

**GANLEY ADDED A TRY TO HIS GOAL SUCCESSES**

# Oldham, brilliant in patches, master Leeds visitors

**OLDHAM** forward Charlie Winslade passed a late fitness test for the game against Leeds today, but Frank Daley cried off the side with a broken finger. Daley was replaced at out-half by Vin Nestor and Dennis Ayres played in the right-centre. Leeds dropped several of their stars, including captain Keith McLennan.

**OLDHAM:** Ganley; Cracknell, Ayres, Davies, Ety; Nestor, Pitchford; Jackson, Keith, Vines, Little, Winslade, Turner.  
**LEEDS:** Dunn, Hemmingway, Whitehead, Jones, Garside; Stevenson, Pratt; Dodds, Simms, Robinson, Tomlinson, Dick, Ward.  
Referee: Mr R Gelder (Wakefield).

Dennis Ayres was soon attacking for Oldham. Keith won an early scrum and the Oldham centre avoided two men to take play down to the halfway line.

A Turner kick gave Leeds possession for a short spell, but when Whitehead fumbled a pass Oldham regained possession from a scrum 15 yards inside the Leeds half.

Oldham kicked again and this time Leeds won the ball. When Ken Jackson was penalised at a play-the-ball a minute later Jones found touch back in Oldham's half.

**A bad pass**

In the 8th minute Oldham made a startling advance from their own quarter. From a scrum Cracknell streaked inside to shake off two opponents and race away. Level with the full-back he passed inside but Nestor failed to hold a poor pass.

Two minutes later Oldham were in trouble when following a tackle forward. Ken Jackson was helped from the field with a leg injury.

Jackson came back after treatment to play in his own position of prop forward.

Still Oldham attacked but their finishing lacked accuracy. Leeds chance came in the 17th minute when a Garside run and kick had the defence rocking. Oldham's Davies got to the ball first but Garside forced him to run the ball dead. A minute later Leeds opened their score.

Oldham were penalised in a tackle and JONES landed a goal.

Leeds were on the board again in the 20th minute. Whitehead flung an obviously forward pass to HEMMINGWAY but the referee's whistle did not go. After stopping in the field the Leeds winger ran on to score. JONES added the goal.

Oldham were soon back giving the Leeds defence everything to handle. They could not hold NESTOR after a neat Pitchford hold had sent the out-half over for a try. GANLEY added the goal.

Ganley was bidding for another goal in the 31st minute. Leeds were penalised for feeding at the scrum 50 yards out, but the Oldham full-backs kick was well short.

Two minutes later, Leeds were in trouble again and from five yards closer in GANLEY landed a penalty goal to level the score.

Three minutes later Oldham scored a "try" but instead got a penalty. A great Davies-Ety move wrecked the defence and when Dunn fumbled the ball over his own line, Ety touched down. But referee Gelder blew for an earlier infringement against Ety.

Just on the interval Oldham scored again. A Turner pass was kicked down close to the line. GANLEY was up to kick the loose ball forward and pick up to go over for a try. He added his own goal.

Half-time:—  
**OLDHAM** ..... 3 2—12  
**LEEDS** ..... 2 1—7

Oldham were playing a rattling game, but were just failing in most of their finishing. With a little steadying up they looked quite capable of reproducing the great form of last season.

Ganley has now scored 150 goals this season.

Oldham stormed back into the restart, but could do little right.

From a scrum Pitchford took the ball, only to kick it directly into touch, and a minute later he sent out a poor pass to stop the attack.

Leeds replied with an attack of their own. Stevenson waited for Jones to come inside him at the scrum and send him racing away. Out went the ball to Hemmingway but the pass was forward.

Oldham were soon attacking again. Ayres took possession to get the defence rocking, and kept it that way with a classic reverse pass to Cracknell. The winger made quite a run but was dragged down yards short.

Back into the middle came the ball but in trying to go alone Vines lost the ball for Jones to take it and find touch near the halfway line.

In the 52nd minute Oldham were awarded a penalty following a Leeds obstruction 30 yards out. GANLEY came up and landed the goal.

Five minutes later Oldham missed a great chance. Pitchford made a flying break and handed over to Davies. Instead of feeding his winger Davies tried to get the ball back inside a yard from the line but it was fumbled.

The continuous Oldham attacking was deserving of some reward but despite the all-out effort Oldham had to wait until the 67th minute for a try.

Pitchford set in the rot with a great run and in quick time the ball flashed out for CRACKNELL to throw himself over in the corner. Ganley was just short at goal.

Final:—  
**OLDHAM** ..... 4 3—17  
**LEEDS** ..... 2 2—10  
Late scorers: GARTSIDE try for Leeds.

## City missed good chances

The game started in thick fog. Robson missed a chance for Albion, shooting wide in the first minute. Soon after Kevan headed inches wide.

Albion attacked strongly and Trautmann saved well from Robson. Albion forced two corners and Warhurst kicked Griffin's shot off the line.

City were unlucky when Hayes hit the foot of the post. Trautmann tipped a grand Barlow shot over the bar and Warhurst kicked off the line again.

RONNIE ALLEN put Albion in the lead after 34 minutes after City had made two fast raids with Williams clearing from Hayes.

Attendance: 55,000. Half-time: West Brom 1, Manchester City 0.

## Big shock for United

After only six minutes, COLBRIDGE, Workington's outside-left, scored after goalkeeper Gregg had charged down a shot by Mitchell. The ball rebounded to Colbridge who had a clear passage.

Two minutes later, Gregg saved from Chisholm off the ground.

It was touch-and-go when Purdon, the Workington centre-forward, was put through by Brown. After eluding Foulkes he shot as goalkeeper Gregg came out to meet him.

Luck was with him again for Purdon's shot for an open goal did not lift and struck Gregg as he lay helpless. Half-time: Workington 1, United 0. Attendance: 21,000.



Nestor scoring a try for Oldham this afternoon.

## TENSE STRUGGLE ENDS GOALLESS ATHLETIC SHARE THE POINTS AGAIN

**ATHLETIC** were not without support for their game at Sealand Road, Chester, this afternoon, where they fielded an unchanged side. Chester were also as selected.

**CHESTER:** Griffiths; Hughes, Gill; Williams, Saunders, Anderson; Evans, Foulkes, Fields, Pearson, Bullock.  
**ATHLETIC:** Teece; Naylor, West; Spurdle, Muir, Thompson; Walker, Murray, Duffy, Neale, Over.  
Referee: Mr A E. Westwood (Stratford-on-Avon).

Chester were soon in action, forcing a corner on the left, but Athletic came away with Neale and Murray combining cleverly to send Walker through. The winger's cross fell behind.

But Athletic were soon back, with Over and Neale threatening on the left. Again the move broke down and then Neale leaped with goalkeeper Griffiths in an attempt to reach a Walker cross, but the ball was pushed out and Murray's weak shot on the rebound was easily gathered.

Athletic were keeping up the pressure, and there was a let-off for Chester when Duffy and Murray failed to control the ball between them and Williams cleared.

At the other end, there was a good chance for centre-forward Fields, but Thompson came across to concede a corner. Then Foulkes ran on to a cross from Bullock, but could only balloon the ball yards wide.

The best effort of the match came from Chester, however, and it was full-back Hughes who forced Teece to go full length in turning his curling drive around the upright.

A chance came for Athletic with Neale seizing on to a badly mis-kicked free kick by Hughes, but his high lob was collected comfortably by Griffiths.

### Full length save

Then came a free kick for a foul on Duffy on the edge of the penalty area and though Thompson's kick was first blocked out by the Chester line-up his shot on the rebound forced Griffiths to bring off a fine full-length save.

Then Murray went through to force a corner on the right, but Over was just inches from getting in a shot at the Chester goal.

There was still little to pick between the two sides and in Chester's next raid there was a clever piece of back-heading by first Spurdle and then Muir before Teece gathered safely.

In the next minute, however, Chester should have gone into the lead when Fields was put clean through, but he hesitated and across came West to clear. There was

shown understanding and firmness in checking the Chester front line.

It was all Chester on the restart, with Fields again missing a good opportunity in the opening minute, shooting straight at Teece when well placed.

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### MATCHES OFF

Mr. Alf Bond, the one-armed London referee, arrived at York shortly before noon, and had no hesitation in declaring the pitch unplayable for the FA Cup-tie with Birmingham.

Teams of workmen, aided by club officials, had been hard at work all day yesterday and again this morning in an attempt to render the surface fit for play, but their efforts were of no avail because of snow and frost.

