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MATT BUSBY talking...

by MATT BUSBY, C.B.E., Manager, M.U.F.C.

This evening it is my pleasure to extend a warm welcome to our visitors from France, Racing Strasbourg, and I know you will all want to join me in this respect.

Racing come to Old Trafford in a bid to reach the semi-finals of the Fairs Cup, a competition in which we were delighted to take part and one which has grown in importance and scope in the last two years or so.

Indeed, qualification is now based on a club's League rating the previous season and those who take part are teams who have narrowly failed to win their own League title.

That indicates the strength of the opposition and recent achievements in their own countries by the clubs left in the competition serves merely to emphasize that point.

Indeed, we won our own Championship; Strasbourg have been in the running for their own League and Cup "double" — as have Spain's Athletico Madrid and the Hungarians, Ference Varos (Budapest) — as well as building a fine reputation in this competition.

Tonight, of course, we will again be relying upon all of you to give the teams a great welcome for I am confident we will see a game worthy of the occasion. You can help in this respect.

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I am very happy indeed to extend the warmest of greetings to Racing Strasbourg of France.

For despite Manchester United's now considerable experience of football in Europe this is the first time that we have had the opportunity of playing a club from France in a serious competitive match.

In the three competitions of European Cup, European Cup Winners Cup and Inter Cities Fairs Cup that we have been fortunate enough to play in, we have seen at Old Trafford clubs from Belgium, Germany, Spain, Republic of Ireland, Czechoslovakia, Yugoslavia, Italy, Holland, Portugal and Sweden.

But in the four seasons that we have played in these European competitions, we have seen nothing of our nearest neighbours from the Continent.

So I am delighted the matter is put to rights tonight. May this meeting be the beginning of a footballing entente cordiale.

Like Manchester United, Racing Strasbourg has had an exciting season in both the French Cup and League Competitions.

Then of course, like our own club, they are bidding for honours in the Fairs Cup and we look forward to an exciting match which we hope will be full of good football. Strasbourg come from the proud area of Alsace Lorraine and we are equally

Greetings to

Racing Strasbourg

from H. P. HARDMAN, Chairman, M.U.F.C.

J'ai le grand plaisir de souhaiter une chalereuse bienvenue au Racing Strasbourg de France.

Malgré l'expérience en football maintenant considérable de Manchester United en Europe, c'est la première fois que nous avons eu l'occasion de jouer contre un club de France dans un match de compétition sérieux.

Dans les trois tournois de la Coupe Européenne, la Coupe des Gagnants de la Coupe Européenne et la Coupe des Villes de Foire dans lesquels nous avons eu la chance de jouer, nous avons rencontré à Old Trafford des clubs de Belgique, d'Allemagne, d'Espagne, de la Répbulique d'Irelande, de Tchécoslovaquie, de Yougoslavie, d'Italie, de Hollande, du Portugal et de Suède.

Mais, pendant les quatre saisons où nous avons joué dans ces tournois européens, nous n'avons rien vu de nos plus proches voisins du continent.

Je suis donc très heureux que nous puissoins y remédier ce soir. Que cette réunion soit le commencement d'une "Entente Cordiale" du football.

Comme Manchester United, le Racing Strasbourg a eu une saison palpitante aussi bien pour la Coupe de France que pour les Matchs de Ligue.

Et naturellement, comme notre propre club, il chercher les honneurs dans la Coupe des Foires et nous attendons avec grande impatience au matche passionnant qui, nous l'espérons, seront un bel exemple de bon football. Le Strasbourg vient du fier territoire d'Alsace-Lorraine et nous aussi sommes fiers de les



D. Devaux, J. Hausser Ö Szczepaniak, Gonzales, Ö Kaelbel, R. Merschel, Gress, J. Farias, Ö Zsamboki, Back row (left to right): R. Hauss, R. Front row (left to right): J.

Racing Club of Strasbourg

PLAYING PERSONALITIES

By DAVID MEEK

of the

"Manchester Evening News and Chronicle"

Johny Schuth (goal-keeper)

Only a part-time professional but a regular first-teamer this season. A Junior international and recently a reserve for the French "B" team. Has been with Strasbourg since 1960. Born Saint Ouen, aged 23.

Rene Hauss (full-back)

Veteran of the side aged 37. He was in the Strasbourg team that won the French Cup in 1951 and of course he is the club's longest-serving professional. Born near Strasbourg and one of six local players from Alsace.

Pierre Sbaiz (full-back)

A newcomer to the first team this last season. Promoted in November when Gines Gonzales was moved from left-back to wing-half Born Ronchis, aged 28.

Raymond Kaebel (half-back)

Most experienced player in the club, now 33. Alsace born and played with his home-town team, Colmar, and also Le Havre. His most successful years were at Monaco where he won a French Cup medal in 1960 and the following year a Championship medal. Made 35 appearances for France between 1954-60. Played with Reims until joining Strasbourg at beginning of this season.

