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**Valletta  
F.C.**

**vs**

**Austria  
Wien**



## A Message by the Valletta F.C. President

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# A SPECIAL WELCOME TO OLD FRIENDS

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**O**nly a city so football conscious as Valletta, so sensitive to the arts of the game and appreciative of its skill could show such enthusiasm as will be in evidence today for the Austrian Visitors, Austria-Memphis.

Austria-Memphis are no strangers to Malta. We still recall them as F.K. Austria, a team that won the Mitropa Cup, twice. F.K. Austria graced the Xmas Tournay in season 1947/48 on the hard-surface of the Empire Stadium at Gzira.

This is why I expect that our Viennese visitors will find another warm response from all around them. In 1947, S.K. Austria expressed their delight and gratitude for the reception accorded to them by the Maltese soccer spectator.

In the Xmas Tournay of 1947/48, S.K. Austria made propaganda for Austria and the Austrian style of soccer. They were a magnificent team; a team composed of players forming the National Austrian side. Names like Josef Spale, Ernest Occwirk, Ernst Melchier, Adolph Huber, Pepi Stroh and Ernst Stojaspal are still remembered with joyful thoughts.

S.K. Austria have changed their name, to Austria-Memphis, but surely the Viennese have not changed their style. This is why we sincerely hope that this return-match will prove to be an entertaining diversion for the players, officials and supporters of both clubs.

As President of the Valletta F.C., I wish Austria-Memphis an enjoyable visit and that today's match will once again forge a link of friendship between the cities of Vienna and Valletta. This is because during this century, football has joined the two countries, Austria and Malta, so closely together.

By virtue of the European Competition, Valletta F.C. have travelled near and far, meeting Europe's best teams at home and abroad. We have had our moments, but we must also admit that we have to throw every ounce of resource to obtain creditable results.



**Joseph Salinos, President of Valletta F.C., displaying the Coca-Cola League Championship Cup.**

In the 1947/48 Xmas Tournay, Valletta F.C. were not much worthy opponents to S.K. Austria.

This is a first occasion. But this return-leg, in terms of European competitions, Malta is welcoming an Austrian side for the first time on competitive basis, thus assuring a good attendance.

Valletta F.C., sponsored by Rothmans, must raise to the occasion.

**Joseph Salinos,**  
President; Valletta F.C.

### EUROPEAN CHAMPIONS CUP: VALLETTA F.C. – AUSTRIA MEMPHIS

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# EUROPEAN CHAMPIONS CUP 1984/85

## First Round:

	H.	A.
Levski Spartak Sofia (Bulgaria) – VFB Stuttgart (W. Germany)	.....	.....
Lech Poznan (Poland) – Liverpool F.C. (England)	.....	.....
Aberdeen F.C. (Scotland) – Berliner FC Dynamo (E. Germany)	.....	.....
Dinamo Bucharest (Rumania) – Omonia (Cyprus)	.....	.....
Ilves R.Y. Tampere (Finland) – Juventus F.C. (Italy)	.....	.....
Feyenoord Rotherdam (Holland) – Panathinaikos (Greece)	.....	.....
F.K. Austria Memphis (Austria) – Valletta F.C. (Malta)	.....	.....
F.K. Crvena Zvezda Beograd (Yugoslavia) – SL Benfica (Portugal)	.....	.....
FC Avenir Beggen (Luxembourg) – IFK Göteborg (Sweden)	.....	.....
Girondins de Bordeaux (France) – Athletic Club Bilbao (Spain)	.....	.....
Grasshopper Club Zurich (Switzerland) – Budapesti Honved (Hungary)	.....	.....
Valerengens IF (Norway) – Sparta CKD Praha (Czechoslovakia)	.....	.....
Trabzonspor (Turkey) – Dnepropetrovsk (Russia)	.....	.....
S.K. Beveren (Belgium) – IA Akranes (Luxembourg)	.....	.....
Linfield FAC (N. Ireland) – Shamrock Rovers F.C. (Eire)	.....	.....
Labinoti Elbasan (Albania) – Lyngby Boldklub 1921 (Denmark)	.....	.....

## Second Round:

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## Quarter-Finals:

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## Semi Finals:

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## FINAL:

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## THE FINALS

1955/56: Real Madrid (Spain) – Stade Reims (France)	4–3	1962/63: Milan (Italy) – Benfica (Portugal)	2–1	1973/74: Bayern Munich (W. Germany) – Atletico Madrid (Spain)	4–0
1956/57: Real Madrid (Spain) – Fiorentina (Italy)	2–0	1963/64: Inter (Italy) – Real Madrid (Spain)	3–1	1974/75: Bayern Munich (W. Germany) – Leeds Utd (England)	2–0
1957/58: Real Madrid (Spain) – A.C. Milan (Italy)	3–2	1964/65: Inter (Italy) – Benfica (Portugal)	1–0	1975/76: Liverpool (England) – Borussia Moen. (W. Germany)	3–1
1958–59: Real Madrid (Spain) – Stade Reims (France)	2–0	1965/66: Real Madrid (Spain) – Partizan (Yugoslavia)	2–1	1977/78: Liverpool (England) – Bruges (Belgium)	1–0
1959/59: Real Madrid (Spain) – Eintracht Frankfurt (W. Germany)	7–3	1966/67: Celtic (Scotland) – Inter (Italy)	2–1	1978/79: Nottingham Forest (England) – Malmoe (Sweden)	1–0
1960/61: Benfica (Portugal) – Barcelona (Spain)	3–2	1967/68: Manchester Utd (England) – Benfica (Portugal)	4–1	1979/80: Nottingham Forest (England) – Hamburg (W. Germany)	1–0
1961/62: Benfica (Portugal) – Real Madrid (Spain)	5–3	1968/69: Milan (Italy) – Ajax (Holland)	4–1	1980/81: Liverpool (England) – Borussia Moen. (W. Germany)	3–1
		1969/70: Feyenoord (Holland) – Celtic (Scotland)	2–1	1981/82: Aston Villa (England) – Bayern Munich (W. Germany)	1–0
		1970/71: Ajax (Holland) – Panathinaikos (Greece)	2–0	1982/83: Hamburg (W. Germany) – Juventus (Italy)	1–0
		1971/72: Ajax (Holland) – Inter (Italy)	2–0	1983/84: Liverpool (England) – Roma (Italy)	1–1
		1972/73: Ajax (Holland) – Juventus (Italy)	1–0	(Liverpool wins by penalties)	

# VALLETTA F.C. *The Way to Europe*

## First Phase

15-10-1983:

vs. FLORIANA F.C. . . . . . 2-0

*Line-Up:* Grima; Buckingham, Curmi; Grioli, Hili, Farrugia E; Farrugia N, Cremona (Magro), Seychell, Fenech, Zammit.

*Scorers:* E. Farrugia (18 min), Seychel (23 min).

22-10-1983:

vs. RABAT AJAX . . . . . 1-0

*Line-Up:* Grima; Buckingham, Curmi; Grioli, Hili, Farrugia E (Micallef); Farrugia N, Cremona, Seychell, Fenech, Zammit.

*Scorer:* N. Farrugia (63 min).

29-10-1983:

vs. HAMRUN SPARTANS. . . . . 2-0

*Line-Up:* Grima; Buckingham, Curmi; Cassar, Grioli, Hili, Fenech; Magro, Cremona, Seychell, Farrugia N, Seychell.

*Scorers:* Seychell (46 min), N. Farrugia (49 min).

5-11-1983:

vs. BIRKIRKARA F.C. . . . . . 0-0

*Line-Up:* Grima; Buckingham, Curmi; Cassar, Hili, Fenech (Grioli); Magro, Cremona, Seychell, Farrugia N, Zammit (Micallef):

20-11-1983:

vs. ZURRIEQ F.C. . . . . . 0-0

*Line-Up:* Mifsud; Buckingham, Curmi; Grioli, Hili, Farrugia E; Farrugia N, Cremona, Seychell, Fenech, Magro (Micallef).

26-11-1983:

vs. HIBERNIANS F.C. . . . . . 2-3

*Line-Up:* Mifsud; Buckingham, Curmi; Grioli, Hili, Fenech; Zammit, Cremona, Seychell, L. Farrugia, Micallef.

*Scorers:* P. Zammit (33 min), N. Farrugia (65 min).

27-12-1983:

vs. ST. PATRICK'S F.C. . . . . . 1-0

*Line-Up:* Grima; Buckingham, Curmi; Grioli, Hili, Farrugia E (Briffa); Zammit, Cremona, Micallef, Fenech, Farrugia N (Magro).

*Scorer:* N. Farrugia (44 min).

