

1930 MEN'S WORLD CUP

THE RISE AND STALL OF U.S. SOCCER

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Part of the record crowd (at that time) which witnessed the U.S.F.A. Final, May 6th, 1916.
Field: Portuget R. v. Bethlehem Steel F.C. 1. Fall River Rovers 0. Attendance 10,000



WHAT IS IN A NAME?

What do we call the game FIFA is promoting this summer?

David Goldblatt: Association Football

- Rules written down in Britain
- Nickname of "Soccer" from at least 1885
- First name of the sport in Australia, South Africa, United States, others



THE RULES: QUIZ TIME

What was the Score of University of Michigan's First Ever Football Game?

- A) 4-3
- B) 14-7
- C) 1-0
- D) 72-0



FOOT-BALL.

THE RACINE COLLEGE AND MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY TEAMS

are to play a game of foot-ball at the White Stocking grounds this afternoon, under the Rugby rules, as previously announced. As these rules are not familiar to the foot-ball players of this country they are given herewith:

1. The maximum length of ground shall be 200 yards, the maximum breadth shall be 100 yards, the length and breadth shall be marked off with flags; and the goals shall be upright posts, eight yards apart, with a tape across them, eight feet from the ground.

2. The winners of the toss shall have the choice of goals. The game shall be commenced by a place-kick from the centre of the ground by the side losing the toss; the other side shall not approach within ten yards of the ball until it is kicked off.

3. After a goal is won the losing side shall kick off, and goals shall be changed. In the event, however, of no goal having fallen to either party at the lapse of half the allotted time, ends shall then be changed.

4. A goal shall be won when the ball passes between the goal-posts under the tape, not being thrown, knocked on, or carried.

5. When the ball is in touch, the first player who touches it shall throw it from the point on the boundary line where it left the ground in a direction at right angles with the boundary line, and it shall not be in play until it shall have touched the ground, and the player throwing it in shall not play it until it has been played by another player.

6. When a player has kicked the ball, any one of the same side who is nearest to the opponents' goal-line is out of play, and may not touch the ball himself nor in any way whatever prevent any other player from doing so until the ball has been played, unless there are at least three of his opponents before the ball is kicked from behind the goal-line.

7. When the ball is kicked behind the goal-line, it must be kicked off by the side behind whose goal it is kicked, and must be kicked within six yards from the limit of their goal.

The side who thus kick the ball are entitled to a kick-off in whatever way they please without any obstruction, the opposite side not being able to approach within six yards of the ball.

8. No player shall carry or knock on the ball; and handling the ball, under any pretense whatever, shall be prohibited.

9. Neither tripping nor hacking shall be allowed, and no player shall use his hands to hold or push his adversary, nor charge him from behind.

10. A player shall not throw the ball nor pass it to another.

11. No player shall take the ball from the ground with his hands while it is in play under any pretense whatever.

12. No player shall wear projecting nails, iron plates, or gutta percha on the soles or heels of his boots.

IS SPORT/SOCCER *POLITICAL*?



POLITICS: QUIZ TIME (again)

TRADITIONAL POLITICS

TRUE/FALSE: The Baltimore Orioles were the first professional team to play in Cuba after the Revolution



