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Soccer Is Leading In Italian Sports

Hundreds of Thousands Watch Matches Throughout Land on the Holidays

Rome.—Of all the sports that have won the favor of Italian youth since fascism rendered physical fitness fashionable, none exceeds in popularity association football (soccer). Hundreds of thousands of persons each Sunday watch the championship matches at the principal cities, while even at small country centres large crowds gather on holidays to cheer local boys to victory over their opponents from neighboring villages.

The Italians have acquired considerable proficiency in this game, and now are considered the finest players in continental Europe, having defeated all their most dangerous rivals, notably Austria and Czechoslovakia.

Therefore it is with the greatest anticipation, not unmixed with considerable trepidation, that all Italy is looking forward to the match to be played at Rome, in May, with Italy's international team pitted for the first time against the best that England's professionals can muster.

According to Italian historians, football was played in Florence in the Middle Ages, but there is doubt that modern soccer is a purely British game in its origins. Hitherto it has been impossible to gauge accurately what progress the Italian "pupils" have made because they have had no opportunity of measuring themselves with a British team, association football in England being purely professional, while Continental players have amateur status. This month, therefore, the Italians will be playing not only for their country, but as representatives of all Continental Europe.

ITALY HAS HIGH HOPES.

On the few occasions when direct comparison between British and Continental European football has been possible, England has won and retained the prestige of being considered the world's master at this game. Two years ago England won with ease over Spain. Last December she won with more difficulty against Austria, by 4 goals to 3. The Italians hope to prove that the Continental pupils have reached the level of the masters.

The Italian team this year, undoubtedly the best in Europe, is believed here to be sufficiently strong to triumph over England. On paper, the Italian chances are excellent. England, last December, barely defeated Austria, which, this year, was defeated by Czechoslovakia. Italy, in turn, convincingly beat Czechoslovakia at Florence.

No other contest in the history of modern Italian sport has caused nearly so much interest as the forthcoming match.

International football games, hitherto, have never been watched here by more than 35,000 spectators, while for this coming game 60,000 tickets have already been sold. Disappointed fans are so numerous that speculators are now selling the few remaining tickets at four times the stated price. Nor is interest limited to Italy, for many parties are arriving from all countries in Europe and even from South America. A block of sixty tickets was reserved by cable some weeks ago for a group of enthusiasts who are undertaking the costly ten-day journey to watch the contest.

Italians Turn to Equator for New Study of Cosmic Ray

Rome.—An expedition to study cosmic rays almost on the equator has been organized by Professor Bruno Rossi, physicist of the University of Padua. The project is being financed by Premier Benito Mussolini's National Council of Research, of which Marquis Guglielmo Marconi, wireless inventor, is president.

The expedition will have its headquarters at Asmara, capital of Italian Eritrea, Africa, near the magnetic equator.

Britain's Backbone Lauded By New Zealand Weekly

Budget difficulties are pleaded by the United States in demanding payment, and by Britain's debtors in seeking relief, writes the Auckland Weekly News. Britain, paying on the one hand, not being paid on the other, has had to face Budget difficulties as great as those contfronting any others concerned in this great problem. They are met in Britain by measures from which the others shrink, by sacrifices their citizens are not called upon to bear.

Forage Plants For Acid Soils

(Experimental Farms Note.)

The Division of Forage Plants, Central Experimental Farm, Ottawa, is devoting considerable attention to the matter of securing leguminous forage plants which will thrive on acid soils and soils which are poor in fertility. Such plants would be of great value in parts of Eastern Canada and many places in the Maritime Provinces where clovers and alfalfa cannot be grown successfully without liming. Several new acid tolerant plants have been introduced recently and these are being tested in the forage crop nursery at Ottawa as well as on several Branch Experimental Farms. One of the most interesting of these recent introductions is an extra early strain of despedeza, the same kind of crop which has proven such a boom to agriculture in the Southeastern United States.

"Harbin" Lespedeza originated from a plant found growing wild in Harbin, Manchuria, by officials of the United States Department of Agriculture, from whom we obtained seed in the spring of 1932. In our trials last year it was not seeded until about June 1, and it produced an abundance of ripe seed two weeks before frost. The plants, however, were very small, not more than eight inches high. Its chief value undoubtedly will be in the improvement of pastures and it is hoped that, once established, this early despedeza will seed itself down from year to year.

During the present season the Division of Forage Plants is conducting extensive tests under actual pasture conditions and the seed is being increased. As yet there is no seed available for general distribution.—L. E. Kirk, Dominion Agrostologist.

Typist Sculptures in Her Spare Time

A twenty-four-year-old London typist, Miss Valerie Clarebout, who has been studying sculpture in her spare time, mingled with famous painters and sculptures at Burlington House on "varnishing day"—the day for exhibitors only, for she is one of the exhibitors.