## Championship Pool

22-1-1984:

vs. HAMRUN SPARTANS. . . . . 0-0

*Line-Up:* Grima; Buckingham (Briffa); Curmi; Farrugia E, Hili, Grioli; Seychell, Cremona, Micallef, Fenech, Farrugia N.

28-1-1984:

vs. HIBERNIANS F.C. . . . . . 1-0

*Line-Up:* Mifsud; Briffa, Curmi; Farrugia E, Hili, Grioli; Cremona, Farrugia N, Micallef (Magro), Fenech, Zammit.

*Scorer:* Fenech (47 min).

5-2-1984:

vs. RABAT AJAX F.C. . . . . . 0-0

*Line-Up:* Mifsud; Briffa, Curmi; Grioli, Hili, Buckingham (Saliba); Farrugia N, Farrugia E, Micallef, Fenech, Zammit.



**Denis Fenech (left) and Nardu Farrugia celebrating the presentation of the Coca-Cola Premier League Cup.**

26-2-1984:

vs. HAMRUN SPARTANS. . . . . 1-0

*Line-Up:* Mifsud; Buckingham, Curmi; Farrugia E, Hili, Grioli; Farrugia L, Cremona (Bone), Seychell, Fenech, Zammit (Briffa).

*Scorer:* N. Farrugia (63 min).

4-3-1984:

vs. HIBERNIANS. . . . . 2-1

*Line-Up:* Mifsud; Buckingham, Curmi; Farrugia E, Hili, Grioli; Farrugia L, Cremona, Seychell, Fenech, Zammit.

*Scorers:* N. Farrugia (28 min), Zammit (64 min).

11-3-1984: (Replay)

vs. RABAT AJAX. . . . . 0-2

*Line-Up:* Mifsud; Buckingham, Curmi; Farrugia E, Hili, Grioli; Farrugia L, Cremona, Seychell, Fenech, Zammit.

## CHAMPIONSHIP POOL

	P	R	D	T	F	K	Pts
Valletta F.C.	9	6	2	1	9	6	11
Rabat Ajax	9	3	4	2	5	3	10
Hamrun Spartans	9	3	3	3	7	6	9
Hibernians F.C.	9	1	3	5	5	11	5

(Valletta lose one point: disciplinary action)

## TOTAL OF MATCHES

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Phase I	7	4	2	1	8	3	10
Championship	6	3	2	1	3	2	8
<b>Total</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>18</b>

# LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIP CELEBRATIONS



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# HONOURS WON BY VALLETTA TEAMS

## LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIP

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts	
1911/12: Valletta United	4	1	1	2	2	4	3	Fourth
1912/13: Valletta United	4	3	0	1	14	3	6	(suspended)
1913/14: Valletta United	6	4	0	2	7	4	8	Third
1914/15: Valletta United	5	4	1	0	15	0	9	CHAMPIONS
1916/17: Valletta United	5	2	1	2	9	6	5	Fourth
1917/18: Valletta United	7	3	1	3	14	9	7	Fourth
1919/20: Valletta United	5	2	2	1	9	3	6	Third
1920/21: Valletta United	7	4	0	3	9	6	8	Fourth
1921/22: Valletta United	6	3	1	2	10	10	7	Fourth
1922/23: Valletta United	5	0	0	5	1	10	0	Sixth
1923/24: Valletta United	4	2	2	0	1	4	6	Third
1924/25: Valletta United	6	3	2	1	12	2	8	Third
1925/26: Valletta United	6	3	0	3	16	8	6	Third
1926/27: Valletta United	4	3	0	1	11	5	6	Runners-Up
1927/28: Valletta United	6	4	1	1	16	4	9	Runners-Up
1928/29: Valletta United	4	0	1	3	1	5	1	Third
1929/30: Valletta United	4	1	2	1	8	12	4	Third
1930/31: Valletta United	6	1	3	2	8	11	5	Third
1931/32: Valletta United	3	2	1	0	6	1	5	CHAMPIONS
	97	45	19	33	169	107	109	
1925/26: Valletta Rovers	6	2	0	4	3	7	4	Fifth
1926/27: Valletta Rovers	3	0	2	1	1	3	2	Fourth
	9	2	2	5	4	10	6	
1937/38: Valletta City	6	0	3	3	4	9	3	Third
1938/39: Valletta City	6	1	2	3	4	9	4	Fourth
	12	1	5	6	8	18	7	
1939/40: St. Paul's F.C.	10	1	2	7	11	25	4	Sixth
	10	1	2	7	11	25	4	
1944/45: Valletta F.C.	3	2	0	1	7	3	4	CHAMPIONS
1945/46: Valletta F.C.	12	8	3	1	32	13	19	CHAMPIONS
1946/47: Valletta F.C.	14	8	4	2	30	18	20	Runners-Up
1947/48: Valletta F.C.	14	10	3	1	44	16	23	CHAMPIONS
1948/49: Valletta F.C.	14	9	1	4	40	20	19	Third
1949/50: Valletta F.C.	14	7	2	5	30	14	16	Fourth
1950/51: Valletta F.C.	14	8	2	4	35	13	18	Third
1951/52: Valletta F.C.	14	7	5	2	34	19	19	Fourth
1952/53: Valletta F.C.	14	7	5	2	26	17	19	Third
1953/54: Valletta F.C.	14	5	3	6	17	20	13	Fifth
1954/55: Valletta F.C.	14	5	3	6	18	22	13	Fourth
1955/56: Valletta F.C.	14	3	5	6	14	25	11	Sixth
1956/67: Valletta F.C.	14	9	2	3	29	15	20	Sixth
1957/58: Valletta F.C.	14	6	3	5	23	18	15	Fourth
1958/59: Valletta F.C.	14	10	3	1	39	11	23	CHAMPIONS
1959/60: Valletta F.C.	14	11	2	1	41	8	24	CHAMPIONS
1960/61: Valletta F.C.	14	10	2	2	38	10	22	Runners-Up
1961/62: Valletta F.C.	14	11	2	1	41	8	24	Runners-Up
1962/63: Valletta F.C.	14	11	2	1	46	9	24	CHAMPIONS

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts.	
1963/64: Valletta F.C.	14	10	2	2	42	8	22	Runners-Up
1964/65: Valletta F.C.	12	8	2	2	42	6	18	Runners-Up
1965/66: Valletta F.C.	10	2	5	3	11	13	9	Fourth
1966/67: Valletta F.C.	10	4	3	3	14	9	11	Fourth
1967/68: Valletta F.C.	14	6	1	7	14	16	13	Fourth
1968/69: Valletta F.C.	14	8	2	4	23	9	18	Runners-Up
1969/70: Valletta F.C.	14	6	5	3	13	6	17	Third
1970/71: Valletta F.C.	14	6	3	5	11	9	15	Fifth
1971/72: Valletta F.C.	18	10	4	4	18	13	24	Third
1972/73: Valletta F.C.	18	9	6	3	29	14	24	Fifth
1973/74: Valletta F.C.	18	12	4	2	23	8	28	CHAMPIONS
1974/75: Valletta F.C.	18	8	3	7	21	15	19	Fifth
1975/76: Valletta F.C.	18	6	6	6	34	27	18	Fifth
1976/77: Valletta F.C.	18	10	5	3	43	19	25	Third
1977/78: Valletta F.C.	18	12	4	2	44	9	28	CHAMPIONS
1978/79: Valletta F.C.	18	11	5	2	41	24	27	Runners-Up
1979/80: Valletta F.C.	18	14	3	1	59	8	31	CHAMPIONS
1980/81: Valletta F.C.	14	6	1	7	25	17	13	Fifth
1981/82: Valletta F.C.	14	5	3	6	16	18	13	Fifth
1982/83: Valletta F.C.	14	7	2	5	15	13	16	Runners-Up
1983/84: Valletta F.C.	13	7	4	2	10	5	18	CHAMPIONS
	572	314	125	133	1132	545	753	

### COUSIS SHIELD

1914/1915:	Valletta United – Sliema Wanderers	1–0
1920/1921:	Valletta United – Marsa F.C.	2–0

### F.A. TROPHY

1959/1960:	Valletta F.C. – Floriana F.C.	3–0
1964/1965:	Valletta F.C. – Sliema Wanderers	1–0
1974/1975:	Valletta F.C. – Hibernians F.C.	2–0
1976/1977:	Valletta F.C. – Floriana F.C.	1–0
1977/1978:	Valletta F.C. – Floriana F.C.	3–2

### CASSAR CUP

1944/1945:	Valletta F.C. – Floriana F.C.	2–1
1958/1959:	Valletta F.C. – Hamrun Spartans	2–1
1965/1966:	Valletta F.C. – Sliema Wanderers	3–1
1967/1968:	Valletta F.C. – Sliema Wanderers	2–1

### SCICLUNA CUP

1961/1962:	Valletta F.C. – Floriana F.C.	3–1
1963/1964:	Valletta F.C. – Floriana F.C.	2–0

### MALTA CUP

1943–1944:	Valletta F.C. – Floriana F.C.	1–0
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### TESTAFERRATA CUP

1979/1980:	Valletta F.C. – Sliema Wanderers	2–0
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### CORONATION CUP

1952–1953:	Valletta F.C. – Hibernians F.C.	2–1
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### SPORTING STAR SPORTS FESTIVAL

1961/1962:	Valletta F.C. – Sliema Wanderers	3–1
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### OLYMPIC CUP

1962/1963:	Valletta F.C. – Hibernians F.C. (each team held the cup for 6 months)	2–2	1–1
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**VALLETTA F.C., 1946/47 Championship edition**

(from left to right): Sammy Rogers, Tony Nicholl, Alfred Pearson, Joseph Zammit, Doddy Calleja, Victor Bonello, Abraham Misrahi, Jos. Mallia I, Guzi Vassallo, Jos. Mallia II, Paul Vassallo.

