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Little beats Armstrong and goes over to score Oldham's first try.

Oldham put on the style for 24-5 win

FOR the second week in succession Barrow experimented with Denis Goodwin at loose-forward for the game against Oldham at Watersheddings. This season the former centre has been playing in the second row, but last week he successfully packed down at loose-forward. The heavy ground decided that Frank Daley played at out-half for Oldham in place of Vin Nestor, and Barrow brought in Derek Hinchley on the right wing for Fred Jackson.

OLDHAM: Ganley; Cracknell, Ayres, Davies, Eddy; Daley, Pitchford; Rowbottom, Keith, Vines, Little, Winslade, Turner.
BARROW: Ball; Hinchley, P Jackson, Skeels, Castle; Horne, Davies; Armstrong, McIntyre, Wilson, Grundy, Parker, Goodwin.
 Referee: Mr. M. Coates (Pudsey).

Lively raids by Turner, Pitchford and Davies soon put Oldham on the Barrow "25." From a scrum Davies made another powerful burst, but when he passed Eddy was not in a position to take the ball.

At a scrum seconds afterwards when Barrow were penalised, Ganley's kick went wide.

Now Barrow went into the attack. A smart pass from Jackson sent Hinchley away up the right till the Oldham defence moved quickly to bring him down short of the "25."

Still Barrow held the ball. Grundy made a break up the middle to put Jackson in possession again, but Oldham winger Eddy sprang in to stop him.

Little goes over
 In the 13th minute Oldham scored. Barrow conceded another penalty to let Oldham into their own half. Little broke through the defence and fed Ayres. On went the ball to Eddy who sent it back inside for LITTLE to go over. GANLEY added a great goal.

Oldham continued to attack and scored again in the 18th minute. Daley broke away after some fast passing, and fed Pitchford. DAVIES took the final exchange and crossed for a try. GANLEY made the crowd gasp with a goal that almost wasn't.

Barrow came back into the picture with a penetrating run by Skeels. Oldham pounced in to take him on their "25" but seconds later Jackson was threatening on the other flank with a powerful burst that took him into Oldham's quarter.

Two minutes later Oldham missed a try. In the height of an attacking move Winslade lobbed a pass but Pitchford could get only one hand to it with the line at his mercy.

Oldham were eagerly searching for a try in the 28th minute they got one. It followed all-out attacks on both flanks and came when DAVIES took the ball to fling himself over for a try. GANLEY added the goal.

Barrow were trying everything to score, but the defence, helped by

several handling errors, kept them out. But one Oldham mistake almost let them in. The ball was fumbled and Horne leapt in to kick ahead. It was over the line, but Winslade got back to kick dead before Horne could get there.

In the 37th minute, Barrow had a try disallowed. Jackson made a good run and sent Skeels over, but the referee brought him back for a forward pass.

Two minutes later Oldham scored. It was a fast passing move that started on the halfway line, the ball passing through six pairs of hands before Davies sent ETTY over near the corner for an unconverted try.

Half-time:—
OLDHAM 3 4-18
BARROW 0 0-0

A kick that failed to go ten yards caused a scrum on the re-start. Barrow won the ball from it, but a deep Horne kick fell to Oldham full-back Ganley.

With possession, the home side opened their attack and on the right Ayres made a good break. He beat his man, but when he tried to pass to Cracknell the ball was knocked to the ground.

Minutes later they almost scored. Ayres beat three men and passed on for Turner to keep the ball going. Daley stepped in for a pass, but he couldn't get the ball out to Cracknell, and the move was stopped.

'Dummy' succeeded

But in the 52nd minute, Oldham did score. Again it was Ayres who made the running. With a dummed pass he completely fooled Skeels and Castle to race between them and send the ball out for CRACKNELL to go over.

WITH HALF THE INTERNATIONAL SELECTION COMMITTEE AT THE GAME, GANLEY AGAIN FAILED TO ADD THE GOAL.

Six minutes later Oldham went over again. This time it was a fiery Davies who was doing the attacking and after a great run he sent DALEY over near the corner. Ganley missed the goal.

Barrow could do little right. Grundy took possession soon afterwards and after a short run fed Horne. The ball went out again but it fell to Oldham forward Vines

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Athletic got ahead then giant-killers drew level

BOTH Athletic and Cup giant-killers York City made one late change for this afternoon's game at Bootham Crescent. Wilf Hobson returned at right-half in the Athletic side, Spurdle dropping out with flu at the last moment. York included at outside-left their new capture from Sheffield Wednesday, Ron Greensmith, in place of Fenton.

Mr. Ridgeway to apply for tour position

FRANK RIDGWAY, Oldham FC official and vice-chairman of the Rugby League, announced today that he would apply for the position of manager to the British RL side to tour Australia this summer.

Mr. Ridgway had been in some doubt because if precedence is followed he would become chairman of the League in June. He was worried that his absence at the annual meeting would mean that he could not be elected as chairman.

The date of the meeting to choose the tour manager has not yet been decided, but it is understood to be next Thursday in Leeds.

YORK CITY: Granger; Phillips, Howe; Brown, Johnson, Spence, Hughes, Bottom, Wilkinson, Wragg, Greensmith.
ATHLETIC: Teece; Naylor, West; Hobson, Muir, Thompson; Walker, Murray, Duffy, Neale, Over.
 Referee: Mr. R. H. Windle (Chesterfield).

York, with the sun in their eyes, went straight into the attack, but Naylor cleared to send Walker away on the right.

The winger found Murray, who whipped out a pass to Over on the left, but after a scramble, Duffy centred too close and Granger easily gathered.

Duffy and Walker then combined cleverly to send Neale through, but the inside-left missed the opportunity and when he tried to pass back to Duffy he put the ball yards wide.

A determined York raid was then foiled by Muir and then came a good move from Athletic. Murray again sent Walker away on the right, and after Over and Duffy had just failed to reach his well-placed cross, Phillips could only head his clearance to Neale. Shooting on the run, however, the inside man put the ball well wide.

VIOLLET OPENS UNITED'S SCORE

Manchester United pressed strongly and Colman hit the crossbar with a powerful drive. Then Wood, the Leeds goalkeeper, saved well from Taylor. Leeds had little to offer by way of attack but Gregg made a superb save from a shot by Forrest.

The Manchester team were well on top and they took the lead when VIOLLET headed in a cross by Morgans. Estimated attendance, 35,000. Half-time: Leeds 0, Manchester United 1.

Preston v West Brom

Albion made four scoring attempts in the first two minutes at Preston. Kevan headed against a post, Williams and Barlow had good shots saved and Allen drove narrowly wide. Else save two more drives from Horobin. Albion would not be denied and KEVAN scored after 13 minutes when Else could only parry a cash drive by Horobin. Albion had narrow escapes before THOMPSON brilliantly headed an equaliser from Taylor's corner-kick. Attendance: 21,000. Half-time: Preston 1, West Bromwich 1.

Goal lead for City at half-time

Forest were unlucky not to take an early lead after clever constructive play by Baily, and outside-left Imlach beat Trautman with a centre which hit the crossbar.

After 25 minutes, JOHNSTONE, the Manchester centre-forward, scored an excellent goal from a centre by McClelland. Halftime: Manchester City 1, Notts Forest 0.

Bolton overwhelm Leicester

Bolton's forwards overwhelmed a hesitant Leicester defence. PARRY scored in the 13th minute when let in by Morris. Then Gubbins twice struck the crossbar.

City's forwards were held, and the defence were mesmerised by the speed of Bolton's attacks.

STEVENS shot a second goal off the body of left-half Walker, and only Anderson's plucky work in goal kept the score down to reasonable proportions. Half-time: Bolton 2, Leicester 0.

Blackpool lead Saints

RHODES missed two easy penalty kicks for St. Helens from not more than 25 yards. With a third attempt, he put his team in front, but the lead was short lived.

FEARIS equalised with a penalty. Then Blackpool went in front, WRIGHT going over. FEARIS converted the goal-kick. Half-time: Blackpool 7, St. Helens 2.

and Duffy whipped in a quick right foot shot which Granger gathered at the foot of the post.

There was little to pick between the two sides on this showing but then in the 85th minute Athletic were back in the lead.

It was a surprise goal which left the York defence bewildered as Duffy went away on the right and crossed for NEALE to race in and volley the ball home from eight yards.

Again it was the turn of the Athletic defence to come under fire, with Teece diving about his goal and punching out three shots before outside-right Hughes hit the upright with a shot from the edge of the area.

Then Athletic's 'keeper was injured in a race with Spence, but resumed limping.

On the stroke of half-time, after Neale had miskicked, Murray missed a good chance to increase Athletic's lead, shooting straight at Granger.

Half-time:—
YORK CITY 1
ATHLETIC 2

There was a quick escape for Athletic as the still-limping Teece beat out a shot from Wilkinson and there was no other York forward on hand to take advantage.

In the 60th minute, York were level. WILKINSON was the man to do the damage, racing in to head home Hughes's free-kick after the winger had been brought down outside the area by West.

Within seconds, Athletic might have been back in the lead as Walker and Murray spread-eagled the defence but Granger was well positioned to pick up the inside man's stinging first-time shot.

A rough element crept into the game, with Muir twice earning the crowd's disapproval and conceding two unrewarding free-kicks.

York were now on top, but Greensmith missed a good opportunity by crashing the ball into the side-netting from only 10 yards and then Hughes got the ball into the net, but despite violent protests the referee ruled offside.

There was another caution for Muir after a seemingly harmless foul on Bottom but Athletic cleared the danger.

At the close, York were still on top and just seconds from the end Teece made a brilliant one-handed save to turn a shot from Bottom behind.

Final:
YORK CITY 2
ATHLETIC 2
 Attendance: 8,507.

Goalkeeper tested

Athletic were having the better of the early exchanges and a foul on Duffy saw Granger punch clear Hobson's free-kick, but up came West to test the York keeper with a low ground shot.

Then Thompson's shot was deflected away. A corner and another Walker cross saw Neale crash a shot just inches over the top.

In the 14th minute, however, Athletic had a reward for this early pressure. From a long pass by Thompson, DUFFY was played inside by Johnson and closed in to crash a left-foot shot into the corner.

In the next minute, however, there was a let-off for Athletic as Wilkinson raced through to smash his shot against the upright. From the rebound Hughes hesitated and West and Thompson scrambled the ball clear.

York were far from upset by this early Athletic goal and steadily began to build up the pressure. There were cautions for, first, Muir and then Hobson and then with the York red shirts milling round the Athletic six-yard line the goal-grabbing BOTTOM banged in the equaliser.

The goal, in the 24th minute, followed a corner on the right which Teece had failed to punch clear.

With the excitement mounting, it was Athletic's turn to put in a bid

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Is golf 18 holes by tradition?

GOLFERS favouring the plan to restrict the PGA matchplay championship final next year to 18 holes, instead of 36, have trotted out the old fallacy that the game of golf is traditionally over 18 holes.

That is merely an accident in which Scottish land development two centuries ago had a hand. The original extent of the St. Andrews links was 22 holes—the eleven outward holes being played in reverse on the way home.

Then the ground on which the first two holes were laid out was lost to builders and the "out-and-home" course became 18 holes.

SUPPORT received from overseas golfers has been so good that the sponsors of the Daks women's golf tournament are amending the title from "national" to "international."

During the period March 25 to April 8 women golfers throughout Great Britain and abroad will be striving to qualify for a place among the 128 silver and bronze division players who will contest the matchplay finals at Wentworth from May 28-30.

No less than 650 women constituted a record entry last year and it is expected this figure will be exceeded this time.

Miss Elizabeth Price, the Curtis Cup golfer, will defend and it is hoped that other star players who hope to play against America in the Cup match in the USA next August will be in the field.

ANGELA WARD, Curtis Cup golfer and former girl champion, is making preparations for her wedding. She is marrying Walker Cup golfer Michael Bonallack, former Army champion, at Margate, on February 8. Among her bridesmaids will be her sister Shirley and Michael's sister, Sally, an Essex county player.

Meanwhile, 11-year-old Shirley is taking her first conducted steps in golf. Shirlly has started lessons at Prince's Sandwich under the professional Norman Quigley, who coached Angela to stardom. Her father, Mr. Harry Ward, a former Mayor of Margate, says that Shirley has a good swing.

THIS golf story is now going the rounds . . .

Following Japan's great win in the Canada Cup a very tiny Japanese decided to take up the game.

He ordered a half-size set of clubs, half-size golf balls and half-size tee pegs. Finally he stood on the first tee taking his first swing when a stranger appeared down the fairway. The little Japanese at once cupped his hands and yelled: "TWO."

HE NEVER RODE A HORSE IN HIS LIFE! Rugby player trained men—and three 'National' winners

THE Tom Coulthwaite Handicap Chase, run at Haydock Park today, commemorates a celebrated National Hunt trainer who played rugby under the Northern Union code.

BRIDGE QUIZ

By EWART KEMPSON

YOU are West. Game all; dealer West.

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

2♠ 3♥
3♠ 4♣
6♣ No

The slam is not unreasonable; in fact, it is a good contract. North led the eight of spades. How should West plan the play?

My Solution: This looks like a simple hand, and it is; but it is not just a matter of taking two finesses. West has another outside chance of making the slam and should investigate it.

At Trick 1 he must play dummy's 10 of spades and his own seven. He must lead dummy's two of clubs and trump it with the nine. He must then lead the two of spades to dummy's six and must trump dummy's 10 of clubs. Complete deal:

♠ 8
♥ 9 3
♦ K 4
♣ J 9 8 7 6 5 4 3

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

♠ 5 4 3
♥ K 7 6 5 2
♦ 9 6 2
♣ A K

By great good luck the ace and king of clubs are bare, allowing West to make 12 tricks by discarding a heart on dummy's queen of clubs. After trumping the second club, West draws South's last spade, leads a heart to dummy's ace and cashes the queen of clubs.

Automation cheese

What is claimed to be the world's first fully-mechanised cheese-making machine has been developed by the Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation.

The new plant cuts out much of the hard manual labour and reduces the cost. Four machines can handle the production of a factory receiving 10,000 to 14,000 gallons of milk a day.

From his stable in Staffordshire, Coulthwaite sent out three Grand National winners Eremon, Jenkinson, and Grakle, yet it was said of Tom, who died ten years ago, that he never rode a horse in his life.

In his young days he was in the butchering trade, then he became a bookmaker's clerk, and used to do a little odds-laying on his own account.

He was a good athlete and played rugby as a forward with the Swinton club. He did so well preparing athletes, particularly Salford Harriers, that a local man decided he could be equally successful with horses and sent him one to train.

From such a small beginning, Tom Coulthwaite was soon doing well enough to set up as trainer at hednesford, Staffordshire and it was not long before he was spoken of as "The Wizard of Hednesford."

He made a particular point of studying the food that suited each horse, and the diets were chalked up on a blackboard. He succeeded with a shy feeder by setting his alarm for an early hour and going down in the dark to feed the horse.

But, however well his horses were doing Tom seemed to get a greater kick when he produced a prize-winning rose, for growing roses was his great hobby.

IN November, writes The Ringer, I suggested that it might be profitable to follow beaten "job" horses during the National Hunt season and put forward a list of a dozen horses which, having lost when well supported, were likely to win later at good prices.

Those 12 horses were:—**Amerourex II, Birikoros, Bright Lights, Bold Buccleuch, Cheshire Cat, Chianti, Diego, Rubio, Edradour, Empire Stadium, Nuthatch, Pelican Pay, Sacrilege.**

Off these Cheshire Cat has since won at 100-6, Edradour at 10-1 and Chianti at 5-1. Empire Stadium was successful (at 10-1) on the day the list was published. Some have run and lost and several are yet to appear again. Sacrilege and Amoureux II may run next week.

Of course, three horses should be chosen to replace the three winners if a stop-at-a-win system is used. I would take Sword Flash for one.

T. F. Rimmell, the Kinnersley, Worcestershire, trainer, sends Misty Vision, third to Skate Up and Doxford at Leicester last Monday, to Birmingham on Monday when he should take the Packington Chase. Other fancies are Pintail (1-0), State Fair II (2-30) and Lewes (3-30).

Next week's racing fixtures:—Monday and Tuesday: Birmingham. Thursday: Wincanton, Friday: Sandown, Saturday: Sandown and Worcester.



CRUDWELL beat Lochroe in the three-mile Star and Garter Handicap Chase at Hurst Park on Thursday. Though they have together totalled more than 60 victories, the horses have met only once before. That was in 1955 in the Grand Sefton Trial at Hurst Park. Crudwell fell two fences from home and Lochroe went on to win. Crudwell, trained by Frank Cundell, is ridden here by M. Scudamore.

Angling Notes :: By KB PIKERS' RECENT GRAND HAULS

THE winter trips to Tattersall and Chapel Hill are still meeting with great success. In a recent outing, 45 pike were caught and, happily, all but about half a dozen were returned to the water. Jerry Dunn was the most successful of the pikers, with a total catch of eight fish. Second was J. Collins, with eight pike. However, last Sunday the trip was made against high strong winds and the fishing was rather spoiled. Even so, several perch of about 1½lb. were caught and bream at 1½lb. Plenty of roach and 24 pike were caught. Next Sunday the trip is to Lincoln and the following Sunday, January 19, they are to visit Tattersall and Hobhole. Interested persons should get in touch with Mr. N. Whitworth, 3 Stottfield, Royton.

The musky hits the bait with unimaginable fury, a striking in which, it is said, "the water explodes with a charge of musky." The fight the hooked fish puts up is terrific—more often than not on the surface of the water—the fish making a series of flying leaps to rid itself of the hook.

THE second biggest of the American predatory fish is the Northern Pike, which is identical in most respects to the British pike. A smaller but similar fish is the Pickeral-grass pike, that averages around 3lb., but nevertheless is a most sporting fish. Coloured similar to pike, with a dark chain-like colouring on a yellow background, they are found throughout North America and provide many anglers with immeasurable sport when taken on light tackle. Pickeral are minnow feeders so what better to catch them on than a live minnow or minnow-like spinner. They also succumb well to wet fly, usually streamers or bucktails fished to represent minnows.

FOR winter sport in Great Britain some good pike fishing takes a lot of beating. Pike is the largest of our predatory fish and stands alone in the finny tribes. True, there are pike-perch to be found in odd parts of England which grow to a decent size, but these fish are far from plentiful. How lucky are our American cousins—incidentally, a land of over 25 million anglers—for in their waters are to be found four entirely different types of large predatory fish. The biggest of these is the Mushellunge, which averages between 6-20lb. and of which the record was one of 69lb. 11oz. The musky is brown or brownish grey in colour with silvery scaleless gill covers. It lives a solitary life. It can be appreciated that, because of their tremendous appetites, no water, no matter how fertile it may be, can support a thick population. It takes a lot of smaller fish to feed one musky.

