

S P O R T S

OLYMPIC GAMES

The countries of Central Europe will be well represented at the Berlin Olympic Games. According to reports Hungary is to send at least 200, Yugoslavia 250 and Austria 198 competitors.

ATHLETICS

Hungarian athletes have never prepared for an Olympiad with so much ambition and such diligence as for the Berlin Games. Hitherto Hungary was not able to show good results except in the branches of athletics requiring manual skill. Now we have runners who warrant serious hopes of success in Berlin. The leaders of Hungarian athletics have arranged several preliminary tests hitherto at which Hungarians have had the opportunity of pitting their strength against Austrian, Polish and Italian competitors. Among the results obtained mention must be made of Szabó's 1500 metres time (3 mins. 53 secs.), Bácsalmási's pole vaulting record (404 centimetres) and Várszegi's javelin throw of 68.23 metres.

FOOTBALL

The match between Hungary's and Italy's representative teams took place on May 30th. It was watched by enormous crowds of Hungarians and over two thousand Italians. The Italian team won by 2 goals to 1. The standard of play was rather low, for neither team had been well selected. This was particularly observable in the play of the forwards.

In our last number we mentioned the regrettable circumstance that certain countries, above all Rumania, carry a spirit of hatred into the sphere of sports. The most recent instance is the following. The Rumanian football team, which numbers no fewer than eight Magyars among its members, won the Balkan Cup. On this occasion the organ of the extreme Rumanian nationalists, the "*Universul*", instead of praising the achievements of the players, launched out in a wild attack against the representative team for no other reasons than that the majority of its members were Magyars. Apart from the fact that sport tactics of that kind are anything but sportsmanlike, and incomprehensible to western Europeans, in our opinion they do not serve Rumania's interests either, for if the Magyar players are left out next time, it may easily happen that the Rumanian team will have to rest content with the last place.

According to the "*Gazeta Sporurilor*", when two English players shouted a few words in English to each other at the F. C. Liverpool—Ripensia match, one of the spectators, a man belonging to the better classes, cried out: — "*Vorbeste românește boue*", which in English means "Speak Rumanian you oxen" ("*Deutsches Tageszeitung*", June 11). This little intermezzo is indicative of the tone prevailing among the crowds interested in sport in Rumania.

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TENNIS

The Davis Cup tournaments are drawing to a close. Of all the Central European countries Yugoslavia alone has contrived to remain unbeaten, and will now play in the European finals against Germany. Let it be said that every single member of the excellent Yugoslav team is a Croat, and the Croats may well be proud of the fact that their players have achieved European fame.

MOTORING

On June 21st. the Royal Hungarian Automobile Club held its first Budapest *Grand Prix*, which was a brilliant success in every respect. The perfect arrangements, the many difficult and dangerous bends in the track which put the routine and skill of the competitors to the test, and the presence of Europe's best racers and prizewinners contributed to make the first Budapest Grand Prix one of the most interesting races in Europe. What made the race more than usually interesting was that it was not the speed of the machines so much as the skill of their drivers that decided the race on a track full of such difficult and often extremely dangerous bends. The Italian Nuvolari's victory was due in the first place to his routine as a driver and his clever race tactics. His average speed on the 250 kilometre track was 112 kilometres an hour, although he did not use his fastest machine.

The results were:

1. Nuvolari (Alfa Romeo), Italy.
2. Rosemayer (Auto Union), Germany.
3. Varzi (Auto Union), Germany.
4. Tadini, Italy.
5. Stuck, Germany.
6. Dobson, England.
7. Hartmann, Hungary.

Among those to give up the race were Chiron, Caracciola, Brauchtisch (all using Mercedes-Benz machines) and Martin, England — all well-known names.

ROWING

At the international rowing races held on Europe's most ideal water, the 2 kilometres long and absolutely straight Rotsee. The Hungarian "*Pannonia*" eight won by two full lengths, while Mamusich and Györy ("*Hungaria*") secured a victory for the Hungarian colours in the non-cox pairs.

SAILING

Two years ago the first big sailing race was held on Lake Balaton for the Blue Ribbon of the Balaton. The interest shown in this event is greater than ever this year and has surpassed all expectations. Besides the full Hungarian list of competitors, German and Austrian groups have entered, that serving to enhance the classical quality of the race. The distance is 160 kilometres, which with a favourable wind may be sailed in 18 or 20 hours. The start is on July 17th. at 8 A. M. from Balatonfüred.