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T is indeed a great honour and a pleasure for me as President of Valletta F.C. that on behalf of the Valletta F.C. committee, I welcome to Malta such a renowned Russian team as Dynamo Moscow.

I am sure that in so doing I am voicing the sentiments of thousands of Maltese football followers and the Valletta F.C. supporters in particular who are eager and anxious to assist at the Malta Stadium the home match against the finalists and probable winners of the USSR Cup. The strength and reputation of Dynamo Moscow is not unknown in Malta and this visit being the first Russian team to play in Malta should prove to be a main attraction. Therefore my Committee and I feel positive that the players and officials forming part of Dynamo Moscow will be given our warmest greetings when they arrive in Malta.

Both Valletta F.C. and Dynamo Moscow would still be fresh from their respective home encounters and should our team Valletta F.C. again produce the same determination and form of recent months, let me be allowed to anticipate a keenly contested match.

May I therefore extend my sincerest welcome to our visitors and hope that their brief stay in Malta will be a most pleasant and enjoyable one.

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CITY'S 'UPS AND DOWNS' IN THE LEAGUE COMPETITION 76-77

FIRST ROUND

Valletta, under the control of their coach Sig. Terrenzio Polverini, started the League Campaign of season 1976/77, against Floriana on the 9th October, and although Valletta lest the game by three goals to one, it was a pleasant match to see. The city side had four young lads playing for the first time for Valletta: L. Farrugia, R. Mifsud, Buhagiar and Grioli, Alithe Valletta players offered an encouraging performance from the start. In the 11th minute a "Maxi" Magro shot hit the crossbar, a shot which earned him the applause of all sections of the crowd present. Floriana scored first, In the 53rd minute Valletta obtained the equalizer through Carlo Seychell. Another chance came again to Seychell in the 57th minute when he won a tussle with a Floriana defender in the midfield, but as he reached the edge of the area, he hit over the bar to spurn another good chance, Floriana scored again twice in succession. Just before the end Fenech scored for Valletta, but the goal was disallowed on the flagging of the linesman for an imaginary infringement.

Our next match was against Sliema Wanderers. A game which saw some well executed moves and some fine finishing which produced four well taken goals. During this match Valletta dominated in a most forceful manner, especially during the first half, scoring their two goals in process. From the start Valletta were soon on the warpath and for the first half-hour there was no stopping the Darmanin Demajo/Seychell tandem on the right, who were playing havoc with the groggy Sliema dedence, penetrating at will and crossing over some really dangerous balls. In the 16th minute Valletta went ahead when Denis Fench with a fine shot from the edge of the area drove home. City's second goal arrived in the 31st minute, when Seychell gave the silp to a Sliema defender and out across a hand shot which the Sliema goalie partially saved, the ball going to Magro, who had the easiest of task to put Valletta on velvet. But during the second half the Wanderers came back into the game and scored twice. Thus Valletta failed from achieving their first victory at their own cost.

Another disappointment was soon to arrive for the next match against Zebbug Rangers. Valletta took the field without Debono, Fenech and Darmanin Demajo. These absences were sorely felt by Polverini's team as the city lacked Fenech's in-



Valletta players cheer up in scoring against Hamrun Spartans. Val.etta 2, Hamrun Spartans 1

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ventiveness and Darmanin Demajo's rythm. All the midfield responsibilities fell on the young player Chircop. The city side was very poor and disappointing. Valletta sufferred the only goal of the match in the 80th minute, when city goalie Mifsud badly cleared a Theobold freekick and a Ranger's forward stretched himself to nod into an unguarded Valletta net. This was undoubtedly our worst game so far.

Valletta achieved their first victory of the season in style when they put no less than four goals against Msida St. Joseph. Valletta started well with Fenech and Giglio just missing the crossbar with well directed just missing the crossbar with well directed shots. City's first goal came when in the 26th minute Seychell's cross from the left eluded the whole Msida defence and Magrothrew himself at length to put the ball into the net. Again Seychell passed to Farrugia L. who put Darmanin Demajo through to shoot past Msida goalie to make it 2—0. Msida scored in the 70th minute. Then Seychell again burst into the picture and during the last fifteen minutes virtually destroyed Msida on his own.