Long casting is an essential in Pickeral fishing as the fish are on the shy side and it is best for the angler to put the maximum distance between himself and his quarry.

THE fourth of the group of predatory fish is the Walleye—the pike-perch of the English set-up known also as the Yellow Pike, Doré or Jack Salmon. This is a fish averaging between 2-6lb. It is grey or green on the back and yellow underneath, with milky-white eyes. In addition to a dorsal fin in the middle of its back like perch. A most formidable looking fish and one that makes an excellent opponent when hooked on light tackle.

FISHING for the Mushellunge is a most specialised sport and experience and "fish sense" are most essential. It is reckoned that nobody, except by luck, catches more than one good musky in a day, a week, or even in an entire season in some waters.

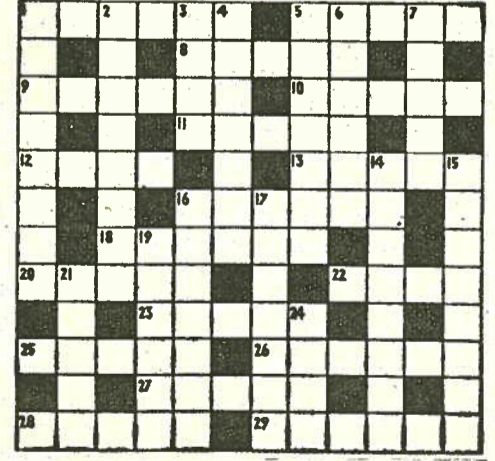
The fish are taken in the same way as their lesser brethren, the pike—either spinning or plug fishing with a powerful spinning rod or by live bait fishing, using as live bait fish of about 12in. in length

Gipsy restaurant
A gipsy restaurant is to be opened in Budapest in the first half of next year. The restaurant will be equipped with traditional furniture and the staff will all be gipsies, dressed in folk costumes. The restaurant will be the only one in Budapest where gipsy dishes can be bought.

The restaurant, which will be housed in the former Lido coffee bar in Republic Road, will also have a gipsy orchestra.

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- ACROSS**
- Prairie grass (6)
 - Handy sort of craft? (5)
 - Stage show sounding like a military one (5)
 - The Nazis favourite type? (6)
 - Be nosy (5)
 - Three-sided letter (5)
 - Exclamation (4)
 - The start of the Oaks! (5)
 - He takes over duty (6)
 - That girl over there? (6)
 - Go on a buying spree? (6)
 - Not worth much if red (4)
 - Of sanctity, perhaps (5)
 - Ruin the plunder (5)
 - Comparatively crazy colour—(6)
 - and this is comparatively fresh (5)
 - Unightly marks (5)
 - Scorched (6)



- DOWN**
- The sweetbread gland (8)
 - When to wed at sea? (8)
 - Unproductive (4)
 - Backed out (7)
 - Manage to support (7)
 - The threat of the chaps who have the top card (6)
 - Vocal group (5)
 - The guilty one (8)
 - Nourished (8)
 - They want answering (7)
 - Pods of peas, etc. (7)
 - Consecrate (6)
 - Student of the eye? (6)
 - Such a thing doesn't often happen (4)

YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION

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By THE STUDENT

CRICKET, racing and Rugby League this week. Score three points for number one, two for number two and one for number three. A score of five is good going.

TEASER NUMBER ONE
What record was made in the first cricket Test between South Africa and Australia last December which had nothing to do with scores or players?

TEASER NUMBER TWO
Which is the recognised authority for settling betting disputes in connection with the English turf?

TEASER NUMBER THREE
Which winners of the RL championship since the war have never appeared at Wembley?

Answers on page 7

Birchall goes and supporters wait

THE OLD REARGUARD IS BACK IN ACTION TO SILENCE CRITICS

IN the three home games immediately preceding this afternoon's clash with Bradford City, a Spotland defence which has taken the brunt of crowd criticism this season, did not concede a goal. It is interesting to note its formation: Jones; Ferguson, McCulloch; Grant, Glover, McGuigan.

The first of those three home games—against Mansfield Town—was the first this season in which his particular combination of layers operated, although it had one so twice previously with the exception that Bernard McCready was in goal in place of the injured Jimmy Jones.

Those two matches were against Halifax Town at Spotland (won 1-0) and against Scunthorpe (drawn 0-0).

The most interesting point to me is that the present one is the exact combination which did so well at the beginning of last season. And here it is again turning in performances well up to standard, in results at least.

At the beginning of last season, will be recalled, this formation conceded only 16 goals in the first 17 matches. Of those 17, nine were scored against Rochdale.

The injury to Bev, Glover broke the defence and started a bad spell and the introduction of Cyril Bilo at left-half did not help.

During the summer, it was considered that the defence needed strengthening and Harold Rudman, Tom McGlennon were signed to straighten into the first team. They did well enough for a time, it changes had to be made and eventually the old formation came back. The concession of goals promptly reached its lowest level of the season.

Curiosity increases when it is called that in the summer of '56, it was considered that it was an attack which required greatest strengthening and four-figure fees were paid for Eddie Wainwright and Gwyn Lewis. But whereas the defence was fine, the presumably rejuvenated attack conceded only eight goals in the first nine matches.

They don't fit Thus in successive seasons, things have gone fairly well on the field but not exactly in the way it was originally thought. One is forced to the conclusion that certain players can play successfully together, although in individual instances, a man might not be considered of equal ability to the rest of the side. This player simply cannot fit into the scheme of things. Over several seasons, however, various signings have gradually built up a vastly-improved staff to

MILNROW—NEWHEY CLUBS LEAGUE

Billiards and domino results in week ending January 4.—Billiards: Milnrow Lib. "B" 559, Newhey Lib. "B" 585; Newhey Lib. "A" 392, Newhey Cons. 453; Newhey v. Milnrow Cons. "A" result to hand. Dominoes: Milnrow Cons. "B" 273, Newhey Lib. "B" 206; Workmen's 341, Milnrow Cons. "A" 312.

	P.	W.	L.	D.	Pts
Newhey Cons.	8	5	3	0	10
Newhey Lib. "A"	8	5	3	0	10
New Labour	7	5	2	0	10
New Cons. "A"	7	4	3	0	8
Workmen's	7	3	4	0	6
New Cons. "B"	7	2	5	0	4
Newhey Lib. "B"	8	2	6	0	4

	P.	W.	L.	D.	Pts
Newhey Cons. "B"	6	5	1	0	10
Newhey Cons. "A"	6	4	2	0	8
New Cons. "A"	7	3	4	0	6
Workmen's	7	4	3	0	8
New Labour	5	2	3	0	4
Newhey Lib. "B"	7	1	6	0	2

	P.	W.	L.	D.	Pts
Newhey Lib. "B"	7	5	2	0	10
New Labour	6	5	1	0	10
New Cons. "A"	6	4	2	0	8
Workmen's "A"	6	3	3	0	6
Workmen's "B"	6	3	3	0	6
New Cons. "B"	6	2	4	0	4
Newhey Cons. "A"	6	2	4	0	4
Newhey Cons. "B"	7	2	5	0	4
Newhey Lib. "A"	6	2	4	0	4

	P.	W.	L.	D.	Pts
New Cons. "B"	5	3	2	0	6
New Labour	4	3	1	0	6
Workmen's "B"	4	3	1	0	6
Newhey Lib. "A"	4	2	2	0	4
Workmen's "A"	4	2	2	0	4
New Cons. "A"	4	1	3	0	2
Newhey Cons. "A"	5	1	4	0	2

SPOTLIGHT ON SPOTLAND by CRITIC

The one here when Jack Warner was in control. The Rochdale manager does not see eye-to-eye with me about the Lancashire League. Whatever the success, he says, you either have a young-player policy or you have not. Rochdale have one and to accommodate on the staff the number of young players necessary, the club cannot carry sufficient experienced men as well to run a team in the Lancashire Combination.

For older players, he agrees the Lancashire Combination is probably best. But for young players he plumps every time for the Lancashire League where the football is of a much higher standard, but not as rough and tough.

They want Moran

The reason is that in the Lancashire League those in charge of teams are more interested in the type of football played than in points provided confidence is not lost by too many defeats.

Rochdale's Lancashire League (Division I) side has certainly been setting the pace this season. It has been beaten only once.

Of the side which beat Manchester City's third team away last Saturday and was picked again today Heyes (goal), Riley (left-full-back), Barker and Newall (half-backs), and Brown, Mulvoy, Green and Spencer (forwards) are all players who can be called Spotland products. But for injury, Molloy would probably be completing the attack.

When it was known, early this week that Blackburn Rovers were interested in a Northern Section centre-forward it was strongly rumoured in Rochdale that the player was Jim Dailey. It turned out to be Alf Ackerman, of Carlisle, and Manager Catterick told me that Rovers had never even contacted Rochdale about the ex-Workington man.

There have been phone calls at Spotland recently, however, about Eddie Moran. "From a Northern Section club," state Mr. Catterick, "but there is nothing doing because we do not wish to part with the player." No club mentioned; but could it be Bury?

Prices rocket

Meanwhile, Rochdale search for suitable players, but strictly at suitable prices. At the moment, prices are rocketing and with First and Second Division clubs £1,000 is hardly looked at for Central League players with no Football League experience.

Higher prices than this have been asked even for "A" team players who are operating in the Lancashire League.

If a club in a higher division is willing to part with a young player in the "A" team, it means they do not think he is going to make the grade. But the transfer fee is not reduced accordingly.

The claim I have made many times in these notes that the standard in the Northern Section is now better than ever was boosted by the feats of Stockport County, York City and Hull City in the FA Cup-ties.

Incidentally, Rochdale have beaten all three in League games this season.

The 6th Fleet is there

Vice-Admiral Charles R. Brown, Commander of the United States 6th Fleet, entered Valletta Harbour today, aboard the heavy cruiser USS Salem, and will attend a series of staff meetings at British naval headquarters.

for new signings

A WEEK of expectancy among Hornets supporters seemed to be dying out disappointingly by the time the selectors got down to their job on Thursday evening. They had no new names to include, despite the many probable signings mentioned in the past few days. In fact, they had lost one player, Roy Birchall whose transfer to Keighley should prove to the Hornets board that you can get your man if only you go with the necessary cash.

Keighley officials obviously were willing to pay the £800 fee placed on Birchall and after they had seen the player at his home at Leigh on Wednesday evening they arrived at Rochdale in the early hours of Thursday morning and informed the Hornets' secretary, Mr. Albert Yorke, of the deal. So long as Hornets drew the full transfer fee they could say nothing to count either way.

For some time Birchall had been linked with a proposed exchange deal with Warrington, who appeared to be more in the mood for arguing terms than in actual signing. First they allowed Hornets' officials to interview Nichols and Warburton, but it was found that the first-named had retired from the game. Warrington should have known that.

Then when an approach was made on a new basis—Roy Birchall for Ted White—the "Wires" officials threw a spanner in the works by valuing White higher than Birchall!

Another turn

It is doubtful whether Birchall knew at the time he was seen by Keighley officials that there had been another turn in the Hornets' negotiations with Warrington and that it was Bill McFarlane, not White, whom the Rochdale club sought. What should be plain from this is that to get things done more speedily the Hornets would probably be more successful in straight deals than in bartering which, I feel sure, is more embarrassing to players than the much criticised normal transfer system.

The club should also rule out the possibility of being favoured in competition with other clubs because of things which have happened in the past.

I know that when Hornets went after Jack Hayes early this week and offered a nominal sum instead of the £1,000 transfer fee, they had in mind the fact that when Charlie Wilcox had to retire, a very short time after Widnes had received £1,000 from the Hornets for his transfer, someone connected with the Widnes club hinted that Hornets would receive preferential treatment in a future deal between the clubs.

Wilcox retired four years ago and for anything I know the present Widnes officials may not know of any promise made so long ago. The case is on a par with the retirement for another reason of Denis Bradley. These

In the HORNETS' NEST by Touchjudge

affairs cannot possibly influence deals in commercialised sport:—

Mr. Arthur Walker, the Hornets' chairman, was in a far better position for making a deal late this week when, with £800 from Keighley, and a little added, he knew he could go on a renewed quest and have money to put down.

The inference is that the effort to sign Reg Parker, the Barrow forward, coincided with his return to favour by the Furness club selectors. Parker told the Hornets chairman early this week that had their inquiry been made three weeks ago, when he was out of the first team, he would have caught the first train to Rochdale. Now he is on the team again, his position is much changed.

Bang went hope after hope as the week wore on, and on Thursday the chairman hinted that the chase had been called off for the time being, promising that before the next home match it is likely that a signing will have been made.

What is clear is that officially Hornets know as well as supporters that they will have to strengthen the pack to get the team into proper gear again, and once that is done supporters want to suffer less inconsistency by the side. The team that drew with Liverpool did not look anything like the one which challenged St. Helens at the Athletic Grounds, and that which beat Widnes had no semblance of the one which floundered at Batley. All this in less than a month.

Hornets must be rated as rank outsiders for the Challenge Cup-ties which start in a month's time.

LANCASHIRE COUNTY RL COMBINATION

	P.	W.	L.	D.	F.	A.	Pts
Salford	18	11	7	0	232	263	22
St. Helens	15	10	5	0	286	208	20
Wigan	12	10	2	0	246	110	20
HORNETS	15	10	5	0	170	206	20
Warrington	17	9	8	0	360	245	18
Barrow	15	8	7	0	236	235	16
Swinton	16	8	8	0	239	254	16
OLDHAM	12	7	5	0	205	142	14
Widnes	14	7	7	0	229	189	14
Leigh	12	6	6	0	197	184	12
Workington T.	15	6	9	0	209	234	12
Whitehaven	14	5	9	0	184	265	10
Blackpool B.	13	3	10	0	132	268	6
Liverpool C.	14	1	13	0	121	293	2

ROCHDALE SUNDAY SCHOOLS LEAGUE WARDLE'S GRIP TIGHTENED

SACRED HEART were the better team in the early stages of their away game with Wardle Parish and deservedly took the lead. Wardle gradually settled down and after drawing level led 2-1 at the interval. The second half was very even, the only goal being scored by Wardle a few minutes from the end. Kenworthy, Dawson and R. Gregson scored the Wardle goals, Brierley netting for Sacred Heart.

Bright's dominated the first half of their home game with Milton and led 3-1 at half-time. A more even second half saw each side score twice for Bright's to win 5-3. Keylock (3), Wilcox and Hancock scored for Bright's and B. A. Ashworth, B. M. Ashworth and Thorpe for Milton.

Littleborough Parish had to fight hard for their away win over bottom club All Saints' and it was not until 10 minutes from the end that they got the deciding goal to win 2-1. Emmerson and Kelly scored for Littleborough, and T. Ormerod for All Saints'.

YMCA Old Boys just got the better of Norden YCOB at Firgrove and after leading 2-1 at half-time they finally won by the odd goal of five. Sharrocks (2) and Williams scored for YMCA and Clegg and Bouser for Norden.

St. Aidan's were another team to win by the odd goal but had their

visitors, Lanehead, taken their second-half chances the result would have been reversed. St. Aidan's led 3-1 at the interval but despite having all the second-half play Lanehead could only get one more goal. Gardiner scored all three St. Aidan's goals, Kershaw and Shackleton netting for Lanehead.

Shawforth, the League leaders, had an easy 10-0 away win over Heywood St. James's, Muldowney (3), Linger (2), Lumb (2), Dawson (2) and Povey scoring their goals.

B. DIVISION.—Facit Parish led Syke Methodists 2-1 at half-time but the home team rallied to draw level in the 75th minute. When they failed with a penalty they appeared to have missed their chance but a defensive mistake gave them an easy winning goal. Stott, Holmes and Oldfield scored for Syke and Kettleton and Jackson for Facit.

West Street Baptists accomplished their best performance of the season by sharing four goals with Whittles, the leaders, at Littleborough. A goal behind after eight minutes and losing 1-2 at half-time, West Street were soon level on the resumption and some grand defensive play earned them their point. Brierley scored both West Street goals, Bood and Ogden scoring for Whittles.

Rochdale Amateur League

Over-robust play spoiled local 'derby'

OF the eight games down for decision last Saturday, seven of them were in the Amateur Cup and one of these, A. and A. Crompton v. Turner Bros., had to be postponed owing to the ground being unfit.

There was only one draw, and this was that in which Whitworth FC received Railway St., at the end of which four goals were scored. This was Whitworth's eighth draw this season. Railway St. were the better side in the first half and at half-time led 2-0. Whitworth improved considerably in the second half and goals in the 50th and 75th minutes earned them a replay. Booth scored both Railway St. goals, with Whittle and Whittaker scorers for Whitworth.

In the local "derby" between Bay Horse and Industry, Bay Horse earned their first victory of the season as the result of a 3-0 success. White, Stott and Dolan gave Bay Horse a 3-0 lead at half-time and despite great pressure in the second half by the Industry team the Bay Horse defence held out until the end.

In the Heywood "derby," Boots Social defeated Tudor Rose, second division leaders, by six goals to two, after they had led 3-1 at half-time. Although Boots were full value for their victory the game was spoiled by some over-robust tactics. Scorers for Tudor Rose were Heywood and Hammersley. Pearson (2), Licilly, Hodson (2) and Clarke scored for Boots.

Dunlop visited Walsden and felt the full force of the home club's recent improvement, being beaten 10-1 after Walsden had led 4-0 at half-time. Freeman (4), Preen (2), Brennan, Kelly, Ralfe and Marrow scored for Walsden and Higgins for Dunlop.

Market House visited Shiloh Spinners with only ten men and were beaten by the odd goal of seven. The game was outstanding for the dogged defence displayed by the visitors, which saved them from a heavier defeat. Scorers for Shiloh were Radclyffe, Murray, Hazeldene and Chapman with Drury, Lett and Mahoney replying for Market House. Heymain Recs. visited Birch St.

Mary's and after leading 7-0 at half-time ran out 9-1 winners. Heymain eased up considerably in the second half in order not to engulf their young opponents. Jones scored for Birch and Wrightwebb (3), Jones and Kay (2 each), Lord and Price for Heymain.

In a second division game and after a goalless first half Rochdale Athletic and Shaw Fine Spinners shared six goals. Murphy (2) and Lomax netted for Athletic and Rigby, Whittle and Cocker for Shaw.

St. Gabriel's were too strong for Spotland Methodists at Firgrove and after leading 3-0 at half-time they increased their lead to 6-0 before Spotland got a late goal. Croke (2), Cunliffe, Jones, Collins and Donoghue scored for St. Gabriel's and Hindle for Spotland.