The tie will be played at York on Wednesday.

Six Rugby League games had to be called off because of frost and snow:

- Bramley v. Huddersfield.
- Castleford v. York.
- Dewsbury v. Doncaster.
- Hunslet v. Keighley.
- Wakefield v. Batley.
- Workington T. v. Blackpool.



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# New trainer, aged 21, takes over a big stable

ENGLAND'S youngest trainer, G. Balding, who took over the Weyhill stables following the death of his father, Mr. Gerald Balding, in the autumn, will have Mr. J. H. Whitney as his chief patron during the 1958 flat-racing season. He must be the youngest-ever among trainers, for he is only 21.

This continues an old association for Mr. Whitney, the American Ambassador to Great Britain, was a great friend of the late Mr. Balding, who trained many winners for him after retiring from polo, a game in which he was rated one of the world's best players.

Young Balding is known as "Toby," will begin the season with a string of ten. Mr. Whitney will be represented by Pure Whiskey, Casse Noisette, Tungsten, Gettysberg, and that good sprinter, Clear River. The other members of the team are Power House and Broadchalke, and a trio of two-year-olds.

Although not owned by Mr. Whitney, these youngsters are by his stallion, Doubtless II, winner of the Argentine triple crown and the Saratoga Cup (USA), and now at Leighton Buzzard stud.

There will be some interesting racing at Haydock Park on Friday and Saturday of next week, writes The Ringer. Entries are above the average and runners should be plentiful.

On Friday Arish Enterprise looks well in the Birchfield Novices Hurdle (Division One). Racegoers have been waiting for this runner from Dutton's stable since his second at Newcastle to Village Green. Border Road has a good chance in the Earlston Chase and Swanland Girl is good enough to take the Birchfield Hurdle. Losers can "get out" on Pendlemist in the final event.

Saturday's card stars the Tom Coulthwaite Chase—in memory of that great horse trainer and former Northern Union rugby player from Swinton. Bewicke's selected, Green Drill or Wise Child, would be best to stand for this 1,000 sovereigns race. Hermes can be fancied for the Warrington Hurdle and Nut-hatch for the Ashton Hurdle which ends the card.

Tim Molony rides Timber in the Gopsall Hurdle (Division Two) at Leicester on Monday, and the five-year-old should confirm the high opinion which his trainer holds of him.

Timber, who wound up the season with a clever win on the flat at Birmingham in November, held a clear lead in his first race over hurdles, at Doncaster six weeks ago, but ran out three hurdles from home.

Fred Rimell has some fancied runners at the meeting and may win with Hot Duchess (T. Brookshaw) and Misty Vision (T. White).

Next week's racing fixtures—Monday: Leicester. Wednesday and Thursday: Hurst Park. Friday: Newbury and Haydock Park. Saturday: Newbury, Haydock, Catterick and Warwick.

## Czech record

Czechoslovakia has produced more motor-cycles per head of population than any other country in the world, with the production of about 140,000 last year.

### 19th hole topics

## A RIDICULOUS BAN ON CHALK IN THE USA

RULES decisions made in the United States are not valid in this country.

Which is just as well because the USGA have decreed it is illegal to chalk the faces of iron clubs. I hope St. Andrews resist any attempt to impose such a ridiculous ban on British golfers.

The USGA state: "It is not permissible to apply chalk or other foreign material to a club face during the round."

They regard it as a contravention of Rule 2, which says that the "playing characteristics" of a club should not be changed during the round and that "club faces should not bear any kind of finish made for putting additional spin on the ball."

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THIS decision should be chalked up as one of the most unnecessary inhibitions ever inflicted on golfers.

Chalk might possibly help the ball to "hang" on the clubface and give a slight increase to the backspin.

But if you penalise a player for chalking his club—excuse me, I nearly wrote cue—are you to disqualify him if he comes from a bunker with the face of his wedge covered with sand, and proceeds to play an approach shot without first cleaning his club?

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LET us be sensible. Chalk is a common commodity, easily obtained at a price the poorest golfer can afford.

Is there any reason why he should be barred from using it, any more than the snooker player should be compelled to play with a shiny cue-tip?

The USGA admit this latest decision is a "reversal of policy."

Let them do another about turn and bring themselves face to face with the fact that golf is too good a game to be spoilt by a smear of chalk.

G.C.

## New Superior for Mirfield

The Rev. Father Jonathan Graham, Principal of Toderington College, in Barbados, West Indies, has been elected the new Superior of the Community of the Resurrection, one of the largest religious orders of the Church of England. He will be returning to take up his new post at the end of this month.

## 'Command performance'

A mouth organist, Albert Lalande, complained to the Montreal police that a neighbour forced him with a shotgun in his back to give a "command performance" on New Year's Eve. He began playing in the afternoon, was forced to play until New Year's morning, and then fled with a shotgun blast at his heels.

### Angling Notes

By KI

# CHRISTMAS HELPS TACKLE-MAKING

CHRISTMAS-TIME may curtail somewhat the activities of the all-round angler, but it certainly outbalances this curtailment by the opportunities for tackle-making and knick-knack collecting. I suppose the most obvious way of getting tackle additions is by way of gifts one receives, or expects to receive, from wife, friends, etc. But let us turn to the less obvious methods.

The fly fisherman can profit in many ways at Christmas; for instance, the silk cord found on some greetings-cards makes good bodies for flies. The tinsels used on wrappings and decorations, when unwound from the retaining twine, are also very suitable for finishing fly bodies.

Christmas, with its abundance of poultry, is undoubtedly the time to get a plentiful supply of feathers for future fly-tying operations. Hackles (i.e. short neck feathers) are to be obtained in all shades from hens, cocks or capons, and if you go in for higher dishes, hackles from partridge, pheasant or woodcock. The tail feathers from the cock pheasant are useful for fly wings and bodies, while the tail and wing feathers of the goose may be dyed in any of a score of colours and used in as many ways.

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WHAT about the non-fly fisherman? Well, the ample supply of big feathers from goose wing or tail and turkey tail should provide him with enough floats for years. First, the fibres must be removed carefully from the feathers until only the base stem remains.

The stem should then be rubbed gently with fine sandpaper; this removes small fibres and provides a keyway for varnishing, etc. The stem should then be given a coat or two of clear cellulose varnish. A wire or nylon loop can then be whipped on to the bottom or thick end, and a small rubber ring slid down from the top of the float. A finishing dab of paint to the tip completes a cheap and effective float.

For the angler who prefers spinning some fine quill minnow spinners are easily made from goose quills of about a quarter inch thickness. First cut off a length of quill of about 1½ in. and clean out the fur from inside. Second, insert a lead, brass or copper tube of about 1 in. long into the quill (the lead sheathing from electric wiring is admirable for this purpose).

Now cut two "v" shapes out of the metal interior at each end of the minnow. The top of the "v" should be an eighth of an inch wide.

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FROM the bottom of the front "v" of the spinner, saw a slot down the minnow extending about a third down the inner metal tubing. Cut out of metal (aluminium cigar cases are suitable), a set of vanes in the shape of a pair of water wings, and slide down slot. Fix all together with polystyrene cement.

Thread some alasticium wire through the minnow and fix treble hook at the back and swivel at the other end. The "v" shape having been removed the ends of the quill will whittle down with a taper towards each end. Paint to your own desire with enamel paint.

Christmas-time even provides containers for tackle; aluminium cigar cases are most suitable for hooks, weights, odd files and quills. Empty sweet tins or wooden cigar boxes are convenient for floats, spinners, and other odds and ends.

The Diggle Private Angling Club will hold their January meeting on Wednesday. The secretary informs me that important business is on the agenda, and all members are expected to attend.

## No water but plenty of beer

There was nothing to drink but beer when the town water supply broke down at Outback Finke in the heart of the northern territory of Australia, where the temperature was 100 degrees.

Aborigines trekked 18 miles with livestock to a stock route bore for relief supplies, and water was flown in about 100 miles from Alice Springs.

Hotel keeper Allan Brumby commented: "I've got plenty of beer—but this is awfully tough on the teetotalers."

## Dies at 109

Mrs. Annie Martin, one of the oldest women in Canada, who was proud of her Scottish ancestry and danced a Scottish reel on her birthday two years ago, has died at Reserve Mines, Nova Scotia, aged 109.



BY THE STUDENT

A STRANGE anomaly crops up in the second teaser. Score three points for number two, two for number three and one for number one. Five is a good score.

