

National Association Football League

First Season Game Summaries

Game summaries for season one of the National Association Football League were compiled from multiple newspaper sources. Individual newspaper summaries were often incomplete and commonly contained erroneous spellings of player names, etc., but when numerous summaries from different papers were taken as a group, a cohesive summary could normally be constructed. When conflicts arose, the newspaper of the home team or the summary with the most detail was normally taken as the most definitive source. As such, the player names listed below may differ from individual newspaper accounts. Refer to the detailed game descriptions for references to source material.

Week 1 – Sunday, March 3, 1895

Game 1: Brooklyn Wanderers and Bayonne Centreville AC at the Varuna Boat Club grounds in Bay Ridge, South Brooklyn, NY. The teams lined up as follows:

Centreville AC (5)		Brooklyn Wanderers (2)	
Bauer	Goal	Newman	
Wilson	Full backs	Patrick	
Winters (Captain)		Morton	
Fitzpatrick		McGuire	
Campbell	Half backs	Stubbs	
Byrnes		Lamb	
J. Spaven		Gemmill	
Coupar	Forwards	Brown	
Oliver		Mason	
Grundy		Young	
G. Spaven		Walsh	
<p>Date: March 3, 1895. Referee: Thomas Walker, New Rochelle FC. Linesman: W. Southern for Brooklyn Wanderers; J. Davidson for Centreville AC. Goals: Frederick Oliver (2), George Spaven, Jack Coupar, and</p>			

**Jack Grundy for Centreville; Mason and Young for Brooklyn. Field: Varuna Boat Club, South Brooklyn.
Attendance: N/A.**

Game 2: Newark Scottish-Americans and the Americus AA of West Hoboken, NJ, in Newark, NJ. Game postponed due to the inability of referee James Connors to show up for the contest.

Week 2 - Sunday, March 10, 1895

Game 1: New Rochelle and Newark Scottish-Americans in Newark, NJ. New Rochelle failed to appear at the Scots' grounds and the game was called in favor of the Scots.

Game 2: Americus AA of West Hoboken, NJ, and Brooklyn Wanderers at Americus Park, Syms Street and West Street, West Hoboken, NJ. The teams lined up as follows:

Americus AA (2)		Brooklyn Wanderers (6)	
Gallinant	Goal	Smith	
Flynn	Full backs	Patrick	
George Seiler		Rudge	
Taylor	Half backs	Stubbs	
Britchford		Lamb	
Koch		McGuire	
McKinley	Forwards	Gemmill	
Gill		Hopkins	
Fisk		Stark	
Alces		Mason	
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Date: March 10, 1895. Referee: John Henderson, Newark. Linesman: McKay for Brooklyn Wanderers; Bright for Americus AA. Goals: Unknown (2) for Americus; Unknown (6) for Brooklyn. Field: Americus Park, West Hoboken. Attendance: N/A. The Wanderers fielded only 10 men and the name of one Americus player was not included in newspaper records.

Week 3 – Saturday, March 16, 1895, and Sunday, March 17, 1895

Game 1: Bayonne Centreville AC and New Rochelle on Saturday, March 16. New Rochelle failed to appear, and the game was called in favor of Centreville AC.

Game 2: Brooklyn Wanderers and Newark Scottish-Americans on Sunday, March 17, at the Varuna Boat Club grounds, South Brooklyn, NY. The teams lined up as follows:

Brooklyn Wanderers (3)		Scottish-Americans (3)	
Smith	Goal	Stephenson	
Patrick	Full backs	McConville	
Young		Dawson	
McGuire	Half backs	Spence	
Stubbs		McCance	
Lamb		McDonald	
Gemmill	Forwards	Kelly	
Hopkins		Hill	
Brown		Wallace	
Stark		Higgins	
Mason		Gafney	
Date: March 17, 1895. Referee: Hugh Fitzpatrick, Centreville AC. Linesman: T. Hopkins for Brooklyn Wanderers; R. Smith for Scottish-Americans. Goals: Mason (2) and Gemmill for Brooklyn; Wallace, Hill, and Higgins for Scottish-Americans. Field: Varuna Boat Club, South Brooklyn. Attendance: "Large."			

