

## Women Taking Up the Kicking Game

Soccer football is about the most strenuous of athletic games. Its forty-five-minute halves are marked by practically continuous action in which every member of each team is on his toes, but that doesn't keep the girls out. In Sacramento, Cal., Miss Doris Clark is the manager, and a very successful one, of the McKinley Park Football Club—the only lady manager of a club affiliated with the United States Football Association.

At Bridgeport, Conn., the game has appealed in even more strenuous fashion to another Miss Clark—Miss Helen Clark—who is the athletic supervisor for the Board of Education. At school she was an enthusiast on athletic sports and a crack basket ball player. She also attended New Haven Normal School of Gymnastics, thus qualifying for her present position. She referees the boys' games—and being referee is almost as strenuous as being a player. The referee must keep on top of the play all the time, and it takes a lot of swift footwork to keep up with the ball.

In a letter to the editor of the Soccer Guide telling of her experience as a referee, Miss Clark wrote:

"Little did I think when asked to coach the Barnum School boys' soccer team that I would be called upon to referee games. In the first one I refereed it was well that I was not aware of so many critics for I might have become a victim of stage fright. As it was, my interest in the game was so great that the audience was forgotten. My success, as referee, was almost entirely due to the great confidence in me shown by Mr. Joe Booth. After having played, coached and refereed many games I now consider soccer is the best all-around sport and I hope the women of America will not be afraid to enter in and lead in the game."



Miss Helen Clark (at left), Referee Bridgeport Schoolboys' Soccer League, and Miss Doris Clark, Manager McKinley Park Football Club.