TEASER NUMBER ONE Who broke a record last year in his first Test match, and what was it?

TEASER NUMBER TWO At one time in England, it was possible for a horse to run at one meeting as a three-year-old another as a two-year-old—in the same season. How?

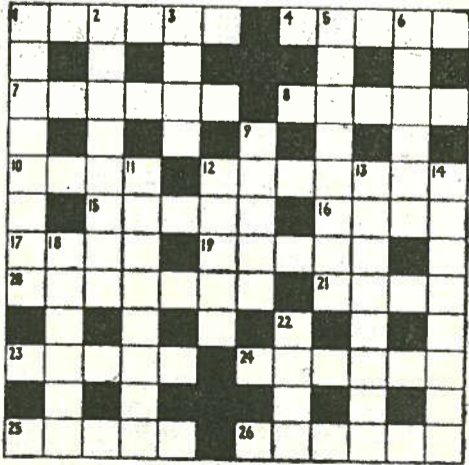
TEASER NUMBER THREE Which soccer player has a football club named after him and where is it?

Answers on Page 10.

## CROSSWORD No. 1362

### ACROSS

- 1 Loose throat skin (6).
- 4 Clutters up some footwear (5).
- 7 He takes pot shots (6).
- 8 Only one be-headed (6).
- 10 She's mainly a fool (4).
- 12 Time to relax (7).
- 15 Measure of purity of gold (5).
- 16 Sign here (4).
- 17 Old soldier without side (4).
- 19 Tom's on hand (5).
- 20 Afternoon performance (7).
- 21 Gaelic dialect (4).
- 23 Not much of a fight (5).
- 24 Famous bridge (6).
- 25 Takes the tide of somebody? (5).



### DOWN

- 2 Bateau (6).
- 3 Ripples animals (4).
- 5 Feeding solitary (5).
- 6 Obedient (6).
- 9 River of forgetfulness (5).
- 11 Myglie (8).
- 12 "See you —" (5).
- 13 When the rain comes down this goes up (8).
- 14 Wraps (8).
- 18 Naughty boy (6).
- 22 Might be mailed (4).

# Bidding in reverse

A CORRESPONDENT sent me the hand given here; it is interesting both from an attacking and a defensive angle.

It was dealt by North at love all in the rubber game.

♠ A K J 2  
 ♡ A 9 8 5 3  
 ♣ K 3 2  
 ♦ A

♠ 3  
 ♡ K 10 4 2 N  
 ♣ Q J 10 8 W S E  
 ♦ 9 6 5 4  
 ♠ 10 5 4  
 ♡ Q J  
 ♣ A 7 5  
 ♦ K Q 10 8 2

North bid one heart, South responded with two clubs and North bid two spades.

This is what is called "reverse bidding," calling the lower-ranking suit before the

## BRIDGE by Ewart Kempson

higher-ranking, and suggests that North has a good hand for he is forcing South to call hearts at the level of three if South prefers hearts.

In fact South bid three no-trumps over two spades and North raised to six no-trumps.

The queen of diamonds was led. One line of play is to win in dummy, make the ace of clubs and lead a low heart. West wins and leads the knave of diamonds.

South makes his clubs, but the 10 of hearts fails to drop in three rounds and the declarer is one down.

My correspondent made 12 tricks by winning the opening lead in his own hand.

South's queen of hearts was very properly ducked by West; if West covers with the king South can make four heart tricks and the slam.

After the queen of hearts South led a low spade, finessing dummy's knave. East won and led a diamond, but South was now able to make three spades, two hearts, two diamonds and five clubs.

It is difficult for East to refuse to make the queen of spades when given the chance, but had he risen to this fine defence he would have defeated the contract, South having no card of entry.

It rather looks as though 11 tricks are the limit against the best defence, but there is a way to make 12. Readers who cannot see the solution may obtain it by sending me a letter or post card.

ROCHEDALE  
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# Pinewood halts while Fox steps up output



**YOUNG** Yasmin Aly Khan is growing to look very much like her beautiful mother, Rita Hayworth, the russet-haired Columbia star soon to be seen in the musical "Pal Joey." Mother and daughter evidently share the same sense of humour as they laugh together over a joke at their Hollywood home.

**T**HREE hundred workers have been suspended from the Pinewood Studios of the Rank Organisation owing to the strained economic situation in the British film world. Four of their productions due for filming — "Precious Bane," "The 39 Steps" and "The Singer, Not the Song" are three of them—have been temporarily shelved. The organisation awaits the Budget and hopes for relief.

Meanwhile, in Hollywood, American film-makers work on a cool, calm, calculated commercial discovery that teenagers are not so wrapped up in television that a film tailor-made to their tastes will not drive them into the cinemas. Teenagers are the biggest filmgoers of today. TV, they consider, is for the "old folk."

And so Hollywood turns out the rock n' roll epics, the turgid romances starring the bobby-soxers' heroes and the stories with the insinuating theme song.

Lord Rank waits. Twentieth Century-Fox plan to increase their output and to spend more money on production in 1958.

A New Year message reveals that during 1958 20th Century-Fox is increasing its previously-announced

## 'The man with the perfect figure'

**F**OR mathematicians, there's nothing like a spot of vital statistics. And that goes for non-mathematicians as well.

But women are notoriously poor at maths. And anyhow, you can't really expect them to take much interest in the non-Euclidean curves of a Dors or a Monroe.

So, ladies, for your benefit, the appraising eye of vital statistics is now turned on the male figure.

An American poll has yielded the information that the No. 1. masculine figure belongs to film star Fernando Lamas. A New York firm of tailors has nominated him "The Man With The Perfect Figure." Fernando's vital statistics are; height, 6 ft. 2in; chest, 45 in; waist, 32 in; hips, 42.

In transatlantic parlance, he is an "eye-popper."

But we have our men, too. The Rank Organisation star Tony Wright compares favourably even with the redoubtable Fernando. In fact, some women might prefer him, with his 42 in chest 31in. waist, and 37in. hips. A trifle slimmer, but "a fine figure of a man" by any reckoning.

So how about it, ladies. How do you like your men?



schedule of 60 releases to 65 and that an additional five million dollars has been allocated to bring the budget up to an unprecedented 65 million dollars.

The company's president, Spyros P. Skouras, says: "It is my honest opinion that the eyes of the whole industry are focused upon us at this time of tension. We must reverse the downward trend, and we shall."

The executive producer Buddy Adler pledged that: "based on careful preparation and with the co-operation of creative talent at the studios, we are eliminating all wastage of time and money." He went on to announce the revised 1958 release programme.

In addition, there would be ten British pictures, among which were "Count Five and Die," "The Naked Earth," "Family Doctor," "Harry Black," "Intent To Kill," "Tigrero" and "Sheriff of Fractured Jaw."

Also definitely set for 1958 release were: "Peyton Place," "A Farewell To Arms," "The Gift of Love," "The Enemy Below," "Sing, Boy, Sing," "Fraulein," William Faulkner's "The Long, Hot Summer," "The Young Lions," "The Barbarian and the Geisha," "The Hell Bent Kid," "How to Rob a Bank," "Ten North Frederick," "The Big War," "The Bravados," "Rally Round the Flag, Boys," "The Inn of the Sixth Happiness," an Elvis Presley picture, "The Diary of Anne Frank," "These Thousand Hills," "The Roots of Heaven," "A Certain Smile," "Mud on the Stars," "Blood and Sand," a Virginia Military Institute story, "Holiday for Lovers," "The Sound and the Fury" and "The Blue Angel."

**I**N both senses of the word Tommy Steele is making a new film. First, "The Duke Wore Jeans," his comedy with June Laverick, and second: a personal



Tommy Steele

Steele - m a d e s u b - standard film of the film in production (if you follow me!).

Always a keen filmgoer, Steele used to spend his spare time seeing films when he was in the Merchant Navy. He saw "Richard the Third" in Japan and again in Bermuda. He has been known to return from a late-night film in the West End and sit through a couple of features at his Catford home before going to bed.

"It's only by seeing as many films as possible that I am able to give a performance on celluloid myself," says Tommy whose film "The Tommy Steele Story" was one of the biggest money-spinners of 1957.

THE Technicolor comedy "It's Great to be Young," has been playing as the Christmas attraction at New York's Paramount Theatre.

Starring John Mills, Cecil Parker and Jeremy Spenser, this British musical film has been doing very well abroad.

