

# The Irpe Duties of the Referee in Football



LITTLEBURGH, Pa., February 5.—On January 8 there appeared in "Sporting Life" an article on the "Abuses of the Referee," by Joe Booth, of Bridgeport, Conn., in which he says that some referees are too prone to blow their whistle for anything and to exerting on the field and to make the extraordinary statement that "he, personally, does not blow his whistle at the taking of a goal kick or at a penalty kick and he finds this a great advantage." Just where the "great advantage" can be found is difficult to see, but

APART FROM ANY CONSIDERATION of personal advantage to a referee his insinuation that his rendering of this point is a correct one and worthy of imitation is entirely misleading to younger referees and those generally interested in football. There is only one signal recognized in the starting of play and in controlling it and that is the whistle, and special attention must be given to the taking of a penalty kick, perhaps the most vital happening in a game. To suggest that the kick be taken on any signal except that of the whistle is ridiculous. The objections to any and all

SIGNALS EXCEPT THE WHISTLE are so obvious to all that it would be a waste of time and space to enumerate

## PHILADELPHIA SOCCER RACE

Poor Condition of Grounds Permits Playing of But One Game.

PHILADELPHIA, Pa., February 7.—Philadelphia's many soccer leagues received their first bad jolt of the year from the weather man. As a result every league match scheduled, with the exception of the Electric Storage Battery-Standard Roller Bearing contest, was postponed. Electric Storage Battery won this contest, which was more or less of a farce, because of the condition of the field. The heavy snow of Thursday and Friday put the fields in poor shape and then the thaw of Friday afternoon and Saturday made playing out of the question, excepting at Vetricx Park, which is on higher ground than most others in the city. Local fans were disappointed at the forced postponement of the American Cup game between the Distons, of the American League, of this city, and the Rovers, of Fall River. This game was called off Friday morning, as it was apparent then that the field would not be in good enough shape to stage such an important contest, while all American League games were called off at

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of the Association, which was held Thursday night. The four Allied League contests were not called off until Friday, while the United and Philadelphia Leagues called special meetings at the same time and called off their games. The Industrial League is averse to postponing contests and as a result, one contest was played, while none of the others were called off until Saturday, when it was seen that it would be utterly impossible to attract spectators or play a decent game under such conditions. This city was not the only sufferer from the weather, as practically all contests scheduled for New Jersey and Eastern Pennsylvania were also called off. There was considerable interest in the third round contest of the American Cup competition between Jersey City and Bethlehem, but it was found necessary to postpone this game from Saturday until next Sunday. When the Diston-Rovers game was called off, arrangements were also made to play this game off this week. If the weather is good, the Rovers will leave Fall River Friday night and be on hand for the game Saturday. There is much at stake in this contest, as the winner will go into the third round, playing the Pan-American eleven at Fall River next Saturday. The ability of

THE DISTON AND BETHLEHEM TEAMS to survive in the elimination series in the National and American Cup competitions has seriously affected the schedule of the American League. Both teams are members of this league and as they are forced to play so many big matches in the elimination series, they are running behind their league schedule, and unless they are eliminated from the running in the National and American Cup competitions, it will probably be necessary for one of them to forfeit a game or two to get all of their regularly scheduled games in. Perfect weather conditions will enable both to play their full schedule in all three leagues, but each rainy day makes it harder for both Diston and Bethlehem. One of the features of the week was the decision of Referee Harry Bamford, who handed the Electric Storage Battery-

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### OFFICIAL BULLETIN No. 33

NEW YORK, CITY, N. Y., January 31, 1916.

SOUTHERN NEW ENGLAND DISTRICT  
Player David Dixon, 35 Jovette Street, New Bedford, Mass., has been reinstated by the New Bedford Celtic F. C. This reinstatement has been approved by the Southern New England Foot Ball Association and the player is now in good standing in organized foot ball.

The following players have been released and are now eligible to sign on with any club they may see fit to join:

Name and Club	Form	Date Released
Hugh Ford, Fall River Rovers F. C.	A-110	1-27-16
Joseph McNulty, New Bedford F. C.	A-83	1-29-16
Stephen McDonald, Cove Albion F. C.	A-352	1-29-16
James Dewhurst, Cove Albion F. C.	G-104	1-29-16

Signed, T. W. CAHILL, Secretary U. S. F. A.

### OFFICIAL BULLETIN No. 34

NEW YORK CITY, N. Y., February 1, 1916.

