

We welcome F.C. Wien because they represent the highest class in their Austrian homeland. Members of the National "A" League, which is equivalent to our First Division, Wien was formed in 1913, by an Englishman, named Nicholson. For the next ten years, the club adopted the name of their founder. Then came the changeover to the more ambitious title, and Wien F.C. became the most popular club in their country. World famous players continually pass through the Wien ranks, and the Club enjoys the distinction of having played more overseas matches than any in Europe.

Capacity crowds at every big sports stadium on the Continent have been thrilled at the skill of these Austrian players. Wien have also defeated the pick of South Africa by three goals to one, and had a run of unbroken successes in a tour of Indonesia. Their list of victories in recent seasons makes impressive reading, for among the vanquished are such well-known sides as Athens Olympic, Bologna, Marseilles Olympic, Swiss XI, Racing Club de Paris, Copenhagan, Istanbul, Hanover, Bulgarian National XI and Bologne.

Because of slight injuries, our team will not be at quite full strength for this evening's match. Fred Davey suffered a kick just above the ankle in Saturday's game with Queen's Park Rangers, and felt the effects of the injury during training yesterday. Andy Donaldson is another casualty, but we anticipate that both players will be fit for the important test at Southampton next Saturday.

Deputising for Davey will be his fellow Crediton "townie" young Keith Harvey, who has been playing well at centre-half in the Reserve team lately, Replacing Donaldson, and taking part in his first senior game since signing for us last December is Basil Cook, the South African born centre-forward who has had previous experience with Leeds United and Torquay United.

Cook is also a top class cricketer, and may be seen qualifying for Somerset.

Disappointing though it was, our first team's failure to defeat Queen's Park Rangers last Saturday in no way reflected the run of play. The City did sufficient attacking to have deserved a substantial victory. That they had to rest content with a goalless draw was due to a combination of bad luck and poor finishing—plus some grand goalkeeping by Harry Brown.

Our young left-full-back, Alan Marsh, is doing well in Army football. He is stationed at Devizes, and his team, the Royal Army Pay Corps are in the semi-final of the Army Cup. In the last round, the Pay Corps defeated the Ordnance Corps by two goals to one, and Marsh shot his side into the lead after beating five in a wonder solo effort.

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versus

F.C. WIEN

VIENNA

AUSTRIA

Wednesday, 17th February, 1954

Kick-off 7.30 p.m.

Official Programme 2d.

Club Chatter

TO-NIGHT'S match with the F.C. Wien illustrates how far this great game of Association football has expanded in the last half century. Who, for instance, among the pioneers responsible for launching Exeter City as a professional club in 1908, would have dreamed that in 1954 we should be meeting Continental opposition under floodlight? The idea would have been dismissed as fantastic by the stalwarts of those days.

Soccer on the European mainland was more or less unknown 50 years ago. The few teams were of poor quality, and not until between the two world wars did the game begin to advance. Then, thanks chiefly to British coaches, the development was swift. The Continental players did more than learn everything we could teach them. They outstripped us in the international field. Their club sides have gained outstanding successes against the strongest Football and Scottish League teams.

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