

Football runs in the family

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FOOTBALL RUNS IN THE FAMILY.

Our Ticinesi compatriots enjoy the reputation of being not only "bravi soldati", but also of being keen sportsmen. Most of the prizes given at the annual Swiss Sports meetings in London invariably go to members of the "Unione Ticinese".

That our countrymen from "down south" living in the Provinces are worthy rivals of their brethren in the Metropolis is proved by the picture which appeared in a Worthing paper, and which we herewith reproduce by courtesy of the Sports Editor.

Six keen footballers in one family is unique and well deserves mentioning. Our picture portrays the family Bonetti of Worthing, all members of the "Worthing Catholic Football Club".

Young Philip, who has not as yet taken an active part in some of the matches, is showing all the signs of a future star player and, although he has so far not scored many goals, has nevertheless broken several windows through kicking a football around in the back garden of the family home at 34, Christchurch Road, Worthing.

The doyen of the team and head of the family is Mr. G. Bonetti (aged 47); he plays right-back. René, aged 17, an apprentice motor mechanic, occupies the position of right-half; Robert, a year younger, who works with his father in the family's sea-front café, is centre-half; whilst Peter, aged 15, acts as goal-keeper and wants to become a professional. Francis, still a school-boy, plays inside left.

As a football team consists of 11 players we would strongly recommend "Poppa" to

make every effort to bring the present team to full strength, in order to register it in the football fraternity under the name "F.C. Bonetti".

It might interest our Ticinesi that Mr. G. Bonetti's father — now 82 years of age — a citizen of Chironico (Val Leventina) came to this country at the age of 17. He brought up a family of eight (4 boys and four girls). His son, the father of the five footballers, was born in this country and when becoming of age optioned for Swiss nationality. His wife, Lydia, née Darani, hails from Giornico. Mr. G. Bonetti has always been in the catering business, and is running the "Rendez-vous" café at 21, Marine Parade, Worthing. He was, when in London, a member of the "Unione Ticinese" committee, of which his brother-in-law, the late Mr. Peter de Maria, was President.

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