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## SPORT IS A GREAT THING....

.... and it was a great day for the Swiss in Hamilton and the Waikato to watch their countrymen F.C. Brugg match their skill in a friendly game against A.F.C. Hamilton at Muir Park.

It was a first in the sporting history for a local Swiss team to travel to the other side of the world to come to N.Z. and play the Kiwis and it must have been a first in the history of Muir Park in Hamilton for their grandstand to reverberate to the sound of cowbells. When, after 70 minutes of play, the first goal fell to the Swiss you should really have heard those bells.

When you consider that the Swiss players paid their own fare right round the world, their enthusiasm for the sport must be considerable and as the teams were fairly evenly matched, the result of a draw (one all) made the day. It is a pity, that not more small local clubs cannot compete internationally more often, where sportsmanship and fair play is to the fore and where they are more important than to win at all costs. We all know what happens when national teams are involved and the honour and prestige of their respective countries are at stake —it is just not the same.

Thanks to our countrymen for coming to N.Z., it was great to have them amongst us, and I hope they did not look too much like Chinamen when they got home!

Arnold Biland.