C., 0. Referee, James Tusen, Lawrence, Mass.

EASTERN PENNSYLVANIA DISTRICT.

Veteran A.A.F.C., 6; Victor T. M. Co. F.C., 0. Referee, W. E. Hinds, Philadelphia, Pa.

MICHIGAN DISTRICT.

Caledonia F.C., 1; Walkerville F.C., 0. Referee, J. B. Stark, Detroit, Mich. National S.F.C., 4; Rising Star S.C., 0. Referee, James Millman, Detroit, Mich.

OHIO DISTRICT.

White Auto F.C., 2; Cuyahoga Works F.C., 1. Referee, J. B. Storrie, Cleveland, Ohio.

ILLINOIS DISTRICT.

Slavia F.C., 3; Wanderers F.C., 1. Referee, W. Napier, Chicago, Ill.

RHODE ISLAND DISTRICT.

Greystone A.C., 3; Lonsdale F.C., 2. Referee, H. Wade, Central Falls, R. I.

FIRST ROUND PROPER.

MASSACHUSETTS DISTRICT.

November 18, 1916, at Lawrence, Mass.—Olympic F.C. of Lawrence, Mass., 5; Methuen F.C. of Methuen, Mass., 0. Referee, James Tusen, Lawrence, Mass.; delegate, J. Scholefield, Methuen, Mass.

November 18, 1916, at Fall River, Mass.—Fall River Rovers F.C. of Fall River, Mass., 4; General Electric F.C. of Quincy, Mass., 0. Referee, A. Catts, Quincy, Mass.; delegate, P. Donnelly, Fall River, Mass.

November 18, 1916, at Ludlow, Mass.—Clan McLennan F.C. of Ludlow, Mass., 4; New Bedford Celtics F.C. of New Bedford, Mass., 2. Referee, H. S. Stanwell, Chicopee Falls, Mass.; delegate, J. P. MacKechnie, Chicopee Falls, Mass.

November 18, 1916, at West Lynn, Mass.—Lynn Hibernians F.C. of Lynn, Mass., 2; Fall River Rovers F.C. of Quincy, Mass., 0. Referee, W. Taylor, Pawtucket, R. I.; delegate, Samuel McLerie, Medford, Mass.

November 18, 1916, at Andover, Mass.—Andover United F.C. of Andover, Mass., 4; Clan Sutherland F.C. of Brookline, Mass., 1. Referee, Pat G. Darcy, North Andover, Mass.; delegate, D. Little, Andover, Mass.

November 18, 1916, at New Bedford, Mass.—New Bedford F.C. of New Bedford, Mass., 2; Pan-American F.C. of Fall River, Mass., 0. Referee, George Lambie, Belmont, Mass.; delegate, John A. Fernley, Central Falls, R. I.

NORTHWESTERN NEW YORK DISTRICT.

November 19, 1916, at Rochester, N. Y.—Rochester City F.C. won by forfeiture through non-appearance of Rochester Celtic F.C.

CONNECTICUT DISTRICT.

November 12, 1916, at Bridgeport, Conn.—British-American F.C. of Waterbury, Conn., 1; Remington City F.C. of Bridgeport, Conn., 0. Referee, G. Denholm, Ansonia, Conn.; delegate, Joe Booth, Bridgeport, Conn.

November 19, 1916, at Bridgeport, Conn.—Bridgeport City F.C. of Bridgeport, Conn., 5; Bridgeport Rangers F.C. of Bridgeport, Conn., 1. Referee, J. Miller, New Haven, Conn.; delegate, Joe Booth, Bridgeport, Conn.

EASTERN PENNSYLVANIA DISTRICT.

November 11, 1916, at Bethlehem, Pa.—Bethlehem Steel Co. F.C. of South Bethlehem, Pa., 5; Veteran A.A.F.C. of Philadelphia, Pa., 0. Referee, James Walder, Philadelphia, Pa.; delegate, Harry W. Trend, South Bethlehem, Pa.

November 18, 1916, at Philadelphia, Pa.—Putnam F.C. of Philadelphia, Pa., 3; Allentown Y.M.C.A. F.C. of Allentown, Pa., 0. Referee, James Walder, Philadelphia, Pa.; delegate, William Palmer, Philadelphia, Pa.

November 18, 1916, at Tacony, Philadelphia, Pa.—Disston A.A. F.C. of Tacony, Philadelphia, Pa., 2; Wanderers F.C. of Philadelphia, Pa., 0. Referee, W. E. Hinds, Philadelphia, Pa.; delegate, George Schmidt, Philadelphia, Pa.

NEW YORK AND NEW JERSEY DISTRICT.

November 19, 1916, at New York City—New York F.C. of New York City, 1; Interborough Rapid Transit Strollers F.C. of New York City, 0. Referee, G. Caldicott, New York City; delegate, J. J. Farrell, New York City.

November 19, 1916, at Jersey City, N. J.—Jersey A.C. F.C. of Jersey City, N. J., 4; Irish-American F.C. of East Newark, N. J., 0. Referee, H. Dunn, Newark, N. J.; delegate, T. Bagnall, Harrison, N. J.

November 19, 1916, at New York City—Clan McDonald F.C. of Brooklyn, N. Y., 3; Continental F.C. of New York City, 1. Referee, T. Cunningham, New York City; delegate, D. Ross, New York City.

November 12, 1916, at East Newark, N. J.—West Hudson F.C. of Harrison, N. J., 1; Greenpoint F.C. of Brooklyn, N. Y., 0. Referee, M. King, Newark, N. J.; delegate, T. Bagnall, Harrison, N. J.

November 19, 1916, at New York City—Brooklyn Celtic F.C. won from Yonkers F.C. by forfeiture owing to disbandment of Yonkers F.C.

November 19, 1916, at Brooklyn, N. Y.—Bay Ridge F.C. of Brooklyn, N. Y., 1; Clan MacDuff F.C. of New York City, 0. Referee, Charles E. Creighton, New York City; delegate, A. Madden, Brooklyn, N. Y.

November 19, 1916, at East Newark, N. J.—Scottish-American F.C. of Newark, N. J., 3; Babcock & Wilcox F.C. of Bayonne, N. J., 2. Referee, David M. Whyte, Brooklyn, N. Y.; delegate, J. Stenger, Bayonne, N. J.

RHODE ISLAND DISTRICT.

November 4, 1916, at Pawtucket, R. I.—Howard & Bullough F.C. of Pawtucket, R. I., 4; Greystone A.C. of Greystone, R. I., 0. Referee, G. E. Mitchell, New Bedford, Mass.; delegate, Richard Bolton, Greystone, R. I.

November 18, 1916, at Pawtucket, R. I.—Crompton F.C. of Crompton, R. I., 1; J. & P. Coats F.C. of Pawtucket, R. I., 0. Referee, J. Dobson, Fall River, Mass.; delegate, W. D. Love, Pawtucket, R. I.

WESTERN PENNSYLVANIA DISTRICT.

November 18, 1916, at Homestead, Pa.—Homestead Steel Works F.C. of Homestead, Pa., 1; Braddock Steel F.C. of Pittsburgh, Pa., 0. Referee, J. Spence, Leetsdale, Pa.; delegate, George Stewart, Homestead, Pa.

November 19, 1916, at Juniata, Pa.—Treveskyn F.C. of Treveskyn, Pa., forfeited to Juniata Pennsylvania Railroad Football Club by default.

OHIO DISTRICT.

November 19, 1916, at Cleveland, Ohio—Thistle F.C. of Cleveland, Ohio, 4; Akron F.C. of Akron, Ohio, 3. Referee, J. Conway, Cleveland, Ohio; delegate, James B. Smith, Cleveland, Ohio.

November 12, 1916, at Cleveland, Ohio—White Auto F.C. of Cleveland, Ohio, 2; Cleveland F.C. of Cleveland, Ohio, 1. Referee, J. B. Storrie, Cleveland, Ohio; delegate, A. Fraser, Cleveland, Ohio.

ILLINOIS DISTRICT.

November 19, 1916, at Chicago, Ill.—Bricklayers F.C. of Chicago, Ill., 3; Hyde Park Blues of Chicago, Ill., 0. Referee, W. Napier, Chicago, Ill.; delegate, Peter J. Peel, Chicago, Ill.

November 19, 1916, at Chicago, Ill.—Joliet Steel Works F.C. of Joliet, Ill., 3; Slavia F.C. of Chicago, Ill., 1. Referee, Peter Gemmill, Chicago, Ill.; delegate, John A. Shea, Joliet, Ill.

November 19, 1916, at Chicago, Ill.—MacDuff F.C. of Chicago, Ill., 2; Pullman Professional F.C. of Pullman, Ill., 0. Referee, Thomas Dempsey, Chicago, Ill.; delegate, George Male, Chicago, Ill.

November 26, 1916, at Chicago, Ill.—Pullman Association F.C. of Pullman, Ill., 3; Chicago Americans F.C. of Chicago, Ill., 0. Referee, Dave McKean, Chicago, Ill.; delegate, Ernest A. Backlin, Pullman, Ill.

MICHIGAN DISTRICT.

November 5, 1916, at Detroit, Mich.—Detroit F.C. of Detroit, Mich., 4; National F.C. of Detroit, Mich., 2. Referee, J. B. Stark, Detroit, Mich.; delegate, A. Parker, Detroit, Mich.

November 12, 1916, at Detroit, Mich.—St. George F.C. of Detroit, Mich., 3; Packard F.C. of Detroit, Mich., 1. Referee, J. B. Stark, Detroit, Mich.; delegate, George Healey, Detroit, Mich.

November 19, 1916, at Detroit, Mich.—Caledonia F.C. of Detroit, Mich., 3; Roses F.C. of Detroit, Mich., 1. Referee, J. H. Millman, Detroit, Mich.; delegate, J. Thom, Detroit, Mich.

SECOND ROUND.

NEW YORK, NEW JERSEY AND EASTERN PENNSYLVANIA DISTRICT.

December 31, 1916, at East Newark, N. J.—West Hudson F.C. of Harrison, N. J., 2; Clan MacDonald F.C. of Brooklyn, N. Y., 1. Referee, William Williams, New York City; delegate, T. Bagnall, Harrison N. J.

January 6, 1917, at Bethlehem, Pa.—Bethlehem Steel Company F.C., 3; Brooklyn Celtic F.C. of Brooklyn, N. Y., 1. Referee, James Walder, Philadelphia, Pa.; delegate, Harry W. Trend, Bethlehem, Pa.

January 6, 1917, at Philadelphia, Pa.—New York F.C. of New York City, 2; Putnam F.C. of Philadelphia, Pa., 0. Referee, James Walder, Philadelphia, Pa.; delegate, William Palmer, Philadelphia, Pa.

January 6, 1917, at Tacony, Philadelphia, Pa.—Disston A.A. F.C. of Tacony, Philadelphia, Pa., 0; Jersey A.C. of Jersey City, N. J., 0. Referee, W. E. Hinds, Philadelphia, Pa.; delegate, Arthur Watson, Philadelphia, Pa.

December 17, 1916, at East Newark, N. J.—Scottish-American F.C. of East Newark, N. J., 2; Bay Ridge F.C. of Brooklyn, N. Y., 0. Referee, Thomas Earle, Kearny, N. J.; delegate, Edward P. Duffy, Newark, N. J. (Cup Committee allowed this contest to be called a friendly game, the association delegate and referee not having put in an appearance.)

Bay Ridge F.C. of Brooklyn, N. Y., subsequently won by forfeiture from Scottish-American F.C. of East Newark, N. J., on account of non-appearance of the latter club. G. Caldicott of Brooklyn, N. Y., was named referee, and W. A. Campbell of Kearny, N. J., delegate, to this game. Later the Cup Committee ruled the match should be replayed at East Newark, N. J.

February 18, 1917, at East Newark, N. J.—Scottish-American F.C. of East Newark, N. J., 2; Bay Ridge F.C. of Brooklyn, N. Y., 1. Referee, Thomas Cunningham, Brooklyn, N. Y.; delegate, Thomas J. Duffy, Newark, N. J.

MASSACHUSETTS DISTRICT.

December 30, 1916, at Fall River, Mass.—Fall River Rogers F.C. of Fall River, Mass., 3; New Bedford F.C. of New Bedford, Mass., 1. Referee, G. Lambie, Belmont, Mass.; delegate, J. A. Fernley, Pawtucket, R. I.

December 16, 1916, at Andover, Mass.—Andover United F.C. of Andover, Mass., won by forfeiture from Clan McLennan F.C. of Ludlow, Mass., through latter club's suspension.

January 6, 1917, at Lynn, Mass.—Lynn Hibernian F.C. of West Lynn, Mass., 1; Lawrence Olympics of Lawrence, Mass., 0. Referee, P. J. Darcy, North Andover, Mass.; delegate, Sam McLerie, Medford, Mass.

RHODE ISLAND DISTRICT.

January 20, 1917, at Pawtucket, R. I.—Crompton F.C. of Crompton, R. I., 0; Howard & Bullough F.C. of Pawtucket, R. I., 0. Referee, G. Mitchell, New Bedford, Mass.; delegate, William D. Love, Pawtucket, R. I.

February 25, 1917, at Pawtucket, R. I. (Replay)—Howard & Bullough F.C. of Pawtucket, R. I., 5; Crompton F.C. of Crompton, R. I., 2. Referee, George Mitchell, New Bedford, Mass.; delegate, W. D. Love, Pawtucket, R. I.

CONNECTICUT DISTRICT.

December 17, 1916, at Bridgeport, Conn.—Bridgeport City F.C. of Bridgeport, Conn., 4; British-American F.C. of Waterbury, Conn., 0. Referee, Robert Rae, Bridgeport, Conn.; delegate, Joe Booth, Bridgeport, Conn.

WESTERN PENNSYLVANIA DISTRICT.

December 17, 1916, at Homestead, Pa.—Homestead Steel Works F.C. of Homestead, Pa., 9; Juniata P.R.R. F.C. of Juniata, Pa., 2. Referee, James Spence, Leetsdale, Pa.; delegate, William S. Haddock, Pittsburgh, Pa.

OHIO DISTRICT.

December 17, 1916, at Cleveland, Ohio—White Auto F.C. of Cleveland, Ohio, 1; Thistle F.C. of Cleveland, Ohio, 0. Referee, J. B. Storrie, Cleveland, Ohio; delegate, James B. Smith, Cleveland, Ohio.

MICHIGAN AND NORTHWESTERN NEW YORK DISTRICT.

December 17, 1916, at Rochester, N. Y.—Detroit F.C. of Detroit, Mich., 1; Rochester City F.C. of Rochester, N. Y., 0. Referee, Thomas O'Neill, Buffalo, N. Y.; delegate, D. Horrocks, Rochester, N. Y.

December 17, 1916, at Detroit, Mich.—Caledonia F.C. of Detroit, Mich., 3; St. George F.C. of Detroit, Mich., 1. Referee, J. B. Stark, Detroit, Mich.; delegate, George Healey, Detroit, Mich.

ILLINOIS DISTRICT.

December 24, 1916, at Chicago, Ill.—Joliet Steel Works F.C. of Joliet, Ill., 2; Bricklayers F.C. of Chicago, Ill., 1. Referee, W. Napier, Chicago, Ill.; delegate, Peter J. Peel, Chicago, Ill.

March 4, 1917, at Pullman, Ill.—MacDuff F.C. of Chicago, Ill., 3; Pullman A.F.C. of Pullman, Ill., 1. Referee, Peter Gemmill, Chicago, Ill.; delegate, W. R. Cummings, Chicago, Ill.

THIRD ROUND.

MASSACHUSETTS DISTRICT.

March 17, 1917, at Fall River, Mass.—Fall River Rovers F.C. of Fall River, Mass., 3; Lynn Hibernians of Lynn, Mass., 1. Referee, Pat G. Darcy, Lawrence, Mass.; delegate, Albert W. Keane, New Bedford, Mass.

March 31, 1917, at Andover, Mass.—Howard & Bullough F.C. of Pawtucket, R. I., 5; Andover United F.C. of Andover, Mass., 2. Referee, George Lambie, Belmont, Mass.; delegate, James W. Riley, Methuen, Mass.

NEW YORK, NEW JERSEY, CONNECTICUT AND EASTERN PENNSYLVANIA DISTRICT.

February 4, 1917, at Bridgeport, Conn.—Disston A.A. F.C. of Tacony, Philadelphia, Pa., 1; Bridgeport City F.C. of Bridgeport, Conn., 0. Referee, John A. Drake, Hartford, Conn.; delegate, Joe Booth, Bridgeport, Conn.

February 4, 1917, at East Newark, N. J.—Bethlehem Steel Company F.C. of Bethlehem, Pa., 2; West Hudson F.C. of Harrison, N. J., 0. Referee, Charles E. Creighton, New York City; delegate, T. Bagnall, Harrison, N. J.

February 25, 1917, at East Newark, N. J.—New York F.C. of New York City, 6; Scottish-American F.C. of East Newark, N. J., 4. Referee, Charles E. Creighton, New York City; delegate, Thomas J. Duffy, Newark, N. J.

WESTERN PENNSYLVANIA AND OHIO DISTRICT.

February 3, 1917, at Homestead, Pa.—Homestead Steel Works F.C. of Homestead, Pa., 2; White Auto F.C. of Cleveland, Ohio, 1. Referee, J. B. Storrie, Cleveland, Ohio; delegate, William S. Haddock, Pittsburgh, Pa.

MICHIGAN DISTRICT.

March 4, 1917, at Detroit, Mich.—Caledonia F.C. of Detroit, Mich., 2; Detroit F.C. of Detroit, Mich., 1. Referee, J. B. Stark, Detroit, Mich.; delegate, George Healey, Detroit, Mich.

ILLINOIS DISTRICT.

March 25, 1917, at Chicago, Ill.—Joliet Steel Works F.C. of Joliet, Ill., 6; MacDuff F.C. of Chicago, Ill., 1. Referee, Walter Napier, Chicago, Ill.; delegate, H. H. Fettes, Chicago, Ill.

FOURTH ROUND.

EASTERN SECTION.

March 10, 1917, at Tacony, Philadelphia, Pa.—Disston A.A. F.C. of Tacony, Philadelphia, Pa., 2; New York F.C. of New York City, 0. Referee, James Walder, Philadelphia, Pa.; delegate, William Palmer, Philadelphia, Pa.

April 7, 1917, at Fall River, Mass.—Fall River Rovers F.C. of Fall River, Mass., 6; Howard & Bullough F.C. of Pawtucket, R. I., 1. Referee, G. Mitchell, New Bedford, Mass.; delegate, Albert W. Keane, New Bedford, Mass.

WESTERN SECTION.

March 3, 1917, at Bethlehem, Pa.—Bethlehem Steel Company F.C. of Bethlehem, Pa., 2; Homestead F.C. of Homestead, Pa., 1. Referee, W. E. Hinds, Philadelphia, Pa.; delegate, T. W. Cahill, New York City.

April 8, 1917, at Detroit, Mich.—Joliet Steel Works F.C. of Joliet, Ill., 4; Caledonia F.C. of Detroit, Mich., 0. Referee, John B. Stark, Detroit, Mich.; delegate, George Healey, Detroit, Mich.

SEMI-FINAL ROUNDS.

EASTERN SECTION.

April 15, 1917, at Clark's Athletic Field, East Newark, N. J.—Fall River Rovers of Fall River, Mass., 1; Disston A.A. F.C. of Tacony, Philadelphia, Pa., 1. (Extra time played.) Referee, James Walder, Philadelphia, Pa.; linesmen, G. Caldicott, New York City, and H. Dunn, Newark, N. J.; U.S.F.A. Representative, William Palmer, Philadelphia, Pa.; delegate, T. Bagnall, Harrison, N. J.

April 21, 1917, at Page Mill Field, New Bedford, Mass. (Replay)—Fall River Rovers of Fall River, Mass., 4; Disston A.A. F.C. of Tacony, Philadelphia, Pa., 3. Extra time played.) Referee, George Lambie, Belmont, Mass.; linesmen, W. Norse, New Bedford, Mass., and G. Mitchell, New Bedford, Mass.; delegate, A. W. Keane, New Bedford, Mass.

WESTERN SECTION.

April 21, 1917, at Bethlehem Athletic Field, Bethlehem, Pa.—Bethlehem Steel Company F.C. of Bethlehem, Pa., 6; Joliet Steel Works F.C. of Joliet, Ill., 0. Referee, Charles E. Creighton, New York City; linesmen, E. Waldron, Wissahickon, Pa., and J. H. Carpenter, Bethlehem, Pa.; delegate, T. Bagnall, Harrison, N. J.; U.S.F.A. Representative, T. W. Cahill, New York City.

FINAL ROUND.

May 5, 1917, at Coats Field, Pawtucket, R. I.—Fall River Rovers F.C. of Fall River, Mass., 1; Bethlehem Steel Company F.C. of Bethlehem, Pa., 0. Referee, William Taylor, Pawtucket, R. I.; linesmen, Patrick J. Darcy, North Andover, Mass., and Robert Ritchie, Boston, Mass.; delegates, George M. Collins, Boston, Mass., and T. W. Cahill, New York City; U.S.F.A. Representatives, J. A. Fernley, Pawtucket, R. I., and A. W. Keane, New Bedford, Mass.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE TREASURER, 1916-17.

RECAPITULATION.

Balance on hand May 20, 1916.....	\$2,412.72
Income for season 1916-17.. .. .	2,559.07
Total	<u>\$4,971.79</u>
Expenditures, season 1916-17.....	<u>3,624.36</u>
Balance on hand May 16, 1917.....	\$1,347.43



A. M. Addison, Maple Shade, N. J., President United States Referees' Union. 2,
James W. Walder, Hon. Secretary United States Referees' Union.



HARRY W. TREND

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Only the good lives after, but too much often is said in post-mortem eulogy. Enough in praise, however, cannot be written in the space we have to devote to the sudden and untimely passing of one of the most faithful and admirable workers for soccer—Harry W. Trend. Not in years has the great winter game lost so widely popular and so valuable a friend.

Manager of athletics for Bethlehem Steel Company, Mr. Trend died a martyr to soccer, the game to which he gave unselfishly the major part of his time and effort. He succumbed at St. Luke's Hospital, South Bethlehem, Pa., to pneumonia contracted at an exhibition soccer game at Bethlehem, between the then champion Bethlehem Steel Company club and the Ben Millers of St. Louis, six days before. He died in his thirty-fifth year, leaving a widow and two sons. His funeral was largely attended by Bethlehem Steel Company officials, soccer folk, and other friends who held him in highest esteem.

Born in England, and early an athlete, Mr. Trend saw service in the British Navy previous to his coming to the United States. He was with the Bethlehem Steel Company seven years, and soon after joining the great firm showed such interest and capability in building up a championship soccer team that he was made manager of all athletics for the company.

Indefatigable in his labors for sport on its highest plane, was Mr. Trend. He won a host of friends in his wide travels in the interest of athletics, chiefly soccer, and was held in highest respect by all who knew him. He was a man of quiet disposition, of most lovable character, one to be relied upon at all times, and never unjust or unfair in any human relationship. In him, soccer lost a man whose name long will be associated with all that is good, all that is high and cleanly in athletics. His passing convinces me, with Young, that "Death loves a shining mark, a signal blow."

THOMAS W. CAHILL.



1, Laurence L. Holden, President, whose financial support has developed the game in New England to its present high quality, and whose ambition was realized when his club brought the National Cup to Fall River. 2, Harold Crook, Third Vice-President U.S.F.A., to whose untiring efforts must be attributed much of the success of the Rovers, for whom he was Secretary for many years. 3, Thomas Swords, Captain, whose brilliant goal won for his club the National Cup from the Bethlehem F.C. 4, Randolph Howarth, Manager, whose ability as a team general has been recognized for years. 5, William Taylor, Boston, Mass., Referee of the U.S.F.A. Final, May 5, 1917.

OFFICERS OF THE FALL RIVER FOOTBALL CLUB AND REFEREE OF
THE U.S.F.A. FINAL.



Back row (left to right)—James W. Hennessey, Frank Booth, John Albin, Trainer; Charles S. Burns, Thomas Underwood, C. Davys.
Second row—Frederick Burns, Randolph Howarth, Mgr.; Harold Crook, Sec.-Treas.; L. L. Holden, Pres.; Gedeon Lapierre. Third row—
William W. Turner, John J. Sullivan, Thomas Swords, Capt.; John F. Culleton. Front row—Arthur Morgan, Francis Landy.

FALL RIVER ROVERS FOOTBALL CLUB, FALL RIVER, MASS.
Champions of the United States; Holders of the National Challenge Cup.



H. E. LEWIS,

Manager Bethlehem Football Club of Bethlehem, Pa., Soccer Champions of the United States, Seasons 1914-15-16, to whom belongs the honor of making Soccer the premier autumn, winter and spring sport in the Lehigh Valley, and who built up a national championship team in three years. He is one of the most valuable of the numerous earnest workers in the United States Football Association.



1, J. Machen, Treas.; 2, Spalding; 3, Macdonald; 4, McKelvey; 5, Fletcher; 6, Murray; 7, Bland; 8, Pepper; 9, H. E. Lewis, Mgr.; 10, Duncan; 11, Campbell; 12, Clark; 13, Ratican; 14, Ferguson; 15, Morrison; 16, Butler; 17, Forrest; 18, H. W. Trend, Business Mgr.; 19, Kirkpatrick; 20, Chadwick; 21, Fleming.

BETHLEHEM STEEL COMPANY FOOTBALL CLUB, BETHLEHEM, PA.

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T. W. CAHILL, Hon. Secretary,
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With all the different agencies at work to take care of the necessities and comforts of the soldiers who are being called to the colors, we feel there is danger that soccer football players are being overlooked.

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All names of contributors will be published in the *American Cricketer*, 610 South Second Street, Philadelphia, Pa.

Yours respectfully,

T. W. CAHILL,
THOMAS BAGNALL.

U. S. F. A. National Challenge Cup Final

FALL RIVER ROVERS OF FALL RIVER, MASS., 1; BETHLEHEM STEEL COMPANY F.C. OF BETHLEHEM, PA., 0. PLAYED AT COATS FIELD, PAWTUCKET, R. I., MAY 5, 1917.

BY CHARLES ASHTON LOVETT, NEW YORK CITY.

One of the most sensational games soccer football in the United States yet has seen, produced a new national champion in the 1916-17 season. The old gold and blue of the Fall River Rovers, the pride of New England, flashed to a well-deserved victory over the far-famed light blue and white of the Bethlehem Steel Company eleven in the final of the National Challenge Cup competition at Coats Field, Pawtucket, R. I., on May 5, 1917. A lone goal, tallied by the Rovers in the first minute of play through a daring, dashing attack decided the match, witnessed by some 7,500 fans who braved a stiff, cutting northeast wind and a drenching drizzle.

Captain Thomas Swords of the Rovers netted the ball from a beautiful pass from center forward Francis M. Landy and, with a lightning boot, crossed the internationally famous Bethlehem goalie, William Duncan, almost before the shrill of the starting whistle had ceased to echo. Appropriate indeed that Swords should score that all-important goal—Swords, who captained so excellently the first international team from the United States, which compelled respect for American soccer football throughout all Europe by its triumphs in Sweden and Norway in the summer of 1916. The fame that goal added to his already brilliant football record was well-earned; his wonderful, unexpected, fierce dash, virtually from the kick-off, was strikingly characteristic of his nerve and sharp, aggressive play.

So sudden was the blow that struck deep into the imposing record of the great Bethlehem machine that it required many seconds for players and spectators alike to grasp the fact, to realize the significance of the highly sensational play. Swords' vicious, accurately curving kick left the crowd awestruck, and for the moment, no doubt, the champion Bethlehem team, as well. When the realization dawned upon momentarily dazed senses, there burst forth from the loyal assemblage of New England partisans not mere cheers, but wild, frenzied, deliriously sustained shouting, that subsided only when play waxed warm again, several minutes after the Bethlehem meshes had arrested the remarkable career of Swords' tale-telling drive.

For nine and eighty minutes of succeeding play the sturdy sons of Fall River, buoyed up by their initial success and its tremendous, accruing advantage, fought tenaciously to retain that lead, nor ventured often again to assume the offensive. Grimly determined to wrest back that which so abruptly had been torn from them, the polished, well-oiled, precise Schwab combination struggled masterfully, persistently bombarding Albion, the Rovers' able goalie. But the Fall River defense was a mite too capable, both afield and before the net, for solution by the Bethlehem organization.

Bethlehem won the toss and chose to defend the south goal. Landy started the sphere a-rolling. The ball had not been soiled on the mud-surfaced field when Sullivan gained possession and passed to Landy, who deflected to Swords. With the entire defense line of the Bethlehem team before him, Captain Tommy inaugurated one of his thrilling, zig-zagging tears down the field. He eluded player after player until, within thirty feet of the Bethlehem goal, he cut loose a rifle shot that curved just out of Duncan's reach and landed, as it proved, the great national trophy for the first time in the New England district.

Swords was hugged and slapped appreciatively by turns as his teammates crowded 'round him before returning to their positions. When the battle was reconvened, fouls were numerous, largely the result of over-anxiety and super-aggressiveness. Fletcher and Pepper were chiefly at fault, the former, soon after play was resumed, tripping Swords, who fell violently and on

recovery, seemed anxious, like his adversary, to engage in a sport apart from football. Referee William Taylor, who performed a splendid day's work, pacified the pair. Forrest then made a sparkling dash into Rover territory, and only a fine clearance by Booth, it seemed, spared a Bethlehem tally. Landy took the ball near the Bethlehem goal, but Ferguson checked his rush. Thereafter the ball was much in Rover territory. McKelvey started a fine try from well out near the touchline, only to have Albion make a corking save. Fleming centered to Forrest, who had another splendid opportunity, but fliered. Several corner kicks availed Bethlehem nothing. Playing a fine aggressive game, the blue shirts had many chances to get in close, but the Rover defenders held firm under fire. Bethlehem displayed well-nigh perfect play, but could not get in the final punch.

Easton, Booth and McKelvey featured alternately before Forrest made another sterling bid for a goal that found Albion wakeful. The goalie's throwout struck Booth and the ball bounded back dangerously near the Fall River goal, but after a rattling mix-up before the cage C. Burns booted well into the field's center. Again and again Bethlehem assailed the Rovers' goal, plainly worrying the gold and blue team. Just before the half-time whistle sounded, Pepper forced Albion to send a drive from him for a corner kick.

Bethlehem had superior dash at the outset of the second half. Brilliant work on the right wing won a corner kick soon after the restart of play. MacFarland saved the day for Fall River on this occasion, but the Pennsylvanians continued to pepper the Rover goal-tender, and it was only with great difficulty that the slate of the Howard-Crook combination was kept unsullied. The outside men were feeding the ball repeatedly to Easton, who, however, did not appear at his best in point of direction.

Fall River again ventured an offense. Turner centered to Cullerton, whose shot went wide of the mark. Bethlehem then gained its eighth corner of the game, when C. Burns, hard pressed, was forced to send the ball behind the line. Corner kicks of the steel workers were coming in such rapid succession that it seemed improbable the Rovers could weather the storm. Two more corners failed to gain anything, and a hands by Kilpatrick gave the Fall River back-field forces a much needed, if brief, breathing spell.

Undaunted by their many failures, Bethlehem, by this time playing desperately to retrieve that lone goal, came back down the field and again McKelvey made a pretty center, but Easton's shot went over the bar for a goal kick.

Returning the compliment, Fall River raced the ball down the field, and Cullerton gave Duncan his first save of the game twenty-four minutes after the whistle. The attempt lacked speed. A minute later Swords came near his second goal of the game, when he took a pass from Sullivan and shot it with terrific force against the cross-bar.

At this stage both teams were feeling the pace, and several falls seemed mildly provoked. Knowing the near approach of the end, the great Keystone State machine redoubled its effort for the goal that never came. After Swords ran the ball down the field, only to trip again over Fletcher, Fleming got loose for his best turn of the afternoon and Bethlehem all but tied the count. Fleming's desperate curving shot was barely saved by Albion. This was the final kick of the Bethlehems, and the game ended with the ball in their territory. Just before the final whistle, Cullerton, after a pretty run down the field following a pass from Sullivan, gave Duncan his second and last save of the day.

At the curtain's fall, the Fall River followers set up a mighty din that continued unabated for fully fifteen minutes around the clubhouse. With the final whistle, the Rovers forgot for the moment their fatigue, their bruises and mud-bespattered condition and casting convention to the gale, hugged one another in their great joy. Bethlehem, with no need for shame, left the field with heads lowered, ill-concealing their disappointment and surprise. The faded champions' fight had been tremendous, game to the very core, and after that first minute's play they had shown to much the greater advantage. But the Fall River defense proved too strong in the face of the terrific Bethlehem assault—too capable of assimilating punishment—and none can say the highest honors that go with football in this country were not properly the property of the Fall River aggregation.

Fall River Rovers (1).	Position.	Bethlehem Steel Co. F.C. (0).
Albion.....	Goal.....	Duncan
Booth.....	Right full-back.....	Fletcher
C. Burns.....	Left full-back.....	Ferguson
F. Burns.....	Right half-back.....	Murray
MacFarland.....	Center half-back.....	Campbell
LaPierre.....	Left half-back.....	Kirkpatrick
Turner.....	Outside right.....	McKelvey
Sullivan.....	Inside right.....	Pepper
Landy.....	Center forward.....	Easton
Swords.....	Inside left.....	Forrest
Cullerton.....	Outside left.....	Fleming

Goal—Swords. Referee—William Taylor of Pawtucket, R. I. Linesmen—Pat Darcy of Lawrence, Mass., and Robert Ritchie of Boston, Mass. Halves—45 minutes.

THE NEW NATIONAL CHAMPIONS.

BY K. B. ("CASEY") CRANDALL.

Hail to the new champions of the United States—the Fall River Rovers! After several years of endeavor the crack Fall River Rovers in 1916-17 finally captured the U.S.F.A. cup tie honors and the National Challenge Cup, emblematic of that title, when at Pawtucket, R. I., on May 5, 1917, they defeated the mighty Bethlehem Steel Company eleven by the score of 1 to 0 in one of the most sensational games ever played on American soil.

To the officials of the club, President Lawrence R. Holden, Secretary Harold Crook, Manager Randolph Howarth and Captain Thomas Swords, the chief credit for the great victory of the New Englanders must be given. These men, tried and true veterans of the soccer world, went out for the championship and their efforts were rewarded with victory.

The Rovers not only won the U.S.F.A. competition but also the Times Cup competition for the championship of New England. Their title as champions of the country cannot be denied, as they defeated the Bethlehems, who were the winners of the other big cup competition in this country. It safely may be said that the Rovers did more in the past season to make football a popular sport in New England than any other organization.

In the U.S.F.A. competition the Rovers participated in seven games, winning six and drawing one. In the first round they defeated the Lynn General Electric by the score of 2 to 0. In the second round the wearers of the old gold and blue won from their ancient New Bedford (Mass.) rivals by a 3 to 1 score and in the third round eliminated the Lynn Hibernians, 4 to 1. The Rovers put over their high score of the series in the fourth round, when they took the measure of the Howard and Bullough eleven, 6 to 1. In the semi-finals the Rovers were called upon to play the Disston A.A.F.C. of Philadelphia, Pa., in East Newark, N. J. After a terrific struggle the two teams tied at one goal each. The play-off, which took place in New Bedford, was won by the Rovers in a high scoring game, 4 to 3, thanks to the great goal shooting ability of "Sinkey" Sullivan.

The final against the virtually undefeated Bethlehem aggregation was played before an immense throng, although the weather conditions were bad. The only goal of the contest came in the first minute of play and was scored by Captain Swords.

The victory was a popular one, as the majority of experts thought that the highly paid stars of Bethlehem were unbeatable. With one or two exceptions the Rovers were made up of native Fall River boys who learned the game on the lots of their home city.

HISTORY OF THE ROVERS.

The history of the Rovers is an interesting one. The team was organized at a meeting held on County Street, Fall River, Mass., in February, 1884. The club entered the Bristol County Football Association, which was composed of teams from Fall River and New Bedford in 1885 and 1886, and won the honors both seasons. In 1887-88 the Rovers were in the A.F.A. competition and brought the cup to New England for the first time in

history. In 1888-89 and 1890-91 the Rovers made a tour through Canada, the first American team to undertake such a trip. On this trip the Rovers did not meet with a single reverse and proved great drawing cards wherever they appeared.

In 1891, H. Ellis of Toronto, Canada, selected a team to tour Great Britain, and four members of the Rovers, Joseph H. Buckley, Dennis Shea, Henry Waring and Robert Bell, were chosen to make the trip. For several years following the team played in local leagues with great success. It was not until 1903 that the Rovers again came into national prominence. That year they captured the Interstate League championship. In 1904-5 the Rovers finished second in the New England League and the following year won the cup in that competition.

In 1907 the Rovers re-entered the American Football Association and reached the semi-finals, losing to the True Blues, 3 to 2. In 1908 the team again reached the semi-finals only to be forced out again, this time by the crack Clark O.N.T. team by a 2 to 0 tally. Once again in 1909 the Rovers were semi-finalists. The Tacony (Pa.) eleven eliminated them on this occasion, 2 to 1. The team in 1909 was the only one in America to trim the far famed Pilgrim team of England which was touring this country. The first game between these two mighty elevens ended in a 1—1 draw, but in the second the Rovers were the victors, 2 goals to 1.

In 1910 the Rovers did not enter the A.F.A. competition, but in 1911 were defeated in a replay of the second round by the Brooklyn F.C., 7 to 0. In 1912 the Rovers were forced to bow to defeat in the semi-final at the hands of the True Blues, 3 to 0. In 1913 the Rovers defeated the True Blues, 2 to 0, at Paterson, N. J., but the game was protested and ordered replayed. The Rovers refused to play and the game was forfeited to the True Blues.

The Jersey A.C. eliminated the Rovers in 1914 in the second round, 2 to 1. In 1915 the Bethlehem F.C. won the semi-final game, 3 to 1. The team was forced to withdraw from the competition in 1916 owing to a ruling of the Southern New England League.

SKETCHES OF PLAYERS AND OFFICIALS.

A short history of each of the various officials and members of the Rover team is given below:

LAWRENCE R. HOLDEN, president, has been connected with football ever since he has been able to remember. He long has been one of the game's strong men from a financial standpoint, even when the game was in its infancy. Mr. Holden has stated that he attained one of the ambitions of his life when the Rovers "brought home the bacon" last season.

HAROLD CROOK, secretary, is another mainstay of the game in New England. Mr. Crook was honored with election to the vice-presidency of the U.S.F.A. at the last meeting. This is indeed a great honor as seldom before Fall River has been remembered politically. Mr. Crook is a man of sterling quality and is beloved by both his players and the fans of Fall River. He has been identified with the game for many years.

RANDOLPH HOWARTH, manager, is famed as a developer of green players and it is doubtful if there is a shrewder judge in the country. Mr. Howarth himself was at one time quite a soccer player.

CAPTAIN THOMAS SWORDS—"Tommy" was born and bred in Fall River and needs little introduction to the fans of the country. He has been playing first class football for the past fourteen years, eleven of which were with the Rovers, one with New Bedford, one with Taunton (Mass.) and one with a Philadelphia team. Tommy is 31 years of age, weighs about 165 pounds and is easily one of the greatest forward players ever produced in this country. He has a wonderful record as a goal getter and it was his trusty toe that sent whizzing past the Bethlehem goalie on May 5, 1917, the goal that brought the championship to the Rovers.

CHARLES BURNS—"Chuck" is without doubt the best full-back in New England and probably in the country. Although light of weight he has a happy faculty of playing the big fellows off their feet and his work has

been a feature of the Rovers' play for several seasons. Charley is 28 years of age, weighs 130 pounds and has been playing football with the Rovers for the past ten years. Like his illustrious captain, he is a native Fall Riverite and proud of it.

WILLIAM W. TURNER—"Billy" Turner is one of the younger members of the Rovers. He is just one year past the legal voting age. He has been kicking football ever since he was 17 years old. He has played two seasons with the Rovers; his preliminary work was done in Pawtucket, R. I. Turner weighs about 130 pounds. He was born in Blackburn, Lancashire, England.

JOHN MCFARLAND—"Johnny," the tall center half-back, played last year his first season with the wearers of the old gold and black and his work was all that could be desired. Born in Scotland in 1887 he came to this country when a small boy. "Mac" is the tallest man on the team and weighs 170 pounds, which also give him the weight honors.

GEDEON LAPIERRE—"Stony" for years has been known as one of the best and toughest half-backs Fall River ever produced. Although suffering from an injured arm he played great football all last season and was one of the stars of the champions. He is 29 years of age and weighs 152 pounds when in playing trim.

THOMAS UNDERWOOD—"Tommy" is in the 22-year-old class. He played a rattling game at right full-back all season and should prove of great strength to the team in years to come. He has played football for ten years, but 1916-17 was his first as a member of the Rovers. He is one of the most versatile players on the team. His weight is 140 pounds.

FRED BURNS—"Freddy" is a younger brother of "Chuck" and although of several years less football experience comes pretty near equaling his big brother in defensive ability. Freddy has been hibernating on this mundane sphere for the past quarter century and weighs about the same as his brother, 130 pounds. Fred was born in Fall River and has been kicking for the Rovers for five years.

FRANCIS LANDY—Landy, the crack center forward, is a youngster. He is just of age, 5 feet 7 inches in height and weighs in close to 150 pounds. He began playing in his native town, Lonsdale, R. I., but shifted to the Rovers last season.

"SINKEY" SULLIVAN—Sullivan is known as the "wild man" of the Rovers. He is full of life and dash and is always doing something out of the ordinary. He is a whirlwind and he and Swords make one of the greatest goal getting duos in Uncle Sam's domain. "Sully" made his first kick in Fall River, but since has moved to New Bedford, Mass. He is 30 years of age and weighs 145 pounds.

FRANK BOOTH—Booth is another of the "home guard," having been born in Fall River 29 years ago. He has been one of the stars of the Rover back-field for the past half dozen years and has always been considered a star. He weighs about 145 pounds.

JOHN ALBION—"Jack" is one of the smallest men who ever reached the stage of stardom as a goal tender. He is little, but he can stretch and squirm and mighty few shots get away from him. Albion has been looking them over from between the goal posts for the past six years. He is 29 years of age, married, and weighs 140 pounds.

JOHN F. CULLERTON—"Cul" was the tiniest man on the team last season. In fact, John is so small that he refuses to give the count of his avoirdupois to the public. He played a wonderful game at outside right despite his size. He is 28 years of age and was born in Scotland.

ARTHUR MORGAN—"J. P." was born in England, where he learned the game. He has been playing for thirteen years, ten in this country. He is 28 years of age and weighs about 150 pounds.

JAMES HENNESSY—Hennessy is 21 years of age and last year was his third in football. He is the general substitute of the team and one of the best liked members of the aggregation. He weighs about 160 pounds and was born in Fall River.

FALL RIVER ROVERS F.C. OF FALL RIVER, MASS.

President, Lawrence L. Holden; secretary, Harold Crook; manager, Randolph Howarth.

By HAROLD H. WILLIAMSON.

The season of 1916-17 will go down on record as the most successful experienced in the annals of one of the oldest clubs in the country, the Fall River Rovers bringing the blue ribbon honors of the soccer world to Fall River by their victory over the Bethlehem team in the final game of the National Challenge Cup Competition at Pawtucket, R. I., on May 5. As the Rovers had appeared in the final round of the trophy in the previous season, when they met defeat at the toes of the Bethlehem eleven by the only tally of the game, it was but fitting that the wearers of the famous blue and gold should be returned the winners in the return contest. The victory of the Rovers will do much to encourage other clubs in the country to strive for premier honors, as the success of the Fall River team was achieved almost wholly by the aid of local boys, all of whom are native born.

Not content with annexing the national trophy, the Rovers followed up their success over the Bethlehem team by winning the final game in the Times Cup Competition the following week, defeating the J. & P. Coats F.C. team of Pawtucket by three clear goals. They also were in the running for first honors in the Southern New England League, finishing second to the New Bedford club with an uncompleted schedule.

