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United are through with two WEST BROM HAVE TO FIGHT AGAIN to spare

THERE were about 58,000 spectators at The Hawthorns this afternoon for West Bromwich Albion's Cup clash with Nottingham Forest. An overnight thaw made the pitch slippery and ball control difficult, and in the first minutes injury caused Ronnie Allen, the Albion centre-forward, to go on the right wing for a spell.

Following brilliant work by Imlach, Bally shot inches over the Albion bar.

Then Albion right-winger Griffin shot wide from close range. Imlach, displaying wonderful control, smashed a hard drive across the Albion goalmouth.

Poor finishing

A grand move by Griffin and Kevan ended with Allen shooting wide. Both sides played attractive football but Albion's finishing was poor.

Thompson made a brilliant save from Robson after 20 minutes.

Thompson kicked off Allen's toe when Albion began to put on the pressure. Soon afterwards he fisted out a header by Kevan.

Imlach was a constant menace but at the Nottingham end Kevan was again inches out with a header and Setters grazed the bar with a tremendous rising drive.

Once a sustained Forest attack ended with Bailey swerving a free-kick over the bar.

Allen was now operating on the left wing and limping badly.

Robson headed wide of the Forest goal. Half-time: West Brom 0, Notts Forest 0.

Allen resumed at centre-forward and Albion went into the attack, but they kept the ball too close.

IMLACH scored for Notts in the 58th minute while the Albion were appealing for off-side.

Then Quigley went close with a rising drive. **ROBSON** equalised for Albion in the 62nd minute.

GALLANT YORK HOLD BOLTON TO A DRAW

IT was only two hours before the kick-off that the referee, Mr. B. M. Griffiths, decided that the York v. Bolton pitch was playable.

A neat header by Lofthouse gave Holden a chance, but the left-winger shot just over the bar. Bolton tried to play open football, and although not all the long passes found their mark these tactics paid better than York's attempts to break through the middle.

Bolton took command and twice Stevens' downward header was cleared off the line by Phillips.

Desperate fight

York fought desperately and well to keep their goal from falling.

Towards half-time, they came a little more into the picture as an attacking force and gave Hopkinson, England's goalkeeper, something to do.

The first half ended with Granger, in the York goal, diving at the feet of Parry to save a dangerous situation.

Bolton had taken nearly all the honours so far. Half-time: York 0, Bolton 0.

Fired over

York's first direct shot at goal came immediately after the interval, but Wilkinson fired over from 15 yards.

Bolton took up the attack again, but in a York breakaway Fenton had a chance. Hopkinson threw himself full length to save.

Parry and Holden, Bolton's stronger wings, made good progress down the left, and Parry's final shot was turned for a corner by Granger.

York showed much better fight now, although they found Higgins, the Bolton centre-half, a big stumbling block.

Moir the live wire in raids by Stockport

AFTER three minutes Keeble, West Ham centre-forward, needed attention after a collision with Franklin.

Soon afterwards Franklin cleared smartly when Dick had a chance to shoot.

Stockport fought back, and appealed for a penalty when Bond seemed to handle, but the referee waved play on.

Then a shot by Musgrove glanced off the Stockport post.

Holden dangerous

Holden, Stockport's burly centre-forward, raced past Brown, but his shot flashed across goal with Finney unable to touch it in.

From a free-kick by Bond, a close range chance fell to Lewis, but the West Ham inside-right shot tamely.

West Ham were warming up, but lively Stockport did their full share of attacking, with Holden a dangerous leader.

After a spell of West Ham pressure Stockport came back to attack, forcing two corners from the second of which Jackson shot just wide.

Moir continued to be the brain of Stockport's attacks and Malcolm conceded a series of free-kicks in his efforts to check him. Stockport well deserved to be level at the interval.

Four minutes after resuming, Stockport shook West Ham with a fine goal. Betts swung over a free kick and Holden shot in splendidly from 15 yards.

Two minutes later West Ham drew level. Grieves held a long high kick by Bond only for Lewis to bundle him over the line with the ball.

Within two more minutes West Ham went ahead. Grieves could not hold a fierce shot by Lansdowne and Keeble rushed up to tap the ball home.

Three goals had come in five minutes.

SOLDIER DIED IN BRAWL

The prosecution today called for a five-month suspended sentence for three Germans charged at Duisburg, West Germany, with taking part in a fight in which a British soldier died.

Private J. Savage, of Glasgow, serving with the RAOC, died on June 22, last, after a brawl between German soldiers and British troops from Glamorgan Barracks, Duisburg.

Head wounds from which he died were almost certainly caused by a petrol can thrown by one of the Germans, the prosecution alleges, but the evidence did not show who was responsible for the "death-dealing throw."

The men charged are two brothers, Wilhelm (27), and Arthur Mueller (22) and Adolf Donnermann (20).

The prosecution also asked the court to order the men to pay 300 marks (about £25) to charity.

Mrs. Savage, who attended the first two days of the trial, returned to Britain on Thursday.

The prosecution said that three Germans had behaved with extreme brutality. The plea was that the men had acted in self-defence.

Manchester United, League champions and Cup contenders, showed their superiority over Ipswich at Old Trafford today—but not in goals. With threequarters of the game gone, only Charlton had scored to put United one up. However, United added a second.

Manchester attacked strongly at the start, but found the defence in good form.

Ipswich had one good move in which outside-left Leadbetter and centre-forward Garnleys combined cleverly, but the danger was beaten off.

United should have taken the lead in the 10th minute, when Taylor drew the goalkeeper, but Charlton, at inside-right, shot over from less than ten yards.

Close passing

Ipswich moved the ball freely whereas Manchester United attempted the close passing game, which was useless.

Gregg, in Manchester's goal, made a brilliant save from Leadbetter, while Jones had to clear desperately when Millward was racing through.

Ipswich goalkeeper Bailey made good saves from Charlton and Colman.

Manchester almost had a goal when a back pass from centre-half Rees to his goalkeeper stuck in the mud, but Violett, after dribbling round two defenders, had his shot deflected.

United took the lead in the 40th minute.

CHARLTON beat goalkeeper Bailey with a rising left-footed drive, which hit the underside of the crossbar after a centre from Morgans, on the right, had been missed by full-back Acres as he slipped on the greasy turf.

Ipswich fought back and Rees had a shot deflected by a defender from a nice movement from Millward. This was their only chance before half-time.

Half-time: Manchester United 1, Ipswich Town 0.

Violett should have had a second goal in the 52nd minute, but his shot was finger-tipped away by the sprawling Bailey.

A 20-yard free-kick by Edwards was just lobbed over and a 35-yard drive by Taylor struck the upright.

Ipswich had their chances also, but there was a slowness and lack of punch in the forward line when the occasion arose.

Official attendance 53,550, receipts £7,286.

Spurs upset by 2 Sheffield goals

Second Division Sheffield United shook Spurs with a 60-second goal in the Cup game at White Hart Lane. **DEREK PACE**, centre-forward, beat two defenders to a through pass and slammed the ball under Ditchburn.

United scored a great second goal in nine minutes. Hills, following the ball over the touchline, kicked it up for the throw-in a fraction too soon.

GRAHAM SHAW'S free kick glanced off Russell's head and slithered past the diving Ditchburn. Half-time: Spurs 0, Sheffield U. 2.

OFFICIAL DIES, 3 HURT IN RALLY CRASH

A MONTE CARLO rally official was killed and three injured—two of them seriously—when their car plunged nearly 200 feet down a ravine near Gap, French Alps, last night, it was learned today.

