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It has for long been a moot question whether the Cantonal banks should come within the scope of the Banking Law. These banks are established in each Canton, and their business is conducted under the absolute guarantee of the respective Canton. It was thought by numerous experts that no further control was necessary, but the Federal Council has decided that it would be in the interest also of the Cantons themselves if their banks were placed under the general bank control. This decision effects little alteration, for the Cantonal banks agreed voluntarily to hand in their balance sheets regularly to the National Bank, to export no capital without the sanction of the National Bank, and to consult the latter before raising interest rates. The Cantonal banks administer about one-third of the nation's property, the amount of the Swiss people's property administered by all the 308 Swiss banks, in which the Cantonal banks are included, being estimated to have been about 20,000,000,000 Swiss francs at the end of the year 1932.

St.

JUAN GAMPER.

Barcelona honours her greatest sport's pioneer.

As from to-day one of the streets of the Capital of Catalonia is called "Calle de Juan Gamper."

In recognition of the very great services rendered by the deceased to Spanish sport, particularly to Football, the City of Barcelona decided to name one of its streets after Juan Gamper. A simple ceremony marked the dedication which took place to-day.

First of all the last resting place of Juan Gamper was visited and richly decorated with flowers. Then followed a friendly match at "Las Cortes," on the ground — founded by the late Juan Gamper — of the Barcelona F.C., who defeated Athletic Bilbao by 4:2. The official ceremony closed with the dedication of the new Calle de Juan Gamper and the unveiling of a memorial tablet placed on the first house in that street. A few short, but moving speeches were made, first by the present President of the Barcelona F.C., followed by the Representative of the Mayor of Barcelona, the Swiss Consul of Barcelona and the President of the Catalonian Administration. The speeches were loudly applauded by a great crowd who had come to witness the ceremony. — The widow and sons of the late Juan Gamper were present in places of honour.

A very impressive ceremony, simple and unpretentious, fitting the character of the unforgettable sports pioneer *Juan Gamper*.

Our famous compatriot was the brother of our friends Mrs. Muller and Mr. F. M. Gamper.

BELATED BEST WISHES.

(Upon the S.O.'s 15th anniversary.)

I knew nought of a Birthday "in the offing." A time for congrats, hand-shakes, hats a-doffing; But, falling back on "Better late than never," May be, I'm yet allowed this slight endeavour.

First, thanks are due to *Kyburg's* stirring message, By which he has extolled, throughout its passage, The virtues of our dear old *Swiss Observer*, To all of us a love-of-home preserver.

But *Kyburg*, in his modesty, omitted To hint the part *He* played, and how he fitted His mighty pen to S. O.'s tiny pages, "Sans peur et sans reproche" and without Wages!

Now, as for dear "*M.G.*" — Football Reporter — His output is one column — sometimes shorter; But constant efforts spell *solid impressions*, That's what a paper needs — not mere obsessions. Still others lend their aid to keep things going, Just think of *Marianne's* lines: rollicking, glowing,

— Silent and nameless toil the faithful minions, Who scan the Press for *Swiss* news and opinions. These stalwarts (and occasional arrivals, Such as "*H.E.*," one of my friendly rivals) Bow low before "*ST.*" The man who matters, The Editor — a genius of letters!

And in the background — oozing satisfaction — Stands "*P.F.B.*" — Publisher to perfection, Mumbling into his beard: "Well, well, I never." Good Luck to You, S.O., Now and for Ever! *GALLUS.*

FOOTBALL.

13th to 24th June, 1934

FIRST LEAGUE.

Kreuzlingen3 Carouge0 and that match in Neuchâtel finished the programme and constituted Kreuzlingen worthy First League Champions. But they have definitely declined to avail themselves of their

right of promotion. The National League clubs decided not to allow another club to go up instead, so that next season there will be but 14 clubs in the top class. Good! Carouge on the other hand will return to the upper circle, playing a purely amateur team. May Heaven help them!

As next Season the First League will consist of anything between 21 and 30 clubs, we are afraid it will be quite impossible to report their doings fully. We regret this very much, for amongst them are many old and famous clubs, to name only a few: F.C. St. Gallen, Brühl, Aarau, Zurich, Old Boys, Cantonal, etc. Many of "The Old Brigade" have a soft spot in their hearts for one or other of these clubs! But we must try and keep a certain sense of proportion.

Here are the final 1933-34 tables:

GROUP "WEST"

	F.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Pts.
Carouge	16	10	2	4	37	24	22
Racing	16	9	1	6	35	25	19
Solothurn	16	8	3	5	38	33	19
Monthey	16	7	3	6	25	28	17
Cantonal	16	6	4	6	37	29	16
Fribourg	16	6	4	6	30	38	16
Grenchen	16	6	2	8	24	27	14
Bözingen	16	4	5	7	24	31	13
Etoile Ch. de F.	16	2	4	10	26	41	8

GROUP "EAST"

Kreuzlingen	16	8	4	4	40	25	20
Bellinzona	16	9	2	5	36	29	20
Aarau	16	7	5	4	29	24	19
St. Gallen	16	7	5	4	28	28	19
Brühl	16	8	2	6	47	38	18
Luzern	16	7	2	7	33	23	16
Seebach	16	3	7	6	23	40	13
Juventus	16	4	5	7	35	45	13
Wintérthur	16	3	0	13	24	43	6

Kreuzlingen beat Bellinzona 1:0 for the Group leadership.

"NATIONAL LEAGUE"

Blue Stars	.....0	Servette	.....1
Young Fellows	.....3	Bern	.....5
Zurich	.....0	Lugano	.....7
Basel	.....2	Lausanne	.....2
Nordstern	.....4	Urania	.....2
Locarno	.....8	Concordia	.....2
Servette	.....7	Blue Stars	.....1
Chaux-de-Fonds	.....1	Grasshoppers	.....3
Nordstern	.....3	Grasshoppers	.....2
Servette	.....3	Urania	.....0
Grasshoppers	.....6	Blue Stars	.....3
Zurich	.....3	Young Fellows	.....1
Young Boys	.....4	Concordia	.....3
Basel	.....3	Bern	.....2
Chaux-de-Fonds	.....4	Nordstern	.....1
Locarno	.....2	Biel	.....2

One more game, Basle v. Young Boys and all will be over. Servette are Champions once more, 3 points in front of Grasshoppers who fell against Nordstern. The rest are nowhere, eight points behind the runners-up. Zurich, Blue Stars and Urania are relegated, Chaux-de-Fonds escaping by their win over Nordstern in their last match.

Shall we say it was a fair season, produced some good football, but ended many weeks too late. Next year the League programme will be reduced to 26 matches; let us hope we shall finish 4 weeks sooner. But, will we? Till then goodbye; happy holidays to all.

M.G.

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