**INDEPENDENCE CUP**

1974/1975:  
1979/1980:

P	R	D	T	F	K	Pts
2	2	0	0	4	0	4
2	2	0	0	3	0	4

**SONS OF MALTA CUP**

1974/1975:  
1978/1979:

Valletta F.C. – Sliema Wanderers	2-0
Valletta F.C. – Hibernians F.C.	3-2

**EURO CHALLENGE CUP**

1983/1984:

P	R	D	T	F	K	Pts
2	1	1	0	3	1	3

**VALLETTA F.C. League Champions 1958/59 and 1959/60:**

(Standing): Dingwall (coach), Walter Bone, Joe Cilia, Charles Mackay, Tommy Taylor, Johnnie Darmanin, Edwin Schembri; (Squatting) Jos. Borg, Jos. Zammit, Josie Urpani, Mario Azzopardi, Frankie Zammit.



# VALLETTA TEAMS AGAINST FOREIGN SIDES

## VALLETTA IN THE CHRISTMAS TOURNEY

1931/32:	31-12-31:	Valletta United - Meteor (C'vakkia).....	1-5
1937/38:	25-12-37:	Valletta City - Ferencvaros (Hungary).....	1-12
1938/39:	1-1-39:	Valletta City - F.K. Rigas (Latvia).....	0-1
1946/47:	12-1-47:	Valletta F.C./Floriana - Zabrovesky (C'vakkia).....	3-1
1947/48:	27-12-47:	Valletta F.C./Naxxar - F.K. Austria (Austria).....	1-12
1948/49:	25-12-48:	Valletta F.C. - S.K. Rapid.....	1-6
1949/50:	26-12-49:	Valletta F.C. - F.C. Wien (Austria).....	1-2
1951/52:	30-12-51:	Valletta - I.F.K. Goteborg (Sweden).....	3-4
1952/53:	25-12-51:	Valletta F.C. - F.K. Malmoe (Sweden).....	2-1
1953/54:	30-12-51:	Valletta/Hibernians - Spartak (C'vakkia).....	1-3
1954/55:	29-12-54:	Valletta F.C. - Vojvodina (Yugoslavia).....	0-4
1955/56:	28-12-54:	Valletta F.C. - S.K. Boegrad (Yugoslavia).....	4-2
1956/57:	23-12-54:	Valletta F.C. - S.K. Wacker (Austria).....	1-6
1957/58:	26-12-57:	Valletta F.C. - S.K. Simmering (Austria).....	1-2
1958/59:	25-12-58:	Valletta F.C. - Banik Ostrava (C'vakkia).....	1-0
	3-1-58:	Valletta F.C. - ESV Furth (Germany).....	2-2
1959/60:	6-1-60:	Valletta F.C. - Grazer A.K. (Austria).....	0-1
1960/61:	6-1-61:	Valletta F.C. - Wiener A.C. (Austria).....	0-1
1961/62:	1-1-62:	Valletta F.C. - Sarajevo (Yugoslavia).....	1-1
1962/63:	30-12-62:	Valletta F.C. - Rijeka (Yugoslavia).....	0-2
1963/64:	29-12-63:	Valletta F.C. - Motorlet (C'vakkia).....	1-1
1964/65:	6-1-65:	Valletta F.C. - First Vienna (Austria).....	0-1
1969/70:	3-1-70:	Valletta F.C. - Sarajevo (Yugoslavia).....	0-1

	P	W	D	T	F	K
Valletta United	1	0	0	1	1	5
Valletta City	2	0	0	2	1	13
Valletta F.C.	20	4	3	13	23	53
	23	4	3	16	25	71

## VALLETTA IN "TOUR" MATCHES

1926/27:	Tunesia	18-4-27: Bone - Valletta Utd. ....	2-2
		19-4-27: Philippeville - Valletta Utd. ....	1-3
1951/52:	Libya	19-12-51: Pick Services - Valletta F.C. ....	1-3
		21-12-51: Rap. Italiana (Fiat) - Valletta F.C. ....	0-1
		23-12-51: Ittihad - Valletta F.C. ....	5-1
1958/59:	Sicily	7-9-58: Siracusa - Valletta F.C. ....	1-0
1959/60:	Sicily	6-9-59: S.S. Chieti - Valletta F.C. ....	7-1
1960/61:	Sicily	10-9-60: A.C. Reggiana - Valletta F.C. ....	5-0
		13-9-60: A.C. Palermo - Valletta F.C. ....	2-0
1961-62:	Sicily	8-10-61: A.C. Ravenna - Valletta F.C. ....	4-0
	Libya	11-4-62: Ahli (Tripoli) - Valletta F.C. ....	1-1
	(Benghazi)	13-4-62: Ahli (Benghazi) - Valletta F.C. ....	1-4
		15-4-62: Hilal (Tripoli) - Valletta F.C. ....	2-3
1963-64:	Libya	13-12-63: Medina - Valletta F.C. ....	1-0
	(Benghazi)	15-12-63: Ittihad - Valletta F.C. ....	2-0
1966-67:	Libya	10-1-67: Ahli (Libya) - Valletta F.C. ....	2-2
1971-72:	Tunisia	1-6-72: Esperance Sportive - Valletta F.C. ....	1-0
		3-6-72: C.A. Bizertin - Valletta F.C. ....	3-2
1972-73:	Sicily:	30-9-72: S.S. Palermo - Valletta F.C. ....	0-0
1979/80:	England:	4-10-79: Northwich Victoria - Valletta F.C. ....	6-2

	P	W	D	T	F	K
Valletta United	2	1	1	0	5	3
Valletta F.C.	18	4	3	11	20	44
	20	5	4	11	25	47

## VALLETTA IN FRIENDLY MATCHES PLAYED IN MALTA

1926/27:	13-2-27:	Valletta United - Gradjanski (Yugoslavia).....	0-2
1927/28:	12-4-28:	Valletta United - Grenoble (France) .....	4-1
1928/29:	12-4-29:	Valletta United - Tottenham (England) .....	1-2
1931/32:	28-7-32:	Valletta United - U.S. Goulettoise (Tunisia) .....	1-0
1947/48:	24-3-48:	Valletta F.C./Sliema/Melita - Vasas (Hungary) .....	2-4
	27-3-48:	Valletta F.C./Floriana - Vasas (Hungary) .....	1-8
1950/51:	10-11-50:	Valletta F.C. - Ittihad (Libya) .....	2-3
	26-5-51:	Valletta F.C. - Rotherham (England) .....	1-2
1951/52:	9-2-52:	Valletta F.C. - ESV Admira (Austria) .....	0-7
1952/53:	13-6-53:	Valletta F.C. - Falkirk (Scotland) .....	1-3
1956/57:	19-5-57:	Valletta F.C. - Queen's Park (Scotland) .....	5-1
1959/60:	19-9-59:	Valletta F.C. - El Najma (Benghazi) .....	3-2
1960/61:	5-11-60:	Valletta F.C. - Hammarby (Sweden) .....	2-1
	1-6-61:	Valletta F.C. - Barry Town (Wales) .....	3-3
1961/62:	30-12-61:	Valletta F.C. - Ittihad (Libya) .....	6-2
1963/64:	10-5-64:	Valletta F.C. - Norwich City (England) .....	1-1
1968/69:	1-6-69:	Valletta F.C. - Watford (England) .....	1-2
1969/70:	13-5-70:	Valletta F.C. - Tottenham (England) .....	0-3
1973/74:	4-4-74:	Valletta F.C. - Svenljunga (Sweden) .....	1-1
1983/84:	9-9-83:	Valletta F.C. - Stade Sportiv Sfaxien (Tunisia) .....	1-1