Infact a few minutes from the end. Seychell gave a short pass to Magro who merited the lovely shot which gave the Msida goalie no chance to save. Finally, Farrugia Emm. completed Msida's misery when he headedin-off the upright another Seychell corner in the last minute of the

Hibernians were our next opponents and again another day of despair came for Valletta, when they lost by two goals to nil. The City made use of the Marsa goalie, Franky Grima who joined the City on loan only a few days before the match, Franky played quite well and had a very satisfac-tory performance, not like his team-mates who apart from Farrugia L. were never in the match. Infact the three strikers: Sey-cheli. Agius and Magro. had a very poor day. Through this de'eat the citizen's situa-tion became very prob'ematic as they be-gan to consider themselves already out of the Cham-ion-hip race. After this match Polverini resigned. Polverini resigned.

The city Committee then engaged a new coach, Lolly Debattista, Valletta vs Vittoriosa Stars was our next match. Val-letta won by four goals to nil and should have fortune occurred they would have reached double figures. In the first 17 minutes Valletta were already two goals up through Darmanin Demajo and Carlo Sev-chell who effected a lovely solo effort in the citizens' second goal. In the 51st, minute Sevchell again standing in the centre of the field gave an immaculate through ball to Maxi Magro who scored the third goal. The last goal came when the full-back Farrugia shot home a hard grounder.

Another greater victory had to come. This time against St. George's. Valletta won by seven goals to two. This was the largest score of the season. During this match, Valletta literally destroyed their onconents scoring goals at will some of which of a

very high quality Thanks go to Seychell and Magro, who showed how attractive the citizens could be when these two international wingers are on top of their form. The game was only 7 minutes o.d when Seycheil scored a splendid goal. Five minutes later City scored again through Farrugia E. Valletta continued to dominate and after 23 minutes Farrugia L. receiving from Fenech scored with a beautiful first timer. Four minutes before half time Darmanin Demajo ran through on the right and sild the ball past the advancing St. George's goalie. During the second half City scored three times through the substitute J. Borg II, who took advantage of a defensive error, and twice through Farrugia Leonard who completed a hat trick. tional wingers are on top of their form. The completed a hat trick,

Valletta then met Hamrun Spartans. In this match the Citizens were clearly the In this match the Citizens were clearly the better team in the field and after pressuring the Spartans for long periods they scored two goals which completely shattered the Reds. The match was interesting all along, though very good football could not possibly be seen, because of heavy rains. Hamrun scored first, but the City reacted well and had they paid better attention, they could have scored twice in the first period. In the second half City's ideas were more clear. In the 70th, minute, City's centre forward Borg J. brought the equalizer after receiving a corner kick from Magro. With four minutes to go, Valletta scored the winning goal. Seychell crossed from the right, Fenech nodded towards Darmanin Demajo who beat Spartans' goalle with a nice header. Such victory over the Spartans nice header. Such victory over the Spartans meant a lot for the City players and sup-

Valletta ended their first round com-mitment in good mood against Senelea Athletics when they won four to nil. The City team worked like a well-oiled machine with Seychell always being in the heart of things and giving a five star performance. From the start City chased every ball and quickly took the lead by Darmanin Demajo, when he shot on the turn a good Fenech header. In the second half Valletta scored again twice through Magro and against through Darmsnin Demajo, With this win the Citizens recorded their fourth consecutive victory, and they still remained with a slight outside chance for the Championship title, as during the last matches they made great

strides forward in the table.

SECOND ROUND

The match between Valletta and Floriana in the second round of the League Compet'tion, was the one much awaited by all football lovers. Infact a large crowd was present at the Stadium. The Citizens played quite a good game as from the start, and for a long time managed to threaten the Green posts on various occasions. First a Fenech low cross created havoc in the Floriana rearguard with a defender nearly committing an own goal. Then again the citizens went near when Fenech passed low for Leonard Farrugia who hit badly from a



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A Floriana defender heads clear during a city attack.

good position. A few moments later, from Emm. Farrugia freekick, Agius nodded down to Seychell whose lob was turned to corner by Floriana goalkeeper. Floriana took the lead in the 88th, minute. But the Citizens still had enough fighting spirit to gather a point. In the final minute, they won a free kick near the corner-flag. It was taken by Seychell whose lovely "banana" shot fi-nished at the back of the net. Thus the Lilywhites began to make tremendous progress and their never-say-die-spirit earned them a most deserved draw.

Against Sliema Wanderers, Valletta made three changes from the side that heid Floriana to a 1—1 draw by fielding Galea and "Pesu" Borg, in place of the Gauci brothers, and Giglio in place of Joe Borg (who eventually substituted the same player in the letter stages or the game) This match. the latter stages of the game). This match which ended in a nil-nil result has been a big one for Valletta. They had good moments of scoring. Infact they hit the crossbar on not less than three occasions, Valletta were now showing tremendous pro-

letta were now showing tremendous progress and their consistent displays in the match earned them the platonic "title" of the most in-form team of that moment. In their triumphant march forward against Zebbug Rangers, Valletta chalked up another valourous victory, All the players showed fine football and combined themselves well. Farrugia Emm, was outstanding. Also Fenech had a good game, whilst Seychelj was all the time irresistible. Valletta scored four times through their fine strikers Agius, Seychelj (2) and Magro.

