

Association Football in California

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Football on the Pacific Slope during the months of September to February, 1920-21, overshadowed all other sports. The first three months saw the college game getting most of the limelight, but soccer loomed up as the foremost attraction during December, January and February.

League football flourished exceedingly all over California. New clubs were organized wherever teams were close enough to keep up interest by decent competition. Miles were traveled by teams representing first class clubs to meet others of like standing. Sacramento sent teams to Grass



1, Bob Foster, Olympic Club; 2, Bert Acereb, Olympic Club; 3, H. Wilfred Maloney, Coach Stanford University.

Valley, to Stockton and to San Francisco. Grass Valley went to Sacramento and came down to San Francisco and Los Angeles. San Diego visited Oakland and came over to San Francisco regularly, and San Francisco returned the compliment. The Olympic Club of San Francisco sent its team to Grass Valley, Sacramento, Coalinga and wherever there was association football to be played, and that enthusiastic team carried all before it, finally winning the California Football Association Cup—the state championship—and had almost completed arrangements to tour the States when an opportunity presenting itself to secure permanent golf links, the club decided to drop the tour for 1921 in order to concentrate on the bigger proposition.

The Olympic Club won the C.F.A. Cup and the Five-a-Side tournament; but in the local league was not so fortunate, being beaten out by the great Scotch team, the Thistles. The big athletic club in two meetings with the Thistles tackled opponents too sturdy and too crafty to be beaten.

During the latter half of the California Football League season the games were played in Recreation Park, home of the "Seals" baseball