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SPORTS NEWS FROM SWITZERLAND

Swiss sportsmen (and women) have been very successful in several fields during this summer. Early in July, Switzerland managed for the first time to get a fourth place in the Six-Country Athletics Competition in Berne (Belgium, France, Germany, Italy, Netherlands and Switzerland). Ernst Ammann broke the hammer record with 63.20 m. The same week-end, Peter Hoehn broke the Swiss record for 200m. back crawl at the swimming stadium in Zurich: 2:35.7.

At the European Equestrian Championships at Aachen, Arthur Blickenstorfer on "Apache" came fourth, the best placing ever achieved by a Swiss.

The following week-end, the Swiss team Bürgin/Studach beat the Olympic champions Tjurin/Dubrovski (Russia) at the European Rowing Festival on the Rotsee Lucerne. Melch Bürgin was victorious with the Skiff. Other successes were registered by "Blauweiss". The Basle oarsmen carried away no fewer than four titles. In the bow and arrow contest between France and Switzerland, "Basilisk" (Basle) was second and Berne fourth. Individually, Roth was seventh and Miss Ziebac (Basle) first in the women's events. In an athletic contest Belgium, France, Switzerland, Miss Annelies Maier won the long-jump with 5.61m. The Swiss team was last. Altherr/Brunschweiler (Kreuzlingen) won the Swiss canoe championship at Birsfelden.

At the Fencing tournaments in Vittel, the Swiss team (Leyrer, Schmid and Battig — Zurich) were first. Individually, Leyrer was second of 97 specialists from nine nations. Among the 44 women, Miss Andrea Moor (Basle) was 10th and Miss Heidi Müller (Zurich) 15th.

At the world gymnastic festival in Vienna, the 4th Gymnaestrada (20th-24th July), the Swiss gymnasts had a striking success, though, unlike the Olympic Games, the Gymnaestrada is a demonstration only and not a contest. Over 10,000 men and women from forty nations demonstrated gymnastics. "The flying Swiss", the Viennese called our unsurpassed gymnasts who proved their skilled teamwork on apparatus.

Early in August, the Swiss canoeists managed to get four bronze medals at the world championships in Austria. Brugg was the venue of the Swiss Military Sports. Germany won the "Länderkampf". Lt. Alex Tschui (Bienne) was first in the Swiss championship in the modern pentathlon.

Miss Meta Antenen (Schaffhausen) improved on her 80m. hurdle record when she achieved the Swiss record of 11.1 seconds. With eight Swiss victories, Switzerland yet lost the athletic contest against France in La Chaux-de-Fonds.

On 15th August, Urs von Wartburg made a new Swiss javelin record in Olten: 82.75m. At the Swiss swimming championships, several records were beaten, and five titles went to Basle swimmers. Hans Lüthi (Zürich) won the Swiss road cycling contest.

Switzerland won the pistol match against Germany at Wiesbaden. The 17-year old Madeleine Wichser (Glarus) shot a new record with 591 points in six shots. Jo Siffert, Switzerland's best racing driver, beat Jim Clark at Ena in Sicily. The Swiss athletes did well in the semi-finals for the European Athletic Cup in Rome. The Genevese Jean-Pierre Roggo triumphed at the World Moth Glider Championship in New Jersey.

At the European Rowing Championships in Duisburg, Switzerland finished third behind Russia and Germany: one gold and one bronze medal. Bürgin/Studach are

European champions and Basle's "Blauweiss" foursome finished third in their event.

Werner Duttweiler (Bienne) managed the hat trick by winning the Swiss title in decathlon for the third time running (Berne, 29th August).

Finally, the Swiss chess champion 1965 is again Marcel Markus (Zurich).

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