Week 4 – Saturday, March 23, 1895, and Sunday, March 24, 1895

Game 1: New Rochelle and Brooklyn Wanderers on Saturday, March 23. New Rochelle alerted the Brooklyn Wanderers of their inability to play the March 23 fixture at the March 22 weekly meeting. The Wanderers were awarded the victory at the meeting.

Game 2: Americus AA of West Hoboken, NJ, and Bayonne Centreville AC on Sunday, March 24, at the Americus grounds, West Hoboken, NJ. The teams lined up as follows:

Centreville AC (9)	Americus AA (1)

Bauer	Goal	Alces
Wilson	Full backs	Murray
Gorevin		George Seiler
Fitzpatrick	Half backs	Taylor
Winters		Flynn
Byrnes		Koch
Coupar	Forwards	Fisk
Spaven		Ohmar
Oliver		Saggis
Campbell		McKinley
Grundy		Bright
<p>Date: March 24, 1895. Referee: J. A. Young, Brooklyn Wanderers. Linesman: R. Britchford for Americus; J. Spaven for Centreville AC. Goals: James Campbell (2), Jack Grundy (3), George Spaven (2), and John Coupar (2) for Centreville; Ohmar for Americus. Field: Americus Park, West Hoboken. Attendance: "fair-sized." Note: Although both the <i>Bayonne Times</i> and the <i>New York Sun</i> reported a score of 8-1 in the game recap, the goal totals in the written game summary indicate a total of 9 goals were scored.</p>		

Week 5 – Saturday, March 30, 1895, and Sunday, March 31, 1895

Game 1: New Rochelle and Americus AA of West Hoboken, NJ, on Saturday, March 30.

Game 2: Newark Scottish-Americans and Bayonne Centreville AC on Sunday, March 31, at Wiedenmayer's Park, Newark, NJ. The teams lined up as follows:

Scottish-Americans (4)		Centreville AC (2)	
Glyne	Goal	Bauer	
McConville	Full backs	Wilson	
Dawson		Gorevin	
McCance	Half backs	Fitzpatrick	
Cutler		Winters	

McDonald		Byrnes
Higgins	Forwards	Coupar
McGee		J. Spaven
Wallace		Oliver
Hill		G. Spaven
Singleton		Grundy
Date: March 31, 1895. Referee: P. Fisk, Americus AA. Linesman: J. Spence for Scottish-Americans; J. Fitzpatrick for Centreville AC. Goals: Wallace (2), Singleton and Higgins for Scottish-Americans; J. Spaven and Grundy for Centreville AC. Field: Wiedenmayer's Park, Newark, NJ. Attendance: "Large."		

Week 6 – Sunday, April 7, 1895

Game 1: Americus AA of West Hoboken, NJ, and Newark Scottish-Americans at Americus Park in West Hoboken, NJ. The teams lined up as follows:

Scottish-Americans (1)		Americus AA (0)	
Wildt	Goal	Koch	
McConville	Full backs	Flynn	
Dawson		George Seiler	
McCance	Half backs	Swithenby	
Burns		Nagle	
McDonald		Britchford	
Stephenson		Fisk	
Gafney	Forwards	Ohmar	
Wallace		Spencer	
Higgins		Brown	
McGee		Alces	
Date: April 7, 1895. Referee: Unknown. Linesman: Unknown. Goals: Wallace for Scottish-Americans. Field: Americus Park, West Hoboken, NJ. Attendance: "Over 1000."			

Game 2: Bayonne Centreville AC and Brooklyn Wanderers in South Brooklyn, NY. Few newspaper accounts of this contest have been found, and no box score. The *Bayonne Times* and *New York Sun* published differing accounts, and this essay assumes the 4-2 scoreline reported by the *New York Sun* at the NAFL weekly meeting, with the goal scorers matching the *Bayonne Times* game report. Only the Centreville goal scorers have been identified: George Spaven, Coupar, Oliver, and Grundy.

