INTERNATIONAL SOCCER FOOTBALL

I. F. KAMRATERNA vs. CHICAGO SELECTS

GOTEBORG, SWEDEN — NATIONAL SOCCER LEAGUE

Hanson Park Stadium — June 25, 1949



I. F. KAMRATERNA

Standing, left to right: Allan Andersson, Gunnar Gren, Gunnar Lindahl, Lennart Johansson, Holger Bengtsson, Erik Bergquist.

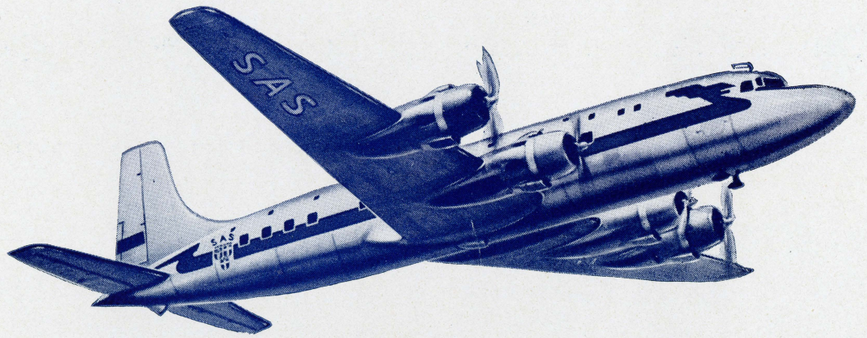
Kneeling, left to right: Holger Hansson, Henry Larsson, Henry Andersson, Sven Appelgren, Rune Emanuelsson.

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The following are brief sketches of the player-personnel of the Kamraterna team on its North American tour, 1949, with reservations for changes made after printing of this Program:

Goalkeeper, HENRY ANDERSSON; age 24, a fireman by trade. One of Sweden's best goalkeepers today. His sensational saves in the past two years has been the talk of Sweden's soccer fans. Picked as a substitute on Sweden's winning Olympic team last summer. Very strong and fast. Several times international; has also played against such teams as Dynamos of Russia, Wolverhampton, Birmingham, Chelsea, Blackpool, and others.

Right Fullback, HENRY LARSSON; age 24; employed by the City of Goteborg as a fireman. Has played center halfback until last year. This is his sixth year with Kamraterna. Very tall and has a good reach.

Left fullback, SVEN APPELGREN: age 21; office worker. He is considered the best prospect for Sweden's National team today. Husky built, good with his head, powerful kicker. Placed best of the defenders in the team's spring games.

Center halfback, GUNNAR LINDAHL; age 24; painter by trade. Like Appelgren, this is his second season in the top division; the most willing player during training season. Should go far in international company.

Left halfback, RUNE EMANUELSSON: Age 25; office worker, Captain of the team. Has played eight international games for Sweden and a member of Sweden's winning Olympic team last summer; the best halfback in Sweden for the past two years. He carries "cannons" in both feet. A very good leader, known all over Europe for his cleverness on the ball-field.

Right halfback, HOLGER HANSSON: age 22; bricklayer. The team's best player over a period of time; has played international already and is certain to earn a berth on Sweden's national team in years to come. Very energetic; is known to break up the most skillful plays of the opponent. Very good ball-control and rated unusually fast.

Outside right, ARNE NYBERG: age 35; salesman. No less than 31 times international for Sweden, where he is considered a really outstanding wingman.

Outside right, GOSTA SCHMIDT: age 25; office worker. Played with the team when they went to Holland early this spring. Captain of Kamraterna's B-team.

Inside right, DAN EKNER: age 21; office worker. An artist in ball-control, he recently won first prize at a tournament when he kept the ball off the ground by kicking and heading the ball no less than 4,500 times before he finally gave up. It took

about 45 minutes to execute this trick. Considered by experts as unusually talented for his age. Noted for his hard shots from any position.

Inside right, GUNNAR GREN: age 28; fireman. Probably one of the best known soccer players in the world today. Instrumental in winning the 1948 Olympic soccer title for Sweden when he, under terrific pressure, scored two goals against Jugoslavia in the final match. Early this spring he contributed much to the Swedish victory over a strong professional English national team. Gren has recently received many alluring offers from England and Italy to turn professional, but from all indications the North American tour was of first importance. To the Swedes Gren is what "Babe" Ruth was to the Americans.

Center forward, HOLGER BENGTSSON: Age 36; clerk. The team's "old man." Has played with Kamraterna for the past 10 years, and this is, according to his own statement, his last season. Despite his age he is most vital to the team and has proven himself to be a goal-getter of class.

SUBSTITUTES

Goalkeeper, SVEN ANDERSSON: age 21; electrician. Youngster with a promising future.