St. Peter's scored twice in the opening 15 minutes of their home game with Thornham St. James's and led by this score at the interval. St. James's reduced the lead early in the second half but St. Peter's scored again to win 3-1. Carr, Whitworth and Schofield scored for St. Peter's and Bancroft for St. James's.

Goals by Broadbent, Butterworth, Simpson and A. Nyland gave St. Patrick's a comfortable 4-0 home win over Milnrow Parish. Outgate Baptists are improving every week and had no difficulty in winning their home game with Thornham by six goals scored by Aughey (4), Schofield and Dearden to two scored by Rushton and Proctor.

Newhey St. Thomas's won a close game with Buckley Hall at Newhey by the odd goal. An even first half ended 2-2 and the home team just had the better of the second half to score the winning goal in the closing minutes. Wilkins, Lees and Moulton scored for Newhey, and Thompton and Jefferies for Buckley Hall.

Green Final Team Snooker Handicap BEHIND ON AGGREGATE BUT OLDHAM CC WON 3 FRAMES

THE virtue of awarding one point per frame in the Green Final Snooker Handicap, instead of deciding the matches on aggregate, was illustrated at OLDHAM CRICKET CLUB on Wednesday. The home team were behind on aggregate at the end, but won by three frames to one.

S. Bolton (25) won the first frame for the visiting SPRINGBANK team, beating N. Cocker (22) 96-61. Cocker persisted in laying snookers in an effort to win, but Bolton, who led 59-34 on the colours, not to be thwarted.

Springbank put another youngster, A. Jeffries, against the more experienced Fred Ross, and he led on the colours by 62-36. But then came the turning-point of the match as Ross sneaked all the colours separately and thus won 63-61 to make it one frame each.

Bert Tither went to the table against Harold Davies and at the opening both suffered. Davies (15) conceded 7 points to Tither (22) and it was by one point less than the handicap that he lost to the Oldham player. Tither held a 45-36 lead on the colours, and potted green, brown and blue in one break to win 57-51.

Ken Wolstenholme (22) soon led against H. McNally (Springbank) in the last frame, and was in front 49-37. McNally then potted yellow, and then the green and brown, but was unlucky also to go in-off the brown, and with Wolstenholme potting the blue and pink, Oldham had won three of the frames, despite being behind 245-254 on aggregate.

Greenwood's good play

WERNETH CRICKET CLUB entered the competitive field for the first time, and at home to ROYTON ODDFELLOWS they led by 11 points and two frames to one, but a canny H. Greenwood gave nothing away in the last frame and managed to gain the Royton team a 3-2 victory on the aggregate, 279-264.

F. Wilson should not have lost the first frame for Oddfellows. He was in front by two on the colours, but an in-off and a leave on the brown and blue cost him the frame, Tom Cross, despite missing the pink altogether, winning 80-63.

H. Greaves squared the match by beating R. Langton 74-63. He missed two easy pinks, but a fluke snooker followed by the last red and a blue, gave him a lead of 15. He left the first two colours, and despite snookering himself on the pink, he held on to win 74-63.

The veteran T. Lockett (Royton) started badly against A. Kershaw, going in-off twice and missing his colours, but he managed to get his nose in front until Kershaw fluked the last red and took a black. Again the Royton player went in front when Kershaw went in-off blue and Lockett trebled it. But Kershaw won 77-72 with the pink followed by a trebled black.

Royton were behind by 13 on aggregate and handicap when the last frame opened, and H. Greenwood (Oddfellows) made matters worse by fouling the pink in breaking off.

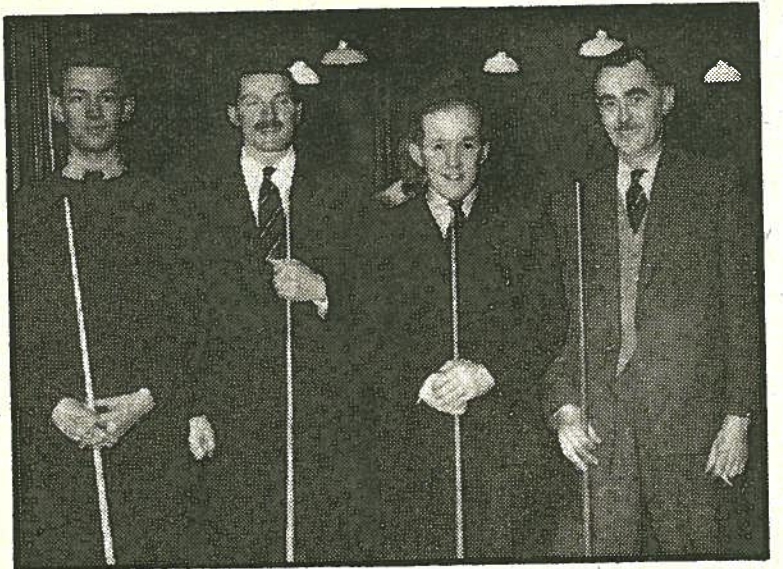
It did not upset him, though, and with a grand defensive game, helped by Tom Marsden potting five of the reds without getting a colour, he slowly but surely forged ahead and won 70-44, finishing with a grand cut pink into the top pocket.

Fred Buckley brilliant

Another ROYTON team also won their way into the second round, the LIBERAL CLUB "A" team beating BALDERSTONE CONS. CLUB. They have the veteran Fred Buckley to thank for this win, for the Liberals were behind by 34 on handicap and aggregate when the last frame opened. Buckley, however, compiled breaks of 26, 16 and 15 and beat W. Norris 89-41 to get Royton home on aggregate by 268-247.

The match had a somewhat sensational opening, for F. Goodwin led by 30 for Royton in the first frame, only to lose by 30 to F. Richardson.

There followed two tight games, H. Kent beating Balderstone's experienced competitive player, W. Kirk, by seven points, and then E. Moss putting Balderstone in front again by beating G. Wild by five. Lucky for Royton that Buckley was in brilliant form in the last frame.



First Round Score Cards

- Westwood Cons. (3) 286, Crompton Cons. "B" (1) 249. Westwood scores first: Barry McIndoe 83, H. Leach 78; H. Kershaw 49, A. Bloor 60; W. McIndoe 94, W. Holdaway 56; K. Schofield 60, H. Rooney 55.
- Avro No. 1 (3) 301, North Chadderton Social "A" (3) 246. Avro scores first: R. Irving 60, H. McIndoe 66; R. Fower 65, N. Heywood 56; W. G. Scott 78, R. Skelly 85; J. Sladen 76, G. Steeles 89.
- Lands End "A" (3) 321, Lands End "B" (1) 199. Lands End "A" scores first: Fred Dyson 86, Alan Kelly 69; Ray Berry 74, Brian Horton 62; G. Lockwood 110, Ray Hall 31; W. Taylor 71, Walter Green 28.
- Royton Libs. "A" (3) 268, Balderstone Cons. (2) 247. Royton scores first: F. Goodwin 67, F. Richardson 87; H. Kent 55, W. Kirk 47; G. Wild 67, E. Moss 72; F. Buckley 89, W. Norris 41.
- Crompton Cricket Club (1) 256, Equitable (3) 289. Cricket Club scores first: W. Sutcliffe 69, J. Rainford 80; W. Foy 57, F. Adams 80; W. Ashworth 61, W. Lees 73; T. Murphy 63, F. Rainford 56.
- Ferranti Rec. (3) 291, Debeross Band Club (2) 273. Ferranti scores first: P. Price 75, J. Roberts 47; D. Andrews 84, N. Howarth 74; R. Briggs 66, L. Berry 80; D. Richards 66, E. Riley 72.
- Oldham CTBC (3) 245, Springbank (2) 254. Oldham CTBC scores first: N. Cocker 61, S. Bolton 96; F. Ross 63, A. Jeffries 61; H. Tither 57, H. Davies 51; K. Wolstenholme 64, H. McNally 46.
- HCGSC (0) 152, Chadderton C & B (3) 230. HCGSC scores first: A. Fletcher 42, J. Whittaker 80; J. Shaw 63, H. Howarth 77; E. Rigby 47, T. Nicholls 73.
- Buckley & Taylor S & S (0) 190, Crompton Cons. "A" (4) 397. Buckley & Taylor scores first: T. Needham 44, W. Dawson 104; L. Godfrey 42, R. Lee 99; G. Catlow 49, J. V. Cooper 111; J. Ferriday 55, J. Naylor 83.
- Fallsforth Parish Church (3) 308, Oldham Chronicle (1) 234. Fallsforth scores first: K. Deaville 99, J. C. Porter 32; H. Starling 87, J. Garlick 55; H. Bradley 65, H. Francis 57; H. Rushworth 98, D. Renshaw 80.
- Healds Green (1) 216, Westwood Libs. "B" (3) 269. Healds Green scores first: H. Sutcliffe 58, T. Pearson 50; A. Cropper 68, A. Cooper 62; F. Mellor 54, W. Whittaker 66; W. Needham 46, F. Hall 91.
- Werneth Cricket Club (2) 264, Royton Oddfellows (3) 279. Werneth scores first: T. Cross 80, F. Wilson 63; R. Langton 63, H. Greaves 74; A. Kershaw 77, T. Lockett 72; T. Marsden 44, H. Greenwood 70.
- Coldhurst Libs. (3) 281, Stone Wallwork SC (1) 253. Coldhurst scores first: E. Greenwood 81, W. Smith 28; E. Heaton 52, W. Wilson 103; J. Milner 75, R. Long 53; H. Barnes 73, F. Harthan 59.
- Westwood Moravians 309, Moorside Cons. Club 255. Westwood scores first: Rothwell 60, J. Osbaldiston 83; D. Prestwich 88, A. Whitehead 54; M. Saville 99, P. Curtis 58; S. Jackson 62, H. Barrett 62.
- Shaw Road Cons. "A" (3) 260, Heber WMC (2) 252. Shaw Road scores first: W. Gardner 93, J. Tench 42; F. Herson 48, R. Smith 76; J. Rudd 75, W. Rigg 50; G. Woodcock 44, S. Smith 84.
- North Chadderton Cons. (3) 280, Nomads (2) 264. North Chadderton scores first: L. Clough 67, J. Ormiston 68; R. Parker 89, J. Ingham 64; R. H. Jones 73, H. Hirst 62; E. Haslam 51, F. Mayall 70.
- Springhead Libs. "A" (3) 301, Fallsforth Industrial (2) 253. Springhead scores first: R. Tait 44, J. Farrell 67; J. H. Harthan 106, H. Bowers 75; C. Holt 67, W. Blackwell 72; H. Bardsley 85, G. Dean 49.
- Shaw Road Cons. "B" (3) 299, Beanweb "B" (1) 248. Shaw Road scores first: W. Shaw 80, W. Mannion 76; H. Bradley 61, E. Waterson 64; J. Carrigan 89, H. Hinchliffe 52; J. Harrison 69, M. McCann 56.
- Marlborough CC (2) 239, Fallsforth Cycle Club (3) 286. Marlborough scores first: J. Loftus 74, N. Moreton 48; W. Reade 64, S. Osborne 79; J. Wrigley 65, B. Campbell 55; B. Burbridge 27, E. Hall 104.
- Oldham Central Cons. (3) 302, Deaf & Dumb (1) 235. Central Cons. scores first: L. Schofield 70, H. Holt 88; S. Woolley 112, R. Tidswell 40; W. Thompson 64, W. Edden 46; S. Heywood 68, J. Schofield 61.
- Greenfield Mill No. 1 (3) 272, Unity Hall (2) 262. Greenfield scores first: S. Sutcliffe 89, J. Boocock 61; W. Lees 59, A. Brooks 66; E. Butler 54, R. Evanson 78; F. Longbottom 70, E. Buckley 57.
- North Chadderton Social "A" (3) 335, Pack Horse (1) 331. North Chadderton scores first: R. Walker 89, J. Fletcher 62; H. Lyndard 82, A. Smith 48; A. Broome 71, T. Coates 70; T. Bell 33, P. Cavanagh 61.
- Chadderton Reform "A" (3) 305, Shaw Church Institute (1) 238. Chadderton scores first: T. Hulme 86, J. Roberts 38; N. Hilton 77, S. Geldard 58; H. Clegg 66, S. Hollingworth 74; T. Coleman 76, J. Bartholomew 68.

Werneth Cricket Club tried their hand at competitive snooker this week for the first time, but unfortunately their team — R. Langton, T. Marsden, A. Kershaw and T. Cross — were narrowly beaten.

Second Round

- Shaw British Legion v. St. Paul's Conservatives.
- Oldham Cricket Club v. Chadderton Reform "A."
- North Chadderton Conservatives v. Avro No. 1.
- Westwood Liberals "A" v. Springhead Liberals "B" or Greenfield Conservatives "B."
- Chadderton Cot v. Equitable.
- Westwood Moravians v. Oldham Central Conservatives.
- Greenfield Mill No. 1 v. Westwood Conservatives.
- North Chadderton Social "A" v. Milnrow Conservatives.

Several good breaks were made in the Green Final snooker matches this week. J. H. Harthan made a \$3 break in Springhead Liberals' game, but the biggest so far is Eric Hall's 49 unfinished against Ben Burbridge in the Marlborough Cons.-Fallsforth Cycle match.

- Lowerplace Liberals v. Crompton Conservatives "A".
 - Fallsforth Cycle v. Temperance.
 - Shaw Road Conservatives "B" v. Springhead Liberals "A".
 - Land's End "A" v. Coldhurst Liberals.
 - Royton Liberals "A" v. Shaw Road Conservatives "A".
 - Fallsforth St. John's v. Passenger Transport.
 - Westwood Liberals "B" v. Royton Oddfellows.
 - Ferranti's v. Osram GEC.
- TO BE PLAYED BY SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 8.
- Home teams must arrange the matches and must notify the Sports Editor of the date.

OLDHAM YOUTH CLUBS FOOTBALL

Table showing football results for Oldham Youth Clubs. Columns include club names and scores. Results are listed for Under-18 and Under-21 sections.

Chadderton Snooker League

DAVIES NEARLY WON MATCH ON HIS OWN

WITH the seasonal holidays over, the Chadderton Snooker League opened up again on Monday, and North Chadderton Social won their second game of the season, at home to Westwood Liberals. Although S. Cooke won the first frame for Westwood by 38, A. Broome (26) and R. Walker (54) gave the Broadway club a winning margin.

Royton Cons. entertained Platts, who won the first two frames and drew the third. But T. Whittaker (29) and A. Horsfall (32) won the match by four points.

Only four points separated Hollinwood Cons. and Springbank, who lost four frames. R. Davies almost wiped the deficit but with a win by 64.

Taylor makes a 56

Lands End, the League leaders, entertained their nearest rivals, Chadderton Cot, who were 28 ahead — after four frames. But with some brilliant potting, W. Taylor made the highest break of the season with a 56 to win the last frame and the match for the home team.

T. Coleman (30) and O. Meadows (39) helped Chadderton Reform to a 36-point home victory over Avro's, and Chadderton Cons. won the first four frames against Shaw Road to build up a lead of 136 points. Chadderton Band lost at home to Nimble Nook, their only winner being J. Meredith.

Land's End 363, Chadderton CBC 310. Land's End scores first: F. Dyson 60, T. Nicholls 72; S. Pope 4, J. Wilson 61; R. Berry 61, J. Whittaker 61; G. Lockwood 49, A. Whiteley 78; W. Taylor 119, H. Howarth 38. W. Taylor 56 break.

North Chadderton Social 366, Westwood Libs 332. North Chadderton scores first: J. Doyle 46, S. Cooke 84; A. Broome 88, J. Cooke 62; R. Walker 100, H. Buxton 46; D. Bell 61, T. Parkinson 69; T. Bell 71, B. Bowker 71.

North Chadderton 471, Shaw Road Cons. 349. North Chadderton scores first: F. Collier 87, J. Rudd 64; R. Jones 89, J. Corrigan 66; R. Parker 124, A. Howarth 71; E. Haslam 99, G. Woodcock 62; A. Beard 72, J. Bradley 86.

Chadderton Band 374, Nimble Nook 306. Chadderton scores first: R. Earnshaw 71, J. Brerley 80; S. Mills 58, J. Bell 103; J. Meredith 105, J. Brookes 67; W. Birbles 66, H. Hargreaves 74; F. Scarfe 74, J. Jackson 82.

BEST SALE OF SMALL TABLES FOR YEAR

ALTHOUGH snooker is very popular and must be played by thousands in England and Wales, there do not seem to be as many young players playing the game.

In the Sunday School Institutes, where billiards is still the popular game and where most of the top-class snooker players of today were

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taught the first elementary strokes of the game, the young players that start there today, if, and when they do leave, do not take up snooker to the same extent.

Locally, there used to be quite a number of young players bursting to the top through the ranks of the more experienced players, but today you can count them on the fingers of one hand.

I am glad to report, however, that in a few years this could swing the other way. Recently three different billiard-table manufacturers have confirmed that this last few weeks there has been a bigger sale of miniature billiard tables than they have experienced for years.

This, together with the fact that tables in clubs and institutes seem to be kept in better condition than they were a few years ago, augurs well for the future of the game.

In the diagram, Fig. 1 shows a complicated problem caused by vibration. With a red lying over the pocket the striker playing to pot it

missed it altogether and when the cueball had rebounded about 15 inches off the top cushion, the red fell into the pocket. The cueball then rolled another few inches and hit the black.

His opponent claimed a foul on the black, but the striker said the balls should be replaced and that he should play the stroke again as the white was still rolling when the red dropped in.

Chadderton Reform 373, Avro's 337. Chadderton scores first: H. Clegg 61, R. Ir T. Coleman 77, H. Southern 47; N. H. R. Power 82; O. Meadows 93, K. Bee T. Hulme 74, W. G. Scott 70.

Whist: Chadderton 59, Avro's 34. Royton Cons. 408, Platts 404. Scores first: H. Wright 71, G. Bolton Porter 86; G. Willerton 90; H. Foste Hardacre 85; T. Whittaker 96, S. Pe 67; A. Horsfall 90, T. Midgley 58.

Hollinwood 404, Springbank 399. Wood scores first: F. Knapper 97; A. 79; E. Lockett 104, S. Bolton 61; A. 80, S. Shaw 75; J. Whittaker 71, H. 68; A. Cole 52, H. Davis 116.