The accident took place at a pass called the Col Saint Jean, near the village of Saint Vincent les Forts, south of Gap.

Two rally control cars were driving over the col when the second car skidded at a bend and plunged into the ravine.

Rescuers found one official dead and the three others injured.



Bobby Charlton opened the scoring for United.

Thaw moves fast, leaving slush, grime

THE thaw worked fast in Oldham today. Though there was still a "nip" in the air, the temperature at 10 o'clock had risen 10 degrees compared with the same time yesterday.

Yesterday it was 26 degrees. Today the figure was 36 degrees, and the rise away from freezing point had been more or less steady and continuous.

There is a "very slight possibility" of frost tomorrow night, but this may turn to rain or drizzle.

Main roads were clear this morning, though the week had left its toll of grime and slush, and in the town centre, melting snow dripped from the roofs of larger buildings. Large patches of hillside were visible in the Saddleworth area.

Men from Oldham Cleansing and Transport Department were this afternoon clearing snow from some of the more "difficult" secondary roads. "No interruption" was reported to either train or bus services.

Wolves hold the balance —and lead

PORTSMOUTH'S defence fell back in face of a terrific opening attack by the Wolverhampton forwards. Clamp shot wide early on. For all Wolves' pressure, however, the two best early chances came to Portsmouth's Crawford.

In the 16th minute Uprichard saved brilliantly a penalty kick taken by Clamp.

Wolves took a well-deserved lead in the 26th minute through MASON. When Mullen drove against the foot of a post Mason was there to tap the ball home.

Three minutes later **BROADBENT** put Wolves 2-0 up. His first shot came back off the legs of Uprichard who was playing extremely well but Broadbent made no mistake the second time.

Portsmouth, never entirely out of the game, hit back and in the 33rd minute the reduced the arrears.

From a well-placed free-kick by Dickinson young CRAWFORD put a neat header out of reach of Finlayson.

From another of Dickinson's free-kicks, Finlayson had to save well, but it was the Wolves who were largely dictating the attacking play.

Portsmouth had a stroke of luck when a shot from Mullen stuck on the mud and enabled Uprichard to clear.

Half-time: Wolves 2, Portsmouth 1.

DARLINGTON SHOCK CHELSEA—THEN LEVEL AT 3-3

On a saturated pitch following the thaw, Darlington, fourth from the bottom in the Third Division North, shocked Chelsea by taking the lead in the fourth minute.

HARBERTSON, their centre-forward, scored with a strong right-foot drive from an opening created by Furphy.

A bad defensive error helped Darlington to their second score. Morton seized on a faulty pass back, and with Matthews' drawn out, slipped the ball to CARR, who had plenty of time to walk the ball in. Half-time: Chelsea 0, Darlington 2.

The shocks for Chelsea continued.

In the 51st minute, right-winger MORTON flicked the ball past Matthews for a third Darlington goal, in which Bell played a big part.

Stung by this last blow, Chelsea swept down, and two minutes later J. LEWIS reduced the arrears with a goal from Brabrook's centre.

Chelsea equalised with two goals in three minutes by TINDALL and McNICHOL.



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BRIDGE QUIZ

By EWART KEMPSON

YOU are West. Both sides vulnerable; dealer North.

♠ K 7 2
 ♥ Q 10 6
 ♦ A Q 10 3
 ♣ K Q J
 ♠ A Q J 4
 ♥ A 5 3
 ♦ J
 ♣ A 9 8 5 2

North bids one no-trump and South's response of four hearts closes the auction. As West you lead the knave of diamonds, dummy's ace is played, East plays the two and South the five. On dummy's six of hearts East plays the two and South the king. After winning with the ace, which card should West lead and why?

My Solution: West should lead the queen of spades. The reason is that the declarer may be fearful that West has led a singleton diamond and he will do everything in his power to prevent East gaining the lead. It is therefore more than likely that the two of spades will be played from dummy. Here is the full deal:

♠ K 7 2
 ♥ Q 10 6
 ♦ A Q 10 3
 ♣ K Q J
 ♠ A Q J 4
 ♥ A 5 3
 ♦ J
 ♣ A 9 8 5 2
 ♠ 10 9 6 5
 ♥ 2
 ♦ 8 8 6 4 2
 ♣ 7 4 3
 ♠ 8 3
 ♥ K J 9 8 7 4
 ♦ K 7 5
 ♣ 10 6

Having made the queen of spades West must not tempt providence further but must cash the two black aces. If South happens to play dummy's king on West's queen of spades, West is no worse off than he would have been had he not tried the subterfuge.



BY THE STUDENT

THE first teaser should surprise the pessimists. Score two points for numbers one and two and one for number three. A score of four is good going.

TEASER NUMBER ONE

In what sport has England never been beaten in an international match?

TEASER NUMBER TWO

How many full-backs have scored a hat-trick in English soccer matches?

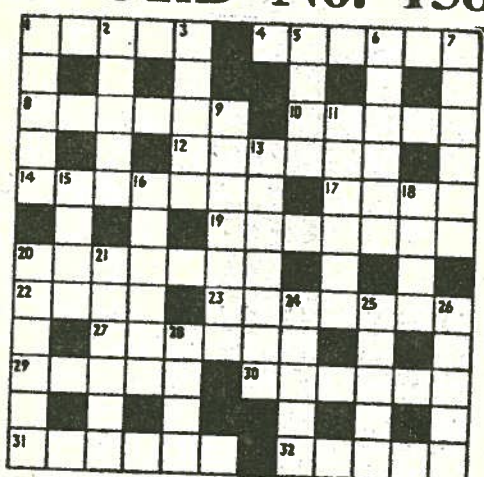
TEASER NUMBER THREE

Who is the youngest player ever to be selected for a cricket Test match?

Answers on Page 3.

CROSSWORD No. 1380

- ACROSS**
- Shipping (5).
 - Confound that allencer (6).
 - Mohammedan (6).
 - Ice house (5).
 - Serr (6).
 - Satisfied with what's inside? (7).
 - Bundle from Elba (4).
 - Mutilated in the telling (7).
 - Go and see a specialist? (7).
 - Folk eat one's green berry? (4).
 - Muse of music (7).
 - Out apart (6).
 - Large-headed match (5).
 - Lady of Spain (6).
 - Goblin (6).
 - Treated with medicine (5).



- DOWN**
- He tries to be funny (6).
 - It exudes from trees (5).
 - Girl in green (6).
 - Name shorter than Mavis (4).
 - Bit of snery (6).
 - Eaten into by the sea, maybe (6).
 - Having passed through the rollers, a thousand went fishing (7).
 - Talk inarticulately (6).
 - They have a stony stare as a rule (7).
 - Wind instrument (4).
 - Biological paper? (6).
 - What a boulder may do? (4).
 - Dover's are white (6).
 - Colonel who's half an ass! (6).
 - Inclination (5).
 - Oastles in the air! (5).
 - Animal, possibly laden (6).
 - Unadulterated (4).

FRIDAY'S SOLUTION.—Across: 3, Forecast. 8, Dame. 9, Schedule. 11, Nineteen. 13, Sets. 16, Disallow. 18, Litterate. 19, Sham. 21, Inclined. 25, Assessed. 26, Anon. 27, Opposite. Down: 1, Aden. 2, Omen. 4, Once. 5, Even. 6, Azure. 7, Tress. 9, Stall. 10, Helot. 12, Irish. 14, Title. 16, Lions. 17, Weald. 18, Shako. 20, Aesop. 21, Isis. 22, Cent. 23, Nine. 24, Dane.

