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Glory, Glory, Hallelujah! Switzerland has scored a decisive victory over redoubtable Hungary, conquerors of the might of England a year ago.

It took my breath away when I heard over the wireless, very faintly, so faintly in fact that I very much doubted having heard at all, that Switzerland was leading at half-time by four goals to nil. Yet true it was and true it is and we Swiss may once again confess without blushing that we also do play Football, with a capital F!

This reverse of fortune is all the more welcome as it comes after a lengthy spell of non-success. The reports of the previous international match in Prague, when new tactics were for the first time employed, had been very encouraging; although the team lost by three goals to one, we played a really good game and only faulty finishing and a great opposing goalkeeper prevented at least a draw. I am afraid my somewhat sceptical nature would not allow me to get very enthusiastic at the time. There must have been more truth in the reports than I thought. I humbly apologize and all the more rejoice in the consummation of those prophecies, in the accomplished victory over Hungary on the Grasshopper ground in Zurich before 25,000 spectators. Bad weather kept many people away; they must be sorry now!

The Prague team could not be kept together in its entirety; Weiler I, left back, had to stand down on account of an injury and was worthily replaced by Gobet (Bern). Defago (Grasshoppers) took the place of Binder at right half and in the forward line, our old friend Trello Aebegglen, now trainer of the F.C. Sochaux, France, was brought back, to the exclusion of Poretti. Trello is to-day acknowledged to be one of the best inside forwards on the Continent and whilst the miraculous transformation of our team may be attributed in part to his clever play, yet it was not a matter of individual's success; far from it; the team played as a team, played keen purposeful football and deservingly routed the Hungarians.

Here are the teams:

SWITZERLAND: Bizzozero (Lugano); Minelli (Grasshoppers), Gobet (Bern); Defago, Weiler II (both Grasshoppers) Müller (Young Fellows); Amado (Lugano), Bösch (Bern), Kielholz (Servette), Trello (Sochaux) and Jaeck (Basel).
HUNGARY: Horn (Ujpest); Sternberg (U.), Polgar (Ferencváros); Palotas (Bocskai), Sarosi, Lazar (both F.); Röck (Budai 11), Vinceze, Auer (Both U.) Cseh and Titkos (both Hungaria).
REFEREE: Lewington, (England).

Switzerland has the advantage of a stiff breeze in the first half; play in the first few minutes is fairly equal; Minelli prevents at the last moment an early goal for Hungary. Slowly our forwards come more into the picture; Trello shoots, the ball is fisted out to Defago who sends it back into the goalmouth for Jaeck to score. Six minutes have gone and Switzerland leads by 1:0. Great salvos of "Hopp Schwyz, hopp Schwyz" encourage our Reds. Our defence have plenty to do; Trello frequently lends his aid to the Halves. Hungary too play the third back game. Switzerland make good use of their speedy wing forwards: Amado runs through, passes to Bösch who puts the ball through for Kielholz. Both, goal-keeper and centre forward rush for the ball. Horn wins, is charged by Kielholz, drops the ball and Kielholz places it in the empty goal. 2:0 in the 25th minute. Undaunted, Hungary attack fiercely and gain a corner, Bizzozero clears safely. By and by Switzerland gains the upper hand and in the 35th minute Kielholz converts a centre by Jaeck. 3:0. Five minutes before half-time Trello takes a pass from Bösch and with an unstopable shot makes it 4:0. Half-time.

From the kick-off of the second half Switzerland gains a fruitless corner. The fact that we have now to face the wind only seems to add zest of the keenness of our players, be it in defence or in attack. In the 58th minute Kielholz successfully tackles Sternberg, races through, both backs on his heels and with a beautiful shot on the run, just under the bar, gets his third goal: 5:0. Within a few minutes, Cseh, the Hungarian inside left dribbles through, easily to score his sides first goal from two yards out. 5:1.

One minute later Kielholz flings a wide pass to Jaeck who beats the back, centres and Trello does the needful, 6:1. Another 25 minutes to go. Hungary force the pace and they are once or twice unlucky to fail to score. In the 72nd minute Minelli handles the ball in the penalty area, some say it was accidental, the referee thought otherwise, and Cseh scores from the spot. 6:2.

Scoring chances for both sides are not improved upon and the final whistle blows: Switzerland has beaten Hungary by six goals to two!

The President of the Federal Council, Minger, sent a telegram of congratulations, and so say all of us!

On May 5th we meet the Irish Free State in Basel and although we may be without Trello, we can give our Reds unreservedly our confidence; if they play as they did in Prague and Zurich, we need not fear.

M.G.

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7 Uhr abends, Gottesdienst.

8 Uhr, Chorprobe.

TAUFE.

Am Palmsonntag, den 14. April wurde getauft: Peter Ulrich Vonwiller, geb. am 28.11.1934, Sohn des Hugo Emil Vonwiller von St. Gallen (Stadt) und der Dorothy Frances geb. Withers von London.

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