

S P O R T S

ARMISTICE BETWEEN RUMANIA AND HUNGARY

The above title will seem strange to Anglo-Saxon eyes, and public opinion in western Europe will be a little bewildered to learn that a truce in sport has been concluded between Hungary and Rumania. In the west of Europe it is difficult to imagine how two countries should need to conclude peace over sport. But anyone familiar with conditions in Central Europe will know that there are countries where political differences are so acute that they penetrate into territories which have nothing at all to do with politics. The best instance of the kind was the attitude adopted by the Rumanian authorities towards the Hungarian teams, which were either refused permission to enter Rumania or the matches arranged were prohibited. These unhappy conditions acted adversely more particularly on Rumanian football itself, which was thus deprived of the advantage to be gained by matches with the Hungarian teams, whose standard is very high. This has at last — thanks to the appeals of the local circles — induced the Rumanian Government to allow regular sport relations to be resumed. When the negotiations for this object had been successfully concluded, an agreement was arrived at in Budapest at the beginning of May which provided exhaustively for the resumption of the connections that had been broken off. Hungarian public opinion was pleased to learn that the Rumanian frontier was open again to Hungarian players, all the more so as a considerable number of perhaps the best players in Rumania's football teams are Hungarians from Transylvania.

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FOOTBALL

The outstanding event of the past few weeks was the arrival of the Irish representative team. The match, however, did not prove of special interest, for most of the Hungarian players were too self confident, with the inevitable result. Although the Irish team was decidedly poorer than its opponents the match ended in a tie (3 : 3). In fact, at half-time the Irish were leading 2 : 1.

In Central European football the most important event was the English representative team's match with Austria in Vienna. Sixty thousand spectators witnessed the game, which was won by the Austrian home team (2 : 1).

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SWIMMING

Regular training and races have been going on all winter in the covered swimming-pool, but the Hungarian swimmers are particularly busy at present in

view of the approaching Olympic Games and the other international swimming contests. As a result of this systematic work *Francis Csik*, who has repeatedly held several Hungarian and European titles, has established a new Hungarian record for 100 metres (57 secs). This is only 0.2 secs. behind the German *Fischer's* record for Germany and Europe established but a few days ago. *Csik's* record is relatively better, however, because *Fischer's* was made in a 25 metre pool with three turns while *Csik's* was set up in a 33 metre one with two turns. The pool for the Olympic Games will be 50 metres, so that *Csik's* result must be considered better.

The Austro-Hungarian swimming contest held at the end of April was looked forward to with great interest by both nations. At the Austro-Hungarian swimming contests held since 1912 Hungary had beaten the Austrians 16 times and lost twice, one match having ended in a tie. This time, too, the Hungarians beat the Austrians in every event. At water-polo the Hungarian team, which played rather poorly, won by 6 goals to 1. The Spanish tour of the Hungarian swimmers and water-polo players is part of their training for the Olympiad. They have been winning everywhere on the tour, both in swimming and water-polo. So far they have not lost any contest.

TENNIS

With the advent of spring Budapest has been the scene of one brilliant tennis tournament after the other. Several players whose names are a household word in tennis came here to pit their skill against Hungarian or foreign players. *Perry*, for instance, England's champion for some time back, played here recently, winning his matches easily. Then came *Miss Jacobs* and the Polish woman-champion, *Mme. Jedrzejowska*. On both occasions the beautifully situated Budapest courts were packed with spectators.

There have also been some interesting team matches. The Argentine Davis Cup team on its way to Greece was beaten by the Hungarians by 2 : 1. The Hungaro-Polish tennis tournament played according to the Davis Cup rules also ended in a victory for the Hungarians. (3 : 2). The Hungarian Davis Cup team was less fortunate in Düsseldorf. The Hungarian players, all of them young to the game, were beaten by the older and more experienced German team. The round tournament played in Vienna between Austria, Italy and Hungary was won by Italy. Hungary was second and Austria third.

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