Whist: Hollinwood 35, Springbank 13 12 0

Chadderton CBC 14 11 3

Beanweb 14 10 4

Nimble Nook 14 9 5

Royton Cons. 14 8 5

Chadderton Band 14 8 6

Chadderton Reform 14 8 6

Westwood Libs. 14 8 6

Hollinwood Cons. 14 8 7

Chadderton Cons. 14 6 8

Springbank 14 6 8

Fallsforth Cycle 14 6 9

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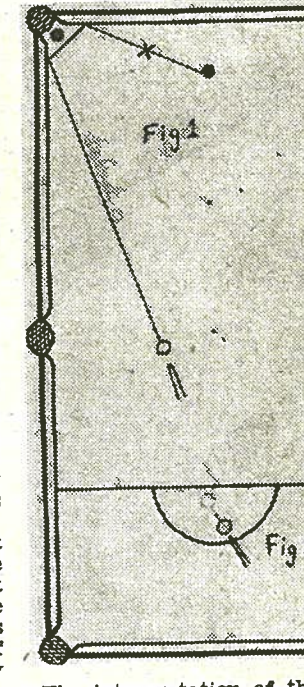
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'Tombstone' wins New York fight

Charlie ("Tombstone") fourth-ranked welter-weight brated his debut in New Y night by beating Joe Miceli in son Square Garden.

The referee stopped the end of the seventh round. Miceli's right eye had been blood also poured from his Smith, who comes from Angeles, was nicknamed "stone" in the Navy when a string of fights by knock-out is a barber by profession guitarist by inclination.



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Teams travelled in Waggonettes through the town to play

NOT one of the richer clubs, Keighley have not always found their path an easy one since their formation about 1876, a date which corresponds roughly with the foundation of the Oldham FC. For many years the club was in second class football and was not even in the first rank of the Yorkshire Union after the leading clubs left to form the Northern Union.

In 1896-7 Keighley were champions of the Yorkshire Rugby Union Second Competition playing 24 games, of which 20 were won, two lost and two drawn. The points scored were 272 against 56. The difference between rugby then and now can be realised by comparing the scoring per game. Then Keighley averaged 11 and a third points per game and topped their league. Today in the Rugby League several clubs average over 20 points per game.

As more and more of the second class Rugby Union clubs went over to the Northern Union, Keighley found themselves with a very poor

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fixture-list and by April, 1900, after reaching the top of the Yorkshire Rugby Union, the club took the plunge into the Northern Union.

In the first game, played on April 14, 1900, Manningham won by five points to two, Harry Myers, the English international half-back, dropping Keighley's goal and thus scoring the club's first points in the new company.

The club then played at Lawkholme Lane, having occupied the ground since 1885. It was one of the most primitive grounds in use in the Northern Union, with an open stand on the Stockbridge side and the other three sides completely undeveloped. Once again cricket was deemed to be more important than football, although the passage of time altered that state of affairs. Liversedge had been the first team to play at Lawkholme and had triumphed by two tries and three minor points to one try.

A cup effort

In 1900-1 Keighley were admitted to the West Division of the Yorkshire Second Competition of the Northern Union and finished second to Heckmondwike, just heading Sowerby Bridge on points average. Participation in the NU Challenge Cup first round automatically followed and Kinsley were defeated by thirteen points to nil. York eliminated Keighley in the second round in a replayed tie.

The Northern League, established in 1901-2, left the Yorkshire Senior Competition short of clubs and Keighley, along with Normanton, York, Dewsbury, Goole and Heckmondwike, gained inclusion to fill the vacancies. Surprisingly, Keighley led by Harry Myers who captained the side from 1896 to 1906, finished in third position to Leeds and Manningham, being one place ahead of Wakefield Trinity. The club had justified its promotion beyond all doubt.

The formation of the second division of the Northern League again elevated the club and, to the delight of its supporters, Keighley became first champions of the second division. —Alas, the triumph was short-lived for, finishing next to the bottom in the following season, 1903-4, Keighley, along with Huddersfield, were relegated to the lower division. In the third and last season of division two Keighley were fourth and were automatically included in the one division of the Northern League following its reconstruction.

During this period the club fared fairly well in the Challenge Cup competition without getting past the third round. One tie against Heckmondwike resulted in a 37-0 win which was considered to be remarkable in those days of much lower scoring. Decked in white shirts and blue knickers the club gained a following of around a couple of thousand supporters at its home matches, which meant that its

existence was a struggle against poverty for much of its time.

Because of the lack of amenities at Lawkholme Lane clubs were reluctant to arrange fixtures. Two wagonettes would leave the King's Arms in the town centre about a quarter of an hour before the kick off to take the team and the visiting team to the ground, the referee and touchjudge sharing a cab.

For a couple of years before the county leagues were organised fixtures were less than thirty and, perhaps because of this, Keighley managed to finish fifth, and in the first year of the top-four system, 1906-7, fourth. A 9-2 defeat at Halifax ended the club's interest. Halifax went on to beat Oldham by 18-3 at Huddersfield to win the championship. An appearance in the semi-final of the cup resulted in the team being defeated by Salford in the same year as the club finished fifth.

At the bottom

Just before the First World War the Airedale club sank to near the foot of the table and closed down for the duration. When the war was over the club paid for its inactivity by finishing at the bottom of the league and for another couple of years was next to the bottom. With typical Yorkshire grit the club fought back and reached a more respectable place in the league.

In 1937, Keighley reached Wembley in their Diamond Jubilee year. In the first round Hunslet were defeated at Parkside by 5-2. Broughton Rangers were ousted in the second round at Lawkholme by 11-5 and Liverpool Stanley, then a strong club, were defeated on Merseyside by 7-2. A pointless draw in the semi-final with Wakefield Trinity at Leeds was followed by a replay at Fartown when the Trinitarians lost by 5-3. The artistry of McCue and Shannon proved too much for Keighley, who lost 18-5.

The Keighley team on that great occasion was: Herbert; Sherburn, Towill, Parker, Lloyd; Bevan, Davies (captain); Traill, Halliday, Jones, Dixon, Talbot and Gill. Joe Sherburn had set up the points-scoring record of the club with 218 a couple of years earlier—30 tries and 64 goals.

On more than one occasion, Keighley have had shocks from junior clubs in Cumberland, and off-hand I can remember a one-point win over Great Clifton and a narrow win on aggregate over Risehow and Gilhead after winning the away game by 11-10 and the home game by 2-0.

The best thing that happened to the club was the signing of Ted Spillane from Wigan. He surprised Huddersfield by a magnificent try, and the enthusiasm that resulted shot the gates up from 2,000 to 6,000 in 1932. Encouraged by this, the club took steps to extend the ground, which had been well below the maximum measurements, and the stand was built and opened by Sir Edwin Airey, a great supporter of Rugby League football.

Many great names have been associated with Keighley. Chris Brereton, one of the leaders of the Players' Union a few years ago, was a star with the team. Mel de Lloyd, Dai Jenkins, Teddie Verenkamp, Dick Kendall, Terry Hollindrake, Bert Cook and Joe Phillips have been great favourites with the club's supporters.

Some good administrators have emanated from Keighley, including Messrs. Cass, Booth, Harrison and Beadman, the last-named having served at Yorkshire president and secretary. So far no-one from Keighley has been chairman of the Rugby League Council.

The greatest weakness of Rugby League football in Keighley is the lack of an organised schoolboys' league. The age limit and open-age Rugby League clubs continue to flourish, but the most important rugby in Keighley, but to succeed, boys, is lacking. Schoolboys do play rugby in Keighley, but to succeed the boys must be organised as soon as possible.

Ashley Cooper, runner-up at Wimbledon last year, beat Mervyn Rose 11-9, 6-4 in the final of a local lawn tennis tournament at Sydney today.

Take your heads out of the sand and read this 'OLDHAM A TEAM OF STARS?—RUBBISH'

I QUOTE: "We hear and read a lot these days about the present Oldham FC being the crack team in the Rugby League, and one Press writer has gone so far as to state that they are the best team ever to play in the game. What nonsense..." The writer—there is more to come—signs himself Ex-Follower. He emphatically states that Oldham just do not compare with the crack teams of years ago. "Week after week, Oldham just win by narrow margins and depend on goals to give them victory," he continues.

"Why, the Wigan and Warrington teams of seven years ago would run 30 points up against this lot without reply, not to mention the Huddersfield, Leeds and Salford of two decades ago."

The fury of Ex-Follower's pen does not abate: "The fact is that for five years or so the Rugby League has not had ANY outstanding teams. Oldham and one or two more are the best of a very mediocre bunch."

Come along, ostriches

Aware of possible protest, Ex-Follower ends: "I suggest supporters examine a few of the match results for this season and then ask themselves if it is the work of a star team. Only those with their heads in the sand can say that it is."

SPORTS LETTER

Why not play O'Brien?

OLDHAM are looking for wingers. What is the matter with O'Brien? Week in and week out you read about O'Brien and Edwards and what a good game they have played. Why are they not given a game in the first team?

I remember Edwards playing two or three games and he never let them down. What is the good of our "A" team if you never get a chance? Why wasn't he given a game when they played Noon on the wing?

It is a wonder Oldham do not get more players asking for their transfer the way they are treated. Why not give them a trial and see what they are made of. They bought Moat, but have not given him a fair crack of the whip. I think they are making a blunder not playing him.

Royton.

V.M.

SURVEY FROM WATERSHEDDINGS

By W.D.

Well then, fellow-ostriches, let us examine those results. First of all, what determines the power of a team? Results count initially and if a team can win all their matches they are not too bad.

Opposition has to be considered and, while I personally cannot talk of two decades ago, I can take a post-war peep at Rugby League. I have no doubts—this Oldham on form would have been at the top with the Wigan and Warrington of eight years ago.

For an opinion on the Oldham pack and a comparison with the teams of the 1920's, I quote old-time Warrington official, Mr. E. F. Anderton. "Oldham's pack at full strength is the best pack I can ever remember," he said recently.

In 28 games this season—including three defeats and a draw—Oldham have scored 106 tries, which my arithmetic gives as an average of nearly four tries a game. The opposition have scored a total of 63.

Only four times this season have the opposition scored more tries in a game than Oldham and three of those games Oldham lost. The fourth was at Widlerspool two weeks ago when Oldham scored one to Warrington's two but still won.

Champion tag

Admittedly Bernard Ganley has cracked over a high proportion of goals—151 in club matches. But remember that the only game when goals decided the issue was against Warrington.

Time and time again this season, Oldham have shown themselves to be slow starters.

ALL the season they have carried the champion tag and wherever they have played they have come hard up against opposition that has

had nothing to lose and an awful lot to gain.

There have been several injuries—and quite a mix-up in selection. Top-of-the-tree Oldham—or is it their selectors?—have actually had the audacity to experiment in mid-season. Hardly the tactics of a poor team!

There you are Mr. Ex-Follower, some of those facts with just a little of my own comment. Now who's joining me in the sand?

WEDDING bells in Oldham on March 22. Then former Rugby Union forward Roger Duffy gets married to pretty Stella Tolan, daughter of Tommy Tolan, one-time Rugby League player and coach.

It's been a whirlwind romance for Roger and Stella for Duffy only came to Oldham town at the start of the season following his discharge from the RAF.

WATERSHEDDINGS winger Roy Needham has been in a whirl this week. He got his call-up papers and moved off for Catterick on Thursday for an 18-month spell in the Royal Corps of Signals.

Roy—his civilian occupation is a draughtsman—had almost forgotten about National Service when the papers arrived: "I have been deferred for three years and I thought they had forgotten," he said this week.

Oldham thought centre John Noon had forgotten them this week. He hadn't been up for training and secretary Bert Summerscales didn't know why. Didn't know, that is, until yesterday morning, when he was told that John was down with flu.

INCIDENTALLY Mr. Summerscales was looking for a likely official yesterday to go and watch a Rugby Union back. "He plays in Lancashire," he said. "But that is all I can tell you at the moment." I don't suppose he could be a winger...

Which brings me to Barry Charlesworth, the winger on Leeds' transfer list at £500. Oldham wanted him down for trials but Leeds said "No." So that's that.

And Wigan can stop sweating on Oldham filling their kitty by buying Frank Griffin, the transfer-listed forward on the list at £2,500. "We are not interested after all," an official at Watersheddings told me.

LANCASHIRE LEAGUE				
	P.	W.	L.	Pts
St. Helens	20	17	3	0
OLDHAM	16	14	2	0
Wigan	17	12	5	0
Warrington	18	11	4	1
Salford	19	9	9	1
Whitehaven	15	9	6	0
Leigh	15	9	6	0
Warrington	19	8	10	1
Widnes	16	8	8	0
Barrow	17	7	10	0
Leeds	15	6	8	1
Hornets	18	6	11	1
Swinton	15	4	11	0
Liverpool	19	8	15	1
Blackpool	17	2	15	0

SCHOOLS' RUGBY LEAGUE TABLES

"A" LEAGUE				
	P.	W.	L.	Pts
Clarksfield	3	3	0	0
Hollins	2	2	0	0
Higginshaw	4	2	2	0
Hollinwood	2	0	2	0
St. Anselm's	2	0	2	0
Hathershaw	1	0	1	0

"B" LEAGUE				
	P.	W.	L.	Pts
Clarksfield	4	4	0	0
Higginshaw	4	4	0	0
Hollins	4	2	2	0
St. Anselm's	3	1	2	0
Hollinwood	4	1	3	0
Robin Hill	5	0	5	0

"C" LEAGUE				
	P.	W.	L.	Pts
St. Anselm's	4	4	0	0
Clarksfield	5	4	1	0
Hollins	5	4	1	0
Robin Hill	3	1	2	0
Hollinwood	4	0	4	0
Higginshaw	4	0	4	0

"D" LEAGUE				
	P.	W.	L.	Pts
Clarksfield	1	1	0	0
Hollins	1	0	1	0
St. Mary's	1	0	1	0

"A" League Challenge Cup Winners! Hollins. Schools' rugby supervisors are requested to send any possible town team players to Freshfield School for training every Wednesday afternoon immediately after school.

OLDHAM JUNIOR RL LEAGUE Match to benefit badly injured Seedley player

SOME weeks ago, R. Dixon, of Seedley Rangers, the Manchester club, was injured while playing in a league fixture for the Rangers. The injury turned out to be a broken neck and the Manchester District League have been granted permission from the Rugby League to open a testimonial fund for this player, who is married and has two young children.

The Oldham League are taking their open-age league side to play the Manchester League in a benefit match next Saturday on the Salford RFC ground at Weaste.

The Oldham League side will be selected from: Yates (Waterhead), Pickering (Saddleworth Rangers), T. Turner (Higginshaw), Burke (Royton), Foy (St. Annes), Lenagan (Higginshaw), Birgan (St. Anne's), Leaming (Saddleworth Rangers), Read (Royton), Worrall (Royton), Flynn (Royton), Otham (Higginshaw), Spencer (Royton), Sheard (St. Mary's), Gledhill (Higginshaw), D. Turner (Royton), Hanson (St. Anne's).

These players are to report at 1 p.m. next Saturday at the Roebuck Hotel.

Also taking place next Saturday will be the Intermediate County Cup Area Final in which either Strinesdale or Ferranti will be opposed by Greenacres or St. Anne's. The semi-finals will have been played today and the secretary of the winners should inform the league secretary of the result by Monday.

The referee for the final will be H. S. Dyson.

Due to the hard state of the grounds only one league fixture was played last Saturday at Bowen Lane, where Ferranti's entertained Spotland Rangers.

Though the ground was hard, both sides decided it was fit to play. Jones was a great leader for Spotland and kicked three goals besides scoring a try, but ten minutes from the end he had to leave the field with a shoulder injury. Vassie was a strong full-back and Beatty's running was good; he scored a try and made one for Maddocks on the wing. Although Spotland had the advantage in the backs their forwards, apart from Porter, failed to give them support. Ferranti had the better of the forward play, in which Haworth (who scored two tries) and Tweedy stood out. Atter-sall, at scrum-half, also had a good game for the home side, who lost by 24 points to 8.

In the first round proper of the Lancashire Junior Cup, Royton are at home to Pilkington Recs., of St. Helens. This game must be played on or before February 1.

League fixtures for next Saturday.—Higginshaw v. Waterhead (T. Shepherd), Royton v. St. Mary's (T. Heane), Smallbridge v. Saddleworth Rangers (W. Slater), Spotland Rangers v. St. Anne's (T. Holt), RTR v. Ferranti (J. Heap).

Money to be made in Rugby League

Red Devil is still the mystery man

THE Red Devil is still a mystery man to wrestling fans in Oldham. At the New Majestic Ballroom last night, in a programme of free-style wrestling arranged by North-Western Promotions, he beat the Russian, Josef Zaranoff, and retained his right to stay masked.

The Russian threw the Devil out of the ring several times in the first three rounds, before gaining a fall over him in the third minute of the third round.

At the opening of the fourth round, the Devil fixed the referee's head in the ropes and started to use all sorts of tricks against Zaranoff. He had his opponent in such a bad way that only the bell saved the Russian.

The Devil gained the verdict in the fifth round, when the Russian made a tremendous leap at him, missed and went headlong out of the ring to be counted out.

Crowd pleaser

Another attractive bout was between Ted Beech (Wigan) and Vic Stewart (Edinburgh), who was making his first visit to Oldham. Beech is the ideal crowd pleaser. He knows the art from A to Z.

Stewart slipped out of several leg locks to gain applause, but in round two, Beech had two knock downs of seven and Stewart was in a bad way.

Then Beech tied Stewart up with the trimmings on the ropes, Stewart retaliated by tying Beech to the ropes by his hair. Beech appealed to the referee and was told, "You started it."

Beech gained the first fall, but Stewart won when he threw Beech out of the ring. He injured his ankle on a ringside form and had to retire in the fifth round.

Jack Keegan (Rochdale) gained a good win over another newcomer to Oldham, Frankie Sparks (Birmingham). This was far more interesting wrestling as was the other between Joe Keegan (Rochdale) and Trevor Rees (Pontypridd). Rees gained a fall in the second round, Keegan one in the fifth round, and Keegan kicked Rees out of the ring to win in the sixth.

Burke 85 in good score for Australian tourists

The Australians, resuming at 140 for two, had scored 214 for three by lunch on the second day of their match against Transvaal at Johannesburg today.

Play began half an hour late because of rain, but the pitch was covered. Favell was caught out at 75, and Jim Burke was undefeated with 85, scored in 215 minutes.

Oldham's first team pulled game round near the finish

THE frost at Keb Lane, and several late cries-off, caused a certain amount of confusion last Saturday when only three games could be played, and the teams which took the field had a very different make-up from normal sides.

The first team, which played at Kersal, had B. Purcell at full-back and A. Parkey on the wing. Considering the conditions, this was a good game. Mitchell and Barras again played well at half-back, but there was a weakness in the centre, and the regular supply of the ball which Webb obtained from the set scrums was often wasted. Indeed, Webb had a grand game, and won every scrum with the head, and repeatedly hooked the ball against the head.

Hollanby also had a good game, and it was he who gave Oldham the lead when, from a quickly-taken free-kick, the ball went across the threequarter line and Hollanby backed up well to take the final pass to score a try which was not converted. Just before half-time, Kersal took the lead with a good try which was converted.

