

# New Bedford's High Place in Soccer

**N**EW BEDFORD, Mass., December 27.—Soccer followers in New England point with pride to the remarkable strides made by the New Bedford Soccer Club since its organization and challenge any foot ball club in America to show the results accomplished by this association in the short space of two seasons. It was in September, 1913, that five sportsmen of the old Whaletown organized and formed a soccer foot ball club. At that time there was no club in New Bedford and soccer, while being played in many of the New England cities, was practically dormant. And for a first year club the New Bedfords made a remarkable record, going to the semi-final of the National Challenge cup competition in 1913-14. And in that year they won the championship of New England as well. Last year the club was unfortunate in its cup games, injuries generally forcing them to

### PRESENT PATCHED-UP LINE-UPS.

However, they went through to the third round of the National cup and were beaten in the Times Southern New England cup by one goal in the final. Their league and exhibition matches the eleven made a walkaway, capturing the premier title in the Southern New England League, and beating many strong clubs in exhibitions. This season the team is apparently stronger than ever. They have won their way to the semi-finals of the Southern New England cup, are now in the third round of the Massachusetts State cup and also in the third round of the National Challenge cup. And they stand second to Fore River in the Southern New England League; with a good chance of beating out the Shipbuilders before the schedule is finished. This association has always been even more prominent in the

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OFFICIAL BULLETIN No. 18

NEW YORK CITY, N. Y., December 20, 1915.—The following two men have been released and are now eligible to sign on with any club they may see fit to join. You will please be governed accordingly:  
John Broadbent, No. 371, Bloomfield avenue, Newark, N. J., released from National Challenge Cup Form No. 95 by the Babcock & Wilcox F. C., of Bayonne, N. J.  
Nick Kean, No. 63 Ruth street, New Bedford, Mass., released from Form C-120 by the Hose XI F. C., of New Bedford, Mass.  
Signed, T. W. CAHILL, Secretary, U. S. F. A.

OFFICIAL BULLETIN No. 19

NEW YORK CITY, N. Y., December 21, 1915.—Charles Wylie, president Yonkers Foot Ball Club, 117 Webster avenue, Yonkers, N. Y., has been indefinitely suspended by the Southern New York State Foot Ball Association for his failure to remit to that Association its percentage of the Cup-Ho game between Yonkers F. C. and Brooklyn Celtic F. C., season 1914-15. Kindly be governed accordingly.  
Signed, T. W. CAHILL, Secretary, U. S. F. A.

OFFICIAL BULLETIN No. 20

NEW YORK CITY, N. Y., December 21, 1915.—In the matter of the appeal of the Columbia Oval Foot Ball Club from the decision of the American Foot Ball Association in the Columbia Oval Foot Ball Club protest of the American Cup tie game of October 31, 1915, against the Brooklyn Celtic Foot Ball Club on the grounds of the ineligibility of William J. Lennon, a professional, the Appeals Committee, at a meeting held December 19, 1915, decided that the game should stand as played. Thomas McCampbell, secretary of the Brooklyn Celtic Foot Ball Club, was held to be at fault for using an ineligible player and the costs of the appeal were charged against him.  
Signed, T. W. CAHILL, Secretary, U. S. F. A.

OFFICIAL BULLETIN No. 21

NEW YORK CITY, N. Y., December 24, 1915.—Robert Robertson, Brailey street, Valley Falls, R. I., has been suspended for six (6) months from this date for signing professional form A-435 for the Mount Pleasant F. C., of Providence, R. I., without being released from professional form A-93, which he had previously signed for the Smithfield Ave. Men's Club, of Pawtucket, R. I. You will kindly be governed accordingly.  
Signed, T. W. CAHILL, Secretary, U. S. F. A.

body. The founders of the club were John A. Fernley, Albert W. Keane, Harold H. Williamson, William Beardsworth and William McHugh. In less than one year after the formation of the club Fernley had been chosen first vice-president of the United States Foot Ball Association and a few months later was made head of all the soccer organizations in this country, which position he has held since. Albert W. Keane, at present treasurer of this club, was a delegate-at-large to the Southern New England Foot Ball Association, was later elected delegate to the National Council by the California State Association and then elected by the council as chairman of the National