Halfback, LEIF BJORKMAN: Age 24; railroad worker. Plays fullback as well as center-half. Reliable and strong.

Halfback, LENNART FLINK: age 21; tinsmith. Young and promising. Proved himself most valuable during Emanuelsson's time of injury.

Forward, STIG SEGERDAHL: age 24; tinsmith. Recently acquired from the second division. Kamraterna expects great things of this player.

Forward, BERTIL RYLANDER, 19 years; office worker. Just out of Junior ranks. Fast and reliable.

Inside right, SVEN SJOBLOM: age 20; lathe hand. Signed with the Kamraterna team only a week before the American tour started. Experts predict he will be the next Gunnar Gren. Ball artist par excellence.

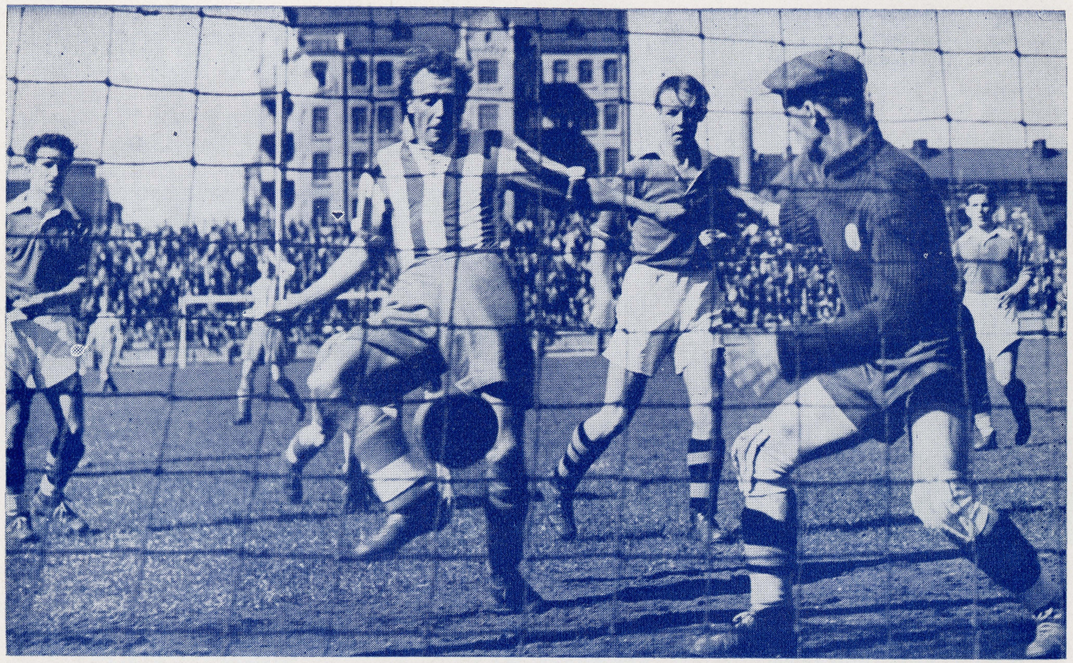
Inside left, ERIK BERGKVIST: age 27; telegraph technician. A very clever player. Has played with Kamraterna for five years. Participated in international soccer for Sweden, and is rated tops.

Center, LENNART JOHANSSON: 24 years; office worker. Has played a fine brand of ball at the center position of late; is also a good defense man.

Manager, GUNNAR RYDRERG: age 48. During his soccer career he was known as one of Sweden's best inside forwards. Participated in eleven international games.

Trainer, FRITZ BERG: Twelve times international for Sweden. Still plays a fine brand of soccer and will probably see service as a player on this tour.





Gunner Gren Scores in League Game at Eskilstuna, Sweden



Gren in Action Against Elfsborg, Sweden

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Saturday, June 25, 1949

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I.F. KAMRATERNA GOTEBORG, SWEDEN		CHICAGO SELECTS NATIONAL SOCCER LEAGUE
HENRY ANDERSSON	Goalie	JOS. SILOVSKY
HENRY LARSSON	Right Fullback	JOHN MATTHEWS
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GUNNER LINDAHL	Center Halfback	KAS KROL
LENNART FLINK	Left Halfback	ZIGGY PYKA
ARNE NYBERG	Outside Right	TED CIEPLINSKI
DAN EKNER	Inside Right	ADAM WOLANIN
LENNART JOHANSSON	Center	GIL HERON
ERIK BERGKVIST	Inside Left	PETER MATEVICH
STIG BERGDAHL	Outside Left	JEFF COOMBES

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BERTIL RYLANDER

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Trainer: FRITZ BERG

Substitutes:
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GEORGE ROSS
NORM BLAESKE
BOB LARSON

Manager: CHARLES FENCL
Ass't: JOCKE JOHANSSON
Trainer: CHARLES HURRY

International Visit Brings Memories

By GEORGE FISHWICK, Editor National Soccer News

The advent of any European team complete with it's galaxy of stars, is always looked forward to by local fans with two very distinct viewpoints.