BACK TO THE TWO-BOB MINIMUM—WITH CHANGES

Every racecourse to have its own tote is not a bad idea



KERSTIN, pictured here with S. Hayhurst up, is an entry for this year's Grand National, to be run at Aintree on March 29. Kerstin is an eight-year-old owned by Mr. G. H. Moore and trained by Major C. Bewicke at Alnwick, Northumberland.

THE agitation for a return to the two-shilling minimum on the totaliser is gaining strength, mainly because several racecourse executives which blame the raising of the figure to 4s. for decreases in attendance at their meetings have been loud in their outcry, writes The Ringer.

I have long stressed the fact that in the past English racecourses did not cater adequately for the new racing public. Years ago women were few at race meetings throughout the country, though the "club stands" always had their fluttering females with badges prominently displayed.

The other "rings" had few women, but now, due to a wider interest in horse racing by the average worker who has now a fuller wage packet than his predecessor, there is an intelligent interest in the sport by people who can, and do, "like a little flutter." A lot of this money found its way into the tote machines.

Add to this the fact that television, having given a bird's-eye view of paddock, ring and race—a jolly good view I consider—has won a lot of newcomers, who can find in racing a pleasant afternoon's relaxation with the chance of a small wager on their fancy.

Now Mrs. Topham, of the Liverpool course, is suggesting that each racecourse should run its own tote, as in other countries. Perhaps that isn't a bad idea for the hidebound of the present controllers—the Racecourse Betting Board—who should long ago have been made to give ear to modern requirements.

The tote's popularity will increase when it adopts more popular combinations, such as tote doubles, trebles and play-ups on any races on the card—at present the tote double is fixed beforehand on two races.

It should not be impossible to evolve a "jackpot" investment on all races on the day's card. This accumulator idea has caught on in Australia where, at times, it has

paid pool-like dividends. If the working out of a "jack-pot" dividend on all races tended to delay people after the last race has been run it could be tried out as a four or five-timer so that the result could be more quickly decided.

Taken at random, here is one day's racing at Wolverhampton last season—Race No. 1 13s. 10d.; No. 2 6s. 8d.; No. 3 17s. 5d.; No. 4 2s. 3d.; No. 5 26s.; No. 6 55s. 8d. Stakes are included in all tote returns, but imagine the "divi" on a treble, four-timer or accumulator on even these moderate figures.

Certainly development of a tote on these lines could add interest to racing and fill in that 30-minute void which we must suffer on the course.

Racing should take place at Nottingham and Plumpton on Monday, when Major C. Bewicke, the Alnwick, Northumberland, trainer, is expected to land a double with Barrass Bridge and Border Bandit, his only two runners on the Nottingham card.

Barrass Bridge has only to reproduce his Haydock Park form to win the opening event, and Border Bandit has been moving exceptionally well at home. He should win the Wollaton Chase over three miles on Monday.

The Epsom-trained Mazurka may win the Four-year-old Hurdle at Plumpton from M. Pope's Encora at level weights, and Monsieur Beaucaire II looks the pick of the Lewes Handicap Chase.

Next week's racing fixtures.—Monday, Nottingham and Plumpton. Tuesday, Nottingham, Wednesday and Thursday, Kempton Park. Friday, Doncaster and Windsor. Saturday, Doncaster, Windsor, Sedgfield and Stratford-on-Avon.

TOPICS AT THE NINETEENTH HOLE

Croquet style in putting

THE success of Colonel Anthony Duncan, the former Walker Cup captain, and Wales's international leader for many seasons, in the recent President's Putter tournament of Oxford and Cambridge Golfing Society at Rye was a triumph for the orthodox putting style.

Leading critics have acclaimed Duncan as the best player of the short game in the country. If Duncan is unusual, it is only in that he takes so little time in the execution of all his strokes, from the drive to the last putt.

A wonderful eye and a steady hand, helped by a fine temperament which brings out the best in him in a crisis, would seem to be the answer to the Welshman's exceptional skill on the greens.

TWO players of repute who have turned to the croquet method of putting are John Beck, the captain of the Royal and Ancient Golf Club, and Leonard Crawley, the former British and English international.

The former was always a good putter but seems to have acquired a rare skill with a mallet-headed upright putter which he swings be-

tween his legs croquet fashion. But Crawley, despite his claims, appears as likely to miss the short ones in a crisis as he ever did.

Tom Sharp, the former Oxford Blue from Manchester, who was a semi-finalist at Rye has, however, improved his putting by adopting the reverse hand grip.

He copied the style from his father five years ago when the orthodox putting grip failed him.

THE use of this croquet style should be investigated by St. Andrews into how far this departs from the traditional methods of play.

St. Andrews have always been keen to deplore any such departure and the fact that the new idea seems to be very successful is not necessarily a point in its favour.

A golfer standing and swinging in the normal way, with shaft fixed at the ordinary angle, must judge whether his putter blade is square to the line on which he wants the ball to travel.

With the vertical shaft and the square mallet head used like a croquet stick he can "sight" the putter face with much greater accuracy, and inevitably the use of such a club in such a way reduces the element of skill.

Putting is the easiest part of the game, out of proportion to the difficulty of other strokes, and golfers should be careful how far they allow themselves to make it still easier.

ALTHOUGH the year is young over £200 has already been received by the English Gold Union under its new "shilling a head" scheme.

To augment its fund the Union has replaced its former subscription of £2 per affiliated club with the "Bob a Nob" plan. Given full support throughout the country the new scheme could swell the union income from clubs from £2,200 to approximately £7,500 and enable the Council to fulfil all its commitments.

"We are pleased with the support already shown," said Captain George Folkard, the Union secretary. "One donation which has given us particular pleasure is that of 15 guineas—and the promise to make it an annual contribution—from the Royal Jersey Club."

WIND SCARED THE FISH AWAY

TWO annual general meetings of Angling Associations were held last week of great importance to local anglers. But at the meeting of the Ashton and Oldham Association only 30 members attended out of an adult membership of 465.

At this meeting held at the Help the Poor Struggler Hotel, Hollinwood on Wednesday, the president of the Association, Mr. C. Stead, opened the meeting by giving a brief summary of the last year's events, and informed members that the Association had sustained a financial loss.

Mr. R. Bancroft was later elected general secretary, so individual club secretaries should get in touch with him at 8 Library Lane, Oldham, for all matters concerning the Ashton and Oldham Association.

The meeting continued without undue excitement or controversy until the final point on the agenda, and after some energetic hand raising voting on the following venues were fixed for the 1958 matches.

The places shown in brackets are the alternative venues in case arrangements cannot be made at the original venues.

Members' match, January 27. River Derwent at Malton, (River Trent at Holme Marsh).

Sidest match (team match), August 31. River Trent at Holme Marsh, (Canal at Market Drayton.)

The President's Cup Match, September 21. The Keady Canal, Lincolnshire, (River Derwent at Sutton, Yorkshire.)

The other annual meeting was the Northwich and District Joint Anglers' Association which I attended last Saturday, along with Mr. R. Bancroft.

The main highlights from this meeting were that in 1958, the

Angling Notes by KB

matches known as the Guardian Cup contest and the Greenall and Whitley Shield contest, will not be held. The Northwich Anglers have sustained a loss of in the teens of pounds on these matches for several years.

It was however revealed that a newspaper had asked the club to organise a match in 1958, to which they would put up prize money amounting to £100, plus trophies for individual winners and winning teams.

