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SPORTS EVENTS.

Football.

The English Football Association has already announced their team to play Switzerland at the Arsenal Stadium on December 1st. Four changes have been made by the British selectors from the side that recently beat Wales. The Swiss team has not yet been announced; the names will be given the day before the play.

The classification for the Swiss Football Championship is at present as follows:—

	P.	W.	D.	L.	Pts.
1. Lugano	10	8	1	1	17
2. Lausanne	10	6	2	2	14
3. Bienne	10	6	—	4	12
4. Bâle	10	5	2	3	12
5. Bellinzona	10	4	3	3	11
6. La Chaux-de-Fonds	10	4	3	3	11
7. Zurich	10	4	2	4	10
8. Chiasso	10	3	4	3	10
9. Grasshoppers	10	3	3	4	9
10. Locarno	10	3	3	4	9
11. Granges	10	3	3	4	9
12. Servettes	10	2	2	6	6
13. Urania	10	1	3	6	5
14. Young Fellows	10	1	3	6	5

Gymnastics.

As the readers of the "Swiss Observer" probably know, the Swiss Gymnastic Team which was engaged in a competition against the Olympic winners of Finland in October, 1948, in Helsinki, gained a glorious victory. It is, however, very surprising to notice that the Finnish press started soon after this meeting to accuse the Swiss marksmen with partiality. The official paper of the Finnish Gymnastic Association has even proposed that the International Gymnastic Board should cancel the results of this Finnish-Swiss match! It is very sad indeed that such arguments should now be brought into the sport by the valiant Finns whose sportsmanship was always considered as being above all criticism. When the Swiss gymnasts were beaten by the Finns with a very narrow margin at the Olympic Games in London, nobody ever dreamt of disputing the fairness of the various arbiters (amongst them were

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Finns). Let us hope that this intermezzo will have no further consequences.

Tennis.

The International Tennis Championships of Switzerland on covered courts were organised in Geneva over the week-end of mid-November. Great interest was attached to them because of the famous German player Gottfried von Cramm, who disputed twice the finals in the Wimbledon Championships. He proved to be still a formidable opponent to all tennis players and won the men's singles with great ease and a perfect style. The results of the meeting were:

Mens' Singles: Gottfried von Cramm (Germany-Sweden).

Ladies' Singles: Mrs. A. Bossi (Italy).

Mixed Doubles: Alice Weivers-Kukuljevic (Luxembourg-Yougoslavia).

Mens' Doubles: Cucelli-del Bello (Italy).

Shooting.

The organisation for the World's Championships for shooting (rifle and pistol) has been attributed to the Argentine. The Swiss Team will be called upon to defend the valuable Mannerheim trophy, which is the prize for the best performance with the Army rifle of the organising country. There is a rule that the organising country should therefore lend some of their Army rifles to the countries who compete for this Mannerheim trophy, in order to enable them to get used to it. All countries have until now strictly adhered to this rule. When the Swiss Rifle Association recently asked the Argentinian for this rifle for training purposes, they were told that the Swiss should come to the Argentine to use them! This attitude is clearly contrary with good tradition and puts the other competitors at a big disadvantage.

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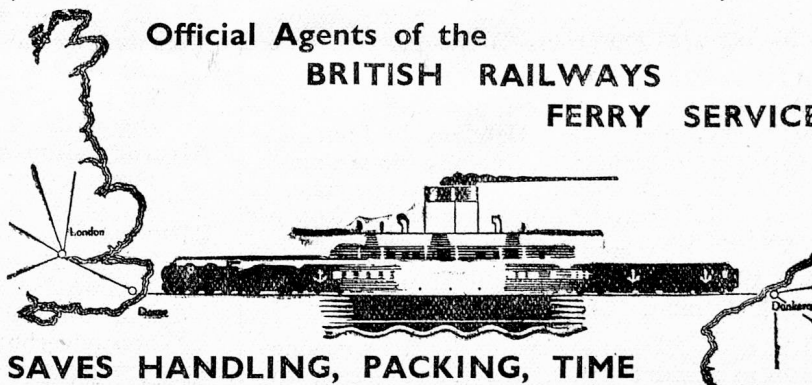
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