First and foremost comes the desire to see the clock-work precision of the visiting squad, the ease and dexterity of movement by the entire team as these soccer experts display the perfect co-ordination they have attained through months and years of exacting training and physical conditioning.

Remember the right wing triangle of the Liverpool Reds, Jack Palmer at inside-right, Harry Eastham on the wing and Phil Taylor at right-half? Can you forget the sensational goal-keeping of both Djurgarden goalies, Kjell Cronqvist and Ove Nilsson, who smothered more than twenty shots blasted at them by a great Chicago forward line, including Adam Wolanin, Gil Heron, and Pete Matevich.

And last but not least the triple-threat combination of the three inside men of Bratislava, Julius Subert, Anton Malatinsky and Miloslav Danko. The maneuvering by these three within each other's positions brought screams of astonishment from the fans. It is with deep sorrow that we learned of the death of Julius Subert in the plane crash over Turin, Italy, in which Italy's championship team was completely destroyed. Subert had transferred to the Turin Club after the Bratislava team completed its tour in the States last year.

It is the consensus of opinion among visiting soccer celebrities and local fans that this superiority of European teams is the direct result of their strict and regular training routines.

Which brings us to the second viewpoint of the local fans at these international games, namely the question of "How American soccer compares with the best in Europe." Here stress is laid on the words, "best in Europe" so that their full significance may sink in. If visiting teams from "across the pond" were not selected from the very finest, it is our belief American soccer could provide very close competition.

Such teams as Liverpool, Djurgarden and Bratislava have visited Chicago in the past few years and thrilled us with soccer that will live in the memories of every fan who saw the games. But let us take a look at the record of some other clubs who have visited these shores and see how they fared.

In 1926 the Chicago All-stars defeated Hakoah of Vienna 3-2 and only lost to Sparta of Prague by a 1-0 score. In 1927, Sparta tied Hakoah of Vienna 1-1 and lost to the Uruguay national team 1-0, with the Bricklayers avenging the defeat by clipping the Uruguayans 3-2. The next year, 1928, Sparta swamped Brescia of Italy 5-1, and again in 1930 Sparta and the Brickies each were victorious over Marte of Mexico by 3-2 and 5-3 scores, respectively. Jumping to 1934 we see that the Wieboldt Wonderbolts held the crack Kladno team of Czechoslovakia to a 4-4 tie, then in 1936 Chicago Maccabees walloped the Maccabi of Tel Aviv 4-0. War fears held tours away in the late thirties and completely eliminated them in the early forties. The resumption of inter-country soccer traffic came in 1946 with the visit of Liverpool, followed by Hapoel of Tel Aviv who tied a combined Sparta-Hakoah squad 2-2. Then came Djurgarden and Bratislava in 1948.

What I. F. Kamraterna of Goteborg, Sweden, has in store for us we do not know, other than they are bringing a sensational inside forward in Gunner Gren and a club that has gained more points in the history of Sweden's First Division than any other.

The Chicago All-Stars will take the field with the knowledge they are faced with a huge task. They will not admit defeat, but rather try their hardest to overcome stiff competition. The Chicago boys do not claim to be "world beaters," but they take on any competition, no matter how good.

Whatever the outcome of to-day's game, personally I'll take the Chicago All-Stars to beat any other team or All-Stars selection within the States or Canada. The Chicago National League All-Stars won the Triner Trophy last year by besting the Canadian national champions, Montreal Carsteel, 6-4. The All-Stars are hoping to repeat again this year.

I. F. KAMRATERNA GAMES

On Its 1949 North American Tour

June 12:
BELFAST CELTICS (Ireland), in New York, N. Y.

June 15:
NEWCASTLE UNITED (England), in Toronto, Canada

June 19:
NEWCASTLE UNITED (England), in New York, N.Y.

June 25:
CHICAGO SELECTS, in Chicago, Ill.

July 1:
MANITOBA ALL-STARS, in Winnipeg, Canada

July 4:
OHIO STATE ALL-STARS, in Cleveland, Ohio

July 6:
NATIONAL LEAGUE STARS, in Toronto, Canada

July 8:
NEW ENGLAND STARS, in London, Mass.

July 9:
NEW YORK STATE ALL-STARS, in New York, N.Y.



Goalie Andersson clears up a situation at a game with Elfsborg. Other I.F.K. Players (in Striped Jerseys) are, from the left: Erik Bergkvist, Sven Appelgren, and Gunnar Lindahl; to the right, Leif Bjorkman.

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