Throughout the season the Rovers participated in 23 games, winning 16, losing 4 and tying 3, with a goal average of 53 against 25. The team averaged almost 2 1/3 goals per game, while they yielded a little more than one tally in each contest. The defense kept a clean sheet in seven games, while in 10 other contests but 1 goal was scored on them.

The 53 goals were shared by 13 players. "Jackie" Sullivan, with his 3 goals the hero of the replayed game with the Disston club, being the leader with 12 tallies to his credit. Captain "Tommy" Swords, who made history by reason of his winning tally against the Bethlehems in the National final, tied with Landy, the center forward, for second place honors, each having 11 goals to his credit. These three inside forwards were responsible for 34 of the 53 goals; Cullerton with 5 and Morgan with 4, the outside left and outside right, respectively, were next in order.

The prospects for the coming season are of the rosier, as several new players have been procured with a view to strengthening up the weak spots on the team. The complete record of games played during the 1916-17 season follows:

1916.	Opponents.	Goals.		Competition.
		For.	Against.	
Sept.	4—New Bedford F.C.....	1	2	Exhibition.
"	23—New Bedford Celtics F.C.....	2	1	Exhibition.
Oct.	1—Crompton F.C.	1	1	League.
"	12—Pan-American F.C.	0	1	Exhibition.
"	14—New Bedford Celtics F.C.....	2	2	League.
"	21—Howard & Bullough F.C.....	1	0	League.
"	28—J. & P. Coats F.C.....	1	0	League.
Nov.	4—Crompton F.C.	4	2	League.
"	11—New Bedford F.C.....	2	0	Exhibition.
"	18—General Electrics of Lynn.....	4	0	National Cup, first round.
Dec.	2—Fore River F.C.....	4	1	League.
"	9—New Bedford F.C.....	3	1	Times Cup, first round.
"	30—New Bedford F.C.....	3	1	National Cup, second round.
1917.				
Jan.	1—Pan-Americans F.C.	1	3	League.
"	20—J. & P. Coats F.C.....	1	3	League.
"	27—Howard & Bullough F.C.....	3	1	Times Cup, second round.
Mar.	17—Lynn Hibernians	3	1	National Cup, third round.
"	31—Pan-Americans F.C.	2	0	Times Cup, semi-final.
Apr.	7—Howard & Bullough F.C.....	6	1	National Cup, fourth round.
"	15—Disston F.C.	1	1	National Cup, semi-final.
"	21—Disston F.C.	4	3	National Cup, replay.
May	5—Bethlehem F.C.....	1	0	National Cup, final.
"	12—J. & P. Coats F.C.....	3	0	Times Cup, final.
Total goals		53	25	

BETHLEHEM STEEL COMPANY FOOTBALL CLUB.

BY WILLIAM SHERIDAN, BUSINESS MANAGER OF ATHLETICS.

Bethlehem Steel Company Athletic Committee—Chairman, W. F. Roberts; vice-chairman, R. A. Lewis; secretary-treasurer, A. N. Roberts; soccer director, H. E. Lewis; base ball director, S. T. Harleman; W. J. Priestly, G. T. Fonda, C. F. Hockley.

CLUB RECORD.

Runners-up National Challenge Cup Competition, 1916-17.

Winners, American F.A. Cup, 1914-17.

Team—H. Edgar Lewis, manager; Harry W. Trend (deceased), William Sheridan, secretary; Thomas C. F. Fleming, Robert Morrison, C. Harry Spalding, Thomas Murray, James B. Easton, James Wilson, Andrew Hunter Barrett, Harold Bland, Christopher Wright, Niel V. Clarke, Patrick Butler, Samuel Fletcher, Samuel MacDonald, Frederick W. Pepper, James Campbell, John Ferguson, William Duncan, George McKelvey, William Forrest, William Kirkpatrick, Harry J. Ratican, Miles Chadwick.

TEAM RECORD, SEASON 1916-17.

1916.	Opponents.	Nature of Game.	Played.	Goals.	
				For.	Ag't.
Sept. 16	Froheim F.C.	Exhibition	Away	5	1
" 23	West Hudson F.C.	Exhibition	Home	7	0
" 30	Allentown F.C.	Exhibition	Away	2	0
Oct. 7	Pick of Blue Mountain League.	Exhibition	Home	7	1
" 12	New Bedford F.C.	Exhibition	Away	3	0
" 13	Pan-Americans	Exhibition	Away	4	0
" 14	J. & P. Coats F.C.	Exhibition	Away	3	2
" 21	Scottish-Americans	Exhibition	Home	2	0
" 28	Putnams of Philadelphia	First round A.F.A.	Home	6	1
" 29	Scottish-Americans	Exhibition	Away	2	0
Nov. 4	Babcock & Wilcox	Exhibition	Home	4	1
" 7	New York F.C.	Exhibition	Away	3	2
" 11	Veterans of Philadelphia	First round National	Home	5	0
" 19	Dublins F.C.	Exhibition	Away	5	0
" 25	New York I.R.T.	Exhibition	Home	7	0
" 30	Babcock & Wilcox	Exhibition	Away	3	2
Dec. 2	New Bedford F.C.	Exhibition	Home	2	1
" 9	Disston F.C.	Second round A.F.A.	Home	2	0
" 23	All-Chicago	Exhibition	Away	2	1
" 24	All-St. Louis	Exhibition	Away	1	3
" 25	Ben Millers of St. Louis	Exhibition	Away	2	2
1917.					
Jan. 6	Brooklyn Celtic	Second round National	Home	3	1
" 13	Pick of American League	Exhibition	Away	6	1
" 20	Pick of Blue Mountain League	Exhibition	Home	0	0
" 28	New York F.C.	Third round A.F.A.	Away	2	1
Feb. 4	West Hudson F.C.	Third round National	Away	2	0
" 17	Hibernians of Philadelphia	Exhibition	Home	6	0
" 24	All-Bethlehem	Exhibition	Home	7	0
Mar. 3	Homestead of Pittsburgh	Fourth round National	Home	2	1
" 11	Clan MacDonald	Semi-final Am. Cup	Away	5	0
" 17	Hibernians of Philadelphia	Exhibition	Away	9	1
" 31	University of Pennsylvania	Exhibition	Home	4	0
Apr. 7	Ben Millers of St. Louis	Exhibition	Home	2	0
" 9	Veterans of Philadelphia	Exhibition	Away	4	2
" 21	Joliet of Joliet, Ill.	Semi-final National Cup	Home	6	0
May 5	Fall River Rovers	Final National Cup	Neutral	0	1
" 13	West Hudsons of Harrison, N. J.	Final American Cup	Away	7	0
Goal totals				142	25

That superb soccer machine representing the Bethlehem Steel Company experienced one of the most interesting and successful seasons of its career in 1916-17, but after ploughing through a great mixed field to the final contest for the National Challenge Cup, fell before the prowess of a team that long

had been close on the heels of the steel works aggregation. In meeting defeat in the classic of the football year, by a 1—0 score, the Bethlehem club yielded to the Fall River Rovers its grasp on the exquisite emblem of soccer supremacy in the United States.

Before a great crowd, on a heavy field, the two powerful teams battled fiercely but cleanly, and the defeat for Bethlehem was far from a disgrace. In most sections the result was, however, a marked surprise. Nor was it other to the Bethlehem team, which entered the game full of confidence in spite of a defeat by an All-Star St. Louis team at the holiday season that alone marred the club record for the year.

Opening the season early in September with a string of exhibition contests in the East, the club found little keen opposition until, away from home, it clashed with the J. & P. Coats F.C. in mid-October, emerging a victor by 3 goals to 2.

Meeting many strong Eastern clubs in additional exhibition games and in the first rounds of the National Challenge Cup and American Football Association Cup competitions, Bethlehem continued on its winning way, Babcock & Wilcox and New Bedford F.C. being the only clubs to seriously threaten the national champions. In the A.F.A. competition's second round, Bethlehem disposed of Disston A.A.F.C., its long-time rivals, by 2 goals to 0.

The steel workers, led by their loyal and lovable secretary, Harry W. Trend, started on a tour of the Middle West in late December. In Chicago, two days before Christmas, an All-Chicago eleven held the champions to a 2—1 score, but it was not much in doubt at any time which club would emerge victorious.

Aside from the National Challenge Cup final, the Bethlehem team met its strongest opposition of the year on December 24 and 25 in St. Louis. The first day in the Mound City an eleven comprising the pick of St. Louis' powerful professional league defeated Bethlehem by 3 goals to 1, displaying a wonderful attack, great speed and sustained aggressiveness. On Christmas Day, the Ben Millers, then leading the Professional League, held Bethlehem to a 2—2 tie in a remarkably exciting game.

Returning East, Bethlehem settled back into its winning way, disposing handily of the great Brooklyn Celtic combination, New York F.C. and West Hudson F.C. of Harrison, N. J., in the intermediate rounds of the N.C.C.C. and A.F.A. Cup play. After narrowly escaping a defeat at the hands of the Homestead Steel Works club in the N.C.C.C. fourth round, the Bethlehems made a runaway of the American Cup semi-final with Clan MacDonald F.C. of Brooklyn, N. Y. After four more exhibition victories, Bethlehem rode roughshod over the Joliet Steel Works club, which traveled from its Illinois home to Bethlehem for the National Cup semi-final. Ten days before this game, Secretary Trend's sudden end cast a pall over the activities of the club, and much more of soccerdom.

Then came the crushing blow in the N.C.C.C. final, but the club rallied strongly for the American Cup final and topped off its strenuous year with a 7—0 win over the West Hudsons of Harrison, N. J.

The club has been bolstered up by the addition to its ranks of Alexander Todd and Percy Hardy, formerly of the Bridgeport City club, Charles S. Burns, ex-Fall River Rovers, and Claude E. Roth. James B. Easton, Gillespie, Ill. star, was added late last season. With recovery of the national title as its aim, Bethlehem has a busy season in prospect in 1917-18.



1, Charles E. Creighton, New York City, Treasurer Southern New York State Football Association. 2, Charles Treacy, Secretary-Treasurer Metropolitan and District League; Recording Secretary Southern New York State Football Association. 3, Harry Manley, Livingston, Staten Island, N. Y. 4, Thomas Bagnall, New York City, President New York State League, New York Footballers' Protective Association, Northern New Jersey League, and New Jersey State Association; Chairman National Challenge Cup Competition; Chairman La Sultana Cup Competition. 5, James Marshall, Kearny, N. J., Secretary-Treasurer New Jersey State Football Association. 6, Theodore Dillman, New York City, Secretary-Treasurer New York Footballers' Protective Association. 7, M. F. Kelly, Brooklyn, N. Y., prominent soccer writer and a member of the Press Committee of the United States Football Association.



1, William Ziegler, Jr., New York City, Donor of the Royal Nestor Cup and La Sultana Cup for soccer competition in New York. 2, La Sultana Cup, presented for annual competition to the New York State Football League; Brooklyn Celtic Football Club, winners season 1916-17.



1, Richard Moss, Jr., President Metropolitan and District Football League. 2, Royal Nestor Cup, presented by William Ziegler, Jr., to the Metropolitan and District Football League for annual competition; West New York Blues Football Club, 1916-17 winners.



(1) IRISH TEAM, Winners (left to right)—S. Bustard, R. O'Halloran, D. Mahon, Thomas Campion, J. Gavin, Bert McNeil, P. Butler, J. Waters, J. Hogan, Thomas McGreevey, Con Dahill. (2) AMERICAN TEAM, Runners-up. Back row—John Ford, J. Ingram, E. Newman, J. Robertson, J. Reilly, J. Ward, R. Lennox, C. Morel, T. Wal'dron, G. Post, C. Meyerdieck. Front row—C. Zehnbauer, James Ford, J. Heminsley, G. Knowles, H. Cooper. J. Weiss, Photos.

IRELAND VS. AMERICA, FINALISTS IN INTERNATIONAL COMPETITION, NEW YORK FOOTBALLERS' PROTECTIVE ASSOCIATION.



(1) FULTON CAMERON FOOTBALL CLUB, NEW YORK CITY, Winners of Metropolitan and District Amateur League; Winners Metropolitan and District Amateur Cup. (2) WEST NEW YORK (N. J.) BLUES FOOTBALL CLUB, Winners Royal Nestor Cup; Runners-up Metropolitan and District Cup. Back row (left to right)—J. Fairbrother, Sec.; J. P. Gillen, A. McKnight, J. Gracey, H. Shaw, Oxenham, Rowan, Alderton, Barbi, Davies. Front row—Treacy, Dillon, J. McQ. Duncan, J. Shaw, Anderson.



1, Northwestern New York State Football Association Championship Challenge Cup; won by Rochester Football Club for the season of 1916-17. 2, James McKinlay, President Northwestern New York State Football Association. 3, James A. Campbell, Secretary Northwestern New York State Football Association; Manager Rochester Celtics' Football Club. 4, William O. Boyle, Member Northwestern New York State Referees' Association.

GROUP OF ROCHESTER (N. Y.) SOCCER WORKERS.



Back row (left to right)—P. Kavanaugh, Trainer; J. Fallon, Treas.; T. Mostyn, T. Flynn, F. Gallagher, T. Betlem, Sec.; F. Gordon, Asst. Trainer. Middle row—J. Ohara, Vice-Pres.; J. Gordon, A. Cummings, G. Walker, H. Hughes, Pres. Front row—T. Gray, J. Latta, C. Bernard, Capt.; R. Walker, J. Campbell, Mgr.

ROCHESTER CELTIC FOOTBALL CLUB, ROCHESTER, N. Y.
Champions Northwestern New York State.



Back row (left to right)—James Dick, Gradwell, Law. Middle row—A. Park, Capt.; Hight, Simpson, John Dick. Front row—Berry, McCarrell, Peach, Francis, Warsaw.

ONEIDA COMMUNITY, LTD., FOOTBALL CLUB.
Champions Central New York State League.



(1) CANADIAN VICKER'S FOOTBALL CLUB—1, Holmes; 2, Rowley; 3, Scott; 4, Miller; 5, Driver; 6, Beveridge; 7, Ewen; 8, McDuffie; 9, Wallace; 10, Barn; 11, McLean; 12, Riley; 13, Blair; 14, Becker; 15, McDonald; 16, Swarbrick; 17, London; 18, Malloy; 19, Alexander; 20, George; 21, Sellars; 22, French; 23, Duckworth; 24, A. Campbell; 25, Woods; 26, Stephens; 27, Milne; 28, T. Bindon; 29, Moran; 30, W. Bindon; 31, Gore; 32, Morrison; 33, Holding; 34, Sterling; 35, Johnston. (2) FIRTH CARPET COMPANY FOOTBALL CLUB. AUBURN, N. Y., Champions Auburn Soccer League—1, Bartley; 2, Sager; 3, W. Murdoch; 4, Meldrum; 5, Hamill; 6, J. Murdoch; 7, Wild; 8, Martin; 9, Kirby; 10, Wright; 11, Dodimead; 12, I. Murdoch; 13, Thomas; 14, Crozier; 15, Morrison; 16, Lusk.

NATIONAL CHALLENGE CUP COMPETITION

1917-1918

First Round—On or before November 4, 1917.

Second Round—On or before December 2, 1917.

Third Round—On or before December 30, 1917.

Fourth Round—On or before March 3, 1918.

Semi-finals—On or before March 31, 1918.

Final—On or before April 21, 1918.

FIRST ROUND.

At a meeting of the National Challenge Cup Committee, held October 6, the drawings for the first round, which must be played on or before November 4, 1917, resulted as follows (games to be played on grounds of first named club) :

NEW YORK AND NEW JERSEY DISTRICT.

New York F.C., New York City, vs. Clan MacDuff F.C., New York City; Fulton A.C., Woodside, L. I., vs. Alley Boys F.C., East Newark, N. J.; Clan MacDonald F.C., Brooklyn, N. Y., vs. La Sultana F.C., Astoria, L. I.; Jersey Athletic Club, Jersey City, N. J., vs. West Hudson A.A., Harrison, N. J.; Babcock & Wilcox F.C., Bayonne, N. J., vs. Scottish-American F.C., East Newark, N. J.; White Rose F.C., Astoria, L. I., vs. Interborough R. T. F.C., New York City. Byes—Kinley F.C., Harrison, N. J.; Paterson F.C., Paterson, N. J.

NORTH MASSACHUSETTS DISTRICT.

Fisk Red Tops F.C., Chicopee Falls, Mass., vs. Fore River F.C., Quincy, Mass. Byes—Lawrence C. & A. F.C., Lawrence, Mass.; Lynn Hibernian F.C., Lynn, Mass.

EASTERN PENNSYLVANIA DISTRICT.

Disston A.A. F.C., Philadelphia, Pa., vs. Wanderers F.C., Philadelphia, Pa. Byes—Puritan Y.M.L. F.C., Philadelphia, Pa.; Bethlehem Steel Co. F.C., Bethlehem, Pa.; Veteran A.A., Philadelphia, Pa.

CONNECTICUT DISTRICT.

Bridgeport City F.C., Bridgeport, Conn., vs. Bridgeport Rovers F.C., Bridgeport, Conn.

NORTHWESTERN NEW YORK DISTRICT.

Kodak Park F.C., Rochester, N. Y., vs. Rochester Celtic F.C., Rochester, N. Y.

SOUTHERN NEW ENGLAND DISTRICT.

New Bedford Celtic, New Bedford, Mass., vs. Fall River Rovers F.C., Fall River, Mass.; Greystone A.C. F.C., Greystone, R. I., vs. Lonsdale F.C., Lonsdale, R. I.; Crompton F.C., Crompton, R. I., vs. Pan-American F.C., Fall River, Mass.; New Bedford F.C., New Bedford, Mass., vs. J. & P. Coats A.A. F.C., Pawtucket, R. I.

WESTERN PENNSYLVANIA DISTRICT.

Castle Shannon F.C., Castle Shannon, Pa., vs. McKeesport F.C., McKeesport, Pa.; Beadling F.C., Beadling, Pa., vs. Homestead Steel Works F.C., Homestead, Pa.

OHIO DISTRICT.

Akron F.C., Akron, Ohio, vs. Thistle F.C., Cleveland, Ohio; Firestone Non-Skid F.C., Akron, Ohio, vs. Goodyear T. and R. Co. F.C., Akron, Ohio; Cleveland F.C., Cleveland, Ohio, vs. White Auto F.C., Cleveland, Ohio.

DETROIT DISTRICT.

Rising Star F.C., Detroit, Mich., vs. Corinthian F.C., Detroit, Mich.; Roses F.C., Detroit, Mich., vs. Bricklayers Football Club, Detroit, Mich.

CHICAGO DISTRICT.

Bricklayers and Masons F.C., Chicago, Ill., vs. Harvey F.C., Harvey, Ill. Byes—Joliet F.C., Joliet, Ill.; Scottish-American F.C., Chicago, Ill.; Bohemian-American F.C., Chicago, Ill.

Soccer, the International Game

BY PETER J. PEEL, CHICAGO,
President United States Football Association.

If the Spartans had known football, soccer would have been the national game.

The game is catching hold so rapidly in this country that it bids fair soon to divide popular interest in sport with base ball. And here are the reasons why soccer will probably become the most democratic of sports. Unlike golf, the game does not require expensive playing equipment; a pair of field shoes and a football is all. And as a sport it is even more vigorous than base ball; in fact, it is such a splendid developer of physical robustness, mental snap and alertness, that a nation of soccer players might prove a welcome substitute for the stirring masculine effects of compulsory military training; and it may yet be the destiny of this great game to change a luxury-indulging, ease-revering, physically stultified nation, into sound, hard-muscled men.

Fifteen years ago there were only two soccer teams in Chicago. To-day there are 1,780 registered players in Chicago alone. In the Illinois district there are more than 3,000 registered members. The members are business men, doctors, lawyers and wage-earners.

The figures above do not include the hundreds of players in the schools and college teams. In Englewood High School alone there are twelve teams.

FOR MEN AND BOYS AS WELL.

This game is especially attractive to the boys, for size counts for little; skill, quick thinking, agility, endurance and judgment are the things that make a successful soccer player. The game is popular with parents.

Annual reviews of sports in the United States indicate a steady growth in the majority of them, and this probably would have been greater had not the European war reduced international competition to a negligible quantity.

Record crowds at intercollegiate football, capacity crowds at base ball, four thousand bowlers competing for the individual championship and a like number of shooters trying for trap honors, golf spreading over the country like prairie fire and track athletics showing a great boom, are some of the indisputable evidences of the increased interest in sport.

Although it may appear a bold statement, none of these lines of athletic endeavor has shown steadier growth than soccer football. Introduced as an alien sport, the kicking code for a number of years was played almost entirely by British-born players. Gradually its merits were discovered by the homebreds, and once it had taken root, it began to grow rapidly. From hundreds its devotees have grown to thousands.

RECOGNIZED NOW BY UNIVERSITIES.

It has been adopted by a number of universities, is played in numerous colleges, while in many cities it has a strong following of grade schools and in others there are leagues composed of grade schools. Chicago has a "small parks" league and St. Louis a great municipal league, both of which are producing young players who in a few years graduate into the bigger leagues.

Pittsburgh has a Schoolboys' Athletic League, Baltimore for seven years has had a public schools tournament, and New York City schools hold a similar event. These and other similar organizations are introducing the game to thousands of youngsters who will carry it into the high schools, colleges and universities.

Heretofore the weakness in the play of university teams has been that many players have not attempted to play until entering colleges and the star players generally have been students from other countries who learned the

game at home. This condition is being remedied gradually and the Eastern universities now produce a good brand of soccer, although it still is considerably below that of the teams of the leading city leagues.

For the benefit of the uninitiated, it may be stated that association football, or soccer, as it is better known in this country, first was played in Scotland, but the Royal Engineers of England are credited with being the first players to reduce team play to a science. If that is so, it did not take the Scotchmen long to learn the lessons, as in the earlier days they had the strongest teams.

HAS ITS WAGNERS, SPEAKERS AND COBBS.

Out of more than 700,000 registered players in Great Britain there are some who stand out so prominently in soccer as Ty Cobb, Hans Wagner, George Sisler, Walter Johnson, Tris Speaker, Christy Mathewson and others do in base ball.

Soccer is more of an international sport than base ball. In the Olympic soccer football competition, held at Stockholm, Sweden, in 1912, twelve nations entered. France withdrew after the drawings, but Germany, England, Finland, Austria, Holland, Norway, Italy, Sweden, Denmark, Hungary and Russia competed. England defeated Denmark in the final, 4 to 2.

Although four teams from England have visited the United States, they played against sectional and club teams, nothing in the shape of an international fixture being carded. Last year Uncle Sam made his debut as an international soccerite, a picked team from this country playing a series of six games in Norway and Sweden in June, under the able leadership of the honorary secretary of the U.S.F.A., Thomas W. Cahill. Of these the American players won 3, drew 2 and lost 1.

The year 1916 thus marked the birth of international football for the United States, and those who have watched its growth over here predict that in a few years teams from this side of the water will be able to hold their own with the best that Great Britain and other European nations can produce.

It is a generally accepted axiom that any game to become popular in this country must have action and virility. Soccer has stood the test in both respects. It calls for skill, speed, courage and endurance, and any game having these requisites is a valuable asset in the upbuilding of the boyhood and manhood of the nation.

Last year at Palmer Park, Pullman, Ill., there were fifty candidates for the ninety-pound team in the South Parks League, while not many blocks away could be found playing, once a week, Ben Govier, captain of the Pullman team, rounding out his twenty-fifth season of active service on the soccer field.

It is in this wide range of years that soccer has an advantage over some other forms of sports. The player's activities do not cease when he gets out of college, and so it is that men from all walks of life are found in the ranks of the soccer players. A clerk after working all week at his desk can get out on Saturday afternoon and enjoy ninety minutes of brisk effort and go home to dinner in good condition.

From time to time inter-city matches have been played which have helped the sport, and the organization of the United States Football Association, in 1913, has given soccer a national standing. The national body now controls the game in nearly every section and has been able to legislate against some of the evils which always infest any organized sport.

SOCCER'S FUTURE HOLDS MUCH IN STORE.

Soccer's biggest asset is that it is a game for the masses and can be played by lightweights just as well as by players of great avoirdupois. It is a sport for the mechanic as well as the clerk, and while it does not call for such severe training as some other branches of athletics, it demands of its followers clean living. The player in good condition is better fitted for the task of his daily toil whether that be mental or physical.

Another sign of encouragements has been the change of attitude by the college officials, some of whom seemed to believe that soccer was opposed to

intercollegiate football. There is ample room for both styles of football and the leaders in many institutions of learning are beginning to realize that the kicking code provides healthy outdoor exercise for many students who are not physically qualified to stand the wear and tear of the intercollegiate game.

It was my good fortune to be invited to attend the annual meeting of the National Recreation and Playgrounds Association, held at Grand Rapids, Mich., two summers ago. I was asked to make an address on soccer football and am free to confess I was amazed at the enthusiasm displayed over this style of football. Physical instructors from all over this country and Canada and a number of other countries were present. One even came from South America, and I was surprised to find that the majority of them were strong for soccer.

I have always been optimistic regarding the future of the game, but this convinced me that soccer is destined to grow to greater proportions than most of us even dream.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the various organizations throughout the country for the high honor conferred upon me and to assure soccerdom in general that there will be no effort spared on my part to foster the game in all its branches. I know, too, there is a spirit of harmony and co-operation among the various officials of the U.S.F.A. that must leave its influence for the betterment of the game that we all love so well.

In conclusion, I would like to say, on behalf of our boys who have answered the call of their country, that our affection and good wishes follow them to wherever duty calls, and I take particular pride in knowing that no group of men will enter the service of Uncle Sam who will surpass in physical fitness the soccer football players of our country.

Soccer and Publicity

BY ALLAN J. HENRY, EDITOR THE AMERICAN CRICKETER.

Publicity not only is desirable but it might even be called a necessity in sport as well as in business. The chronicling of athletic events in our newspapers is taken so much as a matter of course that very few pause to consider where our outdoor pastimes would be were it not for the sporting editor. Unquestionably the interest in such things would diminish considerably. By that it is not meant to argue that sport is entirely dependent on newspaper publicity. On the contrary, the demand for news created our sporting pages and made it possible to continue them.

America, so far, has not extended a welcome hand to the purely sporting publication. We cannot point with justifiable pride to such papers as the *English Sporting Life*, *The Athletic News*, *The Field*, *The London Sportsman*, *Illustrated Sporting and Dramatic News* and, until the war came along, *The World of Cricket*. These are all English papers too well known to describe to the readers of the Soccer Annual, and there are numerous others of high standing. In Australia, too, there is a fertile field for such papers, *The Sydney Referee* and *Sydney Sportsman* being flourishing examples in that country. But in America all attempts to establish anything of the sort have met with signal failure. The universal base ball and some specialties such as golf, tennis and cricket have their periodicals which have been successful enough to keep them going, but there is no standard sporting paper of authority to which the American public may turn for its athletic news. As a result of this state of affairs many of the so-called minor sports (all as a matter of fact are subordinate in importance to base ball and college foot ball) are sadly neglected. It must be said, however, that some of the dailies are devoting more space to the less popular sports and recognizing their relative importance and growth more fully.

Soccer is too scientific a sport to be passed over lightly. It is a game that requires wonderful athletic ability. It is particularly fascinating to those who understand it, and in this respect is a great deal like cricket. In England it is easily the most popular of the games played there, and here in America it bids fair to outstrip all winter sports. It has grown amazingly in the last few years. Its organization throughout the country is gradually being perfected. The big universities have come to recognize it as an important part of their athletic curriculum. It is probably running third in popularity to college foot ball and base ball even now. Golf, no doubt, can claim a larger following, but this great sport is so utterly different from almost all the rest of our games that it seems as though it might very well be placed in a class by itself.

However, to come to the main point of this article, such a game as association football is sorely in need of an authoritative periodical in which enthusiasts might read legitimate and intelligent news of the game. It is scarcely necessary to say that any such paper would be utterly useless unless it were impartial in its dealings, charitable in its judgments and, in short, ably organized and administered. It is hardly likely that any paper without these qualities would last long; "The wages of sin is death" applies here as well as in our lives. The main object and responsibility of the editor should be the assistance and development of the game. If he succeeds in these directions, subscriptions and advertising will come easily and the paper will succeed. If he begins with the primary and apparent object of making money, he will fail.

The writer of this article for several years past has been endeavoring to build up a soccer department in the paper of which he is editor. The work has been difficult and very slow of fruition for various reasons, but by degrees the players and followers of the game are showing interest and before very long it is hoped that they will all realize how much the game may be benefited by publication of its news in an old, well established paper, the standing and intention of which are unquestioned. Benefits cannot fail to follow loyal support and confidence on the part of the soccer public.

Referees and Soccer Football Advancement

BY JAMES A. WALDER, HON. SECRETARY U.S.R.U.

Soccer football started without the referee, and who knows but that it may end without that official. Should a condition like that come to pass, it cannot blot out from its records the good that referees have done for the game since their enlistment in it.

One may ask what the referees have done that they should be lauded in the game's records. Look over the history of it and you will find that the referee has done a lot for the advancement and uplift of the game in making it, by their fearless manner on the field of play, in giving decisions promptly and without favor, one of the cleanest sports played today.

Many times a referee is put into a very difficult position in having to give a decision which may mean the winning of a game or the losing of a game, but he gives his decision on the merit of principle because the laws of the game say that he must. In this way he is helping to advance the game to a standard of efficiency by keeping the players in control and teaching them to keep within the bounds of the law.

There are other ways that the arbiter has helped—off the field. I will take one district for example, the Philadelphia district. At the head of affairs in Eastern Pennsylvania, we have a man that has worked very hard for soccer football, a member of the Referees' Association and coach of the intercollegiate champions, and a hard worker for different leagues in keeping their house in order.

All the teams in the Cricket League have a referee coaching them, so that they can get the benefit of his experience and so he may teach them the proper way in which the game should be played.

Every league that is in operation in this particular district has the assistance of one or more referees who are only too willing to give their time and the knowledge they have of the game, so that it may be developed by the coming generation which they expect to produce players second to none.

Many times during the soccer season some referees leave their place of employment and go to the athletic fields of the different high schools and referee games so that the high school players may have the proper training to "graduate" to places on teams of higher class.

The soccer referees give more to the study and actual playing of the game than any other body interested in the game. In the first place, when on the field of play the referee has hundreds of eyes watching to see if they can detect him in any mistake. Secondly, he must have all his decisions at his finger tips so that he can give them promptly. Thirdly, he must be able to answer any question that may be put to him about the laws of the game, either by players, spectators or officials, and he must be a good judge of human nature. All these things combined take a deal of study and they are a great help to the advancement and teaching of others in the knowledge of the game.

CONNECTICUT REFEREES' ASSOCIATION.

President, G. Capper, Bridgeport; vice-president, G. Denholm, Ansonia; secretary-treasurer, R. Rae, Bridgeport.

BY R. RAE.

This association just has concluded its third season and reports great progress. During the past season thirteen members were admitted to membership and seven successful meetings were held. The association is expecting this season to extend its membership all over the State. Alex Duncan, the late vice-president of the association, has answered the call of the country and will not be available this season. The association is at present affiliated with the Connecticut State Football Association and the United States Referee Union.

THE REFEREES' ASSOCIATION OF PHILADELPHIA, PA.

President, A. M. Addison, Maple Shade, N. J.; first vice-president, P. Bishop, Bryn Mawr, Pa.; treasurer, W. E. Hinds, Philadelphia; secretary, Benjamin Grove, Philadelphia.

By A. M. ADDISON, PRESIDENT.

The excellent progress made by the Referees' Association of Philadelphia since its formation in the fall of 1903 again has been maintained during the past season. Though not greatly increased by membership, the work of its members in refereeing has been greatly commended and the various leagues which make use of our men have had few causes for complaint, and invariably the conclusion of such complaints has been that the players themselves are shown to be the guilty ones.

The work as a whole has been very satisfactory and this state of affairs is mainly due to the splendid manner in which the affairs of the association have been carried out by the officers, who have given much time and thought to the development of the man with the whistle.

The excellent work of some of our referees has been very noticeable and the officials of the U.S.F.A. and A.F.A. have shown their confidence by selecting some of our members for the very important games, and the result has always been that the Philadelphia referee has come out with flying colors.

Another notable feature is the number who occupy high executive positions in the football world. This coming season no fewer than three of our members are to control the destinies of the United States Referees' Union as well as our own association. This is a fact of which we are very proud, and we have every assurance that President A. M. Addison, Treasurer W. E. Hinds and Secretary J. Walders will uphold with much credit the offices in the national referees' body for which they have been selected.

The splendid work done by some of our members in coaching and instructing players has been mainly the cause of the great increase in the playing of the game in our district as it should be played. One cannot but mention the name of Douglas Stewart, whose unselfish work for the University of Pennsylvania has been a splendid success during the past season, and several others who are helping and assisting other clubs to improve the game. The following table shows the number of games our members have officiated in:

GAMES REFEREED DURING SEASON 1916-1917

Miscellaneous cup games.....	16	Industrial League games, including	
Inter-city games	7	Hohlfeld Cup series.....	84
Exhibition games	78	Inter-State games	5
Cricket Club League games.....	34	Intercollegiate games	9
Allied League games, including Tele-		Benefit games	7
graph Cup series.....	178	Blue Mountain League games, includ-	
United League games.....	44	ing Wilbur Cup series.....	9
American League games.....	24	Northeast Manufacturing League games	8
Philadelphia League games.....	58	Pennsylvania Railroad League games.	2
Inter-league games	7	School games	14

Total, 584.

The association also was called upon to furnish linesmen for numerous games as well as the official referee in semi-final games of the National Challenge Cup series.

Comparative statement of games handled by this association as follows:

1909-1910	222	1913-1914	532
1910-1911	319	1914-1915	642
1911-1912	363	1915-1916	609
1912-1913	564	1916-1917	584

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SOUTHERN NEW YORK STATE FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION.

President, R. MacCulloch; vice-president, H. Physicks; corresponding secretary, Theodore Dillman; recording secretary, L. V. Longhurst; treasurer, C. E. Creighton; U.S.F.A. delegate, Thomas Bagnall.

BY THEODORE DILLMAN, SECRETARY.

Soccer made quite some progress last season in Southern New York. A new league, the Nassau County League, and several new clubs were welcomed into the association. The membership for the season comprised fifty-three clubs: New York State League, 2 divisions, 20 clubs; Metropolitan and District Amateur League, 7 clubs; Field Club Soccer League, 6 clubs; Nassau County League, 5 clubs; Central New York League, 4 clubs, and the following individual clubs: New York F.C., Brooklyn F.C., Newburgh Tigers; Brooklyn Y.M.C.A., Danish-American F.C., Collegiate Strollers, Germania F.C. of College Point, Atlas F.C., Favorite F.C., Linoleumville S.I., Red Star A.C. The Fifth Avenue Coach Association, the Referees' Association and the New York Footballers' Protective Association were also affiliated.

Twenty-one clubs entered the Southern New York State Cup Competition and some very good football was shown by the majority of clubs. The final, Brooklyn Celtics versus New York F.C., played at Harlem Field, May 6, 1917, resulted in a victory for the Brooklyn Celtics by a score 3—2. The competition by rounds follows:

Preliminary round—White Rose 1, Longfellows 0; Visitation 4, St. George Reserves 0; Overseas Wanderers 3, Manchester Unity 0; Subway 3, Clan Scott 3; Subway 0, Clan Scott 0; Subway 1, Clan Scott 0 (game stopped, awarded to Subway F.C.); Yonkers St. George 2, Our Boys 1. First round—New York F.C. 4, Camerons 0; Visitation 5, Overseas Wanderers 1; I.R.T. 2, Continentals 1; Brooklyn Celtic 6, White Rose 0; Greenpoint 4, Yonkers St. George 0; Bay Ridge 3, Newburgh Tigers 2; Clan MacDonalds 1, Clan MacDuffs 4 (protested); Clan MacDonalds 0, Clan MacDuffs 0; Clan MacDonalds 1, Clan MacDuffs 2; St. George 1, Subway 1; St. George-Subway replay forfeited by Subway. Second round—New York F.C. 3, Bay Ridge 0; Brooklyn Celtics 1, Visitation 0; St. George 1, Clan MacDuffs 1; St. George 0, Clan MacDuffs 3; I.R.T.-Greenpoint forfeited to I.R.T. Semi-final round—Brooklyn Celtics 2, I.R.T. 0; New York F.C. 2, Clan MacDuffs 1. Final round—Brooklyn Celtics 3, New York F.C. 2.

The election of officers, held at the annual meeting in June, 1917, resulted as follows: President, Dr. G. R. Manning; vice-president, H. Physicks; corresponding secretary, L. V. Longhurst, 565 W. 181st Street, New York City; recording secretary, Charles Treacy; treasurer, C. E. Creighton.

NEW YORK FOOTBALLERS' PROTECTIVE ASSOCIATION.

Hon. president, Dr. G. R. Manning; Hon. vice-presidents, J. Weightman, J. Maskell, W. Newman and C. H. Hedgecock; president, Thomas Bagnall; vice-president, A. Lonie; secretary-treasurer, Theodore Dillman, 561 Sixty-second Street, Brooklyn, N. Y. Executive Committee—Messrs. J. Robertson, W. Gallom, V. Longhurst, F. Mather, A. Lonie, E. Newman, T. Champion, J. S. Murray, H. McKenna, T. Waldron, G. Post and C. Zehnbauser.

BY THEODORE DILLMAN.

Under the able leadership of Thomas Bagnall the New York Footballers' Protective Association has completed its fifth season. Two hundred and two football players from New York and vicinity enrolled as members, eleven

of whom received sick benefits amounting to \$111. While the 1916-17 membership did not equal that of our first year, it excelled that of 1915-16 by forty and the financial result was the best since the organization of the association.

Our finances allowed us to do some football missionary work. We helped out two leagues in the metropolitan district by allowing them to play preliminary games and turned over to the Metropolitan League \$150 and to the New York State League \$50. The proceeds of the international final, Ireland versus America, \$120, was turned over to the American Red Cross fund. After purchasing over \$300 worth of medals the association will have a balance of \$275 for the season of 1917-18.

The biggest part of our income was derived from the international games. These games have become quite popular with the New York and New Jersey soccer fans, and if the Protective Association can maintain the same standard brand of soccer these games will become an ever increasing source of revenue. The competition last season resulted in particularly interesting and hard fought matches. Four games ended in a draw and Scotland and America had to play three times before the winner was decided. Following is a summary of the entire competition:

America vs. Continent, played at Lenox Oval, Christmas, 1916: America (1)—Reilly, J. Robertson, Post, J. Ingram, Lennox, Waldron, Koelsch, J. Ford, Heminsley, Holt, Cooper. Continent (1)—Ferro, M. VandeWeghe, Michlenz, Hager, VandenEynde, Ericksen, Walther, A. VandeWeghe, Bleich, Rubin, Meyer.

America vs. Continent, played at Harlem Field, Lincoln's Birthday, 1917: America (1)—Reilly, J. Robertson, Morrell, Post, Lennox, Meyerderks, Zehnbauer, James Ford, Heminsley, John Ford, E. Newman. Continent (0)—Ferro, M. VandeWeghe, Kohler, Walther, VandenEynde, J. VandeWeghe, Busch, Peterson, Bleich, Rubin, Meyer.

Ireland vs. England, played at Lenox Oval, Washington's Birthday, 1917: Ireland (3)—Gavin, McNeil, Campion, Mahon, Bustard, McGreevey, Sheppard, O'Halloran, Hogan, King, Hutchison. England (2)—Mather, Garside, Bailey, Blatchford, Garland, Durney, Longbottom, McCrickard, Frost, Punty, Crann.

America vs. Scotland, played at Lenox Oval, Washington's Birthday, 1917: America (2)—Reilly, J. Robertson, Morrell, Meyerderks, Lennox, Post, Ford, Holt, Koelsch, Ingram, Cooper. Scotland (2)—Porter, Kelly, Ferguson, T. Stark, McCann, McElroy, McCallum, A. Stark, Sweeney, Stuart, Young.

America vs. Scotland, played at Clark's Field, April 8: America (3)—Tittle, Robertson, Spalding, Ingram, Morrell, Meyerderks, J. Ford, Knowles, Koelsch, Heminsley, Cooper. Scotland (3)—Porter, Ferguson, Kelly, T. Stark, McCann, McElroy, Flatley, McCallum, A. Stark, Stuart, Montieth.

America vs. Scotland, played at Clark's Field, April 29: America (5)—Reilly, Robertson, Spalding, Meyerderks, Post, Ingram, Knowles, J. Ford, Koelsch, Heminsley, Cooper. Scotland (3)—Porter, Ferguson, Kelly, T. Stark, McCann, S. Bell, McCallum, McChesnie, A. Stark, Stuart, Nielson.

Ireland vs. America, played at Harlem Field, Decoration Day: Ireland (4)—Gavin, McNeil, Waters, Dahill, Bustard, Butler, Craig, Campion, O'Halloran, Hogan, McGreevey. America (4)—Ward, Waldron, Robertson, Meyerderks, Lennox, Ingram, J. Ford, Knowles, Heminsley, Cooper, Zehnbauer.

Ireland vs. America, played at Clark's Field, June 10: Ireland (3)—O'Connor, McNeil, Dahill, Hutchison, Bustard, Butler, Craig, O'Halloran, Casey, Hogan, McGreevey. America (2)—Reilly, Waldron, Spalding, Robertson, Lennox, Ingram, Zehnbauer, J. Ford, Heminsley, Koelsch, Cooper.

At a special meeting, held at Broadway Central Hotel on July 10, the players and reserves on the Irish and American teams were presented with beautiful gold medals. Five years ago, when the Protective Association was organized, soccerites looked upon it as an impossible thing; today they realize that we are here for good.

LA SULTANA CUP COMPETITION OF NEW YORK CITY.

BY THOMAS BAGNALL.

The La Sultana Cup is a new trophy and was competed for during the past season for the first time. This beautiful cup and set of medals were presented to the New York State League for competition by William Zeigler, Jr., whose valued interest in the game of association football was shown

thereby in concrete form. Owing to the fact that the season was filled with so many games that were scheduled prior to the presentation of the cup, the league decided to reserve it for competition between the winners and runners-up of each division of the league. This brought together the Brooklyn Celtic F.C. and Subway F.C. in one game and the Clan MacDonaldis vs. Oversea Wanderers F.C. in the other, to decide who should compete in the final for the possession of the cup and medals. These games were played on June 17 at Clarks Athletic Field, East Newark, N. J., and resulted in victories for the Brooklyn Celts and the Oversea Wanderers. The surprise of the day was the brilliant victory of the Oversea Wanderers over the Clan MacDonaldis, as it was not expected that the second division champions would extend the first division runners-up, who are noted as famous cup fighters. They went one better and defeated the Clansmen by the score of 2—1, due primarily to the fact that E. Frost, the Overseas crack center forward, had his shooting boots on, beating Owen Wilson twice in the same place, which is some performance. The final was played on the same grounds on June 24 and resulted in a clean-cut victory for the Brooklyn Celtic F.C. by the score of 4—1, the Oversea Wanderers failing to reproduce their form of the previous week.

FINAL GAME.

Brooklyn Celtic F.C. (4).	Position.	Oversea Wanderers F.C. (1).
George Tintle.....	Goal.....	Deuchard
Charles Kelly.....	Right back.....	Hansen
George Ferguson.....	Left back.....	Michaels
Robert Owens.....	Right half.....	Sevill
Samuel Bustard.....	Center half.....	McPherson
John Broadbent.....	Left half.....	Mavor
Roddy O'Halloran.....	Outside right.....	Leahy
Frank Fleming.....	Inside right.....	Ronson
Thomas Stark.....	Center forward.....	Frost
Hugh McKenna.....	Inside left.....	McCrickard
Thomas McGreevey.....	Outside left.....	Wilson
Referee, George Caldicott.		

