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— First Round —

HIBERNIANS F.C.

(MALTA)

vs.

SERVETTE F.C.

(SWITZERLAND)

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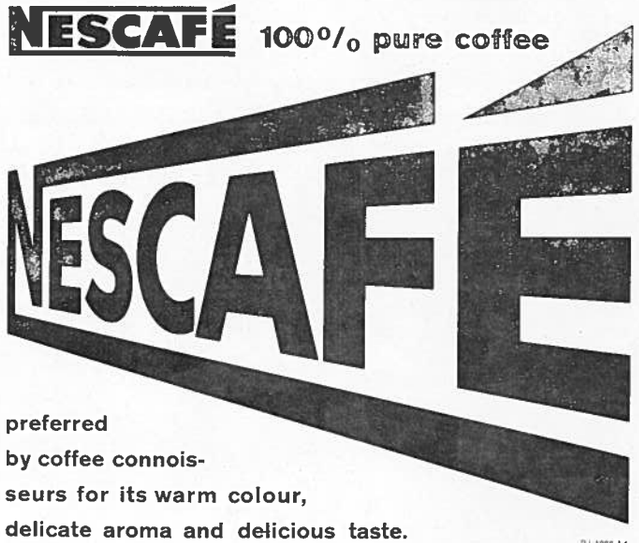

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Today it is our pleasure to stage the return-match. The Swiss champions could be regarded as formidable opponents, and this match could be one of the soccer highlights of the new season.

In this match we hope to see the niceties of the game played in the best possible spirit. We expect the Swiss players to be clever footballers; men who know how to dribble; whose positional play would be good. Any side that can notch five goals against a strong side like Hibernians F.C. has scoring power, and Servette F.C. come to the Empire Stadium today with such confidence.

In Switzerland, Hibernians F.C. tried desperately to get into the game. Desperation, in fact, was partly their undoing. Their demeanour on and off the field has been exemplary, and to a certain extent, their debut in this famous competition has been a success. The record crowd of over 15,000 they draw for the floodlight match at Geneve proved their popularity, and the Hibernians this afternoon know that they will have to play well, to beat their opponents.

It remains to be seen whether the newly-enthroned Malta champions can beat Servette with a six-goal margin in this full scale international match to pass into the next round. That we will know this afternoon.

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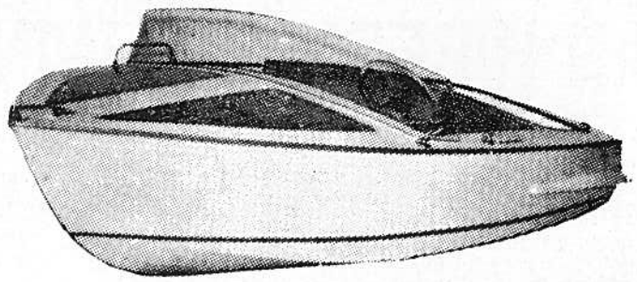

