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Now, we in Natal, with the rest of South Africa, are actually to see these world-renowned players in action against our own countrymen, something which had scarcely been given a passing thought until suggested by our friends in the Southern Transvaal.

Our visitors had the opportunity to tour many countries, but they chose South Africa. I am sure that the welcome they will receive will convince them that they chose wisely.

On behalf of the Natal Football Association and all who follow the game of Soccer, it is my privilege to extend a most sincere welcome to the leaders and members of the Djurgardens Football Team.

Whatever may result on the field of play where our men will endeavour to match skill and true sportsmanship with that which we know our visitors possess in good measure, we trust that this visit will be the beginning of many new friendships between Sweden and Natal, that the "Djurgarden Party" will quickly feel "At Home" amongst us, and when the time comes to say good-bye will be sorry that the visit is so brief.

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(Councillor R. A. Carte)

It is a pleasure for me to extend a welcome to the officials and members of the team of the Djurgarden Football Club of Stockholm, Sweden, which is touring South Africa at the present time.

We are always glad to welcome touring teams to Durban, and we are particularly pleased on this occasion to greet a team from a country renowned for its sport, and we are looking forward to seeing the standard of soccer which is played in that country.

I hope that their very brief visit to our City will be a happy one and that when they leave us they will carry away with them memories of a lovely city with a beautiful climate, and a game played in the true spirit of sportsmanship which I know they will receive from our own footballers.

R. A. CARTE, Mayor.

Mayor's Parlour, Durban. June, 1955.

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The Djurgarden is a zoological garden in Stockholm, and it was in this garden, under an oak tree, that the Sports Club bearing its name was founded on 12th March, 1891. The oak tree was adopted as the emblem of the Club which has since become famous throughout Sweden in all phases of sports.

The Club membership reaches about 1,500 in the following sections: Table-tennis, Bowling, Boxing, Wrestling, Curling, Football, Athletics, Handball, Ice-hockey, Ski-ing and Cross Country Walking. There is an active Ladies' Section. In these various sports Djurgarden has won no less than 278 Swedish Championships since its foundation and, among the members who have made world headlines are the professional European Heavy-weight and Olympic Champion Olle Tandberg, once No. 3 on the "Ring's" ranking list, the Ski Jumper Dan Netzell, who jumped 137 metres and Hans Jeppson, the world's most expensive footballer, who received 190,000 United States dollars for a three-year contract with Naples.

From 1900 to 1920 the Club was particularly strong in soccer and many championships were won, but after 1925 the Club found a weak period and were more out of the First Division than in, until the year 1945, when it staged a comeback. During the last five years the Club has occupied the positions of 8th, 7th, 6th, 5th and 3rd places, until this year when it won the Championship. These successes have been largely instrumental in rescuing Djurgarden from a lean to a happy financial position.

The average crowds at home matches vary about the 20,000 mark, but in August last year a record crowd of 42,504 spectators witnessed the local debry match against "A.I.K.". The home ground of the Club is the stadium which was constructed for the Olympic Games in 1912, but the Club is also obliged to play a certain number of games on the ground of the Soccer Federation, so virtually, it has two homes.

Djurgarden has provided no less than 45 Internationals who have played a total of 295 times for Sweden, and of this total 21 have been since the year 1950, and during the past 18 months four centre-forwards have been provided for the National Team.

The colours of the Club are dark and light blue striped jerseys with white shorts, but it is possible that the team visiting Natal will appear in new colours, including blue shorts, which have been specially ordered from Spain, for this visit.

This famous Club has established a reputation for travelling, and it may be surprising to learn that it has visited no less than 34 different countries including the United States of America,

where they played 10 games and won all except the first match. which was against Liverpool, when they lost by the odd goal in 5. During 1950 the Far East was the venue and they won all their 14 games, a feat which they repeated in 1953. In 1951, the Club toured Israel and Turkey and returned with an unbeaten record after six games; then in 1952 the Club met a Spanish side, including no less than 9 internationals, before a crowd of some 90,000 in Madrid, losing by the small margin of 3 goals to 4. The most sensational tour of the Club took place in 1953, when Djurgarden visited Moscow, only to lose by 2 goals to 3 to Dynamos, after being 3 goals down in the first twenty minutes. In the game with Spartak, they drew 1-all before a crowd of 95,000 wildly enthusiastic spectators.

The Club celebrated its sixtieth birthday during 1951, and to mark the event Djurgarden gathered together all the Swedish Professional Stars from abroad into a combined team which, when assessed in transfer money, reached some £150,000. These players hailed from Italy, France and Spain and, before a crowd of some 40,000 spectators, saw Djurgarden defeat the Professionals by 3 goals to 1.