	P	W	D	L	F	A
Valletta United	4	2	0	2	6	5
Valletta F.C.	16	4	4	8	30	44
	<u>20</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>36</u>	<u>49</u>

## VALLETTA F.C. IN EUROPEAN COMPETITIONS

### CHAMPIONS CUP

Season 1963/64:		H.	A.						
First Round:	vs. Dukla Praha	0-2	0-6						
Season 1974/75:		H.	A.						
First Round:	vs. H.I.K. Helsinki	1-0	1-4						
Season 1978/79:		H.	A.						
First Round:	vs. Grasshoppers	3-5	0-8						
Season 1980/81:		H.	A.						
First Round:	vs. Honved	0-3	0-8						
				P	W	D	L	F	A
				8	1	0	7	5	36

### CUP-WINNERS' CUP

Season 1964/65:		H.	A.						
First Round:	vs. Real Saragoza	0-3	1-5						
Season 1975/76:		H.	A.						
First Round:	vs. Szombathely	1-1	0-7						
Season 1977/78:		H.	A.						
First Round:	vs. Dynamo Moscow	0-2	0-5						
Season 1983/84:		H.	A.						
First Round:	vs. Glasgow Rangers	0-8	0-10						
				P	W	D	L	F	A
				8	0	1	7	2	41

### U.E.F.A. CUP

Season 1972/73:		H.	A.						
First Round:	vs. Internazionale	0-1	1-6						
Season 1979/80:		H.	A.						
First Round:	vs. Leeds United	0-4	0-3						
				P	W	D	L	F	A
				4	0	0	4	1	14



## Valletta's only win in the competition

CHAMPIONS CUP: Season 1974/  
74: Valletta F.C. – H.I.K. Helsinki  
(1–0). Valletta F.C. only win in  
the Competition. Vincent “Maxi”  
Magro (extreme left), seen scoring  
the winning goal in the early  
minutes of the game.

## VALLETTA F.C. IN EUROPEAN CHAMPIONS CUP

### Valletta F.C. debut in the competition



CHAMPIONS CUP: Season 1963/64: Valletta F.C. – Dukla  
Praha (Czechoslovakia) 0–2.. A flying save by Valletta's  
goalkeeper Stivala. Charlie Williams is seen running to cover  
goal.

## VALLETTA F.C. IN EUROPEAN CHAMPIONS CUP

CHAMPIONS CUP: Season 1980/81: Valletta F.C. – Honved (Hungary) 0–3. The Hungarian second goal scored by Gyor, beating Ray Mifsud with a fierce diagonal shot.



CHAMPIONS CUP: Season 1978/79: Valletta F.C. – Grasshoppers (Switzerland) 3–5. A match enriched by goals. The swiss striker, Sulser, being tackled by Galea, Valletta's stout full-back.

# AUSTRIA WIEN MEMPHIS

Founded in 1911 as "amateurs". Renamed S.K. Austria in 1924.

Sponsored by the manufactures of the Austrian cigarette "Memphis".

Horr Stadion (20,000 spectators). Training Camp: Lindabrunn, Karl-Beck Sportchale.

Champions: 1924, 1926, 1949, 1950, 1953, 1961, 1962, 1963, 1969, 1970, 1976, 1978, 1979, 1980, 1981, 1984. Cup: 1921, 1924, 1925, 1926, 1933, 1935, 1936, 1948, 1949, 1950, 1960, 1962, 1963, 1967, 1971, 1974, 1977, 1980, 1981.

Mitropa Cup: 1933, 1936. Coach: Thomas Parits. Trainer: Hans Holdhaus.



WOHLFAHRT Franz  
1. 7. 1964



KONCILIA Friedrich  
25. 2. 1948



*Wohlfahrt Franz*



*Koncilia Friedrich*



DAXBACHER Karl  
15. 4. 1953



SARA Robert  
9. 6. 1946



*Daxbacher Karl*



*SARA Robert*

# AUSTRIA MEMPHIS



*Ernst Baumeister*

BAUMEISTER Ernst  
22. 1. 1957



*Herbert Prohaska*

PROHASKA Herbert  
8. 8. 1955



*Josef Degeorgi*

DEGEORGI Josef  
19. 1. 1960



*Istvan Magyar*

MAGYAR Istvan  
4. 8. 1955

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**Raymond MIFSUD** (goalkeeper). 26 years. Joined Valletta F.C. from Division III Kirkop Utd in 1976/77. Valletta introduced him in the First Division in that season but then Mifsud had a long spell as a substitute to Frankie Grima. Mifsud is now rated as an outstanding goalkeeper. Last season Mifsud made his international debut for Malta.

**Frankie GRIMA** (goalkeeper). 27 years. Introduced to the First Division by Marsa F.C. in 1972/73. Produce of Marsa. Joined Valletta F.C. in 1976/77 to show his best form for many seasons. Became inactive in the later parts of last season. International.

**Ray AGIUS** (goalkeeper). 24 years. Joined Valletta F.C. in the summer of 1984 from Division III Sirens on loan after an exchange deal.

**David BUCKINGHAM** (full-back). 32 years. Born in Scotland. Introduced into the First Division by Msida S.J. in 1969/70. Then had good spells with the big guns: Hibernians (1972/3–1976/77) and Sliema Wanderers (1977/8–1980/81) before moving to Valletta F.C. in 1981/82. A strong tackler and very capable in the area. International.

**Paul CURMI** (full-back). 24 years. A Valletta product, introduced in Division I in 1979/80. Youth International. Curmi is now developing into an intelligent full-back who loses the occasional 'overlap'.

**Raymond GAUCI** (full-back). 27 years. A Valletta product who made the right-berth position his own since season 1976/77, although introduced two seasons before. Missed last season because of cartilage operation. Is attempting a comeback.

**Raymond BRIFFA** (full-back). 19 years. A Valletta product. Last season he made his initial appearances in the Premier Division. Youth international. Strongly built. Expected to establish himself in the team this season.

**Eugenio HILI** (stopper). 22 years. A Żebbuġ Rangers product, introduced in Division I in season 1979/80. Youth international. Joined Valletta F.C. last season. A tall, dour, well built stopper.

**Denis FENECH** (midfielder). 32 years. Produced by Naxxar Lions but introduced in Division I by Valletta F.C. in 1973/74 to become a major figure in Valletta's many successes in the recent past. An aggressive wing-half with a good turn of speed. International.

**Emanuele FARRUGIA** (midfielder). 24 years. Impressed as a youngster with St. Patrick's F.C. Introduced in Division I by Valletta F.C. in 1975/76 to become a brilliant ball-player. He has turned many dazzling performances for Valletta F.C. and Maltia. Began as a forward but his elegant and subtle made him operate in the middle:

**Lennard FARRUGIA** (midfielder). 27 years. Produced by Kirkop Utd. Introduced in Division I by St. George's in 1975/76. Captured by Valletta F.C. in the following season to make an outstanding contribution towards many wonderful successes by the Citizens in the recent past. "Nardu", as he is affectionally known, for many years has been on the fringe of selection for his country but now is an automatic choice.

**Francis GRIOLI** (midfielder). 24 years. Developed through Valletta's junior sides. Introduced in Division I in 1976/77 but has only established himself in the side during the last two seasons. Youth international. His tireless form is decisive. Expected to reach his peak this season.

**Emanuele SEYCHELL** (midfielder). 25 years. Brother to star-player Karlu. Another product of Valletta's youth policy. Automatic choice for the Citizens since 1979/80 when he debuted in the Premier League. A one-club player, a most versatile one.

**Joseph BORG** (midfielder). 25 years. Produced by Valletta F.C. and introduced in Division I by them in season 1979/80 but then became a much travelled player. Returned to the City fold this season. A good linkman; a midfield forager, goal maker.

**Paul ZAMMIT** (outside-right). 23 years. Produced by Valletta F.C. Youth international. Introduced in Division I in 1978/79 as a useful substitute, but then won his place. A springtly little winger with a powerful drive.

**Joe BEZZINA** (centre-forward). 27 years. Continually shone as a striker with St. Patrick's (Żabbar). After spending ten years with the Saints in all divisions, was transferred to Valletta F.C. last summer. An opportunist in front of goal. A good goal getter.

**Joe CURMI** (outside-left). 24 years. A pure Hibernians product. Introduced in Division I in 1979/80. Is on loan to Valletta F.C. for season 1984/85. Good in the air and has a strong right-foot shot.

