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THE 1951 LINTS-SMITH CUP MATCH.

"The Times" F.C. 4 Swiss Mercantile College 1

The annual football challenge match for the Lints-Smith Cup was played on Saturday, 14th April, at Ravensbourne, Kent, between "the Times" and the Swiss Mercantile Society's College. This occasion, as much a social as a sporting one, graced this year by cool spring sunshine, was attended by a large party of Swiss students from the College, as well as by prominent members of the Swiss Colony in London, among whom we include Monsieur M. G. Lepori, of the Swiss Legation, Mr. W. Meier, President of the Swiss Mercantile Society, and his wife, and Messrs. A. Jaccard and W. Burren, of the Council and Committees of that Society. Mr. Burren's presence was particularly apt, since he himself, in his younger days at the College, was an active footballer and used to play regularly in this now traditional match.

Swiss Mercantile College team: F. Jundt (Gundeldingen A.C.), F. Hengartner (Bankverein St. Gallen), H. Jucker (Wetzikon F.C.), E. Berti (Swiss Bank Corporation), H. R. Bertschi (Zürich F.C.), H. J. Huldli (St. Gallen F.C.), A. Besomi (Lugano F.C.), H. Schellenberg (Unterstrass Zürich), H. Müller (Kantonsschule St. Gallen), G. R. C. Kitchin (Capt., College Staff), P. Angst (Unterstrass Zürich).

Despite a 4-1 defeat by "The Times", the College team can be said to have acquitted themselves more than nobly. Here we had a body of Students temporarily in England, whose fixture list had been very severely mauled by recent bad weather, playing against a team of seasoned amateur league footballers who have managed to play regularly every Saturday since September.

This comparative lack of training manifested itself amply in the course of the game. "The Times" players were swifter in every reaction, swifter to move and swifter to tackle. Their first-time tackling destroyed all the Students' efforts at constructive football, and their first-time shooting and opportunism gained them the goals that counted. Nevertheless there was much neat dash and dribbling from E. Berti and A. Besomi, right half and outside respectively, and H. J. Huldli once again showed football genius at left half. The hero, as usual, was the goalkeeper, F. Jundt, who saved everything saveable and much was unsaveable. Playing with the wind, "The Times" were one up inside two minutes and two up ten minutes from half-time. With five minutes of the

second half gone H. Schellenberg crashed home a beautiful shot in falling, and for a time, the College looked like drawing level. But "The Times" centre forward took advantage of poor covering and re-established the lead; and it was he, C. H. Knight, who scored the final fourth, and his own third, goal.

Presenting the Cup and medals after the match, M. Lepori emphasised the honour felt by young Swiss in being able to play football in the mother-country of sport, while Mr. C. W. Westcott, Hon. Secretary of "The Times" A.F.C., replying, said how much they always looked forward to what they called their "Swiss day".

Nearly two-hundred "Times" members and Swiss students danced the evening out in "The Times" pavilion, with an impromptu inter-club singing competition, the crowning point, won easily by the lusty Students' voices.

G.R.C.K.



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