Week 7 – Sunday, April 14, 1895

Game 1: Bayonne Centreville AC and Newark Scottish-Americans at the Centreville AC grounds in Bayonne, NJ. The teams lined up as follows:

Centreville AC (4)		Scottish-Americans (2)	
Bauer	Goal	Wildt	
Wilson	Full backs	McConville	
Toal		Dawson	
Gorevin	Half backs	McCance	
Winters		Kelly	
Fitzpatrick		McDonald	
G. Spaven	Forwards	McCullough	
Coupar		McGee	
Campbell		Gafney	
Grundy		Higgins	
Oliver		Wallace	
<p>Date: April 14, 1895. Referee: J. A. Young, Brooklyn Wanderers. Linesman: Michael Burns for Centreville AC; George Spence for Scottish-American AC. Goals: James Campbell (2), Frederick Oliver and George Spaven for Centreville; McCullough and McDonald for Scottish-Americans. Field: Centreville AC grounds, Bayonne, NJ. Attendance: Over 500.</p>			

Game 2: Brooklyn Wanderers and Americus AA of West Hoboken, NJ, at South Brooklyn, NY. The teams lined up as follows:

Brooklyn Wanderers (1)	Americus AA (2)

Hopkins	Goal	Ayres
Patrick	Full backs	Flynn
Lamb		George Seiler
McConnell	Half backs	Swithenby
McGuire		Saggis
T. Hopkins		Anderson
Gemmill	Forwards	Fisk
Brown		Ohmar
Douglas		Taylor
Mason		Koch
Retlas		Raetzer
Date: April 14, 1895. Referee: Roderick McDonald, Newark Caledonians. Linesman: J. Davis for Brooklyn Wanderers; F. Davis for Americus AA. Goals: Taylor (2) for Americus AA; Mason for Brooklyn Wanderers. Field: South Brooklyn, NY. Attendance: "Large."		

Week 8 – April 21, 1895

Game 1: Bayonne Centreville AC and Americus AA of West Hoboken, NJ, at the Centreville AC grounds in Bayonne, NJ. The teams lined up as follows:

Centreville AC (12)		Americus AA (0)	
Bauer	Goal	Ayres	
Wilson	Full backs	Flynn	
Toal		Gill	
Gorevin	Half backs	Koch	
Byrnes		Taylor	
Winters		McKinley	
Coupar		H. Fisk	
Spaven		Sub	

Oliver	Forwards	Sub
Campbell		Sub
Grundy		Alces
<p>Date: April 21, 1895. Referee: George R. Cooper, Cosmopolitan FC. Linesman: Thomas Fletcher for Centreville AC; E. Fisk for Americus AA. Goals: Coupar (4), Winters (2), Campbell (2), Spaven, Oliver, Gorevin, and Grundy for Centreville. Field: Centreville AC grounds, Bayonne, NJ. Attendance: Unknown. Note: "Sub" may indicate Americus played with only 8 players or with unregistered players. In addition, newspaper records do not distinguish which of the Spaven brothers scored for Centreville.</p>		

Game 2: Newark Scottish-Americans and Brooklyn Wanderers in Newark, NJ. The teams lined up as follows:

Scottish-Americans (4)		Brooklyn Wanderers (6)	
Wildt	Goal	Smith	
Dawson	Full backs	Taylor	
McConville		Patrick	
McCance	Half backs	T. Hopkins	
Edmund		McGuire	
McDonald		F. Hopkins	
Hill	Forwards	Gemmill	
Gafney		Brown	
Wallace		Jones	
McGee		Mason	
Higgins		Young	
<p>Date: April 21, 1895. Referee: J. Henderson, Newark Caledonians. Linesman: J. Spence for Scottish-American AC; F. Young, Brooklyn Wanderers. Goals: Gemmill (3), Jones, Brown, and Mason for Brooklyn Wanderers; Wallace, Hill, Edmund, and Higgins for Scottish-Americans. Field: Newark, NJ. Attendance: "Large."</p>			

Week 9 – April 28, 1895

Game 1: Brooklyn Wanderers and Bayonne Centreville AC in South Brooklyn, NY. The teams lined up as follows:

Centreville AC (5)		Brooklyn Wanderers (4)	
Bauer	Goal	Smith	
Wilson	Full backs	Patrick	
Toal		Scott	
Winters	Half backs	J. Hopkins	
Gorevin		McGuire	
Byrnes		T. Hopkins	
Coupar	Forwards	Brown	
Spaven		Gemmill	
Oliver		Allen	
Campbell		Salter	
Grundy		Mason	
<p>Date: April 28, 1895. Referee: George R. Cooper, Cosmopolitan Football Club. Linesman: J. A. Young for Brooklyn Wanderers; J. Fitzpatrick for Centreville AC. Goals: George Spaven, Campbell, Oliver (2), and Coupar for Centreville; Allen (2), Mason, and Brown for Wanderers. Field: South Brooklyn. Attendance: Unknown.</p>			