**Melchior CREMONA** (mid-fielder). 21 years. Produced by Calypsonian Bosco Youths (Gozo). Joined Valletta F.C. in 1982/3 as an unknown but went straight into the senior team to become an automatic choice.

**Emanuele CASSAR** (midfielder). 30 years. A Valletta product introduced in the First Division in 1979/80. He was consistent in the first three seasons. An enterprising wing-half.

**Emanuel CRISTIANO** (centre-forward). 28 years. Produced by Ghaxaq F.C. who introduced him in Division I in 1978/79. In the following season he hit the headlines as Valletta's best scorer (13 goals). Later on he scored many vital goals before almost retired last season.



# Valletta

## CHAMPION



**Back Row:** Joe Cilia (Coach), Ray Mifsud, Denis Fenech,  
Joe Bezzina, Joe Agius, Ray Briffa.  
**Front Row:** Joe Borg, Emm. Farrugia, Paul Zammit, Paul

# ta F.C.

## 1983 - 84



, Frans Grioli, David Buchingham, Joe Curmi, Eug. Hili,  
l Curmi, Leonard Farrugia, Emm. Seychell and Ray Gauci.



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**Friedrick KONCILIA** (goalkeeper): 36 years. A veteran goalkeeper with 78 international caps. Played for Austria in the 1978 and 1982 World Cups. Had four visits to Malta as a reserve and Austria's goalkeeper (vs. Malta 1-0 in 1976). Described as a goalkeeper of great experience, highly trained and a pattern of reliability.

**Franz WOHLFAHRT** (goalkeeper). 20 years. The Understudy to Koncilia. An Under-21 international.

**Robert SARA** (right-back). 38 years. Has served Austria-Memphis for 20 years, playing over 1,000 competitive matches for the "Violetten" and 38 matches for Austria. The veteran in Austrian soccer. Captain of Austria-Memphis.

**Karl DAXBACHER** (Centre-back). 31 years. 5 matches for Austria. A solid worker-type.

**Ernst BAUMEISTER** (midfielder). 27 years. 25 caps. Utility player, a perfect partner to Prohaska.

**Erich OBERMAYER** (Stopper/Libero). 31 years. 49 matches for Austria. Extra cover defender. Extremely versatile in the middle.

**Josef DEGIORGI** (left-back). 24 years. Versatile defender. Quick silver tackling and fast recovery are the assets in his play.

**Istvan MAGYAR** (midfielder). 28 years. Hungarian. A strong midfielder.

**Herbert PROHASKA** (midfielder). 29 years. The brain and heart of Austria-Memphis. Automatic choice for Austria (75 caps). Not a good shooter but a potential scorer. Introduced in Austria-Memphis team in 1973 and was an automatic choice before joining Inter-Milan (1980/81 - 1981/2) and Roma (1982/83) before returning to Austria-Memphis last season.

**Tibor NYILASI** (centre-forward). 29 years. Scored 26 league goals in 1983/84.

Hungarian international (60 matches). Does not work very hard, but is a technical player, specialist in heading goals.

**Anton POLSTER** (outside-left). 20 years. A sharp shooter with six goals in 3 Bundesliga matches. A newcomer to the Austrian National team with a future.

**Ewald TÜRNER** (midfielder). 24 years. Joined Austria-Memphis from Austria Klagenfurt. Previously also played for St. Andreas.

**Gerhard STEINBOGLER** (midfielder). 25 years. An Austria-Memphis product, having a spell with Werder-Bremen (W. Germany). Returned to Austria-Memphis this season.

**Johann DIHANICH** (defender). 26 years. Had a spell with Innsbruck. Played five matches for Austria, the last one was in 1982.

**Fritz DRAZAN** (midfielder). Aggressive with a good turn of speed.

**Gerhard STEINKOGLER** (outside-right). 25 years. Played eight times for Austria. A useful marker.

**Franz ZORE** (defender). 26 years. All-rounder. A dominant, perfectly suited to the role of auxiliary centre-half.

**Alfred DRABITS** (outside-right). 25 years. Made his international debut for Austria in match against Denmark last month. Can play at centre-forward. A prolific scorer. Top-scorer with 19 goals in season 1983/4.

**Toni FRIND** (outside-left). 21 years. Possesses speed, spliced with skill.

**Andreas OGRIS** (outside-left). 22 years. An intelligent player in defensive and attacking roles.

**Toni MUSTEDARAGIC** (midfielder). 30 years. A Yugoslav international, still one of the most colourful personalities in the game.

# AUSTRIA MEMPHIS



*Alfred Drabits*

DRABITS Alfred  
4. 6. 1959



*Anton Polster*

POLSTER Anton  
10. 3. 1964



*Tibor Nyilasi*

NYILASI Tibor  
18. 1. 1955



*Ewald Türmer*

TÜRMER Ewald  
22. 4. 1960

# AUSTRIA MEMPHIS



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MUSTEDANAGIC Dzemal  
8. 6. 1955



*Johann Johann*

DIHANICH Johann  
24. 10. 1958



*Friedrich*

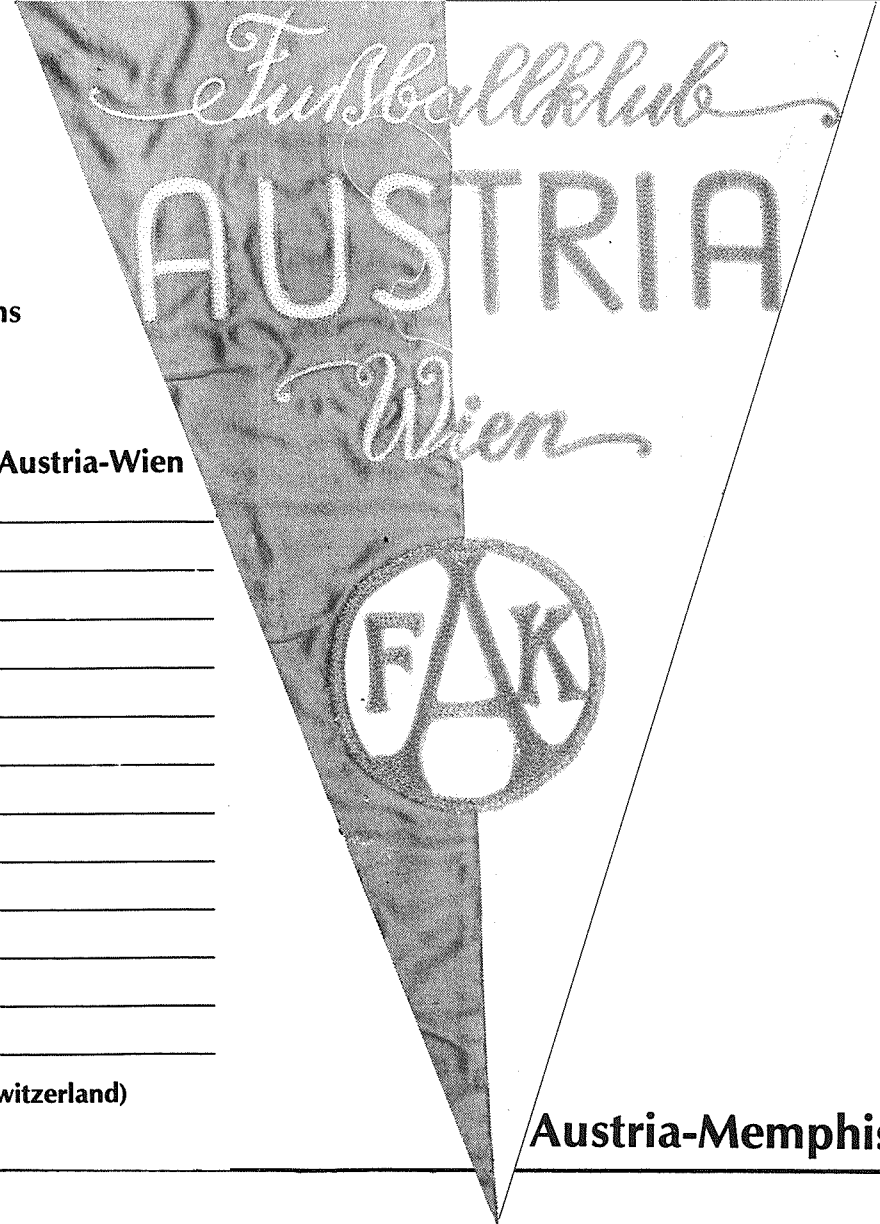
DRAZAN Friedrich  
13. 1. 1957



*Erich*

OBERMAYER Erich  
23. 1. 1953

# CLUBS' BANNERS



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Valletta F.C.