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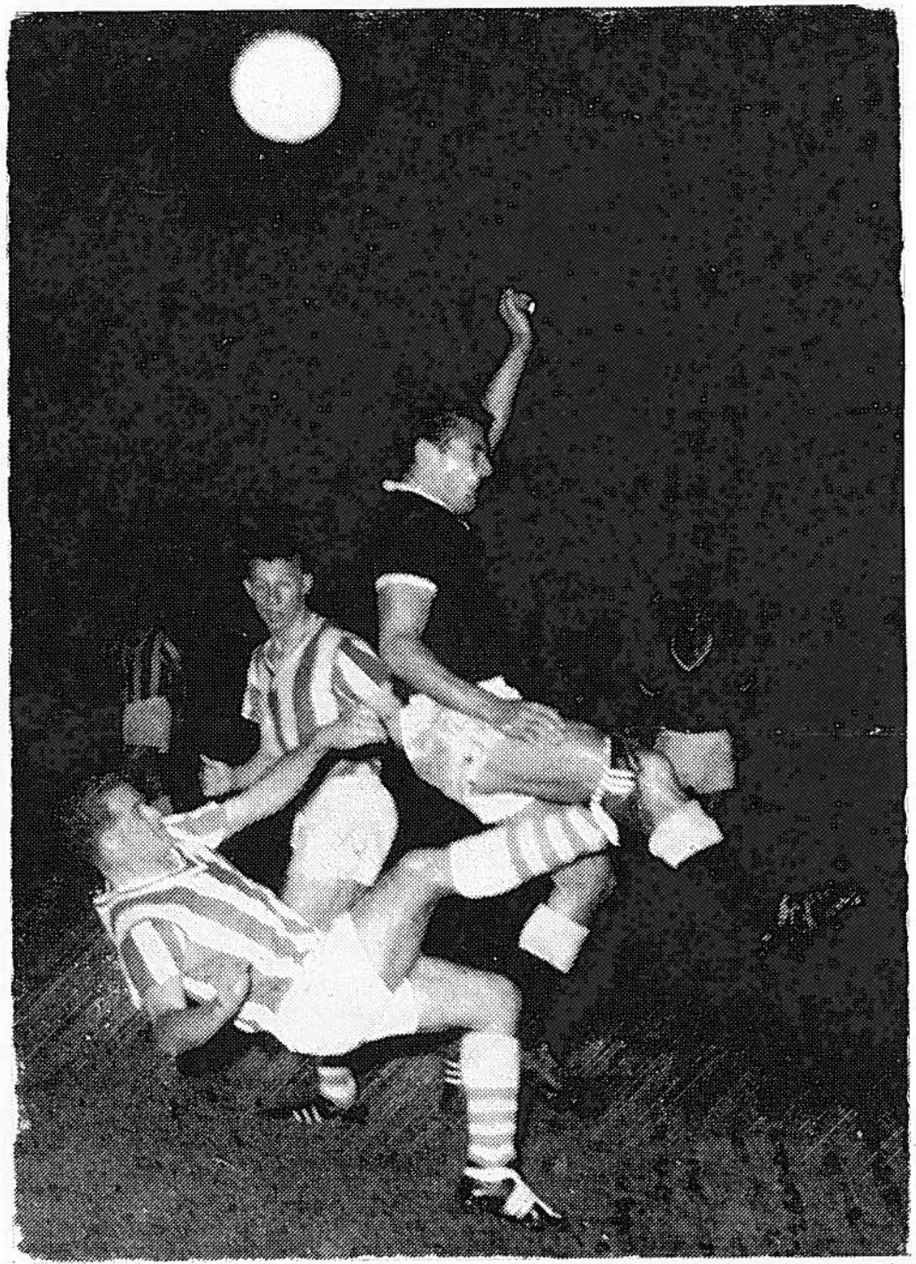

SERVETTE of Geneve, Switzerland, walked away with the Swiss championship in fine style, and broke several records en route. Twenty-three victories in a 26-match programme (12 home wins, 11 away), and a total of 46 points are all best ever efforts. French coach Jean Snella turned down an invitation to take Servette for the Racing tournament because his side was not ready to play in international competitions. Even so the Swiss Champions are taking part in the competition. Above, international inside-left Nemeth is seen in action.

HIBERNIANS F.C.

MALTA: Empire Stadium.
September 20, 1961.

HIBERNIANS

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ATTARD

L. THEOBALD S. ANASTASI

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XUEREB MIZZI VELLA

Referee:

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SWITZERLAND: Chamilles Stadium
September 6, 1961.

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NEMETH ROBBIANI FATTON

BOSSEN GEORGY

Referee: Sig. JONNI (Italy).

