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FOOTBALL.

Important Notice to my Readers.

I beg to apologise sincerely for causing you such disappointment last week, through the inadvertent omission of my weekly article. The S. O. was published with such alacrity and speed that I missed the boat and I am very sorry indeed that I have vexed you so. And at Christmas time above all. Nevertheless, I am deeply gratified to see from the innumerable enquiries which poured in at the Editor's Office, how these little notes on Swiss Football gladden your hearts every week. Kindly excuse my replying personally to all your encouraging messages of good will. The task would be herculean. But I promise you never to be late again!

SWISS CUP.

On Sunday, 20th December, the replay took place in Bellinzona v Young Fellows when the latter managed to scramble home by 1-0. Thereby the last of the lower class representatives is eliminated and all the clubs in Round 4 are members of the National League.

Here is the draw for the last eight, matches to be played on February 7th on the first named Club's ground:—

Basel v Chaux-de-Fonds.

Servette v Young Boys.

Grasshoppers v Blue Stars.

Urania or Biel v Young Fellows.

Should Urania beat Biel, Geneva would, for the second time running, have two important Cup-matches. Some people have all the luck. Two of the remaining three Zurich Clubs clash. I expect Servette and Grasshoppers to contest the Final, providing they steer clear of each other in the Semi-Finals. But in the cup it is not always class nor form that counts!

NATIONAL LEAGUE.

In Group 1 Urania beat Nordstern 1-0, Bern created a great surprise by mastering the unbeaten Zurich team 1-0. As happens so often, the last beats the first. Zurich had so far played 8 matches yielding them full points with goals 24-6, and Berne in seven matches lost six and drew one, goals 5-25, and then they woke up! There is no telling what "der alte Mutz" can do. In Group 2, Old Boys lost to Servette 0-2 in Basel, Biel beat Etoile 2-1, and Grasshoppers could only draw 2-2 with Young Boys. In this Groupe Etoile-Carouge leads with 11 points followed by Grasshoppers 10, Biel 9, Young Boys 7 points. If you take "points lost" as the standard of merit instead of "points won" (and they are very fond of that way of calculation on the Continent) the list would be exactly reversed. Young Boys would be top with 5 points lost (i.e. played 6, drawn 3, lost 1=5) followed by Biel 5, Grasshoppers 6 and Carouge 7. These calculations are, of course, due to the funny fixture lists they have, whereby the four above mentioned clubs have played an unequal number of games, i.e. 6, 7, 8, and 9 respectively.

FIRST LEAGUE, GROUPE I.

Lausanne-Sports played and won their eighth League match against Monthey 4-0, giving them a clear lead of 6 points and goals 39-7!! Fribourg drew with Cantonal 2-2.

ICE HOCKEY.

A Cambridge University team played Akademiker in Zurich 2-2. Their previous match against Grasshoppers ended 0-12, showing that Grasshoppers are equally efficient in other sports, not only in Football.

On December 27th, there were only three National League games in the championship, Blue Stars being beaten by Biel 1-3, Nordstern achieving a creditable draw 0-0 with Lugano, and Servette giving further proof of their improved form by beating Young Boys 2-0. Thus in Groupe 2, Biel leads the table with 11 points followed by Carouge 11, Grasshoppers 10, Young Boys and Servette 7, Blue Stars and Etoile 6, and Aarau and Old Boys 5 points each.

Of the many friendly matches during the Christmas Holidays the following results may be mentioned.

Amsterdam: Zwaluwen v Grasshoppers 2-6. (Zwaluwen are Holland's Corinthians.)

The Hague: Haag V.V. v Grasshoppers 3-4. Geneva: Carouge v Admira (Vienna) 0-3. Neuchâtel: Cantonal v Admira 1-10. Zurich: Zurich v Floridsdorf (Vienna) 0-3.

SWISS CUP.

It has been decided that, beginning this season, Semi-Finals and Final shall be played on neutral grounds. The choice lay between Geneva, Lausanne, Bern, Basel and Zurich. Lots were drawn and luck was with Lausanne (Pontaise) and Bern (Neufeld) for the Semi-Finals on March 13th, 1932; and Zurich (ground yet to be fixed) for the Final on April 3rd, 1932.

GRASSHOPPERS ARE COMING.

We are pleased to announce that the long rumoured visit of Grasshoppers has taken definite shape. On 24th February, 1932, our champion will play the Casuals in London, and on 27th February, the famous Corinthians at the Crystal Palace. I fancy Grasshoppers, if worthily represented. M.G.

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