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INTERNATIONAL ICE HOCKEY MATCHES.

Switzerland v. England; Switzerland v. Wembley Lions; Switzerland v. Scottish All Stars; Switzerland v. Canadian Army Team.

The first of the International Ice Hockey Matches played between the Davos Hockey Team (Swiss Champions) and various English, Scottish and Canadian teams, took place on Thursday, May 2nd, 1946 at the Empire Stadium Wembley.

This impressive Sports Pavilion, holding seats for 10,000 spectators was filled to its entire capacity.

A numerous contingent of Swiss, amongst them the Swiss Chargé d'Affaires, Monsieur A. Escher, gave the Davos team a rousing reception.

Without any bias, it can be said, that the Swiss team dominated, with few exceptions, throughout the game, and their splendidly conceived attacks, executed with maximum speed were delightful to watch.

The outstanding player on the rink, was undoubtedly Hutchinson, the English goal-keeper, who played a magnificent game. Time after time he stopped deadly shots coming from the Swiss attack. On the Swiss side, Cattini and Trepp distinguished themselves.

The match resulted in a draw (3 : 3) and it is solely due to the fine goal-keeping of Hutchinson, that the match did not end with a debacle for the English Internationals.

During the interval, Hans Gerschwiler, the Swiss Champion Skater gave a remarkable exhibition, which was vociferously cheered.

The second encounter took place on Saturday, May 4th, again at the Empire Stadium, before a full house. The opposing team was the reputed "Wembley Lions" which included various well-known Canadian players.

The Swiss played a fast and aggressive game, and the clever combination of their forwards soon brought results. Trepp and Poltera especially distinguished themselves and they fully deserved to win. The result 5 : 3 was a popular one.

The Davos Team then travelled to Scotland where they played two matches against the "Scottish All Stars" team. The first match resulted in a win for the Swiss (7 : 3) and the second was won by the Scots by 6 : 5. The latter game was unfortunately marred by some unpleasant incidents on the side of the Scottish team.

The return match against the "Wembley Lions" took place again at the Wembley Empire Stadium.

By now the Davos team had played, within two weeks, four strenuous games, the strain on various players became apparent, and it was not to be wondered at that the Swiss team, which towards the end of the match went to pieces lost by 8 goals to 3. They were fairly and soundly beaten.

Monsieur Paul Ruegger, the Swiss Minister, as well as a large number of our compatriots witnessed the game.

The last encounter of the Swiss team took place at Wembley, on Saturday, May 11th against a Canadian Army Team. The tiredness of the Swiss players, which was noticed in the previous match, made itself once more felt and they were beaten by 12 goals to 6.

In spite of some reverses the Davos team came through the various encounters with great credit, and their clever and fair play was greatly admired by the

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respective audiences, and we on our part tender them our heartiest congratulations.

Swiss Team: Perl, Geromini, Gerst, Boller, Ruedi, Torriani, Hans and Pic. Cattini, Trepp, Uli Poltera, Dürst.

71st FETE SUISSE.

After a lapse of seven years, the "Fête Suisse," which for so many years has been an eagerly looked forward to event in the Swiss Colony, is going to take place on Saturday, June 15th, at the Westminster Hall.

A very attractive programme has been arranged, and the organisers have been able to procure the kind collaboration of such eminent artistes as Mlle Sophie Wyss, Soprano, and Mr. Albert Ferber, Solo Piano-forte.

Miss Rosemary Pfaendler, the Swiss Male Choir and the Swiss Accordeon Club are also billed to appear on the programme.

The Swiss Minister, Monsieur Paul Ruegger, has kindly consented to open the Fête and address the audience.

This year's "Fête Suisse" is in aid of the Swiss Benevolent Society, and we make a fervent appeal to the members of the Swiss Colony to attend in great numbers; we are convinced that they will spend an enjoyable evening amongst their countrymen. Arrangements have been made for light refreshments.

Do not miss this opportunity, and turn up in large numbers, and thus spend a few happy hours in congenial company.