The strength of our guests may be estimated when it is made known that of the various professional clubs they have met and beaten are Heart of Midlothian by 5 goals to 1, Wolverhampton Wanderers by 3 goals to 1 and the First Vienna Club by 3 goals to 1.

With this Club will come a very impressive team of Swedish Internationals and it is certain that their football will be greatly appreciated throughout our vast country at the various points they visit, and there is no doubt that a great welcome awaits them.

Djurgarden has been likened to the famous Chelsea Clubthis is reasonable to understand, especially in the present year when both clubs have reached championship honours, and it is therefore more than interesting to note that, within the competition for the European Cup later this year, a new competition to be initiated, Djurgarden has been drawn to meet Chelsea.



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### Thumbnail Sketches

### IAN DERRICK JEFFREY PALMER (Captain). (Inside-Left)

It is uncertain where you will find Ian playing as his versatility is such that he is at home in any position in the forward line. He has served Natal in the two inside berths and in the centre while the majority like him on the wing. He is the Durban Railway F.C. centre and leader and it might be said that he has played in every soccer centre throughout South Africa, being known to all soccerites. Ian is one who has taken advantage of the various visits to our country by professional sides by absorbing as much as he could and putting into practice what he has been taught. He is very fast and his greatness comes from his snatching goals at the least opportunity. Ian skippered the Natal side in the recent Currie Cup fixture at Pretoria, and is tipped as a candidate to skipper the Springboks to Australia later this season.



### KENNETH LESLIE NADAULD (Goalkeeper)

It is doubtful if any introduction is necessary to Ken—he is known throughout the country to both players and public. Ken saw the light of day at Pietermaritzburg, and stands just over six feet. He has represented Natal from 1946 up to some two seasons ago when he gained his National Colours. Ken is a stalwart of the Durban Railway F.C. which he has served with distinction.



Lionel is one of the new arrivals in the Natal side and is another of the tallish members standing 6 ft. 2 ins. and is a carpenter by trade. He has rendered excellent service to his Club, Queen's Park and first gained District Honours in 1952, when selected for Intertown fixtures. He donned the Black Jersey for the first time in 1952 when he represented the Province in the Currie Cup competition and again in 1954. Lionel is a sound Fullback and saves a great deal of energy by his great anticipation.





### BRIAN KENNETH GIBSON (Right-Half)

It is difficult to cover the activities of this ball of energy. Brian at 25 years of age is regarded as one of the cleverest ball controllers in the country to-day. Brian is a Durban lad, this being his birthplace and he gained all his experience in Natal, working through from the Schools League. He is skipper of the Queen's Park and is just about 5 ft. 6 ins. in height, but sturdy in build scaling some 140 lbs. He has been a consistent member of the Natal side and since he gained National recognition against Dundee, he has been a regular National Player. He toured Great Britain with the Springboks and proved himself one of the ablest players on tour.



### DONALD JAMES RODGER (Centre-Half)

Donald is another of Queen's Park boys who has shown distinct promise during the past two seasons and he has truly earned his place in the Natal side. He was first seen in the Durban and County Intertown side in 1953 and was given his chance in a friendly fixture with Northern Transvaal, thus establishing himself in the Natal key position. Donald is twenty-six years of age and stands only 5 ft. 8 inches and is a refrigerator mechanic by trade.

LIONEL HENRY PITOUT (Left Full-Back)

"Lefty" as he is known throughout the local Soccer world gained all his experience as a member of the Berea Park F.C., with which club he has been since a youngster. His work in the Left Back position is grand. Lefty has started on the right foot and should go places if he continues to show steady improvement, the opportunities for which are being made available to him.





### MALCOLM RUFUS (Left-Half)

Malcolm is another of Natal's young players with years of competitive soccer ahead of him. He is a member of the Stelia Football Club and progressed from Durban Schools League gaining honours all the way. It was in 1951 when he first donned the Black Jersey as a member of the Natal Side which visited Mauritius and then joined the Natal Side in Currie Cup matches.

DAN LE ROUX (Outside-Right)

Dannie is 22 years of age and is another product of Natal, being a member of the Queen's Park F.C. His progress in Natal Soccer has been rapid and he walked into the South African side against Dundee, and was also a member of the Springbok side which toured Great Britain in 1953. During his career he has been styled "Dashing Dan" and this comes from his quick moves on the line. He is not afraid to cut in and shoot on his own. During the current season he has shown a return to his old form and is certain to prove himself very troublesome to the defenders.





