

# S P O R T S

In consequence of the unfavourable turn in the weather the season for open air sports has come to a definite close. Thanks to an exceptionally long autumn the season for sports in the open lasted much longer than usual; so that events which, as a rule, are over much earlier were able to be held at the end of October and the beginning of November. Hungary has seldom had such a successful year in sports. Not counting the splendid work done by the modern pentathletes, no fewer than 44 Hungarian competitors won European championships, 2 became world champions, while the Nations' Prize was won by Hungarians in three branches of sports.

## MOTOR RACING

The most important event of the autumn season was the motor race which took place on October 29th. Both on account of the celebrity of the competitors and of the results achieved, it proved to be an event of European, indeed of world, importance. It was held on the Gyón section of the Budapest—Kecskemét road. The track proved entirely satisfactory and stood the hard test extremely well. It lies between the 46th and 54th kilometre stones on the Budapest—Kecskemét stretch of the Trans-continental Road — and it was the first in Europe to be built according to the regulations of the International Automobile Sport Committee. The rough concrete surface of the road almost entirely precludes the danger of skidding, and the road is quite level and straight.

Germany naturally showed a great interest in the race. Her most famous motorists, such as Rudolf Caracciola, Ernest Henne, and Joseph Moritz took part in it.

One of the most interesting moments was when Caracciola tore along the road between the dense rows of spectators in his Mercedes-Benz racing-car at an average speed of 317.460 kilometres an hour. This was the greatest speed ever attained on a high-road. Another important achievement won fame for Ernest Henne, who made an average of 246.238 kilometres an hour on his motor-cycle, thereby establishing an absolute world record for motor-cycles.

## FOOTBALL

The football match between Budapest and Paris in the Parc des Princes on November 1st attracted a surprising amount of attention. The French, who admire the Vienna football players above anything, were anxious to see the Hungarian team which had beaten the Austrian representative team. Sas (a Hungarian), Jordan (an Austrian), and Kennedy (a Scotsman) played in the Paris team. The Hungarians played a splendid game, winning by 5 goals to 1. The French newspapers admitted that their discipline was first-rate, their technique excellent and their superiority indisputable.

## SWIMMING

When the new covered swimming-pool at Stockholm was opened, the Swedish Swimming Association arranged a great international swimming contest and water-polo match on October 20th and 21st in honour of the occasion. The outstanding feature of the two days' events, which were watched by His Majesty King Gustavus of Sweden, was the achievement of the Budapest water-polo team. The Budapest team, which was composed of young players, played against the Stockholm representative team on the 20th. The result was a tie (1:1). On the 21st the Hungarians beat the Swedes by 4 goals to 3. How great

the success of the Hungarian water-polo players and swimmers was, is best shown by the fact that they appeared again on October 23rd, in the Stockholm covered swimming-pool, which was packed with excited spectators. At this third match the result testified to the superiority of the Hungarian team, which won the match against the Stockholm representative team by 6 goals to 2. The Hungarian holder of the European championship for free style swimming, Ladislaus Csik, also distinguished himself; for, in spite of the difficult water of the Stockholm covered swimming-pool, he made good time — 59.5 seconds.

## ATHLETICS

As is well known, the Olympic Games in 1936 will begin with a relay race starting at Olympus at midnight on July 21st and passing through Greece, Bulgaria, Yugoslavia, Hungary, Austria, and Czecho-Slovakia, the finish to be in Berlin on August 1st at 1 p. m. The Olympic Games Managing Committee has decreed that the stages are to be one kilometre long. The 381 kilometres to be run in Hungary will thus require 381 runners.

## UNIVERSITY SPORTS

One after another, the various nations have notified their intention to take part in the International University Games to be held in Budapest next year. Great Britain, France, Czecho-Slovakia, Rumania, Bulgaria, Germany, Yugoslavia, Italy, Spain, Belgium, Poland and Japan, have recently been joined by Esthonia.

## CORRECTION

We were terribly taken aback to find after publication — that the last number of our Review contained two errors or blunders, which we now beg to rectify. The first of these errors will be found on p. 12, in the statement made by Sir Robert Gower. Here — on the way from the composers' room to the machine — so that no blame can be paid either on the composers or on the editorial office for the most regrettable blunder — two whole paragraphs slipped out of place and produced a text which was unintelligible. These paragraphs should read as follows:

"There is consequently a feeling of despairing helplessness amongst the "minorities" of Europe. The situation is pregnant with danger, as, without doubt, the existence of millions of "minority" subjects suffering from an intolerable sense of injustice and oppression cannot tend to make the peace of the world anything but insecure.

The League should carry out the duties which it has accepted under the Treaties and without fear or hesitation use all the powers it possesses to secure for racial "minorities" their Treaty rights.

I appreciate that what I have said has no direct bearing upon the Polish question save that it does go to explain the loss of influence from which the League of Nations is, unfortunately, suffering."

Another evident misprint is that on p-19 of our last issue, where we read of their being nearly four million Hungarians in Transylvania, whereas their number is nearly two million. We apologise to our readers for the ugly game played by the demon of misprint.