

## S P O R T S

The unusually long spell of warm weather caused a considerable delay in the opening of the winter season. Nor did the artificial ice rink in Budapest or the arrival of the cold weather in the last few days alter the situation considerably, since the absence of sufficient snow has for a long time prevented our skiers from serious training. The same circumstance accounts for the fact that it has, so far, been impossible to provide for the arrangement of more important winter competitions, excepting those branches of sports for which the ice rink in Budapest offers suitable opportunities.

### *Ice Hockey.*

Following the successful match played against the Swedish team, the Budapest Skating Club met the ice hockey team of the LTC from Prague, by which it was defeated by 4:2. In this connection we must bear in mind that the Hungarian team has just started its training, since there are no summer ice rinks in Hungary.

### *Skating.*

Circumstances such as those mentioned above must all account for the fact that there is very little of importance to record in this branch of sports either, apart from the exhibition given by the German champion couple Herber—Baier, whose brilliant performance and marvellous Skill aroused great enthusiasm.

### *Pigeon Shooting.*

In the pigeon shooting contest arranged in connection with the inauguration festival of the shooting ground at San Remo, the Baiarde plate competition was won by a Hungarian competitor, M. István Strassburger, while another Hungarian, M. Sándor Dóra, was second in the Grand Prix.

### *Athletics.*

On the initiative of Italy, negotiations are being conducted with regard to the arrangement of a Central European athletic cup contest. It is suggested that the contest should be arranged between five countries: Italy, Austria, Yugoslavia, Czechoslovakia and Hungary, to be represented by one team each. The contest,

to include the full programme of the Olympic games, is to be arranged in succession in a different country every year.

### *Gymnastics.*

At the beginning of December the world champion German gymnastic team visited Hungary in order to compete with the Hungarian team. The hard contest brought an unexpectedly good result for the Hungarians who remained only 5.8 points behind the Olympic team of the Germans. Final results were 287.85 : 282.05 points for the German team.

### *Football.*

Owing to the unsuitable climate of the country, Hungary's football is at a standstill during the winter season. This unsuitability of the climate was proved, among other things, by the match recently played between the Hungarian team "Újpest" and the Rumanian team "Venus", when the cold weather utterly spoiled the style of the game. The match resulted in the defeat of the Rumanian champion team by 2 : 1. Most of the leading Hungarian teams are now touring the South. The winner of the Central European Cup, the "Ferencváros" of Budapest, stopped at Zagreb on its way south, for a trial of strength with the autumn champion team of Yugoslavia, the HASK of Zagreb. The result, 6 : 4 for the Hungarian team, does not sufficiently signify the difference in the standards of the two teams; for, so long as the Hungarian team played with full strength and ambition, it achieved a result of 5 : 0 with the greatest of ease; subsequently however, it slackened down for the sake of economy, the result being in consequences reduced to a negligible difference in goals. The leading Yugoslav papers comment on the performance of the Hungarian team in terms of the highest praise, referring to the Hungarian players as "artists and conjurers". The Hungarian team "Kispest" has played against the representative team of Gibraltar, which it defeated by 3 : 2.

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