NEW YORK VS. BROOKLYN.

BY THOMAS BAGNALL.

The annual inter-borough game under the auspices of the New York State League was expected to be a battle royal, in view of the fact that both Manhattan and Brooklyn boroughs had won two games each in the annual series, the fifth game having been a drawn game at three goals each. The large crowd that gathered at Lenox Oval on New Year's Day was not disappointed in its expectations, as both the teams that were selected to represent their respective boroughs certainly played for all they were worth. The spectators were on their toes all the time. There was not an idle moment in the game and after ninety minutes' play neither team had scored. While the spectators went away satisfied, the players were not, and they requested the league to have the game played to a finish. This request the league took under consideration, and although it was contrary to established custom, the request was granted.

The replay took place on Lincoln's Birthday at Harlem Oval, and when both teams lined up for the start the excitement was intense. Being a bitter cold day the players hit up a fast pace from the outset and the ball traveled from goal to goal in quick succession. The defense on both sides, however, was equal to the attack, until E. Frost, the Oversea Wanderers crack center forward, broke through, and triking the defense put New York one up. At the commencement of the second half the Brooklyn boys were determined to equalize the score and pressed the New York defense hard. The pressure was relieved, however, and A. McCrickard, another Oversea Wanderer player, getting possession, went down the field and scored number two for New York. At this second reverse the Brooklyn players recovered themselves, and Tom Campion scored the goal that prevented his side from being blanked. This being all the scoring, New York won, 2—1. All the players that par-

ticipated in both games were presented by the league with gold footballs attached to a fob. The line-up :

New York (2).	Position.	Brooklyn (1).
Renzulli	Goal.....	Tintle
McNeill.....	Right back.....	Kelly
Kidd.....	Left back.....	Ferguson
MacPherson.....	Right half.....	McChesnie
McElroy.....	Center half.....	Bustard
Stuart.....	Left half.....	McLean
Kennedy.....	Outside right.....	Campion
McCrickard.....	Inside right.....	O'Halloran
Frost.....	Center.....	O'Donnell
Young.....	Inside left.....	McKenna
MacCallum.....	Outside left.....	McGreevey

Referee—C. E. Creighton. Linesmen—R. MacCulloch and J. Williams. Goals—Frost, McCrickard, New York; Campion, Brooklyn. Time of halves—35 minutes.

BROOKLYN CELTIC F.C. RECORD.

COMPILED BY THOMAS MCCAMPBILL, MANAGER.

The following is the record of Brooklyn Celtic since the club's organization in August, 1910:

PREVIOUS RECORDS.

Won N. Y. State League, 2d Div.....1910-11	Won New York State League.....1916-17
Won American Amateur Cup.....1911-12	Won Southern New York State Cup.....1916-17
Won Southern New York State Cup.....1912-13	Won La Sultana Cup.....1916-17
Won New York State League.....1912-13	Finalist National Challenge Cup.....1913-14
Won New York State League.....1913-14	Finalist National Challenge Cup.....1914-15
Won New York State League.....1914-15	Finalist American Association Foot- ball Cup.....1914-15
Won New York State League.....1915-16	

RECORD FOR SEASON 1916-1917.

Date. 1916.	Opposing Club.	Competition.	Goals. For. Agst.
Oct. 8—	St. George	New York State League.....	1 0
" 15—	Camerons	New York State League.....	3 0
" 22—	Bay Ridge	New York State League.....	0 0
Nov. 5—	I.R.T. Strollers	American F.A. Cup, first round.....	3 2
" 12—	St. George	New York State League.....	3 1
" 19—	Greenpoint	New York State League.....	3 0
" 30—	Disstons	Exhibition	1 4
Dec. 3—	Falls	American F.A. Cup, second round.....	6 0
" 10—	Greenpoint	New York State League.....	6 0
" 31—	White Rose	New York State Cup, first round.....	6 0
1917.			
Jan. 6—	Bethlehem	United States F.A. Cup second round.....	1 3
" 7—	Continentials	New York State League.....	3 0
" 14—	Jerseys	American F.A. Cup, third round.....	9 0
" 21—	New York	Exhibition	3 0
Feb. 4—	Visitation	New York State Cup, second round.....	1 0
" 11—	MacDonalds	New York State League.....	2 1
" 18—	MacDuffs	New York State League.....	6 0
Mar. 18—	Camerons	New York State League.....	4 0
" 25—	Bay Ridge	New York State League.....	3 1
Apr. 1—	I.R.T. Strollers	New York State League.....	3 0
" 8—	Continentials	New York State League.....	2 0
" 15—	I.R.T. Strollers	New York State Cup, semi-final.....	2 0
" 22—	West Hudsons	American F.A. Cup, semi-final.....	0 1
" 29—	I.R.T. Strollers	New York State League.....	2 1
May 6—	New York	New York State Cup, final.....	3 2
" 13—	MacDuffs	New York State League.....	1 1
" 20—	MacDonalds	New York State League.....	1 0
June 17—	Subways	La Sultana Cup, semi-final.....	5 1
" 24—	Overseas Wanderers.....	La Sultana Cup, final.....	4 1

Goal Scorers—Oct. 8, O'Halloran; Oct. 15, O'Halloran, Peterson, Parker; Nov. 5, Stark 2, McMahon; Nov. 12, Parker, Stark, Duffy; Nov. 19, McGreevey, McKenna,

Ellis; Nov. 30, Ellis; Dec. 3, Ellis 2, Stark 2, Parker, McKenna; Dec. 10, Parker 3, O'Halloran 2, Lennon; Dec. 31, Parker 2, O'Halloran 2, Broadbent, Duffy; Jan. 6, Lennon; Jan. 7, McGreevey 2, O'Halloran; Jan. 14, O'Halloran 5, McGreevey 2, Parker, McKenna; Jan. 21, Bustard, Peterson, Lennon; Feb. 4, Lennon; Feb. 11, Stark, McKenna; Feb. 18, Bustard 2, McGreevey 2, O'Halloran, Lennon; Mar. 13, Eastham 2, O'Halloran, King; Mar. 25, King 2, McGreevey; Apr. 1, Lennon 2, King; Apr. 8, King, McGreevey; Apr. 15, Casey, Lennon; Apr. 29, Casey, McGreevey; May 6, Casey 2, McKenna; May 13, McGreevey; May 20, McKenna; June 17, Stark 2, McKenna 2, McGreevey; June 24, McGreevey, O'Halloran, Stark, Bustard.

SUMMARY.					
Games.	Won.	Lost.	Drawn.	Goals.	
				For.	Against.
29	24	3	2	87	19

Winners of New York State League, Southern New York State Cup, La Sultana Cup.

NEW YORK STATE ASSOCIATION FOOTBALL LEAGUE.

President, Thomas Bagnall; vice-president, Robert McCulloch; secretary-treasurer, Wilfred Hollywood.

BY THOMAS BAGNALL.

The season 1916-17 was the eleventh continuous season of the New York State Association Football League and, while it was not superior to previous ones, it was very satisfactory from a playing and a financial point of view. When the teams lined up to start the season it looked very much as if the race in both divisions would be keen and close. However, as the season advanced, it was clearly seen that the Brooklyn Celtic F.C. and the Oversea Wanderers would be the winners in their respective divisions, with the runners-up in doubt until the last moment. This proved to be the case, and the famous Celtic team won the championship of the league for the fifth year in succession, with the Clan MacDonald F.C. as runners-up. The Oversea Wanderers walked away with the second division championship, with the Subway F.C. as runners-up, although it looked at one time as if the Manchester Unity F.C. were a sure thing for second place.

FIRST DIVISION.

G. W. L. D. Pts.					G. W. L. D. Pts.						
Brooklyn Celtic	16	14	0	2	30	Bay Ridge F.C.....	16	7	8	1	15
Clan MacDonald	16	12	3	1	25	St. George F.C.....	16	5	8	3	13
Greenpoint F.C.	16	8	5	3	19	Continental F.C.	16	2	12	2	6
Clan MacDuff F.C.....	16	8	6	2	18	Cameron F.C.	16	0	15	1	1
I.R.T.F.C.	16	8	7	1	17						

SECOND DIVISION.

Oversea Wanderers	18	15	1	2	32	Greenville F.C.	18	7	9	2	16
Subway F.C.	18	11	3	4	26	Clan Scott F.C.....	18	7	11	0	14
Manchester Unity	18	9	4	5	23	Our Boys F.C.....	18	6	10	2	14
Longfellow F.C.	18	9	5	4	22	White Rose F.C.....	18	3	10	5	11
Yonkers St. George.....	18	6	7	5	17	Bohemian F.C.	18	2	15	1	5

METROPOLITAN AND DISTRICT AMATEUR FOOTBALL LEAGUE.

(Affiliated with the Southern New York State Football Association.)

President, Richard Moss; vice-president, Joseph Smith; secretary-treasurer, Charles Treacy, 1285 Second Avenue, New York City.

BY CHARLES TREACY, SECRETARY.

The season of 1916-17 has been one of the most successful of the Metropolitan League since its formation. While the league started the season with eight clubs on the roll—a big drop from the fourteen of the previous term—the class of football shown has been much above that of former years.

The league competition proved an interesting one. All through the season the clubs showed themselves to be fairly well matched. Fulton Camerons and Visitation monopolized the leading positions, but neither could draw far away from the clubs in the rear. Practically till the last game the championship was doubtful, and the finish left the Fulton Camerons and Visitation tied for first place. In the deciding game Camerons got the better of Visitation by the odd goal in five.

The annual game with the Allied American Association, Philadelphia, Pa., was played in New York on Christmas Day. The Metropolitan League lads are confident of taking the honors from their stronger opponents, but the Philadelphia boys showed a better brand of football and won a clean and distinct game by five goals to two.

The Metropolitan Cup competition brought out quite as much excitement as the league competition. Fulton Camerons and West New York Blues reached the final. In one of the best games of the season, necessitating an extra half hour's play, Camerons won by four goals to three, the winning goal coming from a penalty in the last minute of the game.

The Royal Nestor Cup, presented to the Metropolitan League through the zealous work of President Moss, was offered for competition for the first time. This cup is considered by New York football followers to be one of the best in the country, and the struggle for this splendid trophy was a fitting windup to a fine season. The finalists of the Metropolitan Cup proved their consistency by winning their way into the final for the new cup, and West New York Blues turned the tables on the Camerons, winning what was probably the finest game of the year by one goal to nothing.

During the coming season the Metropolitan League is going to make a determined effort to foster junior football in Greater New York. As the first step in this direction the title will be changed to Metropolitan and District Junior Football League. With the promise of the whole-hearted support

of the Southern New York State Football Association, the officers of the Metropolitan League feel sure that bright prospects are in store, though the dawn of the new era may be delayed by the present crisis.

Following is the standing of the league for season 1916-17:

	Games.	Won.	Lost.	Drawn.	Goals.		Points.
					For.	Against.	
Fulton Camerons*	12	9	1	2	29	12	20
Visitation	12	9	1	2	21	12	20
White Rose	12	8	3	1	22	13	17
West New York Blues	12	6	6	0	41	13	12
Donkers Rovers	12	3	8	1	22	34	7
St. George	12	2	8	2	10	27	6
Nestor Field Club	12	0	10	2	10	34	2

*Fulton Camerons won the league championship by the score of 3-2 in the play-off with Visitation F.C.

FULTON CAMERONS, METROPOLITAN LEAGUE CHAMPIONS.

BY E. SHAW, SECRETARY.

The Fulton Camerons had a very successful season. In the Metropolitan League the club played twelve games, of which nine were won, two drawn and one lost, while 29 goals were scored against opponents' 12. This gave the club a tie with Visitation F.C. for the championship. On the play-off Fulton Camerons defeated Visitation, 3 to 2.

Playing for the Metropolitan Cup the Camerons defeated Visitation F.C. and White Rose in the first and second rounds, and in the final defeated West New York Blues, 4 to 3, thereby winning the Metropolitan Cup and gold medals. The Camerons also won their way into the final of the Royal Nestor Cup. The West New York Blues turned the tables on them this time and won the cup by the narrow margin of 1 goal to 0.

RECORD OF ALL GAMES PLAYED BY FULTON CAMERONS, SEASON 1916-17.

Metropolitan League games—2, White Rose 1; 4, Yonkers Rovers 1; 2, West New York Blues 1; 2, Visitation F.C. 4; 1, Astor F.C. 1; 2, St. George F.C. 0; 1, Visitation F.C. 0; 2, Astor F.C. 2; 2, West New York Blues 1; 6, Yonkers Rovers 0; 3, St. George F.C. 0; 2, White Rose 1. Final round—Fulton Camerons 3, Visitation 2.

Metropolitan Cup Ties—1, Visitation F.C. 0; 3, White Rose 1. Final round—Fulton Camerons 4, West New York Blues 3.

Royal Nestor Cup Ties—2, St. George F.C. 0; 3, Visitation F.C. 1. Final round—Fulton Camerons 0, West New York Blues 1.

SUMMARY.					
Games.	Won.	Lost.	Drawn.	Goals.	
				For.	Against.
19	15	2	2	45	20

SOCCER IN NEW YORK AND ENVIRONS.

BY M. F. ("MIKE") KELLY, NEW YORK CITY.

While I would like to say that the 1916-17 soccer season in the metropolitan district was a success proportionately to the seasons that preceded it, the financial returns reflected little credit on the workings of the propaganda system in advertising the dribbling game. There is no question but soccer is handicapped by its inability to get the right kind of advertising. There are men who understand the game who would like to see soccer exhibitions, yet rarely get to the contests because they don't know where to go.

It is a well known fact that the finals of one of the biggest competitions of which New York can boast was played without one word being recorded in any of Gotham's papers. Soccer is unquestionably the premier winter game, yet the advertising end is overshadowed by that of other sports whose systems of getting publicity are producing better financial results. The explanation here is ridiculously simple—not to be misunderstood.

If soccer is to progress, the advertising problem must be solved by the soccer clubs themselves, and until we have the solution of how to educate new crowds to a proper understanding of the finer points of the game, will soccer take a back seat. The men in charge have had numerous opportunities in the past to stage free exhibitions in the public parks, but for want of initiative and co-operation the free exhibitions never took place and never will take place until the slow thinkers put an extension ladder on their sight. Free exhibitions in public parks would involve little expense and no inconvenience to the many star soccer players who easily could be mustered together. Organization, of course, is necessary to develop interest, although the individual initiative which is characteristic of Americans would scarcely prevent any of the soccer legislators from welcoming one of the latter into the fold with a view to the adoption of some kind of a systematic propaganda plan.

Soccer is not paying. Few of the men connected with the game can afford to share in the burdens of teams that result from playing to empty stands. One man whom I know personally, has been losing money every season, yet for patriotic reasons still is at the helm. In a way it is unfair that the financial losses of any club should be borne by individuals as they have been in the past, yet many frequenters of the lots will tell you that every manager connected with football is making money hand over fist. The annual rental of a field conveniently situated cannot be had nowadays for anything less than the price of a half a score of Liberty Bonds, while the equipment of players also costs considerable.

All in all, there is not an abundance of encouragement to be extracted from the spirit in which soccer is supported financially by the public. Yet the different managers evade the final count and resume the new season on the old plan after chalking up the annual deficit.

There never was a time when the formation of an organization among managers was more in need for the purpose of devising ways and means to balk the player who puts an exorbitant price on his services. Such an organization could also care for its own press advertising. There would be nothing to prevent such a unit from making its work a success. Effective

operation in learning each other's views in dealing with the "hold-ups" and the best way to attract crowds to soccer would be something worth while. Soccer in New York demands the widest measure of advertising to get it everywhere, and unless the management of clubs chooses some medium by which newspapers will specialize in it we will continue to see the same old too few faces at our games.

Apart from the financial loss to many clubs in the metropolitan section the season of 1916-17 was encouraging if for nothing else than the advent of a number of the public school boy graduates with senior clubs in the different leagues.

Despite the fact that a larger number of players took part in soccer in both the New York and New Jersey districts last season there was a gratifying decrease in the number of accidents compared with former seasons, showing that the earnest and unceasing work done by both referees and officials of clubs was very effectual. Only a small percentage of injuries received by players was serious and the majority of all accidents resulted from falls on icy fields.

PUBLIC PARK PLAYGROUND ATHLETIC AND RECREATION LEAGUE SOCCER TOURNAMENT, NEW YORK CITY.

The soccer tournament conducted by the Bureau of Recreation, Department of Parks, under the supervision of William J. Lee, was the best ever conducted by the bureau. St. Gabriel's repeated its 1916 performance and won easily. The team made a remarkable showing, not having a goal scored against them. Park Commissioner Ward is a staunch supporter of soccer and displayed great interest throughout the tournament.

STANDING OF CLUBS.

SOUTHERN SECTION.

G. W. L. D. Pts.					G. W. L. D. Pts.						
Ward	10	10	0	0	20	Cherry and Market.....	10	4	6	0	8
Wapkins Square	10	8	2	0	16	East 12th Street.....	10	2	8	0	4
Milton Fish	10	5	5	0	10	Corlears Hook	10	1	9	0	2

EASTERN SECTION.

St. Gabriel's	10	10	0	0	20	John Jay	10	4	6	0	8
Thomas Jefferson	10	7	3	0	14	Yorkville	10	2	8	0	4
Windsboro	10	6	4	0	12	East Meadow	10	1	9	0	2

WESTERN SECTION.

Astor Field	10	10	0	0	20	DeWitt	10	4	6	0	8
Elsea	10	8	2	0	16	Jasper Oval	10	2	8	0	4
at 59th Street.....	10	5	5	0	10	Carmansville	10	1	9	0	2

FINALS.

St. Gabriel's	1	1	0	1	3	Astor Field	1	0	1	1	1
Ward	1	1	1	0	2						

NORTHWESTERN NEW YORK STATE FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION.

President, James McKinlay, Rochester; vice-president, James Woodhall, Niagara Falls; treasurer, Joseph Fallon, Rochester; financial secretary, John Kroyd, Rochester; secretary, James A. Campbell, Rochester.

BY JAMES MCKINLAY.

Northwestern New York State soccer still is alive, although severely hit by the war. The association now is on the threshold of its fifth year. It has made rapid progress after having quite a few setbacks at the start. The

body is fortunate in having a hard working and efficient set of officials. Secretary Campbell has been engaged to coach the Cornell University soccer team for 1916-17.

The Rochester City club looked certain to acquire the cup last season, but was doomed to disappointment at the hands of the Celts. The cup has yet to be won twice by one team.

Results of games in the Northwestern New York State Challenge Cup Competition follow:

Celtics 3, Kodak Park 1; Celtics 4, Thistles 1; Celtics 1, Rochester City 0 (semi-final; extra time required); Celtics 6, Clarks Mill 1 (final).

The semi-finals were drawn in districts, the Celtics and Rochester City playing off their game on the Rangers' grounds at Rochester, where, after a well contested and exciting game, the Celts retired worthy winners by a 1—0 goal count. The Utica and Clarks Mills game was played at Sherrill and Utica had to bow to a better team by 3—1.

The final was staged on the Rangers' grounds, and Clarks Mills, counted by many to carry off the cup, were completely outplayed by the Celtics. One of the largest crowds ever witnessing a game in Rochester saw the Celts gain the honor of being the first team to bring the Northwestern New York State championship to Rochester.

The revival of the game in Buffalo is much welcomed and, although the game is at low water mark at Niagara Falls, it is to be hoped it will take a new lease on life in the fall of this year. Niagara has been hard hit, its players joining the Canadian army in considerable numbers right from the start. The Rochester McNaughtons, the old firm, sent six members of their cup tie team to the army.

The eastern part of the State, O.C.L., Clarks Mills and Utica, are resting up until peace is proclaimed, as all their players are doing their bit for their country.

The high schools all are taking up the game rapidly and it will be only a short time until some recruits from the schools may be seen in some of the local elevens' ranks. This may come before the new season is far advanced.

Although some of the older hands who started the ball a-rolling up in this part of the State won't admit that soccer is bouncing, a great deal of improvement has been made, and only for the struggle in Europe, Northwestern New York football would have loomed larger on the map than at present. The officers of the association mean to make it jump into the limelight when outside conditions are improved.

Missing faces this season include those of Kenneth Peters, Mutch and others who helped the great game greatly.

ROCHESTER CELTICS FOOTBALL CLUB.

BY JAMES A. CAMPBELL.

The 1916-17 season for the Celtics proved the best in this young team's career, and by winning the Northwestern New York State Challenge Cup they gained the double honor of being proclaimed champions of Northwestern New York State and also the first team to bring the cup to Rochester.

The game of the competition semi-final, Celtics vs. Rochester City, will go down as one of the best and cleanest ever witnessed here. At the end of the regular ninety minutes of play neither team had scored, so extra time had to be played. McCammon scored for the Celtics in the first fifteen minutes and this goal settled the game. The final was played at Rochester, and the Celtics completely outplayed the Clarks Mills team, winning by 6—1.

To celebrate the team's victory, the club officials gave the players a banquet, at which every player was presented with a loving cup, as also was James McKinlay, president of the Northwestern New York State Football Association.

J. Burgess, sporting editor of the Rochester *Times*, presented the following players with cups: A. Briddon, T. Flynn, F. Gallagher, J. Gordon, G. Walker, C. Bernard, T. Gray, J. Latta, H. McCammon, R. Walker, J. Campbell, H. Hughes, N. O'Connor, S. O'Connor, G. Pound and P. Fleming.

At the time of going to press the Celts again are in the semi-final of the Northwestern Cup competition and are drawn against Buffalo City, the game to be played at Rochester.

That football is the king of all winter sports in Northwestern New York is easily seen, as whether it rains or shines large crowds always are to be seen at the game.

ONEIDA COMMUNITY (LTD.) A.A. SOCCER.

BY THOMAS D. LAW, MANAGER.

The Oneida Community (Ltd.) Athletic Association of Sherrill, N. Y., was organized about twelve years ago by a few gentlemen interested in sports of all kinds. At present the association has about 800 members, each of whom contributes twenty-five cents per month toward the upkeep of all games. For every dollar given by the members, the Oneida Community, Ltd., gives a like sum. The association is conducted strictly on amateur principles and supports every game of good clean sport. Base ball, bowling, football, tennis, golf, track and field events, trap shooting and soccer football are the most popular games.

Soccer football was introduced into the association in the year 1914. A few Scotch and English lads, hailing from Niagara Falls, organized a team and affiliated with the Utica and District Soccer Football League. The seasons of 1914-15 and 1915-16 saw the building up of a team which was undefeated in his past season. We are at present champions of Central New York State and as this is written, are scheduled to meet Buffalo City in the final of the Northwestern State championship. We have played 12 games, winning and tying 3. Teams such as Schenectady, Rochester, MacNaughtons and Eastman Kodak, Clark Mills, Utica and Syracuse have failed to lower our reputation. Soccer football has come to stay with the association.

AMERICAN FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION.

(Affiliated with the United States Football Association.)

President, Duncan Carswell; vice-president, Donald MacMillan; recording secretary, Robert M. Marshall; secretary-treasurer, Andrew N. Beveridge, 283 Maple Street, Kearny, N. J.

AMERICAN CUP WINNERS.

1884-85.....	O. N. T., Newark, N. J.	1897-98.....	Arlingtons, Arlington, N. J.
1885-86.....	O. N. T., Newark, N. J.	1905-06....	West Hudsons, Hudson Co., N. J.
1886-87.....	O. N. T., Newark, N. J.	1906-07....	Clark A.A., East Newark, N. J.
1887-88.....	Rovers, Fall River	1907-08....	West Hudsons, Hudson Co., N. J.
1888-89.....	Rovers, Fall River	1908-09.....	True Blues, Paterson, N. J.
1889-90.....	Olympics, Pawtucket, R. I.	1909-10.....	Tacony F.C., Tacony, Pa.
1890-91.....	East Ends, Fall River, Mass.	1910-11....	Howard&Bullough, Pawtucket, R.I.
1891-92.....	East Ends, Fall River, Mass.	1911-12....	West Hudsons, Hudson Co., N. J.
1892-93....	Free Wanderers, Pawtucket, R. I.	1912-13.....	True Blues, Paterson, N. J.
1893-94.....	Olympics, Pawtucket, R. I.	1913-14....	Bethlehem S.C.F.C., Bethlehem, Pa.
1894-95.....	Caledonians, Newark, N. J.	1914-15....	Scottish-American, Newark, N. J.
1895-96.....	True Blues, Paterson, N. J.	1915-16....	Bethlehem S.C.F.C., Bethlehem, Pa.
1896-97.....	Manz F.C., Philadelphia, Pa.	1916-17....	Bethlehem S.C.F.C., Bethlehem, Pa.

No games in years from 1899-1905.

BY ANDREW M. BROWN.

The American Football Association began the season of 1916-17 under somewhat discouraging conditions. In July, 1916, the officers of the association entered into an agreement with representatives of the Southern New England Football Association and the Northern Massachusetts and New Hampshire Football Association relative to an avoidance of conflicting dates in the competitions conducted by these three associations. The terms of this contract and the entire purpose of the conference afterwards were set aside by the S.N.E.F.A. at its annual meeting and the explanation offered and accepted later was that the conditions of the contract had not been

fully reported to the meeting; this notwithstanding the established fact that the contract bore the signature of the president of the S.N.E.F.A.

The immediate consequence was that the S.N.E.F.A. gave its approval to a proposed new rule (No. 7, R. and R.) forbidding the clubs under its jurisdiction from entering more than one cup competition outside of the State competition, thus not alone violating the terms of the contract but endangering the guaranteed rights of the American Football Association in its relation with the U.S.F.A.

The ultimate consequence was that such well known clubs as the Fall River Rovers and the Pan-Americans, former contenders for the A.F.A. championship, were reluctantly compelled to withdraw their entries, rightly deciding under the circumstances forced upon them to make choice of the National Challenge Cup Competition. The good judgment of these and other clubs in making this choice is beyond question, but their enforced withdrawal was a distinct loss to the A.F.A.

Notwithstanding these facts the competition attracted entries from thirty-six clubs representing, as formerly, the highest quality of football in Pennsylvania, New Jersey, New York and Connecticut, and for the first time in twenty-five years the champions of the preceding season continued as champions. It may be noted that the Bethlehem Steel Company Field Club has engaged in the competition for four seasons and has acquired the full measure of success on three occasions, a truly remarkable record.

Is this record to give way to another and more enduring record in 1917-18 or are we to regard with confidence the views of the club managers who have interpreted the handwriting on the wall—each according to his own gift of interpretation—that a new champion assuredly will be found? Ours is not the gift of prophecy, but we venture the opinion that when the new champion is brought forward it will have displayed the same force and confidence, the same high purpose and attention to detail that have been, during these years, the distinguishing features of the Bethlehem S.C.F.C.

Elsewhere in this GUIDE will be found some worthy reference to the loss sustained to football in the death of Harry W. Trend. No association has felt the loss more deeply than the A.F.A. The officers and the members of the association who are to miss his presence and who no longer are to benefit by the expression of his opinion in matters of some difficulty, will not readily forget that his best service to football was rendered not because of his great enthusiasm for the Bethlehem S.C.F.C., but because he could look forward hopefully with a never failing confidence in the advancement of the game and a large measure of faith in the men who are concerned in this advancement.

Preliminary round—Putnam F.C. 7, Victor A.C. 0.

First round—Alley Boys F.C. 3, Splittorf F.C. 1; General Electric (Schenectady) 4, Bunker Hill 1; Henry Disston 8, Hibernian F.C. 0; Feltonville F.C. 2, Falls F.C. 3; Bethlehem Steel Co. F.C. 6, Putnam F.C. 1; I. R. T. Strollers 0, Brooklyn Celtic 0; replay, I. R. T. forfeited to Brooklyn Celtic; Babcock & Wilcox F.C. 4, Greenpoint F.C. 1; Ford F.C. 2, Continental F.C. 1 (Ford F.C. disqualified for using ineligible players; game awarded to Continental F.C.); New York F.C. 1, Clan MacDuff 0; Jersey A.C. 3, Ironside F.C. 1; Bridgeport City 5, General Electric (Lynn) 1; Dublin F.C. 1, Clan MacDonald 1; replay, Dublin F.C. 1, Clan MacDonald 0 (Dublin F.C. disqualified for using ineligible player; game awarded to Clan MacDonald F.C.); West Hudson F.C. 8, Greenville F.C. 1; Bay Ridge F.C. 2, Irish-American F.C. 1; Chicopee Rovers F.C. 2, Bridgeport Rangers F.C. 2; replay, Chicopee Rovers F.C. 2, Bridgeport Rangers F.C. 0; Scottish-American F.C. awarded game, Yonkers F.C. forfeiting.

Second round—New York F.C. 3, Bridgeport City 1; West Hudson 1, Bay Ridge 0; Alley Boys 2, Jersey A.C. 2; replay, Jersey A.C. 2, Alley Boys 1; Continental F.C. 2, General Electric (Schenectady) 1; Brooklyn Celtic 6, Falls F.C. 0; Bethlehem 2, Henry Disston 0; Scottish-American F.C. 1, Babcock & Wilcox 2; Clan MacDonald vs. Chicopee Rovers (the Chicopee Rovers being declared outlawed by the N. M. and N. H. S.F.A., Clan MacDonalds automatically entered the next round).

Third round—Brooklyn Celtic 9, Jersey A.C. 0; Clan MacDonald 4, Continental F.C. 1; Bethlehem 2, New York F.C. 1; Babcock & Wilcox 1, West Hudson 1; replay, West Hudson 4, Babcock & Wilcox 0.

Semi-final round—Bethlehem Steel Co. F.C. 5, Clan MacDonald F.C. 0; West Hudson F.C. 1, Brooklyn Celtic 0.

Final round (played May 13, 1917, at Wiedenmeyer's Park, Newark, N. J.)—Bethlehem Steel Co. F.C. 7, West Hudson F.C. 0.

ANNUAL REPORT OF PRESIDENT.

TO THE MEMBERS OF THE AMERICAN FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION :

In submitting the annual report for the season 1916-17, it is with regret that I call your attention to the deficit of \$156.35 on our balance. This unfortunate circumstance is due to a misunderstanding of the nature of the contract drawn up at Providence, R. I., July 29, 1916, between the interested parties and the A.F.A.

We were deprived of the entries of a number of clubs which had for many years taken a prominent part in our competitions. In the case of several clubs, the entry fee was returned when it was shown that the clubs were to be denied the privileges guaranteed under the Providence agreement or suffer losses in other directions.

The attitude of the Council of the U.S.F.A. at Providence on February 25, 1917, and at the annual meeting in Boston, May 27-28, 1917, warrants us in assuming that our activities will again be unrestricted as in former years. Another matter which, in the opinion of the writer, demands your immediate consideration is a revision of the section of Rule 25 (Challenge Cup Competition Rules) specifying the division of the gate receipts in the final round. To read: "In all final games the entire proceeds less expenses shall be equally divided between the Association and the competing clubs."

It is also suggested that the advisability of increasing the general admission for the final to fifty cents; in event of this recommendation being adopted that the matter be given all necessary publicity during the ensuing season.

In conclusion the president takes this opportunity to thank the officers and members for their hearty co-operation in the work of the past season. A special word of thanks is due your indefatigable secretary.

In addition I wish to voice the heartfelt wish that in giving to my successor the same brand of support, the continued success of the A.F.A. will be assured.

Very truly yours,

DUNCAN CARSWELL.

NEW JERSEY STATE FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION.

President, A. M. Brown; vice-president, Thomas Bagnall; secretary-treasurer, James Marshall, 322 Devon Street, Kearny, N. J.

By JAMES MARSHALL.

The past season has been a very peculiar one for the N.J.S.F.A. from the fact that the authority of the association was questioned by a subsidiary organization which necessitated the U.S.F.A. appointing a committee to determine the question. This prevented much work being undertaken by the officers as they would not assume any obligations on behalf of the association. However, on November 5, a special committee of the U.S.F.A. decided that the association was the proper body and clothed with authority to govern and control the game in the State of New Jersey. Thereupon all clubs that had questioned this authority became affiliated. This permitted the officers to make all the necessary arrangements to proceed with the work for the season, which had been much delayed.

The State challenge cup games were most successful from a playing and financial standpoint and created new interest, which, there is every evidence, will be increased during the coming season, and now that the association is firmly established, greater progress will be made in the advancement of the game. There was a brand of football played in the third round cup games and the finals that ranked with the best football played in the country. Of special worth was the hard fight put up by the Malta A.C. for the right to enter the semi-final, this club making the cup winners go two games to reach a decision.

The Scottish-American-West Hudson F.C. game was one of those in which local rivalry played an important part. The Scots eventually won by the score of 2 goals to 1, only to meet defeat at the hands of the Babcock &

Wilcox F.C. in the semi-final by 3 goals to 0. Jersey A.C. had a very easy time of it reaching the final, drawing "at home" in all rounds and meeting very light opposition. The final game for the cup competition, between the Babcock & Wilcox F.C. and Jersey A.C., was one of those fast, exciting games that had the spectators on their feet and shouting during the full hour and a half of play. The "Babs" eventually emerged victors. It was conceded to be one of the best games of the season, the score being 2 goals to 1.

In concluding I beg to sound a word of praise to the president and vice-president and all the delegates of the association for their hard and faithful work during the season. Their labor was of the most harmonious nature and every one was looking after the true interests of the association and the best interests of the game in the State. The games resulted as follows:

First round—Froheim F.C. 6, Freehold 1; Simplex F.C. 0, Trenton Caledonians 1; Alley Boys 9, Astoria F.C. 3; Irish-Americans forfeited to New York Blues; Ford F.C. 6, Greenville 1; Passaic forfeited to Passaic Blues; Bloomfield forfeited to Speedways; Kinley 1, Valley Boys 0; Pa. R.R. Shop forfeited to Malta A.C. Second round—Splitdorf forfeited to Froheim; Trenton Caledonians 7, Passaic Blues 2; Ford F.C. 1, Ironsides 2; Speedway F.C. 0, Alley Boys 5; Malta A.C. 2, Dublins 1; Kinley F.C. 2, B. & W. F.C. 2; Kinley 0, B. & W. F.C. 9; Jersey A.C. 4, West New York Blues 1; West Hudson 1, Scottish-Americans 2. Third round—Jersey A.C. 2, Alley Boys 1; Ironside F.C. 5, Froheim 2; Scottish-Americans 3, Trenton Caledonians 1; Babcock & Wilcox 1, Malta A.C. 1; Babcock & Wilcox 3, Malta A.C. 1. Semi-final round—Jersey A.C. 5, Ironside 2; Scottish-Americans 0, Babcock & Wilcox 3. Final round—Babcock & Wilcox 2, Jersey A.C. 1.

The total receipts of the cup games were \$1,068.30, representing a total paid attendance of 4,274.

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOOTBALL LEAGUE.

President, T. F. Walsh; vice-president, R. W. Holder; secretary-treasurer, William Patrick.

BY WILLIAM PATRICK, BAYONNE, N. J.

With the opening of the 1916-17 season the National League, one of the oldest leagues in the United States today, looked as though its mission had ended for good, but with the June meeting the younger blood took the reins in hand and elected a new set of officers entirely.

July found the league with eight clubs, New York F.C., Jersey A.C., Babcock & Wilcox, West Hudson A.A., Scottish-Americans, Ironsides A.F.C., Dublin F.C. and Brooklyn F.C. The opening date of the schedule saw the disastrous defeat of the Brooklyn F.C. by the New York F.C., 11—1, the Brooklyns disbanding immediately after the game. The Splitdorf F.C. entered in their stead, but due to poor support they also went by the way and were soon out of the running, later disbanding to the stronger runners. Excitement in the running of the other seven for honors was well divided until towards the end of the season. At the close the standing showed:

	G.	W.	L.	D.	Pts.		G.	W.	L.	D.	Pts.
Jersey A.C.	12	8	1	3	19	West Hudson A.A.....	12	1	6	5	7
Scottish-Americans	12	7	3	2	16	Dublin F.C.	10	2	7	1	5
Babcock & Wilcox.....	11	7	4	0	14	Ironsides A.F.C.	9	1	6	2	4
New York F.C.....	11	4	3	4	12	Splitdorf F.C.	0	0	0	0	0

With such a bad start as this league had it took some hard work to keep things going for some three months of the season, but the able handling by its officers and the active co-operation of all clubs soon disproved all thoughts of its going to the wall, and it was with considerable pride that President Walsh handed out not only winners' and runners-up trophies in June, 1917, but also winners' trophies for the preceding season, when, owing to poor handling, the league was unable to recognize the 1915-16 winners, the Alley Boys.

As though to prove its earnestness of enthusiasm the clubs in session at the June meeting elected the same three officers for another term, electing the secretary-treasurer for life, in recognition of his efforts of the previous

erm. Since then—and as we are going to press—news reaches us that the league for 1917-18 will be: New York F.C., Jersey A.C., Babcock & Wilcox, West Hudson A.A., Scottish-Americans, Paterson F.C., Bethlehem Steel Company Soccer Club and Henry Disston A.A. of Tacony, Pa.

The war is being felt by every club, as, on an average, each club by conscription or volunteer is losing some thirty per cent of its players, others some of their officers; but with the usual tenacity the season we are entering should prove the success that is deserved.

NORTHERN NEW JERSEY LEAGUE.

BY JAMES MARSHALL, KEARNY, N. J., PRESIDENT.

The Northern New Jersey League was organized by the Propaganda Committee of the New Jersey State Football Association in November, 1916. The league is intended to bring together in an organized way the amateur clubs of the district, so that the State association will be in position to keep them under its controlling observation.

The league made a very auspicious start, there being ten clubs at the organization meeting, and everyone ready to go full speed ahead as soon as the schedule was arranged. Owing to the fact that it was a little late in the season, it was decided to run the league in two divisions, the winners in each division to meet in a final game to decide the league championship.

After a very successful season the American A.A. of Harrison, N. J., won the second division title, and Hoboken F.C. of Hoboken, N. J., the first division laurels. These two clubs met in the final game to decide the championship, the game being played on Sunday, June 3, 1917, and American A.A. being returned winner, thereby acquiring the championship shield and gold medals, and Hoboken runners-up medals. The officers are working earnestly to make the 1917-18 season a banner one and expect to finish up with one of the best leagues in the soccer world.

FIRST DIVISION.

	G.	W.	L.	D.	Pts.
Hoboken F.C.	8	6	2	0	12
Greenville A.A.	8	5	3	0	10
Speedway F.C.	8	4	2	2	10
Passaic Blues	8	3	3	2	8
Ford F.C.	8	2	4	2	6

SECOND DIVISION.

	G.	W.	L.	D.	Pts.
American A.A.	8	7	0	2	16
Singer A.A.	8	6	2	0	12
Neptune F.C.	8	2	5	1	5
Astoria F.C.	8	1	6	1	3
National A.A.	8	1	7	0	2

Winners of final game to decide championship, American A.A., Harrison, N. J.; runners-up, Hoboken F.C., Hoboken, N. J.

BABCOCK & WILCOX FOOTBALL CLUB.

A summary of the games played by the "Babs" during 1916-17 season follows:

	Games.	Won.	Lost.	Drawn.	Goals.	
					For.	Against.
Exhibition games	4	2	2	0	11	11
National League	13	9	4	0	24	19
N.S.F.A. Cup	1	0	1	0	2	3
N.F.A. Cup	4	2	1	1	7	7
New Jersey State Cup.....	6	4	0	2	20	7

The most interesting event in the history of the club transpired when the "Babs" took their first cup, the New Jersey State trophy. In the final game at Clarks Grounds, East Newark, against the Jersey A.C., their oldest rivals, they won by the score of 2-1. It was one of the hardest-fought battles that famous soccer ground has accommodated.

As their greatest goal scorer the Babcock & Wilcox club set forth Peter Weeney, who sent the ball through on twenty-two occasions out of a total of sixty-four goals credited to the team.

SOUTHERN NEW ENGLAND SOCCER LEAGUE.

(Affiliated with the Southern New England Football Association.)

President, Dennis A. Coholan, New Bedford; vice-president, Canute S. Johnson, Crompton; secretary, Harold H. Williamson, New Bedford; treasurer, Stephen Bailey, Pawtucket. Delegate to Southern New England Football Association, Dennis A. Coholan.

BY HAROLD H. WILLIAMSON.

For the second time since the league was reorganized, the New Bedford club landed the honors in the 1916-17 season, although not a single team in the circuit was able to complete its schedule of fourteen games, owing to a combination of inclement weather and the prevalence of so many important cup ties at the latter end of the season. The present prospects are that all the eight clubs again will be seen in action as members of the league during the coming season. The final standing of the clubs was as follows:

	Games.	Won.	Lost.	Drawn.	Goals.		Points.
					For.	Against.	
New Bedford F.C.....	8	6	1	1	18	10	13
Fall River Rovers.....	8	4	2	2	15	12	10
J. & P. Coats F.C.....	11	4	5	2	20	18	10
Howard & Bullough.....	7	4	3	0	12	10	8
New Bedford Celtics.....	8	3	3	2	15	14	8
Crompton.....	11	2	6	3	13	20	7
Pan-Americans.....	6	3	3	0	9	10	6
Fore River*.....	5	1	4	0	8	16	0

*Two points deducted for playing ineligible player.

NEW BEDFORD SOCCER FOOTBALL CLUB.

President, William Beardsworth; secretary, Harold H. Williamson; treasurer, Albert W. Keane; directors, William A. McHugh, John J. Barnes.

BY HAROLD H. WILLIAMSON.

Although the New Bedford club did not enjoy the same run of success in the National Challenge Cup Competition during 1916-17 as marked the previous seasons, the club managed to lift the championship of the Southern New England Football League. This is the second time during the three seasons the reorganized league has been in operation that New Bedford has annexed the honors. Owing to the long period of snow covered grounds when play was practically impossible—in the months of January, February and March—the schedule of games was sadly interfered with and it was necessary to curtail many of the league contests.

The J. & P. Coats team of Pawtucket was the only eleven to defeat the New Bedford team in the league series, and this was accomplished in the last game of the season, when the Pawtucket boys triumphed over nine men by a score of 2 to 0. The Fall River Rovers eliminated the New Bedford team in the second round of the National Challenge Cup Competition and the first round of the Times cup play, winning in each case by 3-1. As in the past four seasons, the victors over New Bedford went through to the final round in each case.

Two exhibition games were staged with the Bethlehem eleven, the latter winning both—at Bethlehem by a score of 2 to 1, and the earlier game by a 3-0 score. Mr. Lewis described the 2-1 game as the finest football exhibition ever staged on the steelworkers' grounds.

During the season the club staged 23 games, winning 13, losing 7 and drawing 3, with a goal average of 49 against 29. The New Bedford club will be one of the hardest sufferers through the war, as ten former members enlisted voluntarily to serve with the colors, while others were liable to the draft. The results of the games played are as follows:

	Opponents.	Result.	Goals.		Competition.
			For.	Agst.	
1916.					
Sept.	2—New Bedford Rangers.....	Won	2	0	Exhibition.
"	4—Fall River Rovers.....	Won	2	1	Exhibition.
"	9—Pan-Americans of Fall River.....	Won	4	1	Exhibition.
"	16—Howard & Bullough of Pawtucket...	Draw	1	1	Exhibition.
"	23—Osborns of Fall River.....	Won	7	0	Exhibition.
"	30—J. & P. Coats of Pawtucket.....	Draw	2	2	League.
Oct.	7—Celtics of New Bedford.....	Won	2	1	League.
"	12—Bethlehem F.C.	Lost	0	3	Exhibition.
"	22—Crompton F.C.	Won	3	2	League.
"	28—Pan-Americans of Fall River.....	Won	4	0	League.
Nov.	4—Celtics of New Bedford.....	Lost	1	2	Exhibition.
"	11—Fall River Rovers.....	Lost	0	2	Exhibition.
"	18—Pan-Americans of Fall River.....	Won	2	0	U. S. Cup, first round.
"	25—Howard & Bullough of Pawtucket...	Won	2	1	League.
"	30—Fore River F.C.	Won	7	0	Exhibition.
Dec.	2—Bethlehem F.C.	Lost	1	2	Exhibition.
"	3—Bridgeport City F.C.....	Draw	1	1	Exhibition.
"	9—Fall River Rovers.....	Lost	1	3	Times Cup, first round.
"	25—Celtics of New Bedford.....	Won	1	0	Exhibition.
"	30—Fall River Rovers.....	Lost	1	3	U. S. Cup, second r'nd.
1917.					
Jan.	30—Celtics of New Bedford.....	Won	3	1	League.
Mar.	31—Crompton F.C.	Won	2	1	League.
Apr.	14—J. & P. Coats of Pawtucket.....	Lost	0	2	League.