**CHALLENGE CUP COMPETITION**  
committee, the highest and most important office outside of the three executive offices of the body. Harold H. Williamson, secretary of the club, is secretary of the Southern New England League, and is being groomed for higher honors. He is fully as able as either of his club-mates, who are in the national body and much of the success of the club is due to his ability. William Beardsworth and William McHugh, the other charter members, are also live wires. The club has prospered, draws a good attendance, has a large following throughout New England, is one of the few incorporated clubs with \$10,000 worth of stock, and already are making plans for their 1915-16 season. In this section, the club is regarded as the best uniformed team in the United States. They have three complete sets of uniforms, one for road games, one for home games, and one for stormy weather. And if the Whalers, as the yare popularly called, get through the National cup competition in Massachusetts, they will be the logical favorites for the United States title.

**LEGISLATIVE END OF THE GAME**  
ago, three now occupy prominent places in the spotlight of soccerdom, two being among the highest officials of the National

### PROGRESS OF SOCCER FOOT BALL

Ex-president Manning Gives Reasons for Popularity of the Sport.

BY DR. G. RANDOLPH MANNING,  
Ex-President United States Foot Ball Association.

The most notable feature in the progress of association (soccer) foot ball in the passing year in this country is the ever-increasing aid and support the game has found in the American public. One can safely state that since the adoption of the game by many elementary and high schools and colleges and universities it has become firmly established in the hearts of the young American generation, and its future is no longer based solely on the activities and enthusiasm of players of the old countries. Public school athletic league, playground societies, municipal leagues, and intercollegiate organizations are now

### ENGAGED IN CHAMPIONSHIP GAMES

aside from the numerous clubs, composed of amateur and professional players, which are striving annually for highest honors in their respective districts and States. Further development and perfection in administrative matters and methods by the national governing body have brought about a widespread belief that the game is destined to increase in favor as a winter pastime. The phenomenal and continuous growth of association foot ball is based on the merits of the game; once the younger element have engaged in it they are bound to it because it permits the strong and weak,

### THE SKILLED AND UNSKILLED.

the young and old to enjoy the many varieties of action and motion without unnecessary danger and marked risk to life and limb. New York City, Newark, Philadelphia, Boston, Brockton, Chicago, St. Louis, San Francisco are some of the prominent and progressive cities where the unceasing efforts of public school officials in regard to the furtherance and proper development of the game through well-conducted intraclass and interschool tournaments have been crowned with great success, and with the constant growth of numbers of players and instructors goes hand in hand an increased growth of the game throughout the country.

### MISCELLANEOUS SCORES

- SATURDAY, DECEMBER 4**  
At San Francisco, Cal.—College Stars 1, Club Stars 0  
**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 11**  
At Columbus, O.—Thistles 2, Ohio State 0  
At Columbus, O.—Veterinary 0, Foresters 0  
At Springfield, Mass.—Chicopee River 2, Springfield 0  
At New Haven, Conn.—Haverford 2, Yale 1

### Intercity Soccer Clash

ST. LOUIS, Mo., December 25.—The Nationals, soccer champions of Detroit, will clash with a picked team from the St. Louis Soccer Association here New Year's Day.

### SOCCER GAINING IN COLLEGES

Game Is Making Big Strides at Penn and Haverford.

PHILADELPHIA, Pa., December 27.—Because they have nothing in common it is impossible to compare college foot ball and soccer, but the latter game has a decided advantage over the American brand of foot ball. Comparatively few members of the student body of large university or college can be candidates for the foot ball team, while virtually every student who is sound of limb and wind can play soccer. It is rather unfortunate for soccer that until very recently college men looked upon it as a joke game; one to be tolerated, but not encouraged. There is an exception to every rule, however, and in this case the exception is Haverford College. The Main Line institution has a student body of about 150, and the average number of soccer candidates every year is close to 100, and five teams are actively engaged in playing throughout the winter. What is better for college athletics, a sport that is open to but few students, or one that all can play? Despite the fact that such frills as a training table and an expensive board of coaches are unnecessary, soccer is steadily growing in favor and it will not be long before it receives its share of the patronage that is now centered on other sports. Only 50 men responded to Coach Stewart's call for soccer candidates at Penn this year, but this is more than twice the number that turned out when the intercollegiate league was organized some ten years ago.