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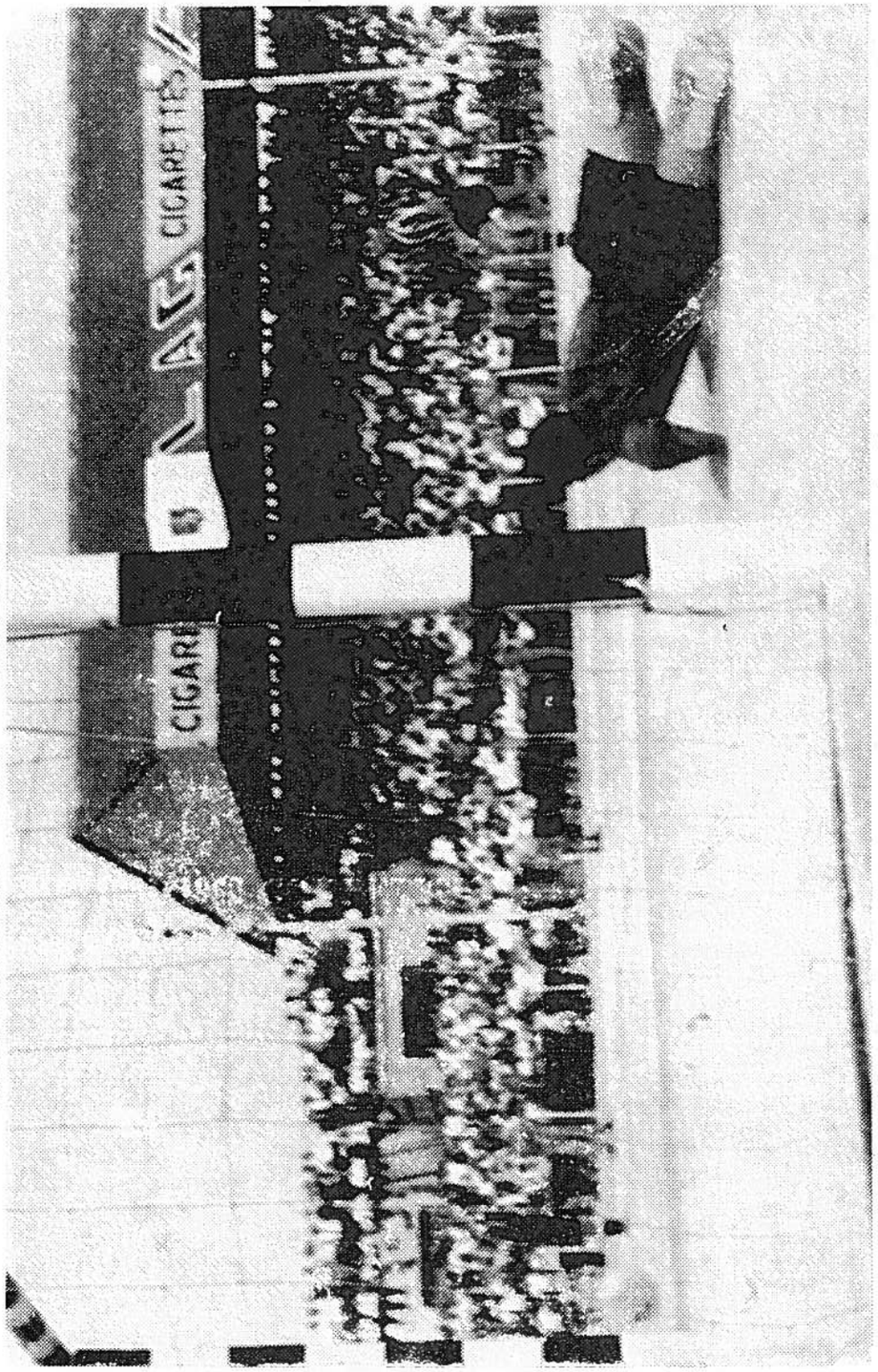

Winning the championship for the first time in their history, HIBERNIANS F.C. won the distinctive honour to represent Malta in the European Cup of Champions. Hibernians won 12 of their 14-match programme, losing one and drawing the other. Hibernians also reached the final of the F.A. Trophy. Above, the goal that gave Hibernians the title — against Valletta F.C., (2—1), scored by Mizzi J.

EUROPEAN CHAMPIONS CUP

FACTS AND FIGURES

THERE IS NO DOUBT "THE EUROPEAN CUP OF CHAMPIONS" HAS PROVED NOT ONLY ONE OF THE MOST POPULAR COMPETITIONS OF PRESENT-DAY FOOTBALL, BUT ONE OF THE MOST LUCRATIVE TO THE CLUBS. IT WAS INDEED A HAPPY THOUGHT WHICH DEVISED THIS TOURNAMENT.

DO YOU KNOW THAT:

● The first European Cup game was played on September 4, 1955, between Sporting Club and Partisan. The match ended draw: 3—3. Four days later, Real Madrid defeated Hibs' opponents, Servette, in Geneve, by 2—0. Real Madrid also won the return match in Madrid by five clear goals.

● 76 Clubs participated in the first five competitions (1955 - 1960). Spanish clubs emerged with the best record.

● The highest win in the competition was registered by Manchester United against Anderlecht (10—0) in 1956.

● Real Madrid suffered six defeats from 37 matches. Real's conquerors were: 1956, Partizan (Belgrade) 3—0; Milan (2—1); Rapid (3—1); 1958: Vasas (2—0); 1959; Atletico Madrid (1—0) and 1960, against Nice (3—2).

