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Officer Ray Bini watches Nazzareno Grech and Charles Stellini warming up for the first Police Athletic League soccer match.

Police Athletic League Underway!

P.A.L. Response Is Excellent

Second Vice President Ray White was appointed Chairman of the Police Athletic League by President Weiner and given power to select his own committee.

This committee met for the first time on Saturday, April 11 and elected officers and a Board of Governors. Brother White was selected as Chairman by acclamation, John Cavalli, Vice Chairman, Waldo Reesink, Treasurer and Peter Gardner Secretary were chosen to fill the other posts.

It was decided by the Board to put each sports activity under a chairman who would be responsible for his own end of the program.

Directing the baseball portion of the P.A.L. is Jake Caulfield of the Narcotics Detail, football by Dan Shelley of General Works Detail and Milton Piro of the Homicide Detail will organize and run the basketball activity.

At the April Association meeting

many members volunteered to assist in any way they could. Their names will be forwarded to the head of sport in which they wish to take part. Anyone else interested in coaching, managing or in any way working in the P.A.L. may contact the Secretary.

1st Team

A soccer team consisting of 24 boys from the Bayview district has been entered in the San Francisco Soccer Football Association Juvenile League.

Coaching the boys are Rocky Thompson of the Auto Detail and Tom Applegate of Co. E.

The response, both from the boys and from these men, has been very gratifying to the Board of Governors and it is hoped that others will see their way clear to donate some of their off-duty time.

Gymnasium

The P.A.L. now has the full use of

St. Patrick's gym which is located on Clementina Street between 4th and 5th. The only problem facing us is that of manpower to keep the gym open and supervised. There have been offers of athletic equipment which will be accepted as soon as there is a place to keep it. This gym may be just the place.

The basketball and boxing programs will operate out of this gym also.

The Guardsmen

Mr. Thomas O'Toole of the Guardsmen contacted Ray White through Tom Gray of the Downtown Association. They wish to donate \$1,500.00 a year toward the P.A.L. Members of the Board met with them and informed them that we would be happy to accept their donation but only under the condition that the publicity attendant to donations of this kind would be played down.

It was felt by the Board that all



THE FIRST OFFICIAL TEAM SPONSORED BY THE P.A.L. is this soccer team coached by Rocky Thompson, Tom Applegate and Bill Sammon. The boys are all from the Bayview District. On Saturday, May 9th, they played their first game and lost a tight contest, 2 to 1.

money should go into a fund from which monies could be drawn as needed. If donations were accepted for specific sports it would be difficult to disburse the money where the need would be greatest. There won't be any names other than P.A.L. and the name of the team (selected by the players) on any uniform, this way a person who contributed one dollar could feel as good as one who put in one hundred.

Emblem Selected

The emblem of the P.A.L. will be a seven pointed star with the letters P.A.L. in the center; underneath the star there will be a small scroll bearing the name San Francisco. This emblem will be on all uniforms and equipment owned by the League.

Cooperation Good

The cooperation of everyone who has been contacted in regard to this project has been excellent. The Chief, people outside and many, many members of the Association have promised full effort.

This Association program can only function properly if the work load is spread over a large number of men. It has all the earmarks of the greatest single civic contribution ever undertaken by policemen in San Francisco.

It's our project, let's see it through.

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