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Valletta kept on their winning ways
when they beat Msida St. Joseph by 3 goals to one. Thus they achieved their sixth vic-tory in eight matches (the other two being a draw). For Valletta Seychell had another great game scoring two goals in the process and making enough openings for his colleagues, which if taken could have doubled the score. In the second half, Magro hit his real form and he too was a constant worry to the Msida defence, adding a third goal.

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Now Valletta were showing that they were an efficient side possessing the nucleus, the ideas and the techniques of fine play.

Our next match was against supernians. It was a balanced encounter with both teams performing nice football. Hipernians scored first in the 64th, minute, But then Valetta reacted well and kept up the pres-sure for a long time. Denis Fenech soon brought the best out of Mizzi when after a fine solo effort, the latter effected a great one-handed save at the near post. At the end, Joe Abdilla up with the forwards had hard luck when he saw his shot hit the side

end, Joe Abdilla up with the forwards had hard luck when he saw his shot hit the side rigging following a free-kick by Farrugia Emm. Loopholes were appearing in the Hibs defence and in a moment of panic, a defender headed into his own net a cross by Vince Magro. Thus Valletta went through nine games without a defeat.

The match between Valletta and Vittoriosa may be described as a comedy of errors from the officials and players of both teams. Nice football could not be seen in the 11th minute Valletta went into the lead through Leonard Farrugia. Then, Vittoriosa took the lead by scoring twice. Fenech scored city's equalizer following a confusion in the Stars' defence. Again Valletta took the lead when Seychell shot home direct from a free-kick near the bye line on the right. The game seemed won and lost, when all of a sudden a Vittoriosa player netted home for his side. Many Valletta players should blame themselves for losing a point, especially goalle Grima who was definitely off-form and was entirely at fault with all the goals scored against him.

Our next opponents were St. George's. A match which Valletta won by four goals to nil scoring two goals in each half. Keeping their record of not losing a match since Lolly Debattista took control as coach, Valletta were soon on the lead when after only five minutes Carlo Seychell scored the first goal. As time went by, Valletta increased their lead through Gauci Ray and twice through Leonard Farrugia. It was so

an easy match for Valletta that the City coach gave a chance in play to their young goalkeeper Mifsud

Over Hamrun Spartans, again, the Citi-Over Hamrun Spartans, again, the Citizens enjoyed all superiority. The Citizen players enjoyed the Lion's share of the attacking from the start with Leonard Farrugia playing a very good match in midfield. Before the interval the Citizens went near twice of scoring, first L. Farrugia just missing the target, and later the same player seeing Spartan's goalle effect a grand save from a first timer shot. The Cityans player seeing Spartan's goalle effect a grand save from a first timer shot. The Citizens took the lead through Charles Agius. From then onwards they dominated all the way round. In the 50th, minute Magro missed an easy sitter, while a few minutes later a Seychell corner saw Fenech heading at goal, but a Spartans' defender cleared on the fatal line. Again Seychell twice saw Spartans' goalie effect good saves, after a Fenech cross while the final rebound was taken by Farrugia Leonard who hit the crossbar. With this match Valletta obtained a double over Hamrun Spartans.

Then came the final match of the

Then came the final match of the League Campaign: Valletta vs Senglea Athletics. With Senglea already relegated to the Second Division, and Valletta showing such progress, one thought and expected that Valletta would round up the League in a fine style of football, but their ind.f-ferent attitude after scoring their first goal through Abdilla Joe, made them look an inept side for long stretches of the game, with Seycheil and Magro doing a lot of running and scheming without however producing positive conclusions, Really these international wingers were guilty of some incredible misses from under the bar, and another Valletta defender, this time Gauci another Valletta defender, this time Gauci Ray, headed home the second goal. Valletta finished in the 3rd, place in