All match arrangements on Northwich waters will in future be dealt with by the new assistant secretary Mr. R. Lambert, of 199, London Road, Northwich.

Big ones didn't . . .

The Central Anglers will hold their next meeting on January 28th at their new headquarters the Pack Horse, West Street.

They have been having some good bags this year so far. On January 12, they visited Swinehead and enjoyed the day, fishing in sunshine.

The secretary tells me it is many a day since he saw so many fish. E. Humphries had a good net full of roach with a total weight of 91lbs. Roach up to 11lb, and bream, 11lb, were being caught.

On Sunday they tried a new venue, and visited Five Mile House. It was lovely water, but unfortunately there was a strong wind blowing all day and this seemed to put the fish off.

Tomorrow Central Anglers are off to Tattersall and Chapel Hill. The pike prize this week is £4 for a sizeable pike and interested anglers should get in touch with Mr. N. Whitworth, 3, Stottfield, Royton.

BOBBY DAZZLER . . . By Tom Kerr



Big swimming gala: chasing ice-dance title: sportsmen's service

CHADDERTON SWIMMING CLUB, ever ready to assist worthy causes, are staging a swimming gala, water polo match, and several interesting exhibitions at Chadderton Baths on Monday evening in aid of the Lancashire Playing Fields Association.

The gala manager is their energetic secretary, Mr. E. Berry, who has been fortunate enough to obtain the services of Lescardie, the escapologist, who recently appeared on TV in "Bid for Fame." There will also be a demonstration by Howard Bentham, junior breast-stroke champion of England, and another demonstration by the Lancashire County Police life-saving team.

For the first time in the district the South-East Lancashire Sub-Aqua Club will also give an exhibition and will include the locals who recently went to the aid of the potholers who got stranded in an underground cave.

There are four open swimming events for women and men and also a squadron race between six Sea Cadets and Boy Scouts teams from



Barbara Thompson and Gerald Rigby.

interested in during their school-days.

They would then have a sport during the winter similar to those already provided for by the Net-ball League. There is a special meeting at Harford Youth Centre on February 3 (7.30 p.m.).

THE South-East Lancs Sub-Aqua Club, ever ready to spread the gospel of their particular activities, are to follow up the success of their evening at Harford Youth Centre three months ago.

They visit Townfield Youth Centre on Monday evening to give a special demonstration of undersea swimming equipment, with two films of undersea swimming activities, plus a talk by Mr. J. C. Hilton. All young people—members or not—are cordially invited to be present.

CENTRE-FORWARD Tom Johnston's goal-scoring feats this season are not only thrilling Leyton Orient but the sons of the players as well.

In four games Johnston, who used to play for Oldham Athletic, scored three goals or more and on each occasion he has been given the match ball.

On Christmas Day he slammed four past the Rotherham goalkeeper and the ball went to outside-right Phil White's son as a present. After Johnston's three against Bristol City the ball went to the son of captain Phil McKnight.

MIRROR OF SPORT

Oldham, Chadderton, Royton and Crompton. In the men's 60-yard free-style, Brian Lord will be swimming against such well-known strong opposition as E. Hall, L. Durr, R. Green, V. Walsh (Manchester), K. Shaw (County Police), B. Wright (Chadderton), F. Kilroy and R. Hallworth. There is also a 120-yards men's free-style event.

THE Northern Counties Amateur ice-dancing champions—Miss Barbara Thompson, of 313 Windsor Road, Oldham, and Gerard Rigby, of City Road, St. Helens—have been selected to represent Britain in the European Ice-Dance Championships at Bratislava, Czechoslovakia, from January 29 to February 2. They go on from there to compete for the world championships in Paris, which start on February 12.

Last year they were placed second in the European Championship and fifth in the world events. Barbara says: "We hope to win the European title this year, and do better in the world championship. But it is impossible to predict our position yet, as we have no idea whom we will be competing against."

TOMORROW is sportsmen's day at Edge Lane Road Methodist Church. In the afternoon a special service will be held with prominent local sportsmen taking part.

Oldham FC winger, John Etty, is the guest speaker. A keen Methodist, John plays a very active part in his own Batley church. Speaking from the pulpit will not be a strange experience for him.

Lessons will be read by Mr. Frank Ridgway, Rugby League vice-chairman and Oldham official, together with Mr. Tom Webb, the local historian, who has a special love for the game of Rugby League.

Presiding over this eighth sportsmen's service will be the Edge Lane Methodist Church minister, the Rev. W. McKee, who is hoping that the service which begins at 2.30 p.m. will be fully attended.

AT present the Oldham Women's Hockey League is comprised of about six teams, and the officials are anxious to recruit new or fresh teams. There is ample scope for a full programme of league and cup matches during the winter months, and they are willing to help to train any additional teams for next season.

They hope to arrange indoor train-

ing sessions during this spring and summer for any organisations interested. This certainly is a step in the right direction and could provide the girls in youth organisations with facilities for a sport which many of them have been

Saturday story for children Miss Browne's snowman

IF it hadn't been for the chance to take a walk in the snow the twins, Terry and Berry, would have grumbled like mad about having to call at Miss Browne's, but mother said the magazine money must be taken in this week.

"She's a crosspatch," said Terry, "tells you off about your manners, and about balls going over her garden wall."

Oh dear, no-one seems to have a kind word for Miss Browne," said Mother, "She does a lot of good work, and I sometimes think she's misunderstood."

"Who'd want to understand Miss Browne?" said Terry pertly.

"That will do," said Mother. The children ran off on their errand, walking in the snowdrifts as they went to Green Cottage. The ten-year-olds looked bright and cosy, with their rosy faces and red and white school scarves.

"Granny says Miss Browne was brought up very strictly. Her father was a colonel and made them all obey," said Berry.

"I bet they had to form fours when they all came down to breakfast!" chuckled Terry, "Gosh, here we are already."

"Don't say Gosh," admonished Berry.

"You sound like Miss Browne now," Terry said mockingly.

The children knocked at the cream-painted door of Green Cottage but no-one answered. They decided to try the back door, but when they went down the path they could see into the garden, and there they came upon a surprising scene.

Miss Browne in a shapeless old raincoat, Wellingtons, a battered tweed hat and huge mittens, was digging in the snow. And the astonished children saw that she was making a snowman.

Miss Browne, the sharp, unsmiling Miss Browne, was making a SECRET SNOWMAN. All by herself in her well-screened back garden.

And what a grand snowman.

Nearly five feet tall and very solid. And he was wearing an old top hat and a scarf. As the children came upon the scene Miss Browne stepped back to view the result of her labours.

Then she turned and saw the children.

And for once Miss Browne had no sharp remark to make.

Berry quailed and felt that Miss Browne was too mad to speak. But Terry decided that Miss Browne was a bit shaken because somebody had seen her making the snowman. Luckily, he said the right thing.

"Gosh! Miss Browne—it's wonderful! The most wonderful snowman I've ever seen."

Miss Browne seemed to recover her poise. "Gosh" is a slang expression, Terry," she pointed out first, adding "So you like my snowman? Good, I think he's not so bad myself."

"Can we help you now?" asked Terry, and next thing the twins were helping Miss Browne. They advised her about the snowman's face, and looked for pebbles for his eyes, and Terry fixed his pipe in place firmly.

"You must keep my snowman a dead secret," said Miss Browne, who suddenly seemed to have become quite human. "I always make one. You see, I had a lot of brothers and sisters—there were eight of us, and we all used to help our father—the colonel—to make the snowman. I like to keep up the custom although I'm the only one left."