Denis Devaux (centre-half)

Joined Strasbourg in 1959 from Besancon. He was an Army international and won his first full cap for France against Austria in Paris in March. A Strasbourg regular, born Cize, aged 26.

Raymond Steiber (half-back)

Born Strasbourg and joined his local club several years ago. Won a first team place with consistently sound play. Was 29 last month.

Toseph Zsamboki (outside-right)

Born Budapest, nearly 32, and one of the few foreigners with Strasbourg. Has had a spell this year at outside-right but can also play on the other wing.

Gilbert Gress (inside-forward)

Has been on the books since 1960 and has

Rouen. Aged 23, he was born Strasbourg and regarded as one of France's brightest prospects. Frequently plays on the right wing.

Gines Gonzales (inside-forward)

An amateur international who joined Strasbourg at the start of the 1962-63 season. Was playing at full-back until a switch earlier this season to left-half and then recently to insideforward. A regular first team player, born St. Etienne, aged 26.

Robert Szczepaniak (centre-forward)

Born Grausac in Alsace and as his name suggests, descended from the Polish miners who came to work in the French coalfields. Was 23 last month and played regularly in several positions during the last two years. Switched from inside-forward to centreforward when Jose Farias broke his leg last month.

Roland Merschel (inside-forward)

Normally a wing-half but sometimes used a inside-forward in European matches. Rejoined Strasbourg at the beginning of this season from Nancy. Born near Strasbourg aged 27.

Gerard Hausser (outside-left)

Won junior international honours and a car in the Under-23 game against Austria this year. Born Strasbourg, and been with the club since 1960.

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PLAYING **PERSONALITIES**

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Pat Dunne (goal-keeper)

Dublin born and joined United last summer from Shamrock Rovers after completing a highly successful season with the Eire club. Had trials at Old Trafford as a voungster and was also an Everton junior for a season before going back home to Dublin. Made his United debut at Everton on September 8th to begin a long run in an unbeaten side.

Shay Brennan (right-back)

Born in Manchester, but of Irish parents which under a new rule has recently brought him international honours with Eire. Joined United straight from school, and made his senior debut in February, 1958, immediately after the Munich air disaster, as a winger. Later had a spell at wing-half but now successfully settled at full-back. Gained F.A. representative honours before his first Eire honour this month against Spain.

Tony Dunne (left-back)

Born Dublin and recruited from Shelbourne in the latter part of the 1959-60 season. He has since added full international honours to those he won as an amateur for Eire. A constructive defender who made his senior debut at Burnley nearly five years ago. One of the speediest full-backs in the game.

Noel Cantwell (full back)

Born in Cork, Eire. Noel joined United from West Ham in November 1960 making his debut the same day in the friendly match against Bayern of Munich. An accomplished cricketer. A regular International, currently captain of the Eire team, is United's versatile Reserve. Played twice - centre-forward in the last lap towards winning the league Championship.

Pat Crerand (wing-half)

Glasgow-born and United's joker-in-chief. A brilliantly constructive half-back who was starring with Celtic and Scotland when United brought him south in February, 1963. It is frequently said that when Crerand plays well, United play well.

Bill Foulkes (centre-half)

Recruited from a Lancashire junior club in

the 1949-50 season, he is St. Helens-born and United's longest-serving player. An England "cap" at full-back, is now an always reliable centre-half who has passed the 500 mark in League and Cup for the club.

Nobby Stiles (wing-half)

A local born player and former Lancashire and England schoolboy star, he joined United in 1957. He is also a youth international, Under-23 player with League honours, and is now a full cap for England. A versatile player, he has switched frequently to insideforward with great success.

John Connelly (outside-right)

United signed this quick moving winger from Burnley in April, 1964, and he made his League debut on the opening day of this last season. Born St. Helens, he spent eight years with Burnley at Turf Moor and won 10 England "caps". Undoubtedly a great capture, he has added a great deal of thrust to United's right flank and this month won back his international place.

Bobby Charlton (inside-forward)
Most successful of United's "home-grown" products, he held the England scoring record for a spell in season 1963-64. He joined United straight from school. He has completed 250 League and Cup appearances for the club and is well on the way to the 150goal mark for United as well as playing many notable international games. A most graceful player.

David Herd (centre-forward)

A Scottish international who, brought up in the Manchester area, played with Stockport County and Arsenal before coming to Old Trafford in July, 1961. David is the son of Alec Herd, a famous player in his day, and has a terrific shot and a fine scoring record in a lengthy league career.

Denis Law (inside-forward)

A British record transfer fee changed hands when Denis joined United from Italian club Torino, on 12th July, 1962. An Aberdonian, Denis is a world-class forward and to his dazzling dexterity he has added a scoring flair with United, for whom he is consistently leading marksman. A leading light for Scotland, he played for F.I.F.A. against England at Wembley in 1963.

George Best (outside-left)

Born Belfast, he joined Old Trafford's staff after leaving school. At first he was thought to be too frail for football, but great skill has now made him one of the finest prospects in the game. He made his senior debut in September, 1963, and shot so rapidly into notice that he was capped for Ireland the following April. Has been a regular international ever since.