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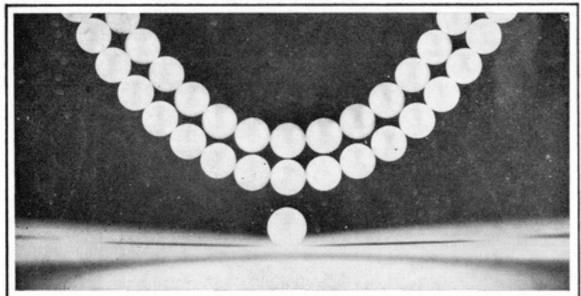
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Valletta were first drawn against Vittoriosa Stars which match they won 7-0. From the result itself, one can imagine how easy it was for an in-form Valletta side. The citizens started the match on a top note when after only 3 minutes play they took the lead through Darmanin Demajo. Few minutes later, Darmanin Demajo himself put Magro through on the right and after running half the length of the pitch scored with a rising shot to double the score. In the 33rd and the 36th, minute Valletta scored again through their defenders Joe Abdilla and Emm. Farrugia

The second session was simply a training one for Valletta. There was only one team in field. Shots from the citizens were now coming from every angle. It was now all Valletta and the Stars could do nothing against the supremacy of the citizens. In fact, Valletta scored again through their international wingers Magro and Seychell, and also through Tony Giglio.

Our semi-final opponents were Senglea Athletics, The citizens went on the attack from the start and commanded play for most of the time. During the first thirty minutes, they had several scoring occassions, but Senglea's goalle distinguished himself with glory, perfect anticipation and some saves as well.

Until the 38th. minute the score was 0-0. But between the 38th, and the 42nd. minute Valletta found their true rythm and scored three goals in quick succession through Agius, Darmanin Demajo, and Abdilla. Sure of their victory in the 2nd. half, Valletta started playing possession football never really pressing hard. But between the 58th, and the 80th, minute Valletta scored again through Emm, Farrugia, Magro. Abdilla and Gauci Ray. So Valletta marched on to the final.

The final took place on the 29th. May and our opponents were Floriana. The team lined-up in this formation: Grima, Gauci R., Farrugia Emm. Abdilla, Bone, Fenech, Magro, Darmanin Demajo, Agius, Farrugia Leon., and Seychell. Valletta played a good game. The outstanding player in this final was Leonard Farrugia. whose play in the midfield was an inspiration to his team-mates, Valletta had took the match in hand, And whenever they wanted they were always ready to go forward and harass Floriana, especially down the right flank, and defend their posts wherever any danger threatened them. Valletta scored the all-important goal ten minutes into the second half, When Leonard Farrugia, city's hero, having collect-ing a ball on the left moved forward toward the middle, and from the edge of the pena'ty area he beat Sultana, Floriana custodian, with a precise and fine shot! It had been a grand personal goal. A great goal which gave the F.A. Trophy to Vallet-ta! A great goal through which Floriana's unbeaten record during the season went up in smoke! A great goal through which Valletta burst Floriana bubble! And finally a great goal which was enough to book Valletta a trip into Europe for next year's CUP WINNERS CUP Competition,

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F'diskors qasir li ghamel Mons, Azzopardi rringrazzja hafna lil players tal-Valletta u fahharhom ghal dan l-att ta' karita
ghallex huma kienu l-ewwel fost il-clubs
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m'ghandux l-Istess energija bhal ma ghandhom huma. Mons. Azzopardi spićća d-diskors tleghu billi awgura sučćessi akbar littim tal-Val etta F.C. u xtso li timijlet
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F'diskors tal-okkažjoni 1-President tal-M.F.A. qal li 1-atmosfera Beltija hija eččezzjonali. Huwa fahhar 1-ispirtu kumbattiv li fih li-players Beltin waslu biex rebhu dan 1unur. Huwa fahhar ukoli 1-appožg tal-partitarji Beltin li se jiswa hafna lit-team fit-Tazza tat-Tazzi Ewropej. Il-President kompla billi qal li jekk il-Beltin jilghabu bl-istess determinazzjoni jistghu jiksbu riżultati pjačevoli.

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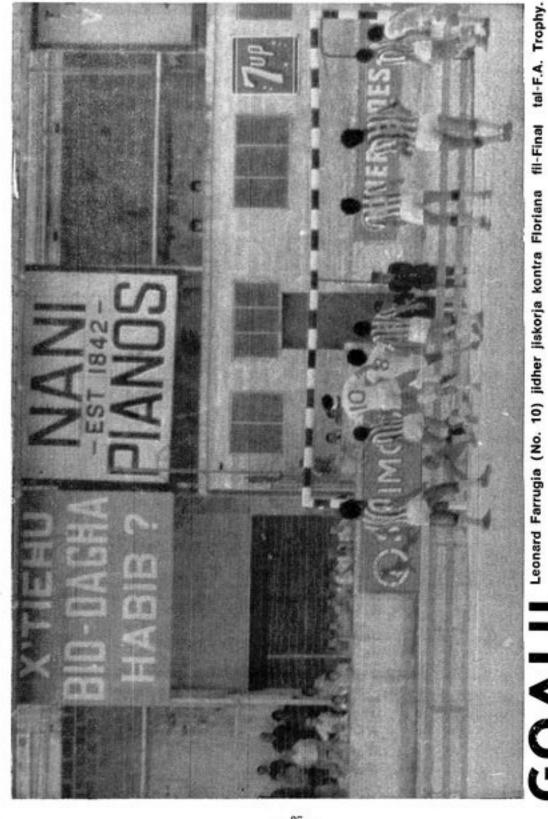
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In the other European Competitions, Valletta met Dukla (Czechoslovakia) in 1963 and Helsinki (Finland) in 1974, in the Champions Cup and the world famous In-ternazionale of Milan in the U.E.F.A. Cup

