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Switzerland is a little country, and a modest one. That has not prevented her being better known to foreigners than any other country in Europe. Should she now ape the greater powers? Is not any form of ostentation alien to the character of her citizens and her traditions?

And what, in fact, would a distinguished delegation do? And are its members likely to feel very much at home in London? Why not leave official representation to our Minister and his Staff? Their choice as our representatives for so many years is proof enough of confidence in their ability to represent us with distinction and wisdom.

I am, Sir,

Yours faithfully,

UHU.

FOOTBALL.

SWISS CUP, SEMI-FINALS

14th March, 1937.

In Bern: Lausanne 5 Biel 2
In Zurich: Grasshoppers 7 Servette 3
(after extra time).

Lausanne Sports were far too good for Biel on the day's play and got their place in the Final in a canter. The match in Zurich was a much closer affair. At the end of the regulation period the scores were level at three all. I do not recollect another match where, during extra time, one of the teams scored four times without reply; yet that is what happened in this instance, the goals falling, three in the first and one in the second fifteen minutes. So Grasshoppers will contest the Final of the Swiss Cup for the eighth time in this but 12 years old competition, at the expense of Servette, last years runners-up to Young Fellows. Will they win the trophy for the fifth time, or is Lausanne destined to be the one and only other club to have its name engraved thereon for the second time?

In international matches the dismal tale of non-success continues. To defeats by Italy and Austria in October and November last have to be added the matches in Prague on 21st February ending 5:3 in favour of the Czechs, and on 7th March in Amsterdam where the Dutch won by 2:1. The remaining fixtures for this season are: 11th April v Hungary in Basel, 18th April v Belgium in Brussels, 2nd May v Germany in Zurich and 16th May v Irish Free State in Bern. If we do better than win that last one, I'll eat my —, no, that would be nasty, I'll drink a bottle of Neuchâtel!

What about the League championship? About three quarters of the fixtures are completed and the easiest way to illustrate the success or failure of the clubs concerned is to give the table:

NATIONAL LEAGUE

	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Pts.
Young Fellows	18	12	2	4	48	37	26
Young Boys	18	11	3	4	49	24	25
Grasshoppers	17	9	5	3	42	21	23
Luzern	18	10	3	5	32	33	23
Servette	16	8	2	6	43	32	18
Lugano	16	7	3	6	43	37	17
Biel	17	7	2	8	28	30	16
Nordstern	17	5	5	7	33	37	15
Chaux-de-Fonds	17	7	1	9	34	40	15
Lausanne	17	6	2	9	28	26	14
Bern	16	4	4	8	16	28	12
Basel	18	4	4	10	18	31	12
St. Gallen	17	2	2	13	21	59	6

So far, Young Boys and Young Fellows have made the running, displacing each other at intervals. Grasshoppers, with a game in hand, are well placed to take a hand in the final honours. Luzern, the newly promoted club, are almost a second Charlton, but I do not like their negative goal average. Servette may still have an outside chance to climb higher, but —. At the foot of the table St. Gall look irretrievably lost; the more the pity. Who is to be their companion in distress is difficult to say at the moment and we will have to wait and see. By the by, the National League clubs are now of opinion that they cannot exist on a mere 11 or 12 league home-games and they want the membership increased once more to 14, instead of reducing it to 12, as previously decided. If their proposition should be accepted by the F. A. Delegates meeting — and there is considerable opposition — no club would be relegated at the end of this season and the First League champion would join the upper circle, thus making it 14 N. L. clubs. Thenceforward only one club would be relegated and one promoted. A better and fairer way I think would be, that the two bottom clubs and any other First League club, apart from the automatically promoted champion, should stand for election to the National League, a method adopted in England, if I remember rightly, when the First Division was increased from 20 to 22 clubs.

In the First League, group West, Grenchen are again first with 27 points from 16 games, followed by Vevey, 25 and Aarau 22 points, both having played 17 games. Group East shows Juventus (Zurich) at the head, 18 games, 22

points. Relatively better placed, 1 point behind with 3 games in hand, are F. C. Brühl (St. Gall) and F. C. Zurich; one or the other should become group champion, only — there are seven more matches to be played!

M.G.

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— Und dazwischen die Schweiz!

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J.P.

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