A bronze bust of a man, which she submitted for this year's Royal Academy, has been accepted. It was the first time she had sent anything to Burlington House.

Miss Clarebout, a shy blonde, has been earning her own living since she was seventeen. Every evening she goes straight from the office to the Polytechic to attend sculpture classes.

"Two years ago I began modelling in clay for amusement," Miss Clarebout said. "I found it easy, and started attending modelling classes at the Polytechnic.

"Last month I finished a bust of a man, and, greatly daring, sent it to the Royal Academy for this year's exhibition. To my utter amazement and delight it was accepted."

Miss Clarebout's was one among 12,000 works sent in—and it remains among the 1,100 accepted.

The first ingredient in conversation is truth, the next good sense, the third good humour, and the fourth wit.—Sir W. Temple.

"What is the use of worrying about 'Happiness' with a capital H?"—Havelock Ellis.

Most Valuable Player

Charlie "Chuck" Klein, slugging outfielder of the "Phillies," with the cup presented to him for being voted most valuable player in the National League during 1932.

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A man who had been advised by his doctor to reduce, writes thus:—

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Many Americans Visit Britain

London.—Despite the nearness of France to England, more Americans than Frenchmen are visiting England this spring. In March 6,118 travelers came to the United Kingdom, 1,494 from across the Atlantic and 1,162 from across the channel.

"Inflation is a respectable form of repudiation—like taking to drink to get an artificial stimulus."—Viscount Snowden.

An Aristocrat

Eleanor Williamson, granddaughter of W. K. Kellogg, is shown with Kirah, seven-year-old Arabian horse she has entered in the Pasadena Juvenile Horse Show.

So They Say

"Not to be alive to the service of our fellowmen, eternal hope and love of God, is to be dead."—Evangeline Booth.

"We have cumbered the simple process of human affairs with a gigantic mass of silly negotiation, correspondence and accounting."—Bruce Barton.

"You judge a country not by what it is in times of prosperity, but by what it is in hard times."—Paul Claudel.

"No problem of importance to an individual is too small to engage the attention of the highest officials of a country."—Newton D. Baker.

"It is curious how little humor revolutionary leaders seem to have."—Lady Asquith.

"Only by clear thinking and courageous action can we hope to get back on to our course."—Sir Walter T. Layton.

"Only those who have learned to obey can later be able to give orders."—Adolf Hitler.

"Worry and fret and irritation are emotions which serve no purpose."—Bertrand Russell.

"No man dares write the truth about marriage while his wife lives."—George Bernard Shaw.

"In my limited experience I've found no country which I should not be happy to live in."—John Erskine.

"The society of the future is to be no place for loafers."—Ramsay MacDonald.

"We have got the goods; it is only a question of delivering them."—Rover W. Babson.

"The general public today demands higher, not lower, social standards from the screen."—Will H. Hays.

"The man who enjoys marching in line and file to the strains of martial music falls below my contempt."—Albert Einstein.

"The difficulty is not so much to know what ought to be done as to screw statesmanship up to a pitch of being ready to do it."—David Lloyd George.

"One finds happiness when one is not searching for it."—Eugene Briex.

"Modern communities contain a large percentage of relatively primitive individuals."—Aldous Huxley.

"We are unconsciously sinking into a Middle Age far worse than the first, for it will be a Middle Age with nitroglycerine!"—Guglielmo Ferrero.

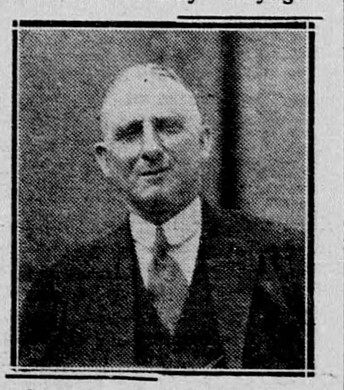
"To make a home under any and all conditions, with whatever is at hand, is genius."—Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt.

"America has discovered that her real gold lies in her children."—Kathleen Norris.

"The stury of the past helps one to orientate himself in the present."—Leon Trotsky.

"Our worst enemies are not men, but the false notions and destructive prejudices by which men are misled."—Owen D. Young.

Ends 63-Day Voyage



Captain J. S. Corfe, who returned to England last week-end in the Cunard liner Alaunia, with his officers and crew. He sailed his ship, the S.S. Baltic, to Japan where she was turned over to Japanese ship breakers. They returned from Yokohama across the Pacific by the N.Y.K. Line through Vancouver and by C.N.R. to Montreal. The voyage to Japan was made in 63 days, via the Cape of Good Hope.—(Cunard Photo.)

