

U. S. SOCCER TEAM BEATS CANADA, 6-1

Battles Way to North American
Title in Rain and Mire at
Ebbets Field.

STARK INVADERS' NEMESIS

Thrills 8,000 by Driving Home Five
Goals in the Second Half on
Brilliant Rushes.

By RICHARDS VIDMER.

The United States soccer eleven slid, skidded, swam and ran to a 6-to-1 victory on Ebbets Field, Brooklyn, yesterday, against the representatives of Canada. On a rain-soaked field that became more slippery and slimy every minute the wearers of the American shield captured the championship of North America, which was won by their cousins from across the northern border last year in the first international meeting.

Few athletic contests of any sort have been played under more miserable weather conditions, yet the exhibition of soccer, which requires dexterous footwork, was brilliant despite the hazardous footing. True, there were mud-soaked figures writhing in the mire from start to finish but they still had enough ability and agility to execute more fancy steps than the inventor of the Charleston ever imagined.

The rain was falling an hour before game time and when the teams took the field it was a sea of mud. The rain continued to fall throughout and stopped only after the final whistle had blown and the turf had been churned to a quagmire. Yet, despite these conditions, 8,000 persons braved the elements to see the struggle for the championship and had it been a clear day it is safe to say that three times that number would have turned out for the contest.

Victory for the United States came in the second half of the game when Archie Starks, the star of Bethlehem, Pa., scored five goals in succession, eluding the Canadian first line of defense, wallowing to within striking distance and then, with deft thrust of foot or head, passing the hard-working goalie and sending the ball into the net.

Stark Fast in Mire.

Stark's work during that second half was as brilliant a bit of individuality as ever was seen on an American soccer field. He kept his feet in the slipperiest sort of going, he covered the sloppy turf with remarkable speed while the mud gripped at his ankles in an effort to hold him back, and he sent the ball forward on each final shot like a phantom sphere that passed always out of reach.

When the first half ended with the score tied at 1-1 and both teams going strong it appeared that the game would be decided by one lone point, for it seemed impossible for either eleven to tally more than once more in the face of the strong defenses presented. But at the very start of the second half Stark, flanked on one side by Johnny McGuire and on the other by Bob Millar, slipped down the field and past the Canadians' defense. Back and forth among the three the ball was passed as one after another of the Canadians was eluded and then finally Millard made a feint, drew the goalie away from his post, shot the ball to Stark, and Archie did the rest.

A few minutes later, after Goldie, the American outside left, had done some remarkable footwork along the side line and had attracted the attention of four or five Canadian backs, Stark scored again, this time taking Goldie's perfect pass and heading it in the net. His next tally was made on the rebound. He shot at the goal, hit the post and then as the ball bounced back he drove it to the opposite corner of the cage. His fourth point of the half was made on another head shot, deflecting Goldie's perfect corner kick just enough to send it into the goal, and his last effort was made on a straight drive of fifteen yards that carried past the goalie by sheer force.

It seemed that every time Stark managed to get his foot within kicking distance of the ball it meant another point for the United States, but Stark was not alone responsible for the victory. There was little Goldie, who needed only to show his mud-caked uniform to attest the great game he played. Whenever the going was thickest and the Canadians had blocked every advance to their goal, the ball invariably was passed to the outside left and Goldie fooled around with it long enough to draw a swarm of Canadians toward him. Then, when he was practically smothered on all sides by the opposition, he would send a perfect kick to the centre of the field and from there it was easy for Stark to accomplish the rest.

McGuire and Brown Star.

There were also McGuire, David Brown, who tallied the first point for the United States, and Tommy Steel, who saved the Americans time after time with his splendid work at goal.

Bad as the weather conditions were they probably helped the Americans, although none can say that the Canadians would have won on a dry field. However, the muddy going was deterrent to the short-passing game of the Canadians, while it did not hinder so much the long passes of the representatives of the United States. Then, too, the American eleven was bigger and heavier and better suited to the 6,000 square yards of mud that had to be crossed and recrossed. The Canadians were weary and worn at the end and although they tried until the last whistle sounded it was a hopeless effort.

The line-up:

U. S. (6). CANADA (1).

Steel	.....G.....	Halliwel
Robertson	.....R.B.....	Williams
Wilson	.....L.B.....	Clarke
Kelly	.....R.H.....	Dierden
Carnihan	.....C.H.....	Cartwright
Herd	.....L.H.....	McKean
Brown	.....O.R.....	Faulkner
McGuire	.....I.R.....	Burness
Stark	.....C.....	McLaine
Millar	.....I.L.....	McKenzie
Goldie	.....O.L.....	Moir

Goals—United States: Stark (5), Brown; Canada: Burness.

Referee—Tom Cunningham, Brooklyn.

Linesmen—W. Halliday, New York, and J. Fraser, Clifton, N. J. Time of halves—Forty-five minutes each.

ISSUES SWIM CHALLENGES.

Helen Wainwright Defies the Misses

Bleibtrey, Ederle and Rigglin.

Helen Wainwright issued challenges last night to Ethelda Bleibtrey, her old rival, and Gertrude Ederle and Alleen Rigglin, who recently joined the two in the professional ranks. Miss Wainwright declared herself willing to meet Miss Bleibtrey in an all-around test, Miss Rigglin in the latter's specialty of high diving, and Miss Ederle in a free style race.

The swimming races, if the challenges are accepted, are to be held in the St. Augustine (Fla.) pool this Winter, and the diving match with Miss Rigglin at Tampa.

PRO FOOTBALL RESULTS.

New York 19, Columbus 0.
Canton 6, Cleveland 0.
Duluth-Kansas City—rain.
Detroit 21, Milwaukee 0.
Providence 10, Buffalo 0.
Chicago Bears 19, Frankford 0.
Chicago Cardinals 9, Green Bay 6.
Pottsville 21, Akron 0.
Frankford 17, Akron 7 (game played Saturday).

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