In all the above matches the local players rose to the occasion and in fact positive results were registered at home, both against Helsinki (1-0) and against Haladas (1-1), He doubt we shall be looking forward to a similar positive result today when meeting our crack Russian visitors; Moscow Dyname tors: Moscow Dynamo

At this stage it is wortwhile reminising on the world famous players which these clashes have given us the opportunity to see in action — Mcsapust, Pluskal and and Kucera of the Dukla Prague side which was at the time among the leading soccer teams in the world and which most of their players having seen in which most of their players having seen in

the national side which reached the World Cup Final against Brazil in 1962.

The Spanish side Saragoza also brought to Malta a fine array of international stars, among whom Marcelino and Carraris, two of the best forwards which Spanish

soccer has ever produced.

But perhaps for the local soccer public always in touch mostly with Italian and English Soccer, the visit of Inter of Milan with Facchetti, Mazzola, Bertini and other household names, was the most thrilling of our 'Furceary' of our 'European' encounters. Although the result was not foavourable, our great hearted display was appreciated by the local soccer public.

In our last three encounters with In-ternazionale, Helsinki, and Haladas, the citizens have always succeeded in scoring. citizens have always succeeded in scoring. We all remember Maxi Magro's goal after only one minute of the match vs Helsinki and the roar from the Valletta side when Giglio's bombshell left the Haladas 'Keeper standing to equalize for the city against our Hungarian visitors, two seasons ago.

We sincerly hope to see a repeat against our Russian visitors for although against such top sides we make no bones about the end result, we always look forward to a good display especially on our pitch in front.

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META tim jirbah it-Tazza f'kompetizzjoni li hadu sehem fiha 18,000 club, meta tim gej minn nazzjon li ghandu b'kollox 4,300,000 player tesserati mal-federazzjoni, meta tim rebah b'kollox aktar minn 17:1 darba l-kampjonat u dagshekk iehor it-Tazza, huwa bilfors tim kbir.

B'danakoliu Dinamo Moska, bhal hafna timijiet ohr, mill-Unjoni Sovjetika, ma
tantx huwa maghruf fid-dinja u b'mod tartikulari Maita Barra n-nuoces ta' taghrif
li johrog mill-Unjoni Sovjetika minhabba
raeunijiet politici, ahna l-Maltin hafna
drabi nahsbu wkoli li fid-dinja jezistu bisa
żewg nazzjonijiet tal-football — dak ta' lItalja u dak ta' l-Ingilterra.

Ghalhekk hija fortuna kbira ghad cilsttanti tal-football f'Maita li l-volza f'Lulju li ghadda tellahet lii dan it-tim kbir biex jilghab kontra l-Valletta.

Dinamo Moska huwa l-aktar tim antik fi-Unjoni Sovjetika — twaccaf fi-1923. Huma l-pijunieri tal-football fil-Belt kapitali Moska, u t-tim baca' minn dak iż-źmien fuc quddiem mhux biss fir-rebh ta' l-unuri imma wkoll fil-akkwist ta' l-ahjar plavers u l-użu ta' sistemi tekniči u tattići li moorta mill-Punent. Kien l-ewwel tim fir-Russja, per eżempju. li dahhal il-WM Plan meta kienet cocolari fi-Ingilterra, kien l-ewwel tim li dahhal il-kundizzjoni fiżika u s-sahha atletika bhala arma qawwija fil-football u kien l-ewwel tim fir-Russja wkoll li laghab bil-filbero'.