### ERIC BRIAN PETERSON (Outside-Left)

It may be said that Brian is the Baby of the Natal Side. His first allegiance was to the Berea Park F.C., where he gained his experience and he is now with the Queen's Park Club for which he has rendered great service during the present season. He is still in his teens with many years of Soccer ahead of him, and there is no limit to which he can go, if he continues his present state of progress. Brian is a nephew of the Natal and South African Captain Ross Dow and he is doing everything to follow in the steps of his Uncle.

JAMES GORDON STEWART (Inside-Right)

Gordon represented his District through Schools and Junior Intertowns, and eventually proved himself one of Natal's outstanding inside forwards up to 1951, during which year he gained his South African cap against Wolverhampton Wanderers. He then joined up with Leeds United, spending two seasons in the professional ranks, returning to the Union in 1953 and joining up with his old Club, Parkhill. the passing of time, Gordon now finds himself in the Half Line, and will to-day be playing alongside his Club "Twin". Ken Chamberlain.





### WILLIAM BARRY ANDERSON (Centre-Forward)

"Barry" as he is generally known is in his twenty-first year and first came under notice as a prospect when he played for Natal Schools as an inside forward in 1950, while a student at Port Shepstone High School. He joined up with Stella F.C. and regularly makes the trip each week from Margate for his Club's League Fixture. Barry donned the Natal Jersey in 1954, when he took part in the Currie Cup Competition and was responsible for five of the eight goals scored against Western Province. He is extremely speedy and reminds one a lot of Tommy Mitchell by his opportunist goals.

Barry is an electrician by trade and is certainly going to be a lot of worry to Natal opponents during the present season.



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### AKE DUNER

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### SIGVARD BERGH

President of the Football Committee of Djurgardens I.F.



### **WOLF LYBERG**

International Secretary to the Club and a sports journalist by training. Born in 1917 and commenced as a junior player in 1936. Has had a large share in the arrangements for the Club's present tour of South Africa.



Secretary of the Football Section of the Club. Born in Stockholm in 1920, and was an accomplished sprinter. Has occupied his present position since 1947 and has already established the reputation for being "Sweden's best Secretary."



### LARS LINDGREN

Team Manager. Was born in Arboga in 1923. Has played in both "A" and "B" Sections of the Club, also the Ice Hockey Section. Led the "B" team from the 1952 season.

### ARNE ARVIDSSON

Twenty-six years of age, he is one of the team's two goalkeepers for the tour. A clerk by profession, he played for a short spell with Norrkoping, a very powerful side. Has played for Sweden's "A" side.





### **SVEN LINDBERG**

Second goalkeeper, is a salesman, 25 years of age. He started with Djurgardens in 1953.

### AKE OLSSON

Fullback, is a dentist, born in 1926. Started with the Club in 1951, had a short spell with Malmö, another club, returning to Djurgardens in 1953.





### STIG GUSTAFSSON

Will play fullback in place of the International "A" player, Birger Stenman, who is a regular with the team but is at present somewhat out of form. Gustafsson is Stockholm-born — a lithographer, aged 25, and started with the junior team in 1948.

### **OLA FORSBERG**

Plays wing-halfback in the touring team and is considered one of its most promising young players.



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### RUNE OTHRERG

Born in 1931, and is an engineer by profession. A halfback, he joined the Club in 1953.

### **BJORN LOWENBERG**

A centre-half of much ability who has played for the International Junior Eleven.



### SIGVARD PARLING

Is an International "A" wing half, 25 years old. Also did service as a forward in his earlier days with the Club, with whom he started in 1949.

### STIG TVILLING

Another International "A" player in the halfback line. Starting with the team as a junior in 1947, he has developed as a player of all-round accomplishment. A clerk by profession. 27 years old.





### STIG HOLSTROM

Halfback, is 27 years old and a brilliant player. A toolmaker by trade, he commenced his career with the Club's first team last year.

### BERNT BRICK

Aged 29, plays outside-right. A clerk, he started with the Club in 1952.





### HANS MILD

An assistant draftsman, born in 1934. Started with the boys' team and worked up to the First Team from the Junior side last year. An inside-forward.

### **BO FINNHAMMAR**

Plays inside- and centre-forward, and is an International Junior player. A student, born in 1933, he is one of the younger members of a mature side. Started with the side in 1953. Is a consistent goal-scorer.





### **SVEN JOHANSSON**

Centre-forward, is a student who has played in the Ice Hockey side as well. Of International "B" status, he is 24 years of age and started with the Club in 1950.

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### HANS TVILLING

International "A" forward, is 27 years old and works with an Insurance Company. A seasoned player, he started with the Club in 1947. Has played a great number of matches with Djurgardens and appears among the goal-scorers. (Inside-right).