Miss Browne fell silent . . . perhaps she was thinking of that troop of merry children, gone long ago.

Then suddenly she gave the twins another shock. "Let us have some tea," she said, "I'm sure you are very cold and damp now."

She led the way indoors, and soon the twins were sitting near a cosy fire, having tea with the formidable Miss Browne, who somehow didn't seem formidable at all now. And all because of the Snowman.

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THEATRE NEWS by C. W. INGHAM

STARS WHO IGNORE MRS. WORTHINGTON'S ADVICE

MORE and more the West End theatre is becoming a family affair. The stars take absolutely no notice of Noel Coward's tuneful advice, "Don't put your daughter on the stage, Mrs. Worthington."

Probably they think he's done all right in the theatre and should keep his cynical mouth shut. Anyway, none of the stars is called Worthington.

Whatever the reasons, you recall without effort Margaret Lockwood and Toots; Thora Hird and Janette Scott, and Clive Brook and Faith. Now up pop Michael Redgrave and Vanessa.

Margaret Lockwood and Toots are together in "Peter Pan" at the Scala. The Redgraves are joining forces in N. C. Hunter's "A Touch of the Sun," at the Saville on January 31.

What have they to say in mitigation? Daughter Redgrave: "I forget about my father when I'm on stage."

Papa Redgrave: "I don't see my daughter when I'm acting." All so coldly unrelated. But audiences will notice both of them at once. They're so alike.

No matter what he says, Papa Redgrave will be watching Daughter Redgrave. It is her first West End appearance and, apart from drama school, she's had only a few weeks' experience in rep.

True, they have just finished playing father and daughter in a film called "The Paok." But everything comes much harder in a theatre than in a studio.

Daughter Redgrave is unlucky enough to become 21 on January 30. Unlucky? Yes, because instead of a smashing party she'll be busy rehearsing for her first night on the following day.

All advance accounts of "A Touch of the Sun" are good. That makes it a pity that Papa Redgrave will have to leave. He plays Hamlet at Stratford on June 3.

And doubly a pity, really, because Redgrave has the role of a schoolmaster—and he was a schoolmaster before he took up acting. London is seeing him for the first time since he went to America two years ago.

"A TOUCH OF THE SUN" replaces "The Egg" at the Saville. This means that Nigel Patrick leaves the longest part in the West End—but not for a holiday.

Hard-working Mr. Patrick will direct a new comedy-thriller, "No Way To Kill," which starts at Brighton on February 17. Wilfrid Hyde White is the star.

The author is Arthur Watkyn. You may recall his play, "For Bet-



THE shapely limbs that helped Christine Yates to win two beauty titles now twinkle in pantomime at the Theatre Royal, Bath, Somerset, where she is playing principal boy in "Mother Goose."

Christine, 21, and formerly a school teacher, was "Miss Llandudno" of 1957 and "Miss Wales" of 1955. Her home is at Llandudno, North Wales.

REDGRAVE, TUTIN, WITHERS BOOKED FOR STRATFORD

HIGHLIGHTS of this year's season at the Shakespeare Memorial Theatre, Stratford-upon-Avon, will be Michael Redgrave as Hamlet and Benedick; Richard Johnson and Dorothy Tutin as Romeo and Juliet; and Google Withers as Beatrice. The season, which will run for 34 weeks from April 8, will have as directors Glen Byam Shaw, Peter Hall, Tony Richardson and Douglas Seale. It will open with "Romeo and Juliet."

The complete list of plays is: "Romeo and Juliet," "Twelfth Night," "Hamlet," "Pericles" and "Much Ado About Nothing."

Other leading artists will be Geraldine McEwan, Rachel Kempson and Angela Baddeley, with Mark Dignam, Cyril Luckham, Anthony Nicholls, Patrick Wymark, Donald Eccles, Ron Haddrick, Paul Hardwick, Michael Meacham (late of Oldham Rep.) and Edward Woodward.

In addition to those mentioned above, parts already cast include Google Withers as the Queen in "Hamlet"; Dorothy Tutin as Ophelia and Viola; Angela Baddeley as the Nurse in "Romeo and Juliet" and The Bawd in "Pericles"; Geraldine McEwan as Olivia in "Twelfth Night," Marina in "Pericles" and Hero in "Much Ado About Nothing"; and Rachel Kempson as Lady Capulet, Dionya in "Pericles" and Ursula in "Much Ado About Nothing."

This will be the 99th Shakespeare season at Stratford-upon-Avon.

ter, For Worse," which ran so long at the Comedy.

Arthur Watkyn's real name is A. T. L. Watkin. He used to be film censor before becoming vice-president of the British Film Producers' Association.

NOW for a violinist whose notes get so high up the scale that "he breaks electric light bulbs and glasses." I wish I could spell his name for you.

He is a gipsy, a member of the Rumanian company of dancers and instrumentalists who started a four-weeks' season at the Princes on Monday.

The whole party seem pretty full of fire. None of the 25 of them is over 20 and their dancing is "so explosive that it makes the front rows flinch"—according to Paris critics.

HELPING hand at the Royal Court: Sir Frederick Hooper, managing director of Schweppes, has arranged for his firm to underwrite the production costs of "The Spirit of My Mad Mother," on February 25.

They guarantee up to £1,000—and don't want any of the profits. It's a case of industry doing its best for art.

Answers To Sports Teasers

TEASER NUMBER ONE

Squash rackets—so that's one international record we can be proud of.

TEASER NUMBER TWO

Three. They are: George Milburn, for Chesterfield v. Sheffield Wednesday, 1947; Joe Willets, for Hartlepool v. Darlington, 1951, and Stan Lynn, for Aston Villa v. Sunderland, 1958.

TEASER NUMBER THREE

Nasimul Ghani, for Pakistan v. West Indies at Bridgetown last week. He is 16 years and 243 days old. Pakistan believe in catching them young.

British horror is earning dollars

AMERICA, who were first in the horror film business—didn't they give us Boris Karloff as several monsters, the late Bela Lugosi as Dracula, Lon Chaney?—is now paying good money for horror from Britain. "The Curse of Frankenstein" has made £1,000,000 in the States. Hammer Films, the British makers, have a long programme ready of more potential dollar-earners.

The company has just completed three British films—all for major American distribution companies. And now it announces a production programme of nine films which will keep its studios at Bray working non-stop well into 1959.

"There's no crisis in our industry which the right kind of films—and plenty of them—won't cure," declares the managing director, James Carreras. "We were the first to gauge correctly the public appetite for horror films. Good, well-made horror films, that is,

"So we made 'Quatermass Experiment' and it broke a lot of records. Then we followed up with 'The Curse of Frankenstein,' and this shattered box-office records right across the world.

"But to be successful, to remain fresh and vigorous, a film company has always to look ahead. So when audiences have had their fill of horror we are geared and ready to switch to a new formula at a moment's notice. We have the stories and scripts in reserve ready to meet any fresh trend."

The three completed films, none of which has yet been publicly shown, are:—

"The Camp on Blood Island," an exposé and an indictment of Japanese war crimes to be released throughout the world by Columbia. It stars Andre Morell.

"The Snorkel," a thriller starring Peter van Eyck, Betta St. John, and Mandy Miller, also for Columbia release.

A new version of "Dracula," in colour, starring Peter Cushing and Christopher Lee, for release by Universal-International.

Hammer celebrated New Year's Day by putting into production at Bray for Columbia release a sequel to its successful "The Curse of Frankenstein." This is "The Revenge of Frankenstein," in colour, with Peter Cushing and Eunice Gayson.