NEW BEDFORD (MASS.) TIMES CUP COMPETITION.

Bigger, better and busier than ever before was the New Bedford Times Cup Competition during the 1916-17 season. An infusion of new blood in the entries, the fortunate draws of the big clubs together as the series progressed and the extra large crowds which saw the semi-finals and final, brought the financial returns to the Southern New England Football Association, under whose auspices the tournament is conducted, somewhere around the \$500 mark besides furnishing soccer lovers with a series of games second only to those furnished in this section by the National Challenge Cup Competition.

The national champions, Fall River Rovers, won the series and won it on merit. They triumphed over the New Bedford club, 3 to 1, over the Pan-Americans of their own city in the semi-final and then blanked the J. & P. Coats F.C. in the final game by a score of 3 to 0. The Howard and Bulloughs fell before them in the third round and all the way the cup winners demonstrated their superior fighting qualities.

The games were, on the whole, cleanly played and in the entire competition not one or two offenders had to be sent off the field. There was but one protest made, that by the New Bedford Celtics, and this was not sustained.

All the so-called big clubs which took part in this competition were also members of the Southern New England League. After a season of up and down battling, the New Bedford F.C. walked away with the championship, the Garcelon trophy and the league medals. The schedule was unfinished, but the Whalers had a three point lead on their chief rivals, the national champion Fall River Rovers, and were unanimously the pick of the league lay, although they fell down hard in the cup ties.

NEW BEDFORD CELTIC FOOTBALL CLUB.

President, William Brown; secretary, Walter Lethbridge; treasurer, Joseph C. Christie; directors, Jerry McCarthy, Martin Garrity, John Waldron.

BY HAROLD H. WILLIAMSON.

During the season 1916-17 the New Bedford Celtics played but 16 games, winning 6, losing 8 and drawing 2, with a goal average of 33 against 29. For the first time since the club was organized the team lost more games

than it won, and incidentally played fewer contests than in any previous season.

Owing to the exceptionally severe weather, coupled with the prevalence of cup contests which sadly affected the ordinary schedule of games, but three contests were staged by the Celtics from Christmas Day until the end of the season.

The club met defeat in the early rounds of both the National Challenge Cup and the Times Cup competitions, but the management has rounded up a strong team for the season of 1917-18. The complete list of games played follows:

1916.	Opponents.	Result.	Goals.		Competition.
			For.	Agst.	
Sept. 23—	Fall River Rovers.....	Lost	1	2	Exhibition.
Oct. 7—	New Bedford F.C.....	Lost	1	2	League.
" 14—	Fall River Rovers.....	Draw	2	2	League.
" 21—	Lawrence F.C.	Won	4	0	U. S. Cup, qual. round.
" 23—	Fore River F.C.....	Lost	2	6	Exhibition.
Nov. 4—	New Bedford F.C.....	Won	2	1	Exhibition.
" 5—	Crompton F.C.....	Draw	0	0	League.
" 11—	Howard & Bullough of Pawtucket..	Lost	1	3	League.
" 13—	Clan McClelland of Ludlow.....	Lost	2	4	U. S. Cup, first round
" 25—	Odd Fellows of Pawtucket.....	Won	7	0	Times Cup, first round.
" 30—	J. & P. Coats of Pawtucket.....	Won	4	1	League.
Dec. 2—	Crompton F.C.	Won	4	2	League.
" 25—	New Bedford F.C.....	Lost	0	1	Exhibition.
1917.					
Jan. 6—	Pan-Americans of Fall River.....	Lost	0	1	Times Cup, second r'nd.
" 30—	New Bedford F.C.....	Lost	1	3	League.
Apr. 28—	Fore River F.C.....	Won	2	1	League.

CONNECTICUT STATE FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION.

President, J. Miller, New Haven; vice-president, J. A. Drake, Hartford; treasurer, E. S. Eversfield, Bridgeport; secretary, Joe Booth, Bridgeport; delegates-at-large, G. Denholm, Ansonia; O. Creer, Waterbury, and W. B. Martin, New Haven; delegate to U.S.F.A., Joe Booth, Bridgeport.

By JOE BOOTH.

The officials of the Connecticut State Football Association can certainly look back with pride on the success of the game during the past season, as on the whole it has been the most successful one during the career of the game in the State. The committee members have worked hand in hand during the whole of the season and harmony has played an important part in the great success attained. Not only in senior football has the season been a great success, but junior and schoolboy football has also played a prominent part in the success of the game in the Nutmeg State. The same success cannot be expected for this season, as the war is expected to play havoc among the teams. Before the draft was made something like one hundred players and officials from the various clubs gave their services to the Allies and are now in active service. The greatest loss sustained by the association was that of Charles Martin, secretary of the Connecticut Amateur League and member of the executive committee of the State association. The draft is expected to weaken further the teams, but the executive committee is working hard to overcome the difficulty.

During the season there were five affiliated leagues, namely, Connecticut State League, Connecticut Amateur League, Hartford and District League, Bridgeport Junior League and the Bridgeport Schoolboys' League. These leagues are dealt with separately. The State cup competition drew an entry of nine clubs, which was an increase of two over the previous season, and the Bridgeport City club finally won the competition after a hard struggle in the final against the British-American F.C. of Waterbury by the score of 2 goals to 0.



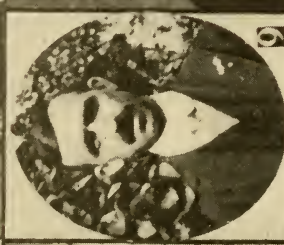
1, DONALD STANFORD, Vice-President, 2, A. M. BROWN, Delegate to United States Football Association; 3, R. M. MANSFIELD, Recording Secretary; 4, Henry Craig, Member Advisory Board; 5, Duncan Carswell, President; 6, A. N. Beveridge, Secretary-Treasurer.

OFFICERS AMERICAN FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION, 1917-18.



1, J. Miller, New Haven, President. 2, E. S. Eversfield, Bridgeport, Treasurer; Manager Bridgeport City F.C. 3, G. Denholm, Ansonia, Delegate-at-Large; Vice-President Connecticut Referees' Association. 4, Joe Booth, Bridgeport, Secretary; Secretary Connecticut State Football League; Secretary Connecticut Amateur League; Secretary Bridgeport Junior League; Secretary Bridgeport Schoolboys' League; Member National Council; Member Challenge Cup Committee. 5, W. B. Martin, New Haven, Delegate-at-Large. 6, J. A. Drake, Hartford, Vice-President; Secretary Hartford and District League. 7, Oscar Creer, Waterbury, Delegate-at-Large.

OFFICERS AND DELEGATES OF THE CONNECTICUT STATE FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION.



1, Arthur Stead, President Connecticut Amateur League and Bridgeport Junior League. 2, James Trench, Vice-President Connecticut Amateur League. 3, J. E. Walton, Vice-President Connecticut State Football League. 4, Robert L. Zink, Principal Lincoln Grammar School, Bridgeport, Conn.; Second Vice-President Bridgeport Schoolboys' League. 5, Harvey Calliss, Goalkeeper Bridgeport City Football Club. 6, J. Heywood, President Connecticut State Football League. 7, F. Heppinstall, Bridgeport City Football Club. 8, G. Capper, President Connecticut Referees' Association. 9, R. Rae, Secretary Connecticut Referees' Association and Vice-President Bridgeport Junior League. 10, Tom Wilson, Bridgeport, Conn., "Grand Old Man" of Connecticut Soccer.



(1) REMINGTON CITY SOCCER CLUB. Back row (left to right)—J. Bardsley, S. Sims, E. Morton, C. Barker, G. Capper, Sec.; E. Wilson, J. Haywood, Pres.; J. Wilson, Middle row—H. Ackermann, P. Sims, Mgr.; C. Fairrest, Capt.; S. Dowds, H. Morton, Front row—G. Arman, W. Miller, J. Eadon, M. Connelly, W. Somersat. (2) BRIDGEPORT DANISH F.C. (3) BRIDGEPORT SWEDISH F.C. Back row—Santesson, Faust, Stengard, Engholm. Middle row—Eriksen. Anderson, Wellman, Farsberg. Front row—Sundvall, J. Johnson, Bannow, Fielding, R. Johnson. (4) LINCOLN SCHOOLBOY TEAM. Winners of Bridgeport Schoolboy League. Back row—Jepson, Hammell, Eldridge, Ryan, O'Donnell, R. L. Zink, Prim.; Tickey, Hoyt, Seftentrich, Kuba. Front row—O'Neil, Michael, Baird.



(1) CONNECTICUT SCOTTISH INTERNATIONAL TEAM. Back row (left to right)—E. Sharp, Trainer; K. Finley, Lhesman; Forsyth, McKay, York, Tom Wilson, Rintout, Denholm. Middle row—J. C. Ross, Houston, Boyle, Kane, Logan, Valentine, J. Kelly. Front row—Salmond, A. Sharp, Mascot; Todd, Capt. (2) CONNECTICUT ENGLISH INTERNATIONAL TEAM. Back row—Callis, Joe Booth, Sec.; Molyneaux, Healy, Capt.; Drinkwater, Davies, Linesman; Denholm, Referee. Middle row—Eversfield, Treas.; Montgomery, Farist, Mason, Smith, Woolley, Trainer. Front row—Satterwaite, Byrne, Fildes. (3) BRIDGEPORT CITY FOOTBALL CLUB, BRIDGEPORT, CONN. Back row—Fildes, Bain, Hardy, Todd, Capt.; Smith, Drinkwater, Heppinstall. Front row—Satterwaite, Jones.



(1) BRIDGEPORT (CONN.) ROVERS FOOTBALL CLUB, Winners Connecticut Amateur League, 1916-17. Back row (left to right)—Mason, Capt.; West, Herson, Wilkinson, Daniels, Grant, Shenton, Ellam. Front row—Hainsworth, Pohlmann, Holden. (2) J. Sedgwick, President Bridgeport Rovers. (3) F. Beardsworth, Secretary Bridgeport Rovers. (4) CHICOPEE (MASS.) ROVERS FOOTBALL CLUB, Champions of Western New England. Back row—West, Loughlan, Scott, Milne. Middle row—McKechnie, Logan, Eackney, Capt.; Tilley. Front row—McFarland, Lowe, Barnett, Elder. (5) Patrick H. Harrington, Secretary Pan-American Football Club, Fall River, Mass.



Back row (left to right)—Langton, Dixon, Howarth, Beardsworth, Baines, Hague.
Front row—Cross, Hodson, Wilson, Shaw, Britton.

NEW BEDFORD (MASS.) FOOTBALL CLUB.



1. Alex. Duncan, Vice-President Connecticut Referees' Association; 2. J. C. Ross, Bridgeport, Ex-President Connecticut State League; 3. Charlie Martin, former Secretary Connecticut Amateur League.

THREE PROMINENT CONNECTICUT SOCCER MEN WHO HAVE
ANSWERED THE CALL.



1, Champlain Provencher, Organizer and President Spalding Association Football Leagues, Montreal, Canada. 2, C. A. Lovett, New York City. 3, Allan J. Henry, editor of the "American Cricketer," published in Philadelphia. The "Cricketer" has ever been a loyal friend of soccer and prints a splendid soccer column. The paper was established in 1877 and is published by the Associated Cricket Clubs of Philadelphia. Like his paper, Mr. Henry is also a loyal and effective friend of the game.

The Spring Cup competition drew a record entry of twelve clubs and some great games were witnessed. The two final clubs were the Bridgeport Rangers and the Bridgeport City teams. The Rangers, however, refused to play the final game and the competition was awarded to Bridgeport City.

During the season the annual international game between English and Scottish born players was played with gratifying results and the English team won the Bridgeport Sunday Herald Competition after a hard struggle by the odd goal in three. This competition arouses the greatest interest of any game in the State and there is some keen fighting for the various positions in the teams. It is expected that four teams will participate in this season's international series and the American and Swedish teams have sent in their claim for entrance into the annual competition.

During the season the association had the misfortune to lose its president, George Good of Naugatuck, who moved to Toronto, Canada, and his place was taken by W. B. Martin of New Haven.

Four teams entered the National Challenge Cup Competition, Remington City, Bridgeport City, Bridgeport Rangers and the British-Americans. The Bridgeport City team eventually came out as the last team to fall, but were defeated by a fluky goal in the third round by the Disston team. The Bridgeport City and Bridgeport Rangers teams also entered the A.F.A. cup competition, but the Chicopee Rovers eliminated the Rangers, while the City team was defeated by New York F.C. after winning from the Lynn Hibernians in the first round by 5 goals to 0.

CONNECTICUT STATE FOOTBALL LEAGUE.

(Affiliated with the Connecticut State Football Association.)

President, J. Heywood, Remington City; vice-president, J. E. Walton, Bridgeport City; secretary-treasurer, Joe Booth, Bridgeport.

BY JOE BOOTH.

This league competition proved a great struggle, as it required a deciding game to settle the championship. The Bridgeport City and Bridgeport Rangers elevens staged the battle for the honors which resulted in the City team being declared the champions. Six teams entered, an increase of three on the previous season. During the season the league lost its president, J. C. Ross, who, being in the Naval Reserves, was called for active service in the early part of this year. His loss was a serious one, as he was one of the best sportsmen in the State. The teams fought hard for the championship and at one time it looked as if it was going to be a great finish. The Bridgeport City club, however, now have joined the National League of New Jersey and it will give the other teams a chance to secure the league trophy. The final standing of the league was:

	G.	W.	L.	D.	Pts.		G.	W.	L.	D.	Pts.
Bridgeport City	11*	9	1	1	19	New Haven	10	3	5	2	8
Bridgeport Rangers	11*	8	2	1	17	Remington City	10	2	7	1	5
Ansonia	10	4	3	3	11	British-Americans	10	0	10	0	0

*Deciding tie was played.

CONNECTICUT AMATEUR LEAGUE.

(Affiliated with the Connecticut State Football Association.)

President, A. Stead, Stratford; vice-president, J. Trench, New Haven; secretary-treasurer, Joe Booth.

BY JOE BOOTH.

Misfortune early made its appearance in this league. Two weeks after the annual meeting the president was compelled to resign, owing to his employment taking him out of the district, while the elected secretary,

C. Martin, joined the colors, and this necessitated a special meeting being called. There was no one willing to take their places, so A. Stead, who had retired at the annual meeting on account of sickness, was pressed into service again, while Joe Booth, the organizer of the league, volunteered to act as secretary until another official could be appointed.

The league, which was started three seasons ago with a view of giving players a chance to compete who were not considered good enough to play in the State league, has come to the front in great style and has improved each season. The play has been good, and of the six teams that formed the league each has given a good account of itself. The Bridgeport Rovers won the competition after a hard struggle with the Waverleys of New Haven. The league promises to be even more successful this season. The final standing was as follows:

	G.	W.	L.	D.	Pts.		G.	W.	L.	D.	Pts.
Bridgeport Rovers	10	9	0	1	19	Swedish F.C.	10	4	5	1	9
Waverleys	10	7	1	2	16	Norwalk	10	1	8	1	3
New Haven Rangers...	10	4	4	2	10	Danish F.C.	10	1	8	1	3

HARTFORD AND DISTRICT SOCCER LEAGUE.

(Affiliated with the Connecticut State Football Association.)

BY J. A. DRAKE, SECRETARY.

Soccer football having died out in Hartford for a season was again revived and took a new lease of life through the personal efforts of Joe Booth, secretary of the Connecticut State Football Association, and J. A. Drake, late of the New York Referees' Association. A meeting was held at Long's Hotel, Hartford, August 25, 1916, and it was decided to reorganize the Hartford and District League.

Five clubs joined the league, Hartford United, Hartford Danes, Hartford City, Manchester and New Britain. The following officials were elected: President, E. W. Callis, Manchester; vice-president, J. Lee, Hartford; treasurer, George Blount; secretary, John A. Drake. Delegates-at-Large—J. McMenemy, Manchester; T. Watson, Hartford; P. Plower, Rockville. Schedule Committee—P. Rash, T. Watson and G. Hodgkinson.

Mr. Thompson of Hartford presented a silver cup to the league.

LEAGUE STANDING.

	G.	W.	L.	D.	Pts.		G.	W.	L.	D.	Pts.
Manchester	12	10	1	1	21	Hartford City	6	2	4	0	4
Hartford United	12	7	3	2	16	Hartford Danes	12	0	12	0	0
New Britain	7	4	2	1	9						

A double schedule was played to make the play last as long as in an eight club league. New Britain dropped out and Hartford City took its place. Hartford Danes showed good grit and sportsmanship by finishing the schedule, although not winning a game.

A competition was run off in the spring for a shield donated by Mr. De Ridder of Hartford and was won by the Hartford United club defeating Manchester on the latter's ground, being the first Hartford club to do this. United scored 24 goals to its opponents' 3 in this competition.

Manchester and Hartford United entered the Budd Cup Competition, Manchester losing to Bridgeport City, 7 to 0, on the Meadows. United lost to Bridgeport Rangers, 2 goals to 1. The Rangers were lucky to win, as they got the winning goal in the last minute.

BRIDGEPORT CITY ASSOCIATION FOOTBALL CLUB.

BY "JACK" STAMFORD, SECRETARY.

The Bridgeport City Football Club has completed another successful season, having for the second year in succession won the triple event of the State, viz., the State League, State Cup and the Spring Cup, while in the big cup

competitions, the jinx that usually follows us was with us again, we having lost to New York F. C. in the second round of the American Cup Competition by 3—1, the team putting up a very poor exhibition, and Disston A.A. F.C. defeating us by a scraggy goal in the third round of the National Cup Competition.

In all the club played in twenty-four games, won eighteen, lost three, and tied three, with a goal average of 75 for and 17 against.

The management of the club has done excellently in the past season, having, without any outside financial assistance, leased, graded and fenced in a ground, and now has one of the best enclosed playing pitches in the East. Great praise is due to the men at the head of the Bridgeport City Club, who by their hard work and uphill fight have placed the team among the foremost in the country.

BRIDGEPORT JUNIOR LEAGUE.

(Affiliated with the Connecticut State Football Association.)

President, A. Stead, Stratford; vice-president, R. Rac, Bridgeport; secretary, Joe Booth, Bridgeport.

BY JOE BOOTH.

The Bridgeport Junior League, which was started two seasons ago with a view of keeping the schoolboys interested in the game until they were good enough to play in the senior leagues, has proven a great success and some great displays have been given by the boys. Although there is not a large number of entries in this league it has served its purpose, and already the senior leagues are beginning to feel the benefit derived, as several players have migrated into the seniors from this league and more are expected this season. Last season three clubs entered and some keen and interesting games were witnessed. After a neck and neck struggle between the True Blues and the Bridgeport Celtics the former club won the championship in the last game of the season. The final standing of the league was as follows:

	G.	W.	L.	D.	Pts.		G.	W.	L.	D.	Pts.
True Blues	8	5	1	2	12	Swedish Reserves	8	0	6	2	2
Bridgeport Celtics	8	4	2	2	10						

BRIDGEPORT SCHOOLBOYS' LEAGUE.

(Affiliated with the Connecticut State Football Association.)

President, Harvey C. Went; first vice-president, R. Rae; second vice-president, S. P. Williams; third vice-president, T. Wilson; secretary-treasurer, Joe Booth.

BY JOE BOOTH.

This league is the most successful in the whole State and is one that is improving by leaps and bounds each season. When the league was started three seasons ago it was stated that it was impossible to foster soccer among the boys of the city of Bridgeport, but the promoters did not lose heart and a fine league was started with gratifying results. The second season was even better, until at the beginning of last season the committee was compelled to play the league in two sections as there were no fewer than fourteen clubs. It speaks volumes for the management of the league when only one club disbanded before the end of the season. The cup presented by the Bridgeport *Standard* was won after a hard struggle by the Lincolns, who by winning the trophy for three seasons in succession have won it outright and in addition won the splendid banner presented by the United States Football Association. The sectional winners of the league were Black Rock and Lincoln, and at the deciding tie there were many hundreds of spectators present, which shows how well the game is patronized. It is expected that another league will have to be formed this season as more teams are expected to enter.

THE GAME IN PHILADELPHIA.

BY LEVI WILCOX.

The progress of soccer football during the season of 1916-17 in Philadelphia could hardly have been more gratifying. All leagues reported the best season ever. The Industrial League, a comparatively new organization, probably made better progress than the rest of the leagues, but as it was backed and financed by various industrial plants and the race for the bunting was exciting until towards the close of the schedule, it readily can be seen that nearly everything was made to order for this baby organization. Credit, however, is due the officers of this league for the able and efficient manner in which they conducted business, especially in not allowing any of the teams to "pad." The new rule passed prior to the opening of the season compelling each player to have been employed at least ninety days at the place before he could assist his "shop" team had the desired effect. It prevented all teams, and, most important, those in the running, from bolstering up their weak places for the grand finale.

When the Hibernians obtained sanction from the Philadelphia Base Ball Club to play their home games in the National League Park it was thought that the Hibs would have a successful season, but such was not the case. This failure was mostly because the management started too late to sign players, as at first they did not have the least idea where their home games would be staged. It was unfortunate that the Hibs did not show the same strength last season as they did in former years for, with the extra accommodations for the spectators in the Phillies' ball park, it would have proved a paying proposition and it would also have been the means of fostering the game, especially among those who seldom see soccer but who went to the Phillies' park for the novelty of the thing.

Although the Allied American Football Association had some corking seasons in the days when Oliver Hemingway was its hard working secretary, it cannot be said that any of the previous seasons had anything on what the Allied accomplished last season. The First Division of the Allied comprised the leading amateur clubs in the city, and as the race to the wire could not have been closer between the Veterans and the Wanderers the followers of the league were given lots of excitement. There was hardly a weakling in the whole division, while the Second, Third and Fourth Divisions were also filled with fairly strong teams. Another feature regarding the Allied was the manner in which the officers conducted the business of their respective leagues. Unlike previous seasons, quite a lot of flimsy dickering in the way of uncalled-for protests after some of the matches was eliminated, a factor which conclusively proves that the soccer player is beginning to realize that rules are made to be upheld and not broken for the especial benefit of certain clubs or players.

At this writing the clubs in Philadelphia promise to be handicapped the coming season through the lack of grounds. It is reported that John Farrell, who leased the Third Street and Lehigh Avenue grounds, has decided that the rent is too much for him to shoulder alone. There has not yet appeared anyone to help shoulder the burden. The grounds are undersized but centrally located. Years ago, when the Pennsylvania League was at the zenith of its career, these grounds accommodated large crowds, but with the many teams now playing the game in Philadelphia the patronage seems to be more evenly distributed.

The American League, which was considered the strongest of the leagues in Philadelphia from a playing standpoint with such clubs as Disston, Putnam and Hibernians in the fold, did not have such a successful season. It was anticipated when the league started with a six club circuit which included Feltonville, winner of the United League title the previous year, Burns' Rangers and Camden, that the circuit would be well balanced. Such, however, was not the case, for after the season had only gotten midway Feltonville was compelled to forfeit its franchise because some of the teams started to lure away its players. Burns' Rangers did not amount to much, while Camden was still more of an uncertainty.

What proved the league's lifesaver was the battle for first place between Disston and Putnam, with the Hibernians a close third. Disston won the championship of the league without a defeat, while Putnam had but two defeats, both at the toes of Disston. Both games resulted in victories only after the hardest kind of playing on the part of Disston, for these teams were very evenly matched. Disston, the year previous, finished a tie in the American League series, so their victory of last season was well earned. Had some of the clubs kept their hands off Feltonville's best players there is not the least doubt but that the former United League champions would have made their presence felt in the league series.

The outstanding feature of the season from a Philadelphia standpoint was the splendid form shown by Disston in the National Challenge Cup series. Disston went right through to the semi-final and was only defeated by Fall River Rovers after the teams had battled to a tie in the first game and then were compelled to play two extra periods in the replay. All the more noteworthy was the showing of Disston in this tourney when it is recalled that Fall River Rovers defeated Bethlehem in the final round and now are the cup-holders. Disston practically went through the season with the same line-up. Too much credit cannot be given the manager, John Bedford, for the part he played in bringing Disston home a winner in the American League and sending them into the semi-final round of the National Cup series. Bedford has done more than any other person to foster soccer in Tacony, for he has been connected as manager with more than one championship team. It will be remembered that in 1914, Tacony, the title which the Disston team then played under, won the American Cup, while the following year they trekked to St. Louis and made a creditable showing against the strongest teams in the West.

With Disston lost to local league soccer for this coming season there will not be as much local rivalry. Disston has thrown its lot with the National League of Newark, N. J., one of the strongest organizations in the country. It cannot be said that the Disston management did not take the proper course in joining the National League, for with their last season's team and three or four stars added, it would have been a case of Disston outclassing the field in any Philadelphia league to such an extent that interest would have been lost entirely in their games. At the present time there is a great deal of interest manifested in soccer football in and about Tacony, the home of the Disston club. Last season at least five strong amateur teams were in the field, three of which accounted for championships in their respective leagues. Tacony promises to be a hotbed for the great dribbling game in the near future, especially as the heads of the Disston saw plant are taking more than passing interest in the game.

What probably helped more than anything else to make the 1916-17 season a banner year hereabouts was the high class refereeing provided. The strict examination that each candidate is put through by the Referees' Association of Philadelphia when he applies for membership has resulted in Philadelphia having a better class of referees than ever before in the history of the sport. Without this high type of officiating the game would not have made such progress as it did last season in Philadelphia.

Following are the official standing of the goal scorers and of the clubs in the American League:

FIVE LEADING SCORERS.

Name and Club.	Goals.	Name and Club.	Goals.
Frank Brown, Hibernians.....	10	F. Foster, Feltonvilles.....	7
M. Barrett, Disstons.....	8	A. Brown, Putnams.....	5
P. Andrews, Disstons.....	7		

GOAL SCORERS OF ALL THE TEAMS IN THE LEAGUE.

Disstons—Barrett 8, Andrews 7, Hyslop 4, Lynch 4, Coursey 3, Burrows 3, Dutcher 2, Rogers 2, Kemp 2, Small 1, McEwen 1, Fullerton 1, Fisher 1. Total, 39 goals. Putnams—Brown 5, T. Walsh 4, Foster 4, M. Walsh 2, Ihrig 2, Hemingway 2, Blakey 1, Mountney 1, Brooks 1. Total, 22 goals. Hibernians—Brown 10, Fossett 4, McCartney 4, Schwartz 2, McCaffrey 2, Waltemate 2, Kirk 2, Watson 2, Groves 1, Wilson 1, Rob-

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inson 1, Hardy 1. Total, 32 goals. Rangers—Smith 2, Funk 2, McKenna 1, Scott 1, Russell 1. Total, 7 goals. Victors—George 1, Whitehead 1. Total, 2 goals. Feltonville—Foster 7, Mellows 2, Derbyshire 1, Robinson 1, Brigham 1. Total, 12 goals.

STANDING OF THE CLUBS.

	Games.	Won.	Lost.	Drawn.	Goals.		Points.
					For.	Against.	
Disston	7	7	0	0	39	4	20
Putnam	8	6	2	0	22	7	16
Hibernians	9	5	4	0	32	15	12
Rangers	7	2	5	0	7	37	6
Victor	7	0	7	0	2	35	2
Feltonville	5	2	3	0	12	11	0

Disston gained 2 points by forfeit from Rangers; 2 from Victor; 2 from Feltonville. Putnam gained 2 points by forfeit from Victor; 2 from Feltonville. Hibernians gained 2 points by forfeit from Feltonville. Rangers gained 2 points by forfeit from Feltonville. Victor gained 2 points by forfeit from Feltonville.

ALLIED AMERICAN FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION.

BY JOHN LYALL, SECRETARY.

There were forty-two clubs connected with the Allied A.F.A. this past year. This is slightly under the banner year figure, but considerably more than any other single organization in this district. There were seven hundred and seventy-eight players registered for the various clubs.

In addition to four handsome trophies presented to the winners in the respective divisions, the association also presented forty-two gold medals, sixty-six silver medals and fourteen bronze medals. The winners and runners-up of the respective divisions were as follows:

FIRST DIVISION—MERION CUP.

	Games.	Won.	Lost.	Drawn.	Points.
Veteran A.A.	14	9	0	5	23
Wanderers F.C.	15	11	4	0	22

SECOND DIVISION—OLIVER BROS. CUP.

Tacony Hibernians A.A.	14	12	1	1	25
Wilson Social F.C.	14	11	3	0	22

THIRD DIVISION—CROWHURST CUP.

Tacony Baptist A.A.	10	10	0	0	20
Disston Boys' Club.	11	8	1	2	18

FOURTH DIVISION—PRESIDENT'S CUP.

Disston Rovers	13	12	1	0	24
Peerless F.C.	12	8	3	1	17

The various cups mentioned have been won as follows:

Merion Cup—Bethlehem, 1912-13-14; Putnam, 1914-15-16; Veteran A.A., 1916-17. President's Cup—Princeton A.A., 1914-15; Providence M.E.A.A., 1915-16; Disston Rovers, 1916-17. Silver Brothers Cup—Irish-Americans (Wilmington, Del.), 1912-13; Putnam, 1913-14; St. Nathaniel, 1914-15; Veteran A.A., 1915-16; Tacony Hibernian A.A., 1916-17. Crowhurst Cup—P.R.R.Y.M.C.A., 1910-11; Boys' Club of Church Club, 1911-12; Putnam, 1912-13; Centennial, 1913-14; Edgemoor (Del.), 1914-15; Tacony A.A., 1915-16; Tacony Baptist, 1916-17.

It is worthy of note that the Tacony clubs in the Allied Association won four sets of medals, as follows: Tacony Hibernians, first in Second Division, second in A.A.C.C.; Tacony Baptist A.A., first in Third Division; Disston Boys' Club, second in Third Division; Disston Rovers, first in Fourth Division.

ALLIED AMATEUR CUP COMPETITION.

(Organized 1910.)

President, J. B. Farrell; vice-president, A. Malpas; treasurer, William Palmer; secretary, John Lyall, 2017 East Silver Street, Philadelphia, Pa.

BY JOHN LYALL, SECRETARY.

The Allied Amateur Cup Competition finished a very successful year despite the fact that fewer teams entered the competition than in 1915-16 and that a strict observance of the rules made it necessary to disqualify three of the best drawing clubs entered. Twenty-one clubs entered and the draws in each round and results are as follows:

First round—Falls C. and F.C. 3, Greenway, L. I. 1; Veteran A.A. 10, Barrett 3; Audubon 3, Tacony Baptist A.A. 2; Providence 5, Rangers 0. Disqualified—Putnam, Wanderers.

Second round—Puritan J.M.L. 1, Providence 0; Ascension 3, Christ Church 0; Audubon 1, Wilson Social (Chester, Pa.) 0; Frankford vs. Chester Hibernians (game awarded to Frankford, Chester team leaving the field after 35 minutes' play); Tacony Hibernian A.A. 2, Edgemoor Iron Works 1; Collingwood 2, Puritan Reserves 1; Falls C. and F. C. vs. Veteran A.A. (Veteran A.A. disqualified for non-appearance at scheduled game).

Third round—Ascension 3, Collingwood 2; Falls C. and F.C. 3, Frankford 2; Puritan J.M.L. 5, Audubon 0; Tacony Hibernian A.A. 4, Edgemoor A.C. 0.

Semi-final round—Puritan J.M.L. 2, Falls C. and F.C. 1; Ascension 2, Tacony Hibernians 2. In the replay Tacony Hibernians won, 2 goals to 1.

Final round—Puritan J.M.L. 2, Tacony Hibernians 1.

BLUE MOUNTAIN SOCCER LEAGUE.

President, Maj. A. B. De Saulles, South Bethlehem, Pa.; vice-president, H. E. Lewis, Bethlehem, Pa.; treasurer, J. W. Edmondson, Easton, Pa.; secretary, John H. Carpenter, 31 Goepf Street, Bethlehem, Pa.

BY JOHN H. CARPENTER.

The Blue Mountain League finished up the third successful season of its existence in good standing. The season brought out junior clubs to the number of twelve, which became associated with this league—six school clubs from Allentown and six junior clubs of the Bethlehems. These additions made the league's season most successful. Associate members were Reading A.F.C., Olivet Boys' Club of Reading, Pa., Lehigh Plant F.C. and the Bethlehem Steel Company F.C., then national champions.

The growth of association football in the Lehigh Valley has been wonderful considering the fact that three years ago only one club was in this city. Then the Blue Mountain League was organized to develop the game and now has finished its third season with a membership of twenty-two clubs. The league owes its success to the officers at its head who include some of the most prominent backers and followers of the game.

Maj. A. B. De Saulles, as its president, has devoted practically all his time since the organization of the league to looking after its welfare. Mr. H. Edgar Lewis of the Bethlehem Steel corporation, as vice-president of the league, is untiring in his efforts to help the league, clubs and players. His hand and heart are open always for the uplift of this game. Through Mr. Lewis the league was able to place a beautiful silver cup for the championship of the Lehigh Valley.

Another great supporter of the Blue Mountain League is Mr. Warren Wilbur, who donated the Wilbur Cup and made it possible to hold an annual cup competition. The secretary has labored hard and the treasurer, J. W. Edmondson, has done excellent work in bringing the league to its present high position. Allentown Y.M.C.A. proved double champions last season, winning both the Lewis Cup for the league championship and the Wilbur Cup in the "knock-out" competition. North End F.C. of Bethlehem won the junior

championship which carried with it the Rotary Cup, a beautiful trophy presented by the Rotary Club of the Bethlehems.

STANDING OF THE FIRST DIVISION.

	G.	W.	L.	D.	Pts.		G.	W.	L.	D.	Pts.
Allentown Y.M.C.A.....	10	10	0	0	20	Lehighton F.C.	10	3	6	1	7
Saucon Cross R'ds F.C.	10	4	3	3	11	Nativity M.C.	10	2	7	1	5
Bethlehem East Ends..	10	4	3	3	11	Easton & Phillipsburg.	10	1	9	0	2

STANDING OF THE SECOND DIVISION.

North End F.C.....	10	7	2	1	15	Victor F.C.	10	2	7	1	5
Fairview F.C.	10	6	3	1	13	Bethlehem High School	10	2	8	0	4
Northampton Hgts F.C.	10	3	7	0	6	Cooper F.C.	10	0	10	0	0

HERMAN L. HOHLFELD, DONOR OF THE HOHLFELD CHALLENGE CUP.

BY JAMES A. WALDER.

After the formation of the Philadelphia Industrial League someone asked where we were going to get a cup for competition by the industrial teams. The answer was not long forthcoming. Mr. Herman L. Hohlfeld, president of the Hohlfeld Manufacturing Company, asked to be allowed to give a cup worthy of a league like the Industrial, for competition by teams representing manufacturing plants in Philadelphia.

The offer at once was accepted, and when the cup was completed it furnished one of the biggest surprises in soccerdom. It was designed by Mr. Hohlfeld himself and was emblematic of both work and sport. The cup cost more than \$600 and is second only to the National Challenge Cup. Mr. Hohlfeld, who until a few years ago did not know what a soccer game was, now is one of its most enthusiastic supporters and rarely misses a game in which his team plays. It is wonderful to see a man of his caliber get as enthused as if he were young again and playing the game—a good winner at all times and a very good loser as well.

At the presentation of the Hohlfeld Cup to the league, Mr. Hohlfeld remarked that soccer football was an ideal game for the boys and young men who work hard all day long in manufacturing plants. So that they could get some relaxation from their labors, he urged all corporations, be they large or small, to encourage their employes and help them both with time and money in athletic sports. It made them better workmen and made them more valuable to their employer, he said he found from experience.

Would that we had some more Hohlfelds and Lewises that the game might advance by leaps and bounds.

WESTERN PENNSYLVANIA FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION.

President, R. Stanley Burleigh; first vice-president, I. A. Hopkins; second vice-president, William Davidson; treasurer, William S. Haddock; secretary, David C. Adamson, 1940 Lithgow Avenue, Pittsburgh, Pa.

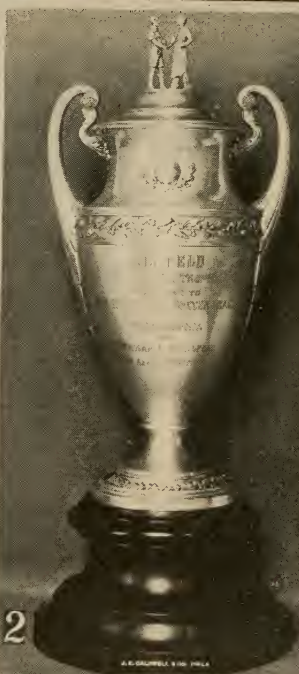
BY DAVID C. ADAMSON.

Western Pennsylvania enjoyed a very good season during 1916-17, probably the most outstanding feature being the very successful trip to St. Louis at the New Year period by a team representing the Pittsburgh District League. Three teams were met in as many days, the Innisfalls winning over the Pittsburgh boys by 3—2, the St. Leos also getting a verdict by 2—1, and the final game of the series going to the visitors, the Naval Reserves being on the short end of a 5—3 score. All things considered, it must be acknowledged that Pittsburgh did very well in the Mound City, the two games being lost by the narrowest of margins, while the game against the Naval Reserves allowed the visitors to break even on the total of goals scored for and



1, Veteran A.A., Winners First Division; 2, Textile Team, Winners Fourth Division; 3, Fairhill A.A.

ALLED AMERICAN FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION TEAMS, PHILADELPHIA, PA. Dan E. Paul, Photos.



1, Herman L. Hohlfeld, Donor of the handsome trophy to be competed for annually in the Industrial Soccer League of Philadelphia, Pa. 2, The Hohlfeld Challenge Trophy.



1, T. Scott, Hon. Secretary; 2, Mr. Oschle, Vice-President; 3, Mr. Cadwalader, President; 4, Mr. Thornton, Treasurer; 5, Mr. Walder.
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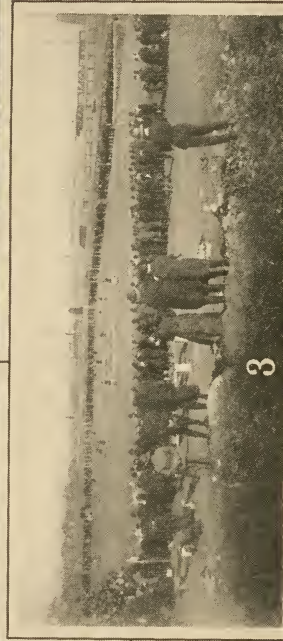
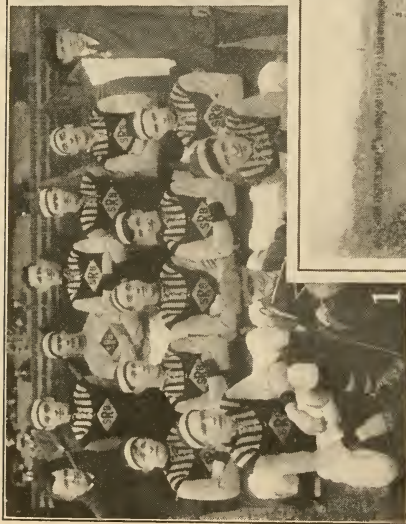
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ELECTRIC STORAGE BATTERY TEAM, PHILADELPHIA, PA.

Champions Industrial League.

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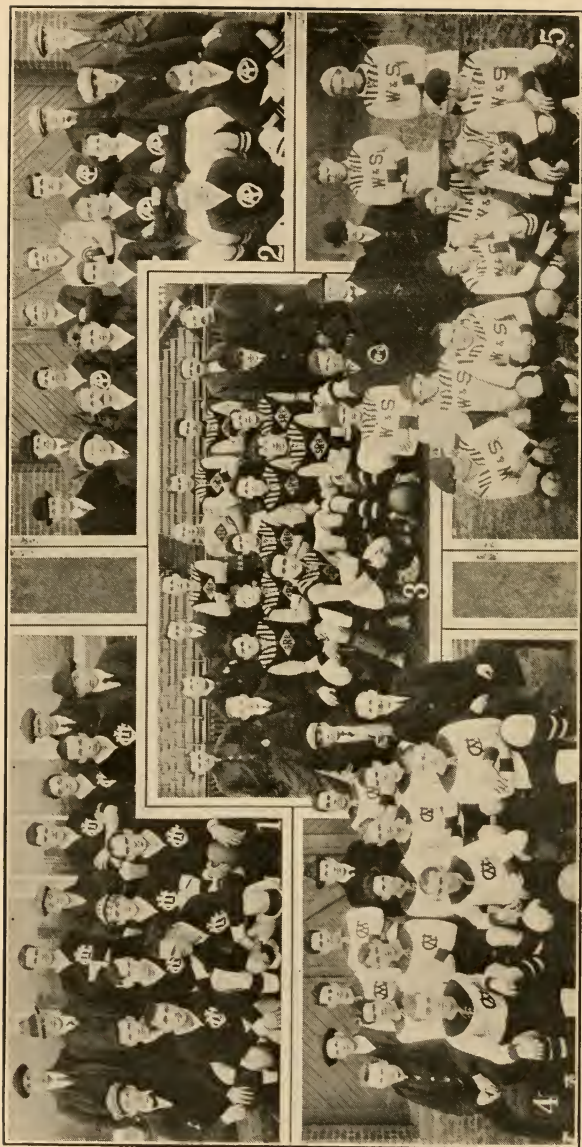


1, Standard Roller Bearing Company; 2, David Lupton's Sons Company; 3, The Hohlfield Cup Final—Standard Roller Bearing Company vs. David Lupton's Sons Company, April 7, 1917.

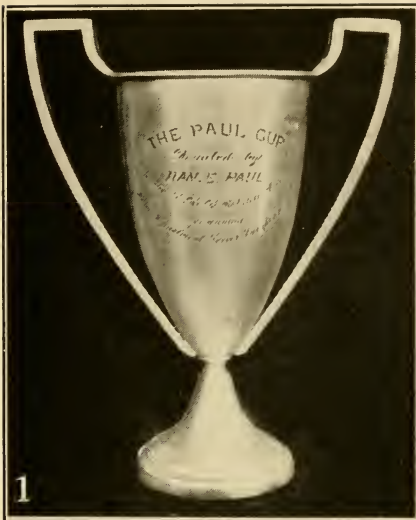
INDUSTRIAL LEAGUE TEAMS, PHILADELPHIA, PA.



1, Hohlfield Manufacturing Company; 2, Stokes & Smith Company; 3, Martex Manufacturing Company; 4, Joseph R. Foster & Sons.
INDUSTRIAL LEAGUE TEAMS, PHILADELPHIA, PA.



1, United Gas Improvement Company; 2, American Pulley Company; 3, Pick of the Industrial League; Eastern District Benefit Game, Philadelphia Base Ball Park, December 2, 1916; 4, Cresson-Morris Company; 5, Wolfenden & Shore.
 Dan E. Paul, Photos.
 INDUSTRIAL LEAGUE TEAMS, PHILADELPHIA, PA.



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1, The Paul Cup, for inter-department competition by the teams of the Standard Roller Bearing Company, Philadelphia, Pa. 2, Dan E. Paul, donor of the cup. 3, The Paul Cup Final, April 14, 1917; R. T. Department 4, A. M. Department 1.

Dan E. Paul, Photos.