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Referee: Franz Gaechter (Zwitzerland)  
 Linesmen: Ralf Blattmann  
 Ronald Weisskopf

Valletta F.C.

Austria-Memphis



**During the Press Conference:** (right to left): Mr. Angelo Aquilina (Vice-President), Mr. Alfred Brown (Hon. Treasurer), Mr. Benny Pace (Secretary), Mr. Joseph Salinos (President), Mr. Jos. Scerri (Marketing Manager Central Cigarettes Company), Mr. Andrew Smith (Rothmans Representative) and Miss Denise Marshall (Rothmans Representative).

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# STOJASPAL'S GOAL-SHOW

By Benny Pace

**T**he merry month of December was like being about the busiest and most international flavour month of the soccer calendar. Between 1926 and 1970, the Malta Christmas Tourney at the Empire Stadium was a severe test for many teams from the Continent. These visitors mostly from Hungary, Austria and Cekoslovakkia played under conditions which naturally favoured the Maltese teams. But for the Continentals it was nerve-racking to play on hard surface pitch before fanatic supporters.

Win or lose, the Maltese felt proud because their performances generally were applauded by the so-called soccer-masters.

It was a delightful custom.

Time flies beneath the slowest feet. Reviewing the past, many Continental teams delighted the crowds. For the 1947/48 Christmas Tourney, the Organizers chose F.K. AUSTRIA, because the Viennese were still one of the finest teams on the Continent.

Prior to their Malta visit in December 1947, F.K. Austria were classified fifth in the Austrian Premier League. But their international reputation was second to none. Because they defeated the S.K. Admira (9-0), Bratislava (2-1) and Norrkooping (5-1) in friendly international matches, F.K. Austria were an attraction.

F.K. Austria came to Malta "to make propaganda for Austria!" In the official souvenir programme for the occasion, Dr. Emanuele Schwarz, President of F.K. Austria and Chairman of the Football League (Austria) rightly stated:

*"My team will do their level best to make spectators enjoy a good and classic game. All sports enthusiasts in Vienna will once again follow our game in Malta with great interest, and we are not exaggerating when we say that a match against the Malta National Team in Vienna would be a sold-out"*

### Their Only Product

Before coming to Malta, F.K. Austria captured the hearts of the Swedes.

The Austrians then declared that, at that time following World War II episodes, their country had little to export to Malta. However they still had one important product: "the quality of Austrian football, as played by F.K. Austria".

F.K. Austria came to Malta as the Team of International Champions.

They had Ernst Stojaspal, a 22-year dentist, as the star of the team. He was considered amongst the most favorite with ladies and popular players in Austria. He was a tough with plenty of goals on his boots. He came with the reputation of a tally of 32 goals in the Austrian Autumn Cup. He was a prolific scorer in S.K. Austria visit to Malta in 1947.

Stojaspal, a good tennis player and a fine swimmer, was a complete sportsman.

Goalkeeper Josef Spale, 27 years, was considered as amongst the best in Vienna. He was a full-international soccer player and a good skater.

The two Melchioris were still students: Otto, 25 years, and Ernst, 26 years. Both were prolific scorers.

Ferdinand Popelha, 26 years, was still playing for S.K. Austria. Since 1939, he was a stout full-back, a swimmer and a cyclist.

Siegfried Joksch, 28 years, played 19 matches for the Austrian National team. It was generally agreed that neither Piola (Italy) nor any other forward of repute, were able to surpass Joksch.

Ernst Occwick, 21 years, was still on the way to become a centre-half of universal qualities. He had just impressed against Italy where, later on, as a veteran, Occwick played and coached.

Leopold Mikolasch, 27 years, and Friedrich Kominek, 21 years, were full



Reiter



Kominek



Huber



Stroh



Spale



Melchior II



Melchior I

international wingers, unsurmountable obstacles to any defenders.

Adolf Huber, 24 years, was just accepting the inheritance of his great predecessor, Sindelar.

Pepi Stroh, 34 years, was the veteran. He was a perfect professional since 1932. He played 40 times for Austria and was a prominent member of the "wunder-team", when S.K. Austria defeated England in 1936. When Stroh played for F.K. Austria in England three years before, he scored a total of five goals against Liverpool and Manchester City.

F.K. Austria had excellent substitutes: goalkeeper Nikolai Fritz (22 years), Walter Probst (29 years) and Kurt Reiter (21 years).

Wudi Muller, who played 30 matches for Austria, was trainer to F.K. Austria. He also played for W.A.C. (in 1930) and S.K. Ungeria (in 1937) when these teams played at the Empire Stadium.



Popelka

### STOJASPAL SCORED EIGHT GOALS

On Christmas Day in 1949, S.K. Austria had an auspicious start to the Christmas Tourney at the Empire Stadium. The Austrians defeated the Cottonera Combination, Hibernians/St. Georges's (10-0).

Two days later, S.K. Austria improved the margin. They ran out winners against the Valletta F.C./Naxxar Lions Combination by 12-1.

Ernst Stojaspal scored eight goals. Huber and Kominika got a couple each.

Guzi Vassallo made the scoreline 7-1 in the 56th minute.

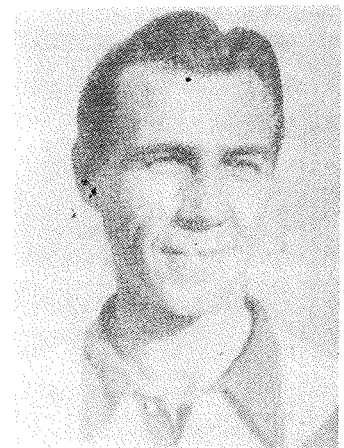
Valletta/Naxxar XI: Camilleri (Valletta); Falzon (Naxxar); Azzopardi (Valletta); Rogers (Valletta); Attard (Naxxar); Pace E (Naxxar); Mallia II (Valletta); Vassallo (Valletta); Calleja (Naxxar); Aquilina (Naxxar); Schembri (Valletta); Falzon (Valletta).

S.K. Austria: Spale (Nikolai); Melchior I; Popelka; Nikolasch; Occwirk; Jibsek (Probst); Melchior I; Stroh (Kominch); Huber; Stojaspal I; Reiter.

There was no stopping F.K. Austria in the following matches: defeating the Sliema/Floriana Combination (4-0); Hamrun Spartans/Melita (12-0) and again the Sliema/Floriana XI (4-1).

In the concluding matches, the M.F.A. XI caused a sensation when the locals held draw the Viennese. Occwirk scored a direct free-kick from outside the area. Bencini equalized from a Schembri's pass.

Goalkeeper Charlie Camilleri and outside-right Salvu Schembri were the two Valletta players in the M:F.A. side. ■



Mikolasch



Dr. Emanuel Shwarz  
(President)



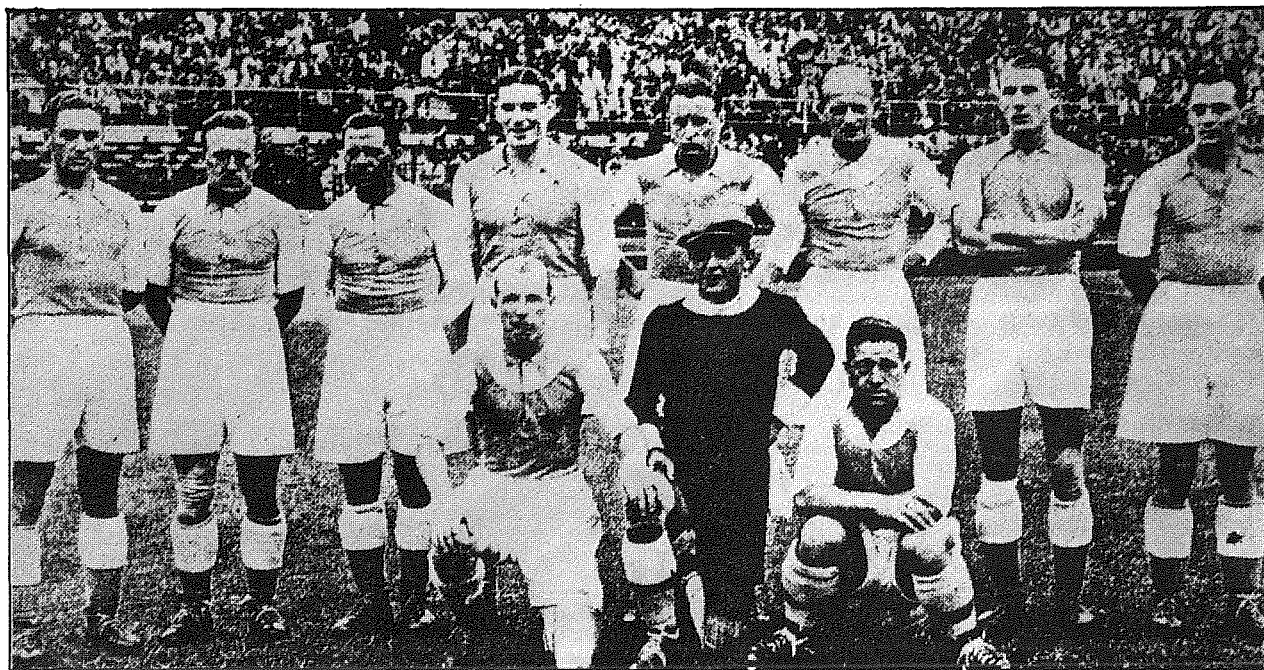
Stojaspal I



Probst



Joksch



**AUSTRIA VIENNA, winners of the Mitropa Cup 1936, (Standing): Andritz, Riegler, Viertli, Nausch, Stroh, Sindelar, Adamek, Mock. (Squatting): Jerusalem, Zohrer, Sesta.**