THE 1961/1962 COMPETITION

GROUP ONE:

			RESULTS *Home*	*Away*
Tottenham H. (England)	v.	Gornik Zabze (Poland)	.....	.....
Kamraterna (Sweden)	v.	Feyjenoord S.C. (Holland)	.....	.....
Vorwearts (East Germany)	v.	Linfield (North. Ireland)	.....	.....
Spora (Luxembourg)	v.	Odense 1913 Club (Denmark)	.....	.....
Nuremburg (West Germany)	v.	Drumcondra (Eire)	.....	.....
Royal Standard Liegos (Belgium)	v.	Frederikstad (Norway)	.....	.....
Monaco (France)	v.	Glasgow Rangers (Scotland)	.....	.....

GROUP TWO:

Servette (Switzerland)	v.	HIBERNIANS F.C. (Malta)	.....	.....
Panathinaikos (Greece)	v.	Juventus (Italy)	.....	.....
Vasas (Hungary)	v.	Real Madrid (Spain)	.....	.....
C.D.N.A. (Bulgaria)	v.	Dukla (Czechoslovakia)	.....	.....
Lisbon Sports Club (Portugal)	v.	Partizan (Yugoslavia)	.....	.....
Army Club Bucharest (Rumania)	v.	S.K. Austria (Austria)	.....	.....

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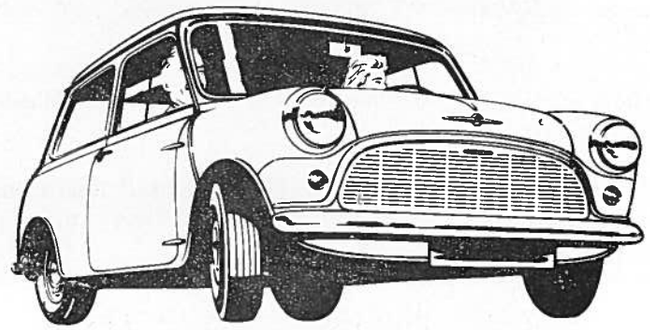

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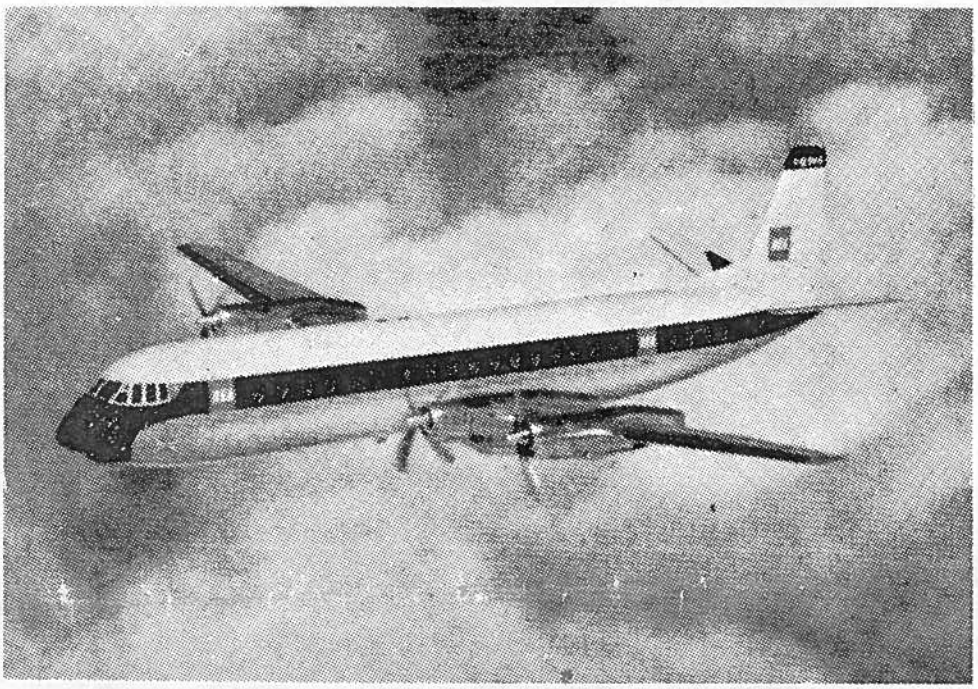

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