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JUNE 18TH, 1938.

Mais nous comptons aussi sur vous. Nous comptons sur la fidélité de tous, pour que l'Eglise soit toujours plus vivante et que Christ rayonne toujours plus dans les cœurs et dans les vies.

Nous allons continuer notre route ensemble. Dieu veuille bénir le chemin que nous suivrons, pour nos familles, pour notre Eglise, pour la Patrie bien aimée et pour le pays que nous habitons.

Amen."

Monsieur le Pasteur M. Pradervand termina la grandiose cérémonie si solemnelle par la prière et quelques minutes de recueillement, d'adoration et de remerciements pour les bienfaits divins.

Après la bénédiction appelée sur l'assemblée et leurs familles, la congrégation se dispersa heureuse d'avoir pu montrer toute son affection et sa joie à M. Pradervand, à sa compagne et à sa famille.

Que Dieu leur donne la santé, la joie et le bonheur et que son ministère soit rempli de toutes les bénédictions divines.

" Oui, Louez Dieu qui dirige toutes choses." W.Kn.

FOOTBALL.

4th, 9th, 12th June, 1938.

WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP IN FRANCE. SWITZERLAND 1 GERMANY (after extra time.)

This first round proper match for the World Championship (you will remember how we beat Portugal by 2:1 at Milan in the preliminary round) was staged at the Parc des Princes, in Paris before 25,000 spectators. It aroused the greatest interest on the Continent, bringing into Paris before 25,000 spectators. It aroused the greatest interest on the Continent, bringing into opposition the German international team de-feated by England by 6 goals to 3 on May 14th, and our grand eleven, deserved victors over Eng-land's representatives by 2:1 on May 21st. This reminds me (by the way, of course) that Mr. S. F. Rous, Secretary of the F.A. and extremely well known on the Continent as a famous Referee, once said to one of our old internationals, that he had seen and refereed several games played by Switzerland, but he had never yet seen them win. I am happy to note that Mr. Rous was present at the Grasshopperclub-ground in Zurich, when at last he did see Switzerland win, and with a vengeance! But to get back to my job. The Germans fielded a team strengthened by the in-clusion of five old Austrian internationals, Raftl in goal, Schmaus at left back, Mock centre-haff, Hahmenann and Pesser at in- and outside left respectively. The Swiss team stood as against England in Zurich. Since that unforgettable match our players have had a strenuous time in order to finish the League championship. For the six Grasshoppers this meant the game under re-view, to be their fourth within 15 days and the six Grasshoppers this meant the game under re-view to be their fourth within 15 days and the third for the others, hardly the right sort of pre-paration for their difficult task ahead. Our opponents proceeded on different lines.

opponents proceeded on different lines. But, they are tough and proved to all and sundry that their victories over the Czechs, Portugal and England were not accidental, but due to Swiss Football with a capital F! The game against Germany was a real hard fight, what we used to call a "cup-match," everyone going all out for victory and don't stand on ceremony. And in the 29th minute, Gauchel, the German centre-forward fastened on to a centre by Pesser and placed the ball into our net. Two minutes before half-time, a nice Swiss movement minutes before half-time, a nice Swiss movement sees the ball going to Bickel from Amado, thence back to Walacek who centres to Trello who nods the ball into the far corner of the net. Switzer-land has equalised.

Whereas in the first half Germany had rather whereas in the first han openhany had father more of the game, after the interval the Reds had the better of the argument. But neither side could penetrate equally sound defences. During the half-hour of extra-time the Swiss were almost at the end of their physical powers. The play deteriorated horribly and what had been a hard game before now become shell we say a faul deteriorated horribly and what had been a hard game before, now became, shall we say, a foul game. Pesser kicked Minelli and was sent off. But the referee should have shown his authority a good deal earlier on. Anyway, the result re-mained at one all, necessitating a replay on the same ground on the ninth. Here is the result : 4 Germany SWITZERLAND ... 2

A great day for Swiss Football! Just listen. The Swiss field the same side again, the Germans make seven alterations! The beginning favours our opponents and after eight minutes play, Hahnemann, now playing at centre-forward, scores out of a scrimmage in front of our goal. Germany continue to press, evidently bent on settling the affair once and for all. Only spas-modically break our forwards away. In the 23rd minute disaster befalls Switzerland ! Lörtscher, trying to clear, puts the ball into the Swiss net. Germany leads 2:0!

Long faces among the spectators. Grim faces on the field of play. The German forwards storm

our defence; the Swiss swarm round the German goal. Defence predominates. Five minutes before half-time Walacek beats Raftl (a tip-top before half-time Walacek beats Raftl (a tip-top goalkeeper is he) and reduces the arrears to 1:2. Just then Aebi has to be carried off and on re-suming we have but 4 forwards. But we are at least holding our own. After a quarter of an hour, Aebi, heavily bandaged, resumes pluckily and our morale gets a fillip. Five minutes later Amado centres, Raftl misses the ball and Bickel beads through Switzgaland has made good a heads through. Switzerland has made good a deficit of two early goals! The game proceeds. Play flows backwards and forwards. Both goals have narrow escapes and then, ten minutes from the end, our Reds force a corner, beautifully taken by Amado and Trello's head does the rest.

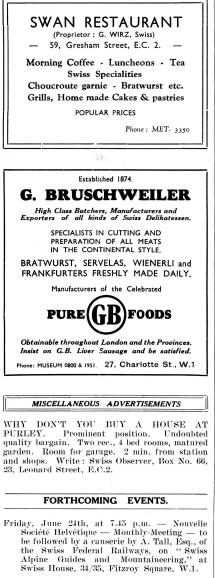
Switzerland leads 3:2!

From now onwards the Swiss are definitely on top. Attack on attack rolls on to Raftl's sanctuary and it's Trello again who betters the score to 4:2.

Little Switzerland, after a two hours battle forced a replay and in spite of losing two early goals *beat* Germany (means Austria as well) by 4 goals to 2!

Three times Three Cheers for our national

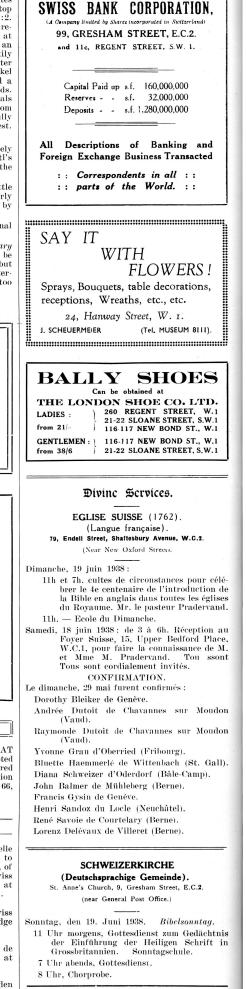
And if we did lose the game against *Hungary* in Lille, on the 12th June by 0:2, no one will be surprised. Our players are not machine surprised. Our players are not machines, but human beings and to play strenuous inter-national matches at the rate of 3 in 8 days is too much of a good thing. M.G.



Tuesday, June 28th, at 7.30 p.m. — City Swiss Club — Dinner and Dance, at Brent Bridge Hotel, Hendon. (See advert.).

Wednesday, July 6th, at 7.30 p.m. — Société de Secours Mutuels — Monthly Meeting — at 74, Charlotte Street, W.1.

Saturday, July 9th — Swiss Sports and Garden Party — Duke of York's Headquarters at Chelsea.



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