

CONNECTICUT WOMEN'S SOCCER.

Connecticut lays claim to being the state of sensations. Nutmeg State soccer officials took the opportunity of fostering the game among the women and have been successful. Bridgeport, the pioneer soccer city of the state, took the lead three seasons ago when it introduced the first woman soccer referee in the person of Miss Helen Clark, daughter of Senator George B. Clark. Not many months afterwards, a second woman referee was introduced, while last season there were no fewer than six women soccer referees under the jurisdiction of the Bridgeport Board of Recreation who now have charge of the Bridgeport Public School Soccer League. Almost all games in this league last season had women referees in charge.



(1) BRIDGEPORT HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS' SOCCER TEAM. (2) SWEDISH LADIES' SOCCER FOOTBALL CLUB, BRIDGEPORT, CONN.

On the field of play the women's play is just as vigorous as the men's, and they turn out in full soccer uniforms and draw great crowds. The first women's teams affiliated with a state association under the jurisdiction of the United States Football Association also is credited to Connecticut, as the Swedish Ladies and the High School Girls, both of Bridgeport, are affiliated units of the Connecticut State Football Association and take an active part in the management. Last season these two teams met as in previous seasons and the result was a tie of one goal each.

Hartford also had a women's soccer team, but it has not yet been recognized by the state association. An effort is being made to organize a league for members of the fair sex.