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GRASSHOPPERS DEFEATED BUT UNBOWED

The recent encounters between Grasshoppers Zürich and Nottingham Forest in the Quarter Finals of the European Champions Cup produced great excitement in both countries and left the Swiss feeling that their side had by no means been trampled on by Clough's giants.

In the first match, played on the City ground on 7th March at Nottingham, they (as the *Daily Express* put it) "shook Forest to the base of their muddy studs", being the first to score with a brilliant breakaway move by Sulser in the eleventh minute. Even so the Swiss

side were under heavy pressure throughout the contest which was reflected in the final scores of 4-1 in Forest's favour. There were something like 14 corners awarded against Grasshoppers during the struggle. Forest's efforts were eventually rewarded by a first goal in the 28th minute, followed by further goals from Robertson, Gemmill and Lloyd. Grasshoppers came near to scoring a second goal but this effort was frustrated by an acrobatic piece of goalkeeping by Shilton.

Being three goals down in the first match, Grasshoppers would have had to have produced a miracle

in order to emerge the overall winners, but they more than kept the English side on its toes in the return match in Zürich on 21st March. In front of 18,000 viewers, the home side went in front with a goal by Sulser in the first 30 minutes and kept the fans guessing until Forest's O'Neill scored the equalising goal. The final result was a 1-1 draw which certainly left Grasshoppers with the satisfaction of having played very well indeed and having lost overall against a very strong opponent, maybe the future champions of Europe.

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The picture of GC Zürich has been provided by courtesy of Mr. R. Hahn (himself a former GC player).



GRASSHOPPER — CLUB ZUERICH 1978/79

From left to right, top row: Bachmann Thomas, Traber Peter, Ponte Raimondo, Wehrli Roger, Egli André, Hey Jonny, Niggl Thomas, Meyer Bigi. Middle row: Brunner Hans (Masseur), Montandon Francis, Hagenbuch André, Berbig Roger, Inderbitzin Roland, Nafzger René, Sulser Claudio, Johannsen Helmuth (Trainer). Bottom row: Lauper Rolf, Piccand Roger, Hermann Herbert, Bauer Richard, Hermann Heinz, Bouli Oscar.