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**SPORTS EVENTS.**

**Olympic Films.**

As is generally known the film rights for the Olympic Summer Games were granted officially to the British Arthur Rank Organisation. Their film "The Glory of Sport" came out a few weeks ago and was shown in all countries. Its reception in Switzerland was more than modest. The Swiss press generally pointed out that none of the Swiss competitors were shown in this film except two Swiss rowing crews taking part in the finals at Henley. The same complaints were formulated by the Swedish press which stated that non of the 17 Swedish Gold Medal winners appear in the British Olympic film. The financial results of the Swiss and Swedish performances of this film are therefore negligible. It is the more surprising since our country as well as Sweden have always shown very keen interest in sports films. A Swiss company "Rhône Films S.A., Geneva" has now created a Swiss version of the Olympic Summer Games under the title "With the Swiss Athletes at the Olympic Summer Games in London." This film last 2 hours 15 minutes and its reception by the Swiss Public was very good.

**Football.**

The present situation in the Swiss football championship is as follows:—

League A :	Lausanne	6 games	11 points
	Lugano	6 "	9 "
	Bienne	6 "	8 "
	F. C. Zurich	6 "	7 "
League B :	F. C. Berne	6 games	11 points
	Cantonal Neuchâtel	6 "	8 "
	Young Boys Berne	6 "	8 "
	Brühl St. Gall	6 "	8 "

**Gymnastics.**

A gymnastic meeting between the Cantons of Zurich and Berne took place on Sunday, 17th October, at Waedenswil. This meeting was of particular interest since most of our Olympic competitors took part in it. The Zurich team proved for once to be the winner with 539.30 points against 533.55 points by Berne. The winner in the individual competition was Walter Lehmann, Richterswil. The meeting took place at Waedenswil whose gymnastic section celebrated its centenary.

**Skating.**

The well-known Swiss Skater, Hans Gerschwiler, has turned professional. H. Gerschwiler was European and World Skating Champion for Amateurs in 1947 and finished as runner-up in the World and Olympic Championships 1948. He lived in London for many years and obtained his first training here from his uncle, A. Gerschwiler. Hans Gerschwiler has been appointed instructor to an ice rink in Canada where he will spend the next winter season.

**Cycling.**

The Swiss Military Championship for teams was organised by the military section of Soleure on Sunday, 17th October. The distance of the race was 77km. and was covered by the winning team in 2:18:21.8 hours, corresponding to an average speed of 33.480km. This performance is really brilliant since it was accomplished on the ordinary Swiss military bicycle and the team mates being in full military dress. More than 50 teams took part in this very successful championship of which the results were as follows:—

1. Cycl. Cp.	15	2:18:21.8	hours
2. Cycl. Cp.	16	2:23:56.2	hours
3. Cycl. Cp.	14	2:25:16.8	hours
4. Cycl. Cp.	II/4	2:27:31	hours
5. Cycl. Cp.	27	2:28:23	hours
6. Cycl. Cp.	II/6	2:28:38	hours

**Handball.**

The run for the honours in the Swiss Handball Championship ended on Sunday last. For the third time in succession the handball section of the Grass Hoppers Club Zurich carried away the title of Swiss Champion. The Final results of the league table are:

1. Grasshoppers	13 games	22 points
2. Aarau	13 "	19 "
3. Unterstrass Zurich	13 "	18 "
4. Boy Scouts Winterthur	13 "	16 "
5. G.G. Berne	13 "	10 "

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