SOCIAL POLITICS

TRUE/FALSE: St. Louis City SC of MLS has a uniform honoring Tina Turner



NATIONAL TEAMS AND SOCCER CULTURE

TRUE/FALSE

**1924 was the first
Olympics to have men's
soccer**

FALSE

Olympics 1900 and 1904

Columbian Exposition in Chicago 1893



American Olympic Soccer Football Team

NATIONAL TEAMS AND SOCCER CULTURE

TRUE/FALSE

**There was a US Men's
Professional Soccer
League in 1924**

TRUE

Numerous Pro Leagues including ASL
MLB owners such as Charles Stoneman

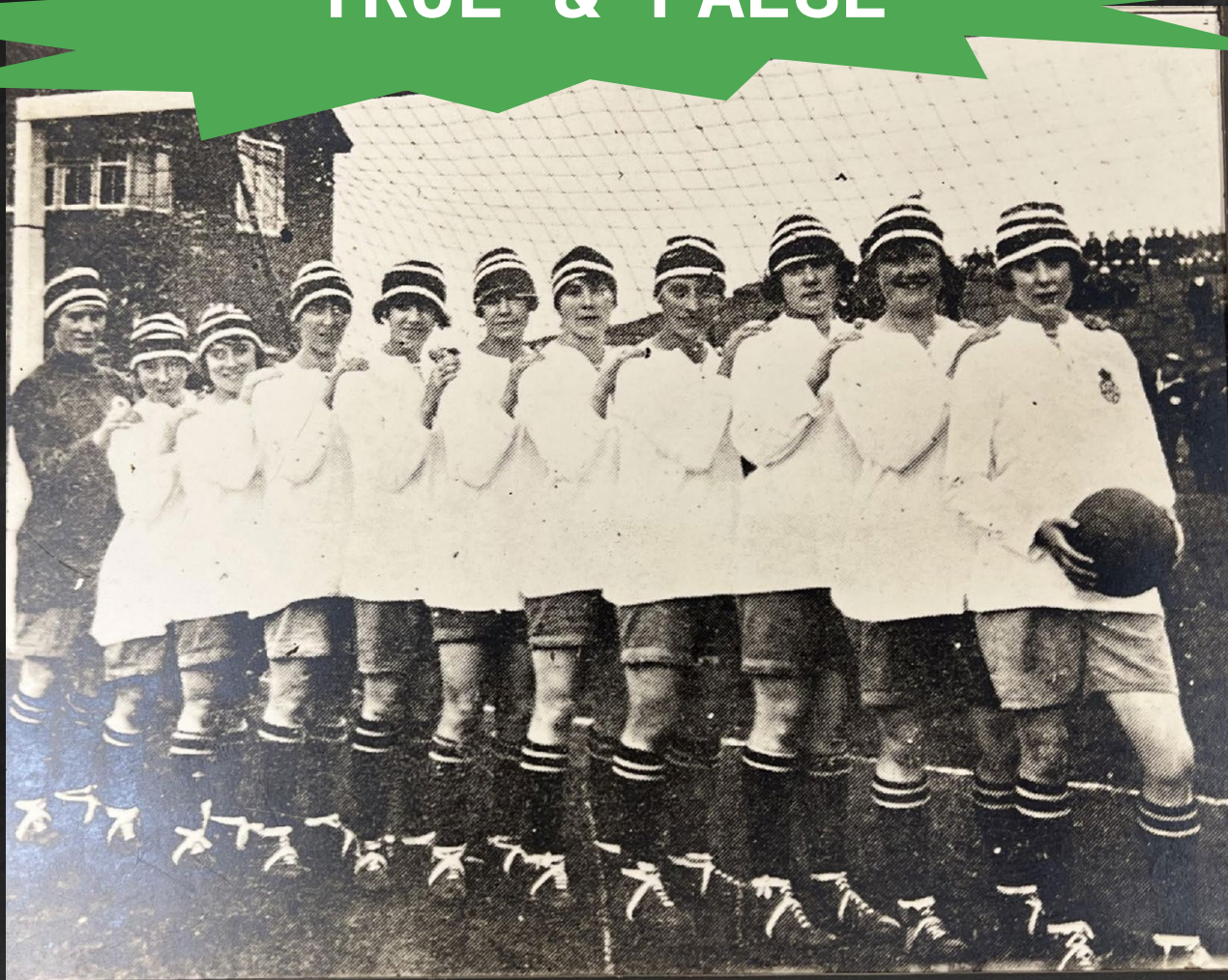


NATIONAL TEAMS AND SOCCER CULTURE

TRUE/FALSE

**Women were banned from
playing soccer in UK from
1921-1971**

TRUE & FALSE



The names of players as follows.
A. Walker. Goal.- R. Ackiss. I. L.- J. Harris. I. R.- M. Clayton. C. H.-
A. Kell. R. B. (Capt.)- T. Bedford. C. F.- F. Haslon. O. R.-
C. Pomias. R. H.- B. Lee. L. B.- J. Wolmsley. L. H.- L. Parr. O. L.