The second half developed largely into a forward battle, and Kersal showed a very strong defence. The

STAR UNION SIGNINGS HARM AMATEUR CODE

PLAY Rugby Union for the big money in Rugby League? Not on your life. So often I hear that to play in our amateur code means peanuts when the chance to turn professional comes. "Get in the Union game if you want some decent cash from the League," I hear. And to that I say . . . Rubbish.

DICK CRACKNELL was born in Huddersfield and played for a local junior club before he was spotted by Huddersfield at the age of 16.

He signed for the Yorkshire club as an amateur and stayed that way until he came out of the Army at 20 years of age. Then he turned professional at a fee "that suited me."

On October 3, 1953, he was transferred to Oldham at a fee of £4,000 and has played regularly with the first team ever since. Cracknell has gained every medal the game can offer.

I played junior rugby and got the kind of experience Union could not give me in a decade of seasons. Somebody told the secretary of my Huddersfield Amateur Rugby League club I was good enough to play with a professional side when I was 16 years old.

The lure of professional rugby sounded great, and thoughts of playing for my hometown club, Huddersfield, made the proposition out of this world.

But in between leaving my home and arriving at Fartown I joined my father in a little thinking and the net result was that Dick Cracknell joined Huddersfield but stayed amateur.

No cash for a start and no payment for playing. But that could wait. I had decided to prove my worth first and then ask for a fee that fitted.

What I eventually got really isn't your business, but I can tell you it convinced me that there



market, it has another serious effect.

Every time a lad leaves Rugby League, the amateur structure is weakened and inevitably the professional game suffers financially and in numbers. See what I mean about that vicious circle?

Clubs ought to encourage more amateur signings. It may result in more money for the juniors, but it will keep them in their own code—and anyway, if the professionals have to pay out, who better to pay than the lads who keep our game going?

Who knows, maybe just for a change we would have Union men coming into League because the chances of a professional career are brighter?

By DICK CRACKNELL

was no need to go Rugby Union to get your worth out of Rugby League.

The trouble with our junior players is that as soon as a professional form is waved in front of them they pounce on it with the old pound sign temporarily forgotten. Even if they think about cash they don't get much.

Nobody can blame the clubs. They are, after all, toying with an unknown quantity and they want more proof before they pay. Hence such contract clauses as £50 for the signature and another £100 after the first senior game.

A lot of what goes on in the professional game depends on the players who sign. If they go headlong for glory there are snags which only come to the surface later.

It is open to every intending player to sign with his club as an amateur. He gets all the facilities available to a professional, but he doesn't get the cash for a start—that comes later.

Once the player is proven capable of professional rugby he can start talking terms. Obviously the club will be anxious to keep him, so the chances of a decent contract are excellent.

If he doesn't reach terms with his club, then Mr. Amateur is still free to go elsewhere with a possible Rugby League reputation that would make most Rugby Union stars look mediocre.

The idea that Rugby Union is the gateway to big money is one that the League game cannot claim was not their fault. Somewhere along the line, they shelled out the fat cheque and the vicious circle was started.

It has led to many young players walking out on League after their schooldays, and waiting their chance from the other code. Apart from inflating the

Lacrosse Notes

OLDHAM MADE SURE IN THE LAST QUARTER

AFTER a shaky start on their home ground at Hollinwood Cricket Club, Oldham won their match against the Old Stopfordians 8-5.

The doubtful start was due to the absence of one defence player and the Old Boys' advantage, as a result of their free man. But, by a stroke of fortune, an ex-player, on leave from the Merchant Navy, was watching and was co-opted half-way through the first quarter, despite his lack of equipment except for cross and gloves.

This boy, Colin Smith, occupied his man admirably until he left the game in the second period, stood-off with an injured opponent.

But Oldham remained behind until the third quarter, when they gradually gained the ascendancy, leading 5-4 at three-quarter time and shooting three goals in the last quarter, Schofield (3), Lord (2), Williamson (2) and Simms being the scorers.

The most versatile player on the team was 15-year-old Michael Simms, a member of the County Schoolboys' team, who started the game in defence and finished up playing wing attack.

His play was extremely sound and he is obviously going to be a very accomplished lacrosse player.

With Australian driver BRITISH CAR WINS NZ RACE

JACK BRABHAM, of Australia, won the New Zealand Grand Prix at Auckland today in a British Cooper car. He covered the 150 miles in 1hr. 53min. 22sec.

Two New Zealanders, Ross Jensen, in a Maserati, and Roy Roycroft, in a Ferrari, were second and third.

British drivers Archie Scott-Brown (Lister-Jaguar) and Stuart Lewis-Evans (Connaught) retired with engine trouble. Roy Salvadori (Syracuse-Connaught) also had trouble with his engine, but kept going to finish the race.

LOST AGAIN BY THE ODD GOAL

FOR the third successive occasion Oldham Hulmeians lost at home by the odd goal when they were beaten 2-1 by Old Boltonians on Saturday. At Bolton the second XI lost 5-2, but the third team staged a grand recovery to make a 4-4 draw.

Hulmeians' 1st XI were soon on the attack and the Bolton goalkeeper was unable to hold a testing shot from Heywood but pushed the return around the post. After 20 minutes Hulmeians took the lead when a 20-yard lobbed shot from Heywood caught the goalkeeper out of position.

In the second half, Bolton soon began to control the game and it was obvious that the one-goal lead was insufficient. The threat to Oldham came from two elusive inside-forwards who worked and distributed the ball well on a difficult surface. Two goals came after about 60 minutes and the Oldham goal had several narrow shaves.

RUGBY LEAGUE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
St. Helens	25	22	0	3	565	222	44
OLDHAM	23	19	1	3	485	291	39
Hull	24	16	1	7	597	279	33
Wigan	24	16	0	8	529	291	32
Hull FC	23	16	1	7	537	273	31
Workington T.	23	16	1	7	352	271	31
F'herstone R.	24	15	0	9	401	283	30
Wakefield	24	14	2	8	454	324	30
Widnes	23	16	0	8	367	271	30
Leigh	24	15	0	9	378	302	30
Salford	25	14	1	11	368	323	29
Whitehaven	25	12	1	12	428	368	25
Warrington	25	12	1	12	397	340	25
Hunslet	22	12	1	9	379	365	25
Barrow	25	12	1	12	376	487	25
Bradford N.	24	11	1	11	380	371	24
Hornets	24	11	1	12	304	405	23
York	22	10	2	10	368	296	22
Bramley	24	10	2	12	341	483	22
Hull KR	23	10	1	12	300	487	22
Hudders'ld	23	10	1	12	303	440	21
Leeds	23	9	1	13	419	423	19
Keighley	23	8	2	13	332	321	18
Swinton	24	8	2	14	332	322	18
Blackpool B	24	9	0	15	351	463	18
Batley	23	7	0	16	287	387	14
Liverpool	26	6	1	19	310	488	13
Castleford	24	6	1	18	381	481	11
Dewsbury	23	8	2	13	217	639	8
Doncaster	24	2	0	22	139	582	4

Still another title for Angela Mortimer

Angela Mortimer (Devon), Britain's leading woman lawn tennis player, won the Western Australian singles title at Perth today. She scored a comfortable 6-3, 6-3 victory in the final over Jill Langley (Western Australia).

Miss Mortimer dropped her service four times, but her return of service was so effortless that she was never troubled to win.

Sheila Armstrong, of Manchester, reached the semi-finals of the mixed doubles in the Perre Gillou lawn tennis cup tournament in Paris yesterday.

Miss Armstrong (18) and Jean Borota (59) beat the young French pair Christian Viron and Mlle. Florence de la Courtie 2-6, 6-4, 6-4.

Radioactive snow

The Japanese Meteorological Board announced today that rain and snow falling in Northern Japan yesterday was highly radioactive, and Mr. Matsugu Oto, chief of the board's observation section, said this pointed to a nuclear explosion about January 6.

only score of this half was a penalty goal kicked by W. Challinor, which, following the fashion of Oldham rugby teams at the moment, gave Oldham victory.

The most surprising result of the day was the 47 to nil defeat of the Borough team at Thornton Cleveleys. This game seemed fated from the start, as only 14 players left Oldham, three got lost on the way, and after the game had started with three borrowed players from Thornton, P. King was taken off injured. It was not really surprising that Oldham were 35 points down at half-time. However, in the second half, A. Hartley rallied his side, and kept the Thornton score down to a further 12 points.

Of the depleted Oldham side, F. Cattling, in the centre, tackled well, and T. Fallows, in the unfamiliar position of scrum-half, did well. B. Clegg was the best of the forwards. Finally, the Extra "A" lost at Kersal in a game which was spoiled by the heavy conditions.

For the visit of Bingley, the first team will today be without vice-captain J. Humble and B. Mitchell, who are both attending a wedding. F. Cattling comes in for Humble, Williams moves to out-half and B. Lord is given a further chance in the centre. K.T.

Monolulu—under two flags



THE flamboyant Prince Monolulu, the Union Jack and Stars and Stripes adding yet more colour to his bizarre outfit, gives a lusty shout as he leaves Waterloo Station, London, on the Queen Mary boat train for New York today. What's he yelling? You've guessed it—'I gotta horse.' Because not only is the famous phrase so much a part of the Monolulu tradition, it's also the name of the film in which he is to play in America.

BOBBY DAZZLER . . . By Tom Kerr



Escaped airman thumbed lift, but RAF Police were in the car

AN airman whose wife lived in Brompton Street, Oldham, who had escaped from an RAF guardroom, thumbed a lift from a car driver and said, 'Are you going Chorley way, chum?' a court martial at Warton, near Lytham, was told yesterday.

'No, we are going back to number eight site,' replied Warrant Officer A. H. McFadden, of the RAF Police, who was in the car, said

Flight Lieutenant W. R. Goddard, prosecuting. Senior Aircraftman Clarence Birkenshaw (20), a regular airman, of RAF Longley Lane, a lodger unit of Warton, pleaded not guilty to deser-

tion, but guilty to escaping while under arrest. He was found guilty of being absent without leave and escaping and was sentenced to 56 days' detention. Findings and sentence are subject to confirmation. Flight Lieutenant Goddard said that Birkenshaw, whose home is in Droylsden, Manchester, was given seven days' detention on September 27, but it was postponed until September 30, and he was given leave to get married.

He failed to return and was caught in Cardiff on November 26. Tried for his release Warrant Officer McFadden said that in the guardroom at Warton two days before Christmas, Birkenshaw's wife tried to get her husband's release. She became hysterical and threw her arms round his neck.

'We asked Birkenshaw to break the stranglehold, but he could not,' he said. 'However, she was restrained by civilian police and left.'

Flying Officer N. E. McHugh, defending, said that Birkenshaw's wife, Denise, whose home was in Brompton Street Oldham was inclined to hysteria and she had persuaded him not to go back. He submitted that she was 'a hand-ful.'

DOWER OFFERED STOCKHOLM BOUT

DAI DOWER, former British Empire and European fly-weight champion, who fights for the first time as a bantamweight in Birmingham next Thursday, has had an offer to appear on the same bill as Ingemar Johansson and Joe Erskine, who meet in a European heavyweight championship contest in Stockholm next month.

But Dower's manager, Nat Seller, said today that it depended on Dower's showing at Birmingham whether or not he accepted.

Green Final Darts

THERE are likely to be some very keenly-contested matches in the quarter-finals of the Green Final Darts Championship. The draw has resulted in teams from all the different leagues opposing each other.

If all the matches happened to be played on the same evening, it would be a hard decision to choose which one to attend. The draw is as follows:—

FREEMASONS ARMS v. JUNCTION INN (Middleton Junction).

DUKE OF YORK (Hey-side) v. PRINCE OF WALES (Spencer Street).

JUNCTION INN (Shaw Road) v. LORD NELSON.

HATHERSHAW HOTEL v. YEW TREE INN.

All matches are to be played on or before Saturday, February 1. The home teams should make the arrangements and notify the Sports Editor. The semi-finals and final will be played on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, February 5, 6 and 7.

TODAY'S RACING RESULTS

NEWBURY WARWICK HAYDOCK CATTERICK

1 15—WANTAGE NOVICES' S'CHASE. 2 1/4 miles. 11 12 WINNING COIN 6yrs ... D V Dick 1 11 12 JUST AWAKE 6yrs ... A R Freeman 2 11 12 DONE UP 5yrs ... D Ancil 3

1 45—LETCOMBE SELLING HURDLE RACE for four-year-olds. 2 miles and 85 yards. 11 7 LOCH MAREE ... E Campbell 1 11 7 GOLDEN VALLEY ... J Lindsey 3

1 0—CULCHETH HANDICAP CHASE. 3 miles. 11 3 FILON D'OR 11yrs ... T Shone 1 10 9 PEARLAMOLINO 10yrs ... S Hayhurst 2

1 0—BRIDGE SELLING HANDICAP HURDLE. 2 miles. 12 3 THEOLOGIAN 7yrs ... E O'Keefe 1 10 12 BLOOM AGAIN 10yrs ... P Hurley 2

1 15—MARLBOROUGH (Amateur Riders) HANDICAP CHASE. 3 miles. 11 4 CLEARING 11yrs ... Mr G Kinderley 1 11 0 EASTER BREEZE 10yrs

1 15—WELFORD SELLING HANDICAP HURDLE. 2 miles. 11 12 VELASQUEZ II 7yrs ... F McMahon 1 10 11 UNFROCKED 8yrs ... V Speck 2

1 30—WILLOW SELLING HANDICAP HURDLE. 2 miles. 11 1 ZOMBIE II 8yrs ... T Brookshaw 1 11 10 FAIRYFEET 9yrs ... M Roberts 2

1 30—RICHMOND HANDICAP CHASE. 2 miles. 10 10 TURMOIL 8yrs ... J Hudson 1 12 7 ROYAL ROBERT 8yrs

1 15—NEWBURY JANUARY CHASE CUP. 2 miles. 11 3 NOBLE LEGEND 8yrs ... D Ancil 1 10 5 PRINCE MILDRED 9yrs

1 45—CLAVERTON CHASE. 2 miles. 11 13 HAPPY CRUSADER 7yrs ... R E Jenkins 1 11 3 TURNSTONE 8yrs ... E Mumford 2

2 0—TOM COULTHWAITA HANDICAP CHASE. 2 1/4 miles. 11 12 TEA FIEND 8yrs ... S Mellor 1 12 2 GOOSANDER 10yrs ... H J East 2

2 0—CHARLES VICKERY MEMORIAL CUP. 3 miles and about 300 yards. 10 10 LO SPERO 6yrs ... M Rotherforth 1 10 10 DOUBLE ROSE 10yrs ... R C Cross 2

Derek Pratt, the Surrey right-hand batsman and leg-break bowler, and brother of R. C. E. Pratt, will play for Bedfordshire in the Minor Counties next season.

LOCKE LEADS Dal Rees and Ken Bousfield British Ryder Cup players, among 40 qualifiers who contest the last two rounds of the £1,200 Western Province open golf tournament today in Cape Town.

ASHTON HANDICAP HURDLE. 2 miles. 10 4 PEARL BAND 5yrs ... T Brookshaw 1 10 11 BOULTO 5yrs ... D Dillon 2

3 0—CAMP NOVICES' CHASE. 2 miles. 12 10 NEWBY 6yrs ... R E Carter 1 12 10 DONDROSA 6yrs ... M R C Taylor 2

Oldham Amateur Football League

Halfway stage passed and League is still wide open

DRONSFIELD'S, held to a draw by J. Stott's, share top place in the second division with Strinesdale, but have played a game more than the Dale.

The League is still wide open, with the majority of clubs having fulfilled over half their fixtures. The competition in this league has been very keen throughout, and with half the clubs only separated by a few points, the pace will get really hot.

Dronsfield's 3, J. Stott's 3

The frozen surface of the pitch made good football difficult, but Stott's opened the scoring with a good goal by Holmes after only five minutes, Last equalising for Dronsfields soon afterwards.

After the interval, Wood scored for Stott's with a low shot that Millar could not quite hold. It looked all over for Stott's when Howard scored the penalty with only a few minutes remaining, but Hibbert levelled the scores.

Roundthorn Res. 14, Denshaw 0

Fielding a much-weakened team, Denshaw were no match for this strong Roundthorn side. They could not hold the home forwards, although they never gave up.

Ivy United 4, J. Clare's 1

Clare's took an early lead through Watkins, but Ivy, fielding only ten men, fought determinedly, and G. Burn equalised. A 35-yard drive from D. Burns gave them an interval lead which was well deserved.

Delph 3, Roundthorn 5

Playing with the slope, Delph led 3-2 at half-time, but on resuming, their defence conceded three goals and, despite a gallant fight back when the woodwork saved Roundthorn several times, they could not repeat their earlier superiority.

Druids Lads 2, Greenfield Am. 1

Greater power in the forwards gave Druids a 2-0 lead by half-time, and afterwards, although Greenfield reduced the arrears when Cockane scored, the home defence held out.

Haggate "A" 12, Fernhurst 0

Despite their efforts, Fernhurst were no match for this brilliant Haggate team. They succeeded in keeping the score down to 3-0 up to half-time, but with the slope, the home team were unstoppable.

Table with 5 columns: Club Name, P, W, D, L, F, A, Pts. Lists results for First and Second Divisions.

FAILSWORTH CYCLE CLUB ANGLERS



Failsworth Cycle Club angling section held their annual presentation this week and the man to win the prize was D. Humphreys (front row on left) who had a total weight of 10lb. 15oz. in the three matches.

FAILSWORTH LEAGUE

Failsworth Darts League results on Tuesday.

"A" Division: Falls. H. Guard 5, Bridge Inn 2; Cloggers 4, Hand in Hand 3; Avro 6, Robin Hood 1; Railway 6, Foresters 1; Sun Inn 4, Dutch Birds 3; New Crown 3, Whitegate 4.

"B" Division:—Hand in Hand 2, Newton House 5; Wheatsheaf 5, Willow Tavern 2; Black Horse 7, St. Mary's 0; Lamb Inn 6, Parkside 1; Failsworth Co-op. 5, Failsworth Legion 2.

SHAW ROAD LEAGUE

Table with 5 columns: Club Name, P, W, L, F, A, Pts. Lists results for Shaw Road League.

DARTS AND CRIB

Oldham District Wilson's Brewery

Table with 5 columns: Club Name, P, W, L, F, A, Pts. Lists results for Oldham District and Wilson's Brewery.

Last Tuesday's results (crib in brackets): Westwood 3 (7), Spinnars 4 (0); Roy 2 (2), Flag 5 (5); Freemasons 7 (2), Corporation 0 (5); Lord Nelson 5 (4), Vaults 2 (3).

J W LEES (ROYTON)

Table with 5 columns: Club Name, P, W, L, F, A, Pts. Lists results for J W Lees (Royton).

