

MORE ORDERS FOR THE KRUPP-WORKS

Some time ago the Yugoslav Government entrusted the Krupp-firm in Essen with the equipment of the iron works in Zenica. This is an order for about 150

million Dinars. Just recently the Government again entrusted the Krupp firm with the building of a railway bridge.

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SPORTS

The approaching Olympic Games in Berlin have stirred up the whole world of sports, and everywhere there is a bustle of preparation for the great international event. Hungary has been greatly flattered by the fact that the Polish Athletic Association has sent a few of its best athletes to Budapest for a month's training in the Hungarian Physical Training College, to lay down, so to say, the foundation of their preparations for Berlin.

The famous French swordsman, Lieutenant Fauré, has also come to Budapest for the same reason, and will have three weeks' training here. In a statement made to the press, he said he had not come for training alone, but also to study the world-famed Hungarian fencing. It was his intention, on his return to France, to make of the experience gained and lay proposals before M. Pietri, the President of the French Fencing Association, with a view to encouraging the progress of fencing in France.

Both Hungarian sports circles and the whole Hungarian nation, are proud of these visits, which together with the results achieved in the realm of sports are manifest proof of the excellency and well-developed character of Hungarian sport.

FOOTBALL

Hungarian football has seen great days since the commencement of the spring season. Our footballers have competed in succession with two formidable opponents whose recent achievements had greatly enhanced their fame.

Recently German's team beat the famous Spanish players and afterwards Portugal's representative team. After these victories they played against Hungary. Their successes gave the German press and German public opinion every right to suppose that their match with Hungary would be another feather in their cap. But the high level of the Hungarian player's technique, coupled with their boundless enthusiasm, proved an unsurmountable obstacle, and it was in vain they did their best — they could not secure a repetition of their victories in Budapest. Enormous interest was displayed in the meeting, which ended in a victory of 3:2 for Hungary. Although they were finally beaten, the Ger-

mans were in very good form, and it was only in the last minutes of the game that the Hungarians managed to secure the victory. The match was the twelfth meeting of the two countries. So far the balance is in favour of the Hungarians, whose record shows six wins, three ties and only three defeats.

The second event was the match with the Austrians. Here two old rivals confronted each other. The match was on the Hohe Warte ground in Vienna, and the Austrian team was the "Wundermannschaft". Although the Austrian press prophesised victory for their own team, the Hungarians — all young players — entered the game with so much verve and enthusiasm that they carried the day by 5 goals to 3.

TABLE TENNIS

This year's Table Tennis world championship matches were held in Prague. The most sensational events were the defeat by the Rumanians and the French of the Hungarian team which has several times held the title. The reason — according to expert opinion — was that the strategy of attack, which the Hungarian world champions had brought to such perfection and which had hitherto proved so effective, no longer helped to win laurels. The method of relying on defence, of persistently returning every ball and waiting for the enemy to make a mistake, which was used by the Rumanians, gave them the victory, but robbed the match of any interest. This new style will not be of advantage to Table Tennis, for it will certainly increase the number of those who regard that game not as a sport but merely as acrobatics. A word must also be said about the bad management which influenced the matches and adversely affected the efficiency of the players. Here we were reminded of the mistakes which made the FIS ski tournament in the Tatra in 1935 so lamentably memorable. The first incident occurred during the English-Czecho-Slovak match. An unimportant mistake of the umpires called forth such a storm that the spectators began to bombard the English players with oranges. This unsportsmanlike behaviour by no means contributed to raise the level of the world championship games.

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