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FOOTBALL MATCH

S.M.S. College v. The Times Football Club

This annual fixture which has been a regular event for three decades, took place on Saturday, 2nd April on "The Times" sports grounds at Ravensbourne.

There was a very good attendance of spectators, consisting of "The Times" F.C. officials and supporters and a large number of students of the S.M.S. College. Also present from the S.M.S. were the President Mr. A. Jaccard, the Secretary of the S.M.S., Mr. W. Burren, the Principal of the College Mr. C. Slade, Mrs. Mariann Meier (*not* in her capacity as Editor of the "Swiss Observer"), Mr. Locher, S.M.S. member and writer. On "The Times" side we were pleased to see again the congenial and popular Vice-President Mr. Charles Westcott and his charming wife, Mr. J. Gard, the organiser, and Commander Loftie. The special guest from the Swiss Embassy, was Defence Attaché Colonel W. Frei.

The match started at 3.30 p.m., and within the first quarter of an hour, "Times" scored a goal and we had visions of a defeat for the Swiss boys.

However, this proved not to be the case, as the Swiss gradually found their game, combining better than at the beginning, and they started scoring goals, which we were waiting to see.

So half-time arrived with the Swiss leading, perhaps somewhat luckily, by 4 goals to 1.

In the second half, things continued in the same way, although a lot of spectators, not only Swiss supporters, were looking forward to a more even ending of the match. However, it was not to be, and the Swiss, in rapid succession, scored another three goals, and the match ended 7 to 1 in favour of the S.M.S. College.

It was a thoroughly sporting and enjoyable game, as the encounters with our friends, "The Times" F.C. always are.

A sumptuous meal was served in "The Times" beautiful pavilion, which was followed by a speech of welcome by the Chairman, Mr. Westcott, and the S.M.S. President, Mr. Jaccard. Mr. Westcott then passed the word to Colonel W. Frei who presented the Lints-Smith Challenge Cup to the Captain of the Swiss team, and the medals to the members of the winning team and the runners-up.

After everybody had enjoyed the excellent tea, tables were cleared and the dance then commenced. The writer who was unable to stay, cannot of course comment on this part of the function which, by all accounts, was greatly enjoyed by all the participants.

Once again our hosts surpassed themselves in their generous hospitality, and grateful thanks are due to the organisers.

H.H.B.

The teams lined up as follows: S.M.S. College: F. Molina, A. Martin, R. Strub, R. Joris, E. Haenni (Captain), J. F. Marquis, R. Bachmann, P. Raval, J. Meier, V. Villos, O. Keller and A. Hobi (Reserve). "The Times": J. Wray, M. Giles, W. Mumbray, D. Cheesman, J. Lubin, D. Miles, A. Watts, J. Blackman, A. Small, J. England (Captain), M. McCarthy.

The Swiss goals were scored by Bachmann, 1, Meier 2, Raval 2, Villos 2.

Once again, the Referee kindly presented his fee to the outstanding sportsman of the match in his opinion, this time a Swiss, the Outside-Left O. Keller.

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