

**22/10/05 TT No.80: Christine Morgan - Swiss Travels**

Swiss travels - My husband wanted to go to Switzerland to look at mountains but I had other ideas-

28th September 2005 - **FC Bex** 3 Grand Lancy 1 (Liga Gruppe 1).

Admission: 10 CHF, no programme printed due to late arrangement of the game, only fixture list and team sheet.

Bex is a small town near Lake Geneva. When I booked our accommodation for the night, I didn't realise that the rear of the hotel looked directly onto the pitch. I needn't have left my room to watch the game. While my husband sampled the local beer in the club-house I watched the game. GL should have sewn this game up in the first half the number of chances they had. Bex (pronounced Bey) played well in the second half and deserved the points.

30th September - **FC Baden** 3 SC YF Juventus 1 (Challenge League)

Admission: 12 CHF, free programme.

We arrived in Baden really late, got lost trying to find the Esp stadium in Dattwil and had the good fortune to ask a man at a petrol station for directions, luckily, he was going to the match and we followed him, he even found us a parking space! It was worth all our trouble because the match was good and the rain only started in the second half. At the end of the game I was amazed at all the programmes that littered the terracing, no one seems to take them home! What a waste!

1st October - **FC Luzern** 5 FC La Chaux-de-Fonds 1 (Challenge League)

Admission: 18 CHF, programme 2CHF.

The rain from the day before didn't let up all day, and I had trouble buying my programme because the young boys selling them inside the entrance had stuffed them under their coats to keep them dry! This was the most amazing ground to visit. The atmosphere was great in the Allmend stadium. We heard a Swiss crowd chanting in English "no one likes us we don't care!" and waving flags that proclaim in English to "support your local team". At the end of the game the Luzern team came over to the most vocal supporters in our stand to celebrate on their knees in front of the fans.

2nd October - **AC Lugano** 2 AC Bellinzona 0 (Challenge League)

Admission: 30 CHF, free programme.

The rain followed us down to Lugano on the Italian border. The Sunday afternoon game didn't attract a very big crowd. The Cornaredo stadium has two large covered seated stands on either side of the ground. Behind each goal is uncovered terracing. A running track borders the pitch. This local derby game deserved to

end a draw, but Lugano took their chances well and came off winners. More programmes thrown away again after the match.....doesn't anyone collect them in Switzerland!

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