### When the Favourites Failed

In the 1937 edition, F.K. Austria were favourites to land a third win but they blew their chances through complacency after eliminating Bologna (2-1, 5-1) and Upjest (5-4, 2-1). Ferencvaros the eventual winners eliminated F.K. Austria (1-4, 6-1) in the semi-finals.

F.K. Austria did not participate in the 1938 and 1939 editions, when the Austrian nation was swallowed up into Greater Germany.

There was no competition for the Mitropa Cup between 1940 and 1950. In 1951 a modified version was organised, with representatives from Austria, Yugoslavia and Italy under the name "Zentropa

Cup".

F.K. Austria took part in the various editions of the Mitropa Cup between 1955 and 1984 but they never managed to restore their glories.

The Mitropa Cup nowadays is in a position far inferior because the coming of the European Champions Cup have destroyed the Mitropa Cup to resume its previous importance.

But in the annals of Continental football, the Mitropa Cup should be remembered with pride; a lasting moment of the Golden Age of Central European football.

**Benny Pace**

## F.K. AUSTRIA IN THE CHAMPIONS CUP (1961/62 – 1983/84)

<i>Season 1961/62:</i>		H.	A.
Preliminary Rd:	vs. C.C.A. Bucharest	0-0	2-0
First Round:	vs. Benfica	1-1	1-5
<i>Season 1962/63:</i>			
Preliminary Rd:	vs. I.F.K. Helsinki	5-3	2-0
First Round:	vs. Stade Reims	3-2	0-5
<i>Season 1963/64:</i>			
First Round:	vs. Gornik Zabre	0-1	1-2
<i>Season 1969/70:</i>			
First Round:	vs. Dinamo Kiev	2-1	1-3
<i>Season 1970/71:</i>			
Preliminary Rd:	vs. Levski Sofia	1-3	3-0
First Round:	vs. Atletico Madrid	0-2	1-2
<i>Season 1976/77:</i>			
First Round:	vs. Borussia Moen.	1-0	0-3
<i>Season 1978/79:</i>			
First Round:	vs. Linfield	2-1	4-1
Second Round:	vs. Lillestroem	4-1	0-0
Quarter-Final:	vs. Dinamo Dresden	3-1	0-1
Semi-Final:	vs. Malmoe F.F.	0-0	0-1

<i>Season 1979/80:</i>						
First Round:	vs. Vejle B.K.	1-1	2-3			
<i>Season 1980/81:</i>						
First Round:	vs. Aberdeen	0-1	0-0			
<i>Season 1981/82:</i>						
First Round:	vs. Partizan Tirana	3-1	0-1			
Second Round:	vs. Dinamo Kiev	0-1	1-1			

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### When F.K. Austria Reached the Final of the European Cup-Winners' Cup

<i>Season 1977/78:</i>		H.	A.
First Round:	vs. Cardiff City	0-0	1-0
Second Round:	vs. Lokomotiv K.	0-0	1-1
Quarter-Final:	vs. Hajduk Split	1-1	4-1
Semi-Final:	vs. Dinamo Mosco	2-1	1-2
Final:	vs. Anderlecht		0-4



A standard formation of Valletta F.C. in season 1948/49. Most of these players played against S.K. Austria in Christmas Day in 1949.

## FORZA VALLETTA CITY

**FORZA VALLETTA CITY**  
*Minn qalbna dan l-Innu nkantaw*  
*Fil-ground xi briju nqajmu*  
*Kull darba li goal niskorjaw*

*Forza Valletta City*  
*lċ-Champions għall-kuraġġ*  
*Mhux ta' b'xejn li aħna vera ngibu*  
*ljun fuq l-isbaħ badge.*

**GOAL, GOAL, GOAL,**  
*Up the Whites, Up the Whites,*  
*Up the Whites,*  
*Kulhadd jogħla bil-ferħ zġhar*  
*u xjuħ*

*Kif fil-ground jidhru l-Lilywhites*  
*Bl-entuzjażmu jaqbzilna d-dmugh.*

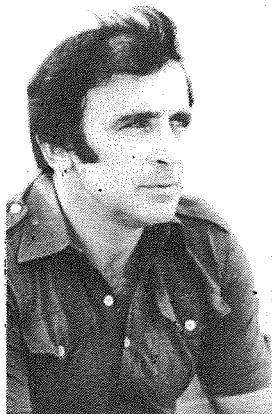
**GOAL, GOAL, GOAL,**  
*Up the Whites, l-ghajta tagħna*  
*tkun din*  
*Int VALLETTA bik tassew kburin*  
*Ġamra kbira fina xgħelt*  
*F'ħafna qlub għall-maħbub team*  
*tal-Belt.*

*Aħna t-tfal tal-Valletta*  
*Sa mewtna zgur qatt ma niċħduk*  
*Għax inti tajt twelidna*  
*W'għalhekk bilfors inħobbuk.*

**FORZA VALLETTA CITY**  
*Biex tpaxxu lill-Beltin*  
*Sa l-ghedewwa ġa qegħdin*  
*jammettu*  
**LI L-BELT L-AQWA TEAM.**

## Meet The Coaches

### JOE CILIA (Valletta F.C.)



When Joe Cilia, 48 years, accepted his present occupation in season 1982/83, it was really a question of his going home: Valletta F.C.

It was at Valletta F.C. that Joe Cilia gained a reputation of a dominant pivot of exceptional quality. He began his football career as a teenager at Rabat F.C. who introduced him in the First Division in 1953/54. He played 30 league matches for Rabat F.C. before joining Valletta F.C. in season 1956/57.

As a Citizen, Joe Cilia won all football honours, including twice the title of Footballer of the Year (1957/58 and 1963/64).

Joe Cilia's polished play earned him many international caps in the first years of international matches for Malta.

At the peak of his career, Joe Cilia emigrated to Australia, where he continued his playing activity as a player-coach to Melita Eagles (the Maltese team) and as a player with Sutherland and Corinthians (1964-1972). He rejoined Valletta F.C. in 1971/72 for another two year spell.

During his 19-year career at top level football Joe Cilia was a keen student of the game and he was determined to put something back into the game.

### TOMMY PARITS (Austria-Memphis)

It is good to welcome back to Malta Thomas Parits, who 12 years ago played for Austria against Malta in a World Cup match at the Stadium, Gzra.

Tommy Parits, an ex-Violetten star and former Austrian international with 25 caps (1966-1973) is now Austria-Memphis coach.

Parits took over from Wenzel Halama, the Czech coach under whose guidance Austria-Memphis became champions for the 16th time. Halama left the 'Violetten' to join Panathinaikos, the leading Athens (Greece) team.



When he eventually decided to retire from top soccer, in 1973/84, he concentrated on coaching. He was a player-coach to Siggiewi and then had coaching spells with Qormi, Vittoriosa Stars, St. Patrick's, Floriana F.C. and Sliema Wanderers.

Joe Cilia, who played 129 league matches for Valletta F.C., likes to demonstrate his training methods on the field, which is of great value to any side under his control.



Malta - Austria (2-3). Joe Cilia (Valletta F.C.) shaking hands with H.E. Sir Robert Laycock, Governor of Malta.

# F.K. Austria: Double-Winners of the "MITROPA CUP"

The Mitropa Cup, when it was created in 1927, became a magnet of football. It was the first sensational competition for Continental teams, because it attracted big teams, big names, big money and big crowds.

**B**y drawing the elite of the Continental units into open competition, the Mitropa Cup developed into the finest product of the Golden Age of Central European football.