EASTERN PENNSYLVANIA DISTRICT  
The following players have been released and are now eligible to sign on with any club they may see fit to join. (Notice of releases received by Secretary of the U. S. F. A., on February 1, 1916):

Name	Club	Form	Date Rel.
Janwar Carter	O'Hara F. C.	C-1732	12-29-15
Archar W. Campbell	Puritan Reserves F. C.	C-837	1-4-16
George Brewer	North American Lace F. C.	C-1012	1-4-16
John Varon	North American Lace F. C.	C-1016	1-4-16
John Beatrice	North American Lace F. C.	C-1019	1-4-16
Norman Fred Ford	Peabody F. C.	C-898	1-7-16
Paul Henningway	Peabody F. C.	C-895	1-7-16
John F. Donaghy	Peabody F. C.	C-896	1-7-16
John N. Thurman	Peabody F. C.	C-1695	1-7-16
John Robinson	Peabody F. C.	C-1694	1-7-16
Thomas Boylan	Peabody F. C.	C-1693	1-7-16
John V. Cannon	Peabody F. C.	C-1802	1-7-16
Arthur Ford	Peabody F. C.	C-902	1-7-16
Harry Cooper	Peabody F. C.	C-897	1-7-16
Harold Turner	Peabody F. C.	C-1629	1-7-16
Walter Glasgow	Peabody F. C.	C-1547	1-7-16
John Mackay	Peabody F. C.	C-1693	1-7-16
Joseph B. Jacobell	Peabody F. C.	C-893	1-7-16
Harry Buskey	Peabody F. C.	C-1694	1-7-16
Louis Leslie	Peabody F. C.	C-1206	1-7-16
George Rogers	Peabody F. C.	C-1643	1-7-16
Fred Bradley	Peabody F. C.	C-1560	1-7-16
William S. Laird	Peabody F. C.	C-6145	1-7-16
Edward Riddle	O'Hara F. C.	C-1742	1-10-16
William Bradley	O'Hara F. C.	C-1742	1-10-16
Robert Dorman	O'Hara F. C.	C-1741	1-10-16
Walter Bodie Maginnis	O'Hara F. C.	C-1740	1-10-16
George Moore	O'Hara F. C.	C-1746	1-14-16
George Moore	O'Hara F. C.	C-1747	1-14-16
George Sauerwald	O'Hara F. C.	C-1748	1-14-16
William Hanna	O'Hara F. C.	C-1733	1-14-16
Robert Hoffman	Bristol Social F. C.	C-1779	1-18-16
John L. Wilson	Woodland F. C.	C-1831	1-18-16
Andrew J. Baker	Woodland F. C.	C-1832	1-18-16
Frank Veith	Bridesburg A. C.	C-1204	1-22-16
James P. Kinon	Puritan Juniors F. C.	C-984	1-22-16
Robert Young	Puritan Juniors F. C.	C-985	1-22-16
George Kerby	Puritan Juniors F. C.	C-986	1-22-16
Harry Fleming	Puritan Juniors F. C.	C-988	1-22-16
George C. Peacock	North Philadelphia Y. M. C.	C-1882	1-27-16
William Brecht	North Philadelphia Y. M. C.	C-1882	1-27-16
Lees Taylor	Bristol F. C.	C-1782	1-27-16
John Currie	O'Hara F. C.	C-1754	1-19-16

The O'Hara F. C. and the Peabody F. C. have disbanded and all players of both clubs are now free agents in good standing in organized foot ball. You will kindly be governed accordingly.  
Signed, T. W. CAHILL, Secretary, U. S. F. A.

### OFFICIAL BULLETIN No. 35

NEW YORK CITY, N. Y., February 5, 1916.

#### NEW JERSEY DISTRICT

Professional players James Ingram, 12 Highland Ave., Kearny, N. J.; James McAllister, 175 Maple St., Kearny, N. J., and Harry Glasterer, 175 Maple St., Kearny, N. J., were suspended by the Emergency Committee of the United States Foot Ball Association for seven (7) days, dating from February 3, 1916, for violation of Rule XXII of the Rules and Regulations of the U. S. F. A., in playing with the Simms Magneto Foot Ball Club in the Manufacturers' Foot Ball League, of Newark, N. J., without being properly registered on a United States Foot Ball Association professional (4) form.  
You will kindly be governed accordingly.  
Signed, T. W. CAHILL, Secretary, U. S. F. A.

### OFFICIAL BULLETIN No. 36

NEW YORK CITY, N. Y., February 5, 1916.

#### NEW YORK AND NEW JERSEY DISTRICT

Theo. Dillam, secretary of the Continental Foot Ball Club, of New York City, was reprimanded by the Emergency Committee of the United States Foot Ball Association for failing to properly report the release of professional player James Ingram to the secretary of the United States Foot Ball Association.  
James P. Smith, manager of the Simms Magneto Foot Ball Club, of East Orange, N. J., was reprimanded by the Emergency Committee of the United States Foot Ball Association for permitting professional players James Ingram, Harry Glasterer and James McAllister to play on his team without being properly registered with the United States Foot Ball Association.  
Signed, T. W. CAHILL, Secretary, U. S. F. A.