I WONDER how Tony Curtis's teenage fans will react to his role in "The Vikings"? He's bearded throughout and plays the last half of the picture with his left hand chopped off. A most attractive "stump" has been manufactured for him, however.

"The Vikings" is a Kirk Douglas production—starring Douglas, Curtis, Ernest Borgnine and Janet Leigh, who is Tony's wife.

## Debut for Vanessa Redgrave

**A**LL set to follow her famous father is Vanessa Redgrave, the 20-year-old daughter of the film and stage star, Michael Redgrave, who makes her screen debut in "The Pack."

She has the romantic lead opposite Tony Britton in the film, now in production at Shepperton Studios for British Lion.

Vanessa began her stage career in repertory last summer at Frinton-on-Sea.

"The Pack" is a vivid story of hospital life, with all its behind-the-scenes problems and rivalries and its day-to-day human dramas. It has the most authentic operation scenes ever filmed.

For the first time, the film cameras are turning on a heart operation under hypothermia, the process in which the patient's temperature is so lowered by cooling that the flow of blood through the heart is stopped sufficiently for the operation to be carried out for a period up to ten minutes without damage to the brain. And in colour, too!



Avoid suspicion. When you are walking through your neighbour's melon patch, don't tie your shoe. Indian Proverb.



"IT is a far, far better thing that I do, than I have ever done. It is a far, far better rest I go to, than I have ever known." Sydney Carton goes to the guillotine to save the life of the French aristocrat Charles Darnay, husband of the woman he loves. This scene was filmed on location in Bourges, Central France.

"A Tale of Two Cities" was produced by Betty Box and directed by Ralph Thomas in black and white for the Rank Organisation. Dirk Bogarde stars as Sydney Carton, Dorothy Tutin as Lucie Manette and Cecil Parker as Mr. Lorry.

## 'Henry Black' moves off to India

**O**NE of the largest British film units to go abroad on location left London by Air India for a camp at Bandipur, 60 miles from Mysore in India. "Harry Black" will be filmed in India and England, starring Stewart Granger, Barbara Rush and Anthony Steel. The well-known Indian stage actor, I. S. Johar, will play Babu, Harry Black's bearer.

The departure of the main unit for India followed intensive preparations by the producer, John Brabourne and his production manager, E. A. Joseph.

A camera unit went out to India at the beginning of December under Don Sharpe's direction for extensive background shots and animal photography.

The main party including Stewart Granger and Barbara Rush left on Monday. Other artists will follow as required. Anthony Steel is scheduled for departure next week.

The highlight of the location shooting will be a full-scale tiger hunt with Stewart Granger playing the role of the hunter, Harry Black, and Anthony Steel his friend, Desmond Tanner.

A hundred Indian beaters and many elephants are being hired to take part in the hunt for the "Bad One," a man-eating tiger terrorising the native villages.

The unit will return to England at the end of January.



**MAKING** news in more ways than one is dark-eyed, Oriental-looking beauty, Anna Kashfi, who recently completed the feminine lead in Columbia Pictures production, "Cowboy," starring Glenn Ford and Jack Lemmon.

In "Cowboy," Anna portrays the daughter of a wealthy Mexican land-baron who refuses to let her marry a poor, poetry-writing cowpoke, played by Jack Lemmon. Married to Hollywood's former No. 1 bachelor, Marlon Brando, Anna Kashfi has temporarily bid goodbye to a flourishing career to await the birth of their first child.

## 'This is how I grew up,' says Andrew

**C**HILD actors have a harder time than most to make the grade as adult stars. "You have no idea what a handicap it is for an actor to have been a 'boy prodigy,'" says Andrew Ray, playing a grown-up role as Simon Farnaby-Green in "Gideon's Day," starring Jack Hawkins, Dianne Foster, Anna Massey and Anna Lee, with John Ford directing.

"It is nice for your parents when you are a boy star, I suppose, although my father Ted Ray, the comedian, had quite enough popularity without sponsoring an offshoot of the Ray family!"

"When I was picked to play the title role in 'The Mudlark'—you remember the little boy who interested Queen Victoria and visited the Palace?—everyone said that this was 'my lot.' Every boy has one film in him if the part happens to suit him, said the sceptical. "This film was made in 1950

when I was 11 years old and, naturally, still at school. Fortunately, my parents were wise and made me go on with my schooling.

"When I was 13 they allowed me to appear on the London stage and in another film, 'The Yellow Balloon.' More school followed and then, three years later, 'Escapade,' 'A Prize of Gold' and the TV version of 'The Browning Version.' I was now 16 and, in my own estimation, a man.

"I had one big problem, however. I still looked about 14, a terrible handicap if I was ever going to bridge those awkward years between boyhood and manhood as an actor. Now I am 18 and can safely say the bridge is crossed, even if I am still cursed with a horribly youthful appearance.

"It seems to me that I have to thank my parents for getting me over this difficult time. They kept

me at school, did not push me forward as that most nauseous of all creatures—a child prodigy. I was only allowed to appear in a film or a play which really suited me—and my age. Now I work on my own system. I will not play 'kid stuff' any more, although I know what my mirror tells me—that I could easily fool the audience into believing that I am 14. Once you stick to juvenile parts, you're sunk, believe me!

"Now I play young men roles and long for the day when I can play character parts.

"They tell me that I made a mistake in having my brown hair dyed fair to take a theatrical part recently because I look younger than ever in 'Gideon's Day.' However, when we filming in London I was delighted to meet several young policemen on duty who did not look a day older than I do! Yes, I think I have grown up, at last . . ."

Pub landlord started Yorkshire club on its way to top-class rugby

HUNSLET Rugby League Club owes its origination to a cricket club, but, like most clubs which have cricket and football sections, the winter game has become the most important concern of the club.

Hunslet Cricket Club was formed by the amalgamation of two cricket clubs connected with local hostels, the Evening Star and the Peep of Day. This was in the sixties of last century, and the ground at Woodhouse Hill staged county cricket games before Headingley was established.

The first game with Hull "A" was won and in 1884 Hunslet entered the Yorkshire Challenge Cup competition and surprised everyone by defeating Leeds St. John's in the third round during extra time.

The gate was one which exceeded one hundred pounds and the owner of the ground immediately put up the rent. Later he again increased it and the club left to commence operations at Parkside.

Among the early players associated with the club was the first captain, Billy Gilston, and Matt Carr. The famous "brothers", the Goldthorpes, played in both the Rugby Union and Northern Union periods of the club.

Albert the dropper

Albert Goldthorpe between 1889 and 1901 dropped 171 goals, an average of over fourteen per season. In the last six years of that period he also kicked 188 placed goals.

In that season they won all the four cups, the first club to achieve that feat. That year Oldham topped the league but after beating Wigan in the top four play-off came up against the Parkside club and drew the final at Salford.

About this time Hunslet had a most powerful pack known as the "Terrible Six" but in reality the forwards were seven in number, normally chosen from Wilson, Brookes, Jukes, Randall, Higson, Walsh and Smalles.

A famous music hall song of the time, "We've swept the seas before, boys, and so we will again" was adopted as the club song and it is still in use at Parkside, where it can be heard at odd times.

It was no wonder that the Hunslet supporters were so proud, for in 1910 Jukes, Batten, Smith and Farrer went on the first Great Britain tour of "Down Under."

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Zealand and Australian tourists, Batten, Jukes, Wilson, Smith and Higson had gained representative honours.

A great acquisition came to the club from Leeds in the eighteenthies—Mr. Joe Lewthwaite, following his removal from his native Cumberland. He became a grand official for the Hunslet club and his services were also used by the Rugby League Council.

Played all sports

Another great servant of the club is the present secretary, George Richardson, who was appointed ten years ago. Prior to his appointment he had been a club vice-president, and had played rugby, cricket and bowls for the club and had served on each sectional committee.

An incident in the career of the celebrated Harold Buck, a Hunslet threequarter, is worth recalling. In a game at Warrington played in a gale, he received the ball (and, as he had raced in a Powderhall sprint a short time previously, he was in the pink of condition) from Jones the full-back and he dodged three Warrington forwards and went all out for the line.

In the realm of the Rugby League Challenge Cup Hunslet lost in the final to Oldham in 1899 by 19-9, but gained winners' medals in 1908 and again in 1934, when they triumphed at Wembley after Morrell had retired with a broken collar-bone after scoring Hunslet's first try.

Only twice has the club won the League championship, once in 1907-8 and then again thirty years later. Once the club has finished as runners-up. Twice the Yorkshire League has been won and three times the club has finished second.