In March, Hammer will begin shooting a remake, in colour, of R. L. Stevenson's horror classic, "Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde." This will be followed by "The Night Creatures," an eerie story from the novel "I Am Legend," by Richard Matheson, who wrote "The Incredible Shrinking Man."

In midsummer there will be a re-

INGRID BERGMANN, now filming "Indiscreet" at Associated British Elstree Studios, knows a book she would like to film but no producers will look at it because it's even bigger than "Gone With the Wind."

Its title—"Christian—Daughter of Lavranst," by Seigrd Anset.

"It's so heavy," said Ingrid, "I had to use a special book rest when I was reading it!"



MEET James Robertson Justice on his own ground—the moors near his Scottish home—and you will generally find him indulging in his favourite hobby, training falcons. Justice, whose latest film was "Campbell's Kingdom," made at Pinewood and on location in Italy, loves to wear his kilt when "off duty" from the cameras.

make of the thriller, "The Man in Half Moon Street." It will be made by Hammer in colour for distribution by Paramount.

Films of three well-known novels will follow in quick succession. They "Brat Farrar," Josephine Tey's story of a strange impersonation; "Build Us a Dam," from Jon Manchip White's drama about the building of a dam in Tanganyika; "Charter to Danger," Eliot Reed's thriller set in the Mediterranean; and "Chorus of Echoes," from the suspense novel by Elliston Trevor.



THE gay and sophisticated Catherine Feller—hailed by TV critics as "Britain's Brigitte Bardot"—has just finished making her first film, "The Gypsy and the Gentleman." Catherine, aged 18, was born in a coffee shop on the Eiffel Tower. She now lives with an actress friend in a smart Baker Street flat.

Her theatrical ambition is "to play wicked and sexy parts." "The Gypsy and the Gentleman" is the tale of one man's destruction in the arms of a voluptuous, corrupting woman. Merlina Mercuri, the new Greek star, is the woman. Keith Michell, Britain's latest romantic discovery, is the man. Co-starring is Flora Robson, and the cast includes Patrick McGeehan, June Laverick and Lyndon Brook.

Paulette Goddard's wedding is 'on' again

THE on-off-on-off marriage of Paulette Goddard to the author Erich Maria Remarque is on again. Paulette has given up a stage role in Detroit to fly to New York to be with Remarque and they plan to marry "in the near future."

If the "will she, won't she" actress will, it will be her fourth marriage. Her previous marriages were to millionaire Edward James, Charles Chaplin and Burgess Meredith.

Remarque has been married twice to the same woman, Jean Zambone. Their first marriage ended



'Farewell To Arms' rivals his G.W.T.W

DAVID O. SELZNICK, who was responsible for "Gone With the Wind," the most successful film ever made, is likely to beat his own record.

His first film for nine years, "A Farewell to Arms," adapted from Ernest Hemingway's best-seller, is drawing the public in the United States to such an extent that, if its present momentum is maintained, it will outstrip Selznick's previous record-breaker.

"A Farewell to Arms," tells of the romance between an American ambulance driver, played by Rock Hudson and a British Red Cross nurse (Jennifer Jones) who fall deeply in love with each other during the First World War.

It is one of the most poignant love stories ever written and stemmed from a personal experience involving the author.

On the night of July 8, 1918, an Austrian mortar shell burst in an Italian dugout, killing three soldiers and sending 237 pieces of shrapnel into the body of an American Red Cross man who had come to hand out coffee and cigarettes, but more particularly to see the war with the universal feeling of youth that he was indestructible; for Hemingway was not yet nineteen.

The Big Wound

Each July he still keeps the anniversary of what he calls the Big Wound.

The Big Wound is the central fact of his life. In it Hemingway found the personal code that is his working philosophy; from it has flowed all the writing that has won

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in divorce in 1932; they were re-married in 1938 and divorced again in 1957.

Remarque recently returned to New York from West Germany where he made his acting debut in Universal-International's screen adaptation of his war novel, "A Time to Love and a Time to Die," for which he also wrote the screenplay.

He is now preparing his Berlin success, "The Last Station," for presentation on Broadway.

'All Quiet On . . .'

Remarque was born in Hanover and, at 18, was drafted into the German Army during the First World War. After the war he became—in succession—a school-teacher, small-town drama critic, part-time organist in an insane asylum, tombstone salesman, racing driver and editor of a sports magazine.

In his spare time he worked on a novel: "All Quiet on the Western Front." It was published in Germany in 1928 and became an international success, selling over a million copies in Germany alone. Universal-International's adaptation of the story in 1930 became a screen classic.

When Hitler came to power, Remarque left Germany and settled in Switzerland. In 1939 he went to America and became a US citizen in 1947. Of the eight novels he has written, six have so far been made into pictures.

"A Time to Love and a Time to Die," filmed in colour and CinemaScope and starring John Gavin and Lisa Pulver, is now nearing completion.

him acclaim as the greatest American novelist of his century and directly out of this experience he wrote "A Farewell to Arms."

Yet he calls his book his "Romeo and Juliet." It is hardly strange that this story which comes directly out of battle, out of the Big Wound, should be a love story. With the young the great theme of war has always been inseparable from the greater theme of love.

HOLLYWOOD'S COSTLIEST EMBRACE

HOLLYWOOD'S biggest, costliest, most spectacular (and wettest) embrace took place at the 20th Century-Fox studios, not by an actor and actress, but by two ships of war locked in mortal embrace.

The incident occurs during a



sequence in Dick Powell's production, "The Enemy Below."

The ships were the US destroyer escort skippered by Robert Mitchum and a U-boat of which Curt Jurgens is the captain.

This is the exciting climax to the film. It concerns a battle of wits between Mitchum and Jurgens.

Tracking the U-boat, the destroyer drops depth charges, which force the U-boat to submerge to the bottom of the ocean.

Cat and mouse

The destroyer captain stops his engines—and waits, hoping that the submarine commander will think that his enemy has given up the chase.

But the U-boat commander has also been studying his enemy's tactics and before he decides to surface, he lets loose his torpedoes which hit the destroyer amidships.

The tense cat-and-mouse game continues with Mitchum ordering bedding to be placed at strategic positions on the deck and set alight, so as to make Jurgens believe that the destroyer is ablaze and out of control—and the trick comes off.

When the U-boat surfaces the destroyer rams her, and both ships go to the bottom.

"The Enemy Below" is one of the most gripping sea films of the war ever to reach the screen.

ORSON WELLES BUSY AT FOX

ORSON WELLES, who recently completed a co-starring role in the Jerry Wald production of William Faulkner's "The Long, Hot Summer" at 20th Century-Fox, will return to the studio in a few weeks to star in another Wald production, "The Best of Everything."

Welles will play the arrogant editor of a chain of newspapers in "The Best of Everything," based on a novel by Rona Jaffe, to be published in the United States in March.

It tells the story of six young

'Pal Joey' makes a film star of Snuffy

FRANK SINATRA doesn't seem to find the scenery congenial—neither does Snuffy. They have turned their backs on the shapely legs of the "Pal Joey" chorus line.

The film version of the successful musical, which stars Sinatra with Rita Hayworth and Kim Novak, has made a canine star out of Snuffy a tramp of a dog found accidentally during casting.

Sinatra plays a "heel" with a marked penchant for women. He finds a strange, lovable travelling companion in Snuffy.