Standard Roller Bearing game. He ruled that the two teams would either play a regular league match, or call off soccer for the day, insisting that an exhibition game should not be played. Bamford decided that there was no advantage to either side in the condition of the field, and that if any match could be played at all, it should be a league contest.

## FALL RIVER CITY LEAGUE

Colonials Hold Lead in Competition With Fourteen Points.

FALL RIVER, Mass., Feb. 5.—At present the Colonials are leading the City League with 14 points. The team has three games to play, one with the Tigers and two with the Steam Fitters. The

Tigers have six points and four games to play. If the Colonials lose all of their games and the Tigers win all it will mean a tie. There is a great deal of dickering on just at present between the two teams about a game played January 15 and another played January 22. On January 15 the Colonials had a game against the Tigers forfeited to them, 1 to 0. Last Saturday the Tigers won a game, 1 to 0. Protests were entered on both and have been threshed out unsuccessfully before the league authorities. The Colonials have received little satisfaction, and will carry their protest to the Southern New England Foot Ball Association, and if necessary, to the executive committee of the United States of America Foot Ball Association, with which the local City League is identified.

them here. In thus taking issue with your esteemed correspondent I wish to say I do so, as a means of answering several letters I have received asking for information on this particular point, and these all had reference to the article in question. I suppose most referees have their little fads on the field, but I sincerely trust that every man

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will see that the penalty kick is taken in the only proper manner, and that is by the whistle signal. The old days when referees decided for themselves just how the game should be run and decisions given on the field have very nearly passed into and become ancient history. The days when, during a game, a player was pulled up for something he had done and ought not to do and when

### TOLD WHAT HIS OFFENCE WAS

he'd tell you that certain other referees did not consider it an offence to do so and he naturally "kicked." That is one of the main reasons why referees have seen fit to organize themselves and we hope that when all referees are within the fold players and spectators can be assured of a real intelligent and universal application of the laws of the game carrying exactly the same official decision everywhere.

## BOSTON'S CUP HOPE GONE

Defeat of General Electrics By New Bedford a Disappointment.

### BY SAM M'LERIE

BOSTON, Mass., February 4.—With the overwhelming defeat of the General Electrics Saturday, by New Bedford, in the National challenge cup series, goes the hopes of soccer followers in the Boston and District of carrying off the National soccer honors for another year at least. The defeat of their last representative was perhaps the most disappointing result of the cup matches in this section. The Lynn eleven fell down badly against New Bedford. The superior forward play of the Whalers proved too much for the weakened General Electric team. The suspension of Underwood, coupled with the accident to Captain Norrie Herberts, which kept him out of the team, was a severe handicap to the Lynn boys. In addition to these important losses the team had the misfortune to lose Heywood, its fullback, soon after the game started. Heywood twisted his knee when he came in contact with an opponent and he was forced to retire from the game. It proved a most unfortunate ending to the team's short but brilliant career in the National cup competition, and it is doubtful even if it had been at full strength if it could have beaten the smart New Bedford team. The victory of the Whalers assures New England soccer enthusiasts of a strong team to represent this section in the semi-final. The next round draw has not yet been made, but it is almost a certainty that New Bedford will be drawn against the Fall River Rovers, the only other eleven from New England still in the running for the big title. A clash between these near neighbors, in such a game, should be worth seeing, no matter who wins, soccer fans will be certain that the successful team will give a good account of itself in the semi-final.

### NEW ENGLAND

President James M. Scholefield, of the Northern Massachusetts and New Hampshire State Foot Ball Association, vigorously denied that George M. Collins, secretary of that organization, will be opposed at the next meeting, and paid a high tribute to the following: "I signed articles in Albert W. Keane's New Bedford, Mass., 'Times'."

A meeting of the Brockton and District Soccer League delegates will be held in the near future, when plans will be mapped out for next season.

The Boston "Traveler" says: "Billy Gillespie, the crack center forward of the General Electrics, never played so poorly as he did Saturday against New Bedford. He missed his side partner, Herberts, and perhaps the best explanation of his failure to represent this section was the fact that Beardsworth, the New Bedford center half, watched him like a cat watches a mouse. Beardsworth is a very fine player and he seldom makes a mistake. He is a very valuable acquisition to the General Electric team."

There is a probability that Joseph Gilmarin, released by H. & B. will be placed on the register of the Lynn General Electrics in the near future.

The soldiers of Fort Andrews, near Boston have organized a soccer team and have made application and been received into membership of the Northern Massachusetts and New Hampshire Foot Ball Association. A soldier's team from Fort Warren played several contests with the Brockton City Soccer Club several years ago and proved a first-class aggregation.