HOLLINWOOD LEAGUE

Table with 5 columns: Club Name, P, W, L, F, A, Pts. Lists results for Hollinwood League.

THRELFALL BREWERY

Table with 5 columns: Club Name, P, W, L, F, A, Pts. Lists results for Threlfall Brewery.

300 fight forest blaze

Three hundred fire fighters are struggling to throw a cordon around a giant forest fire 55 miles north of Melbourne.

ROYTON HARRIERS

Robinson made it a local youth triumph

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Joe Salt

Junior schools

48 teams will be competing for the cup

TODAY league matches were resumed after the Christmas holiday, and next week will see the return of cup-tie fever with the preliminary round of the Clayton Cup.

This competition is open to all junior schools in Oldham and district and 48 teams will be taking part.

The Oldham schools will be making a determined effort to bring this trophy back to Oldham, for Royton schools have held it for the past two years. The following are the ties in which Oldham schools are involved:

Fitton Hill v. Derker, Mather Street v. Birch Hall, Greenacres v. St. Joseph's, Shaw, St. Anne's v. Shaw CE, Limeside v. All Saints.

Moorside v. Eustace Street, Limehurst v. Corpus Christi, Alexandra v. St. Mary's, Failsworth, St. Mark's Oldham v. Byron Street, Stansfield Road v. St. Andrew's, St. Patrick's v. Demesne, Middleton, Freehold v. Coldhurst, Westwood v. Roundthorn, Bardsley v. Mills Hill.

The following are the league tables up to and including November 30, 1957.

Table with 5 columns: Club Name, P, W, D, L, F, A, Pts. Lists league tables for Division I, II, III, IV, and V.

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Close finishes were the order of the day and as usual the boys and youths piled into the finishing funnel in rapid succession, unlike the seniors who were well strung out.

The youths' race was a local triumph for C. Robinson, of Rochdale Harriers, who completed the approximate 2 1/2-mile course in 13min. 24sec. to win a finely-judged race by one second from D. Swarbrick, Blackpool and Fylde A.C., with Geoffrey A. North, of the same club third in 13min. 32sec.

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is expected to be prominent in the inter-counties race in a week's time.

Joe Salt, Rochdale Harriers, ran a splendid race to finish second in 32min. 23sec., his best-ever in this championship, to beat Olympic and former Lancashire champion, Fred Norris, Bolton United Harriers, by two seconds. A very promising newcomer, O. A. Spencer, of Barrow AC, was fourth, followed by R. O. Williams (Pembroke), B. Craig (Blackpool and Fylde), J. M. P. Coghlan (Pembroke), H. Minshull (Bolton United H. and AC), and H. Tebb (Sutton Harriers).

After the race the team to represent Lancashire was selected, the choice being the first nine to finish in the race, as given. This team, comprising a blend of youth and experience, finishing within one minute of the leader, should give a good account of itself in the inter-counties race which takes place at Trentham Gardens on January 18.

Royton Harriers had a bad day, Albert Walker, their best prospect, failed to turn up, and Gordon Pritchard could not reproduce his best form after a spell of success and finished 40th. Leon Ashton was 73rd, Don Jones 85th, and Frank Hodson 105th. Bob Mills and Don Pilkington failed to complete the course.

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Ashton League

Austerlands Res. won 17-1 in first round

THE first round of the Beaverbrook Cup in the Ashton League last Saturday produced some huge scores. Austerlands Reserves led the way by defeating Denton Railway 17-1. J. Drew scored eight goals.

Another big score was Uppermill's 10-0 at Ashton National. M. Shore, Uppermill's outside-left played a great game. Hurst Nook also got 10 goals against Hyde Lad's three.

Lees Amateurs came next by beating Denton Nomads 8-0 at Lees. R. Jaundrell, the Denton goalkeeper, stood between Lees and a much heavier score. D. Buswell was outstanding for the home side.

Hurst Central won 3-1, and the only drawn game was at Tudor where Mossley Amateurs drew 3-3 under difficult conditions—a fair result.

In the two league games, Patreiloux lost at home to Stamford Villa 5-1, and Mossley Wool lost at home to English Steel 5-4.

Manchester Amateurs ST. DUNSTAN'S CHADDERTON BOGY TEAM

AFTER beating Audenshaw Celtic 9-2, Chadderton, in the Manchester Amateur League (Div. II), were without D. Simpson and K. Giles, and had to be content with a 2-2 draw against St. Dunstan's, who had beaten Chadderton 3-2 in the second game of the season but were lying below halfway in the table.

The first half showed exchanges fairly even, but Chadderton suffered an early blow when, after 10 minutes play, right-half Gordon Ward suffered an ankle injury which seriously affected his subsequent play. Chadderton were by no means having things their own way and St. Dunstan's often looked dangerous.

The home side took the lead when a shot by Bowers was pushed onto the crossbar by the keeper, and Neil McDonnell quickly followed up to score No. 1 for Chadderton. There was no further score before half-time.

No rhythm

Early in the second half, Ward moved to outside-right and Bowers to right-half with Ken Isherwood inside-right.

There was little rhythm in the Chadderton play and the visitors were always in the game and not surprisingly equalised after 15 minutes. Ten minutes later they took the lead and promised a first-class surprise. Chadderton, however, attacked determinedly and drew level through Ken Isherwood.

There was no further score and St. Dunstan's proved to be Chadderton's bogey team having taken three points from the total of five dropped by Chadderton this season.

A neutral observer would think this an entertaining game but the dejected Chadderton players would hardly agree.

FA Cup has disrupted Athletic fixture list

FOR Athletic the glamour and excitement of the FA Cup competition is over, but they cannot avoid being caught in the disruption of Third Division fixtures that the third round has left behind. On January 25, Athletic should have travelled to Darlington, but the North East side still have a foothold on the road to Wembley.

Another fixture must then be crammed into the hectic closing weeks of the season, and already Athletic have one rearranged game with Hull City to fit in the programme. The Cup was again the cause of this postponed fixture.

A quick glance at the League fixtures for the end of the season makes it look very likely that Athletic will now finish with an away game.

According to the programme, the season should end with a home game against Rochdale, but this rearranged Darlington game is now almost certain to be the last of the season.

The rearranged Hull City game can be expected to be staged in the evening—either on April 13 or 14.

Open date on Jan. 25

The postponed Darlington game also brings along another big problem. What are Athletic going to do on the open date?

All week the club secretary, Mr. Frank Buckley, has been busy trying to arrange a friendly fixture which would bring a little extra money the club's way, but so far he has not succeeded.

With the Reserves at home to Glossop, and the Oldham rugby club entertaining Workington at Watersheddings that day, a home fixture would be of little use, so an away game has been the main aim.

Obviously, there would be little attraction in a friendly game with a Third Division North side, so Bury, Tranmere, Barrow, Hartlepoons, Wrexham and Grateshead, who all have open dates, are out of the running.

Wrexham are hoping to stage a Welsh Cup tie, and Gateshead, Hartlepoons and Tranmere could hardly expect to draw a good crowd with FA Cup-ties being played close at hand—and both Barrow and Bury are League opponents for Athletic within the next four weeks.

First and Second Division clubs obviously would not entertain the thought of a visit from Athletic, and a tentative approach to Lincoln City,

LEAGUE THREE NORTH including January 4

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
Bury	26	16	4	6	51	23	36
Scunthorpe	25	14	6	5	49	29	34
Hartlepoons	27	12	8	7	51	44	32
Barrow	23	11	10	7	46	41	32
Mansfield	24	12	7	7	53	42	31
Chesterfield	27	12	7	8	47	45	31
Rochdale	26	14	2	10	58	41	30
Bradford	26	10	10	6	36	27	30
Accrington	25	12	6	7	45	35	30
Accrington	26	10	7	9	53	43	27
ATHLETIC	26	9	9	8	40	42	27
Stockport	25	10	6	9	40	35	26
Hull City	25	10	6	9	36	41	26
Hull City	27	9	8	10	41	47	26
Gateshead	27	7	11	9	40	48	25
Wrexham	26	9	6	11	37	36	24
Carlisle	27	10	3	14	44	47	23
Darlington	25	10	2	13	40	51	22
York City	26	8	6	12	34	44	22
Bradford	25	8	6	14	41	61	22
Tranmere	25	7	11	15	35	43	21
Workington	25	7	11	15	32	36	20
Chester	25	7	6	12	32	36	20
Southport	27	6	3	18	31	56	15
Crewe Alex.	27	5	4	18	28	51	14

BOUNDARY PARK NOTES BY A.G.W.

who are staging a "local derby" reserve game, brought the reply: "We would only put it off if somebody like Arsenal were coming."

Attention then turned to the Southern Section, where Southend, Colchester and Plymouth have open dates. First Plymouth reported they were unable to stage the game as the touring Wallabies are playing on their ground that day.

Southend and Colchester have agreed to consider the matter, but it would be no surprise if these two neighbouring Essex clubs arranged a match between themselves. In any event, would the heavy travelling expenses incurred make Athletic's trip worthwhile? A good gate would have to be ensured to justify the Southern trip.

Only one other avenue is left open to Athletic if they are to have an away game on January 25. They must cross the border into Scotland. Three clubs there are without fixtures—Aberdeen, Airdrie and Arbroath.

Weekend trip?

Inquiries here revealed that on that day Aberdeen and Airdrie reserves meet at Airdrie. Arbroath are left as an obvious choice, but this struggling club can only command an average gate of about 5,000—again hardly enough to justify the long trip for Athletic.

One suggestion which has come forward is that Athletic meet Arbroath on the Saturday and then stay in Scotland for the weekend, playing either Hearts or East Fife under floodlights on the Monday evening.

This could make the journey worth while, but is it worth running the risk of collecting a crop of injuries in two friendlies when so much is at stake in the League?

At the time of writing, nothing has been firmly arranged, and with the open date only a fortnight away, some action will have to be taken quickly if there is to be a game.

Reserves' recent slips

While Athletic's climb into the top half has been the centre of interest during the past weeks, the Reserves have been enjoying a rather unhappy run. At one time three points clear of the field at the top of the Lancashire Combination Division II, they have slipped into second place five points behind Clitheroe.

Injuries and the consequent switching of the team has been the main cause of the fall in fortunes, but at all costs a further season in this class of football must be avoided.

The top two clubs in the division do, of course, go up into the higher grade of football, and the Reserves must be one of them if they are to play in a class of football which, if only average, will stand them in better stead when called on for first-team duty.

At the moment, only wing-half Alan Hall is on Athletic's injured list, and it is hoped that he will soon be back in action. After his display at Manchester in the Manchester Senior Cup, he was pushing for a chance in the senior side, but unfortunately an injury sustained in that game is at the root of his troubles.

After trying to get back into the game too soon, he broke down again and is now having specialist treatment for his ankle injury. He now has a lot of ground to make up if he is to win a first-team place before the end of the season.

Oldham Sunday Schools' League St. Mark's gave Cowhill marksmanship lesson

DIVISION 1
St. Mark's 3, Cowhill 1
COWHILL lost this game because they tried to walk the ball into the net. If they had shot as often as St. Mark's they would have won convincingly. Perrin, at centre-half for St. Mark's, was in great form and Broome, at inside-forward for Cowhill, was the schemer of the forward line. Scorers: St. Mark's, Lomas (2), Maden; Cowhill, Batchelor.

St. John's 1, Glodwick 2
Both teams found it extremely hard to overcome the icy conditions. Glodwick settled down first and gained a two-goal lead before half-time. In the second half, St. John's took the honours but could only score once. Scorers: St. John's, Batham; Glodwick, Pringle, Henthorn.

Eaves Lane 2, Edge Lane 3
Although conditions were not good for football, both teams tried hard. Eaves Lane drew first blood but Edge Lane got two quick goals and led 2-1 at half-time. Eaves Lane were handicapped in the second half by minor injuries and Edge Lane soon gained a convincing lead. Scorers: Eaves Lane, Ibbotson, Mitchells; Edge Lane, Baker (2), C. Kenworthy (2), S. Kenworthy (2), Dale, Brogan.

St. Aidan's 2, St. Thomas's 1
St. Thomas's started this exciting game with some heavy pressure and took the lead after 30 minutes, but St. Aidan's overcame their shaky start and equalised before half-time. Both teams struggled hard in the second half and it was not until 12 minutes from the end that from a goalmouth scramble St. Aidan's scored the winning goal. A draw would have been a fair result. Scorers: St. Aidan's, Murphy, Humphreys; St. Thomas's, Marsden.

Northmoor 2, Washbrook 2
Both teams played good football but lacked finishing power. After a goalless first half the game quickly came to life and Northmoor scored. A minute later Washbrook equalised from a penalty and then went ahead. Both goals had many narrow escapes before Northmoor drew level. This was a fair result. Scorers: Northmoor, Bradbury, Fox.

Watersheddings 2, Emmanuel 1
This game was played on a very hard ground. Watersheddings won because they played open football, Emmanuel relying on the close game. The sportsmanship on both sides was a credit to the Sunday School League.

DIVISION 2
Edge Lane Reserves 4
St. Stephen's 2
The score gave a true reflection of the game in this local derby. St. Stephen's hadn't enough power in the forward line to extend their

Seel Park Notes WELCOME POINT FOR MOSSLEY

A VERY welcome point was gained away at Stafford last Saturday, although with the chances Mossley had it should have been two points. That is the main trouble with the team. Manager Eddie Quigley is making chance after chance for the rest of the forwards to score, but nobody is taking advantage of them. All that is needed is someone to put the ball into the net; he doesn't have to play football.

Late this week, the longest-serving player, Jack Wilkinson, centre-half, was transferred to Macclesfield for a small fee. Williamson, although only 24, was in his sixth season with Mossley.

Next week, Mossley are away to Crewe Reserves, kick-off 2.30. It is hoped that Quigley will have a new forward in the line for this match.

Aussie boy's new record

Jon Konrads, 15-year-old Australian schoolboy, today beat the world 880-yard free-style swimming record by clocking 9min. 17.7sec. The official world record of 9min. 19.2 sec. is held by George Breen (United States).

opponents. Edge Lane's first two goals were the result of bad defensive slips. Scorers: Edge Lane, Dennis (2), Bannister, own goal; St. Stephen's, Birchall (2).

St. Hugh's 3
George Street 7

There was no difference between these teams in the first half. St. Hugh's took the lead after only 10 minutes and looked like getting more but George Street gradually took command. In the second half St. Hugh's were a very tired team and George Street scored practically at will. Scorers: St. Hugh's, Gardner (2), Gaunt; George Street, Moffatt (3), O'Neal (2), Probert, Schofield.

Hollinwood Congs. 6
Saddleworth 0

This was a well-contested game and the visitors did not deserve to lose by such a margin. But credit must be given to the home team for their combined play. Scorers: Hollinwood, Hopwood (3), Stewart, Wilde, Woodlock.

Christ Church 1
St. John's Reserves 0

Defences were on top, the home team getting two welcome points with a goal late in the second half. Christ Church had first-half chances but lacked a marksman. St. John's couldn't settle down on the frozen ground. Butterworth scored for Christ Church.

Ashton Rd. Congs. 2, St. Thomas's 1.
St. Thomas's vastly improved team made Ashton Rd. Congs. go all out in this game. It was only in the dying minutes that Ashton Rd. were able to score the winning goal. Scorers: Ashton Rd., Travis (2); St. Thomas's, Howarth.

Roundthorn 3, St. Aidan's "B" 4.
In the first half it was nearly all Roundthorn, who soon had three goals in the net. Playing with the slope, they used the ball well and took their chances. St. Aidan's failed to do so until half way through the second half. Then it happened. The visitors found their shooting boots and scored four quick goals, including one from a penalty. The home side nearly drew level but St. Aidan's packed their defence and repelled the attack. Scorers: Roundthorn, Farrand, Hilditch, Mills; St. Aidan's, Hopkinson (2), Green, Cumberbirch.

Cowhill Res. 3, Springhead 4.
Another close game and quite a surprise for Springhead, challenging strongly for honours against lowly-placed Cowhill. Scorers: Cowhill, Ellison, Zull, Gregory; Springhead, Neal (2), Mallalieu, o.g.

Will club secretaries and referees please note the following changes: Edge Lane secretary, J. Wooley, 107 Villa Road, Oldham. Watersheddings secretary, R. Stanley, 3 Prince George Street, Oldham. Ashton Road secretary, D. Rhodes, 26 Frestbury Drive, Oldham. St. Aidan's 'B' change of colours, maroon with white collars.

ROUND THE THIRD NORTH

THE goal scored by Hull City's inside-left, Brian Bulless, in the Cup replay at Barnsley on Wednesday gave the player and his club double cause for celebration.

Not only did it ensure Hull's success, but it was also Bulless's first of the season in 27 League and Cup matches, which have been divided between the inside-left, left-wing and left-half positions.

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ALTHOUGH he has played only two of his last eight games in the attack, Ray Gryba, of Southport, is still his side's top scorer with seven goals.

When he took over at centre-half from the injured Wally Taylor recently, Gryba was filling his sixth position in the Southport team this winter. The others are both wing-half berths, inside-right, inside-left and centre-forward.

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DON WATSON, whom Bury signed from Lincoln City in the middle of November, has proved to be among the Shakers' best acqui-

sitions for a long time. Before his arrival, four players had been tried at inside-right, without any of them filling the bill.

Since he made his debut in the home game with Darlington on November 23, however, Watson has netted five times in eight outings, which is a greater number of goals than all the previous occupants of that position had scored between them.

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TRANMERE ROVERS' Cup defeat at Notts County's Meadow Lane ground last Saturday was notable in a number of respects. It was only the second time they had lost a game away from home since the signing of former Everton half-back, Peter Farrell, as player-manager in October.

They also failed to score a goal for the first time since they were defeated 1-0 by Athletic at Boundary Park on October 1.

The Rovers, however, have had four successive away wins, for the first time since pre-war days, and

they have equalled their previous best post-war sequence of 12 unbeaten games.

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THE 12 goals which Jim Dailey has scored in nine games since joining Rochdale exceeds the total scored by all the members of the Workington attack since he left the Cumberland club. Dailey is well on the way to beating Rochdale's post-war individual scoring record—23 goals in 1946-7.

★ ★ ★
BARROW centre-forward Billy Gordon has topped the club's scoring list in five of the last six seasons and is leading the way again this winter.

★ ★ ★

EVERY game is an away engagement for Bradford's left-half, Cyril Robinson. The reason is that Cyril, although a native of Bulwell, near Nottingham, still lives in Blackpool near the ground of his former club. So he has to travel to all Bradford's matches, whether they are at home or away.

Close-season advice to all bowlers

IN a little over ten weeks, the bowls season starts and the Chadderton League secretary, Mr. J. Seed, writes: "If you wish to enjoy a really good season, please don't let this ten weeks slip quietly away. Get organised now.