Oldhamers will remember the strike of the Hunslet players which robbed us of an attractive fixture a few weeks ago. This was not the first strike by the club staff, for in August, 1948, a similar situation arose and then an all-amateur team represented the club and lost to Bramley and Wigan.

The club is now a limited liability company following a financial crisis a year or so ago. It has had a good record during its long career and of the great players not already noted, I would like to mention Guerin, Les Williams, Dickie Williams, Beverley, White and Smalles who all toured Australasia with Great Britain teams during the last 42 years.

Women's Circular Darts League

Table with columns P, W, L, F, A, Pts and rows for Bank Top, Spotted Cow, Greaves, Musicians, Junction (R), Bull's Head, White Hart, Junction (M), Nimble Nook, Old Bent Hall, Spinners, Radcliffe, Gardeners.

No result to hand: Junction (R) v. Spinners or Bull's Head v. Old Bent Hall.

LOOK OUT!—THE TOUGH GUYS ARE PEPPING IT UP

WATCH out for Third Division matches in the next three months getting tougher than ever. There were many signs of the increased keenness in Rochdale's Christmas week matches, but let me first congratulate the team on winning three of the four games.

The only one they lost was at Wrexham on Boxing Day when three reserves had to be called on with the result that the attack carried only two of the regulars of recent games.

In this match, trainers were on the field more than in any previous Rochdale game this season.

At Workington on Saturday, it got really tough and Rochdale were not the ones responsible. Unless, of course, it was because they were winning 2-1 soon after the interval, Workington responded with all-out tactics in desperation to get level, yet the longer the game went on the more steady did Rochdale become.

Injuries in the second half of the season will have to be expected and it could be that the teams which have the best reserves or are fortunate enough to keep their key-men in action will finish in the top 12 at the expense of clubs whose reserve strength is poor.

A new low

It should also already have been noted that the clubs with the best experienced reserve strength are

those who regularly get the best gates.

Though Rochdale have averaged 7,470 for the season the average for the last six league games at Spotland is only 5,440. Included in that is the Oldham Athletic match attendance.

A new low was hit with the two Christmas home games which totaled 7,713. Compare this with gates such as the 12,000 at Bury last Saturday, followed by New Year's Day's big attendance. Compare it with two 17,000 gates at Valley Parade in Christmas week after City had not won one of their previous five home League matches.

I have long since stopped appealing for support for sport in Rochdale—it is a waste of time. But the fact remains that those who grumble the most and feel that the Supporters' Club lottery should result in bumper transfer fees being

Rochdale Sunday Schools League SHAWFORTH MAINTAIN A 100 PER CENT RECORD

A 4-2 home win over YMCA Old Boys gave Shawforth their 13th league win, and with half the season's games played they enter 1958 with a three-point lead and the distinction of being the only team in the three divisions with a 100 per cent record.

Littleborough Parish maintained their challenge with a 5-0 home win over Heywood St. James's. The young Heywood side were handicapped by the heavy going, but they played some nice football and did not deserve to lose by five goals.

Wardle Parish were always struggling against Norden YCOB at Norden, and, after being 2-4 down at half-time, they were finally defeated 4-7. Tattersall (2), Ingham, Bouser, Clegg, Heap and Metcalfe scored for Norden and K. Gregson, R. Gregson, Walker and Coupe for Wardle.

Sacred Heart did not have matters all their own way in their home game with St. Vincent's, but they were the better team and deserved their 3-0 win. Naven, Brierley and Riley scored Sacred Heart's goals.

Castlemere Old Boys led Bright's 1-0 at half-time, but the visitors got on top in the second half and scored four times to win 4-1. Woolfenden (2), Wilcox and Barber scored for Bright's and Williams for Castlemere.

In a fast end-to-end game at Firgrove, Milton and St. Aidan's shared four goals which was a very fair result. All the goals came in the second half, Scott and Richardson netting for St. Aidan's and B. A. Ashworth and B. M. Ashworth for Milton.

All Saints' are still battling for their first point and again at Lanehead they failed to take their chances. Kershaw, for Lanehead, scored five of their six goals, Whatmough getting the other. Hough and Lord, both defenders, scored for All Saints'.

"B" DIVISION

Whittle's, the leaders, established a 5-0 interval lead in their away game with Spotland Meths., but received a shock when the home team scored three quick goals on the resumption. Spotland could not keep it up, however, and two late

paid, expect Rochdale to compete with clubs such as Bury, Bradford City, Chesterfield.

They do compete, of course, and at the moment are not doing badly seeing that before New Year's Day they were only two points behind the No. 4 club and had a match in hand.

It has been said that towns eventually get the sort of football they are willing to support. Are Rochdale soccer followers willing to support Third Division football?

Support needed

Because, should they want it, there will have to be an improvement on the gates of the last six matches if Rochdale are even to get into the national Third Division, never mind survive in it, once they do.

Should Rochdale finish in the top 12 what chance have they of recruiting a player or two who will improve the team for next season?

Make no mistake, the national Third Division will be a pretty good league. The Fourth Division will be poor and most clubs in it will probably have to cut their costs by using far more part-time players.

In fact, I visualise the Fourth Division as one such as the Scottish Second Division where there are only three or four clubs who could maintain a satisfactory team even if they did get promoted.

Increased costs all round, including wages and bonuses, mean that it requires practically £500 a week to run Rochdale AFC.

The three victories in eight days which Rochdale achieved over Christmas meant six points. It also meant the payment of an extra £150 or so in bonus—practically half of the Christmas Day receipts.

One consolation

The one consolation is that the average attendance for the season of 7,470 is an improvement on the 6,106 for the whole of last season. I know Christmas Day was too bad to be true from the weather point of view. But always there is some excuse to explain away a poor gate—even the Athletic derby gate.

But when they have all been heard it is a fact that Rochdale are one of the worst-supported clubs in the country and if they get into a national Third Division it will be because of sound management rather than sound support.

I have not a single word of criticism against the regular four or five thousand. They can grouse and grumble to their hearts' content—I listen to it. Whatever they say they have the commonsense to know that only by attending matches do they keep a club in being.

And meanwhile, they can enter 1958 knowing that in the latter half of the club's jubilee year, Rochdale banded together a forward line which has been one of the most prolific scoring attacks in the club's history and that they now have the pleasure of watching one of the most effective centre-forwards who has ever been on the club's books.

A little belated, perhaps, but I wish all readers of this column a happy 1958 and couple with it the hope that 12 months hence Rochdale AFC will not be operating in lower soccer regions.

THE HOUSE THAT DIED

PAARL TOWN COUNCIL is constantly turning down applications from people who want to live in "the house that died."

It is a burned-out mansion 3,000 feet up in the mountains above Bains Kloof, in the area purchased by the municipality for a big water scheme.

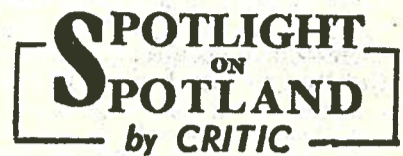
The mansion was built for a wealthy jam manufacturer, Mr. P. Hugo, who died before he could move into the house.

When a veld fire swept the mountainside the mansion was destroyed and only the walls were left standing.

It had lofty rooms, a broad staircase and swimming bath. Now insects, mice and snakes live in the ruins.

£3,000 benefit for Jackson

Derbyshire County Cricket Club announced today that pace bowler Leslie Jackson will receive almost £3,000 from his benefit last season.







## Rugby Union notes OLDHAM'S FINE WIN AGAINST WARRINGTON

OLDHAM RU 12, WARRINGTON 8

AFTER their two drawn Christmas games, Oldham Rugby Union team returned to winning form when they completed their first double of the season, against Warrington at Keb Lane on Saturday. In winning by a try, two penalty goals and a drop goal (12 points) to a goal and a try (8 points), Oldham showed slightly improved form on recent weeks. But they fell away badly in the last fifteen minutes of the game, when after holding a 12-point lead, they let Warrington slip in for two good tries.

Oldham were forced to make a late change at half-back, and Mitchell and Barrass came in for Pass (broken bone) and Shaw. These two immediately settled down to a good understanding, and were constantly setting Oldham's line on attack.

Apart from some slack passing, Barrass showed all his old skill and guile, and Mitchell was always trying to penetrate the defence with his strong thrusts, yet he gave his outside plenty of the ball, and was adequate in defence.