Game 2: Newark Scottish-Americans and Americus AA of West Hoboken, NJ, at Wiedenmayer's Park, Newark, NJ. The teams lined up as follows:

Scottish-Americans (3)		Americus AA (1)	
Wildt	Goal	Alces	
Dawson	Full backs	Flynn	
McConville		Alexander	
McCance		Koch	

Burns	Half backs	George Seiler
McDonald		Britchford
Hill	Forwards	Fisk
Gafney		Anderson
Wallace		Gill
McGee		Taylor
Edmund		Brown
Date: April 28, 1895. Referee: W. Masterson, Brooklyn Wanderers. Linesman: J. Spence for Scottish-Americans; J. Carroll for Americus. Goals: Hill, Wallace (off Flynn), and McGee for Scottish-Americans; Brown for Americus. Field: Wiedenmayer's Park, Newark, NJ. Attendance: Unknown.		

Week 10 – May 5, 1895

Game 1: Brooklyn Wanderers and Newark Scottish-Americans at Wiedenmayer's Park, Newark, NJ.
The teams lined up as follows:

Brooklyn Wanderers (4)		Scottish-Americans (4)	
F. Smith	Goal	Wildt	
Masterson	Full backs	Dawson	
Patrick		McConville	
Lamb	Half backs	McCance	
McGuire		Partington	
Hopkins		McDonald	
Gemmill		Hill	
Parry	Forwards	McCauley	
McConnell		Wallace	
Mason		McGee	
Salter		Edmund	

Date: May 5, 1895. Referee: Unknown. Linesman: Unknown. Goals: Unknown. Field: Wiedenmayer's Park, Newark, NJ. Attendance: Unknown.

Game 2: Americus AA of West Hoboken, NJ, and Bayonne Centreville AC at Americus Park in West Hoboken, NJ. The teams lined up as follows:

Centreville AC (2)		Americus AA (2)	
Bauer	Goal	Alces	
Toal	Full backs	Flynn	
Wilson		Anderson	
Fitzpatrick	Half backs	Gallup	
Talbert		Taylor	
Byrnes		Koch	
Spaven	Forwards	Fisk	
Coupar		Goode	
Oliver		Gill	
Grundy		Bright	
Campbell		George Seiler	
<p>Date: May 5, 1895. Referee: Roderick McDonald, Newark Caledonians. Linesman: J. Fletcher for Centreville AC; H. Gregory for Americus AA. Goals: Grundy and Coupar for Centreville; Coupar's foul and Flynn for Americus. Field: Americus Park, West Hoboken. Attendance: Unknown.</p>			

Week 11 – May 12, 1895

Game 1: Brooklyn Wanderers and Americus AA of West Hoboken, NJ, at Americus Park, West Hoboken, NJ. The teams lined up as follows:

Americus AA (1)		Brooklyn Wanderers (3)	
Alces	Goal	Smith	
Flynn	Full backs	Patrick	

George Seiler		Masterson
Taylor	Half backs	Hopkins
Pennycook		McGuire
Koch		Lamb
Jamieson		Gemmill
Fisk	Forwards	McConnell
Gill		Lawler
McKinley		Mason
Higgins		Salter
Date: May 12, 1895. Referee: J. Bissett, Scottish-American AC. Linesman: T. Bright for Americus AA; J. A. Young for Brooklyn Wanderers. Goals: Jamieson for Americus; McConnell, Salter, and throw-in off Seiler for Brooklyn Wanderers (Own Goal?). Field: Americus Park, West Hoboken. Attendance: "large, "good-sized."		

Game 2: Newark Scottish-Americans and Bayonne Centreville AC at Wiedenmayer's Park, Newark NJ. The Scottish-Americans were defeated by the league-leading Bayonne Centreville by the score of 4-1. The four Centreville goals were scored by George Spaven, Frederick Oliver, John Grundy, and Jack Coupar. Additional details of the match are not available at this time.

