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SPLENDID SWISS VICTORY AT HENLEY REGATTA.

Zurich Rowing Club wins Grand Challenge Cup. — Zurich Rowing Club wins Stewards' Challenge Cup.
E. Rufli, Zurich Rowing Club wins Diamond Challenge Sculls.

HENLEY REGATTA

July 1st to 4th 1936.

It was a happy crew which arrived some ten days ago at Croydon by "Swissair;" it was a still happier crew which left by the same route on Tuesday last. —

As mentioned in a previous Swiss Observer issue, by M. G. the Zurich Rowing Club crew, only a few weeks ago, were not quite up to the scratch; they received set-backs both in Germany and Switzerland, and it was feared that Henley might prove to be their Waterloo.

There had been much said and written about the Tokyo Imperial University crew, and some wiseacres prophesied that the Swiss crew would not have an earthly chance against the yellow wizzards.

It is to the credit of the Swiss crew that they simply refused to get alarmed or panicky; and when I mentioned to Mr. A. Dreyfus what the English Press had to say about the Japanese crew, he simply said: "Wait and see!!! Well, we waited and saw a most convincing victory, and the myth of a "yellow danger" which was to threaten Henley was ended once for all.

I have no intention to describe any of the races nor make comments on the merits of the different crews.

Your reporter, together with the President of the City Swiss Club, Mr. Boehringer, had the pleasure to greet the crew at their headquarters in Henley a few minutes after their victory over Tokio University, and they were pleased that some of the first congratulations should come from their countrymen. Shortly after the President of the City Swiss Club had addressed a few words to the winning team, Monsieur Ch. de Jenner, Counsellor of the Legation, arrived at the Five Horseshoes Hotel to tender his congratulations.

The crew was obviously pleased with their morning's work, but not a bit boisterous, in fact, it seemed to me that they were far more interested in their luncheon than in anything else.

Later on Rufli, rowing down the course to the start, received much applause, and so did the whole crew. There was a fine spirit of sportsmanship prevelant, and I was greatly struck by the fact, that no sooner had the Swiss team returned to their head-quarters after a successful race than numerous famous oarsmen, well-known in the world of rowing, arrived to congratulate the captain of the team, Mr. Dreyfus, and the "boys."

We had the pleasure to be in the company of one of the famous coaches of the Cambridge varsity crew and an expert writer on oarsmanship, and a late famous Swiss oarsman, who has figured in many International Regattas; both highly praised the work of the team, due to the indefatiguable endeavours of that fine sportsman captain Dreyfus.

Those who witnessed the enthusiasm on Saturday last, when the third Zurich victory was registered, will not so soon forget it, and many a little Swiss flag was exhibited with pride.

Well done, Rowing Club Zurich, we are proud of you!—

Ever since the Henley regatta was established in 1839, no more than two of the trophies have been taken abroad in the same year. This year no fewer than four of the eight trophies have been won by foreign competitors. The Zurich Rowing Club have won three of them, and thus established a record, for no visiting crew had previously won more than two events. —

The Swiss Colony in London is entitled to a share of praise which has been so lavishly bestowed on our countrymen, because in having given the Rowing Club Zurich a financial backing, they were instrumental in enabling them to come over here to defend their titles and win new glories. I am authorised by the Manager of the team to state that, if the Colony had not given them their financial help, they would have been unable to compete this year at Henley for lack of Funds, and what a pity it would have been!!

The Swiss Observer came in for some harsh criticism, some months ago, when it launched its appeal for helping our countrymen to defend the two titles which they won last year, and which as good sportsmen they were in honour bound to defend. We are glad we went on unperturbed, it was well worth doing so; and I am sure, that even some of our critics, will deep down in their hearts agree that it was a good thing to have done. I am convinced that they will join all those, who gave their support in a more tangible way, in saying

WELL DONE AND THANK YOU
ROWING CLUB.
ZURICH.

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The Zurich Rowing Club Team photographed at Croydon on their arrival on Monday, June 29th.
Left to right:
H. Homberger, W. Schweizer, H. Betschart, A. Homberger, E. Rufli, W. Ackermann (Pilot), O. Neuenschwander, R. Spring, K. Schmid, Stewardess Vögeli, Frau A. Dreyfus, F. Feldmann, R. Homberger, A. Dreyfus, P. Hilfiker (Swiss Legation), — Schöchlin, A. Stauffer (Swiss Observer), Gloor (Wireless Operator).

SEMI FINALS.

(Friday, July 3rd, 1936).

Grand Challenge Cup (Holders: Pembroke, Cambridge). Tokio Imperial University, Japan, versus Zurich R.C., Switzerland. *Winner*: Zurich R.C., by 6 lengths.

(Crew: Bow: Werner Schweizer, Fritz Feldmann, Rudolf Homberger, Oscar Neuenschwander, Hermann Betschart, Hans Homberger, Alex Homberger, Karl Schmid, stroke).

Diamond Challenge Sculls. (Holder: E. Rufli, R.C. Zurich). E. Rufli, R.C. Zurich versus H. L. Warren, Trinity Hall, Cambridge. *Winner*: E. Rufli, 3 lengths.

Stewards Challenge Cup. (Holders: Zurich R.C.) Zurich R. C. versus London Rowing Club "A" Crew. *Winner*: Zurich R. C. by two lengths.

(Crew: Bow: Hermann Betschart, Hans Homberger, Alex Homberger, Karl Schmid, stroke).

FINALS.

(Saturday, July 4th, 1936).

Grand Challenge Cup. (Holders: Pembroke, Cambridge). Leander Club versus Zurich R.C. *Winner*: Zurich Rowing Club by 1¼ lengths.

(Crew: Bow: Werner Schweizer, Fritz Feldmann, Rudolf Homberger, Oscar Neuenschwander, Hermann Betschart, Hans Homberger, Alex Homberger, Karl Schmid, stroke).

Diamond Challenge Sculls. (Holder: E. Rufli, R. C. Zurich). E. Rufli, R.C. Zurich versus J. H. Tyler, Thames Rowing Club. *Winner*: E. Rufli, R. C. Zurich by 3 lengths.

Stewards' Challenge Cup. (Holders: Zurich R.C.) Leander Club versus Zurich R. C. *Winner*: Zurich Rowing Club by two lengths.

(Crew: Bow: Hermann Betschart, Hans Homberger, Alex Homberger, Karl Schmid, stroke).

We propose to publish in our next issue extracts from appreciations which appeared in the English Press.

AT THE LEGATION.

The members of the Zurich Rowing Club were entertained by the Swiss Minister and Mme. Paravicini last Monday evening, when the team received the congratulations of the Swiss Colony, particularly from those whose financial support made the visit possible. Mr. and Mrs. Homberger-Rauschenbach, from Schaffhausen, whose three sons were members of the winning team and Prof. Dr. Ad. Keller also attended.

PERSONAL.

Mr. G. Engesser, who has been in business in London for the last 23 years, has returned with his family to Switzerland and is now residing at 18, Witteliker Weg, Zollikon (Zurich). His large circle of friends will especially miss Mrs. Engesser who though being English has mastered "Schwyzerdütsch" to perfection.