Back row (left to right): J. Crompton (Trainer), W. Foulkes, Front row (left to right): J. Connelly, N. Stiles, R. Charlton, Busby, D C.B.E. D. Law, A. (Manager). P Dunne, Dunne D S Brennan, Herd, G. Best Q Moore, P Crerand



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One of those odd twists of football fortune which pop up from time to time has brought Racing Strasbourg to Old Trafford tonight in their bid for a place in the semi-finals of the Inter-Cities Fairs Cup tournament.

Rather like Liverpool's recent experience, it was the spinning of a disc which saw this well-known French club get the better of Barcelona. Here, too, it was a case of second time lucky.

It took two spins to see Liverpool through to the last-four stage of the European Cup against Cologne. For Racing, it was a little different.

They lost the toss for choice of venue after two tremendous games against Barcelona — 0-0 in France, 2-2 in Spain with Barcelona's second goal coming in the last minute! and so the play-off was on their opponents' ground.

This clash also ended in a goalless draw. Then came the disc spinning exercise and this time fortune favoured Strasbourg, a team that has belied its rating as among the outsiders of the 48 "runners" when the tourney got under way earlier this winter.

But having disposed of A.C. Milan and Barcelona en route to tonight's match, one must have every respect for the French club, especially as Milan have been heading the Italian League all season and their third round opponents are highly regar-

Spain's interest in the Fairs Cup is in very capable hands. They have two clubs going strong and one of them, Athletico Madrid, has already battled through to the semi-finals.

They recently chalked-up a great win against their old rivals Real Madrid, smashing a fantastic home record which has lasted for 121 matches on their own pitch.

With that inspiring win behind them, it is not surprising to find them firm favourites for the Spanish Championship and currently heading the League table.

Like United and Strasbourg, Athletico Bilbao - what memories that name conjures up for everyone linked with Old Trafford! - are concerned in a play-off for a last-four place.

They have been paired with Ference Varos (Budapest), the club for whom centre-forward Albert is still turning in five-star displays as well as winning considerable praise as a Hungarian international.

He is the young player regarded by many top European critics as the world's best in a No. 9 jersey and football fans in England will see Albert's skill and firepower in World Cup matches next year.

Bilbao, of course, still rely on native talent. While their rivals at home spend lavishly on foreign stars, they concentrate on Basque players and continue to prosper, even at European level.

The other semi-finalist will come from the winners of the play-off between Juventus (Italy) and Loco Plovdiv (Bulgaria) which, at the time of writing, has not been decided.

It has been a long hard road for the survivors of the original 48 entrants in a competition which has certainly grown in stature since it was conceived a few years ago.

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UNITED Jothings

by

DAVID MEEK

"Manchester Evening News and Chronicle"

Racing Strasbourg come to Old Trafford tonight with a seemingly impossible task. Manchester United dealt them a crushing blow last week in France by winning the first leg 5-0.

But I am sure it will not stop this Strasbourg side from having a go, and certainly they will play entertaining football. They are a far more accomplished team than the margin

of five goals suggests.

They played excellent football in midfield and have all the skills that you associate with Continental football. The quality they lacked against United was finishing power near goal.

Their forwards were wild near goal, but one must feel a certain sympathy here. For the man who has been supplying their goals is out of action with a broken leg and they have been able to find no-one to take his place.

Jose Farias, an Argentinian and one of the few foreigners with the club, was the team's leading marksman and until his injury they were

a well balanced side.

The Strasbourg Press reckon that the injury to Farias has probably robbed them of the French championship because until he dropped out they were much fancied to win the title.

Against United last week, Strasbourg tried their fourth centreforward in four games to try and find the man to take over.

The centre-forward against United was Gilbert Gress, a winger and French Under-23 international who



was probably their most skilful forward. But Gress could not solve their goal problem and there was no-one else who looked much of a danger to goalkeeper Pat Dunne.

However by tonight they may have found the right blend in attack and if they do, then Strasbourg may even

surprise us.

As I say, they have a lot more talent in certain departments than the crushing defeat suggests. And Strasbourg were also unlucky to catch United in the mood that spells confidence for the Reds in the European Cup next season.

A team capable of going to Europe and forging a lead, never mind hanging on for a draw, has prospects in the European Cup! United's football seems to me to be at a stage of development eminently suited to take on the might of the Continent.

But first of course, United must beat Strasbourg tonight. Although the odds are stacked against them, the Frenchmen will put on a good show because they are that kind of a club.

The hospitality they extended to United included the warmest welcome that the Manchester club have experienced in European travel.

I hope Strasbourg receive the warm welcome tonight that they deserve. I hope also that the United players receive their proper welcome.

This is the first time that the team have played at Old Trafford since winning the championship and also since they became an all-international team for the first time for as long as anyone can remember.

Make the most of the opportunity to show your appreciation for a fine

achievement.