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Young Fellows are the surprise team of the season; they have led right from the start and only lost their place by a fractionally worse goal average to their local rivals, Grasshoppers, in the seventh match. Lausanne, the champions, with a game (v. Basel) in hand are equally well placed and so are Biel who trounced poor Aarau to the tune of 8:3 last Sunday. Servette have not yet got over the loss of some of their best players (Lausanne beat them in Geneva 4:0 for the first time for many long years!), but Nordstern, by beating both Servette and St. Gall 2:1 away, have jumped up the ladder. Young Boys are very much better than last year, but there remains room for further improvement; we always expect something out of the ordinary from the Y.B., don't we? Bern, Basel and Lugano are so far mere shadows of last years effectiveness; Locarno and Chaux-de-Fonds are no better and not much worse! And what about the two promoted clubs? Well, Aarau are seriously floundering and cannot find their feet. Only seven clubs have scored more goals, but none have conceded so many; there lies the rub. St. Gall on the other hand (and I am particularly pleased to say so) have started in a very promising manner; they occupied third place after 5 games, level on points (7), with Lausanne and one point behind Young Fellows. Unfortunately they lost their next two engagements, first in Lausanne to the tune of 1:3 and then at home against Nordstern. (That mysterious saint from Basel did it again!) Their forward line lacks penetrative power and they will slide down the ladder further if they do not remedy that weakness.