The mid-1920's naturally were very important years for football. The inter-war period marked the spread of professionalism to much of the European Continent. In 1924 there could be little doubt that an attractive new competition was required.

"We need an annual knock-out competition, involving the leading professional clubs of Central Europe" declared Hug Meisl, later manager of Austria's "wunderteam".

His idea was immediately taken up by a Viennese newspaper and so favourably was received in neighbouring countries that a series of talks were held between Austrian, Czech, Hungarian and Yugoslav officials in the same year.

Meisl's proposals were accepted after long discussions, and in July 1927 the competition got under way. It was called "Der Mitropa", a name that was to be re-echoed around Europe.

Participation was limited to the League Champions and either the Runners-Up or the Cup-winners of the countries concerned.

The First Round draw was so arranged that each nation's representatives could not meet until the Final. All ties were played on a home and away basis, the team with the best aggregate qualifying for the next round. No extra-time was allowed, a replay on neutral ground, was necessary.

Many matches were fought to the last drop of blood. Sparta Prague (Czechoslovakia) were the first winners in 1927, followed by Ferencvaros (Hungary), Upjst (Hungary), Rapid (Austria), First Vienna (Austria) and Bologna (Italy).

## The Greatest of them all

But of the names associated with the Mitropa Cup, the greatest is that of *Fussball Klub Austria*.

In the early 20's, F.K. Austria provided the basis for Meisl's "wunderteam", with strength and skill in defence provided by Walter Nausch and the ultimate in skill and finesse in attack from Mathias Sindelar, probably the finest continental centre-forward in the pre-war era. Sindelar played 44 times for Austria.

He was F.K. Austria's inspiration along their path to their first Mitropa Cup success.

Surprisingly, considering their fame, it was F.K. Austria's first attempt to win the competition.

In the First Round, F.K. Austria defeated Slavia (3-0); at the Prater Stadium after losing 1-3 away.

Then F.K. Austria eliminated Juventus (3-0 at home and drawing 1-1 away) in the semi-finals.

In the Final, FK Austria met Ambrosiana (today's Inter-Milan) inspired by Giuseppe Meazza. The Italians also possessed several international players, including Allemandi and Serantoni.

But F.K. Austria also had their internationals, such as Karl Sezsta, Walter Nausch, Gall, Wiertl, Adam and Vogl.

Meazza's goals saw Ambrosiana to a narrow 2-1 home win in the first leg at Milan.

The return leg, however, was a different matter. Referee Cejnar sent off two Italians and awarded F.K. Austria a controversial penalty. Yet from 2-0 down, Inter pulled a goal back with five minutes remaining and a play-off seemed assured.

With 90 seconds left, Sindelar scored a superb-goal with an individual effort; a shot that passed Ceresoli to give F.K. Austria their first honour in the international field.

It proved to be the last kick of the game.

The men that made history were: Billich, Graf, Nausch; Majemnik, Mock, Gall (Adamek); Milzer, Stroh, Sindelair, Jerusalem (Spechlt) and Viertl.

## A Second Success

F.K. Austria failed in their defence of the title in 1934. In 1935 F.K. Austria again defeated Ambrosiana in the First Round. The Viennese achieved a double: 2-5 away and 1-3 home. In the quarter-finals, F.K. Austria also eliminated Slavia (0-1, 2-1) but the Austrians failed in the semi-finals against F.K. Ferencvaros (3-2, 2-4).

By 1936, the Mitropa Cup was a grown up competition. F.K. Austria were still a good part of the competition. On their way to their second final, F.K. Austria eliminated Grasshoppers (3-1, 1-1), Prostejov (4-5, 3-2), Slavia (3-2, 0-1) and Upjst (5-2, 2-1).

There was a record crowd (60,000) when the two giants of the era, Sparta (Czechoslovakia) and F.K. Austria (Austria) drew 0-0 in the Prater Stadium.

It was thought that the Sindelar and Co. seemed to have missed their chance, but in fact F.C. Austria sneaked to a 1-0 win in Prague to join Bologna (Italy) on the list of double-winners of the Mitropa Cup.

Austria's heroes were: Zohrer; Andritz, Sezsta; Adamek, Mock, Nausch; Riegler, Stroh, Sindelar, Jerusalem and Viertl.

HORR Stadium: Wednesday, September 19, 1984 (7.30 p.m.)

AUSTRIA MEMPHIS ..... 4

VALLETTA F.C. .... 0

*Austria Memphis:* Koncilia (Worlfaupt); Sara, Obermayer; Degeorgi, Baumeister, Daxbacker; Drabits, Prohaska, Polster, Nyllasi, Turmer (Dikanick).

*Valletta F.C. Mifsud; Briffa, Curmi P; Buckingham, Hili, Grioli; Seychell, Farrugia E, Curmi J (Bezzina), Fenech (Zammit), Farrugia N.*

*Referee:* Jean Koster.

*Linesmen:* Albert Staus, Jean-Pierre Weiss.

*Attendance:* 5,000.

## GLORY IN DEFEAT

In an entertaining match, Austria-Memphis took a major step towards the Second Round. All the Austrian skills were brought into play as Valletta F.C. had character and long before the end the Austrian fans were shouting for the head of their team's attackers.

The Austrians were expected to have a comfortable evening-match. Their previous two encounters in the Bundesliga predicted a heavy defeat for the Maltese champions.

But Valletta F.C., drastically reshaped after their disastrous performances against Rangers (Scotland) in the previous season's Cup Winners' Cup, performed as if they were very much in business.

At the end the Lilywhites realised that the Viennese trip was restored with some pride.

As expected Austria played the more assured, more creative football, yet they did not have the finishing power, simply because Valletta covered up beautifully.

From the start the Austrians played forceful football. The Maltese, well organised in defence, survived Austrian pressure. Valletta dugged their penalty-area and enlisting extra men from the midfield.

Having done that and kept their goal intact for the first twenty minutes, Valletta F.C. confidence grew. But then the Austrians established a three-goal comfortable interval lead and there were strong doubts whether the Maltese could withstand the second-half bombardment.

In the second half, Valletta F.C., conceding a goal within the opening two minutes, continued to defend delightfully. The fact that they held the Austrians for 43 minutes was due to enthusiasm and co-ordination.

### THE GOALS:

Austria-Memphis opened up forceful with Nyllasi not too far of the target (10 min) and Polster scoring from an offside position. The goal was rightly annulled (14 min).

Then Mifsud effected a good save off Polster (16 min).

In the 20th. minute, **Prohaska**, receiving a short free-keek from Daxbacker, dipped a perfect lob that left Mifsud helpless.

Five minutes later, **Polster** was literally unmarked to score from a Nyllasi perfect cross.

Mifsud made a good catch to deny Turmer (27 min) whilst Prohaska hit the upright (44 min).

Less than a minute was left for the intervall when **Drabits** headed a cross by Daxbacker.

In the opening minute of the second half, **Drabits** again bemused the Valletta's rearguard. His curled free-kick from outside the penalty-area hit the far post and the ball rebounded into the net.

The Austrians zoomed from 0-1 to 0-4 in a space of

26 minutes but could not score more goals in the remaining 43 minutes.

Baumeister, Drabits, Prohaska, Polster, Nyllasi and Turmer all went close with good shots.

### A VULNERABLE PLAN

Prohaska and Daxbacker were a powerful midfield springboard throughout the 90 minutes. They dominated the midfield, frequently picking the ball up square from the full backs.

Sara had various over-laps. Drabits scored two vital goals in the right time. Polster scored his usual goal but almost disappointed. Nyllasi was slow but sure. Turmer threatened on the left.

Valletta had a vulnerable defensive plan. Ray Briffa, in his international debut, was the pick of the defence. Buckingham was the most convincing player in the midfield. "Snickers" Farrugia and "Nardu" Farrugia were the 'motor'. Grioli danced out from the defence with the ball. Fenech was always in the nick of time. Mifsud never missed a cross and was faultless in the goals. Paul Curmi had his moments. Joe Curmi, a winger, was a lone raider.

The control of Koster was just.

## HELP THE CLUB

## VALLETTA F.C.

## BECOME A MEMBER

Austria Memphis ..... 4  
Valletta F.C. .... 0

## TWO OF THE GOALS

**THE FIRST GOAL:** This was the shot that put at rest Austria's Memphis mind against the defensive plan adopted by the Maltese. Ray Mifsud is helpless against the fierce shot by Herbert Prohaska. The opening goal scored in the 20th. minute.



**THE SECOND GOAL:** Prolific scorer Polster heads home the second goal, watched by Ray Briffa. Eugene Hili lies helpless on the grass.