Both Gartside and Dobson on the wings are in fine form at the moment, and each had several good runs. The forwards, well led by G. F. Wood, were superior in the tight, held their own in the loose, and the line-outs. Gallier was again in excellent form, and gave the best display of blind-side wing forward play seen at Keb Lane this season.

In the loose, N. Connelly was outstanding, and it was his quick thinking which gave Oldham a six-point lead when he coolly dropped a goal (Gallier having earlier kicked a penalty goal). Oldham led by six points to nil at half-time, and, though play swung from end to end in the second half, it was N. Connelly again who increased Oldham's lead.

Gartside had an excellent run on the right wing, and when he reached the Warrington "25" he put in a well-judged cross-kick for Connelly to catch it on the burst and crash over for an excellent try. The kick failed.

Oldham continued to press and went still further ahead when Purcell kicked a penalty goal. At this stage Humble was injured and became a passenger on the wing. The Oldham midfield defence fell to pieces, and Warrington scored two quick tries by Barrow and Ashall, the latter converted by Harrison. However Oldham pulled themselves together and, though they did have one further fright before no-side, they ran out worthy winners.

Oldham playing record to date is: Played 19, Won 9, Lost 8, Drawn 2. Points for 194, against 180.

### Looking back

We can now look back on the first half of the season, and assess the club's achievements so far. Certainly there has been a better spirit in the club than last season, and there have been a few more helping hands. However the greater burdens of club administration still seem to fall to the same few people, and the majority of players still are oblivious of the many duties required to make their Saturday game possible. Even the marking of grounds, and putting in corner flags is too much for the majority of players—there is plenty of room for improvement here.

On the credit side the first team have had a better season to date than at this time last year:—Played 19, Won 9, Lost 8, Drawn 2. Points for 194, against 180.

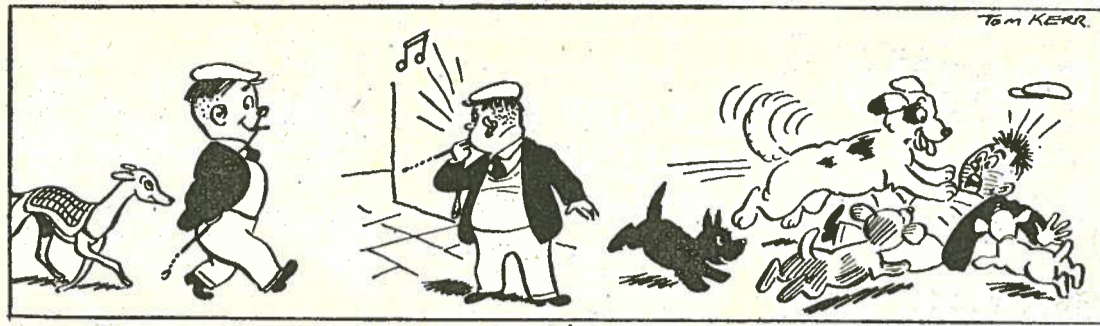
The first team have scored 43 tries, of which J. Humble gathered 13, and W. Gartside 10, and J. Williams, P. J. Hollanby and W. Gartside have each taken part in 17 of the 19 games played. Thirty nine players have been called upon for first team duty, but twelve of these only played in one game. Another improvement this year, is on the first aid side, where G. Wild has given every attention and become extremely popular with all the players.

The Borough team have the best playing record—played 15, won 12, lost 2, drawn 1, points for 276, against 100.

K.D.

For the use of the artists at the concerts given in the Psychiatric Unit at the Oldham and District General Hospital for members of the Darby and Joan Club a microphone is to be bought.

## BOBBY DAZZLER . . . By Tom Kerr



### LETTERS TO THE SPORTS EDITOR

#### Oldham's team: points of view

IN Monday's report on the "A" team game at Watersheddings, your correspondent gives "problem boy" Dennis Ayres credit for a great run. As a regular supporter, I see only one problem, namely, why Ayres is not at present in the first team.

Following his trouble with the club, Ayres has turned out with the "A" team, and with his wonderful playing record of last season, he should be given a chance.

I agree with WD's remarks in the Green Final regarding the changes at out-half. I never thought that I would be writing supporting Frank Daley for this position, but on the Cup-ties and heavy grounds approach, there is no alternative. With Daley at out-half, the other players know where they stand. It is too late to experiment further with a five-man permutation for this position.

Barring injuries Oldham have no forward problems, but I doubt if their wing three-quarter problem can be solved this season. As a personal opinion, I would like to see Nestor on the right wing, where he has played at least one brilliant game for the first-team. Etty should hold his position.

I do hope Oldham win everything this season, and they can do it.

ROBERT PATERSON,  
Trinity Street, Oldham.

FOR several weeks Oldham have changed about several players in the vital position of out-half, and on the shelf we have £2,000 Moat.

It is my opinion, and that of many others, that if ever a player has been lead up the garden path he has. Give the lad a fair chance in the first team. In the few games he did play last season he never let the side down.

We want to see the rugby of last season, not games won by one or two points and depending on the goalkicking of Ganley.

PLAY THE GAME.

### SHIMWELL NOT SIGNED YET

THERE were still no developments this afternoon in the transfer move involving Eddie Shimwell, the Oldham Athletic full-back in whom Burton Albion are interested. It is understood that Burton directors have contacted Shimwell but they have not yet approached Athletic.

Burton, who play in the Birmingham League, want Shimwell as a player-coach, and if the player is willing to move they are willing to sign him immediately. Athletic have already agreed to release him.

Shimwell keeps a public house at Clay Cross, near Chesterfield. During his stay at Boundary Park he has made seven appearances with the first team. He was signed from Blackpool during the close season.

### Heavy pressure by Liverpool

Southend were forced to withstand terrific local pressure, Threadgold saving brilliantly from Melia.

After brilliant work by A'Court, Liddell hesitated when in an easy position and Stirling was able to intervene.

In Southend's first attack Younger saved well from Crossan. The Southend inside-forwards found it difficult to get into the game.

In 33 minutes Liverpool took the lead when A'Court headed Molyneux's free kick back across the goalmouth to Jackson.

Jackson stabbed the ball towards the net and SMITH running in to clear turned the ball into his own goal.

Half-time: Liverpool 1, Southend 0.

## LOOKING BACK ON LINDRUM'S FEATS

WALTER LINDRUM, world's professional billiards champion in 1933 and 1934, who was awarded an O.B.E. in the New Year's Honours List, will not be remembered by the younger players of today, but his feats in this country in the 1930's seem almost unbelievable in comparison to the present standard of billiards.

In addition to his 4,137 break which took three sessions to make and is still the highest (apart from repetition shots), he holds the highest average for one session's play of 2,664, made against Tom Newman, and in his first meeting with Joe Davis, another record was made with a total aggregate of 55,288 by both players in a fortnight's play.

His nursery cannon play had to be seen to be believed, and in 1933, he took the balls 2½ times round the table with a run of 529 close cannons; another record for two weeks (48 hours play) was made by him against Willie Smith, of 36,356 points.

Scoring speed:  
The speed of his scoring can be realised by the following figures, 1,011 points in 30 minutes made in Manchester in 1930, 663 in 15 minutes London 1930, 346 in eight minutes Melbourne 1934, and as recently as 1941, he scored 100 in 46 seconds and in 1944 also in Melbourne he scored 3,737 and 3,752, in two consecutive visits to the table. With all these records it is no wonder he is said to be the most colourful player the game has ever known.

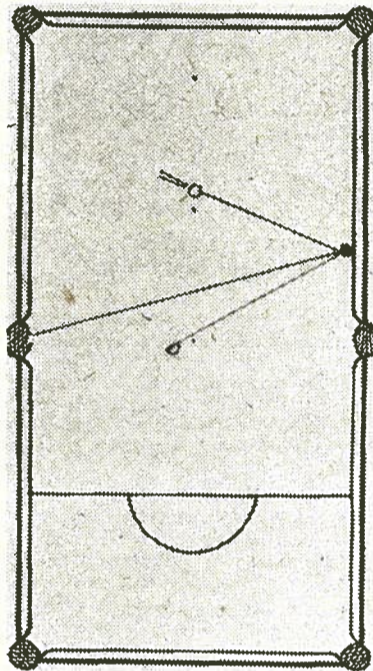
At the Passenger Transport Social Club recently, one of those hypothetical problems that is never expected to happen became an accomplished fact. Playing the double seen in the diagram, the player had the amazing experience of seeing the ball split in two pieces.