"First your woods. Are they to your liking? If they need polishing, now is the time. They would be ready in about ten days. What about a new pair if you like bowling? New woods are a grand investment and you can have these delivered in about 14 days. If you are undecided about weight and bias, then 2lb. 13oz., 2in full bias and medium running, are suitable for the Oldham district.

"You will enjoy team bowling for this gives you the competitive spirit. Now is the time to make up your mind where you would like to bowl—pub or club. Give your name to the club secretary, or make it known you wish to bowl there.

"This applies also to the regulars, some of whom like to change teams. They agree to play for 2 or 3 different clubs, as the spirit moves them. Consequently some teams enter names of players who have no intention of bowling for them and are handicapped accordingly. Other teams are thus overrated or are short of players. Many keen players fail to get a game for the same reason.

"Club officials can also do much in this ten-week period. Call your members to get together and find out what they like and want. Discuss those grumbles and snags you had last season. Also go into league business and give your delegate full authority to voice your opinions at league meetings.

"A word about greens not in charge of competent greensmen. Now is the time to work on them if you have not already started—spike-roll, sand, fertiliser—and don't forget any good fertiliser firm will give you free expert advice.

"Do all these things now—not in ten weeks' time."

Answers To Sports Teasers

TEASER NUMBER ONE

The attendance, 112,000 for five days, was a record for any Test in South Africa.

TEASER NUMBER TWO

Tattersall's Committee. They have a list of rules governing betting transactions and any dispute between bookmakers and punters can be referred to that committee for a ruling.

TEASER NUMBER THREE

Hull and Oldham—but I think Oldham will put that right this year if Bernard Ganley doesn't lose his "golden boots."

Oldham Health Committee has approved the appointment of Mr. D. J. Hamer as assistant public health inspector at a salary of £670 per annum.

Pastrano match cannot do any harm to Brian London



Getting down to hard training in preparation for his debut as a professional boxer is 23-year-old heavyweight JOHNNY CHAPMAN (Basingstoke), who was recently demobilised from the RAF. Chapman, pictured at Walker's Gymnasium, London, is 6ft. tall, weighs around 13st. 6lb. and has had an impressive record as an amateur.

He took part in 233 contests and gained a string of championships: he won the RAF Inter-Services, Southern Counties and Civil Service titles. Despite his extremely active career in the amateur ring, Chapman has none of the scars a boxer often acquires along with his experience.

Red attracts sharks

Professor J. L. R. Smith, the South African authority on marine life, has issued a warning to all bathers on the Natal coast concerning the wearing of costumes.

He says that bathers should not wear red, orange or yellow bathing costumes. These colours attract sharks.

MEMORY CORNER

TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO

One of the most surprising of the many shock results in the history of the FA Cup occurred on January 14, 1933, when Arsenal, then top of the First Division, were defeated 2-0 by a lowly Third Division side, Walsall. This match is still regarded as the prime example of the glorious uncertainty of the national knock-out competition.

Although there have been countless other surprises since, none has quite managed to capture the imagination to the extent of this remarkable encounter. Also, one of the outstanding players in Walsall's history, headed the first goal and Sheppard scored the other from a penalty.

TEN YEARS AGO

Another amazing Cup-tie took place exactly 15 years after the Walsall-Arsenal game, when Aston Villa entertained Manchester United on January 10, 1948. One up in the first minute, the Villa went off at half-time 1-5 in arrears after 45 minutes of footballing brilliance which few sides have ever equalled.

United had run the home men off their feet, but Villa hit back so well in the second half that they recovered to take the score to 4-5 before conceding a goal to the eventual Cup winners. This match is still talked about by all who saw it as one of the greatest games ever played.

TWELVE MONTHS AGO

Among the many managerial casualties of recent years was George Poyser, the former Wolves and Brentford full-back, who resigned his post at Notts County on January 7, 1957. The following day Arsenal transferred Don Roper to Southampton, the club from whom he had joined the Gunners 10 years previously.

BRIAN LONDON, the heavyweight son of a famous heavyweight father, is the latest British boxer chosen by Jack Solomons to "have greatness thrust upon him." London, 23 years old and with a family tradition to maintain, is matched with Willie-of-the-wisp Pastrano at Harringay on February 25.

Whether this is a good thing is entirely a matter of personal opinion. It is fairly assumed that London will make better use of his chance than Dick Richardson did when Pastrano made his only previous visit last October.

Yet Pastrano demonstrated so ably on that occasion why he is ranked the world's fourth best heavyweight, that it is hard to imagine a man of London's limited professional experience causing him much grief.

London is currently rated fifth in Britain and his record in 1957 included a points defeat by Heinz Neuhaus, former German champion, who is past his best. But he ended the year with a flourish that included a clear points win over the American negro, Howie Turner, who has moved around in good company.

Making haste slowly

Justification for his match with Pastrano is that he is big enough to look after himself, that he cannot possibly come to any great harm, and that a win over this amazingly clever heavyweight would put him right in the world class.

Whether that would be a good thing is again a matter of personal opinion. The London policy of making haste slowly has paid good dividends so far, and Brian is not yet the finished product.

Viewed solely as a good pay night for London, and a chance of getting some relatively painless

experience, and as an attraction to the paying public, this is a nice piece of matchmaking.

But it should not be regarded as a momentous step in the boxing career of London junior. He has lots of time ahead of him and should not be judged one way or the other by what happens on February 25.

Erskine's title fight

While London gets ready for this one, the British heavyweight champion Joe Erskine also has a bit of preparing to do.

He meets Ingemar Johansson for the European title in Gothenburg next month, and if Erskine wins—against an acknowledged puncher—he can be allowed to write off his Nino Valdes experience as just one of those things.

The handsome Johansson should decide once and for all whether Erskine can take a punch, for the Swede has certainly got one.

He won the European title by knocking out the holder Franco Cavicchi. He broke the jaw of our own Peter Bates, and he knocked out Henry Cooper. You must have respect for a man like that.

If Erskine deprives him of the title, before the Swede's home crowd, it will be a considerable achievement. It will make the Welshman a triple champion and it will go a long way towards proving his durability which has been a little suspect since the one-pound Valdes fiasco.

AND HE WILL BE ENTITLED TO TAKE WHATEVER MATCHES HE LIKES WITHOUT CRITICISM.

Motor salesman lost new car

Mr. W. Gouws, a car salesman, of Bloemfontein, S Africa, bought himself a new small car. Proudly he drove once round the block in it, and was then called away to try to sell a car to a likely customer. When he returned his new car had disappeared. When he last saw it the speedometer had registered only 13 miles.



BRIAN LONDON

LANCS COMBINATION

DIVISION 1					
	P. W. L.	D.	F. A.	Pts	
Horwich RMI	24	15	3	6...	60 27...
New Brighton	24	15	6	3...	57 34...
Prescot Cables	19	16	3	0...	57 24...
Chorley	22	13	4	5...	81 40...
Rossendale U.	23	13	6	4...	66 43...
Morecambe	21	11	3	7...	50 25...
Wigan Ath.	21	10	8	3...	41 47...
Southport Res.	22	10	11	1...	60 54...
S. Liverpool	22	8	9	5...	47 45...
Netherfield	22	8	9	5...	43 47...
Accrington S. Res.	22	8	9	5...	43 47...
Ashton U.	21	9	9	3...	54 63...
Burscough	21	7	9	5...	47 45...
Lancaster C.	22	8	11	3...	40 47...
Fleetwood	22	6	9	7...	31 39...
Droylsden	22	7	11	5...	46 60...
Nelson	23	7	12	3...	32 40...
Darwen	24	6	13	5...	84 63...
Marine	18	6	10	2...	31 54...
Bacup Borough	22	4	13	5...	44 70...
Crompton Res.	21	3	15	5...	30 55...
Skelmersdale	22	4	18	0...	23 64...

DIVISION 2					
	P. W. L.	D.	F. A.	Pts	
Clitheroe	20	15	1	4...	71 25...
ATHLETIC RES.	20	13	4	3...	70 28...
Northern Nomads	20	11	5	4...	49 37...
Padiham	22	11	5	4...	43 39...
Earlestown	20	9	4	7...	60 44...
Chorley Res.	19	9	4	6...	50 26...
St. Helens T.	19	11	7	1...	57 31...
Wigan Ath. Res.	20	9	7	4...	43 32...
Glossop	19	8	6	5...	47 41...
Horwich RMI Res.	21	8	9	4...	36 53...
Rolls Royce	16	7	5	4...	36 30...
Lytham	19	6	7	6...	40 47...
Lomax	19	6	8	5...	31 40...
Morecambe Res.	21	6	11	4...	42 49...
Prescot C. Res.	21	5	10	6...	39 56...
Leyland Motors	21	6	14	1...	40 71...
St. Annes Ath.	19	4	11	4...	40 54...
Great Harwood	19	3	10	6...	33 58...
Nelson Res.	18	2	9	7...	26 55...
Darwen Res.	17	3	13	1...	18 55...

Dr. B. Gilbert, M. R. C. S., L.R.C.P., has been appointed assistant medical officer and assistant school medical officer for Oldham at a salary of £1,100 a year.

RUGBY LEAGUE ABC



BALL CHALLINOR DEAN

BALL (Barrow)

Very few players in Rugby League history can match the record of Joe Ball. Since he first started immediately after leaving school, he has played in every position from full-back to loose-forward. His favourite position was scrum-half, but as his weight increased and his pace decreased, he began his tour of duty.

It was when he reached full-back that he really settled in. He has given wonderful value since joining Barrow, and when in form is a deadly goalkicker from all angles and distances.

The most valuable goal of his career was probably that which earned Barrow a draw in last year's Cup semi-final with Leigh and proved a stepping stone to Wembley. For his size, Ball is one of the most devastating defenders and is an expert with the shoulder-charge.

CHALLINOR (Warrington)

Largely because of ankle trouble, 1957 was a disappointing year for Jim Challinor. If he is to achieve his ambition of finding a place in the touring side to Australia, he will have to find his best form

quickly. This big, strong and long-striding centre was the centre of controversy early in the season when he announced his intention of emigrating to Australia.

He changed his mind when the club declined to give him the clearance he sought. St. Helens stepped in with an offer to buy him, but Warrington wisely held on. The best has not yet been seen of this talented player.

DEAN (Halifax)

Ken Dean will celebrate 10 years as a member of the Halifax senior side this year, having graduated through junior rugby circles with Greenland. Dean, for many years, has formed with Stan Kieley one of the most able club half-back partnerships.

Several times he has represented Yorkshire county and England. He assisted Halifax in their unsuccessful Wembley Challenge Cup finals and in their attempts to lift the League Championship in 1953, 1954 and 1956.

Forceful and a clever ball player, Dean is a team man rather than an individualist, although quick to spot the half-chance to spread confusion in opposing ranks. He is the creator rather than the finisher of try-scoring moves.

ABC OF THIRD NORTH PLAYERS

BIRCH (Barrow)

After spending much of last season (his first with Barrow on the injured list, inside-forward Brian Birch has played a major part in helping the Holker Street club to its present high place in the table this winter, with displays approaching those which he gave in the early stages of his career with Manchester United.

A native of Salford, Birch made his bow in the Mancunians' senior side in the 1949-50 season, as a 17-year-old. He was transferred to Wolves at a big fee in 1952, and later had a spell with Lincoln City, without hitting the highspots. Barrow recruited him from the Second Division club in the summer of 1956.

CAMERON (Hartlepool)

Early in November, after his side had sustained a 7-0 defeat at Rochdale, Hartlepool's manager, Mr. Ray Middleton, made a number of changes in both defence and attack. Among them was the restoration to the first team, after a long spell out of the side, of Jack Cameron at left-back.



BIRCH CAMERON DEVLIN

A native of Dumbarton, Cameron had several years of experience with his home-town club before moving over the border to sign for Hartlepool in the summer of 1954. He made his bow at right-back in the opening game of the following campaign, and retained his place until the acquisition of Ken Waugh from Newcastle just before Christmas, 1956.

DEVLIN (Bradford)

During the close season Bradford signed the former Welsh international, Harold Williams, from

Newport County, to fill their left-wing position. He was unable to produce his best form, however, and accordingly the Yorkshire club went into the transfer market for a replacement, and signed diminutive Joe Devlin from Rochdale on November 1.

Devlin, who hails from Coatbridge, began his career with Falkirk, from where Accrington Stanley recruited him in the 1953 close season. From then until his move to Rochdale in September, 1956, Devlin was a regular member of the Peel Park club's senior side, in both wing positions.

FACTS AND FACTS

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1924-25

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Leeds City
Champions
Midland Section
F. League.
1916-17 &
1917-18

While
Manager of
Arsenal
F.A. Cup Winners
1929-30
Div I Champions
1930-31 &
1932-33.



Mr Chapman
WHOSE CAREER AS A FOOTBALL MANAGER WAS FABULOUSLY SUCCESSFUL, HAD A MAGICAL TOUCH OF LEADERSHIP THAT AIDED SO GREATLY THE FORTUNES OF THE CLUBS THAT PASSED THROUGH HIS HANDS!

Spike '58.

MONTE CARLO RALLY: DHANAWADE'S DEATH

NINETY-ONE cars and crews, competing in the 1958 Monte Carlo Rally, are expected to start from Glasgow on January 22. Among them will be two previous outright winners, Sydney Allard of Blackhills, Esher, and Ronnie Adams of Lisburn (N. Ireland), besides Mrs. Anne Hall of Edgerton Grove Road, Huddersfield, who won the Ladies' Cup with Miss Sheila Van Damm in 1955.

Chris Brasher, the Olympic athlete, will be one of the early starters, as he is sharing the wheel of an MG with motoring journalist Gregor Grant. Last away from Glasgow will be Sydney Allard in a Ford.

En route to Dover, competitors must pass through a passage control at Stranraer and a time-control at Barnby Moor (Nottinghamshire), but apart from this may choose whatever route they like. Most, however, are expected to follow the same route through Kilmarnock, Stranraer, Dumfries, Carlisle, Penrith, Catterick, Doncaster, Barnby Moor, Stamford Stevenage, London, Maidstone and Folkestone to Dover.

IN all there are 134 British cars and crews among the 340 entries, but of these 3 are doubtful starters. The probable numbers of British starters from each point are: Glasgow 85, Paris 35, Oslo 7, Lisbon 2, Munich 1, and The Hague 1.

The Rally, which was first held in 1911, has been won four times by British cars and drivers, five if Gatsonides's victory with a British co-driver and car is included. Owing to the petrol situation, it was not

MIRROR OF SPORT

held last year, but the 1956 winner was Ronnie Adams (Jaguar), who started from Glasgow.

THE sudden death of the Indian cricketer, "Dahny" Dhanawade, as well as being a shock to Lancashire League followers who knew him during his three seasons with Accrington, also reminded Crompton officials that he might have been their professional next season.

Dhanawade, who was only 27, applied for the Crompton vacancy at the end of last season. Crompton asked him to send more particulars, but he did not reply so he was not considered for the post.

The Indian returned to his own country at the end of last summer after taking 69 wickets and scoring 258 runs for Accrington. His death was reported to be caused by cerebral hemorrhage.

WHEN it comes to mixed doubles in athletics this country leads the world. We can boast three of the top ten in a recent survey conducted by Dublin statistician Fionnbar Callinan.

Ahead of the field come that great married couple, Harold Connolly (U.S.) and Olga Fikotova (Czechoslovakia), who won gold medals at the Melbourne Olympic Games for hammer and discus-throwing and totalled 2,807 points in the international scoring tables.

Second best partnership is the English one of Derek Ibbotson and Madeleine Wooler, whose total was 2,463 points, one point more than the famous Zatopeks of Czechoslovakia.

At No. 4 are Gordon Pirie and Shirley Hampton, and at No. 9 John Disley and Star reporter Sylvia Cheeseman.

Callinan goes on to list the next 20, who include Peter and Suzanne Allday at No. 12, Alan and Phyllis Perkins, No. 13, Geoffrey and Pamela Elliott, 28, and Geoffrey and Maureen Dyson, 29.

AT 35 Nandor Hidegkuti has been chosen as one of 38 Hungarian footballers who will start training on Monday for the World Cup tournament in Stockholm next June. Talk about preparing well in advance...

Grosics Lantos, Bozsik and Hungarian captain Hidegkuti are the only members of this pool of soccer talent who were in Hungary's team which lost 2-3 to Western Germany in the World Cup Final in Berne four years ago.

THE fact that 22-year-old Ron Gaunt was preferred as a pace-bowling reinforcement for the Australian team in South Africa must

have been a sad blow to Ray Lindwall, 14 years his senior. Lindwall, whose haul of 212 Test wickets is surpassed only by Alec Bedser, 236, and Clarrie Grimmett, 216, is taking plenty of wickets and making a lot of runs in Sheffield Shield cricket.

Many Australians thought he should have been in the original party. This latest snub is likely to spur him on when MCC tour Australia next winter.

Lindwall has no intention of retiring. A good performance as Queensland's captain against MCC in the match just before the first Test in Brisbane could see the "old enemy" back against England next December.

ONE of the biggest flops of 1957—the Surrey Cricketers' Testimonial Fund. Inaugurated to pay for presentations to the 20 Surrey players who won the county championship for six successive seasons, it has reached the poor total of £650.

That is the result of six months' hard work on the part of the organisers. Says organiser John Reed, a keen Surrey supporter: "I think Surrey members and residents should have responded much better."

The Surrey members' share of the fund amounts to approximately 9d. a head. The idea found favour with the Surrey committee, but not the members or fans. They believed the players were adequately rewarded with benefits, which these days are small if they reach only £5,000.

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6 0: News
6 15: Regional News.
6 25: Sport Spotlight.
7 0: Those Were The Days.
7 30: In Town Tonight.
8 0: Variety Playhouse.
9 0: News.
9 15: Play: Autumn Fire.
10 30: Leon Goossens (oboe).
10 45: Prayers.
11 0-11 8: News. Weather.

LIGHT—1,500, 247 metres

6 0: Guitar Club.
6 30: Jazz
7 0: Newsreel
7 24: Association Football.
7 30: News: Saturday Night on the Light. (News at 8-30 and 9-30.)
10 30: News.
10 40: Gramo.
11 15: Latin-American Orchestra. (News at 11-30.)
11 55: News.
12 0: Close: Shipping Forecast on 1,500 metres only.)

THIRD—464 metres and 194 metres

6 30: World of Books.
7 0-7 45: Record Review.
8 0: Alexandre Benois: Conversations with his great-nephew, Peter Tustinov.
8 45: Orchestral Concert.
9 40: Talk.
10 0: Concert (part 2).
10 35-11 5: Talk.