1, A. M. Department; 2, V. M. Department; 3, R. E. Department; 4, R. G.-4 Department. Dan E. Paul, Photos.
STANDARD ROLLER BEARING COMPANY INTER-DEPARTMENT TEAMS, PHILADELPHIA, PA.



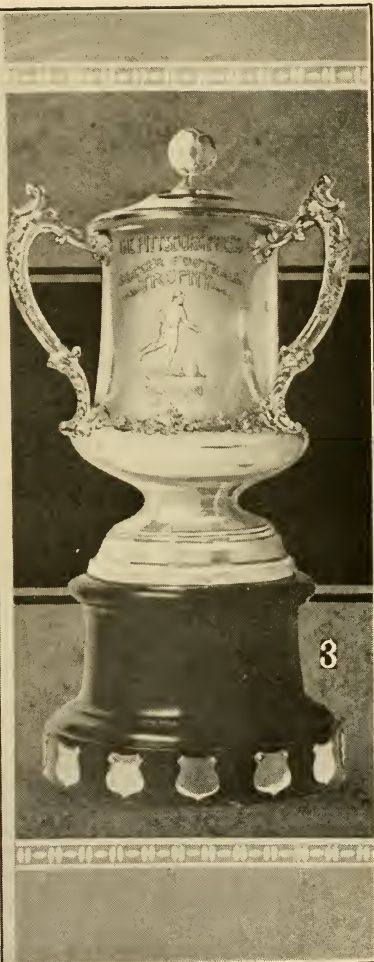
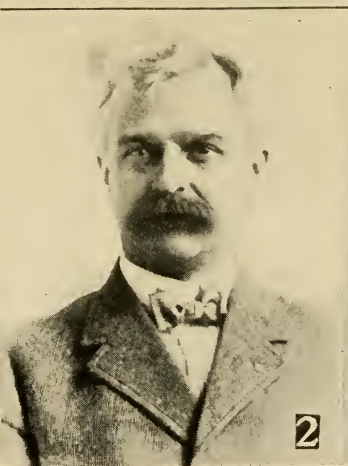
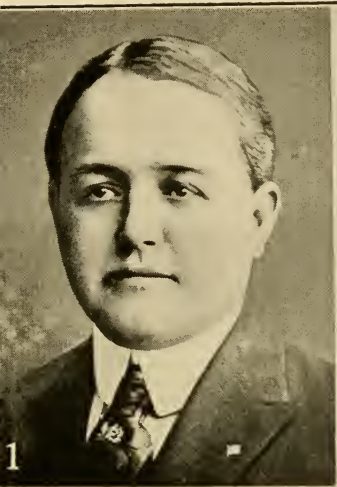
1, R. T. Department; 2, R. L. Department; 3, R. G. Department; 4, R. D. and T. R. Departments.

STANDARD ROLLER BEARING COMPANY INTER-DEPARTMENT TEAMS, PHILADELPHIA, PA.

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1, A. M. T. Department; 2, Transportation Department; 3, N. Y. P. and N.; 4, Purchasing Department; 5, Freight Traffic Department.
 GENERAL OFFICE LEAGUE TEAMS, PENNSYLVANIA RAILROAD, PHILADELPHIA, PA.
 Dan E. Paul, Photos.



1, William S. Haddock, Pittsburgh, Pa., Secretary-Treasurer Pittsburgh Press Soccer Football League. 2, R. Stanley Burleigh, Pittsburgh, Pa., Supervisor of Athletics Pittsburgh Public Schools; President Western Pennsylvania Football Association. 3, Pittsburgh Press Soccer Football Trophy; won by Treveskyn, season 1916-17.



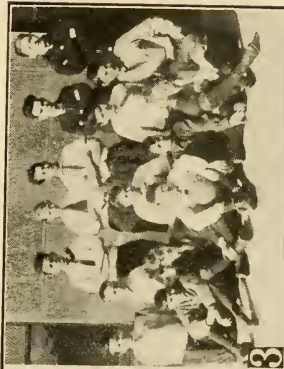
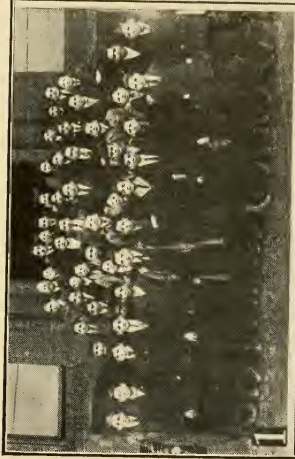
(1) TREVESKYN FOOTBALL CLUB, Champions of the Pittsburgh Press Soccer League. Back row (left to right)—J. Hart, H. Sanssol, Mgr.; F. Daniels, J. Williams, C. Daniels, M. Morgan, J. Bishko, F. Gill, Sec. Middle row—J. Fagan, D. Jones, T. Evans, J. Donnell, F. Hart, C. Kinkle. Front row—L. Mitchell, W. O'Donnell. (2) WEBSTER (P.A.) TEAM. (3) STURGEON JUNIORS, Pittsburgh Press League. (4) CURRY JUNIORS, Pittsburgh Press League. (5) Irvine Carr, Referee, Philadelphia, Pa.



1, Columbus School; 2, Linwood School; 3, Fineview School; 4, Perry School; 5, Horace Mann School; 6, Holmes School.
 PITTSBURGH PUBLIC SCHOOLS OF THE NORTH SIDE DISTRICT.



1, Liberty School; 2, Shakespeare School; 3, McCleary School; 4, Foster School; 5, Lawrence School; 6, Morningside School.
PITTSBURGH PUBLIC SCHOOLS OF THE EAST END DISTRICT.



1, Soccer Football Squad of Forbes, Franklin, Miller, Moorhead, O'Hara and South Schools, Central District; 2, Forbes School, Central District; 3, Soho School, Central District; 4, Brookline School, South Side District; 5, Brashear School, South Side District; 6, Bedford School, South Side District.

PITTSBURGH PUBLIC SCHOOLS OF CENTRAL AND SOUTH SIDE DISTRICTS.



1, Snodgrass School; 2, Birningham School; 3, Allen School; 4, Wickersham School; 5, Humboldt School; 6, Harwood School.

PITTSBURGH PUBLIC SCHOOLS OF THE SOUTH SIDE DISTRICT.

against. It is hoped that Pittsburgh will be represented in many such inter-district games during 1917-18, for a classy team can be turned out from this district.

Treveskyn won the *Press* League title and Braddock captured the trophy in the District League, these teams, very fittingly, meeting in the final of the West Penn Cup Competition, Braddock winning that event by 2—0. William Morrison, one of the Braddock players of last year, deserves honorable mention for services on the football field, and it is hoped he may earn such recognition on a war-scarred field in Europe shortly, he being now in training with the new National Army. Morrison is the old Blantyre Victoria and Hamilton Academical player. He starred at right half throughout the season and won two medals while with Braddock, played for the District League against the *Press* League in the annual inter-league championship of Western Pennsylvania, the District League team winning by 1—0; captained the Pittsburgh team which defeated the Naval Reserves of St. Louis; later went to Chicago and played with Harvey F.C., winning two medals there, the league championship and the Peel Cup emblems, and also was on the winning side in the annual representative game in the Windy City. Altogether, it was a pleasant season for Morrison, who has the best wishes of his many Pittsburgh friends in his preparation for and advent "over there."

Several of our best players have enlisted and are now in France: Tom Young, Joe Crawley and John Paterson, all of Homestead, and E. George of Pittsburgh Rovers, being the best known. All of the clubs of this district have been greatly affected by the draft, with the result that many "old-stagers" are seen in the game now.

Prospects for 1917-18 do not loom up particularly bright, the District League having found it necessary to suspend operations owing to lack of clubs within the prescribed limit, and the First Division of the *Press* League having been forced to start the new season with but six clubs, although the Second Division (junior) has ten. Enough talent is left to make things interesting for all other districts, however, and it is planned to have a representative Western Pennsylvania team make a tour this year, if at all possible, either East or West, for expenses only, on condition that profits from the games played go to one or another war relief fund.

PITTSBURGH PRESS SOCCER FOOTBALL LEAGUE.

BY WILLIAM S. HADDOCK, SECRETARY-TREASURER.

More soccer football was played in Western Pennsylvania during the past season than ever before. The Pittsburgh Press League and its subdivisions had one of the best seasons of their existence. The officers of the organization remained as usual, Ralph S. Davis, president, and William S. Haddock, secretary-treasurer.

The Press League had under its supervision during the past season four separate and distinct circuits, viz., the Central Division composed of six clubs, the Monongahela Division of four clubs, Westmoreland County Division of six clubs, and the Junior Division of ten clubs. Dunlevy, winner in the Monongahela section of the league, played Treveskyn, winners in the Central Division for the *Press* silver trophy and gold medals, but lost in two straight defeats. Madison was the victor in the Westmoreland County league, while Morgan won the championship in the Junior league. On Saturday evening, January 6, the *Press* gave a banquet to the cup winners of each league, which was the largest attended soccer football banquet ever held in this district. Thomas W. Cahill, honorary national secretary, attended the banquet and was the principal speaker. The final standing of the leagues was as follows:

CENTRAL DIVISION.

	Goals.					Goals.				
	P.	W.	L.	D.	F. A. Pts.	P.	W.	L.	D.	F. A. Pts.
Treveskyn	10	9	0	1	30 5 19	Curry	10	4	5	1 5 17 9
Castle Shannon..	10	7	2	1	24 11 15	Beadville	10	2	8	0 3 9 4
Cecil	10	6	3	1	14 15 13	East Pittsburgh	10	0	10	0 2 19 0

MONONGAHELA DIVISION.

P. W. L. D. F. A. Pts.						P. W. L. D. F. A. Pts.											
Dunlevy	12	6	1	5	22	5	17	Gallatin	.....	12	3	7	2	11	19	8
Pitts. Steel Pr.	12	7	3	2	16	11	16	Cokeburg	.....	12	2	7	3	6	22	7

WESTMORELAND COUNTY DIVISION.

Madison	.....	10	9	1	0	37	8	18	Hermine	.....	10	3	6	1	10	18	7
Yukon	.....	10	7	1	2	22	8	16	Larimer	.....	10	3	7	0	9	25	6
Keystone	.....	10	5	4	1	21	13	11	Rilton	.....	10	1	9	0	9	36	2

JUNIOR DIVISION.

Morgan	.....	15	13	1	1	65	13	27	Sturgeon	.....	12	6	5	1	27	25	13
Heidelberg	.....	14	8	4	2	44	26	18	Castle Shannon..	.....	13	3	8	2	25	28	8
Curry Juniors...	.....	13	8	4	1	43	24	17	Hyland	.....	8	2	5	1	14	29	5
Bridgeville	.....	13	7	4	2	32	29	16	West Carnegie..	.....	8	1	5	2	9	36	4
McDonald	.....	12	6	4	2	21	26	14	Ambridge	.....	13	0	13	0	7	41	0

SOCCER IN PITTSBURGH PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

BY R. STANLEY BURLEIGH,

Supervisor Division Grammar Schools Athletics, Pittsburgh, Pa.

The soccer football game is thoroughly established in Pittsburgh public school grammar grades. Last season, as before, Pittsburgh was divided into four districts, North Side, South Side, Central and East End. Each district is subdivided into groups, with four schools in each group. North Side District has five of these groups, South Side six, Central six, and East End eight groups. Each group plays a series of interscholastic games, each school playing each other school twice.

The winners of each group play for the championship of the district and the four district championship teams play for the championship of the city. More than five hundred interscholastic games were played in the fall of 1916 and great interest was aroused by the competition, which saw a great number of exceptionally well played contests.

Going further, each school has an inter-room league, so that in addition to the interscholastic games, more than six thousand games of this class were played. Practically every boy in the grammar grades of the Pittsburgh public schools, therefore, participated in one or more games, and probably no city in the country yet has advanced this far with the great kicking sport in its grade schools.

The same plan will be employed in the 1917-18 season. This year the boys will play for a trophy in each district, the trophies being presented by the Western Pennsylvania Soccer Football Association.

The Pittsburgh Press says: "For lads of the grammar schools age, soccer football is not only an interesting but a healthful and helpful recreation, and it is surprising to note to what an extent it has caught on. There is no reason why a high school soccer league should not be organized."

BALTIMORE PUBLIC ATHLETIC LEAGUE.

COMPILED BY JOHN L. CLARKE, FIELD LEADER.

BALTIMORE COUNTY HIGH SCHOOLS TOURNAMENT, 1916.

The third annual soccer tournament for the Baltimore County High Schools was completed November 17. Four high schools, Catonsville, Franklin, Sparrows Point and Towson entered one hundred and twenty boys. Franklin won the championship in their final games with Sparrows Point, who had held the championship for two years. The teams finished as follows:

LEAGUE STANDING.

G. W. L. D. Pts.					G. W. L. D. Pts.								
Franklin High	3	3	0	0	6	Catonsville High	.....	3	0	2	1	1
Sparrows Point High...	3	2	1	0	4	Towson High	.....	3	0	2	1	1

FREDERICK COUNTY HIGH SCHOOLS TOURNAMENT, 1916.

The first annual tournament for the high schools of Frederick County under the direction of the Public Athletic League of Maryland was a success far beyond expectations. Brunswick, Frederick, Middletown and Thurmont High Schools entered teams. In the twelve games that were played twenty-six hundred people attended. Brunswick High captured the honor position after a hot race with Middletown High, who were but a half game behind the leaders. The teams finished as follows:

LEAGUE STANDING.

G. W. L. D. Pts.					G. W. L. D. Pts.						
Brunswick High	6	5	1	0	10	Frederick High	6	2	4	0	4
Middletown High	6	4	1	1	9	Thurmont High	6	0	5	1	1

EIGHTH ANNUAL PUBLIC SCHOOL TOURNAMENT, 1916.

Last season, as usual, the teams of the public schools competed in three classes—lightweight, 95 pounds; middleweight, 115 pounds, and heavyweight, unlimited weight. The championships of the various districts resulted as follows:

NORTHEASTERN DISTRICT—CLIFTON PARK.

Lightweight class—Won by P.S. 85A; won 5, lost 0. Middleweight class—Won by P.S. 99; won 2, lost 0. Heavyweight class—Won by P.S. 74; won 3, lost 0.

NORTHWESTERN DISTRICT—EASTERWOOD PARK.

Lightweight class—Won by P.S. 62A; won 4, tied 1, lost 0. Middleweight class—Won by P.S. 62; won 2, tied 3, lost 1.

SOUTHEASTERN DISTRICT—PATTERSON PARK.

Lightweight class—Won by P.S. 47A; won 4, lost 0. Middleweight class—Won by P.S. 42; won 5, tied 2, lost 0. Heavyweight class—Won by P.S. 83; won 2, lost 0.

SOUTHERN DISTRICT—LATROBE PARK.

Lightweight class—Won by P.S. 76; won 2, lost 0. Middleweight class—Won by P.S. 84; won 2, tied 2, lost 0.

SOUTHWESTERN DISTRICT—CARROLL PARK.

Lightweight class—Won by P.S. 72; won 4, tied 1, lost 0. Middleweight class—Won by P.S. 1; won 3, lost 0. Heavyweight class—Won by P.S. 75; won 2, lost 0.

CITY CHAMPIONS.

Lightweight class—Won by P.S. 47; won 4, tied 5, lost 1. Middleweight class—Won by P.S. 42; won 3, tied 4, lost 1. Heavyweight class—Won by P.S. 83; won 4, lost 0.

PUBLIC SCHOOL SECTION CONSOLATION TOURNAMENT, 1916.

Consolation leagues for the losing teams in the public school tournament proved a great success during the season. Four districts organized leagues and the interest was very marked, entire school turning out in several cases, when final games for pennant were played.

At Carroll Park, two weight class consolation leagues were formed. In the lightweight class, Schools 68, 98, 48 and 95 played for top honors, No. 68 being the winner. The middleweight class league was composed of Schools 68, 98 and 95, and again School 68 came out on top.

The Clifton Park consolation league proved a big success, one hundred and two boys taking part in the fifty-six games that were played. School 52 captured the pennant after a close fight with School 99B team.

The tournament at Easterwood Park was on the elimination basis, Schools 79, 62B, 81B, 81A and 78 playing in nine games. No. 78 was the winning team.

The teams of Patterson Park entered the consolation league with a will. Fourteen lightweight and four middleweight teams contested for honors. Public School No. 83 captured top honors in both divisions after many hard battles.

SIXTH ANNUAL INTER-PARK TOURNAMENT, 1916-17.

Instead of the regular three-division soccer tournament as held in previous years, another weight class division was added, i. e., senior 115-pound class, making the tournament take in all classes—junior under 95-pound, junior over 95-pound, senior under 115-pound, and senior unlimited weight class. Carroll, Clifton, Easterwood, Evergreen Lawn, Latrobe and Patterson Parks entered teams in the junior under 95-pound class; Clifton, Evergreen Lawn "A" and "B," Latrobe and Patterson Parks were represented in the junior over 95-pound class; Carroll, Easterwood, Latrobe and Patterson were entered in the senior under 115-pound class; Carroll, Clifton, Latrobe, Patterson Argos, Patterson Strikers, Patterson Tigers and St. Elizabeth P.A.L. made up the senior unlimited division. Extremely bad weather kept the tournament from being a greater success.

The junior division was on the round robin basis. Patterson Park won both classes. The senior under 115-pound class teams had their first chance in last season's competition and their division was very successful. The championship was captured by Carroll Park. St. Elizabeth's P.A.L. again captured top honors in the senior unlimited division. Both senior class games were conducted on the elimination basis.

SOCCER IN RICHMOND, VA.

BY JOHN GRUNDY,

Secretary Richmond Association Football League.

Soccer in Richmond still is in its infancy. For several seasons there has been a soccer club in Richmond, but as there was no other club to play, there were no games except annual affairs with the Newport News F.C.

In the middle of the 1915-16 season, at a meeting held at the Central Y.M.C.A., Richmond, it was decided to divide the Richmond club into two teams, viz., the Rangers and the Celtics. These teams met twice and the Celtics won both games. These matches developed some rivalry and scouting after players followed. It soon was found that there were enough players available for another team, but the season ended with but the two teams in the field.

In September, 1916, W. H. Day called a meeting of all persons interested in soccer hereabouts, to see if we could not get up an organization to push the game and place it before the public in proper style. There was a large attendance and quite some enthusiasm shown, and it was decided to form a league and also to get in touch with the athletic director of the Richmond public schools. This was done, and we found that Director L. T. Jones was familiar with the game and enthusiastically in favor of introducing it in the schools. He caused it to be started in the four junior high schools and also in the John Marshall High School. The youngsters were rather backward at first as they did not understand the game, but it was found that one of the physical instructors, J. J. O'Leary, had played the game at college, and he soon managed to get the game going and developed much talent. The four junior high schools played a championship series, which ended with Bainbridge School the winner.

	G.	W.	L.	D.	Pts.		G.	W.	L.	D.	Pts.
Bainbridge Junior H.S.	9	7	1	1	15	Binford Junior H.S.....	9	4	4	1	9
Bellevue Junior H.S....	9	4	4	1	9	Pre-Vocat'l Junior H.S.	9	0	0	0	0

Up to the end of the regular football season it had been impossible to get the high school boys properly interested, but some of them watched the games between the junior high schools and decided they would like to play the game, so a team was formed and they played several games with the junior high schools and developed quite a good team under the leadership of Mr. Wall, a Spanish instructor, who had learned the game in Mexico.

The Richmond Association Football League was formed, with four clubs represented, and the following officers were elected: President, Ivan Maltby; vice-president, L. T. Jones; secretary-treasurer, J. Grundy; recording secretary, George Draper. W. H. (Jack) Day represented the Old Dominion

F.C.; Robert Summers, Albemarle F.C.; P. Thornton, Confederate F.C., and F. Fowler, Chesapeake F.C.

This took place in December, 1916, so a schedule was drawn to start on January 1, but owing to lack of equipment the start was postponed until January 13.

A. G. Spalding & Bros. donated a cup for competition and this aroused great interest, all the teams being anxious to hold it. The Confederates proved the most consistent winner, after losing the first game to the Albemarles, taking all the rest of their games. This was due largely to the scoring abilities of Jimmy Seed and E. Lavender, who proved to be the star forwards of the league. P. Thornton at left back played very well all through the season. Darlington, in goal, also proved a tower of strength, although it was his first season in soccer. Harrelson, Rudolph and J. Grundy (the old Jersey A.C. player) made a good half-back line, and Allan Grundy on the left wing showed he was a chip of the old block, and though only a schoolboy, appeared to good advantage against his older opponents.

For the Albemarles, Keyes, in goal, was the sensation of the season. Beginning the year as a novice, he developed into a wonderful goalkeeper, and had much to do with keeping his team up in the race.

The Old Dominions had what I thought the best football team in the league, showing the best combination play, but owing to sickness and other causes were unable to maintain the pace at which they started off.

The Chesapeakes, though finishing last, had a good team. They seemed unable to get their men out regularly. Following is the league's final standing:

	Games.	Won.	Lost.	Drawn.	Goals.		Points.
					For.	Against.	
Confederates	6	5	1	0	16	5	10
Albemarle	6	4	2	0	11	7	8
Old Dominions	6	2	4	0	6	10	4
Chesapeakes	6	1	5	0	7	18	2

At the close of the season, James Findlay, who had officiated as referee in most of the league games, was asked to select two teams, the All-Stars and Near-Stars, to wind up the season with an exhibition match. The All-Stars won by 3 goals to 0.

Referees Findlay and E. Scrutton proved very capable and efficient. We wound up the season with a trip to Washington, D. C., where a team made up of the pick of our league defeated the Washington A.F.C. by 3 goals to 2, the game being played in a snowstorm.

The prospects for the coming season are not very bright, as we have lost quite a number of our best workers, who have joined the Army and Navy. We are prepared, however, to use all our efforts to expanding the game among the schools. There are several preparatory schools here which we expect will take up the game this season.

Much credit is due W. H. Day, who organized the Richmond Football League, and was an untiring worker in soccer's behalf. Mr. Day enlisted in the Canadian Flying Corps, was discharged in poor health, but now is in Rumania with a Red Cross unit.

SOCGER FOOTBALL IN MICHIGAN.

BY GEORGE HEALEY.

Soccer in Michigan under the auspices of the Michigan Soccer Association had a very prosperous season despite the drain on the game's followers and players by the war. One thing that pleased me more than all others in our last season's work was the presence on our senior teams of a number of schoolboy players of a few seasons back. We had brought home to us the conviction that we are to reap a great harvest from our sowing in public school ranks.

Most of Michigan's soccer centers are so close to the border that the game here suffered greatly through loss of men who joined the Canadian ranks before the United States entered the European fracas. Voluntary enlistment and the national draft have made great inroads on our playing material and have taken hundreds of the keen supporters of the game from our cities. Among those who went with the Canadian forces, many have

heard the final whistle; many others are back with us, no longer able to play, but no less interested in the grand old game.

As player after player answered the call to duty, our teams had to be reconstructed several times. The Detroit League schedule was unfinished, although National F.C. and Caledonia F.C. were tied for first place at the premature wind-up. Our cup competition was a very marked success, Roses F.C. defeating Detroit F.C. in the final. In the semi-finals, one team, the Rising Star F.C., included nine men who had received special leave from the Canadian army to participate, that number from the one club having enlisted after the first round was played. To some degree this same condition obtained with all of our clubs. Gates naturally suffered likewise.

In the National Challenge Cup Competition one of our clubs, the Caledonians, reached the fourth round, being defeated by Joliet Steel F.C.

For the big matches we are particularly handicapped in Detroit by lack of enclosed grounds, though, thanks to the city of Detroit, we have a plenitude of open fields for the sport. Unfortunately clubs cannot exist forever on private subscription and some use of enclosed grounds must be made. The games on open fields are doing much to promote and extend the game, but it is a hard struggle for the clubs who must play on unenclosed grounds to continue.

Perhaps I am only a dreamer, but looking to soccer's future I foresee that it will, ere many seasons have passed, become a highly popular spring and fall national sport. Could we not start a national subscription, leaving out all selfishness, and allow the National Commission of the U.S.F.A. to apportion the moneys subscribed for the greatest good of soccer? Then, I am sure, we would have many flourishing "soccer cities" that, while cities now beyond any shadow of doubt, see very little of the great dribbling game. Just a mite of backing is needed to set the ball rolling, to get clubs started and league competitions under way, and the clubs, leagues, even State organizations where they now do not exist, shortly would be self-supporting.

Several of our leagues have been busy in the off season with plans for the game's betterment. And in this connection, I must express appreciation of and give unstinted credit to Mr. H. Macoll, who, through his excellent work, has placed the Junior League of Detroit in the fore rank among such organizations. It now is one of Detroit's most interesting and strongest leagues, and making it such has taken much of Mr. Macoll's time—devoted unsparingly. Soccer needs more men of his caliber and more workers for the junior leagues, for to them we must look for the future of our game.

ROSES F.C. OF DETROIT, MICH.

The Roses closed a very successful season by winning the Michigan State Challenge Cup for 1917. They had a great lot of misfortune, as they had to call on their last reserve man for the final tie after having twenty-nine players signed up. They also finished third in the State league after a poor start. They played fourteen games, winning eight, losing four, and two drawn, having 18 points. They had the best goal average in the league, having scored 36 goals to 13 for their opponents. G. Fischbach, the center forward, had 21 goals, being the league's highest goal scorer.

The club has lost eight players to the Canadian and two to the United States Army. J. Preston, the outside right, although only nineteen years old, has proved himself the best player of his position in the State and had both international caps in the Irish team. G. Cheyne, right half and captain of the team, also proved his ability as best right half in the State. G. Moore, right full-back, got both caps with the English team. Thomas H. Hall also had a cap for England.

In Edward Wulfen the club has had quite a capture, as he really saved the team from defeat in the semi-final tie with the Caledonia. The greatest bit of football seen in Michigan for a number of years was given by George Fischbach, the center forward, when he scored two goals unaided. The second one especially was a great effort, as he got the ball in his own half of the field and beat all the defense and scored. This player is counted one of the best in the United States at present.

LAKE SHORE ASSOCIATION FOOTBALL LEAGUE.

President, J. Boeck, Racine, Wis.; first vice-president, E. Davis, Kenosha, Wis.; second vice-president, L. Robinson, Kenosha; third vice-president, L. Caralan, Racine; fourth vice-president, W. Eatherington, Zion City, Ill.; secretary-treasurer, A. Robinson, 320 Rice Avenue, Kenosha, Wis.

BY ALBERT ROBINSON.

The Lake Shore Association Football League, member of the Wisconsin State Football Association, opened its first season on September 24, 1916, and went through a very successful year of the dribbling sport. Small, as of old, the league, however, saw much fine football from its four clubs—Jeffery, MacWhytes, Horlicks and Simmons.

The MacWhytes snared the State Cup, donated by Mr. Uihlein of Milwaukee to the Wisconsin State Board. The League Cup, a handsome trophy standing 9½ inches high and highly prized in this district, which was donated by the four participating clubs for competition, was won by the Horlick club of Racine. Taking the league title, the malted milk kickers also were away with the twelve beautiful champions' medals. The clubs finished as follows:

	Games.	Won.	Lost.	Drawn.	Goals.		Points.
					For.	Against.	
Horlicks	12	9	2	1	26	16	19
MacWhytes	11	7	3	1	35	12	11*†
Simmons	11	4	7	0	26	29	8*‡
Jeffery	12	2	10	0	15	43	4

* Two points deducted for playing ineligible players. † Two points deducted for failure to play Simmons. ‡ Two points awarded for MacWhytes' non-appearance.

SOCCER IN RACINE, WIS.

BY JAMES S. ALLAN, RACINE.

Soccer football in Racine during the past year has had a very successful season. The attendance was larger and the receipts greater than in any previous year in the history of the game in this city. There is only one club representing this city—the Horlicks—named proudly after the malted milk concern. Mr. William Horlick, himself, is a strong soccer enthusiast and has done much to promote the welfare of the club and also the game in Racine.

The officers of the club instigated many novel ways in keeping up the interest of their followers and holding a large membership intact during the closed season. Their club rooms were open at all times and weekly meetings were held where entertainments of various kinds were rendered.

The Horlicks were successful in landing the Lakeshore League Cup and, in spite of the fact that several of the star players have enlisted in the United States and Allied forces, they are entering a strong team in the same league for this season.

Indications are that soccer football will be more popular than ever before and, without a doubt, the great game of soccer will be one of the leading sports in this vicinity before many years.

The Horlick-Racine is surely a cosmopolitan club, holding a membership in the neighborhood of forty, comprising men of ten different nationalities.

ILLINOIS STATE FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION'S GROWTH AND AIMS.

BY HARRY H. FETTES, PRESIDENT.

The Illinois State Football Association enters the 1917-18 season with bright prospects and high hopes. Although the great war will affect sport in all its branches, we feel that many people are unduly pessimistic in predict-

ing a poor year for soccer. Our annual meeting was an inspiration and the spirit of enthusiasm displayed then was no mere flash in the pan, for the arrangements for the oncoming season already have been worked out to the smallest detail.

The Chicago and District Association Football League, our largest affiliated body, has scheduled games for four divisions of eight clubs each, with prospects of a fifth division being formed. Outside of Chicago it will be the object of the association to foster the game in every way and encourage the formation of leagues wherever possible.

Much satisfaction has been expressed here at the election of P. J. Peel to the presidency of the U.S.F.A. The wonderful success of this State association is due largely to Mr. Peel. He has shown marked ability and boundless tact and has given freely of his time and money to build up this organization, and its remarkable progress is a tribute to his gifts. At our annual meeting he did not conceal his pride at the result of his labors, and Illinois soccer men, realizing the value of his work here, are unanimous in their opinion that he will make a notable success as president of the U.S.F.A.

The officers for next season all are men who have been closely associated with Mr. Peel and will carry on the work along the general lines they planned together. We feel there is a great field here and we propose to work it and develop it to the fullest extent. The call to the colors has taken many of our men, but that will but serve to develop the strong reserve talent which we have here. We take pride in the fact that our soccer men are doing their part in the war so well and we do not intend to forget them. We have started a soccer fund here and hope to supply all the Illinois units with footballs. Several of the clubs have donated footballs to units which their members have joined and the State association will do this work on as big a scale as possible. Ten per cent of the receipts of all games will also be donated to the Red Cross. Illinois, and Chicago in particular, have been in the forefront in every line of patriotic endeavor and should be an ideal center for any work the U.S.F.A. may contemplate doing. This association will assist in everything of that kind to its fullest extent, besides doing all it can within its own jurisdiction.

We feel confident that soccer, with its clean, manly appeal and absence of elaborate equipment and technicalities, will win recognition on its own merits. We have enough men in uniform now to form a splendid nucleus and, with the co-operation of the country's athletic directors, soccer should make splendid headway not only as a sport, but as a valuable aid to physical development.

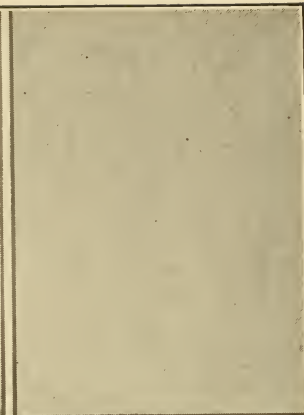
We extend goodwill and greetings to all sister organizations and look forward with confidence to a bigger and better season than any we yet have had.

PEEL CHALLENGE CUP COMPETITION.

Peel Challenge Cup Commission Officers: President—Robert Black, Chicago, Ill. Vice-Presidents—Archibald Paterson, Chicago; Peter S. Shaughnessy, Chicago; John A. Shea, Joliet, and H. Kramer, Chicago. Past Presidents—William Cameron and George Kirk, Chicago. Life Member—Peter J. Peel. Honorary Secretary-Treasurer—W. R. Cummings, 11639 Yale Avenue, Chicago, Ill.

BY W. R. CUMMINGS, CHICAGO, ILL.

The ninth annual competition for the P. J. Peel Challenge Cup developed an unexpected winner in the Harvey team, which hails from the suburb of that name, about twenty miles south of Chicago. Competing in the second division of the Chicago and District A.F.L., of which it won the championship, the Harvey team was not picked to carry off the cup and the medals which go with it, but Manager Newton gathered a well balanced eleven, which proved the surprise of the season. It gave its first sign of real strength on May 27, when it upset the Joliet Steel Works team in the semi-final round, 3 to 1, at Joliet. The steel workers had gone as far as the semi-final round in the National Challenge Cup Competition and, as it had

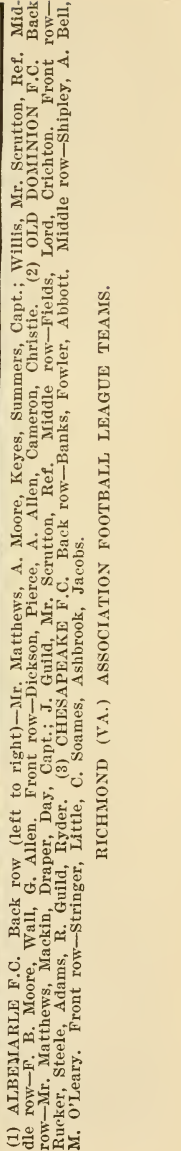


1, Captain G. R. Manning, M.R.C., U.S.A., President Southern New York State Football Association; Delegate to the United States Football Association and member of the following committees: Chairman National and International Games Committee; Chairman Olympic Committee; Member Rules and Revision Committee; Member Press Committee. Dr. Manning was President of the U.S.F.A. for two terms, 1913-15, and last year was President of the Field Club Soccer League of New York. 2, Winton E. Barker, President Missouri Soccer Football Association.



CONFEDERATE FOOTBALL CLUB, Champions of League—1, V. Rudolph; 2, E. E. Lavender; 3, A. Grundy; 4, J. Darlington; 5, D. Selvage; 6, W. Vaughn; 7, P. Thornton; 8, Harrelson. 9, ALL-STARS. Back row (left to right)—Mr. Findlay, Ref.; Thornton, Day, Summers, Mr. Scrutton, Ref. Middle row—Bell, Draper, J. Grundy. Front row—Payne, Lavender, A. Allen, Steele, Ryder. 10, John Grundy, Richmond, Va., League Secretary; an early promoter of soccer in Virginia; member of the Confederate Football Club. 11, GROUP OF PLAYERS. Back row—Mr. Findlay, Ref.; A. Moore, Keyes, Mackin, Mr. Scrutton, Ref. Middle row—O'Leary, Wall, Christie. Front row—Dickson, C. Soames, Lord, Cameron, Harrelson.

RICHMOND (VA.) ASSOCIATION FOOTBALL LEAGUE OFFICIALS AND PLAYERS.



(1) ALBEMARLE F.C. Back row (left to right)—Mr. Matthews, A. Moore, Keyes, Summers, Capt.; Willis, Mr. Scrutton, Ref., Middle row—F. B. Moore, Wall, G. Allen. Front row—Dickson, Pierce, A. Allen, Cameron, Christie. (2) OLD DOMINION F.C. Back row—Mr. Matthews, Mackin, Draper, Day, Capt.; J. Guild, Mr. Scrutton, Ref., Middle row—Fields, Lord, Crichton. Front row—Rucker, Steele, Adams, R. Guild, Ryder. (3) CHESAPEAKE F.C. Back row—Banks, Fowler, Abbott, Middle row—Shipley, A. Bell, M. O'Leary. Front row—Stringer, Little, C. Soames, Ashbrook, Jacobs.

RICHMOND (VA.) ASSOCIATION FOOTBALL LEAGUE TEAMS.



(1) Franklin High School—Baltimore County Champions. (2) P.S. 83 Heavyweight Team, Southeastern District and City Champions—1, Retallata; 2, Lavazza; 3, Barnickol; 4, Otto; 5, Seifert; 6, Stump; 7, Dubam; 8, Creamer; 9, Krug; 10, Miles; 11, Gross; 12, Lauman; 13, Fitzberger. (3) P.S. 47A Lightweight Team, Southeastern District and City Champions—1, Schroeder; 2, Mallock; 3, Brockman; 4, W. Dieter; Coach; 5, Henrux; 6, Ranish; 7, Mitchell; 8, Dorsey; 9, Schukler; 10, Downs; 11, Gebhardt, Capt.; 12, Will; 13, Williams; 14, O'Connor; 15, Leigh. (4) Brunswick High School, Frederick County Champions. (5) P.S. 42 Middleweight Team, Southeastern District and City Champions—1, Kavanagh; 2, Eshinger; 3, King; 4, Hiceman; 5, Mitchell; 6, Block; 7, M. Epstein; 8, Klein; 9, Eckles; 10, Dippel; 11, S. Epstein; 12, Davis. (6) Carroll Park Senior 115-lb. Team, City Champions—1, Grimes; 2, Domecka; 3, Smith; 4, Roman; 5, Denton; 6, Lang; 7, Muzdakis; 8, Kaufman; 9, McConville; 10, Irwin; 11, Bauman. (7) Patterson Park Junior Over 95-lb. Team, City Champions—1, Gross; 2, Griefe; 3, Krug; 4, Seifert; 5, Otto; 6, Smith; 7, Kern; 8, Becker; 9, Miles; 10, Gross; 11, Barnickol; 12, Cushman; 13, Stump. (8) Patterson Park Junior Under 95-lb. Team, City Champions—1, Comegys; 2, Wimmer; 3, Mr. Hartley, P.A.L.; 4, Fitzberger; 5, Connelly; 6, Oberender; 7, Downs; 8, Gebhardt; 9, Horst; 10, Dorsey; 11, Jacobs. BALTIMORE (MD.) PUBLIC ATHLETIC LEAGUE COUNTY AND CITY CHAMPIONS.



(1) P.S. 75 Heavyweight Team, Southwestern District—1, Walton; 2, Manzer; 3, Tyler; 4, Reus; 5, Barnhardt; 6, Weller; 7, Lantenbach; 8, Carter; 9, Denton; 10, Carrick; 11, Wells. (2) P.S. 1 Middleweight Team, Southwestern District—1, Laukaitis; 2, Feldman; 3, Abramson; 4, Friedman; 5, Rybokowsky; 6, Imbriggulla; 7, Silverman; 8, Dutovsky; 9, Silverstein; 10, Landenslager; 11, Edelson; 12, Niebhar; 13, Kortenbers. (3) P.S. 74 Heavyweight Team, Northeastern District—1, Kampe; 2, Eader; 3, Smith; 4, Bosley; 5, Tudor; 6, Wilkinson; 7, Herbert; 8, Satterfield; 9, Smith; 10, Westplial. (4) P.S. 99, Middleweight Team, Northeastern District—1, Ball; 2, Maguire; 3, Bosley; 4, Opitz; 5, Ballone; 6, Hazard; 7, Bauer; 8, Bender; 9, Bradley; 10, Water. (5) P.S. 62A Lightweight Team, Northeastern District—1, Mueller; 2, Dantelle; 3, Muzdakis; 4, Marceik; 5, Neuman; 6, Laskyowitz; 7, Goldstein; 8, Jenkins; 9, Brazus; 10, Neiding. (7) P.S. 76 Lightweight Team, Southern District—1, Baker; 9, Gallant; 10, Pitcher. (6) P.S. 72 Lightweight Team, Southwestern District—1, Kazulierski; 7, Wilhelm; 8, Thomas; 11, Klim-Rauscher; 2, Scheckels; 3, Scroggs; 4, Tyson; 5, Borkoski; 6, Kazulierski; 7, Wilhelm; 8, Thomas; 11, Klim-Taylor; 5, Kelly; 6, Kirchner; 7, Arkison; 8, Wilson; 9, Miller; 10, Toohley; 11, Byron; 12, Winters; 13, Schnefte. (9) P.S. 62 Middleweight Team, Northeastern District—1, Jaffe; 2, Easter; 3, Miller; 4, Parks; 5, Rudy; 6, Walters; 7, Crawford; 8, Buell; 9, North; 10, Dorrida; 11, Jarvis; 12, Burroughs. (10) P.S. 85A Lightweight Team, Northeastern District—1, Scheuerman; 2, Hagerman; 3, Weber; 4, W. Springham; 5, Defontes; 6, Primrose; 7, Beake; 8, Schroeder; 9, R. Springham; 10, Loftus; 11, Englieke; 12, Vavrina; 13, Tuckey.

BALTIMORE (MD.) PUBLIC ATHLETIC LEAGUE DISTRICT CHAMPIONS.



1, Freeman Bassett, Salt Lake City, Utah. 2, W. R. Cummings, Chicago, Ill., Hon. President Illinois State Football Association; Secretary-Treasurer Peel Challenge Cup Commission. 3, J. W. Cant, Detroit, Mich., Secretary Michigan Soccer Association.



Back row (left to right)—W. Ferguson, Coach and Trainer; Gommora, Born, Enretta, Purdy, Jones, Capt.; Shaw, Kelly, J. Shea, Mgr. Front row—Palette, Smith, Oberta, Herron, Vidano.

JOLIET STEEL COMPANY FOOTBALL CLUB, JOLIET, ILL.



Back row (left to right)—A. Youngs, Pres.; A. Hodge, Vice-Pres.; D. Steveson, D. McCulloch, F. Wilson, A. Clark, J. Frost, R. Newton, Sec. Middle row—W. Morrison, J. Buchan, Capt.; D. Strahom. Front row—J. Morgan, R. T. Reid, W. B. Scholes, A. Young, Mascot; W. B. Clark, J. McConnell.

HARVEY (ILL.) FOOTBALL CLUB.
Olsen Cup and Peel Challenge Cup Winners.



RANGERS ATHLETIC CLUB, CHICAGO, ILL.
Winners Fourth Division, Chicago and District Association Football League, 1916-17.



Back row (left to right)—Couper, Sneddon, Thom, H. Higgins, Moore, Wulfen, P. Higgins, Stewart, Robertson. Middle row—Cheyne, Jwaal, Hall. Front row—Preston, Adair, Fischbach; Mogg, Crockett.

ROSES FOOTBALL CLUB, DETROIT, MICH.
Michigan State Champions.



LAKE FOREST (ILL.) FOOTBALL CLUB.



Back row (left to right)—McHenry, Fitzgibbons, Murphy, Lancaster, Marre, Dunn. Middle row—Quinn, G. E. Miller, Zarschel. Front row—Ben W. Miller, Potte, King, Shea, McLaughlin, Pete J. Katican, Mgr.

BEN MILLER SOCCER TEAM, ST. LOUIS, MO.

St. Louis Soccer League Champions.



(1) Bethlehem Steel Company Football Club, 1, vs. St. Louis All-Stars, 3, December 25, 1916. (2) Innisfails, 2, vs. Pittsburgh All-Stars, 1, December 30, 1916.

PARTICIPANTS IN TWO INTER-CITY EXHIBITION GAMES HELD IN ST. LOUIS.



(1) J. S. Allen, Pres.; Heusdens, E. Olsen, Cullen, Mullen. (2) Back row (left to right)—J. S. Allen, Mgr.; Rattle, Pomeroy, Capt.; Mauger, A. Morrison, Trainer, and Wrixton, Vice-Capt.; Carolan, Booth, Bonde. Front row—Cullen, G. Wrixton, Edwards, Jimmie Cullen, Mascot; (3) L. Carahan, Sec.-Treas.

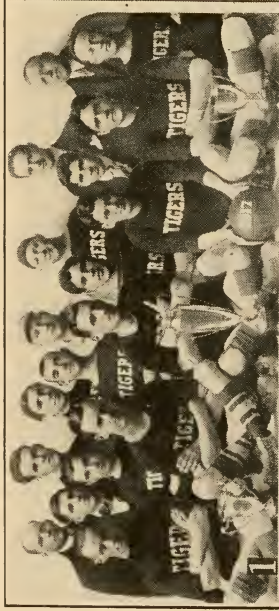
HORLICK RACINE SOCCER FOOTBALL TEAM, RACINE WIS.
 Winners Lake Shore League Championship, 1916-17.



