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FOOTBALL.

November 6th, 1932.

SWITZERLAND 2 SWEDEN 1 (0:1)
in Basel.

Football enjoys a very large measure of popularity in Sweden. Although the "Svenska Fotbollförbundet" was founded in 1904 real fame was first achieved in the Olympic Games in Paris in 1924, when Sweden reached the Semi-Finals and lost to Switzerland by a similar score, 2:1. You may remember that Switzerland succumbed to Uruguay by 0:3 in the Final and that period also saw our team at its pinnacle of fame.

Digressing further, five years ago to the day we met Sweden in Zürich, result 2:2. It is interesting to note that the two brothers Abegglen as well as Séchehaye were in that team, both Séchehaye and Trello then playing for Carouge. It was Trello's first "cap" and on Sunday he gathered his 21st in Basel. The record is held by R. Ramseyer (Bern) with 59 (and hardly a chance for the 60th) and Exam, who has just played in his 47th International is runner-up.

Now for the game.

A crowd of 20,000 filled every available space when Sweden Kicked off in rather foggy weather. Within five minutes the ball is in the Swiss net, but the whistle had gone for offside. Two minutes later Sweden score a real point, Séchehaye stops in falling the inside-right's shot, but the right winger Ohlsson gains possession and kicks over the prostrate Séchehaye into the net; 0:1. Our goalie is carried off and Spiller goes into goal, Switzerland continuing with 10 men. A few minutes later Séchehaye is able to return and Jaeck, playing a forceful game on the wing gains the first corner. It is evident that two teams relying on different methods are here in opposition. Switzerland endeavours to play the Viennese football, something on the lines of a Scotland Eleven, close passing, keeping the ball on the ground, from man to man and, of course, overdoing it. (Chelsea!) Sweden adopt a more open style, shoot often, tackle the man and if beaten, recover and tackle him again. Even for that "holy" person, the goalkeeper they show no respect and quite correctly play him according to the rules. The Swiss public shows its ignorance by booing these methods, but we really should blame the mid-European players and referees, who for years have spoiled the goalkeeper by non-interference. Anyhow, Sweden hits a post, the Reds also narrowly miss several chances, and halftime finds our Eleven one goal in arrears.

Continuing, Switzerland press and have the better of the argument. Passello, then Jaeck, then Xam miss by inches. A Swedish attack almost succeeds, Séchehaye is glad to concede a corner. Again Kroon bamboozles Minelli, centres and Ohlsson shoots just outside the post. A narrow escape! Our halves show signs of wear and tear; luckily Weiler plays at the top of his form. Always the same fault; the Reds will continue to barge their way through the middle and neglect their wings. At last, 23 minutes after the restart, v. Känel gets the ball on the goal line, (had to get it himself), centres and after a mix-up in the goalmouth Xam equalises, 1:1. And now the Reds go all out for the winning point. Two minutes before the end Trello and Xam dribble through and from close in Xam first hits the keeper and on the rebound scores his second goal and wins the match 2:1.

No doubt, Switzerland deserved to win. The Swedes were a tall and hefty team, in perfect condition. Our little forwards had to fight hard and generally speaking, the Swiss team was thoroughly exhausted at the final blow of the whistle. It was a hard match and a meritorious win.

A WARNING.

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