Women in UK not
allowed to play
on "official"
fields

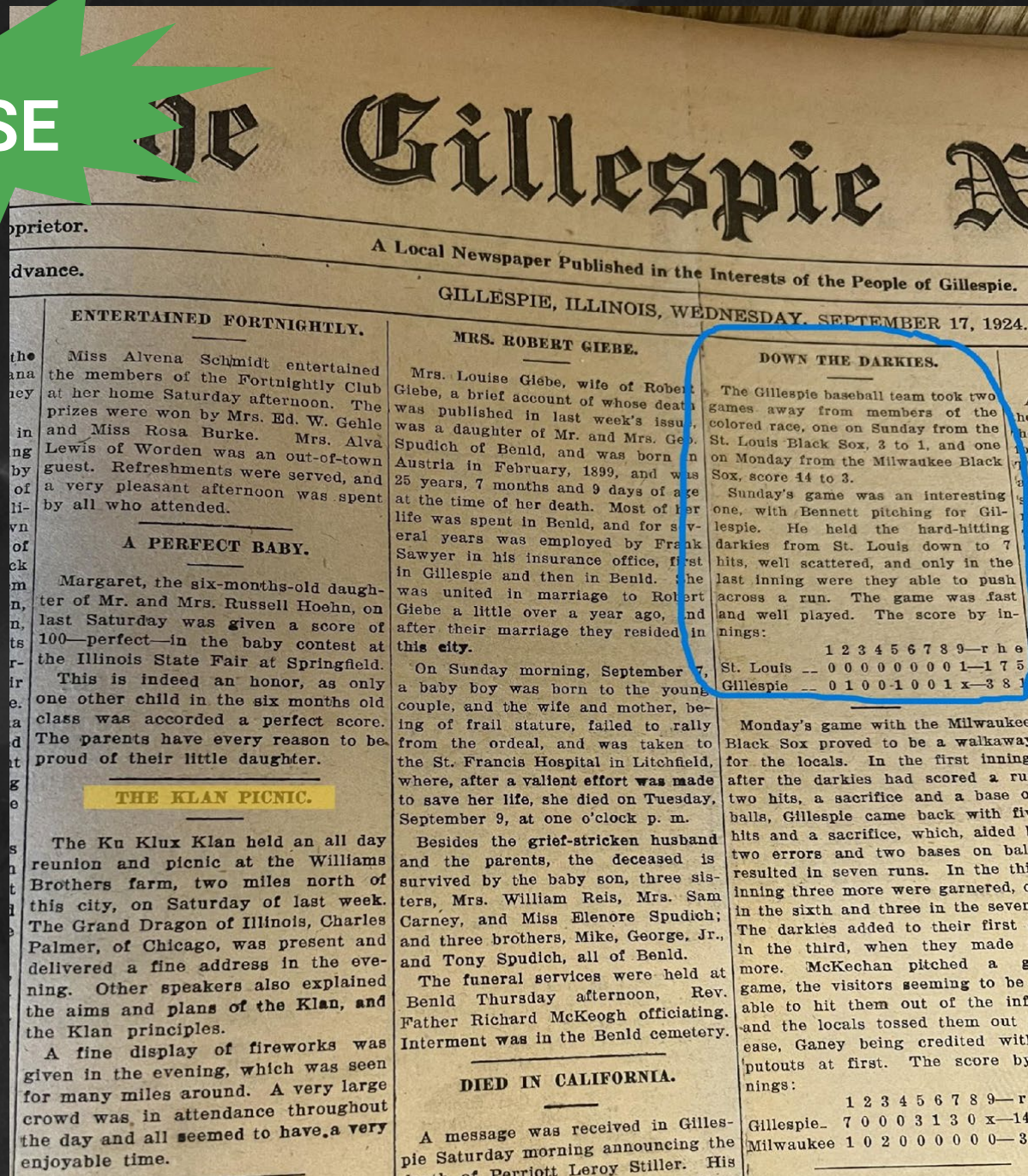
Dick, Kerr
Ladies Tour of
US in 1920's

NATIONAL TEAMS AND SOCCER CULTURE

TRUE/FALSE

**In the 1920's and 1930's,
organized soccer was only played
in big US cities**

FALSE



One Example:
Gillespie, IL
*1909 International
match
*1921 Pro Soccer
*Social climate in
small town USA
*Touring Black
baseball teams

1930 URUGUAY HOSTS FIRST WORLD CUP

- FIFA: Formed in 1904
 - USFA 1913
 - World Cup 1928
- Uruguay: 1924/28 Olympic champs “Garra” mentality
 - 1927 Nacional tour of US
- The UK View of WC: Audio

- Star Player: Jose Leandro Andrade
- USA’s “pastime”(baseball) was reinforcing racism, Uruguay had an integrated team



QUIZ TIME
(Again!):

CAN YOU
NAME THIS
SONG?



US MEN 1930 IN URUGUAY



- Soccer played for >50 years, across the US
- Players: Immigrants and USA-Born
 - Andrew “Dasher” Auld
 - William “Billy” Goncalves
- Semifinals versus Argentina



1930 USMNT LEGACY

Why did soccer not evolve in USA?

1. Lack of investment in equity
2. Limited opportunity for all
3. "Integration" discouraged/encouraged
4. American Football and college education
5. Cautious business interests
6. Post-WWII USA "exceptionalism" as opposed to post WWI "internationalism"?
 - a. USA embraced a fall sport that reflected the aggressive and dominating foreign policy it has pursued



1950 US Men's National Team v. 2025 US Men's National Team



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