The query was sent to me as to what decision would be right if one part had gone down the pocket and the other had stayed on the table. The only thing to do is to set the position up again with a fresh set of balls and allow the player to play the stroke again.

### Season's second half

Next week sees the start of the second half of the season for all the snooker and billiard leagues. With two or three clubs fighting for top place in most of them, the interest should be maintained, for even the bottom clubs that seem to have no chance still have a part to play, insofar as they may upset the lead-

### By FRED MAYALL



ing clubs chances by defeating them unexpectedly.

Also it is the last week for clubs to play off their first round matches in the Green Final team snooker handicap and while the majority have been played or arranged to be played, in those which have not, will the home club make the necessary arrangement as per rule and notify Mr. A. V. Rixson or myself as early as possible.

### Bostons' quick try

Cunliffe had early opportunities to put Wigan in the lead but his goalkicks were wide. Halifax moved the ball well and Wigan were mostly defending.

Wigan, however, were the first to score when BOSTON crossed for an unconverted try. Halifax could not penetrate the Wigan cover.

Attendance: 11,000. Half-time: Halifax 0, Wigan 3 pts.

## WEST HAM GET 2-1 LEAD OVER BLACKPOOL

Blackpool went ahead in the second minute from a penalty, after a free kick by Hugh Kelly was nodded down by Durie to Matthews, with Gregory out of position.

Full-back Wright made a diving save and Blackpool captain KELLY scored easily from the spot.

A defensive mistake brought West Ham's equaliser in 19 minutes. Armfield passed too slowly to Farm and KEEBLE nipped in for a truly taken goal.

A superb long kick by Bond led to DICK heading West Ham's second goal in 26 minutes.

Blackpool spent too much time in defence. The ball seldom reached Matthews and when it did he found Wright hard to pass.

Blackpool rallied near the interval but West Ham well deserved their lead. Half-time: West Ham 2, Blackpool 1.

## HEREFORD ARE GALLANT—BUT NO GOALS

HEREFORD nearly shocked Wednesday straight from the kick-off. They forced a corner on the right, but tall centre-forward Fidler just failed to keep his header down. Then Williams sent in a shot which Ryalls, going down quickly, just managed to keep out. It was all Hereford.

When Wednesday got going, a driver by Shiner was well handled by Sewell. The ground was packed and spectators clambered up floodlight pylons and in surrounding trees to get a better view.

Wednesday began to come more into the game but they were up against quick-tackling defenders and two excellent wing-halves in Masters and Horton.

Quixall looked to be the danger man to Hereford, with his speed off the mark. Once he got round Wade neatly, but his centre was just too high for his colleagues.

Having been denied an early goal, Hereford lost some of their bite and it seemed that the heavy going was sapping their strength a little.

The Wednesday forwards were now controlling the ball better and four minutes from the interval they went ahead.

The ball popped around just outside the penalty area until FROG-GATT took a snap-shot and found the net through a crowd of players. Half-time: Hereford 0, Sheffield Wednesday 1.

### Rotherham's early score

Rotherham were a goal up in five minutes when inside-left Stephens put the ball in from close range following a free kick.

Blackburn equalised in the ninth minute when the home goalkeeper failed to reach a Douglas cross-shot.

Rotherham went near a few minutes later, Leyland making a glorious save from Brown.

Blackburn went ahead in the 21st minute when Dobing prodded the ball home in a goalmouth mix-up.



Greenfield AFC, who reached the final for the Rose Bowl at Block Lane, Chadderton, on Boxing Day, but lost to Roundthorn Reserves (left to right): Frank Buckley, Dodds, Parkin, Scanlon, Humphrey, Brown, Leach, Taft, Rhodes, Fieldhouse, Baron, Littlewood, Shaw.





# SOUTH EAST LANCASHIRE LEAGUE Cup-finalists Bardsley put 10 in net

CHLORIDE and Bardsley won their Christmas Moore Cup semi-finals over Heys and Urmston, and will now meet in the final, which should rouse interest, particularly at Bardsley where the club have been having a thin time of late. Neither semi-final lived up to expectations and a great deal of blame can no doubt be laid on an excess of Christmas spirit.

Watching English Steel play Dukinfield St. Mary's in a South East Lancashire League game, one would have thought it was English Steel and not their visitors who had been engaged in club festivities the night before. For Steel, who have had a good run of success lately, were outplayed by Dukinfield 4-0. Not that Steel did not have chances, but a tendency for their forwards to fall over each other, plus an uncanny knack of goalkeeper Holtby of being in the right place at the right time gave the Openshaw side a fruitless afternoon, C. Booth being the only forward likely to score. Dukinfield St. Mary's played constructive football and have a well-balanced side, although relying too much on McManus for goals. I liked the play of right-half John Murphy, while inter-league captain D. Kerr is still one of the best left-backs in the league, despite taking things easy following injury.

Two clubs hit the jackpot—and for once not Chloride. Marsden scored eight goals against Avro, who could only reply once. R. Haigh got four of them, Pennington (2), Galvin and Horncastle the others.

Bardsley went even higher, scoring ten goals without reply against Ostram. Top scorer was A. Holden with five, closely followed by R. Jones (4), F. Mathews made up the total.

Urmston returned to form to beat Ashton National 4-1. The score would have been much higher but for a grand display by Ashton's goalkeeper, R. Hargreaves.

Prestwich played delightful football in the first half against Dukinfield Victoria with left-half A. Berry in good form, but they did not last the pace and Dukinfield very nearly snatched the winning goal but had to be content with sharing points and two goals.

When Yates put CWS (Radcliffe) in the lead after five minutes against Chloride it looked as if the visitors were going to meet their Waterloo, but they soon equalised, only to find themselves in the unusual position of being 2-1 down early in the second half. They retained their 100 per cent record in the end when defensive errors let in Allington and Cheadle to make the score 4-2 in Chloride's favour. Question now is are they the same powerful attacking combination without Corfield and Shannon, who were absent from this match and who may be lost to League clubs in the near future?

Block Lane went ahead very early in their match against A. & A. Crompton's when they scored from a penalty. Just before half-time Walls put his team level at 1-1. After the interval A. & A. Crompton's fell to pieces and Ryding (2), Moss and Kremmer each scored to give Block Lane a well deserved 5-1 win.

The League regret to hear of the death a few days before Christmas of their life member and past president Mr. F. W. ("Biddy") Moore at his Southport home. Mr. Moore was well known between the wars, and particularly to North Manchester, where he was an official of the now defunct Manchester North End FC.

	P	W	D	L	Pts
Chloride	16	16	0	0	32
Marsden	19	14	2	3	30
Block Lane	18	10	1	7	21
Dukinfield St. Mary	14	8	3	3	19
Urmston	14	8	2	4	18
Heys	16	7	3	6	17
Ashton National	18	8	1	9	17
English Steel	18	8	1	10	17
Robinson's Recs.	14	7	2	5	16
Bardsley	16	7	2	7	16
Prestwich Boro'	16	7	2	7	16
Dukinfield Victoria	17	6	3	8	15
A. & A. Crompton's	18	4	3	11	11
CWS (Radcliffe)	14	5	0	9	10
Ostram	18	2	3	13	7
Avro	20	1	2	17	4

## Lady BP's progress

Olave Lady Baden-Powell, the World Chief Guide, is "Progressing well" in Portland General Hospital, Melbourne, after an emergency operation on New Year's Day, a hospital official said today.

## Castleton were second



Castleton Swimming Club, runners-up to Royton in the Central Lancashire Water Polo League. Back row (left to right): J. Mercer, H. Howard, F. Smith, G. Farnworth. Front row: T. Mercer, R. Smith (captain), J. Smith.

## WITH THE OLDHAM AMATEURS Neck-and-neck race for Division 2 leadership

ONLY six matches were played in the League last Saturday, brought about the first league defeat of Division II leaders, Dronsfeld's by Denshaw (ninth in the table) by 4-3. Strinesdale, with a comfortable victory over Druid Lads, are head of the table, but only four points separate the first five clubs. Two of these, J. Stott's and Roundthorn Reserves, have a game in hand over the other three. An interesting position indeed. The most notable result in Division I was the 3-1 defeat at home of Roundthorn by Spinners.

### Roundthorn 1, Spinners 3.

Had Roundthorn taken their chances, especially in the first half, they would have won this game easily. Spinners improved as the game proceeded. Credit must be given to the Spinners goalkeeper for several magnificent saves. Spinners led 1-0 at half-time and increased it soon after the restart. Roundthorn fought back to 2-1, but a third Spinners goal sealed the issue. Scorers.—Spinners: Booth (2), Lincoln (1). Roundthorn: Prime.