It-tim huwa mexxi minn industrija kbira li żżib l-isem ta' Dinamo — il-kuluri tal-klabb huma flokkijiet bojod bl-ittra D stampata kbira fuo il-flokk u oliezet blu Fil-lista ta' players li libsu l-flokk ta' Dinamo jidher l-isem ta' wiehed mill-aowa zoalkeepers li kien hawn fid-dinja — Lev Yashin. Barra Yashin, il zhamel fama internazzjonali, Dinamo kellhom goalkeepers kbar ohra bhal Homle u d-difensuri Soloviev u Semiciastinji. Fi-1968, fl-eta' ta' 38 sena, Lev Yashin de mochti l-aowa unur li jista' jakkwista atleta fl-Unioni Sovjetika meta nghata l-midalja "Il-Hajja Sportiva fl-Unjoni Sovjetika".

Yashin kien l-ewwel Russu li rebah it-

Yashin kien l-ewwel Russu li rebah ittitlu ta' Footballer of the Year fl-Ewropa
fl-1963, u kien ghal hafna snin ghažla awtomatika fil-lasti f'kull partita rapprežentattiva ghal tim mid-dinja maghžula kontra
xi nazzion ohra. Ta' min jfakkar il-partita
tajba li kien ghamel Yashin f'Londra' kontra l-Ingilterra meta l-Ingliži kienu rebhu

bl-iskor ta' 2-1. Laghab b'kollox 6 darbiet f'partiti bhal dawn.

Hafna Maltin iiftakruh fi ewwel partiti li rajna bit-television bejn il-lasti mat-tim nazzjonali Russu, il-qabžiet akrobatiči tieghu, libes kollu kemm hu l-iswed, u b'harsa ta' oattus attent u ntelligenti, Yashin kien jimpressiona mhux biss bis-saves tieghu spettakolari imma wkoll bl-ispirtu spertiv tieghu, u meta l-cameras tat-TV kienu igibu close-up tieghu, kienet tispikka l-harsa malinkonika imma hanina tieghu. Kellu mument ikrah fil-hajja tieghu meta fil-final tat-Tazza Russa— proprju l-istess unur li minhabba fih ģejiin Malta— waot li Dinamo kienu oed jilaghbu kontra Ped Star fl-istadiu menumentali Lenin

Kellu mument ikrah fil-hajja tieghu meta fil-final tat-Tazza Russ₂ — proprju listess unur li minhabba fih ģejiin Malta — waot li Dinamo kienu oed jilaghbu kontra Red Star fl-istadju monumentali Lenin, u meta l-iskor kien l—l fi klima eletrizzanti, ir-referee Latiscew saffar ghal penalty kontra Yashin li Agodov skorja, wara protesti kbar. Il-partita thassret ghal kollox, u ma' l-ewwel ballun li Agropov reģa' gie bih vicin, Yashin idhollu wahda sewwa u r-referes kien pront kečća 'l barra lil soalkeeper ta' Dinamo. Kienet l-unika darba li kellu inčident fil-karriera twila

Il-coach li mexxa lit-tim shal diversi unuri u successi huwa l-famuz Beskov, li wara zmien twil player ta' Dinamo, sar coach taghhom u kien ukoli responsabbli shal hafna zmien tat-tim nazzionali. Kien Beskov infatti, li mexxa tant taijeb it-tim fil-kampionat. Ewropew tan-Nazzionillet fil-1964 u fil-partita kontra l-Italja jirbah 2—0 f'Moska imbashad fit-tieni leg f'Ruma, Lev Yashin illoa' penalty ta' Sandro Mazzola u l-partita tintemm draw ta' 1—1.

Minn dak iż-zmien, il-players ta' Dina-

Minn dak iż-żmien, il olayers ta' Dinamo nbidlu sewwa, imma l-isem ta' tradizzioni kbira u gloriuża ghadhom iaghmlu
f'Dinamo l-aowa tim li hemm fl-Unjoni
Sovjetika li bla dubiu wiebed mill-aowa li
hawn fl-Ewropa. Illum it-tim jaghti aktar
min-nofs tal-players ghat-tim nazzjonali u
minkeija li fil-kompetizzioniiet internazzjonali oatt ma waslu biex akkwistaw upuri yerament kbar u konsistenti, kull darba
li hadu sehem dejjem hallew impressjoni
tajba.

F'Malta, oatt ma èie iilehab klabb Russu. Imma fl-24 ta' Novembru 1971 rajna t-tim nazzionali ta' ta't it-23 sena iilghab fil-Stadium u kien rebeh lit-tim nazzionali tachna 2-0. Din shalbekk hija okkažjoni unika ghad-dilettanti Maltin, li iaraw mill-vičin lij dan it-tim kbir. li shna čerti ghandu jaghti spettakiu fli Stadium.