Week 12 – May 19, 1895

Game 1: Bayonne Centreville AC and Brooklyn Wanderers at the Centreville AC grounds in Bayonne, NJ. The teams lined up as follows:

Centreville AC (6)		Brooklyn Wanderers (3)	
Bauer	Goal	Smith	
Wilson	Full backs	Masterson	
Winters		Patrick	
Byrnes	Half backs	McConnell	
Gorevin		McGuire	
Fitzpatrick		Hopkins	
Spaven		Gemmill	

Coupar	Forwards	Mason
Oliver		Jones
Campbell		Salter
Grundy		Fayer
Date: May 19, 1895. Referee: Henderson, Caledonian FC. Linesman: Young for Brooklyn Wanderers; Fletcher for Centreville AC. Goals: Grundy (2), Oliver (2), Coupar, and George Spaven for Centreville; Jones (2) and Fayer for Wanderers. Field: Bayonne, NJ. Attendance: Unknown.		

Game 2: Newark Scottish-Americans and Americus AA of West Hoboken, NJ, in Newark, NJ. The teams lined up as follows:

Scottish-Americans (6)		Americus AA (0)	
Wildt	Goal	Alces	
Dawson	Full backs	Flynn	
McCance		George Seiler	
Findley	Half backs	Anderson	
Wallace		Saggis	
Edmund		Koch	
McCauley		Fisk	
Hill	Forwards	Goode	
McCullough		Gill	
Lauder		Brown	
McGee		Taylor	
Date: May 19, 1895. Referee: J. Fitzpatrick, Centreville AC. Linesman: J. Spence for Scottish-Americans; J. Isles for Americus. Goals: McCauley (3), McGee and McCullough (2) for Scottish-Americans. Field: Unknown Park, Newark, NJ. Attendance: Unknown.			

Week 13 – May 26, 1895

Game 1: Newark Scottish-Americans and Brooklyn Wanderers at Wiedenmayer’s Park in Newark, NJ. In a controversial contest, Brooklyn defeated Newark by either 8-4 (*Newark Daily Advertiser*) or 8-5 (*Newark Evening News*). The *Newark Daily Advertiser* listed the scorers as Gemmill, Brown, Hopkins, Mason (2), Young (2), and Hill for the Wanderers, and Wallace and McGee each with a brace for the Scots. Lineups for the match are not available. The *Newark Evening News* reported that the contest was delayed by a baseball game and several of the Scots' best players left Wiedenmayer’s Park before the game began. The Wanderers were prepared to play and the Scots played several substitutes in what they thought was an exhibition game. No newspaper accounts exist to shed light on the eventual outcome, but it appears the Wanderers were awarded the contest.

Game 2: Bayonne Centreville AC and Americus AA of West Hoboken, NJ, in Bayonne, NJ. Americus AA failed to appear for the contest and the game was awarded to Centreville AC.

Week 14 – June 2, 1895

Game 1: Victory by Americus, although the score is not known. Winner implied from final won/lost records.

Game 2: Bayonne Centreville AC vs. Newark Scottish-Americans in Bayonne, NJ. Victory by Centreville AC due to Scottish-American forfeit.

Week 15 – June 9, 1895

Americus AA of West Hoboken, NJ, and Newark Scottish-Americans in West Hoboken, NJ. Victory by Americus AA due to Scottish-American forfeit.

All-Star Friendly – June 16, 1895

Bayonne Centreville AC against picked team from New York and Brooklyn in Bayonne, NJ. The teams lined up as follows:

Centreville AC (3)		New York and Brooklyn (1)	
Bauer	Goal	Smith	
Flynn	Full backs	Patrick	
Gorevin		Bunce	
Fitzpatrick	Half backs	Lamb	
Taylor		McGuire	
Byrnes		Johnson	

Coupar	Forwards	Gemmill
Spaven		Collins
Oliver		Jones
Grundy		Mason
Campbell		McKinley

Date: June 16, 1895. Referee: J. Fitzpatrick, Centreville AC. Linesman: G. Winters for Centreville AC; J. Young, Brooklyn Wanderers. Goals: Fitzpatrick, Spaven, and Oliver for Centreville AC; Gemmill for New York and Brooklyn. Field: Bayonne, NJ. Attendance: 700 - 1000.