(1) ST. PAUL (MINN.) FOOTBALL CLUB. Back row (left to right)—Aiken, Gillespie, Gibson, Innes, J. Gellatly, Trainer; Ross. Middle row—J. Wright, Mgr.; McCann, Erickson, Burke, A. Widlake, Pres. Front row—Aird, Anderson, Mitchell, Capt.; McCarthy, Sutton. (2) THISTLE SOCCER CLUB, MINNEAPOLIS, MINN.—Sharp, Hamilton, McFarlane, McKenzie, McCaffray, W. Johnstone, Pan, J. Johnstone, Buruside, Mathews, McLaren. (3) ALBIONS SOCCER CLUB, MINNEAPOLIS, MINN. Back row—Fyfe, Sutherland, Miller, Paterson, Meldrum, Stevenson. Middle row—Booth, Shiverley, Carmichael, Front row—Hilton, McInnes, Lockwood, Thomas, Hughes. (4) Albions taking penalty kick in final game for Shaw Cup. Score, Thistles 3, Albions 0.

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(1) TIGERS FOOTBALL CLUB, Winners Schmeltzer, St. George and Newell Trophies. Back row (left to right)—E. S. Ruff, Pres.; J. S. N. Baldwin, J. Carr, C. H. Freeman, Mgr.; A. Kettle, Capt.; R. Riha, A. Newell, Middle row—E. C. Lipp, Sec.; A. Blencowe, J. R. McKelvie, L. Mason, Treas.; J. Freeman, A. Thomson, Front row—W. C. Duncan, V. Thomson, Vice-Pres.; P. Carr, F. Pearce, Blay. (2) SCHMELZER FOOTBALL CLUB, Winners Spalding Cup and Kimball Cup. Back row—Breckenridge, Trainer; Parker, Chamberlain, Anderson, Murray. Middle row—Fisher, Mgr.; Powell, Hodge, Smith, Capt.; Isaby, Turner. Front row—Hoffman, Fisher, G. Murray. (3) SHAMROCK SOCCER CLUB. Back row—J. McVeigh; D. Delargy, J. Adair, S. Cassidy, G. Chapman, H. Cresto. Middle row—S. McVeigh, Pres. and Treas.; F. Wilson, Capt.; S. McCafferty, A. V. Cresto, Mgr.; R. Smiley, Vice-Capt.; D. Richards. Front row—S. Dalzell, D. Laird. (4) ST. GEORGE FOOTBALL CLUB, Winners Burden Cup. Back row—A. P. Lovett, C. W. Davison, Parke, Fimerty, Wheelton, Mason, Morrow. Middle row—Anderson, A. H. Miller, Daniels, C. G. Miller, Mankin, E. Mason. Front row—Minford and Leslie Lovett, Juniors.



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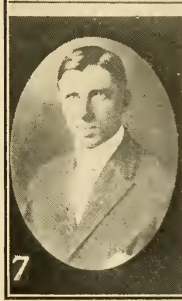
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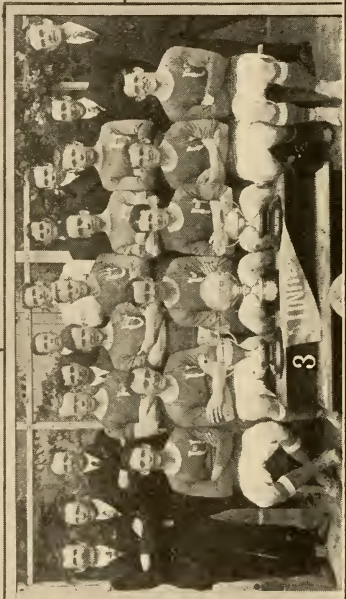


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(1) BAYLOR UNIVERSITY, WACO, TEX. Back row (left to right)—Balenti, Coach; Roach, Short, Derrick, McGaughey, Porter, Filgo, Turner, Mgr. Front row—DeBritto, Ward, Neville, Capt.; Woods, Alexander. (2) C. A. Gantt, Vice-President North Texas Soccer Football League; Director of Athletics Baylor University. (3) Ernest Oates, Dallas, Tex., President North Texas Soccer Football League. (4) Alex. Turner, Dallas, Tex., Secretary-Treasurer North Texas Soccer Football League and Texas Soccer Referees' Association. (5) James S. Lawson, former Scotch international footballer, who has done much to promote soccer in the South. (6) C. H. Pell, one of the organizers of the Sears-Roebuck team. (7) William B. Smith, Dallas, Tex., Vice-President Texas Soccer Referees' Association. (8) DALLAS SOCCER CLUB, Champions of North Texas; Winners of Spalding Trophy. Back row—Ed Moore, Pres.; Little, C. J. McLemore, Bell, Aymond, Wainwright, W. B. Smith, Com.; J. Cranshaw, Linesman. Middle row—Orchin, P. Cranshaw, E. Oates, Ref. Front row—Stockdale, W. O. McLemore, Gammie, Fred Stockdale, Mascot; Smyth, Capt.; Chaplin, Mitchell.



(1) ARTHUR (UTAH) FOOTBALL CLUB. Back row (left to right)—Rogers, Groundman, Russell, W. E. Onions, Sr., Treasurer Utah A.F.U.; Jordan. Middle row—McGill, J. Graham, Hall. Front row—MacLean, Bryson, Daynes Cup, R. Onions, H. Graham.
 (2) CALEDONIANS, SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH. Back row—Lippert, Porter, Prince. Middle row—Hawthorne, T. Major, Capt.; Dunn. Front row—Fox, Long, Young, Phipps, J. Major. (3) UNIFIED FOOTBALL CLUB, LOS ANGELES, CAL. Back row—J. Donald, Pres.; Reed, A. Gerard, Vice-Pres.; C. D. Hall, Wheaton, R. Roberts, Mgr.; Clark, Watt, H. Bobe, Sec. Middle row—R. Robinson, Bonar, Wright, Burleigh, W. Robinson. Front row—Waite, Mitchell, Low, Capt.; S. Brown, H. Brown, A. Brown.

a representative team against Harvey, the decisive win obtained by the visitors was a distinct surprise.

The Corinthians, who had been strengthened by the addition of several players from the Chicago Americans, last year's cup winners, after playing a 1 to 1 tie game with the Swedish-Americans, won the replay, 3 goals to 1, and went into the final. This was played June 10 at Bricklayers' Field, Harvey winning, 1 to 0. It was a remarkably well played final in which both teams showed good defense, while Harvey's combination on the front rank was better than that of their opponents. It was a match well fought all through, the winners scoring the lone goal after thirty-two minutes of play in the first half, when Morgan crossed to Guthrie, who scored from fifteen yards out with a low drive. The game was well handled by J. B. Stark of Detroit, the British International referee. Ten of the Harvey men are Scotch. The teams were:

Harvey—Wilson, goal; Stevenson and Clark, backs; Morrison, Buchan and Strahorn, half-backs; Morgan, Reed, Parkins, Guthrie and R. Wilson, forwards.

Corinthians—Holmes goal; A. Bromley, E. Bromley, backs; Curtis, Teale and Pierce, half-backs; Woolard, Heath, Halsall, Cowell and Mair, forwards.

The Peel Challenge Cup was donated by Peter J. Peel of Chicago in 1909 for the purpose of establishing a hospital fund for the relief of injured players, the fund taking one-third of the receipts of each Peel Cup game played. The receipts and disbursements in connection with this fund for season 1916-17 were as follows: Receipts, \$1,550.82; disbursements, \$1,444.

Incidentally, it may be said that the Peel Cup final is the football classic of the year in Chicago.

The competition consisted of a qualifying round in which the teams in the minor divisions of the Association Football League of Chicago played down for place in the regular round. Palmer Park Juniors of the Third Division League made the best showing of any club from the lower divisions, remaining in the race through the second round proper (the round just preceding the semi-final) only to be defeated by the Harvey Club, Peel Cup winners, when the Juniors had the misfortune to have four of their regulars out of the forward line on account of army enlistments. The Juniors' forward line averaged 113 pounds. Results were as follows, the games being played on the grounds of the first named clubs:

QUALIFYING ROUNDS.

First Qualifying Round—Fram I 1, Lincoln Park 0; Chicago Hungarians 8, Fram II 0; Primrose 3, Conroy Colts 1; Olympic 1, Swedish-American II 0; Caledonians 4, St. Georges 1; Harvey* 2, Cechle 2; Calumet Park 2, Columbians 1; International Harvesters 6, Atlas 4; Rangers 7, Mohawks 1; Palmer Park Juniors 2, Lake Forest 1; Washington Park, bye.

*Game awarded Harvey account Cechle leaving field.

Second Qualifying Round—International Harvester 8, Olympia 1; Fram I 2, Primrose 0; Washington Park 0, Harvey 2; Chicago Hungarians 1, Palmer Park Juniors 4; Calumet Park 3, Caledonians 3; Rangers, bye.

Third Qualifying Round—Palmer Park Juniors 2, Fram 1, Caledonians 3, Calumet Park 1, Harvey 3, International Harvesters 1; Rangers, bye.

COMPETITION PROPER.

First Round—Pullman Pros 3, Rangers 1; Swedish-American I 4, B. & M. 3; Pullman A.F.C. 1, Harvey 2; Slavia 1, MacDuffs 0; Palmer Park Juniors 1, Caledonians* 0.

*Game awarded to Palmer Park Juniors account Caledonians playing ineligible man.

Second Round—Corinthians 2, Pullman Pros 0; Joliet 6, C. Rovers 0; Palmer Park Juniors 1, Harvey 9; Slavia 1, Swedish A.A. I 2.

Semi-final Round—Corinthians 1, Swedish A.A. I 1; Corinthians 3, Swedish A.A. I 1 (replay); Joliet 1, Harvey 3.

Final Round—Corinthians 0, Harvey 1.

SOCGER FOOTBALL IN ILLINOIS.

By J. G. DAVIS, CHICAGO.

The annual tournament of the Chicago and District Association Football League was marked by a notable feature, this being that two hundred games carded in the fall schedule were played without a postponement, which probably is unique in the history of football in the Chicago district.

The league last season was composed of four divisions. The Joliet Steel team retain the Jackson Cup, emblematic of the championship of the first division; Harvey won the Olsen Cup in the second division, Lake Forest taking the Spalding Cup in the third division, and the Rangers the John A. Gauger Cup in the fourth division.

The Rangers, composed mostly of players of Bohemian extraction, made a wonderful record, scoring 100 goals as against one for the opposing teams, and this lone goal was made by a Ranger full-back putting the ball between his own posts.

The growth of the game in Chicago and Illinois has been steady and, unless kept back long by the war, it soon will attain much bigger proportions. In 1912-13 there were six teams in Chicago and ninety registered players. The following season there were eighteen teams and two hundred and eighty registered players. In 1914-15 the figures practically were similar.

In 1915-16 Peter J. Peel was elected president and W. R. Cummings secretary. Largely through the efficient work of these officials, the organization showed increasing growth, and the season of 1915-16 showed thirty-two teams and five hundred registered players.

Last year the Illinois State Football Association was formed, the Chicago District Association playing under its auspices. The State organization, which has full control of soccer in Illinois, had a membership of seventy-two clubs with a registration of 1,520 players.

Owing to his having been elected president of the United States Football Association, Mr. Peel declined renomination for the presidency, and Mr. Cummings was unable to serve again, owing to pressure of business.

Officers for 1917-18 are as follows: Honorary presidents, J. Ogden Armour, Peter J. Peel, W. R. Cummings, William Cameron, Harry S. Knox, Charles W. Jackson; president, Harry H. Fettes; past president, Peter J. Peel; vice-president, John A. Elmsley; secretary-treasurer, Ernest W. Knowles, Tribune Building, Chicago; delegates-at-large, William Wallace, John A. Shea, Morris Schwartzkopf, Robert Johnston.

SOCGER IN CHICAGO PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

By A. PATERSON,

Father of Soccer Football in Illinois Public Schools.

The progress of soccer in the schools of Chicago has been steady and encouraging. The game was introduced into the high schools in 1908. Englewood High School was the sole competitor in that year and looked around in solitary loneliness for converts to the game. In 1917 two Chicago high school leagues were in operation—City High School League and Suburban High School League. The former was run in two sections, heavyweights and lightweights. Eight schools competed in the heavy section. In the light section, which was confined to players under 120 pounds, ten schools participated. In the Suburban League four schools fought for the championship. Twenty-two high school teams, therefore, battled in the fall of 1916 for supremacy in their respective divisions.

Englewood, Hyde Park, Lane and Schurz fought their way into the semi-finals in the heavyweight division of the City High School League. Englewood succeeded in eliminating its three competitors and won the championship of the city for the third successive year.

The lightweight division of the City League produced several high class teams. Of these the pick were Lane, Calumet, Englewood and Schurz, and these four teams strove for mastery in the semi-finals. The Lane eleven

showed themselves the class of the quartette and carried off the championship. In the Suburban League, Oak Park, which is the pioneer team of the league, carried off the honors.

The leaders of the two leagues, viz., Englewood and Oak Park, met on the grounds of the Hyde Park Blues to decide the Cook County championship. This is the big event on the high school soccer calendar of Chicago. The winner takes possession of the Peter J. Peel silver shield, the oldest soccer trophy in the Chicago schools, for one year. Silver medals also are presented annually to the winners of this event by Albert H. Loeb. The Oak Park and Englewood teams proved to be worthy opponents. A hard, clean, fast game was served up, with neither team claiming the advantage. Extra time had to be played, and Englewood finally won by the close margin of one goal. This was the third consecutive win for Englewood in the Cook County high school championships.

The youngest addition to the local soccer family is the High School Alumni Soccer League. This young but vigorous organization consists of four high school alumni teams, Y.M.C.A. College and Elmhurst College. The league will compete in 1917 for silver medals presented by William Cameron, an enthusiastic and generous supporter of soccer in Chicago. The championship of the league was won in 1916 by the West Side Alumni team. The secretary of the league is Lorin Roth, 5652 Emerald Avenue. High school men who want to play the game after leaving school should communicate with him.

SOCCER IN ST. LOUIS AND SOUTHERN ILLINOIS.

BY DAVID F. BARRETT.

The best soccer team did not win the championship of St. Louis and vicinity for the season of 1916-17. And in saying this I am not exercising a strictly personal opinion or giving vent to some silly prejudice. I mean simply, that the Ben Millers, the champions, were not the best balanced club in the St. Louis Soccer League.

The thousands of fans of both sexes who witnessed the thrilling last weeks of the past season are almost unanimous in the opinion that the Innisfalls that finished the season for Manager "Willie" Foley are the best St. Louis team since the famed St. Leos quit winning championships. The Innisfalls showed a wonderful spurt down the stretch, but the long lead obtained by the Ben Millers before the green jerseyed boys finally hit upon a winning combination proved too much for the Irishmen. As a result the Innisfalls were forced to be content with second honors.

However, one should not attempt to take from the Ben Millers the laurels they won. Pete Ratican's boys went out and won the needed games when they had the opportunity, and the failure of the opposing managers to obtain needed strength earlier was not the fault of the Hatters. They accepted the pace set by the St. Leos and the Naval Reserves in the early stages of the battle for the flag, beat off those worthy opponents, and had the championship cinched almost before the Innisfalls realized the race had begun.

It was the second time in succession that the Ben Millers took top honors, and at the outset of the season the opposing teams knew they had to figure on the Hatters as a hard foe. The absence of Harry Ratican, star center forward, who went to the Bethlehem Steel Company team, somewhat weakened the 1916 champions, but the quick development of Pottee, who was obtained from the Missouri Athletic Association team, municipal champions, enabled Manager Pete Ratican almost to overcome the loss of his redoubtable brother.

Captain Len Zeuchel, star center half-back, again proved a tower of strength to the Ben Millers, and was the pivot around which their attack and defense was built. He is a dashing sort of player, covering a lot of territory and showing good judgment in following up the forwards and supplementing the full-backs in trying moments on defense. This ability on the part of Zeuchel was the incentive for his mates on the half line to dash to the attack at every opening, and as a result the Ben Millers at all times during the season were dreaded by opposing goal minders. "Honus"

King in goal and Lancaster at full-back also developed into real stars during the past season, accounting for the success of the club to a large degree.

The Ben Millers lost considerable prestige at the close of the season by their tour of the East. To begin with, the club had nothing to gain by the trip and everything to lose. They already had tied the famed Bethlehem club, at that time acknowledged to be the best club in the East, and subsequently were on an equal footing with the leading clubs of the country. However, the appeal of the East proved too strong for them, and after breaking training at the close of a very hard season they set forth to conquer, on unknown fields, clubs that were of almost equal strength, and possessing the advantage of being in the pink of condition and knowing every inch of the fields on which they were playing. The outcome of the battles was a foregone conclusion. The only wonder is that the Ben Millers held the strong Eastern clubs to such close scores under so adverse circumstances.

Yet there may be among the Eastern followers of the game some who will take an unkind view of St. Louis soccerdom, using the Ben Miller trip as their criterion. However, before they draw any conclusion on this basis they should pause and consider the battles between Bethlehem and Homestead and the St. Louis clubs. They should remember that an All-St. Louis club, which was not the best the city can recruit, defeated Bethlehem.

The Homestead club, which called a week after the Bethlehem champions, was in reality the pick of the Western Pennsylvania League. They showed a very clever and well balanced combination, but were unable to down the St. Louis clubs. They were forced to return home with the short end of the games played.

But this is not all. The Innisfalls at the close of the season journeyed to Chicago and battled on even terms with the cream of the Windy City league. They tied the famous Pullmans and also held the All-Chicago club safely.

So all in all, I believe I am justified in saying that St. Louis soccer today is as good as that in any part of the United States, although I do not believe it is quite as fast as when the St. Leos and St. Therasas were the leading clubs of the West. The present clubs seem to lack the dash and fighting spirit displayed by the famous Klosterman brigade.

And by the way, we will have to watch the St. Leos this season. The past year the club put up a very clever article, although greatly handicapped at times by the absence of two of their leading players, Manager "Bull" Brannigan and his brother "Jimmy." The Brannigans are among the leading forwards of the country and their loss would handicap any club. During the past season Brannigan recruited several promising players and this year, with the experience they gained the past season, they should form a very formidable outfit. At any rate they will bear watching.

The Naval Reserves remain the same mystery. A wonderful early season and dry field club, possessing worlds of speed on attack and a brilliant back-field defense, thanks to their captain and manager, Tate Brady. This team seems to "blow" when the pinch comes; at any rate, it disappoints its followers at most trying moments. If it were consistent I would be tempted almost to predict a pennant for this club, but until it shows more stick-to-itiveness I am forced to pass them by, and look to others for higher things.

But I am almost overlooking my main subject. In my anxiety to throw bouquets to two plucky clubs, and pass out condolences and advice to others, I am passing up the main show. I am not so much interested in the professional end of the game as I am the broader field of the amateur, the real follower of all sports. And St. Louis possesses some of the greatest amateur soccer players and promoters in the country.

The success of the St. Louis municipal leagues is a country-wide topic. Almost every city in the land has cast envious eyes toward the metropolis of the Mississippi Valley. The reason has been the accomplishments of the organizations fostered by Rodowe Abeken and his aides in the city park department and the hundreds of sport followers who have backed the clubs in the various municipal leagues.

The fact that the Keen Cutters won the municipal title, won from the pick of Kansas City and forced the professional champion Ben Millers to

extend themselves, is not the main feature of the season; it is that more players took part in soccer contests in municipal parks and thousands more men and women enjoyed this truly wonderful winter sport than ever before in the history of the city. It attests the sturdy growth experienced by soccer in St. Louis during the past few years.

As a direct result of the popularity enjoyed by the amateur kickers, the professionals at Cardinal Field enjoyed added patronage. It follows that when a man becomes interested in any sport he wants to see the best there is in that particular line if he is given an opportunity so to do. Accordingly, many of those who cultivated a liking for soccer watching the amateurs in Fairgrounds, Forest, O'Fallon, Carondelet and other parks and fields, soon found themselves journeying to Cardinal Field to see the Ben Millers, Innis-falls, et al. This was especially true when the Bethlehem and Homestead clubs called. The crowds were remarkable and very gratifying to the men in charge of the professional league.

However, fortune did not smile continuously on soccer during the past year. The fatal and disastrous fire that visited Christian Brothers College, costing the lives of several members of the Order and many brave firemen, completely wiped out the college building and caused a shadow to settle over the activities of the Brothers in all branches of sport. And, as the Christian Brothers have done more for soccer in the United States than any one other organization, the loss sustained by the sport in St. Louis hardly can be realized. It means that hundreds of youths who would otherwise have been drilled in the elementary principles of the sport did not acquire this knowledge, and perhaps many Brannigans, Sheahans, Bradys, Raticans and Foleys have been permitted to pass unrevealed.

In East St. Louis the sport enjoyed some popularity. Several attempts were made to perfect an organization, and several starts at league competition were made, but always something intervened to stop progress. Although the opportunity to study clubs and players was somewhat lacking as a result, I believe that the St. Elizabeth club was the best in the city across the river. The Libersteins, Drovers and the Billikens also showed fair combinations, but I do not think any of these could beat down the St. Elizabeths in a season struggle.

The game also enjoyed some popularity in Belleville, Reeb Station, Edgemont, Gillespie, Benld, Johnson City and other Illinois towns adjacent to St. Louis. On occasion some of the weaker St. Louis clubs journeyed across the river to battle with these independent Illinois teams. Some keen sport resulted and the game thus progressed.

So, everything considered, soccer enjoyed almost unprecedented prosperity in and around St. Louis last season, despite the destruction of Christian Brothers College and the consequent blow to the sport.

ST. LOUIS MUNICIPAL SOCCER LEAGUE.

FINAL STANDING IN DIVISIONAL COMPETITION.

FAIRGROUND DIVISION.

GROUP No. 1.

	W.	L.	D.	Pts.		W.	L.	D.	Pts.
St. Augustines	8	4	5	21	Perpetual Helps	7	6	4	18
Brockmeyers	8	5	4	20	Wiehes	3	11	3	9

GROUP No. 2.

St. Louis-Suburbans	14	2	1	29	Athletics	4	12	0	8
Wagners	10	4	1	21	Manewals	3	13	0	6

HOLY NAME GROUP.

St. Matthews	12	2	3	27	St. Teresas	6	8	2	14
Bob Whites	10	3	4	24	Notre Dames	0	15	1	1

CHRISTIAN BROTHERS COLLEGE DIVISION.

	W.	L.	D.	Pts.		W.	L.	D.	Pts.
Lennox	12	1	3	27	C.B.C.	5	9	2	12
Ben Millers	7	6	3	17	Trumbulls	3	16	2	8

CARONDELET DIVISION.

Southerns	10	2	4	24	Eckhardts	4	7	4	12
Wawers	9	2	5	23	Kohlmans	1	13	1	3

C.A.C. DIVISION.

Columbian A.C.	6	2	0	12	Schaeffers	3	5	0	6
Concordia T.V.	5	3	0	10	DeAndries	2	6	0	4

JUNIOR DIVISION.

Holy Rosary	10	1	5	25	Buders	2	11	3	7
Ruuds	12	3	1	25	Jefferson Lodge	3	12	1	7

RESULTS OF INTER-DIVISION GAMES FOR MUNICIPAL TITLE.

Seniors—Keen Cutters 4, St. Louis and Suburbans 2; Lennox 2, Columbian Athletic Club 1; St. Matthews 0, St. Augustine 0; Southern Athletic Club 2, Wawers 0.

Juniors—Ruuds 1, Holy Rosary 0; St. Matthews 2, Lenox 0; Keen Cutters 1, Southern A.C. 0; Keen Cutters 2, St. Matthews 1.

RESULTS OF INTER-LEAGUE CONTESTS.

Ben Millers (professional champions) 4, Keen Cutters (Municipal League champions—amateurs) 0; Innisfails 1, Municipal All-Stars 1.

INTER-CITY EXHIBITION GAMES, SEASON 1916-17.

AT ST. LOUIS, MO.

1916.

- Dec. 24—St. Louis All-Stars, 3; Bethlehem Steel Co. F.C. of Bethlehem, Pa. (U. S. Champions), 1.
 Dec. 25—Ben Miller F.C. of St. Louis, 2; Bethlehem Steel Co. F.C., 2.
 Dec. 30—Innisfails of St. Louis, 2; Pittsburgh (Pa.) All-Stars, 1.
 Dec. 31—St. Leos of St. Louis, 3; Pittsburgh (Pa.) All-Stars, 2.

1917.

- Jan. 1—Pittsburgh (Pa.) All-Stars, 5; Naval Reserves of St. Louis, 3.

AT CHICAGO, ILL.

- Apr. 7—Innisfails of St. Louis, Mo., 1; Chicago (Ill.) All-Stars, 1.
 Apr. 8—Innisfails of St. Louis, Mo., 1; Illinois State Association Picked Team, 1.

AT BETHLEHEM, PA.

- Apr. 7—Bethlehem Steel Co. F.C. of Bethlehem, Pa. (U. S. Champions), 2; Ben Miller F.C. of St. Louis, Mo. (Champions of St. Louis Soccer League), 0.

AT NEW YORK CITY.

- Apr. 8—New York F.C., 3; Ben Miller F.C. of St. Louis, Mo., 2.

AT PHILADELPHIA, PA.

- Apr. 9—Disston A.A. F.C. of Tacony, Pa., 3; Ben Miller F.C. of St. Louis, Mo., 1.

PROFESSIONAL SOCCER IN ST. LOUIS.

BY CHARLES J. BARTLEY.

Experiencing the most successful season in the history of soccer football in St. Louis, Mo., the race in the St. Louis Soccer League during the 1916-17 campaign also was one of the closest ever staged in this section of the States.

Three of the four teams, namely, Ben Millers, Innisfalls and the St. Leos, had it out right down to the wire, the Ben Millers winning the pennant for the second successive time. Their margin at the finish, however, was but a single point over the hustling Innisfalls, who for almost half of the season ranked as tailenders but came like a flash in the latter part of the campaign as a result of the work of their little manager, Willie Foley, who kept plugging away until he rounded out a team worthy of the name carried. Had there been a few more games in the schedule the Innisfalls could no doubt have nosed out the Hatters.

The famous St. Leos, who won pennant after pennant for about ten years up until 1914, finished third in the race with twenty points to their credit. Like the Innisfalls they got off to a bad start, but Richard Branigan, their fighting manager, refused to show the white flag and continued to plug away. Towards the middle of the schedule they were considered a strong candidate for first honors.

The Naval Reserves after getting off to a good start slumped badly when he going was heavy during the winter months. On dry ground the kiddies would run away from their opponents. On many occasions they could run the enemy off their feet in taking the ball down the field to a score. Tate Brady, rated the best full-back developed in this vicinity in many years, was at the head of the Naval Reserves and did not miss a game during the entire schedule. He was ever in the game coaching his youngsters on.

The crowning feature of the season was the visit of the famous Bethlehem Steel Company aggregation during the holidays. In the first game, the All-Stars, composed of the best players from the Innisfalls, St. Leos and the Naval Reserves, defeated Bethlehem and as a result claimed for the time the championship of the United States. The second battle, the following day, between Bethlehem and the Ben Millers, who at the time were leading the league race, resulted in a tie.

The St. Louis soccer fans long have contended that the local brand of soccer football was superior to that played by any teams in the country and the results of the two-game series with the Bethlehem club clearly demonstrated this claim. The league experienced the best financial year in the history of the game in St. Louis and, although many of the stars have left to join the colors to go to France, the various managers expect very little trouble in filling their places with recruits from the Municipal League this fall. Following is the standing of clubs at the finish:

FINAL STANDING OF CLUBS.

Team.	Won	Lost.	Drawn.	Goals		Points.
				For.	Against.	
Ben Millers	10	8	2	31	29	22
Innisfalls	9	8	3	25	27	21
St. Leos	8	8	4	26	25	20
Naval Reserves	7	10	3	26	35	17

GOALS SCORED IN LEAGUE COMPETITION.

1916.				1917.					
	Innis.	Leos.	Millers.	Res.		Innis.	Leos.	Millers.	Res.
Oct. 15.....	3	*0	2	0	Jan. 7.....	2	0	1	*0
Oct. 22.....	3	4	*2	2	Jan. 14.....	1	*2	0	1
Oct. 29.....	1	1	0	*3	Jan. 21.....	5	4	*2	1
Nov. 5.....	0	*2	2	3	Jan. 28.....	3	0	1	*0
Nov. 12.....	3	0	*5	3	Feb. 11.....	3	*0	5	1
Nov. 19.....	0	1	2	*1	Feb. 18.....	1	0	*1	2
Nov. 26.....	0	*0	2	1	Feb. 25.....	3	4	0	*2
Nov. 30.....	2	1	*0	1	Mar. 4.....	0	*0	1	0
Dec. 3.....	0	0	1	*1	Mar. 11.....	1	1	*0	1
Dec. 10.....	2	*4	2	2					
Dec. 17.....	0	2	*2	1					

*Indicates club played by Innisfalls.

Total scored by Innisfalls, 33; Leos, 26; Millers, 31; Reserves, 26.
Goals scored against Innisfalls, 27; Leos, 25; Millers, 30; Reserves, 34.

RESUME.

Goals by Innisfalls against Leos, 9; Innisfalls against Millers, 5; Innisfalls against Reserves, 9; Goals against Innisfalls, 8; Millers against Innisfalls, 12; Reserve against Innisfalls, 7.

WESTERN MISSOURI-KANSAS SOCCER FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION.

BY EN PASSANT.

The past season was without question the most beneficial and successful that Kansas City soccer ever saw. It has brought about the recognition of the sport from other sections than the immediate vicinity to which it has been confined since the inception of the game in Kansas City more than six years ago.

The league now is affiliated with the U.S.F.A. and with the late inter-city series with the Keen-Kutters, champion Municipal League team of St. Louis, much enthusiasm was created in favor of the sport from quarters that are in a position to further and foster the game in Kansas City. While the Kansas City Tigers, champions of the W.M.-K.F. Association, were defeated by the fast and splendid team from our sister city, by a score of 5 to 1, they were outclassed by that ratio.

The season opened October 1, 1916, with four clubs, Tigers, Schmelzers, Shamrocks and St. Georges. At the start of the season there were two trophies in for competition, the Spalding and Schmelzer trophies. The Spalding trophy was awarded to the Schmelzer club on goal average, that team and the Tigers having won the same number of games, but the goal count of the Schmelzers was 16 for and 1 against, while the Tigers had 23 for and 2 against.

The Sons of St. George Lodge presented a trophy which then was played for and won by the Tiger club, which in this series went undefeated. Another trophy was given the league, the Arthur Newell trophy, which also was won by the Tigers. The championship medals were played for by the winners of the Spalding cup and the winners of the St. George trophy, and were won by the Tigers in the fastest game of the season by a score of 3 to 2.

A great deal of credit for the fine showing of the Tigers is due to their captain, "Andy" Kettle, the former West Hudson and Ben Miller star. The two Carr stars from Dublin also were prominent with their footwork and deserve mention.

The latter half of the season closed with another trophy being presented, this by the Kimball Piano Company, for a "knock-out" competition. It was won by the Schmelzer club.

The outlook for the season 1917-18 is dubious, inasmuch as a number of players from all teams are drafted or have enlisted. The season's outcome in more ways than one is problematical.

CLUB STANDING, SEASON 1916-17.

	G.	W.	L.	D.	Pts.		G.	W.	L.	D.	Pts.
Tigers	22	16	3	3	35	Shamrocks	22	6	12	4	16
Schmelzers	22	12	6	4	28	St. Georges	22	3	16	3	9

MINNESOTA STATE SOCCER FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION, INC.

President, A. Widlake; vice-president, R. O. Johnston; secretary-treasurer, W. F. Breingan. Executive Committee—A. Murray, R. Baird, A. Aitken.

BY WILLIAM F. BREINGAN, MINNEAPOLIS, MINN.,

Secretary Minnesota State Soccer Football Association, Inc.

Soccer football in Minnesota feels the impetus and will derive some of the benefits of being in the national organization. Today our players and spectators realize that the game will not be any more a local one, seeing we have become affiliated with the United States Football Association.

Before the inception of the U.S.F.A., we knew very little about actual soccer conditions in any other city or State than our own. Located pretty far West, we were going ahead with our local boosting, without any idea of what, if any, real benefit we were doing the game. The game in Minnesota started, as in other States, through a number of old country boys getting together. Their inbred love of the game soon started them kicking a ball around. Later they formed into "sides," and from sides to teams.

The game has been played for twenty-nine years in Minnesota. The Shaw Cup which still is being played for, dates back to 1888, the Thistle F.C. being first to have its name inscribed on it. The cup the last three years has been won by the Thistle club which has been in existence ten years, but has no connection with the old Thistles who played in the city when the game was in its infancy.

Through the efforts of "Scotty" McLaren the Northwestern League was formed. I am doubtful if we ever can realize the amount of work and time that McLaren and another football worker, Alex Murray, devoted at that period of football in this city, but I can realize how much criticism they received from those who were not devoting any time to the promoting of the game.

After a few seasons the league disbanded, and on the 25th day of June, 1913, a new organization, the Minnesota Soccer Football Association, was formed and incorporated. The following names will go down in history of soccer football in this State from that date: Robert Griffiths, Robert R. Jones, John Davis and Alex McFarland, all of the city of Minneapolis. They were the incorporators. The general nature of the business and purpose for which the corporation was established was to "own, maintain, control, manage and operate soccer football clubs," and to "purchase, hold, own, use and possess the right and franchise in and for the State of Minnesota, for the playing of the game." This organization was still to the fore when we became affiliated. We feel very proud in Minnesota to be members of the U.S.F.A., and realize that we will benefit by our step in governing soccer in our State and in promoting the game.

Fortunately, or unfortunately, whichever way one looks at it, in Minnesota we have not had any wealthy backing, and all the success that has been attained by our clubs has been due to the players and followers. We also have promoted the game in the grade schools in this city, which have a championship played off every year. In addition a number of the schools now are taking up soccer seriously as one of their physical studies. We have had a team in one State university this last three years and Coach Foster of the University of Minnesota is doing his best to promote the game throughout the colleges of the States of Minnesota and Iowa, having had his team playing Iowa's State University.

The game is becoming more recognized on its merits. The advocates of college football at last are coming to see that soccer is a capital game to play. Also many persons are beginning to show an interest in soccer from the spectator's standpoint.

We have played the best representative teams we could pick in the Twin Cities, Minneapolis and St. Paul, on several occasions on Northrop Field, belonging to the State University, in response to the invitation extended by the university officials under the management of Dr. L. J. Cooke.

Owing to the climatic conditions in this State we have two seasons, spring and fall. Spring series starts about April 23 and finishes about June 25. Then we have an interim, owing to hot weather, until the end of September, when we make a start for our fall series and keep on playing until the cold weather sets in.

The championship pennant presented by Manager R. O. Johnson of Spalding's store of this city, was won by St. Paul Football Club last spring, Thistle Club winning the Shaw Cup. Thus honors were divided between the Twin Cities.

At present we only have four teams in the league, St. Paul F.C., Albion F.C., Danish A.C. and Thistle F.C. A new team will be in the game during our fall series, playing under the name of Eagles. Altogether the season was a most successful one and the series of games played created great interest among the fans.

Although the game in Minnesota is not so extensive as perhaps is desired, yet taking into consideration the class and form of the sport offered to the public, is of a comparative high plane. The game, I think, has a firm hold here and in the near future will no doubt see an increased popularity. Several of the clubs in the city have lost a number of their players who have enlisted, but the remaining few mean to "Keep the Home Fires Burning," and I have appealed to all the followers of the game in the Twin Cities

who are interested in the game to help in all possible ways to support soccer in the present crisis here. We have lost one of the best footballers known to Minneapolis in Alex Smith, a late member of the Thistles, but now residing in Montreal, who has joined the ranks of the Sons of Scotland. "Smithie" was well liked, and a great favorite among the players of the Twin Cities, and we were sorry to see him go, but delighted to hear that he is a favorite in Montreal, having been picked to pivot the Montreal team against Toronto this season and having also the honor to score two goals out of three. In this game, Montreal defeated Toronto by three goals to one. His record in Minneapolis one season was seventeen goals out of twenty-one for his club.

UTAH ASSOCIATION FOOTBALL UNION.

BY J. E. PRIME, SECRETARY.

The Utah Association Football Union managed two cup competitions in covering the 1916-17 season, and were rewarded by good sport furnished by teams from Salt Lake and several towns in close proximity.

The Eureka club had a strong team out in 1916, and got first claim on the new Schubach cup in the fall. Weather conditions were rather bad throughout the series, which were made more interesting by the entry of Ogden.

Five clubs entered teams in the annual spring Daynes Challenge Cup Competition, and to provide more games it was decided to run it on the standard league principle. Salt Lake was the only team to drop from the running—this after losing three straight. The Arthur team of Garfield regained their 1916 form, Bryson, formerly of Ogden, at center forward, annexing them numerous points through tricky play in front of goal.

The smoke of deciding games rolling away found Arthur and Ogden at the fore, with Eureka and Caledonians trailing far in the rear. The Miners evidently thought themselves too far gone to tackle the Smeltermen at Garfield, and the latter, claiming the points, were awarded the trophy cup for the second successive time, after a vigorous protest from the Railroaders.

The Ogden club, may it be said, made a wonderful showing, and split points in two games played with the winners. Summary:

	G.	W.	L.	D.	Pts.		G.	W.	L.	D.	Pts.
Arthur Smeltermen	6	5	1	0	10	Caledonians Callies	5	1	4	0	1
Ogden Railroaders	6	4	1	1	9	Eureka Miners	4	0	3	1	1

UTAH'S SOCCER CHAMPIONS.

BY THOMAS JORDAN, SECRETARY ARTHUR SMELTERMEN, STATE CHAMPIONS.

Soccer in Utah in 1916-17 was of erratic nature. This, I believe, was due undoubtedly to the entry of Uncle Sam in the war, and the consequent disturbing effects from that cause.

The Arthur team was somewhat dilatory in organizing, owing to rumors that the competition for the Daynes trophy cup would not be played on account of the war.

The games finally were set agoing, however, Arthur being fortunate to retain the services of most of the previous season's players and at the same time being strengthened by one or two new ones. While severely handicapped by the demolition of her playing field, due to railroad reconstruction, Arthur nevertheless went bravely ahead, scoring decisive wins over all her opponents in the cup series; her most notable victory being that of 3 to 0 over Eureka on the latter's home ground. Toward the close of the competition, on a heavy ground and in blustering weather, Arthur suffered her first and only defeat at the hands of Ogden, by the narrow margin of 2 goals to 1. Eureka defaulted the final game of the competition to Arthur, which entitled the cup holders to their name on the cup for the second year in succession. Bryson, center forward, was the star attacker and goal scorer for the cup winners, while Jack Graham, Dunn and Hall formed the ever ready and reliable backbone of the defense. Walter Russell, a veteran player and lover of soccer, served the team well at goal.

SOCCER FOOTBALL IN TEXAS.

BY ALEX TURNER,

Secretary-Treasurer North Texas Soccer Football League.

Although not yet as popular with the general public as we should like it to be, it is nevertheless certain that soccer has come to Texas to stay. Since the formation of the North Texas Soccer Football League two short years ago, the game has progressed at a rapid gait, and it is no foolish prophesy to predict that in the very near future Texas will be one of the greatest centers of the game in the entire United States. Although as yet the attendance at the games has not been of the largest, the sporting element is evidencing considerable interest in the contests, and in a very short time this interest, which is being gradually fostered, will develop into material support.

The season of 1916-17 was a memorable one for Texas soccer inasmuch as the league race was of the neck and neck order, no less than three clubs being tied for the premier position at the close of the regular schedule. Five clubs opened the season in the league series, but unfortunately, after playing only one game and sustaining a severe defeat therein, the team from the Southern Methodist University of Dallas decided to withdraw from the race. The remaining four teams completed their engagements and at the close of the schedule the results were as follows:

	Games.	Won.	Lost.	Drawn.	Goals.		Points.
					For.	Against.	
Dallas	6	4	2	0	16	6	8
Baylor University of Waco.....	6	4	2	0	12	8	8
Sears-Roebuck of Dallas.....	6	4	2	0	11	8	8
Cleburne	5	0	5	0	4	21	0

An elimination contest was staged to decide the winner and in the first round Dallas was drawn to meet Baylor University at Waco, with the result that Baylor was defeated by the Dallas men, four goals to nothing. In the final game between Dallas and Sears-Roebuck, the Dallas Soccer Club emerged victor by three goals to one, and was thus declared champion of Texas and winner of the Spalding Trophy. An interesting feature in connection with the final game, which shows how closely matched were the teams, was the fact that at the close of the regular ninety minute period, the score was a tie. In accordance with instructions by league officials an extra half hour was played, and at the end of the first fifteen minutes of this extra period the score still stood even. In the final stanza, however, Dallas netted two more goals in rapid succession, and thereby won the championship of the league after one of the hardest struggles ever witnessed on a soccer field. The goal score of the teams in all league matches was as follows:

		For. Against.				For. Against.	
Dallas	23	7	Baylor University	12	12		
Sears-Roebuck	12	11	Cleburne	4	21		

The handsome silver trophy donated to this league by A. G. Spalding & Bros., was presented to the winning team at a banquet held in the Oriental Hotel, Dallas, on April 13, which was attended by many enthusiastic devotees of the kicking sport from all over North Texas.

The officers of the North Texas Soccer Football League for the 1916-17 season were as follows: President, Ernest Oates; first vice-president, Maury W. Jones; second vice-president, C. A. Gantt; secretary-treasurer, Alex Turner. These gentlemen used every effort and means at their disposal to bring the great game of soccer to the attention of the people of Texas, and so far their work has been crowned with success. A systematic campaign was carried on to have soccer football placed on the athletic calendar of every college and school in the State of Texas, and in this work the advice of Vice-President C. A. Gantt was of the greatest material assistance. Mr. Gantt is athletic director at Baylor University, one of the largest colleges in the State, is a firm believer in the future of soccer, and his intimate knowledge of college athletics was a great and valued help to this league.

A word of praise is also due the Dallas *Times-Herald* and its genial sporting editor, Brice Hoskins, for the publicity given to the soccer game in Texas. This newspaper, besides publishing full reports of all league games, ran a special series of articles by its own expert, Sandy McNab, on the rules and laws of the game, each of which was illustrated by diagrams to bring out the different points. These were read by the sporting public throughout Texas and undoubtedly did much to bring the great soccer game before the people of this State, and in a manner which could not otherwise have been hoped for.

At the close of the season it was expected, and such expectation was fully justified, that at least three more leagues would be formed in Texas, and the organization of a State association completed. Several leading colleges in the State had practically decided to adopt the game, but the entrance of the United States into the war against Germany will no doubt delay these plans for the present. Already many of the leading soccer players of the State are serving in the armed forces of the United States, and just what effect this will have on the 1917-18 soccer season in Texas will remain to be seen. The future of soccer as the coming game in Texas, however, is assured, and when our boys return victorious from Europe and peace once more reigns throughout the land, the Lone Star State will find its rightful place in the soccer world.

SOCCER FOOTBALL IN LOS ANGELES.

BY HERBERT R. LEWIS.

The first game of the Southern California Soccer League scheduled for the past season was played on October 22, 1916, owner John Powers of the Los Angeles Base Ball Club kicking off the first ball. The league started the season with six clubs, United, Wanderers, Sons of St. George, Foresters, Los Angeles A.A. and Rangers, which finished in the order named. United F.C. won the championship for the second season, dropping but one point, to the Foresters.

The competition for the A. G. Spalding & Bros. Cup was inaugurated on February 4, 1917, and United F.C. won after some particularly keen and hard fought games, Sons of St. George being the runners-up. Following was the play for the A. G. Spalding Perpetual Trophy. This important competition also saw the United club emerge in front, and again the Sons of St. George forced a fast pace.

For United F.C. in particular, of course, and for others in this section in general, it was a markedly successful season, and the prospects for the impending campaign are bright in spite of the war and its natural effect on all sports.