LUXEMBURG—206 metres

6 0: Barry Alldis plays request records.
7 0: Rhythm on the Range
7 30: World's Greatest Mysteries.
8 0: Jamboree.
10 0: Irish Requests.
10 30: Spin with the Stars.
11 0: Bringing Christ to the Nations
11 30-12 30: Jack Jackson's Record Round-Up

AFN—344 metres

6 J. News Music in the Air.
7 0: News.
7 5: Grand Ole Opry.
7 30: Saturday Night Country Style.
7 55: Johnny Lee Willis.
8 0: New Orleans Jazz Band.
8 25: It's New.

8 30: Operation Entertainment.
9 0: Music Views from Hollywood.
9 30: News.
9 35: Dance Date.
10 0: Sport.
10 5: America's Popular Music.
11 0: News.
11 5: Requests.
12 0-12 5: News.

BBC TELEVISION

5 40: Sport.
6 0: News. Weather.
6 5: Six-Five Special.
7 0: Wells Fargo.
7 25: News.
7 30: Dixon of Dock Green.
8 0: Saturday Show.
9 0: Film Bachelor Knight.
10 30: Sport.
11 0: News.
11 15: War in the Air.
11 45: Weather.

ABC TELEVISION

5 40: Sports Results. News.
6 0: Jack Jackson Show.
6 30: Highway Patrol.
7 0: Wrestling.
7 30: The Restless Gun.
8 0: Steve Allen Show.
8 45: News.
8 50: M. Squad.
9 15: Task Force (film).
11 35: The Late Night Show.
11 45: Epilogue.

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ALAN KIRKMAN, the young Manchester City reserve inside-forward, scored a hat-trick in his recent debut with the first team against Sheffield Wednesday (he was standing in for injured Irish international Billy McAdams). Bolton-born Kirkman was with Bacup Borough before joining City.

RESULTS

OLDHAM	3	6-24
BARROW	1	1-5
YORK CITY	2	
ATHLETIC	2	
WIGAN	5	4-22
HORNETS	2	2-10

FIRST DIVISION
Aston Villa 5, Sunderland 2.
Burnley 2, Tottenham 0

SECOND DIVISION
Bristol Rovers 2, Sheffield U 2
Charlton 3, Stoke 0.
Leyton Orient 4, Bristol City 0.
Lincoln 1, Blackburn 1
Middlesbrough 4, Cardiff 1
Notts County 0, Ipswich 3
Swansea 4, Barnsley 2.
Rotherham 1, Huddersfield 1

THIRD DIVISION (North)
Barrow 1, Stockport 1.
Bradford 3, Chester 0.
Crewe 0, Workington 3.
Halifax 2, Hull 2.
Hartlepool 0, Chesterfield 2.
Southport 2, Bury 2.
Tranmere 2, Darlington 1.
Wrexham 4, Mansfield 2

THIRD DIVISION (South)
Brighton 1, QPR 1
Colchester 1, Southend 0.
Newport 5, Gillingham 0.
Northampton 2, Shrewsbury 0.
Plymouth 2, Swindon 2.
Port Vale 1, Millwall 1.
Torquay 3, Bournemouth 1.

SCOTTISH LEAGUE (Div. I)
Aberdeen 3, St. Mirren 1
Motherwell 1, Celtic 3.
Queen's Park 1, East Fife 4

SCOTTISH LEAGUE (Div. II)
Aberdeen 6, Stenhousemuir 1.
Alloa 1, Hamilton 1
Berwick 1, Brechin 3
Dundee U. 1, Dumbarton 2.
Dunfermline 1, East Stirling 2.
Forfar 1, Ayr 1.
Montrose 3, Stirling A. 1
Morton 6, St. Johnstone 1
Stranraer 2, Arbroath 3

RUGBY LEAGUE
Batley 28, Doncaster 5.
Blackpool B. 7, St. Helens 17
Bradford N. 11, York 13
Featherstone 20, Hull KR 18
Huddersfield 39, Dewsbury 17
Hull 20, Halifax 7
Keighley 11, Hunslet 18
Leeds 13, Leigh 12
Liverpool C. 8, Whitehaven 18
Salford 8, Castleford 2.
Wakefield Trinity 16, Bramley 3.
Warrington 32, Swinton 6
Workington T. 4, Widnes 25

RU INTERNATIONAL
Scotland 11, France 9

RU—Australian Tour
Swansea 6, Australians 12.

RUGBY UNION
Herefordshire 0, Cornwall 11

OTHER MATCHES
Raith 4, Cowdenbeath 1.

Mossley lose 3-2 to Wrexham

Quigley kept the Mossley attack going with neat passes which paid dividends after 20 minutes' play, when WILLIS netted after Allman's shot had been diverted across the goal by Godding.

In another Mossley raid, Hughes flung himself to head in a centre from Allman, but Godding was well placed to save.

Dignam and Wilkins missed badly for Wrexham when Jarvis swung the ball across the Mossley goal. Half-time: Mossley 1, Wrexham 0.

Final:

Mossley	2
Wrexham	3

QUIGLEY for Mossley; RICHARDS, WILLIAMS and DIGNAM for Wrexham.

Griffiths goals set Wigan on the victory trail

ROCHDALE UPSET BY SNAP GOAL

ROCHDALE were back at full strength with the return of centre-forward Jim Dailey. He took over from Pearson and this was the only change in the Rochdale side which hoped to get in front of the City, who were their next door neighbours in the league table.

ROCHDALE: Jones; Ferguson, McCulloch; Grant, Glover, McGuigan; Lockhart, Wainwright, Dailey, Moran, Vizard.
BRADFORD CITY: Smith; Flockett; Mulholland; P. Jackson, Currie, Lawlor; Liversidge, Jackson, D. Marshall, Reid, Bakes.
Referee: Mr. E. R. Hill (Chester).

Rochdale, playing against a strong wind, had found the going tough. Peter Jackson was soon peppering the Rochdale goal and he brought Jones to a fine save with a hard ground shot.

Rochdale were a shade unlucky when Vizard was badly obstructed by Flockett in the penalty area, the offence going unnoticed by the referee. Bakes, a tricky wing-man, had the Rochdale defence in a tangle when he popped over a perfect centre after beating Ferguson. But luckily for Rochdale Liversidge got too far under it with his head.

As Rochdale began to settle down, Dailey was just thwarted by Smith after chasing Wainwright's pass and Lockhart fired high over the bar from 15 yards out.

In the 21st minute, City went ahead when MARSHALL slammed in Peter Jackson's free kick, giving goalkeeper Jones no chance.

Panicky

Unsettled by City's snap goal, Rochdale had a panicky five minutes. The worst moment was when Glover misjudged a back-pass to Jones who had to fling himself at the feet of Reid to save.

Wainwright was roughly handled by Peter Jackson in one Rochdale attack, and in another he managed to force an unproductive corner. But it was Bradford who were the more dangerous though Dailey had hard luck when he chased after a long ball from Moran.

Just before half-time, McGuigan, dribbling in his own penalty area, lost the ball and a shot from Marshall just flashed by the upright.

Half-time:—

ROCHDALE	0
BRADFORD CITY	1

Liversidge soon got Bradford City moving, but his centre dropped into the safe hands of Jones. Things did not look so good for Rochdale when Bakes nipped through. He crossed the ball and Jones could only deflect it, but McCulloch was on the spot to save.

Both centre-forwards were injured within seconds of each other. Dailey soon recovered, but Marshall, the Bradford leader, had to go on the wing for a short spell.

The miss of the match came after 50 minutes play when Lockhart was miles off the target from only ten yards out.

A rocket shot from David Jackson was punched clear by Jones in the midst of a sweeping Bradford attack.

The quicker Bradford side were now right on top. Jackson tried another first-timer, but this time he was well off the mark.

Hopes of a Rochdale equaliser came when they got a free kick from just outside the penalty area, but Ferguson's lob went behind and at the other end Jones had to fling himself at the feet of Marshall as the City man shot from close range.

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RESERVES MAKE IT A GOAL-FEAST

CAMBRIDGE BLUE Harold Fish, former Hulme Grammar School player, was at left-back for Northern Nomads against Athletic Reserves at Boundary Park today.

After 15 minutes, Reserves went in front with a fluke goal. Seventeen-year-old leader JOHNNY MARSH shot for goal at an angle and the ball hit Phoenix and bounced into the net.

Their lead did not last long, however, for a minute later ROBERTS, the Nomads' leader, equalised from close range.

Thompson was unlucky for Nomads when his shot from the wing clipped the bar.

At the other end Phoenix hit the post with a curling shot, and a superb Marsh header from a corner-kick was hurriedly scrambled away.

Half-time:

Athletic Reserves	1
Northern Nomads	1

Reserves missed a chance of going ahead when Bazley rolled a pass across the goalmouth—and there wasn't a colleague in sight. Booth was faced with a clear view of goal but he hesitated and was robbed.

A long Shimwell clearance found Gaynor racing to goal but he shot in a hurry and the ball went wide.

Again Gaynor missed when he tipped a pass from Booth wide of the goal.

Reserves took the lead after 25 minutes of the second half. Bazley gave CROSSLEY a perfect pass, and from the right wing the inside-forward scored with an inswinger that soared over the head of the Nomads' keeper.

CROSSLEY made it three for Reserves when he pushed home a centre from Phoenix.

Nomads were noticeably tiring, and a minute later GAYNOR hit the fourth for Reserves. A defensive slip soon after let the Nomads' leader, ROBERTS, in to head his side's second goal.

Reserves were penalised in the area following a Shimwell tackle. HESLOP scored with the spot-kick. The goal feast continued when PHOENIX ran through the middle and shot under the diving Nomads' keeper into the net.

An error by the Nomads' goalie let in MARSH to score the Reserves' sixth.

Final:

Athletic Reserves	6
Northern Nomads	3

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OLDHAM RUGBY

instead of travelling on its intended course.

In the 64th minute Oldham had a try disallowed. A fast attack moved the ball out to the left and Pitchford sent Davies racing away. The centre exchanged with Etty who dived over in the corner but bounced the ball as he tried to ground it.

Final:

OLDHAM	3	6-24
BARROW	1	1-5

Late scorers: MCINTYRE try, BALL goal for Barrow. Attendance approximately 13,000.

WIGAN played South African Griffiths and Italian Rossi in their team against the Hornets at Central Park today. The visitors, chastened by a 51-0 defeat at St. Helens, brought in Alan Taylor in place of Chisnall, who was rested.

WIGAN: Griffiths; Boston, Ashton, Sullivan, O'Grady; McGurran, Thomas; Bretherton, Sayer, Rossi, Cherrington, McTigue, Evans.

HORNETS: Jones; Ralph, Cahill, Buxton, Short; Taylor, Fishwick; Livesey, Stevenson, Scholes, Parsons, Bailey, Kelly.

Referee: Mr. J. W. Jackson (Barrow).

Hornets forwards could make little headway with solo efforts in mid-field, and two Wigan attempts to open up play ended with mis-handling.

A good save and run by Jones pushed Wigan out of the visitors' quarter, and a reverse pass by Parsons to Cahill was not taken when there were signs of a gap in the defence.

Boston, in action for the first time, was brought back for a forward pass, and when Taylor ran off-side GRIFFITHS landed a penalty goal. Rossi was grounded in another raid, and after Parsons had lost the ball in the home half, Ashton made a breakaway on the wing and sent BOSTON on a clear run to the posts, GRIFFITHS adding the goal.

Unprepared

A cross-field move had the home fans cheering, but there was a shock when BUXTON, chasing his own kick, caught Griffiths unprepared and caused him to lose the ball for the centre to pick up and touch down for a try, which Jones failed to goal.

Griffiths atoned by making Cahill move to the right in a breakaway, and closed a wide gap.

At the other end, Boston was forced into touch. CHERRINGTON, however, joined in the movement and went straight through for a try which GRIFFITHS scored. Short made a fine run and when challenged by Boston threw inside to Buxton, who was already tackled by Ashton.

From the penalty award JONES kicked a goal. Fishwick was penalised in front of the posts and GRIFFITHS kicked his fourth goal. Almost single-handed, Scholes deprived Wigan of their attacking position, but Hornets' attack had little threat.

Half-time:

WIGAN	4	2-14
HORNETS	1	1-5

Bailey was prominent on the re-start and Wigan were fortunate to put the ball out of play as Kelly and Fishwick chased forward, following Kelly's kick. Cherrington and Rossi pushed Hornets back as a forerunner to a dash by Boston, who was checked at the visitors' 25 line.

Rossi was also held at close quarters, and next Griffiths ran to within 20 yards of the line to start a move which CHERRINGTON finished with a try in characteristic style. GRIFFITHS tackled on the goal points.

A forward pass next robbed Boston of a sure try and Ralph tackled Sullivan when the centre had slipped past Cahill.

HALF-TIME SCORES

FIRST DIVISION
Aston Villa 2, Blackpool 1.
Aston Villa 5, Sunderland 2.
Bolton 2, Leicester 0.
Burnley 1, Tottenham 0.
Chelsea 1, Everton 1.
Leeds 0, Manchester Untd. 1
Manchester City 1, Notts Forest 0
Newcastle 0, Birmingham 0.
Preston 1, West Brom 1.
Sheffield Wed. 1, Portsmouth 0
Wolves 1, Luton 1.

SECOND DIVISION
Bristol Rovers 1, Sheffield Untd
Charlton 1, Stoke 0.
Derby 0, West Ham 2.
Doncaster 2, Grimsby 1.
Leyton Orient 1, Bristol City 1
Lincoln 0, Blackburn 0.
Liverpool 1, Fulham 0.
Middlesbrough 1, Cardiff 0
Notts County 0, Ipswich 1
Rotherham 0, Huddersfield 0
Swansea 0, Barnsley 1.

THIRD DIVISION (North)
Barrow 0, Stockport 1.
Bradford 1, Chester 0.
Carlisle 3, Accrington 1.
Crewe 0, Workington 0.
Halifax 1, Hull 2.
Hartlepool 0, Chesterfield 1
Rochdale 0, Bradford City 1
Scunthorpe 2, Gateshead 1
Southport 1, Bury 1.
Tranmere 2, Darlington 0.
Wrexham 3, Mansfield 0.
York 1, Athletic 2.

Parsons stood out when Hornets were again hard pressed, and Kelly was lying injured with play going on. He had to be assisted from the field with what appeared to be a shoulder injury.

Although in possession for a long spell, Hornets got nowhere. Wigan's passing in poor exchanges was spoiled by Ralph. Fishwick also intercepted home passing and then Buxton did the same and gave a pass to SHORT who beat the defence to the line for a try. JONES goaled.

Kelly had returned when Ralph stopped a Sullivan bid.

Official attendance 14,096. Receipts £1,254.

Final:

WIGAN	5	4-22
HORNETS	2	2-10

O'GRADY try for Wigan.

Some robust play STIRRUP'S TRIES FOR 'A' TEAM IN BARROW GAME

AT Barrow this afternoon a penalty goal by OGDEN gave Oldham "A" the lead after four minutes. Two minutes later DAWES replied with a similar goal for Barrow "A".

Strong pressure by Oldham "A" brought reward in the 20th minute with an unconverted try by STIRRUP. After 23 minutes, however, Barrow "A" gained the lead with a try by F. JACKSON which DAWES improved. Rey had made the running. Barrow's Ducie left the field injured.

After 37 minutes an inside pass from A. Jones gave STIRRUP his second unconverted try for Oldham "A".

Half-time:

BARROW "A"	2	1-7
OLDHAM "A"	1	2-8

Ducie resumed after the interval and it was a livelier Barrow "A" that went ahead in the 48th minute when clever handling between F. Goodwin, Black and J. Jackson resulted in an unconverted try by F. JACKSON.

Laverty made a powerful thrust down the centre which Dawes rather despairingly succeeded in stopping, but the home team were on top at this period and they went further ahead with a simple penalty goal by DAWES.

Exchanges then became rather robust, and after Dufty and Ogden had each been spoken to by the referee, DAWES kicked two further penalty goals for Barrow "A".

Final:

Barrow "A"	5	2-16
Oldham "A"	1	2-8

THIRD DIVISION (South)
Aldershot 0, Reading 0.
Brentford 5, Norwich 0.
Brighton 1, Queens Park R. 1.
Colchester 0, Southend 0.
Crystal Palace 3, Walsall 0.
Newport 2, Gillingham 0.
Northampton 1, Shrewsbury 0.
Plymouth 2, Swindon 0.
Port Vale 1, Millwall 1.
Southampton 5, Exeter 0.
Torquay 2, Bournemouth 0.
Watford 1, Coventry 0.

SCOTTISH LEAGUE (Div. I)
Aberdeen 2, St. Mirren 1.
Clyde 1, Airdrieonians 0.
Falkirk 2, Third Lanark 1
Hearts 4, Partick 1
Kilmarnock 1, Dundee 0.
Motherwell 1, Celtic 1
Queens Park 0, East Fife 3.
Rangers 1, Hibernian 0.

SCOTTISH LEAGUE (Div. II)
Albion 2, Stenhousemuir 0.
Alloa 0, Hamilton 1.
Berwick 0, Brechin 1.
Dundee Untd. 0, Dumbarton 2.
Dunfermline 1, East Stirling 2.
Forfar 0, Ayr 0.
Montrose 1, Stirling Albion 0.
Morton 1, St. Johnstone 1.
Stranraer 1, Arbroath 2.

OTHER MATCHES
Raith 1, Cowdenbeath 1.

ROCHDALE	0
BRADFORD CITY	2
FIRST DIVISION	
Arsenal 2, Blackpool 3.	
Bolton 2, Leicester 3	
Chelsea 3, Everton 1.	
Leeds 1, Manchester Untd. 1.	
Manchester City 1, Notts Forest 1.	
Newcastle 1, Birmingham 2.	
Preston 3, West Brom. 1.	
Sheffield W. 4, Portsmouth 2.	
Wolverhampton 1, Luton 1	
SECOND DIVISION	
Derby 2, West Ham 3.	
THIRD DIVISION (North)	
Carlisle 6, Accrington 1.	
Scunthorpe 2, Gateshead 1	
THIRD DIVISION (South)	
Aldershot 1, Reading 0.	
Southampton 6, Exeter 0.	
Watford 1, Coventry 0.	
SCOTTISH LEAGUE (Div. I)	
Clyde 3, Airdrie 1.	
Falkirk 4, Third Lanark 2.	
Hearts 4, Partick Thistle 1.	
Kilmarnock 1, Dundee 1.	
Rangers 3, Hibernian 1.	
RUGBY UNION	
Oldham RU 14pts, Bingley 0.	
Brentford 7, Norwich 1.	
Liverpool 2, Fulham 1	
Doncaster 3, Grimsby 3.	
Crystal Palace 4, Walsall 1.	