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Matul iż-żmien li kien jilghab ma' Floriana fejn nistghu liberament nghidu li kellu karriera mill-aktar brillanti, Lolly kien membru tat-team li rebah it-triple crown tliet darbiet waqt li rebah ukoll lunuri koliha li kien joffri 1-football Malti matul il-karriera tieghu.

Infatti fi-istağun 1954/55 Lolly gie maghžul Footballer of the Year ta' Malta fl-ewwel sena li dan l-unur ĝie ntrodott 22

Lolly huwa wkoll ex-player internaz-zjonali fejn laghab kemm ghat-team tal-Youths kif ukoll fl-ghola livell fejn gieli wkoli gie maghžul bhala captain. Il-karriera ta' Lolly Debatista giet fit-

tmiem taghha fl-istagun 1964/65 fl-eta' ta' 35 sena meta minn full-back spićća jokkupa 1-požizzjoni ta' libero.

L-akbar sodisfazzjon ghaj Lolly wara li mexxa t-teamljiet ta' S. Gwann u Hamrun Spartans kien meta fi-istagun li ghadda hu-wa ghen lit-team tal-Valletta jirbah l-FA Trophy ghar-raba' darba mill-1960 'ij hawn kontra l-ex team tieghu, Floriana, Fl-istess hin it-team Belti ma garrab l-ebda telfa fit-12-ij logibba tal-kampionat mindu ha ra fit-13-il loghba tal-kampjonat mindu ha r-riedni f'idelh wara li rrizenja Terrenzio Polverini Infatti l-unika telfa tahtu kienet fi-1 ta' Jannar, 1977 meta Floriana kienu rebhu 3-2 fis-Sons of Malta Cup wara ii konna darbtejn fil-vantagg.

Issa Lolly jispera li t-team jaghti sfida akbar ghar-rebh tal-kampjonat fejn li-players akkwistaw aktar esperjenza. Bla dubju ta' xejn l-ghajnuna tal-kumitat, tal-players u l-partitarji kienet ferm evidenti l-istagun li ghadda, u hawnhekk Debattista Jispera li kollox jerga' jimxi l-istess l-is-tagun li gej halli t-team tal-Valletta jkompli jniżżel ismu fuq aktar tazzi ghas-sodis-fazzjon ta' kulhadd fil-kamp Belti.

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Last June, Carlo Seychell, Malta and Valletta Football Club left-winger, was voted for the Valletta FOOTBALLER OF THE YEAR, by the Club Committee. This is the second time that Carlo achieved such honour from the club. Infact in season 1974/75, he was awarded such honour.

Carlo started his football career at the age of 14 years with the Valletta Vanguards. He made his first appearance with the Valletta Team in the season 1968/69. Through all this time, Carlo was always first choice for the Valletta Squad. He is also one of the top scorers both of the Club and of the Island. Infact last season he has obtained the second place in the scorer's list.

Carlo is also an international player. He played his first match against Sweden. In

all he played 15 international matches.

As a Valletta player, Carlo has won nearly all the major honours which Maltese football can offer, including a league Championship 1973/74, Sons of Malta Cup 1974/75, and the F.A. Trophy 1974/75; 1976/77. In fact it was Carlo who last season, as Captain of the Lillywhites, led Valletta to win the F.A. Trophy, and thus making his team capable to participate for the third time in the Cup Winners Cup Competition against DYNAMO MOSCOW of Russia.



Cario Seychell (No 11) in action against St. Georges.