### IMPORTANT SOCCER MEETING

U. S. Foot Ball Association Will Discuss Amateuism With Colleges.

The much-discussed question of amateurism which has been a thorn in the side of the United States Foot Ball Association, as well as a hindrance to the advance of pure sport in all other branches, will get another hearing in New York City on December 27, when representatives of every body controlling sport will get together and discuss ways and means to govern the situation. The meeting was called by William H. Draper, Jr., secretary of the Intercollegiate Association of Amateur Athletes of America, and will be held in the Hotel Astor. It will be largely attended by the question of amateurism is a pressing one. The following letter from T. W. Cahill, to Mr. Draper, explains the position of the United States Foot Ball Association, and names the five delegates who will represent the ruling soccer body:

December 1, 1915.  
"William H. Draper, Jr., Sec., Intercollegiate Association of Amateur Athletes of America, University Heights, New York City.  
"My Dear Sir:—Your communication of the 16th inst. received and contents noted. I have been instructed by the president of the United States Foot Ball Association to advise you that the following delegates have been appointed to represent that association at the conference to be held at the Hotel Astor on the afternoon of December 27: John A. Fernley, Pawtucket, R. I.; E. L. Mockler, New York City; Douglas Stewart, Philadelphia, Pa.; Albert W. Keane, New Bedford, Mass.; Thomas W. Cahill, New York City. Yours very truly,  
"Signed, T. W. CAHILL, Sec. U. S. F. A."

San Francisco public schools start a soccer league schedule about January 14. This is the first time the game has been a part of the physical training. They have been practicing with coaches for some months.

One of the best players on the Lehigh team this season is Arthur W. Lewis, the outside right. This youth is playing at outside right, and, judging by past performances, he would strengthen some of the big teams up in Bethlehem.

### METROPOLITAN SOCCER NEWS

Victory of Babcock and Wilcox Features Play About New York.

NEW YORK, N. Y., December 27.—The Babcock and Wilcox soccer team advanced to third round of the American Foot Ball Association cup tie round today by defeating the Fall River Rovers, in Bayonne, N. J., 3 to 0. After the game the New Englanders announced that they would protest the contest on the ground that the field was not in good condition and that the referee arrived late. If the game stands, the Rovers are eliminated from the cup tie. The snow caused the postponement of several of the feature games scheduled for the day. Chief of these were the contests slated between Brooklyn and the I. R. T. Strollers, in the American cup series, and Yonkers and the West Hudsons, in the National competition. The Fulton Camerons and the Greenville F. C. leaders in the Metropolitan League series, played a 90-minute scoreless tie at Woodside, L. I. Another game was added to the list of the Clan McDonalds in the first division of the New York State Foot Ball League, today, when the Clanmen defeated a short-handed team of the Degnon Boys by 12 goals to 9, at Hawthorne Field. At half-time the Clan McDonalds led by 3 to 0, as they had been playing against the wind. Bgain led in the scoring, contributing in all four goals. Laverty tallied three times, Wilson twice and McCulloch, N. Agar and H. Agar once each. In order to keep warm, the backs played well forward and frequently took a hand in shooting for goal. The Metropolitan League match between the St. George's eleven and the White Horse Foot Ball Club at Astoria, today, resulted in favor of St. George's by 9 goals to 0. At half-time the winners led by 4 to 0. The scores of yesterday's competitions follow:

The Results

U. S. F. A. Cup Tie

Babcock and Wilcox 3, Fall River Rovers 0.  
Yonkers vs. West Hudson (postponed).

A. F. A. Cup Tie

Brooklyn vs. I. R. T. Strollers (postponed).

New York State League

Clan MacDonalds 12, Degnon Boys 0.

Metropolitan League

St. George's 9, White Horse 0.  
Fulton Camerons 0, Greenville 0.

### SOCCER LEAGUE HOLDS MEETING

Lawrence, Lowell and District League Outlines Its Plans.