Rule For Living

Never crush the proffered rose
Brought in the hand,
Never kick the castle down
Built in the sand;

Never throw a gentle word
Back in the teeth,
Never pluck the laurel leaves
Out of the wreath;

Never quench the radiance
Lighting the eyes,
Never stamp your boredom's heel
Over surprise.

Never flick a scoffing smile
Over a trust
Lest you throw the soul of you
Into the dust.

—Ellen Hovey Davis.

Lily Blooms After 20 Years

Durban, Natal. — Queen Victoria's giant water lily, the Victoria Regina, is in flower at the Botanical Gerdens her for the first time in twenty years. It was grown from a seed obtained from the royal plant in Kew Gardens, England. The Victoria Regina has giant leaves of such buoyancy that a small child can stand on them.

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Crop Rotations

(Experimental Farms Note.)

With over 57,964,000 acres of land in crop in Canada, it is apparent that the most efficient methods of production should be learned and adopted. Should the various crops be grown continuously year after year on the same land or should they be grown in suitable rotations? Should any consideration be given to the adaptation of different crops to different soils or should they be grown irrespective of the soil type?

Recent experimental work supplies much useful information on these problems. Some crops such as wheat, oats and corn, it has been discovered, produce decidedly higher yields when grown in rotation than when grown under a system of continuous cropping. Other crops, such as timothy, tobacco and potatoes, may, if desired, be grown satisfactorily in a system of continuous cropping provided the soil fertility is maintained. Legume crops, such as alfalfa, clover and peas, have a very beneficial effect not only in increasing the amount of protein in the feed but in creating soil conditions very much more favorable for subsequent crops than is possible with non-legumes.

The effects of weeds, diseases and insect pests constitute individual problems which may require in each different case, a different treatment. A rotation may or may not assist in controlling the problem; certain cultural treatments may be required if efficient control is to be secured. The largest yields can be obtained only when the best methods of production are followed. Experiments have shown the best rates and dates of seeding, the most suitable manure and fertilizer treatments as well as the proper time and methods of harvesting various crops.

Information on this subject is contained in a new bulletin, No. 163, new series, "Crop Rotations and Soil Management for Eastern Canada," which has been prepared by the Field Husbandry Division of the Central Experimental Farm, Ottawa. It may be obtained free by writing to the Publications Branch, Department of Agriculture, Ottawa.—E. S. Hopkins, Dominion Field Husbandman, Ottawa.

Scholars Aim to Restore Ancient Egyptian Tongue

Ann Arbor, Mich. — Egyptian, a tongue heard before the days of the pyramids, but unspoken for the last 900 years, is giving up the secrets of sounds familiar to Tutankhamen, Moses and Cleopatra through research into coptic documents here.

Professor William H. Worrell, in the institute of archeological research at the Unviesity of Michigan, is making the study.

Scholars have been able to translate the stone and papyrus writings, but heretofore have been no more than able to guess at the sounds of the characters, Professor Worrell uses the science of phonetics, which tells what sounds may be formed in the human mouth and throat, and studies the dialects of Coptic, Arabic and Greek.

By starting with sounds used today in related languages, and observing spelling variations, he hopes to trace individual sounds back to the forms silent for centuries.

London Extends Traffic Signals

London.—The biggest concentration of automatic signals so far attempted in London is now being tried out in Trafalgar Square. It is regarded by traffic authorities as a special test of the efficiency of the mechanized system of traffic control, for the locality is one of the busiest traffic centres in the London area. The one-way circus, or roundabout system, has long been in operation there.

The two chorus girls had been quarrelling bitterly for an hour. "And not only that," said one, finally, "but you grow uglier ever day." "That's another thing I can do and you can't," said the other, sweetly.

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Washington.—Jacob Williams, of Chester, Pa., has eaten his fill for once.

Complaining that he always was hungry, Williams won the co-operation of a restaurant proprietor, sat down at the table at 8 a.m., and ate more or less steadily until 8 p.m. Here's what he had:

Breakfast: Half a pound of bacon, 18 eggs, potatoes, four bowls of cereal, three oranges, five cups of coffee, five rolls, one quart of milk.

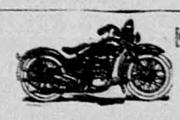
Lunch: Two pounds steak, one pound potatoes, tomato salad, two cups of coffee, four bottles of soda water, one quart of ice cream, one quart of strawberries.

Dinner: Five pork chops, two Frankfurters, potatoes, spinach, salad, two cups of coffee, two dishes of ice cream and a dish of jelly.

P.S.—Williams weighed 406 pounds when he began his repast. His weight afterward unfortunately was not recorded.

Snowman: Ah me! Ah me! I'll soon have to leave these pleasant quarters for parts unknown.

In Borneo a wife will wear, day and night, one of her husand's swords while he is on head-hunting expeditions.



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