Snuffy, a half-breed Cairn Terrier was a stray dog heading for the gas chamber if unclaimed in seven days. At the city pound, Bert Morse, the chief animal inspector for Los Angeles, took a fancy to him, read about the search for a film-star dog and entered Snuffy.

The final scene in this canine Cinderella story took place in an exclusive Beverley Hills delicatessen where nine finalists from 10,000 letters and photographs were judged.

The dogs had to eat breakfasts with Sinatra to see which one responded best to the requirements. Sinatra took to Snuffy from the outset. The dog measured up to requirements and now he not only steals scenes from the stars of "Pal Joey" but he is lined up for future films.

GIANT MAN IS STARRED IN A GIANT FILM

ED WOLFF, a mammoth veteran of the tent shows, who is 7ft. 4in. tall, always yearned for film work, and he has done some. But never before has he had a role in which he is the motivating character.

Now as the monstrous automaton in Paramount's science-fiction drama, "The Colossus of New York," Ed attains his ambition.

There is hardly a key scene in the picture that Ed's bulk does not dominate, what with his structure and 23st. 8lb. plus the mechanical costume which weighs another 11st., since it is geared with death-ray devices, batteries, motors, wiring and all that!

No two ways about it, he is a spectacular figure as he blasts and bastinades through scene after scene on the sound stages, laying waste property and citizens alike.

But something is marring Ed's pleasure, and it is not the total disguise, or lack of Ed Wolff identity. It is that heavy, roomless armour in which Ed is sealed in as tightly as in a cocoon.

This is what is wrong—oppression.

Wrong as anything could be under the circumstances.

Ed, you see, suffers from claustrophobia.

SPUTNIK I (now non-existent) finally made the grade and will appear in a Hollywood feature film—in CinemaScope and colour too.

Columbia Pictures "Gunman's Walk" company, on location in the desert near Tucson, Arizona, was finishing for the day last month with a sunset shot when Sputnik I's rocket flashed across the sky at about 20 degrees.

The director kept the scene between Van Heflin and Tab Hunter going as the satellite streaked across the desert sky for a full three minutes, then yelled "print it" for both the actors and Sputnik.

women trying to make their way in the business world following graduation from college.

Lee Remick, who portrays Welles's daughter-in-law in "The Long, Hot Summer" and Hope Lange, one of the eight stars in "Feyton Place," have also been cast.

Meanwhile, Welles is completing his modern version of "Don Quixote," for which he wrote the script. In it he produces, directs, and stars with Akim Tamiroff and Patty Lou McCormick.

ANY FOOL CAN BE A PROMOTER

... but I wouldn't be in anything else

ANY fool can be a fight promoter. All you need is money, luck, money, optimism, money, fine weather, money, good fighters, money, a strong constitution and money. Maybe you'll get yourself a percentage, but more likely you will finish up a dead duck. You will make friends, enemies, and a fortune for the guy who manufactures your favourite tranquiliser pills.

People often ask me how I got started in the gore and glory lark. Easy: I did my dough first time out, on August 20, 1934. Should I forget such a date?

It was dear old Joe Morris, a well-known manager of the day, who gave me the line that him and me should partnerise our pennies and promote a British bantam-weight championship fight between Dick Corbett and Johnny King at Clapton Stadium.

Me, I am selling fish at Stoke Newington at the time and minding my own business. But that Morris, he works it out on paper so we both make a fortune if we price the house at £1 ls. to 1s. 10d. So we do—and so I lose £275, which is a lot of fish.

Costly invitation

It was at that Clapton show, I remember, that I first learned about how not to start issuing invitations that cost you money, personal. Nipper Fred Morris was fighting one of the preliminary bouts. We glove him up in the dressing room, then there is a delay, Nipper gets the needle, throws his mitts away, and eventually arrives in the ring in his bare fists. And we got no spares in those days.

So Buster Cohen, our MC, climbs up and announces: "Will somebody please bring Nipper Morris's gloves to the ringside?"

I know better now. Before you could say Jack Solomons, some of the lads in the one-and-tenpennies, hiding imaginary "gloves" under their coats, were walking into the guinea seats. Any steward who

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sought to stop them was told: "Don't mess about. I've got Nipper Morris's gloves."

Nowadays, of course, I've got things organised right tight, at Harringay, Earls Court, White City and points west, but that doesn't mean the knockers never get in for free.

No door, no padlock, and no ticket plan will keep them out—and, having been broke myself when I wanted to see a fight in the old days, I must confess to a certain sneaking regard for the boys who beat down all barriers with their brains.

I caught one of them round the ring at one of my recent shows and made a deal. "Look, Bitsey," I said. "I know you're broke and I know you never paid to get in here. Tell me how it was done and you can stay."

"Dead easy, gov'nor" replied Bitsey. "I see two blokes come up to the gate with three tickets. The show's started, so they hand over all three, walk in, and ask the doorman to hold the third 'brief' until their friend Mr. So-and-So from Peterborough calls for it."

"So what can I do, gov'nor? I turn my coat collar up, tell the geezer on the gate I'm Mr. So-and-So, and he hands me over the docket."

Then, of course, there are the scalpers, who buy up seats and gamble on the demand at double and even treble prices. Wembley



particu-ar occasion. In other words, I try to use the experts as guinea-pigs for the public.

You need a hall, and staff, and printing, and publicity, and supporting bouts, and no promoter gets by without free-loaders who only remember your health when you got a fight coming up. But these are incidentals. None of them are much good by themselves if your main event tuns out to be what my American friends call a rhubarb. Your "top" has got to be tops—or else.

If you are lucky, you get Bill Bludgeon versus Sid Slick. If you are unlucky (and that's the way you'll be, chum), then Bludgeon's manager will talk in telephone numbers for wages; or else he'll say poor Bill is sick, or getting married, or can't be bothered with a sucker like Slick.

So then, if you've got brains, you sort out some other fighter who's already beaten the reluctant Bludgeon to take his place. The only good substitute in the fight business is one who's better than the original.

Lesson No. 1

By the way, if you're matching a champion and a challenger, get the champion's signature first, Lesson No. 1.

You price your house, you keep your fighters healthy in their training camps (you may even have to supply sparring partners), you spend sleepless nights worrying about the big night, and you put a sickly grin on your face when friends tell you what a big shot you are. Always tell the world that your fighters are the best that money can buy—and tell yourself, too, while you're at it.

But whatever you do, you can't make Bludgeon v Slick the greatest fight of all time. If they do their stuff, you can give them a bonus and start worrying about the next performance. If they don't, the fans will offer the slow handclap and the critics will kill you and call you everything from a baby snatcher to a licenced pickpocket.

Boxers get paid, managers get paid, referees get paid. Promoters take gambles—with their own money.

During the time that Entertainment Tax was 33½ per cent, I dropped some £50,000. But I've had my good nights. Remember that 1951 occasion that Randy Turpin won the middle-weight championship of the world off Sugar Ray Robinson? I had to guarantee Old Sugar £27,000 for that little outing—but I made money.

Five-figure fees

The only reason I was able to offer Gus Lesnevich £22,500 for his second world cruiser-weight defence against Freddie Mills was because Frank Gentle, of the Greyhound Racing Association, my "landlord," offered me the White City free.

Then, five days before the show, the tax was reduced from 33½ to 26 per cent. Frank got his rent, Freddie got his world title, and I got a few cigars. That was one of the nice nights.

But how can you tell? Lesnevich v Mills for the cruiser-weight championship of the world brings me cake, Archie Moore v Yolande Pompey for the very same title brings me pain, suffering, and a dirty great debit of £7,500.