### J. Chadwick's 7, Greenfield P.M. 1.

The home team won comfortably, although over half an hour had passed before they registered their first goal. Greenfield would have done better if they had not tried to walk the ball into the net. The home side led 3-0 at the interval, and afterwards, despite playing against the slope, they still dominated play. The solitary Greenfield goal was scored by centre-forward Wolfenden.

### Dronsfelds 3, Denshaw 4.

Conditions were very bad, and good football almost impossible but Denshaw were two goals up within 30 minutes. Dronsfeld's fought back and the teams changed over with the score 3-2 in Denshaw's favour. R. Howard, at centre-half for Dronsfeld's, levelled the score early in the second period but Denshaw snatched the lead again and held on for keeps. Scorers.—Dronsfeld's: Howard, Taylor and Jones. Denshaw: Heginbottom (2), Jones and Brierley.

### Strinesdale 9, Druid Lads 1

An easy win for 'Dale, although Druids fought stubbornly and kept on trying, and kept the game clean. Goals by Jones, Chadwick and Miller brought the interval score to 3-0. Three further goals by Jones and additions by Miller, Simpson and Wrigley came afterwards and Revill

converted a penalty for Druids after Phipps in the 'Dale goal had fouled. This victory puts Strinesdale back on top of the table.

### Fernhurst 3, J. Clare 0.

Fernhurst defeated J. Clare by 3-0. The inside-forward trio, Young, Lord and Hughes combined well and notched all the goals. The Clare defence were often caught out of position and allowed gaps which Fernhurst exploited. The ground conditions were bad and ball control difficult.

## DIRK DEATH AN ACCIDENT

A VERDICT of accidental death was recorded at Stockport yesterday on Drum-Major John Wagstaff (26), of the St. Andrew Pipe Band, who stabbed himself and fell dying before his wife and family in their home at Huntingdon Crescent, Brinnington.

His wife said her husband was wearing full dress uniform when he returned home on New Year's Day.

He attempted a trick he had done many times—snatching his dirk from his stocking and pretending to stab himself but at the last moment twisting the handle to touch his chest. But something went wrong she said.

"This time his reactions may not have been quick enough," said the Coroner, Mr. Herbert Sidebotham.

## Hole 'doing well' after operation

The South Australian captain and former Test player, Graeme Hole, who ruptured his spleen while taking a spectacular catch in the Sheffield Shield match against Victoria yesterday, was today reported "doing well" after an emergency operation.

A doctor at the Royal Melbourne Hospital today said that Hole, whose 27th birthday falls this weekend, was removed from the dangerously ill list this morning, and should be able to leave hospital in 10 days.

A donation of £2 2s. has been given to Oldham Royal Infirmary from St. Margaret's Church, Hollinwood. Altogether nine donations totalling £11 19s. were received by the hospital towards the cost of the Christmas dances.

## MANCHESTER AMATEUR LEAGUE REPORTS BLOCK LANE SNATCHED WIN BY A LONE GOAL

IN a local derby in the Manchester Amateur League North Division last Saturday, Block Lane took two home points off a moderate Chadderton United XI. That the score was only one-nil points to a determined Chadderton defence, whose forwards could not rise to the occasion after having 80 per cent of the game.

Block Lane were rather fortunate to take the lead through their outside-left who caught Wilson, the home right-back, on the wing-side of the player. The winger's first-time shot beat the diving Murray who seemed to have been unsuspected. Damarell, United's outside-left, could have levelled the scores when his first-time shot blazed narrowly over the bar.

The visitors' keeper saved well from Hughes, Anderson and Marshall in the first half. The second half was a repetition of the first, United having nearly all the play with poor finishing by the forward line. A shot by Anderson cannoned back off the goalkeeper's knees and no United player was on hand to follow up. Shepherd, too, tried his luck only to see the Lane keeper pull off another good save.

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HAVING defeated Ashton St. Martin's at home earlier in the season the Austerlands Institute team was hopeful of gaining their first double of the season when they journeyed to Ashton-on-Mersey for the return game last Saturday.

The home team, however, were in inspired mood in the early stages, and with the Austerlands team being slow on the ball the visitors were given an object lesson in team football. They scored three goals within the first 15 minutes.

The home team played extremely good football and at this stage Austerlands were not in the game at all although Wolstenholme tried his best to rally his team, but despite this two further goals were added before half-time.

On the change-over and facing the wind the visitors played much better and it must be said to their credit that although five goals down, they never gave up trying and with a little bit of luck in the run of the ball they would have reduced the score.

The teams were very evenly matched during the second half, with the home team playing better team football. Austerlands had the greater number of scoring chances.

No further goals were scored and Ashton St. Martin's ran out worthy 5-0 winners.

## LANCASHIRE CC's NEW ROVER



A new picture of Peter Dohing, the young inside-forward with Blackburn Rovers, who will be on the Lancashire county cricket staff in the coming season.

## Heatley runner-up in 10,000 metres

Basil Heatley (Coventry) was runners-up in a 10,000-metre race in Brazil last night. Walter Lemos (Argentina) won in 31min. 23.3sec. Heatley clocked 31min. 29.4sec. and Alfredo de Oliveira (Brazil) was third in 32min. 21.4sec.

Vladimir Kuts, Russian Olympic champion and world record holder, was beaten for the second time this week when he finished third in the 5,000 metres. Osvaldo Suarez (Argentina) won in 14min. 23.3sec. Manoel Farla (Portugal), who beat Suarez to win the New Year's Eve round-the-houses race, was second in 14min. 24.1sec. Kuts's time was 14min. 45 sec.

## Royton Harriers' plans for Diamond Jubilee

A HAPPY NEW YEAR to readers of these notes and to Royton Harriers everywhere. A special greeting to Derek Lovewell, serving in HM Forces, Port Swettenham, Malaya, and Ian Harrop, Germany, also to Jim Towse and Cyril Allen, now in Winnipeg Canada.

The year 1958 to Royton Harriers spells Diamond Jubilee Year, for the club is now 60 years old. Small acorns make mighty oaks and from a small beginning by a few youths taking part in the natural sport of running, a club fully matured is the result.

With a club headquarters at Hill-side Avenue, Royton, second to none in the North of England, and their very own, members are justly proud of the heritage bequeathed to them by those who have gone before, and whose memory we salute.

In addition, the club enjoys the respect of their contemporaries, and if not feared quite so much as an athletic force at present, Royton Harriers are never under-estimated, for their motto, Nil Desperandum, is real. Who knows, a recovery of power can and may be only around the corner.

Celebrations begin in earnest on January 18, when the children of members and friends will be entertained to a party at club headquarters. At Chadderton Town Hall on February 1 a dance is to be held.

The centre-piece of the celebrations will be the traditional tea party on March 29, at the Co-operative Hall, Royton, at which successful members will receive club trophies and awards.

Mr. W. Austin, life member, will present the awards. A member who has played a decisive part in club life, Billy Austin, as he was more familiarly known, was the first club

champion to hold the Taylor Cup still competed for by members.

He was club champion, 1913-14-20-21-22-24, and won the East Lancashire Junior Championship in 1920.

Anyone wishing to be present at the diamond jubilee celebrations should communicate with the hon. secretary, Mr. C. Towse, 283 Burnley Lane, Chadderton, Oldham.

Albert Walker ran well in the triangular match to finish 23rd. He now realises the hard task ahead to earn selection for Lancashire County, for competition is fierce for places.

East Lancashire won the team race with 33 points, with West Lancashire 55 points and North-West 106 points. The first man home, Gerry North, Blackpool, won the six-mile race in impressive form with a time of 31min. 45sec. The English junior champion will be going places, so look out for further successes.

Joe Salt, Rochdale Harriers, was also in fine form to finish second, with Olympic runner, Fred Norris, third, Johnny Wild fourth, and Edgar Noble, Rochdale, seventh, after losing two places on the run.

## 'Copter moves a house

A helicopter has just finished shifting a house in Australia's Northern Territory—but it was piece by piece.

The house is high on the rugged clifftops overlooking the Katherine River Gorge, 200 miles south of Darwin.

The iron and wood prefabricated building had to be lifted piecemeal from the roadway five miles from the site in 20 trips. The difficult terrain prevented any other form of transport.