The officers of the Southern California Soccer League for next year are: President, M. C. Meikeljohn; vice-president, W. Amer; secretary, H. R. Lewis, 944 Cottage Place, Los Angeles, Cal.

The following is a summary of Los Angeles' organized soccer play last season:

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA SOCCER LEAGUE COMPETITION.

	G.	W.	L.	D.	Pts.		G.	W.	L.	D.	Pts.
Uniteds	8	7	0	1	15	Foresters	8	3	4	1	7
Wanderers	8	4	3	1	9	Los Angeles A.A.....	8	2	5	1	5
Sons of St. George.....	8	4	4	0	8						

Rangers F.C., after playing a few games, disbanded.

A. G. SPALDING & BROS. PERPETUAL TROPHY.

First round—Uniteds 3, Wanderers 2; byes, Foresters, Los Angeles A.A., Sons of St. George. Second round—Uniteds 6, Foresters 2; Sons of St. George 4, Los Angeles A.A. 1. Final round—United 3, Sons of St. George 1.

A. G. SPALDING ASSOCIATION CUP.

First round—Uniteds 3, Foresters 1; byes, Wanderers, Los Angeles A.A., Sons of St. George. Second round—Uniteds 4, Wanderers 1; Sons of St. George 2, Foresters 1. Final round—Uniteds 6, Sons of St. George 1.

SOCCKER FOOTBALL IN TACOMA, WASH.

BY CARL MURPHY.

Soccer football gained a strong hold in Tacoma during the past season. During the 1915-16 season but two clubs were in the field. In 1916-17 five strong clubs were in action here. The season begins in October and ends in March.

The McKinley Hill Reds won the city championship. The Reds are former players of the McKinley School team. Their average age is but seventeen and a half years, yet they defeated their more experienced opponents, the Smelter A.C., in two games out of three.

The standing of the three leading teams competing to decide the city championship was as follows:

	Games.	Won.	Lost.	Drawn.	Points.
McKinley Hill Reds.....	5	3	1	1	7
Smelter Athletic Club.....	5	2	3	0	4
Whitman All-Stars	4	1	2	1	3

The results were: Reds 3, Smelter 0; Reds 2, Whitman 2; Smelter 3, Reds 0; Reds 1, Whitman 3; Whitman 3, Smelter 2; Smelter 6, Whitman 2; Reds 2, Smelter 1.

The lineup for the championship game was as follows:

McKinley Hill Reds (2).	Position.	Smelter A.C. (1).
Shutts.....	Goal.....	T. Gordon
Gellman.....	Right back.....	W. Ackers
Gaylord.....	Left back.....	W. Adams
Crosta.....	Right half-back.....	A. Erickson
Sagen.....	Center half-back.....	T. Lyon
Myhre (capt.).....	Left half-back.....	W. Kennedy (capt.)
Crosta.....	Outside right.....	H. Coulson
Hoveland.....	Inside right.....	J. Rassmusen
Tollefson.....	Center.....	T. O'Neil
Gauley.....	Inside left.....	A. Quenwick
Sather.....	Outside left.....	R. Jones

Goals scored—Reds, Tollefson 1, Gauley 1; Smelter, Coulson 1.

The McKinley Hills, record for the season was as follows: 3, Bismark 0; Bismark 1; 4, Logan F.C. 0; 3, Smelter A.C. 0; 0, Smelter A.C. 3; 2, Whitman A.S. 2; 7, Logan F.C. 1; 5, Whitman A.S. 3; 2, Smelter A.C. 1; Carbonado, Wn. 5; 3, Carbonado, Wn. 5.

PUBLIC SCHOOLS SOCCER IN TACOMA, WASH.

BY RICHARD P. KELLY, SUPERVISOR OF PHYSICAL TRAINING.

Both as a form of recreation and as a means of athletic development of the largest number of schoolboys ever taking part in any single sport in Tacoma, the soccer football season for 1916-17 in the Tacoma public schools was a pronounced success. Probably because the game gives action from the very start, and because it has a place for players of all types, so long as they really love sport for its own sake, soccer has had a strong appeal for Tacoma school athletes since its inauguration here. Last fall the favorable weather and the large number of boys left in the schools who were really skillful players gave the game a vigorous start immediately after the opening of the schools. More than one thousand one hundred boys played the game informally during the practice season and thirty-five regularly organized teams took part in the official contests, which lasted six weeks, from October 16 to November 24. Most of the teams played two games a week, making twelve for each team for the season.

At the close of the series a committee of experienced old country players officially designated the six teams which in their opinion had played the ablest and most sportsmanlike soccer throughout, as the "Big Six" for Tacoma for the year. These place winners were the McKinley Red Caps, Whitman Senators, Grant Keystones, Logan Mohawks, Central Nationals and Bryant Weavers. Sportsmanship of the highest type was shown by all the teams. The closing game between the Red Caps and Senators, acknowledged to be the strongest two teams in the city, was marked by a spirit of real fellow-

ship in sport, which has been one of the characteristics of school soccer in Tacoma. Although one of the hardest fought contests of the season the game was so free from fouls that practically no penalties were levied against either team. At a luncheon served to the winning Red Caps by their rivals, the Senators, immediately after the game, the red and white jerseys of the Red Caps and the grays of the Senators alternated about the table and the comradeship displayed by the players of the two teams was of a nature to promise well for sports in which these young athletes may be leaders in the future.

The selection committee for 1916-17 consisted of Alexander Burnett, Robert McDonald, Jack McDougall and Sidney Hughes, all of whom have interested themselves for several years in making square, gritty, heady soccer players of the boys who take up the sport. Players and principals freely credit a large part of the soccer progress in the Tacoma schools to the disinterested and able coaching of these and other veteran soccer players who have been eager to see the game well established among the younger athletes.

A feature which promises to have a good effect upon the game locally was the successful development of intramural soccer at the Edison, Franklin and Fern Hill Schools. Few outside games were played by these schools, but the number of boys engaged in the intramural games throughout the season was large, and the fact that a high grade of soccer was played at these schools was shown by the selection of several of their players as members of the All-Tacoma teams picked by experts from among the best grammar school players of the city.

The high school championship for the year was won easily by the Lincoln Park School. Preliminary to the inter-high school games, intramural series were played at both high schools. The Bees at Lincoln Park and the Braves at the Stadium were the victors in these contests.

The special system of scoring adopted by the Tacoma association last year met with the boys' idea of fair play and will be continued during the coming season. It was suggested by Coach R. F. Bown of the Whitman School to give due recognition to teams which play gamely throughout the season for the sake of the sport, but which for possibly insurmountable reasons can hope only to be good losers. Points are scored: win 3, draw 2, played and lost 1. Team records under this system last year were as follows:

TACOMA HIGH SCHOOLS, INTRAMURAL SERIES.

	Games.	Won.	Lost.	Drawn.	Goals.		Points.
					For.	Against.	
Lincoln Park Bees.....	6	5	1	0	15	5	16
Stadium Braves	6	3	2	1	7	5	13
Stadium Royals	6	2	3	1	5	7	11
Lincoln Park Blacks.....	6	1	5	0	5	15	8

GRAMMAR SCHOOL SENIOR TEAMS.

McKinley Red Caps.....	12	9	0	3	25	8	32
Whitman Senators	12	9	1	2	28	3	32
Grant Keystones	12	5	4	3	21	7	27
Logan Mohawks	12	5	3	4	10	5	25
Central Nationals	10	5	1	4	10	7	24
Bryant Beavers	12	4	5	3	20	13	22
Longfellow Invincibles	9	4	2	3	6	5	19
Sherman Bulldogs	10	1	5	4	8	16	17
Washington Mavericks	8	4	3	1	10	12	17
Whitman Ramblers (Pre-vo).....	11	Def.	7	3	3	13	15
Sheridan Cougars	7	2	3	2	4	12	11
Lincoln Grays	6	2	4	0	6	9	10
Irving Ironsides	7	1	6	0	2	13	9
Rogers Defenders	4	2	1	1	3	3	9
Franklin Bears	3	2	1	0	5	8	7
Edison Wildcats	2	1	Def.	1	2	2	5
Fern Hill	1	0	1	0	0	2	1
Oakland	1	0	1	0	0	10	1

Junior teams—McKinley Whitecaps, 24; Central All-Stars, 24; Whitman Rangers, 19; Rogers Shamrocks, 17; Washington, 16; Sherman Tigers, 11; Logan, 11; Franklin Wolves, 10; Sheridan Cubs, 6; Hawthorne, 4.

Athletic leaders even among the pupils are seriously considering the reflection which has been cast upon the old type of athletics by the failure of such a large proportion of our young men to pass the recent physical examinations for the army. They realize that either for peace or war we should aim to have all our boys physically fit, and not just a selected few trained for exhibition purposes. Soccer's increasing popularity in both schools and colleges has been attributed to the fact that it is a game that any boy with staying power can play. The spirit of getting everyone into the game has been growing in the Tacoma schools each year.

SPALDING MIDGET ASSOCIATION FOOTBALL LEAGUE.

BY L. WAGER, MONTREAL, SECRETARY.

To our hard working and energetic president, Mr. C. Provencher, the well known Montreal amateur sport promoter, goes the honor of forming the first league of this kind in America. In its initial season the league comprised four clubs, namely, Aberdeen, Aylwin, Hochelaga and Montreal Thistle. The age limit was fifteen years and under. The season proved to be an immense success from the very start, and after an exciting struggle Aberdeen won premier honors, with Aylwin second, Montreal Thistle third and Hochelaga fourth.

The champions received a handsome silver trophy which was donated by A. G. Spalding & Bros. and known as the Spalding Cup, while the runners-up received a fine silver shield presented by President Provencher and which was known as the Provencher Shield. The brand of football put up by these youthful soccerites was of an exceptionally high class order and on numerous occasions local newspapers gave much space to comment on their fine displays.

A very interesting international match was staged on October 7 at the M.A.A.A. grounds, and was played in connection with the Montreal junior city championships by the courtesy of the M.A.A.A. The contesting teams were Scotland and England, the latter emerging victorious after a strenuous contest, by the close score of 2 to 1.

William MacDonald of Aberdeen, the league's best forward, won the medal presented by Mr. Provencher for the highest number of goals scored during the regular season. Although MacDonald participated in only seven of his club's nine games, he succeeded in scoring no less than 10 of Aberdeen's total 16 goals or an average of 1.43 goals per game. It may be mentioned here that MacDonald, although he is but sixteen years old, enlisted in the 244th Battalion, "Kitchener's Own," and is now in France playing a greater game.

A pleasing feature was the fact that no one team failed to turn up in any scheduled games during the entire season. The end of the season found the clubs placed as follows:

	Games.	Won.	Lost.	Drawn.	Goals.		Points.
					For.	Against.	
Aberdeen	9	6	1	2	16	2	14
Aylwin	9	4	4	1	11	8	9
Montreal Thistle	9	3	4	2	9	12	8
Hochelaga	9	1	5	3	6	16	5

The second annual meeting of the league was held on February 19, 1917, when the following officers were re-elected: Honorary patron, Thomas Wall; honorary president and treasurer, Clarence MacKerrow; president, Champlain Provencher; vice-president, William O'Brien; secretary, Leslie Wager. It was decided at the meeting to have two leagues for the season of 1917-18, the Juvenile League with an age limit of seventeen years and the Midget League with an age limit of fifteen years, both leagues to comprise six teams.

The entrants to the Juvenile League were as follows: Aberdeen, Church of Redeemer, Hochelaga, Kelfield Juniors, North End United and Verdon Rangers. Midget League: Aylwin, Canadian Vickers, Montreal Thistle, Thistle Juniors, Royal Rovers and St. Albans. Prospects point to a highly successful season, which it is hoped may be realized.

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Soccer football is making steady progress throughout the colleges of the United States. This fact is evident to any student of the game who is in a position to follow the development of the sport. No game is at the present time making greater or more lasting strides than college soccer. At the last meeting of the National Collegiate Athletic Association Soccer Committee, it was the opinion of that committee that soccer was advancing quite rapidly enough among our colleges. The committee felt that because of this consistent growth, that it would be a mistake to urge soccer on our colleges and schools more than is being done now.

Each season a few more colleges take up the game, or a new section of the country is invaded by this coming sport. The past season has seen a big advance in soccer in Texas and the Northwest. Oregon State University and the Oregon Agricultural College played the first intercollegiate match last year in that section of the Northwest. Baylor University of Texas, though playing the game only for its second year, entered into the competition of the North Texas Soccer Football League and tied for the championship. Much of the credit for this soccer activity in Texas is due to C. A. Gantt. A further development is expected this coming season through the starting of a Texas intercollegiate soccer league and the introduction of the game into some of the best schools of the State. Ohio Wesleyan, the pioneer college in soccer in Ohio, found rivals in Ohio State and Oberlin, and several other Ohio colleges are planning to take up the sport this fall.

The chief interest in college soccer centered in the Intercollegiate Soccer League, in which the big Eastern universities are entered. The season was the most successful in the history of the league. Pennsylvania, Princeton, Haverford and Harvard played the game up to a very high standard. The play was faster and better sustained than ever before. The team work was of a very high order, the improvement in heading of the ball and in half-back technique being most noticeable. If criticism were permitted, it might be stated that the team work is too mechanical. This probably accounts for the numerous close scores in the games played in this league. This matter will rectify itself as time goes on and more experienced players come into the colleges from the scores of schools now playing the game. With such a large number of inexperienced players turning out for the teams, the coaches are compelled to teach them straight team play, as the niceties



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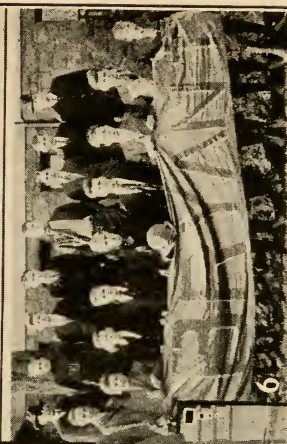
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of play for the various positions cannot be attained in the time at the disposal of the coaches.

Pennsylvania won the championship of the league, but only after a hard battle with Princeton and Haverford. At the end of the regular season Princeton and Pennsylvania were tied for the lead and an extra game was necessary to decide the honors. Pennsylvania's success was due to very good team work and prime condition for every match. Coach Douglas Stewart deserves great credit for the success of the team. In fact, Pennsylvania's strength in soccer is due to its coach and his enthusiasm. The Pennsylvania system of soccer could very well be copied by other colleges. No less than four teams were kept busy during the season. Not only did Pennsylvania win the intercollegiate championship, but the second eleven won the championship of the Pennsylvania Soccer League, and this team and the third eleven won the championship of the second division of the Cricket Club Soccer League of Philadelphia. This season it is Coach Stewart's intention to have teams in the three leagues just mentioned, with the first team also playing in the first division of the Cricket Club League of Philadelphia.

Pennsylvania is especially well situated for soccer, as shown by the fact that such good matches are at hand. With such a large squad—nearly one hundred—to choose from, and with suitable matches for the various teams, Coach Stewart has a good chance to develop men that should keep the first eleven up to a very high standard. There is a double advantage of having teams in the club leagues or playing club elevens. The elevens not only get very good practice, but the club teams have in their ranks many experienced and skillful soccer players, and, by playing against them, the Pennsylvania men get many pointers that it would be very difficult to teach them in any other way.

Pennsylvania started the season by defeating Princeton by 2 goals to 0. This game was very close and it was only the good work of the Pennsylvania backs that kept Princeton from scoring several goals. The Harvard game at Cambridge was bitterly fought out. Pennsylvania crossed over at the end of the first half with two goals to its credit. The Harvard men played up strongly and tied the score. It was only in the closing minutes of play that Hough scored the winning goal on a hard shot from a nasty angle. Yale and Cornell were practically outclassed, the scores being 4 to 0 and 8 to 1. The Haverford game, always a hard one for Pennsylvania, found the Red and Blue too confident. The match was played under very bad weather conditions. Pennsylvania stuck to its short passing game, but Haverford used the long passing and kicking game, which was much better suited to the ground and weather. This was proven after a gruelling match, as the Haverford men finally won out by 2 goals to 1 and thoroughly deserved the victory, for they played the headiest game. The two Haverford backs, Gardiner and Shipley, outdid themselves and time after time broke up the combination of the Pennsylvania forwards.

Haverford's victory promised to make a three-cornered tie for the championship, as that team was the favorite for the game with Harvard. But, carrying out the statement made previously that Harvard played very high class soccer, the Crimson players showed their best wares and tied their old Haverford rivals. This left Pennsylvania and Princeton tied for the honors of the league. A post-season match to decide the championship was necessary. This match was played under very poor ground conditions, as there were three or four inches of snow on the ground. Pennsylvania profited by the mistake made in the Haverford game and changed its style somewhat to suit the conditions. The result, 3 goals to 2 in favor of Pennsylvania, was a fair indication of the strength of the two elevens.

As stated before, Pennsylvania also won the championship of the Pennsylvania Intercollegiate Soccer League, defeating Haverford, Lafayette and Lehigh in turn.

The play of the Princeton eleven deserves special mention. The fact that Pennsylvania was tied for the championship, thus necessitating an extra game, proves Princeton's strength. The Tiger eleven was a snappier combination than that of Pennsylvania. Preyer, at center forward, was always dangerous. In fact, the Princeton forward line needed only a little more

experience to have been one of the most dangerous that has ever represented any college in the league. Erratic shooting and too hasty work in front of goal cost Princeton many a goal. At that, its record shows the team to have been the best scoring combination in the league. The weakness of the team was in the back-field, which was not up to the standard of play set by the forwards.

The Haverford men played up to a high standard during the entire season. Princeton was the only team that showed any real superiority over them. Against Haverford, the Princeton forwards were at their very best, and that spelled trouble all the season for their opponents. Four goals were scored against Haverford. The victory over Pennsylvania was balm to Haverford, for this match is the big game for the latter. The team played remarkably well and, suiting its style of play to the poor conditions, took advantage of every opportunity and won a hard fought battle. The tie game with Harvard was a big surprise, but on the run of the play Harvard was entitled to equal credit.

In spite of finishing fourth in the league, Harvard had one of the best teams in its history. If this were a base ball story, it would be right to state that the Crimson did not seem to get any of the breaks of the game. Princeton and Pennsylvania both won by 4 to 2 scores, but the Yale victory by 2 to 0 and the tie with the Haverford team proved the real strength of the eleven. With a little more luck Harvard might have made a much better showing. In Cooke Harvard developed one of the best forwards seen in the league for some years.

Yale's showing was inexplicable. At the beginning of the season it was thought that Yale would have a fair chance for the championship. Lack of team work and too great a tendency to play the man and not the ball kept the standard of play below par and only one game was won. Cornell was really outclassed in the league. Cornell must pay more attention to team play and the finer points of the game, as its showing in the league was very poor.

Of the Eastern colleges outside the big league, Dartmouth made the most progress. The Hanover players had intercollegiate games for the first season. They held a very good Pennsylvania mixed team of first and second eleven players to a tie. Playing against the Harvard 'Varsity, they were defeated only by 2 goals to 1. A similar advance this season will bring the Hanover men up with the leaders. Swarthmore also had its first real season and made a very good start. Swarthmore will join the Pennsylvania Association Football League this fall and make the game one of its regular sports. Springfield Training School, one of the earliest colleges to take up soccer, had its usual good team, defeating Yale and Dartmouth and bowing to Harvard by only a 2 to 1 score. Soccer at Pennsylvania State College is carried on mainly through its own enthusiasm, for State is so far removed from other colleges that but very few intercollegiate matches can be played. In spite of this handicap, State got out a good team.

The Texas and Western teams have already been spoken of. The University of California developed one of the best teams in the country. Starting with a raw eleven, it improved steadily throughout the season and ranked well up in the Pacific Coast League. After being defeated by Stanford, the team started to improve and turned the tables on its rivals in a return match.

The future of college soccer is assured. Ten years from now, if similar advances are made, this game will be played by all the colleges of the country. Singularly enough, the war will no doubt do much for soccer. This is a game for the soldiers in our big training camps. It is also most suitably adapted for getting the thousands of young men in our college regiments in shape and keeping them fit. Its great advantage is that the cost for equipment is very small and that large numbers can play the game on restricted fields without fear of injury. But the future of soccer rests securely in the schools. Literally hundreds of new schools are taking up the game each season. This means a demand for soccer in the colleges not yet playing the game and also an ever growing nucleus of new players to keep the game up to the required standard.

INTERCOLLEGIATE ASSOCIATION FOOTBALL LEAGUE.

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The 1916 season ended in a tie between Pennsylvania and Princeton, each team having 8 points. On a play-off Pennsylvania won, leaving the final standing as follows:

College.	Won.	Lost.	Tied.	Points.
Pennsylvania	5	1	0	10
Princeton	4	2	0	8
Haverford	3	1	1	7
Harvard	2	2	1	5
Yale	1	4	0	2
Cornell	0	5	0	0

PREVIOUS WINNERS.

1904-05—Haverford.	1908-09—Columbia.	1913-14—Harvard.
1905-06—Haverford.	1909-10—Columbia.	*1914—Pennsylvania.
1906-07—Haverford.	1910-11—Haverford.	1915—Haverford.
1907-08—Haverford.	1911-12—Yale.	1916—Pennsylvania.
Yale.	1912-13—Harvard.	

*Changed to fall season in 1914.

SCHEDULE, 1917.

October—20, Cornell vs. Pennsylvania at Ithaca; 27, Cornell vs. Yale at Ithaca; Haverford vs. Pennsylvania at Haverford. November—2, Cornell vs. Princeton at Princeton; 3, Cornell vs. Harvard at Cambridge; Haverford vs. Yale at New Haven; 10, Cornell vs. Haverford at Ithaca; Harvard vs. Princeton at Princeton; Pennsylvania vs. Yale at New Haven; 17, Harvard vs. Haverford at Haverford; Princeton vs. Yale at New Haven; 19, Harvard vs. Pennsylvania at Philadelphia; 21, Haverford vs. Princeton at Princeton; 23, Harvard vs. Yale at Cambridge; 24, Pennsylvania vs. Princeton at Philadelphia.

CAPTAINS AND MANAGERS OF TEAMS, 1917.

Cornell—George T. Dibble, captain; Neil M. Willard, manager. Harvard—Richard C. Cooke, captain; W. B. Clough, manager. Haverford—Henry M. Hallett, 2nd, captain; Robert Barrie, Jr., manager. Pennsylvania—William L. Nassau, Jr., captain; William C. Melcher, Jr., manager. Princeton—Arthur Preyer, captain; Robert H. McCague, manager. Yale—Meredith B. Wood, captain; Nathan D. McClure, manager.

How the Game of Association Football is Played

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An association football game is played by two teams, each composed of eleven players. As the positions are the same on both teams, one team only will be described. The positions on a team are: goalkeeper, right and left full-backs, making two backs; right, center and left half-backs, making three halves, and five forwards, outside and inside right, center forward, inside and outside left. The players occupying these positions are placed as follows: the goalkeeper on the goal line, the forwards on the half-way line, the halves on a line equidistant between the lines of the backs and forwards, and the full-backs on a line equidistant between the goal line and the half-back line. On their particular lines the players preserve intervals between each other, about as follows (the figures referring to a field sixty-five yards wide): the backs are about sixty-five feet apart from each other and from the touch line; the halves are about forty-nine feet apart from each other and from the touch line; the forwards would be practically the same distance apart, with the outside forwards practically on the touch line, that is, within five or six feet of that line. The positions indicated above are the positions the players should occupy and the distances they should normally be apart from each other during the course of the game, with the exception of the forwards on the defending side at a kick-off and when some penalty is being inflicted, such as a throw-in, kick-off, penalty kick and such like.

Having the players positioned, it is well that they should generally understand the functions of the lines and positions. Taking the lines: the forward line is essentially an attacking force; the half-back line is an attacking or defending force as occasion demands, and the full-back line and goalkeeper are essentially defensive forces.

As to the players: It is the duty of the goalkeeper to prevent the ball passing over the goal line under the bar and between the posts. As he sometimes has a great deal to do against heavy odds he is, under the laws, granted certain privileges over the other players. Within his own penalty area, he may use his hands but may not carry the ball, except for a distance of not more than two steps. This gives him the right to pick up the ball with his hands. He may not be charged within his goal area when he is not in possession of the ball, but he may be charged when he does have the ball; he may not be interfered with or obstructed within his goal area in his efforts to defend his goal; he can kick or punch out the ball in his efforts to clear; he is expected to keep his wits about him at all times and work with the full-backs in their efforts to get the ball away from the proximity of the goal; he must not be afraid of any opponent.

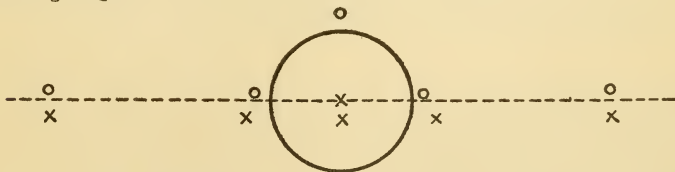
The full-backs work together and with the goalkeeper in the effort to keep the ball away from the proximity of goal. They should be strong, safe kickers and fearless tacklers; taking the ball from an opponent and passing it to their own forwards, swinging the ball across the field or down the line as occasion demands. Primarily, their duty is to get the ball away from their own territory and into the possession of their own forwards. They are also expected to assist the halves when they are hard pressed, without, however, endangering their own positions.

The half-backs are the back-bone of a team, and the success of a team is proportionate with their ability to adequately perform the duties of their positions. Primarily, they must be good tacklers, with a good command of the ball; secondly, they must be good in feeding their forwards, and thirdly, it is well that they should be able to dribble. They must follow the forwards at a proper interval throughout the game, keeping in touch with them at all times, falling back or going forward as occasion demands, so as to put themselves in the best position to tackle the opposing forwards and feed the ball by accurate passes to their own forwards. They must not only assist

the forwards in pressing an attack on the opposing goal, but they must assist their backs in beating back an attack on their own goal.

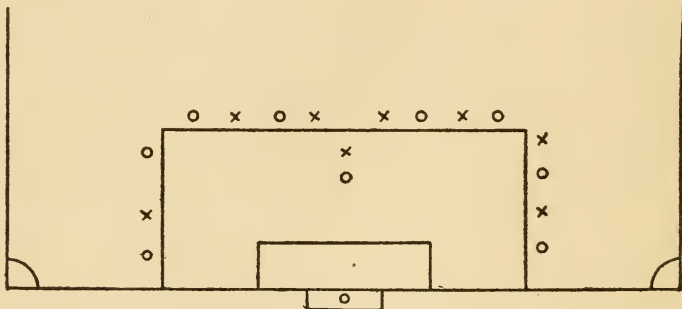
The forward line is for attack, pure and simple. All of the forwards should be able to dribble and travel at high speed with the ball and at the same time keep their eyes wide open and their wits alert to take advantage of opportunities for passing the ball to their mates and working it toward the opposing goal. The center forward is the player on the forward line of whom most is expected. It is his duty to keep his line from wandering out of position; to keep the line well up; to feed his wings so that they can work the ball down the wings and always to keep himself in position to receive passes from the wings and to shoot or give some one else who is better placed an opportunity to shoot. He must be unselfish, but not too much so, that is, he must not feed the wings when he is individually in the best position for a shot at goal. The two inside men, inside right and inside left, work as not only auxiliary center forwards, in that they must be able to shoot well, dribble and pass to their forward mates, but they must act also in the capacity of auxiliary halves, picking up short passes from the halves and passing them on to their mates in the forward line, and, in general, back up their mates. They, with the center, constitute the shooting force of the forward line. The outside men, outside right and outside left, should be very fast and able to maintain control of the ball while traveling at high speed down the wing. It is their duty to be in position to receive passes from the center and inside men and even the halves, carry the ball down the wings and center when the attack is drawn toward themselves, and, of course, eased off the center and the inside men, and when centering they are expected to place the ball in a position approximately in front of goal so that some one of the three inside men can receive it and make the best possible use of it in the shape of taking advantage of any opportunity which presents itself for shooting. A wing man has at no time any license to try to shoot goals unless he should find himself on top of the goal with the ball and a wide open goal, and no one in better or as good position to shoot than himself. This, however, is a condition which very seldom arises and the embryo winger had better confine himself to feeding the center. For when all is said and done, taking it for granted that the three inside men are fair shots, the number of goals scored depends entirely on how well the three inside men are fed by all the other members of the team. It is understood, of course, that a forward is able to beat or avoid the tackling of the opposing halves and backs.

The game is started by kicking off the ball in a forward direction, at least as far forward as the circumference of the ball. The side which has the kick-off or choice of defending goals is determined by the captains of both teams getting together and tossing a coin, the winner of the toss choosing which goal he shall defend and the loser taking the kick-off. The winner of the toss takes the kick-off in the second half. The teams having gotten into position, the forwards of the attacking side stand along the half-way line and the forwards of the defending side ranging themselves along the half-way line and the outside of the circle in the center of the field, but may not approach within ten yards of the ball until after the kick is taken. The positions of the forwards at the kick-off are generally as shown in the following diagram:



The O's are defending while the X's are taking the kick-off and attacking. The circle is of ten yards radius, and therefore twenty yards in diameter, so that the defenders may not come within the circle until after the kick-off.

For any intentional breach of Law 9 the referee must give what is called a penalty kick. This is taken by a player of the opposing side by kicking the ball from a point situated twelve yards directly in front of the center of the goal. All the players except the defending goalkeeper and the player taking the kick must stand outside of the penalty area, but within the field of play. The goalkeeper must stand on his goal line until the kick is taken. The restriction on the goalkeeper advancing beyond his goal line and the other players standing outside the penalty area is removed immediately after the kick is taken. The positions of the players in taking a penalty kick is shown by the following diagram:



The O's indicate defenders while the X's indicate the side to which the penalty kick has been given, or the attackers.

Whenever a player kicks the ball over his own goal line a corner kick is given to the opposing or attacking side. This is taken from a point within the one-yard quadrant at the junction of the touch and goal lines, on the side of the field on which the ball went over the goal line. In taking this kick, the player (usually the outside forward on that side) taking the kick may not remove the corner flag and no player of the defending side may come within ten yards of the ball until after the kick is taken. Of course the object of the player taking the corner kick is to place the ball in front of the goal so that one of his own side can convert the kick into a goal. A goal, however, may not be scored direct from a corner kick, that is, the ball must be played by another player. No player can be off-side in a corner kick, although he may be off-side without having changed his position immediately after the kick is taken.

Simplified Soccer

One Hundred and Ten Knotty Problems of the Great International Game Made Plain and Briefly Explained.

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What are the authorized dimensions of the field of play?

Maximum length, 130 yards; minimum length, 100 yards; maximum breadth, 100 yards; minimum breadth, 50 yards.

What is the authorized height at which the crossbar of the goal posts may be suspended above the ground?

Eight feet.

What is the authorized width of the space between the goal posts?

Twenty-four feet.

What is the authorized size of the ball?

Not less than 27 inches in circumference, nor more than 28 inches.

If a team is compelled to start a game with less than a complete eleven men, is there any limit to the time when absent players may take their places on the field to complete the side?

No; but if a team starts with eleven men, no substitution of fresh players for men who have already played can be allowed.

In what direction must the ball be kicked when the kickoff is taken?

The ball must be kicked forward, but after it has been played once, the second player may kick it in any direction.

At what distance must the opposing side stand from the ball at the time of the kickoff?

Not less than ten yards.

If at the time of a kickoff, a player of the defending side approaches to a point within ten yards of the ball, or if a player on the attacking side crosses the center line or advances in front of the ball before the kickoff is properly taken, what is the correct action for the referee?

He must order the players back in position and the kickoff taken over again. The kickoff must be taken in correct fashion.

In the case of a player taking a throw in from touch, should the player be possessed of a powerful throw enabling him to throw the ball between the goal posts, no second player having touched it, what is the correct decision for the referee?

A goal kick. The ball has been placed out of play by one of the attacking side, behind the goal lines, but in circumstances which do not allow a goal to be awarded.

If a strong wind blowing directly into goal took the ball back into the net from a goal kick, no second player having touched the ball, what would be the correct decision for the referee to make?

A corner kick.

Is it necessary for a player when throwing the ball in from touch to have a part of both feet in the line?

Yes.

Is a player allowed to stand with his feet apart when throwing the ball in?

Yes.

Is a player allowed to stand on tiptoe to throw in the ball?

Yes, if he stands with the toes of both feet on the line.

Is a player allowed to drop the ball from over his head when throwing the ball in?

No, the ball must be thrown, not dropped.

Is a player allowed to raise his heels when throwing the ball in?

Yes, provided he keeps some part of both feet on the touchline.

If a second player meets a ball legally thrown in and heads or kicks the ball over the goal line and between the posts without another player touching the ball, is it a goal?

Yes.

What is the decision, if a player throwing the ball in persists in throwing in from a spot on the line other than that indicated by the linesman?

A free kick.

Is the player who throws the ball in allowed to play it a second time before it has been played by another player?

No.

Is the thrower allowed to steady the ball with one hand and give the impetus with the other?

No, it must be thrown with both hands.

Does a player's position as regards being offside or onside depend upon where he is when he plays the ball or man or when the ball is last played?

When the ball is last played.

Is a player offside when, though standing in an offside position, does not play the ball but merely charges an opponent?

Yes.

Can a player be offside directly from a free kick?

Yes.

Can a player be offside directly from a corner kick?

No.

When is a corner kick ended?

Immediately the ball is played by a second player.

Supposing a player is in an offside position and in going for the ball is charged by an opponent, does that place him onside?

No.

Can a player run from an offside position and place himself onside?

No, unless during the course of the run, the ball is played by an opponent.

Can a player put himself onside by waiting for three opponents to get between him and the goal line before playing the ball?

No.

If a player standing offside does not play the ball nor charge an opponent, but prevents him getting a clear kick or a view, should he be penalized?

Yes, the law is perfectly clear on that point.

Would a player be offside who received the ball when it has last touched an opponent?

No.

Can a player be put onside by the ball striking the referee, goal posts, or crossbar?

No.

Can a player be offside if behind the ball when last played?

No.

What is the minimum distance which opposing players must keep from the ball when a goal kick or a corner kick is being taken?

Ten yards.

May a player when kicking a corner kick remove the corner flag staff to facilitate the kick?

No, the post and boundary flags if properly placed must not be disturbed after the game has started.

Where and within what distance from the corner flag must the corner kick be taken?

Within one yard radius of the flagstaff at the corner nearest the spot where the ball was played out of bounds.

Is the goalkeeper allowed to handle the ball outside the penalty area?

No, if he should do so the correct ruling is a free kick as in any other case of hands.

When a goalkeeper is carrying the ball or bouncing it, what is the maximum distance which he may travel?

The goalkeeper may not take more than two steps while bouncing the ball on his hands or carrying it.

Can the position of goalkeeper be taken up by a second player?

Yes, but the referee must be notified of the change.

If goalkeepers are changed and the referee is not notified and the substitute goalkeeper handles the ball, what is the correct ruling?

A penalty kick, as in any other case of hands. The new goalkeeper is not a goalkeeper until the referee has taken official cognizance of the change.

Is a goalkeeper allowed to take more than two steps when bouncing the ball on the ground?

Yes, there is no limit to the goalkeeper's privileges while he bounces the ball on the ground, except when outside the penalty area.

What is the correct decision when a goalkeeper takes more than two steps inside the penalty while bouncing the ball on his hands or carrying it?

A free kick, not a penalty kick.

Can a goalkeeper be charged; if so, in what circumstances inside the goal area?

The goalkeeper may be charged if he is holding the ball or obstructing a player, but under no other conditions. If he is in the act of fisting or kicking the ball away inside the goal area, he cannot be charged; but he may be charged outside the goal area in any circumstances.

If a player charges a goalkeeper while he is playing the ball, but not holding it, what is the correct decision?

A free kick to the defending side.

Is a player allowed to obstruct the goalkeeper by standing in his way or otherwise impeding him?

Yes, if he is not offside; but he must not charge the goalkeeper.

A player attempting to take the ball from a player from behind, trips him; what is the correct decision?

A free kick if the foul is committed outside the penalty area by one of the attacking side. If committed inside the penalty area by a defender, the correct decision is a penalty kick.

What is the correct decision if a player intentionally stoops before or behind an opponent playing or about to play the ball?

The same as above.

Can a player be charged from behind?

No, except in the case when he is intentionally obstructing an opponent, or when he is facing his own goal.

A player about to be tackled turns his back to his opponent; can he be charged in the back?

Yes, he is intentionally obstructing his opponent.

Can a player who is intentionally obstructing an opponent be pushed with the hands?

No. Under no circumstances can a player be pushed with the hands.

Can a goalkeeper keep off an opponent with his hands?

No.

What is the correct decision should a defender within the penalty area deliberately strike an opponent?

A penalty kick against the defending side. The offending player should be ordered off the field without a caution.

In what circumstances should a referee award free kicks for handling, tripping, pushing, kicking or holding an opponent?

Only when he is positive that the offense was intentional.

NOTE: International Board Rule—Cases of handling the ball and tripping, pushing, kicking or holding an opponent, and charging an opponent from behind may so happen as to be considered unintentional, and when this is so no offense is committed.

Can a player taking a free kick again play the ball before it has been played by a second player?

No.

A player is taking a free kick; may another player on the same side approach to within ten yards of the ball?

Yes.

How far must the ball travel after being kicked from a free kick before it is in play?

It must travel the distance of its circumference. In other words, it must cover the distance it would take if it turned completely over at least once.

Can a free kick be taken in a back direction?

Yes.

May a goal be scored from a free kick without the ball being played a second time?

Yes, in the case of all free kicks awarded for infractions of Law 9. That is, for handling, tripping, holding, etc.

In the case of a free kick near the goal, the player taking the kick places his foot on the ball, and a second player kicks it between the posts. What is the correct decision?

The kick must be taken over again. The ball must be played the distance of its circumference by the player taking the kick. Therefore, the kick was not properly taken, and the goal does not count.

NOTE: A goal may be scored directly from a free kick, but only when the kick is awarded for an infringement of Rule 8, as in handling, kicking, holding, etc.

Can a player wear projecting nails, or metal plates on his boots, or shin guards?

No.

Must bars extend full width of boots?

Yes.

What is the minimum width of bars allowed?

One-half inch.

What is the maximum depth of bar or studs?

One-half inch.

What is the minimum diameter of studs?

One-half inch.

Must studs be round?

Yes.

Are pointed studs allowed?

No.

Is rubber allowed on boots?

Yes.

Must the referee (if required) examine the players' boots before match starts?

Yes, or at any time during the game if he suspects an infringement of this rule.

Can a referee order a player off without caution?

Yes, in the event of violent conduct.

Has the referee power to order a player off who is breaking any of the laws of the game although not committing any violent offense?

Yes, but the player should be cautioned first.

To whom should the referee report cases of ordering off the field?

To the governing association.

Can a heavy player unnecessarily use his weight against an opponent?

No.

What action should the referee take in case of such infringement?

Caution and a free kick.

NOTE: International Board Rule—Persistent infringement of any of the laws of the game is ungentlemanly conduct, within the meaning of this law.

Can a player if injured remain on the field of play and receive attention until able to resume?

No. He must retire or be immediately removed to touch line, or behind goal line and game restarted at once.

NOTE: International Board Rule—All reports by referees to be made within two days after this occurrence, Sundays not included.

When a linesman is not neutral, should a referee be guided by his decision?

Not as a rule.

In what points should a lineman give decisions?

Throw in, corner and goal kicks.

Can a referee order a linesman off the field?

Yes, for misconduct. He may also appoint a successor.

Can a suspended official or player act as linesman during his suspension?

No.

NOTE: Linesmen, when neutral, shall call the attention of the referee to rough play, or ungentlemanly conduct, and generally assist him to carry out the game in proper manner.

Should players stop playing for a supposed infringement of the laws?

No, the ball is in play until the referee stops it by blowing his whistle or otherwise.

How should a game be restored after a temporary suspension other than for a free or penalty kick, or a thrown in?

By dropping the ball at the place it was when play was suspended.

Can a player play the ball when it touches the ground?

Yes, but not before.

If a player from a drop secures the ball and places it between the posts, should a goal be allowed, or must it be played by a second player?

A goal should be allowed.

What and for how many offenses, are penalty kicks given?

Ten. Striking, kicking, tripping, jumping, handling, holding, pushing, charging back, or dangerous violent charging.

NOTE: Jumping at an opponent is considered intentional at all times. If in the opinion of the referee any of the above offenses are not intentionally committed by a defender, no action is taken.

If a defender within the penalty area intentionally kicked an opponent, what decision should be given?

A penalty kick.

For any infringement of Law 9 within penalty area, can a referee order the man off and at the same time award a penalty kick?

Yes.

Must the ball in a penalty be kicked forward?

Yes.

What decision should be given if it were passed back?

Free kick.

Can the ball be played anywhere inside the penalty area when a penalty kick is about to be taken?

No, it must be taken from the penalty mark.

Where must players other than the player taking the penalty kick stand?

Outside penalty area lines.

Is a goalkeeper allowed to advance out of his goal for a penalty kick?

No, he must remain on goal line.

Can a player taking the penalty play the ball again if it rebounds from goal post or crossbar to him?

No.

Can the player if the ball strikes the goalkeeper and rebounds back to him play it again?

Yes.

After having awarded a penalty kick and time expired before kick was taken, can the referee allow it to be taken after time was up?

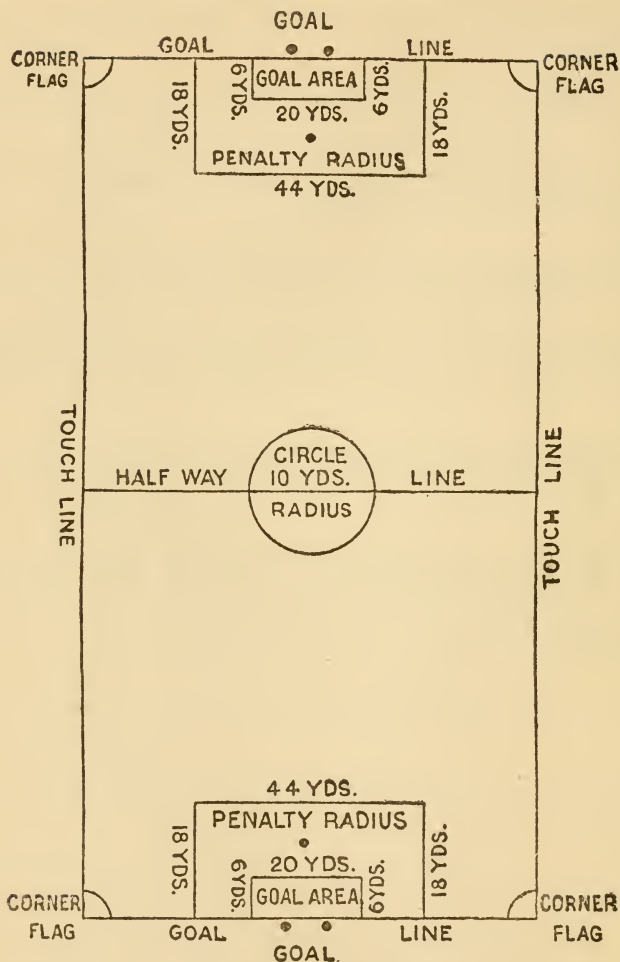
Yes.

If the ball has crossed the goal or touch lines and a player was intentionally tripped, etc., should a penalty be allowed?

No, the ball must be in the field of play when the offense was committed.

Supposing a player was offside and was intentionally tripped by a defending player within the penalty area, should a penalty kick be awarded?

Decidedly; the fact of a player being offside does not nullify the penalty law.



PLAN OF FIELD OF PLAY.
Referred to in Law 1 of the game.

Laws of the Game

LAW I.

The game should be played by Eleven players on each side. **Number of Players.**

The field of play shall be as shown in the plan on page 112, subject to the following provisions: The dimensions of the field of play shall be—maximum length, 130 yards; minimum length, 100 yards; maximum breadth, 100 yards; minimum breadth, 50 yards. **Dimensions of Field of Play.**

Instructions to Referees.—Refuse to sanction play if danger is likely to accrue to players from the state of the ground. As to the weather, use your own judgment, but do not needlessly spoil sport.