### JOHN ERIKSSON

Another International "A" among the star-studded forward line which will be brought on tour. He is 26 years old, a clerk, and started with the team in 1950. Plays centre- and inside-forward.





### **BIRGER EKLUND**

International "A" inside-forward, 26 years old, and a toolmaker. Joined the Club in 1949, left but returned in 1952. His record shows 27 goals scored in 39 matches.

### **BERNT ANDERSSON**

Is a Junior International. A student, he started with the Club in 1952. His record is 20 goals in 51 matches. A right-wing.



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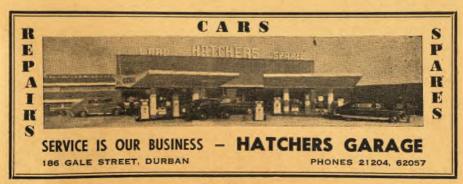
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- v. Djurgarden (Sweden)
- v. Servette (Switzerland)
- Sporting Club (Portugal)
- v. Hibernians (Scotland)
- v. Anderlecht (Belgium) v. Bold Club (Denmark)
- v. Holland Sports (Holland)
- v. F.C. Sarrebruck (S.A.A.R.)

It will be noted the Chelsea (of England) will meet the Chelsea (of Sweden) in the first round.



### SOCCER IN OUR SCHOOLS

By EWING H. FISHER.

In the previous issue of the official brochure which covered the visit of the one and only Stanley Matthews, I gave a brief outline of the activities of the Schools' Soccer Organisations throughout Natal, and I have since learned that many of our regular followers had their eyes opened at the enormous amount of work constantly necessary to keep the pendulum swinging throughout the season, over such a large

It is most gratifying to hear that these notes have served some useful purpose, and while I am happy in the knowledge that the information imparted was so greatly appreciated, I am still very optimistic that ultimately some magnanimous person or organisation will pave the way by endowing Natal or South African Schools' Soccer with the foundation of a fund to guarantee that this great work will be perpetuated through the years ahead, so that the officials who follow will be able to plan and expand the interests of the code, so that each lad in our Province or even South

Africa, with soccer as his first love, will get the break he hopes for.

It might interest you to know that the Natal Schools' Football Association held its adjourned Annual General Meeting some three weeks back, and it is my pleasure to offer congratulations in the first instance to Reg Evans, who was elected President and who was a prominent Schools' Legislator in Durban, prior to his transfer as Principal at Merchiston, Pietermaritzburg. Secondly, to Michael Nelson, of Durban, who is the Vice-President and who is known to most as a member of the Durban and County Football Association Executive Committee and a regular visitor at Kingsmead. Finally, to one of Natal's foremost Schools' Legislators in Gerry Chambers, who as retiring President, has assumed the duties as Honorary Secretary/Treasurer, and, apart from congratulating Gerry I think the Natal Schools' Football Association is to be congratulated on securing the services of such an able officer at the helm. The Natal Schools' Association is well served with most able officers, and it is therefore up to all lovers of the code to guarantee that their labours are not in vain.

The Natal Schools' Selection Committee has announced the following sixteen players to represent Natal at the South African Schools' Tournament to be held at

Pretoria early in July:-

From Durban. Nicholson, D. Gallard, J. Goosen, A. Keppler, D. Horne, D. Finnigan, N. Baker, E.

From Pietermaritzburg.

Shreeve, D. Hawkins, D. (Vice-Captain). Fuller, N. Newton, G. (Captain). Gray, T.

Walters, N. Ireland, N.

From South Coast. Adelaine, G. (Port Shepstone).

Chambers, D. (Port Shepstone).

The team will be under the management of Mr. H. Getliffe, while Mr. H. Hunter

will undertake the duties of Trainer.

To each of these lads I offer my sincere congratulations on winning their Natal Schools' Colours, and I am certain that like all Natal sportsmen they will act as true Junior Ambassadors from our Province, on and off the field of play. May they have good games and the best of luck.

These lads will journey to Pretoria, where they will spend just over a week as the guests of the Northern Transvaal Football Association, and if I know anything. they are in for a week full of enjoyment in the administrative capital, which is

The first week of July (next month) will see the opening of the Natal "Under 14" Tournament for schoolboys at Kingsmead. Have you ever visited Kingsmead during this Tournament? If not, please step out one morning and see for yourself—it's great, and you will see some great soccer by these local and visiting lads. If you know the rules you might be inveigled into taking a whistle and get to know some of the boys.

This brings me to the end of the space available in this issue, but I'll be back when the next Brochure is published for the visit of the famous British International side during the 1956 season, and I sincerely trust that I will be able to tell you that the future of Schools' Soccer throughout Natal, or even South Africa, has been

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