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F	Results	Line-Ups — First Round
v	s FLORIANA 3—1	Mifsud, Gauci V. (Buhagiar), Farrugia E. Abdilla, Borg J., Fenech, Magro, Darmanin Demajo (Grioli), Agius, Farrugia L., Seychell. Scorer: Seychell.
v	rs SLIEMA W 2—2	Debono, Zarb, Farrugia E., Abdilla, Borg J., Fenech, Magro, Darmanin Demajo, Agius (Borg J.), Farrugia L. Seychell. Scorers: Fenech, Magro.
v	s ZEBBUG R, 0—1	Mifsud, Zarb, Farrugia E., Borg J., Gauci V., Borg J., Mag- ro, Gauci R. (Bone), Agius, Chircop, Seychell.
V	rs MSIDA S.J 4—1	Mifsud, Zarb, Farrugia E. Abdilia, Borg J., Fenech, Magro, Darmanin Demajo, Giglio (Agius), Farrugia L., Seychell, Scorers; Magro, Darmanin Demajo, Magro, Farrugia.
v	s HIBERNIANS 2—0	Grima, Zarb, Farrugia, Abdilla, Borg J. (Borg J. II). Fe- nsch (Grioli), Magro, Darmanin Demajo, Aglus, Farrugia L., Seychell.
v	rs VITTORIOSA S 4—9	Grima, Gauci R. (Zarb), Farruzia E. Abfilla, Gauci V., Fe- nech, Magro, Darmanin Demajo, Agius (Giglio), Farrugia L., Seychell. Scorers: Darmanin Demajo, Seychell, Magro, Farrugia
v	s ST. GEORGE'S 7—2	Grima, Gauci R., Farrugia E. (Galea), Abdilla, Gauci V., Feneco, Magro, Darmanin Demajo, Agius (Borg J.), Far- rugia L., Seychell, Scorers: Seychell, Farrugia L. (3), Darmanin Demajo, Far-
v	s HAMRUN S 2—1	rugia E., Borg J. Grima, Gauci R., Farrugia E., Abdilla, Gauci V., Fenech, Magro, Darmanin Demajo, Borg, Farrusia L., Sevebell
v	rs SENGLEA A 4—0	Scorers: Borg, Darmanin Demajo. Grima, Gauci R., Farrugia E., Abdilla, Gauci V., Fenach, Magro, Darmanin Demajo, Borg, Farrugia L., Seychell Scorers: Darmanin Demajo (2), Magro (2).
		Second Round
v	rs FLORIANA 1—1	Grima, Gauci R. (Galea). Farrugia E., Abdilla, Gauci V., Fenech, Magro. Darmanin Damajo, Borg J. (Agius). Far- rugia L., Seychell. Scorer: Seychell.
v	rs SLIEMA W, 0-0	Grima Galea (Micallef) Farrusia E. Abdilla, Bors J. Fe- nech, Magro, Darmanin Demajo, Giglio (Borg J. II), Far- rugia L., Seychell.
*	vs ZEBBUG R 4—1	Grima, Gauci, Farrugia, Abdilla Borg, Fenech, Magro, Dar- manin Demaio, Agius, Farrugia L. Saychell.
v	rs MSIDA S.J 3—1	Scorers: Agius, Seychell (2), Magro. Grima, Gauci, Farrugia, Abdilla, Borg, Fenech, Magro, Dar- manin Demaio, Agius, Farrugia I., Seychell.
v	rs HIBERNIANS 1—1	Scorers; Seychell (2), Magro. Grima, Gauci, Farrugia, Abdilla, Borg J., Fenech, Magro, Darmanin Demajo, Borg J., Farrugia L., Seychell. Scorer: o.g.
v	vs VITTORIOSA S 3—3	Grima, Gauci, Zarb (Galea). Abbilla, Borg J., Farrugia E., Magro, Farrugia L., Giglio, Fenech, Seychell. Scorers: Farrugia L., Fenech, Seychell.
,	vs ST. GEORGE'S 4—0	Grima (Mifsud), Gauci, Galea, Abdilla, Bone, Farrugia E., Magro, Farrugia L., Fenech, Giglio (Agius), Seychell, Scorers; Seychell, Gauci, Farrugia L.
1	vs HAMRUN S 1—0	Grima (Mifsud), Gauci, Galea, Abdilla, Bone, Farrugia E., Magro, Farrugia L., Agius, Fenech, Seychell. Scorer: Agius.
٧	s SENGLEA A, 2—0	Mifsud, Gauci, Galea, Abdilla, Bone, Farrugia E., Magro, Farrugia L. (Borg), Aglus, Fenech, Seychell. Scorers: Abdilla, Gauci.

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1927/28				0	2	1				Fourth
1928/29				3				5		Runners-up
1929/30				4	1					Runners-up
1931/32	1928/29			0	3					
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1944/45	1937/38	Val'etta Utd.		0	3	3	4	9		Third
1945/46	1938/39	Valletta Utd.	6	1	2	3	4	4	4	Fourth
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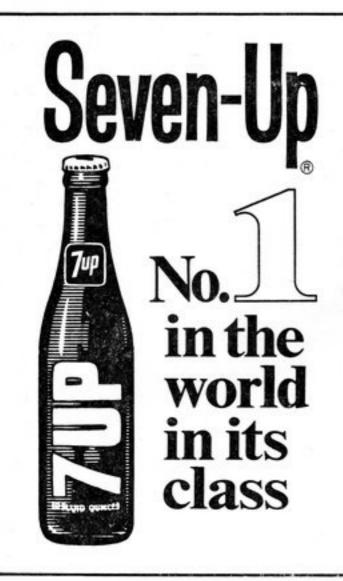
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