Instructions to Secretaries.—The size 115 yards by 75 yards is the most general.

The field of play shall be marked by boundary lines. The lines at each end are the goal-lines, and the lines at the sides are the touch-lines. The touch-lines shall be drawn at right angles with the goal-lines. A flag with a staff not less than 5 feet high shall be placed at each corner. A half-way line shall be marked out across the field of play. The center of the field of play shall be indicated by a suitable mark, and a circle with a 10 yards radius shall be made around it. **Marking out Ground.**

Official Decisions.—Flag-staffs with pointed tops must not be used.

The touch and goal-lines must not be marked by a V-shaped rut.

(International Board, June 16, 1902.)

Instructions to Referees.—Short flag-staffs are dangerous, hence the minimum height of 5 feet.

The Referee must not allow a corner flag-staff to be removed even for the convenience of the player taking a corner-kick.

Instructions to Secretaries.—The goal-line must be marked out from corner to corner, including the goal.

A half-way line is necessary on all grounds.

See that the one yard area within which the corner kick must be taken is marked out.

The Goals. The goals shall be upright posts fixed on the goal-lines, equi-distant from the corner flag staffs, 8 yards apart, with a bar across them 8 feet from the ground. The maximum width of the goal-posts and the maximum depth of the cross-bar shall be 5 inches.

Instructions to Referees.—The Referee must caution any player wilfully displacing flags or goal-posts, or pulling down the bar, and if repeated he should order the offender off the field of play.

Instructions to Secretaries.—The surface of the bars or posts facing the field of play or otherwise must not be more than five inches in width. Tape or any substance not of a rigid nature, must not be used in the place of a bar. Goal nets are strongly recommended.

Have the goal-posts and bars painted white so as to be distinctly seen. Provide light colored corner flags. See that the goal nets are properly pegged down and in order before every match, and that there are no holes or possible openings for the escape of the ball.

Instructions to Players.—Goal-keepers to save a shot or to get hold of the ball sometimes seize the bar and pull it down. Any player wilfully displacing a flag or goal-post, or bar, is guilty of misconduct.

The Goal Area. Lines shall be marked 6 yards from each goal-post at right angles to the goal-lines for a distance of 6 yards, and these shall be connected with each other by a line parallel to the goal-lines; the space within these lines shall be the goal area. Lines shall

The Penalty Area. be marked 18 yards from each goal-post at right angles to the goal-lines for a distance of 18 yards, and these shall be connected with each other by a line parallel to the goal-lines; the space within these lines shall be the penalty area. A suitable mark shall be made opposite the center of each goal, 12 yards from the goal-line; this shall be the penalty kick mark.

The Ball. The circumference of the ball shall be not less than 27 inches, nor more than 28 inches. The outer casing of the ball must be of leather, and no material shall be used in the construction of the ball which would constitute a danger to the players.

Instructions to Secretaries.—The ball should be supplied by the home club.

See that the ball is fully inflated, and that there are reserve balls close at hand.

The Spalding Olympic Foot Ball is the Official Foot Ball; correct in weight and measurement, and should be used in all games.

In International matches, the dimensions of the field of play shall be—maximum length, 120 yards; minimum length, 110 yards; maximum breadth, 80 yards; minimum breadth, 70 yards; and at the commencement of the game the weight of the ball shall be from 13 to 15 ounces.

Dimensions of Field of Play and Weight of Ball in International Matches.

Instructions to Referees.—Refers to International Contests only.

LAW II.

The duration of the game shall be 90 minutes, unless otherwise mutually agreed upon.

Duration of Game.

Instructions to Referees.—The Referee must allow for time wasted, or lost, through accident or other cause, and it is desirable that the two captains should be informed when such allowance is made.

Unless a Referee is notified to the contrary by the two captains he must under ordinary circumstances continue the game for 90 minutes.

There is no power to set aside the Rules of Cup and other Competitions where the time to be played is specified.

Instructions to Players.—If you wish to play short time the Referee must be notified. This may only be done by the mutual agreement of both captains.

The winners of the toss shall have the option of kick-off or choice of goals.

Choice of Goals.

Instructions to Referees.—Note which side kicked off. (See Instructions to Referees on Law 13.)

The game shall be commenced by a place-kick from the center of the field of play in the direction of the opponents' goal-line; the opponents shall not approach within 10 yards of the ball until it is kicked off, nor shall any player on either side pass the center of the ground in the direction of his opponents' goal until the ball is kicked off.

The Kick-Off.

Official Decisions.—A PLACE-KICK is a kick at the ball while it is on the ground in the center of the field of play.

If this Law is not complied with the kick-off must be taken over again.

(International Board, June 15, 1903.)

Instructions to Referees.—Referees should notice that a free kick must not be awarded for any breach of this Law. It is their duty to see the kick-off properly taken in the direction of the oppo-

site goal; also that back kicking and encroaching must not be allowed.

Any player wilfully encroaching should first be cautioned, and, on a repetition, be ordered off the field of play. After the ball has been properly kicked off, the second and other players may play it in any direction.

If in the opinion of the Referee the ball has not rolled completely over, or traveled the distance of its circumference, *i. e.*, about 27 inches, he must order it back again to be kicked off properly.

The Referee must not allow anyone to kick-off unless he is a player competing in the match. This order does not apply to Charity matches.

Instructions to Secretaries.—The practice of getting an outside person to kick-off in a match is forbidden, except in Charity matches.

Instructions to Players.—Many players, when the whistle sounds for the start, run inside the 10 yards' circle. This is wrong, as the game commences with the kick-off, not with the Referee's signal.

LAW III.

Ends to be
Changed at
Half-Time.
The Interval.
Restarting
Game.

Ends shall only be changed at half-time. The interval at half-time shall not exceed five minutes, except by consent of the Referee. After a goal is scored the losing side shall kick off, and after the change of ends at half-time the ball shall be kicked off by the opposite side from that which originally did so; and always as provided in Law 2.

Instructions to Referees.—The Referee is distinctly authorized to prevent deliberate waste of time. (See Law 13.)

He should use every endeavor to limit the half-time interval to 5 minutes, and not allow his consent to its extension to be assumed as a matter of course.

Instructions to Players.—In competitions where after a drawn game an extra half-hour is necessary, the Captains must toss again for choice of ends, and play must be a quarter of an hour each way.

LAW IV.

How a Goal
is Scored.

Except as otherwise provided by these Laws, a goal shall be scored when the ball has passed between the goal-posts under the bar, not being thrown, knocked on, nor carried by any player of the attacking side.

Official Decisions.—The whole of the ball must have passed over the goal-line, or touch-line, before it is out of play.

KNOCKING ON and carrying are both forms of handling the ball.

Instructions to Referees.—The words “not being thrown” cover a throw-in from touch, so that if a player throws the ball in from touch through the opponents' goal it would be a goal-kick for the defending side and not a goal.

It is possible for the ball to roll all along the goal-line, and for the greater part of it to be over the line, and yet not pass through the goal. The goal-keeper may be behind the goal-line and yet prevent a goal.

A Referee must under no circumstances allow a goal unless he is absolutely satisfied that it is a goal.

In catching the ball or fisting out, a goal-keeper sometimes allows the ball to pass into goal in mid air, and the Referee may consider that the whole of the ball crosses the line. If so and he is in a good position to judge, he must give a goal.

It is difficult to tell unless one is close up, hence the necessity for the Referee following the ball closely up and down the ground and trying to get a side view whenever he thinks a shot is about to be put in, or there is a scrimmage in front of the goal.

Instructions to Secretaries.—The necessity for the goal-line between the posts being clearly marked is emphasized by the requirements of this Law.

If from any cause during the progress of the game the bar is displaced, the Referee shall have power to award a goal if in his opinion the ball would have passed under the bar if it had not been displaced.

**If Bar
Displaced.**

Instructions to Secretaries.—It is important that secretaries should see that the bars are securely fixed to the posts.

The ball is in play if it rebounds from a goal-post, cross-bar, or a corner flag staff into the field of play. The ball is in play if it touches the Referee or a Linesman when in the field of play.

**If Ball
Rebounds from
Goal-posts, etc.**

Instructions to Referees.—The ball touching the Referee or a Linesman when he is in the field of play is still in play, though it might otherwise have gone into touch or over the goal-line.

Linesmen should follow the game close to the touch-line and keep out of the field of play as much as possible.

The ball is out of play when it has crossed the goal-line or touch-line, either on the ground or in the air.

**Ball Crossing
Lines, Out of
Play.**

Instructions to Referees.—The ball going into

touch in mid air and afterwards alighting in the field of play is out of play.

Instructions to Players.—The ball may roll along the touch-line or goal-line and still be in play. The whole of the ball must have passed over and be clear of the touch-line or goal-line before it is out of play.

LAW V.

The Throw-in

When the ball is in touch, a player of the opposite side to that which played it out shall throw it in from the point on the touch-line where it left the field of play. The player throwing the ball must stand on the touch-line facing the field of play, and shall throw the ball in over his head with both hands in any direction, and it shall be in play when thrown in. A goal shall not be scored from a throw-in, and the thrower shall not again play until the ball has been played by another player.

This law is complied with if the player has any part of both feet on the line when he throws the ball in.

Official Decision.—TOUCH is that part of the ground on either side of the field of play.

Instructions to Referees.—The Linesman should point with his flag to the place where the ball went into touch and stand a little behind the thrower to watch the throw-in. If the player does not throw the ball in properly, the Referee must give a free kick. An improper throw would be one delivered over the shoulder, or with one hand giving the impetus and the other merely guiding the ball, or if the thrower had not some part of both feet on the touch line at the moment of throwing, or if the thrower merely dropped the ball and did not throw it. A player throwing-in the ball must face the field of play.

Instructions to Secretaries.—Provide light-colored flags for Linesmen.

Instructions to Players.—The practice of claiming for the throw-in when the ball goes into touch is far too prevalent and is unnecessary.

LET THE LINESMAN GIVE HIS DECISION. All the claiming in the world will not alter it, unless the Referee shall see fit to interfere.

LAW VI.

Off-side.

When a player plays the ball, or throws it in from touch, any player of the same side who at such moment of playing or throwing-in is nearer to his

opponents' goal-line is out of play, and may not touch the ball himself, nor in any way whatever interfere with an opponent, or with the play, until the ball has been again played, unless there are at such moment of playing or throwing-in at least three of his opponents nearer their own goal-line. A player is not out of play when the ball is kicked off from goal, when a corner-kick is taken, when the ball has been last played by an opponent, or when he himself is within his own half of the field of play at the moment the ball is played or thrown in from touch by any player of the same side.

Official Decisions.—If a player deliberately trips an opponent who is standing in an off-side position within the penalty area, and who does not attempt to play the ball or obstruct, a penalty kick should be awarded.

A flag may be placed opposite the half-way line on each side of the field of play, but it must be at least one yard from the touch-line, and must have a staff not less than 5 feet high.

Instructions to Referees.—A player who is in his own half of the field of play at the moment the ball is last played cannot be off-side.

The point to notice is not where a player is when he plays the ball, but where he is at the moment it is played by a player of the same side. In the rush of a game a Referee is apt to lose sight of the positions of the field at every kick, yet he ought to educate himself to intuitively fix each change on his mind. If a player is in line with or behind the ball when it is played he cannot possibly be off-side, but if he is in front of it he is liable to be so. Though a player cannot be off-side when an opponent last plays the ball, or when a corner-kick, or a goal-kick, is taken, this protection ceases the moment a second player plays the ball, so that a player not off-side when a corner-kick is taken, may, without having moved, be off-side as soon as the ball has been played. A player following up another of his own side who has the ball cannot be off-side. Players may be off-side when a free kick or penalty kick is taken, and when the ball is thrown in from touch. An opponent playing the ball puts a player on-side at once, but while standing off-side a player must not interfere in any way with an opponent or with the play. If a player is standing off-side, he is off-side until the ball is next played, even though sufficient opponents fall back to make three between him and their goal line.

The International Board have made it plain that a player, who is in an off-side position, is bound to keep out of the way of the play, and that he is liable to be penalized if in any manner his presence causes any interference with the play.

When the ball is kicked off from either goal no player is off-side.

The provision of flags opposite the half-way line is optional. The object is to assist the Referee and Linesman to determine the position of the half-way line when they are at a distance or when the line has become indistinct.

Instructions to Players.—A player who is in his own half of the field of play at the moment the ball is last played cannot be off-side.

A player once off-side cannot put himself on-side. This can only be done for him in three ways:—(1) If an opponent next plays the ball; (2) If he is behind the ball when it is next played by one of his own side; (3) If he has three opponents between him and their goal line when the ball is played by one of his own side further from his opponents' goal than himself.

The ball hitting the goal-post or bar and rebounding does not put a player on-side who was "off-side" when the ball was last played.

Take care that when the ball is played by one of your own side you have three opponents between you and their goal-line or that you are in a line with or behind the ball. Can anything be simpler? If your opponent plays the ball, or the ball touches him in any way, you are on-side no matter where you stand, but when standing off-side you have no right to interfere with an opponent nor to station yourself so near the goal-keeper, or any other opponent, as to hamper his movements, or obstruct his sight of the ball. When a player finds he is in an off-side position it is his duty to keep clear of the play and neither interfere with nor inconvenience an opponent, nor make a pretense of doing so.

LAW VII.

Goal-Kick. When the ball is played behind the goal-line by a player of the opposite side, it shall be kicked off by any one of the players behind whose goal-line it went, within that half of the goal area nearest the

Corner-Kick. point where the ball left the field of play; but, if played behind by any one of the side whose goal-line it is, a player of the opposite side shall kick it from within one yard of the nearest corner flag-staff. In either case an opponent shall not be allowed within ten yards of the ball until it is kicked off.

Official Decision.—The corner flag-staff must not be removed when a corner-kick is taken.

Instructions to Referees.—It is the duty of the Referee to see that goal-kicks are properly taken within that half of the goal area nearest the point where the ball went out.

It is the duty of the Referee to see that corner-kicks are properly taken, and on the side on which the ball goes out.

If the player takes a corner-kick, and the ball rebounds to him after striking the goal-post, he must not play it again until it has been played by another player. Do not allow a goal-kick or corner-kick to be taken while any opponent is within 6 yards of the ball.

Instructions to Secretaries.—See that the corner-kick one yard area is marked.

Instructions to Players.—Opponents should remember that they must not stand within 6 yards of the ball. To do so is the cause of constant annoyance and is not playing the game fairly.

LAW VIII.

The goal-keeper may within his own penalty area, use his hands, but shall not carry the ball. Goal-keeper Handling.

Official Decision.—CARRYING by the goal-keeper is taking more than two steps while holding the ball, or bouncing it on the hand.

Instructions to Referees.—The goal-keeper must not "walk about" bouncing the ball on the hand. After the second step he must be penalized.

The goal-keeper must not handle the ball outside his own penalty area.

For "carrying" the ball the penalty is a free kick and not a penalty kick.

The goal-keeper shall not be charged except when he is holding the ball or obstructing an opponent, or when he has passed outside the goal area. Charging Goal-keeper

Instructions to Referees.—If the goal-keeper obstructs an opponent he may be charged even when in his goal area. See that the goal-keeper is not unfairly charged, as he has so little chance of protecting himself when his attention is engaged with a coming shot.

Special notice should be taken of the fact that a goal-keeper may be charged when he is outside the goal area.

Instructions to Players.—The goal-keeper should bear in mind that directly he leaves his goal area he is liable to be charged by an opponent.

So long as a goal-keeper does not stick to the ball, or obstruct an opponent, he is protected under the Laws when within his goal area. Get rid of the ball at once is naturally the best advice that can be given him.

The goal-keeper may be changed during the game, but notice of such change must first be given to the Referee. Goal-keeper may be Changed.

Official Decision.—If a goal-keeper has been changed without the Referee being notified, and the new goal-keeper handles the ball within the penalty area, a penalty kick must be awarded. See Law 17.

(International Board, June 17, 1901.)

Instructions to Referees.—Note who commences a game as goal-keeper, and allow no one else to act as goal-keeper, or to claim his privileges, until you have been notified of the change of goal-keeper.

Instructions to Players.—If the goal-keeper who commences the game in that position should be changed during the game the Referee should at once be notified of the fact, and also of any subsequent changes.

LAW IX.

Tripping,
Kicking,
Striking,
Jumping at.

Neither tripping, kicking, striking, nor jumping at a player shall be allowed.

Official Decisions.—TRIPPING is intentionally throwing, or attempting to throw, an opponent by the use of the legs, or by stooping in front of or behind him.

The Laws should be more vigorously enforced by Referees in order to prevent improper conduct, and players who are guilty of it escaping punishment.

Instructions to Referees.—This is an important Law, as by enforcing it and taking the initiative where he sees necessary, a Referee can prevent rough play developing. He can stop the game at any time and give a free kick, or caution, or both, against any player whose conduct or play is dangerous or likely to cause injury. The free kick must be taken from the place where the infringement occurred.

Jumping at an opponent must of necessity be intentional, and this differs from jumping to play the ball.

Instructions to Secretaries.—Bring before the notice of your committee any conduct on the part of a member of your club which is likely to bring the game into disrepute. If persisted in a club ought not to allow any such offender to continue to belong to it, for not only may such conduct bring punishment on the player, but it gives the club a bad name and may lead to a more serious trouble. Use all means in your power to stop the practice of players using bad language, or addressing observations to, or at, the Referee on or off the field.

“Hands.” A player (the goal-keeper, *within his own penalty area*, excepted) shall not intentionally handle the ball.

Official Decisions.—HANDLING is intentionally playing the ball with the hand or arm.

KNOCKING ON is when a player strikes or propels the ball with his hands or arms.

Cases of handling the ball and tripping, pushing, kicking, or holding an opponent, and charging an opponent from behind, may so happen as to be considered unintentional, and when this is so, no offense is committed.

(International Board, June 8, 1912.)

Instructions to Referees.—Note the important fact that it is the intentional breach of Law which must be punished. This must be done promptly and strictly.

Instructions to Players.—Let the Referee give "hands" on his own initiative.

A player shall not use his hands to hold or push an opponent. **Holding, Pushing.**

Official Decision.—HOLDING includes the obstruction of a player by the hand or any part of the arm extended from the body.

Instructions to Referees.—Under no circumstances whatever must a player push an opponent with his hands or arms. Using the knee against an opponent is a most dangerous practice and should be severely punished.

Instructions to Players.—Under no circumstances whatever must you push an opponent with your hands or arms, or use the elbow or knee against him.

Charging is permissible, but it must not be violent or dangerous. **Charging.**

Instructions to Referees.—Charging must not be penalized unless it is violent or dangerous.

Instructions to Players.—Let charging be of the good honest type and not degenerate into rough play.

A player shall not be charged from behind unless he is intentionally obstructing an opponent. **Charging Behind.**

Official Decisions.—The offense of charging an opponent from behind is not committed where a player in playing the ball touches a player behind unless there is an intention to charge such player. The Referee is the sole judge of such intention, but it has been noticed that many Referees construe the Law more strictly than is necessary to secure fair play, and in consequence of such decisions the progress of games is unnecessarily interfered with.

If a player turns so as to face his own goal when he is tackled, or is obviously aware that he is about to be tackled by an opponent, he is intentionally obstructing, and may be charged from behind. (International Board, June 8, 1907.)

Referees will be supported in putting down rough play.

Instructions to Referees.—A player may be charged from behind when he is intentionally obstructing an opponent, whether he is facing his own goal or not; but the charging must under no circumstances be violent or dangerous.

Instructions to Players.—Even if your opponent is intentionally obstructing you, you have no right to charge him in a manner likely to do him injury. If players would hustle more and charge less the games would not be so rough and accidents not so frequent.

LAW X.

Free Kick.

When a free kick has been awarded, the kicker's opponents shall not approach within *ten* yards of the ball, *until the kick is taken*, unless they are standing on their own goal line. The ball must at least be rolled over before it shall be considered played, i. e., it must make a complete circuit or travel the distance of its circumference. The kicker shall not play the ball a second time until it has been played by another player. The kick-off (except as provided by Law 2), corner-kick, and goal-kick shall be free kicks within the meaning of this Law.

Instructions to Referees.—It is the Referee's duty to see that all free kicks are taken from the proper place and not allow a free kick to be taken until he has given a signal. The usual signal is a whistle.

The free kick must be taken without delay. Nothing slows a game more than wasting time in taking a free kick. It is also unfair to delay, bearing in mind that a free kick awarded for breaches of Law 9 may score a goal direct. If opponents persist in encroaching act promptly and caution them.

The kick must not be allowed if the ball is on the move while it is being taken.

Instructions to Players.—Players must wait for the signal from the Referee before taking the kick-off or free kick.

Opponents must not approach within *ten* yards of the ball till it is kicked.

Players neglecting this instruction are liable to be ordered off the field.

LAW XI.

Free Kick
from which
Goal may be
Scored.

A goal may be scored from a free kick which is awarded because of any infringement of Law 9, but not from any other free kick.

Instructions to Referees.—Special notice should be taken of the fact that a goal may be scored direct, whether the ball touches a player of either side or not, if the free kick is awarded for tripping, kicking, jumping at, holding, pushing, violently or dangerously charging an opponent, charging an opponent illegally from behind, or handling the ball (breaches of Law 9). But it must be remembered that a free kick awarded for any other breach of the Laws does not come under this regulation. Note that a goal cannot be scored direct from a kick-off, corner-kick, or goal-kick; or from free kicks awarded for the following breaches of Laws:—

(a) Player playing the ball a second time before it has been played by another player, after throwing-in or taking a free kick or a penalty kick.

(b) Off-side.

(c) Carrying by goal-keeper.

(d) Charging goal-keeper at wrong time, the charging being otherwise fair.

(e) Playing the ball before it has touched the ground after being thrown down.

(f) Ball not kicked forward from a penalty kick.

(g) Improper throw-in.

(h) Dangerous play. Law 13.

Instructions to Players.—Players should remember that a goal may be scored from a free kick imposed for infringements of Law 9.

LAW XII.

A player shall not wear any nails, except such as have their heads driven in flush with the leather, or metal plates or projections, or gutta-percha, on his boots, or on his shin guards. If bars or studs on the soles or heels of the boots are used, they shall not project more than half an inch, and shall have all their fastenings driven in flush with the leather. Bars shall be transverse and flat, not less than half an inch in width, and shall extend from side to side of the boot. Studs shall be round in plan, not less than half an inch in diameter, and in no case conical or pointed. Any player discovered infringing this Law shall be prohibited from taking further part in the match. The Referee shall, if required, examine the players' boots before the commencement of a match, or during the interval.

Bars, Studs,
Etc.

Official Decisions.—Wearing soft india-rubber on the soles of boots is not a violation of Law 12. Semi-circular toe pieces are legal.

Metal toe-plates, though covered with leather, are illegal.

Instructions to Referees.—It is the Referee's duty, if asked, to examine the players' boots before the match, or during the interval. The Referee must order off the field of play for the remainder of the game any player whom, during the progress of the play, he finds wearing:

(a) Nails not flush with the leather.

(b) Metal plates or projections.

(c) Gutta percha on his boots, or on his shin guards.

(d) Bars on soles or heels of his boots that do not extend from side to side of the boot, that are less than one-half inch wide, more than one-half inch deep, and not transverse and flat.

(e) Studs on soles or heels of his boots, not round in plan, less than one-half inch in diameter, more than one-half inch deep, and conical or pointed.

During the progress of a game the Referee can enforce this Law without waiting for an appeal. There is no necessity to report this offense.

The Law includes metal clips or buckles, etc., that are dangerous, either on the boots or shin guards.

Instructions to Secretaries.—See that your players are not by ignorance or otherwise infringing this Law. Many of the boots sold ready-made for foot ball are wrongly studded, some are fitted with metal clips for the lace holes and metal toe plates covered with leather, which are very dangerous, as are also projecting buckles on the shin guards.

Instructions to Players.—It is also the duty of the players to see that their boots, etc., are in accordance with this Law, for if the Referee's attention is drawn to the irregularity during the progress of a game, the player may not go and change his boots, but must leave the field altogether, which might be a very serious matter to his side. If doubtful about it ask the Referee before the match, or during the interval, and he is bound to examine the boots. Players sometimes forget that studs wear away exposing the nails, which would make them illegal.

LAW XIII.

Duties and
Powers of
Referee.

A Referee shall be appointed, whose duties shall be to enforce the Laws and decide all disputed points; and his decision on points of fact connected with the play shall be final, so far as the result of the game is concerned. He shall also keep a record of the game, and act as timekeeper. In the event of any ungentlemanly behavior on the part of any of

the players, the offender or offenders shall be cautioned, and if any further offense is committed, or in case of violent conduct without any previous caution, the Referee shall order the offending player or players off the field of play, and shall transmit the name or names of such player or players to his or their National Association, who shall deal with the matter. The Referee shall allow for time wasted, lost through accident, or other cause, suspend or terminate the game whenever, by reason of darkness, interference by spectators, or other cause, he may deem necessary; but in all cases in which a game is so terminated he shall report the same to the Association under whose jurisdiction the game was played, who shall deal with the matter. The Referee shall award a free kick in any case in which he thinks the conduct of a player dangerous, or likely to prove dangerous, but not sufficiently so as to justify him in putting in force the greater powers vested in him. The power of the Referee extends to offenses committed when the play has been temporarily suspended, and when the ball is out of play.

Official Decisions.—Any player leaving the field during the progress of a game (except through accident) without the consent of the Referee will be deemed guilty of misconduct, and will render himself liable to be penalized.

Persistent infringement of any of the Laws of the Game is ungentlemanly conduct within the meaning of this Law. (International Board, June 8, 1907.)

All reports by Referees to be made within *TWO* days after the occurrence (Sundays not included), and reports will be deemed to be made when received in the ordinary course of post. (International Board, June 11, 1910.)

Referees may in certain circumstances send their reports to the affiliated Association concerned. See Agreement dated June 17, 1895.

A player who is injured during a match shall be at once removed outside the nearest goal or touch-line, and the game resumed. (International Board, June, 1914.)

It is the duty of the Referee to see that all free kicks, kicks from the goal, and corner-kicks are properly taken.

Without permission of the Referee, no person shall be allowed on the field of play during a match other than the Linesmen and players.

It is misconduct for any Association or club, or any player, official, or member of any Association or club to offer, or attempt to offer, either directly or indirectly, any consideration whatever

to another club, player, or players of any other club, with a view to influence the result of a match. It is misconduct for any club, player or players, to accept any such consideration.

A Linesman is justified by Law 14 in directing the Referee's attention to distinct breaches of the Laws which have come under his notice, and which he is satisfied the Referee could not see, and Referees should confer with the Linesmen in such a case, especially where the Linesmen are neutral.

Instructions to Referees.—The duty of a Referee to order a player off for violent conduct, or after a caution for ungentlemanly behavior, is emphasized by the alteration made in the Law by the International Board in 1909.

The Referee decides everything, the Linesmen being his assistants, whose decisions he can overrule. He must keep the score and also the time, and allow for time wasted, and stop the game as he thinks fit, though in the case of the game abruptly terminating, he is bound to report the fact to the local or National Association within three days.

As regards rough play, the Referee has absolute discretion. Where he considers the conduct of a player dangerous, or likely to cause injury, he must award a free kick. In doing so he must caution the offender, and, if the offense is repeated, order the player off the field of play. In the case of violent conduct, a previous caution is not needed.

Avoid (a).—Discussing or arguing points with players or officials on the field of play.

(b).—Arguing points with players, officials, or press men off the field of play.

(c).—Pointing at, or placing a hand on a player when cautioning him. Check rough play at the outset.

The Referee is recommended to compare watches with the Linesmen, prior to the game and at half-time.

The Referee should be very careful in deducting time for stoppages, etc. He should blow his whistle for time or half-time at the exact moment, whether the ball is in play or not. The only case in which time can be extended is that of a penalty kick.

Referees are strongly recommended not to trust to memory alone to keep a record of the game, but to note on paper the time of start and the time at which they would in the ordinary course call half-time or time. They may then easily add to it for wilful delays, or stoppages of the game. The goals scored by each side in the order of occurrence should also be noted.

Instructions to Players.—It is impossible for a Referee to please everybody. Remember his difficult position and do not make it more so.

If any disturbance arises go at once to the help of the Referee.
 Betting is prohibited.

LAW XIV.

Two Linesmen shall be appointed, whose duty (subject to the decision of the Referee) shall be to decide when the ball is out of play, and which side is entitled to the corner-kick, goal-kick, or throw-in; and to assist the Referee in carrying out the game in accordance with the Laws. In the event of any undue interference or improper conduct by a Linesman, the Referee shall have power to order him off the field of play and appoint a substitute, and report the circumstances to the National Association having jurisdiction over him, who shall deal with the matter.

Duties and Powers of Linesmen.

Official Decisions.—Linesmen where neutral should call the attention of the Referee to rough play or ungentlemanly conduct, and generally assist him to carry out the game in a proper manner.

Linesmen where neutral may be asked by the Referee to give an opinion on the ball crossing the goal-line between the posts.

A player shall not act as Linesman or Referee during suspension.

A Linesman is justified by Law 14 in directing the Referee's attention to distinct breaches of the Law which have come under his notice, and which he is satisfied the Referee could not see, and Referees should confer with the Linesmen in such a case, especially where the Linesmen are neutral.

Instructions to Referees.—Linesmen must signal when the ball is out of play, and indicate which side is entitled to the corner-kick, goal-kick, or throw-in. They must also call the attention of the Referee to rough play or ungentlemanly conduct, and must give their opinion on any point on which the Referee may consult them.

If they notice any breach of the Laws that has escaped the Referee's attention it is their duty to inform him of it.

The Referee has power to order a Linesman off the field for undue interference or improper conduct and to appoint a substitute. This authority should only be exercised in extreme cases, as a warning will probably be sufficient.

LAW XV.

In the event of a supposed infringement of the Laws, the ball shall be in play until a decision has been given.

Ball in Play until Decision given

Instructions to Referees.—The ball is in play until the whistle sounds, but the Referee should decide promptly. If in doubt consult the Linesmen.

If the Referee declines to accept an appeal a shake of the head, or the words "play on," may sometimes be used with advantage.

When the Referee has once given his decision and play has been resumed, he must not alter it.

Instructions to Players.—Don't stop playing till the whistle sounds, and the decision once given don't importune the Referee to reverse it, or annoy him by remarks.

LAW XVI.

Re-starting the
Game after
Temporary
Suspension.

In the event of any temporary suspension of play from any cause, the ball not having gone into touch or behind the goal-line, the Referee shall drop the ball where it was when play was suspended, and it shall be in play when it has touched the ground. If the ball goes into touch or behind the goal-line before it is played by a player, the Referee shall again drop it. The players on either side shall not play the ball until it has touched the ground.

Instructions to Referees.—If the game is stopped by reason of a player being hurt, or for any other cause (not being half-time or time) where there is no penalty attached, the Referee must throw the ball down where it was when play was suspended. No player is allowed to play the ball until it has reached the ground. Should the ball be touched before it reaches the ground, a free kick must be awarded to the opposite side.

If the ball goes into touch or behind the goal-line before it is played by a player, the Referee must again throw the ball down.

Instructions to Players.—A player is not allowed to play the ball until it has touched the ground.

LAW XVII.

Free kick.

In the event of any infringement of Laws 5, 6, 8, 10, or 16, or of a player being sent off the field under Law 13, a free kick shall be awarded to the opposite side, from the place where the infringement occurred.

Official Decisions.—A FREE KICK is a kick at the ball in any direction the player pleases, when it is lying on the ground. A place kick, a free kick, or a penalty kick must not be taken until the Referee has given a signal for the same.

Cases of handling the ball, and tripping, pushing, kicking or holding an opponent, and charging an opponent from behind may so happen as to be

considered unintentional, and when this is so, no penalty must be awarded. (International Board, June 16, 1902.)

Instructions to Referees.—The Referee should refrain from awarding a free kick if it is to the advantage of the side offended against to allow the play to go on.

Again the Referee is reminded of the fact that it is the intentional breach of Law which must be punished.

Instructions to Players.—The Referee should refrain from awarding a free kick if it is to the advantage of the side offended against to allow the play to go on.

In the event of any intentional infringement of Law 9 outside the penalty area, or by the attacking side within the penalty area, a free kick shall be awarded to the opposite side from the place where the infringement occurred. In the event of any intentional infringement of Law 9 by the defending side within the penalty area, the Referee shall award the opponents a penalty kick which shall be taken from the penalty kick mark under the following conditions: All players, with the exception of the player taking the penalty kick and the opponents' goal-keeper shall be outside the penalty area. The opponents' goal-keeper shall not advance beyond his goal line. The ball must be kicked forward. The ball shall be in play when the kick is taken, and a goal may be scored from a penalty kick; but the ball shall not be again played by the kicker until it has been played by another player. If necessary, time of play shall be extended to admit of the penalty kick being taken. A free kick shall also be awarded to the opposite side if the ball is not kicked forward, or is played a second time by the player who takes the penalty kick until it has been played by another player. The Referee may refrain from putting the provisions of this Law into effect in cases where he is satisfied that by enforcing them he would be giving an advantage to the offending side. If when a penalty kick is taken the ball passes between the goal-posts, under the bar, the goal shall not be nullified by reason of any infringement by the defending side.

Official Decisions.—Unless the penalty kick is taken in accordance with the Law, the Referee must order the ball back until it is properly taken.

If, on taking a penalty kick, the ball rebounds

from the goal posts or bar, and the kicker plays it a second time, a free kick must be awarded.

The penalty kick can only be awarded for the following eight offenses, intentionally committed by a player of the defending side within the penalty area:

1. Tripping an opponent.
2. Kicking an opponent.
3. Jumping at an opponent.
4. Handling the ball.
5. Holding an opponent.
6. Pushing an opponent.
7. Charging an opponent violently or dangerously.
8. Charging an opponent from behind.

Cases of handling the ball, and tripping, pushing, kicking or holding an opponent, and charging an opponent from behind may so happen as to be considered unintentional, and when this is so, no penalty must be awarded. (International Board, June 16, 1902.)

If a player deliberately trips an opponent who is standing in an off-side position within the penalty area, and who does not attempt to play the ball or obstruct, a penalty kick should be awarded.

A penalty kick can be awarded irrespective of the position of the ball at the time the offense is committed. (International Board, June 16, 1902.)

If a goal-keeper has been changed without the Referee being notified, and the new goal-keeper handles the ball within the penalty area, a penalty kick must be awarded. (International Board, June 17, 1901.)

In the event of the ball touching the goal-keeper before passing between the posts, when a penalty kick is being taken at the expiration of time, a goal is scored. (International Board, June 17, 1901.)

The Laws of the Game are intended to provide that games should be played with as little interference as possible, and in this view it is the duty of Referees not to give penalties for technical or supposed breaches. Constant whistling or trifling and doubtful breaches produces bad feeling and loss of temper on the part of the players and spoils the pleasure of spectators.

Instructions to Referees.—Extending the arms to keep an opponent back, though not actually catching hold of him with the hand, is considered to be holding.

Should the ball hit the goal-post or bar and rebound into play, the player who played it must not play it again until it has been played by another player. Should he do so a free kick must be given against him.

The goal-keeper, defending a penalty kick, must not advance beyond his goal line.

Until the Referee has satisfied himself that the players are in their proper positions he should not give a signal for the kick to be taken. Any player

wilfully encroaching should first be cautioned and on a repetition be ordered off the field of play. A penalty kick can be taken after time has expired.

Once more the Referee is reminded that it is the intentional breach of Law that must be punished.

The Referee must withhold the award of a penalty kick if he considers it would be to the advantage of the side offended against to let the play go on.

When a goal results from a penalty kick, it shall not be nullified although there may have been an infringement of Law by the defending side.

It is a common fault of Referees that, when players have committed offenses for which they should have been ordered off the field of play, a penalty kick only has been awarded. The awarding of a penalty kick does not free a Referee from the duty of also ordering the offender off the field of play, where the offense is such as justifies this.

Instructions to Players.—Players are not required to stand behind the ball, but may take up their position anywhere outside the penalty area, but within the field of play.

There is a practice of players yelling or making other noises with the object of putting either the goal-keeper or the kicker at a disadvantage. Be gentlemen and treat your opponents as such.

Players must wait for the Referee's signal before taking the penalty kick.

A player may not rush in from his place outside the penalty area until the ball has been kicked. If he does so he may be cautioned, and on repeating the offense be ordered off the field of play.

The kick must be forward.

Though a penalty kick may be deserved, the Referee is empowered not to enforce it, if to do so would benefit the offenders. Also if a penalty kick is awarded, and scores, the Referee must ignore any infringement by the defenders, and let the goal stand.

Definition of Terms

- Place Kick** A PLACE KICK is a kick at the ball while it is on the ground in the center of the field of play.
- Free Kick** A FREE KICK is a kick at the ball in any direction the player pleases when it is lying on the ground.
- Referee to Signal** A PLACE KICK, a Free Kick, or a Penalty Kick must not be taken until the Referee has given a signal for the same.
- Carrying** CARRYING by the goal-keeper is taking more than two steps while holding the ball, or bouncing it on the hand.
- Knocking on** KNOCKING ON is when a player strikes or propels the ball with his hands or arms.
- Handling** HANDLING AND TRIPPING.—Handling is intentionally playing the ball with the hand or arm, and Tripping is intentionally throwing, or attempting to throw, an opponent by the use of the legs, or by stooping in front of or behind him.
- Tripping**
- Holding** HOLDING includes the obstruction of a player by the hand or any part of the arm extended from the body.
- Touch** TOUCH is that part of the ground on either side of the field of play.

Advice to Young Players and How to Act in Case of Accident

Take care of the feet. Don't wear badly-made or ill-fitting shoes.

Use bars on the soles for hard grounds, and studs for heavy grounds.

Permanganate of potash is a fine thing for troublesome feet, which should be frequently bathed in a solution of permanganate.

In case of accident, should there be any suspicion of broken bones, don't risk lifting the player off the ground. Wait until someone comes who understands what should be done.

Bruises and contusions should never be rubbed—there is internal bleeding, and the rubbing does harm. Nothing beats bran poultices.

Always give an injury its proper chance to recover. The player of doubtful soundness often handicaps his side.

Don't bother much about embrocations, which are generally irritants. Massage the leg muscles with olive oil.

Keep fit, play the game in cool-headed fashion, and fewer accidents will happen.

My experience is that the youth of the present day do not, as a rule, take care of their feet as they ought to. I have seen a promising young player ruin his chances of future success and fame by the fact that he was playing in badly made and ill-fitting shoes.

Ordinary, as well as football shoes should be made to measure, and then, perhaps, we should see and hear less of corns, bunions, sweaty feet and other ailments to which the athlete seems heir.

Football shoes should be ordered some weeks before they are required, and only from a maker of repute. First of all, they should be pulled on the bare foot, and if they fit tightly all around, then they are likely to become a good fit. Especial care should be taken that they are not too small, else the wearer will get to know about it when he comes to play on a hard ground, by not only crippling himself, but by the loss of his toe nails. If the shoes fit tightly, but not unduly so, on the bare foot, they should be worn for a night or two without stockings. Next, a thin pair of socks may be tried, and so on, until one can wear them comfortably with the ordinary football stocking.

Football shoes require a lot of care, especially in wet weather. Immediately after they have been used, they should be carefully cleaned, then stretched and carefully laid away to gradually dry. The manner of stretching a shoe plays a most important part in its longevity or usefulness. Where the grounds are hard, thin bars should be used, but if there is plenty of grass, studs are the best. Football shoes should, at least once a month, be given a rub inside (not outside) with castor oil or dubbin.

In the earlier and latter parts of the season, when the grounds are hard, almost every player complains about his feet being hot and blistered. This somewhat painful experience can be obviated if the player would literally smear the outside of his stockings, previous to pulling on his shoes, with vaseline.

Sweaty feet and soft corns between the toes are another of those bugs to which the footballer is very much subject. This trouble can be mitigated if a player will exercise a certain amount of care, especially by keeping the feet absolutely clean, frequently changing the socks, and for a time before retiring to bed, bathing the feet in water into which a teaspoonful of permanganate of potash has been dissolved. For soft corns, a little plug of cotton between the offending toes will soon effect a cure.

IN CASE OF ACCIDENTS.

Before concluding the article, I would like to touch lightly, and, if possible, to give some useful hints in connection with the various accidents which are generally to be met with on the field of play. First of all, I would warn my young friends to be careful before lifting an unfortunate comrade who has been put hors de combat. Care should be taken that no bones are broken, because very many simple accidents are aggravated by this supposed kindness. If, on the other hand, the player is only winded, then there cannot be any harm done by lifting him off the grounds.

Where, however, there is any suspicion of broken bones, it is best to allow the player to lie, even supposed the ground was wet, until someone comes who understands what should be done.

Another common practice is to rub or massage all kinds of injuries, no doubt under the mistaken idea that rubbing eases the pain. It ought to be common knowledge that where there is a bruise or contusion, and the skin is not broken, there must be internal bleeding, and if there is internal bleeding, the rubbing is not likely to stop it.

The correct thing is to have a cold lotion, such as a lead and opium pad, applied as soon as possible, and then when the injured lad gets home, either foment the part with hot water, or, better still, apply bran poultice. Massage of any kind should not, under these circumstances, be indulged in for at least a couple of days, so as to allow the injured internal tissues to heal. Bran poultices are indeed the footballer's friend. The mistake that the young player usually makes, when he has sustained an injury, such as a sprained ankle or knee, is that he does not give such injury the rest which it requires.

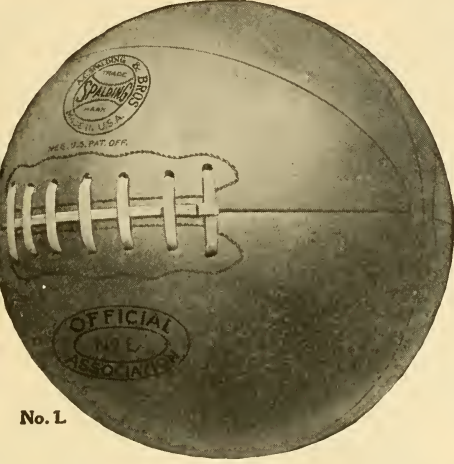
Almost every trainer has his own special embrocation for massaging and each in their own way have their merits. Some believe in embrocation and others will not have it at all. For injuries, where the skin is unbroken, the best oil for massaging is castor oil and chloroform in equal parts. For massaging the muscles olive oil is very good, and once a week the player should, if possible, get a good massage, especially on the leg muscles. The breaking down of thigh muscles is a frequent and painful experience and generally occurs when the grounds are sticky. Strapping with plaster for a few days and absolute rest to be followed by bran poultices, it generally takes about six weeks for this injury to get right.

Sprains are the result of straining or tearing of ligaments, and are generally caused by the sudden twisting of a joint. The first signs are acute pain, followed by swelling, due to the rupture of blood vessels. As soon as possible a cold, evaporated lotion pad should be applied, and continued for every four hours for twenty-four, by which time the internal bleeding should have stopped. Then heat, in the shape of bran poultices, should be applied. Gentle massage can be commenced after the third day.

Cuts should always receive attention. See these are properly cleaned with some antiseptic lotion, and then apply some dressing of iodoform.

One could fill a book with the things that happen to the footballer in the course of play, but in the foregoing article, I think that I have summarized the most common of the injuries and methods of treatment which will succeed. In conclusion, to the young player I will say—keep fit, play the game, and you will find that often a good means of preventing injury is cool headedness and sportsmanship on both sides. But accidents will happen, and the undoubted risks in the game of football are, I believe, quite one of its charms to a lot of players.

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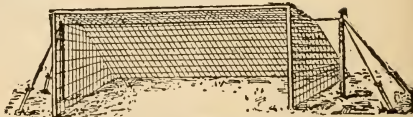
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