LAWRENCE, Mass., December 24.—The regular meeting of the Lawrence, Lowell and District League was held at the English Social Club Sunday afternoon. E. Anderson presiding in the absence of President E. Fielding. E. Lister was given permission to play with Lawrence Olympics. R. Adams and B. Morley resigned as players of the Olympics and will in future act as officials of their club. Beverly's claim for the game against Clans through the Clans falling to appear was left over until the next meeting. The application of W. J. Wilkinson to be on the reserve list of referees was accepted. Bunting's were awarded the game against Haverhill through the latter team falling to appear. M. Craig, of North Andover, will be asked to join the committee that is formed to promote soccer in the schools of Lawrence and District. Any person wishing to be of any assistance to this committee is asked to write to Secretary J. A. Wishart, 158 Andover street, Lawrence, or attend the meeting to be held at the Essex House on Tuesday night at eight o'clock. It was voted, on account of the financial condition of the league, not to give medals to the runners-up in the league. The report of the treasurer showed the league made a profit of \$110.95 on the International game.

### BRIDGEPORT SOCCER GOSSIP

Big Competitions Put Stop to League Games Over Holidays.

By Joe Booth  
BRIDGEPORT, Conn., December 24.—Owing to the Christmas vacation, it has been decided not to schedule any games in the Bridgeport Schoolboys' League until January 8, when a full schedule of games will be played. President Harvey C. West, who is the physical instructor of the Public Schools of Bridgeport, stated that from past experience, the boys do not take any interest in the game during the vacation and it was better to wait until the boys returned to school. There is no game being scheduled in the Bridgeport Junior League this week-end on account of the holiday, but the teams expect to make another start on the first day of the new year. This league is proving a very fine one and some great tussles are being indulged in among the youngsters. It tends to show that in the course of time Bridgeport will be one of the leading soccer centers of the country. The Bridgeport Athletics have this season only turned a full team in the field on three occasions, but yet this team has released no less than 11 players during the course of the season. This is a record for the State. Last Saturday and Sunday was a blank day for soccer foot ball throughout the State of Connecticut, as not one game was played, owing to the adverse condition of the weather. For a whole week the grounds had been covered with snow, and this turned into ice by the week-end and play was impossible. No games were arranged in either the Bridgeport Schoolboys' League or the Bridgeport Junior League, but had the weather been fit, games would certainly have been scheduled. The Bridgeport Rovers and the Bridgeport Swedish F. C. did not postpone their games until the very last minute, as it was thought at one time that the ground would be playable, but on an inspection being taken late on Saturday it was found that play was an impossibility and the game was therefore called off. The Bridgeport Athletics and Bridgeport United teams were expected to play at Springdale Park, but the only person who showed up at the ground was the referee. The ground here was playable and had the players showed up there would certainly have been a game. Statistics:

CONNECTICUT AMATEUR LEAGUE

Team	P.	W.	L.	D.	Pts.
Waverleys	8	5	1	2	12
Bridgeport United	7	4	1	2	10
Norwalk	10	4	4	2	10
Bridgeport Rovers	6	4	2	0	8
Woodlawn	7	4	3	0	8
Swedish F. C.	5	3	2	0	6
New Haven Rangers	11	3	8	0	6
Bridgeport Athletics	9	2	7	0	4

CONNECTICUT STATE FOOT BALL LEAGUE

Team	P.	W.	L.	D.	Pts.
Bridgeport City	4	4	0	0	8
Bridgeport Rangers	4	1	3	0	2
Naugatuck	2	0	2	0	0

BRIDGEPORT JUNIOR LEAGUE

Team	P.	W.	L.	D.	Pts.
Bridgeport High School	4	2	1	1	5
All Stars	4	2	1	1	5
Federals	3	2	1	0	4
Ellsworth	3	0	3	0	0

BRIDGEPORT SCHOOLBOYS' LEAGUE

Team	P.	W.	L.	D.	Pts.
Black Rock	8	7	1	0	14
Lincoln	7	6	0	1	13
Franklin	7	5	1	1	11
Barrett	8	4	3	1	9
Longfellow	6	2	3	1	4
Summerfield	6	2	4	0	4
Wheeler	3	1	2	0	2
Staples	5	1	4	0	2
Prospect	5	0	5	0	0
Webster	6	0	6	0	0

**AN OFF WRECK IN CONNECTICUT**  
There has been nothing doing in Connecticut during the past week on account of the hail.  
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