Randy Turpin and Charles Humez of France collected £17,000 when they fought each other for me on percentage. Bruce Woodcock drew that kind of money more than once—and how can I talk about big-fight promotion without mentioning Bruce?

Woodcock got lost

It was Woodcock's winning battle with Jack London on the Tottenham Hotspur football ground on July 17, 1945, that put me at the top of the class as a promoter of fights and a swallower of pills.

Why, it seems only yesterday that Woodcock got lost in London the night before the fight, and was found, quite accidentally, by my wife... and that Jack London's car got stuck in the traffic and only arrived at Tottenham just before the "off."

How well I remember rushing out into the road to look for him, and then being refused entry into my own show by one of my own gate-keepers.

Ah, well, it all adds up to a laugh and a lifetime. Maybe I don't sleep so well at times, but I wouldn't be in any other business. Just give me an occasional champ among the chumps, and I'll promise to be around for quite some time. Please see posters for my next performance. The fight of the century—guaranteed!

Next week... "HOW PROFESSIONAL BOXING IS CONTROLLED" by the Board of Control chairman, J. ONSLOW FANE

Dr. T. W. Sherratt, of the Oldham Schools Health Service, has been appointed Assistant Divisional Medical Officer to Division 14 of the Lancashire County Council.



GUS LESNEVICH (above) was offered £22,500 and SUGAR RAY ROBINSON (below) was guaranteed £27,000.



Sir John is Taverners' president

Sir John Barbirolli has accepted an invitation to be president of the Lord's Taverner during 1958.

One of the original members, he has always been keenly interested in cricket.

The Lord's Taverners, formed in August, 1950, have already raised £39,000 for the National Playing Fields' Association.

Hungary humbled English football

THOUSANDS of pairs of eyes were focused on the rather short and tubby figure of the man in the tight-fitting cherry red shirt. So this was Ferenc Puskas, hailed by Hungarian critics as the finest footballer in the world. Could he live up to such a rating with our own Stanley Matthews on the same pitch? Could the Hungarians, reigning Olympic champions, justify their terrific reputation?

These were the questions we were asking ourselves on November 25, 1953, as Puskas strutted on to the Wembley pitch at the head of his men, for their history-making match against England.

Then, as the teams lined up for the start, Puskas did a remarkable thing. With the nonchalance of a stage magician he flicked the ball into the air, caught it on a knee, rolled it down to his boot and after some expert juggling, dropped it back on to the centre spot.

Usual Continental variety stuff, some people thought, just showing off. But it made others more than a little nervous.

Looking back, it seems to me that in that moment Puskas was rather like the conductor of a great orchestra tapping his baton to bring his musicians to order for the playing of a symphony.

Certainly what followed could be described in musical terms—with emphasis on rhythm and changes of tempo. But no music was ever so ruthlessly destructive as Hungary's football that day.

MAGICAL

When the last note of the Magyar symphony had died away, English soccer prestige was in ruins—and we have been trying to pick up the pieces ever since. Hungary's football flowed smoothly, calmly, but relentlessly, directed into all the right channels by the genius of Puskas.

The best English footballers of the day were like children on a

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beach—though not so happy—rushing from point to point and trying to check the incoming tide with puny castles of sand. Even Matthews could not save England because the Hungarians so rarely allowed the ball to reach him. Never have I seen one team monopolise the ball to such an extent.

And precious few of our teams since the war have had the extraordinary fluidity of the Hungarian side—their ability to make subtle changes of approach according to the needs of the moment.

Everything was based on perfect control of the ball, an almost magical sense of position, and passing of slide-rule accuracy—the essentials which English teams had forgotten.

MAJESTIC

Realising the importance of an early goal, Puskas made one with a neat piece of football and a pass to Nandor Hidegkuti just outside the penalty area. Drawing Harry Johnston into a hasty tackle Hidegkuti beat Gil Merrick with a high shot he would have expected to save in any League game for Birmingham.

When Johnston and Stanley Mortensen combined to make an opening which Jackie Sewell took in his stride, English hearts beat a little faster. But the Hungarians replied with a series of majestic moves which swept the England defence aside, despite the strivings



of Alf Ramsey, Bill Eckersley, Billy Wright, Jimmy Dickinson and Johnston.

Such experienced defenders were made to look like learners as Hidegkuti and Puskas (2) gave Hungary a 4-1 lead. The first of Puskas's pair must be described in detail.

MECHANICAL

Hidegkuti and Josef Bozsik, a wonder man at wing-half got the ball through to Puskas near the right-hand post. He seemed to be surrounded by white-shirted Englishmen, but impudently rolled the ball forward and back under the sole of his right boot and then turned to blast it past Merrick with his left.

English hopes flickered once again as the great-hearted Mortensen

crashed through Hungary's defences to make it 2-4. But this beautifully-fashioned soccer machine could not be halted by guts alone.

Merrick was beaten by another long shot, this time from Bozsik, and Hidegkuti got his third and Hungary's sixth after a round of passing which had England's defence in a pathetic tangle.

It mattered not that Ramsey made the thing look a little better on paper by converting a penalty with his usual perfection. The rout was complete.

England had been defeated at home for the first time by a Continental side. We had known our record would have to go some time; but we had not expected any side to humble England as Hungary did on that disastrous, yet strangely stimulating, day.

YES, GAMES HAVE BEEN KEENER— BUT NOT ROUGHER

THE pundits who forecast that this would see a really hectic season in the struggle for a national Third Division place are being proved correct. The number of penalty kicks has increased and in Rochdale's games there have already been 11 awarded so far, compared with ten in the whole of last season's matches in which Rochdale played.

Penalty awards alone do not necessarily indicate that a game has been particularly rough for approximately 50 per cent are conceded by defenders handling the ball. Making a comparison on penalty kicks awarded for fouls, however, we still find that in Rochdale's matches there have been five such awards so far compared with only five in the whole of last season.

Where the pundits have not been proved correct is in the pre-season forecast that play would become more rough and tough the longer the campaign advanced. Ten penalty kicks in Rochdale's games this season came in the first 19 games; in the last nine, prior to today, there have been no penalties awarded for fouls and only one for handling.

Of the ten spot-kicks given last season four were for Rochdale and six against, the number for fouling and handling being equal. This season seven of the 11 penalties have been in Rochdale's favour and they themselves have conceded only four. Of the seven gained three were for fouls and of the four conceded two were for fouls.

Perhaps the bonus—?

Without any figures such as these to provide a guide, I would still say matches this season have been keener than usual. It can be put down either to the desire to finish in the top twelve or to the increased bonus.

What I should greatly like to see is every Football League referee interpreting the rules in a similar fashion. It is, I suppose, simply too much to hope, human nature being what it is. Had referees been as strict as they are entitled to be I dare say the number of penalty awards would have nearly doubled in the games I have seen this season.

Remarkable, too, is the manner in which some players who have a reputation for dirty play never seem to suffer the indignity of being sent off, while others, who have no nastiness in their make-up, catch out for the severest penalty through one isolated moment of temper.

Dave Pearson comes into that category. Suspended for seven days from next Monday for the offence he committed in the Crewe Alexandra match on January 4, he pays dearly with the loss of a week's wages for an act of pure retaliation. Unfortunately, this is often the case.

There could be no grounds for criticising the referee's action in dismissing Dave although similar punishment should have been imposed on both players involved in the incident. But in view of Pearson's good record and the fact that he has the reputation for playing in a sporting fashion, something less than a seven-day suspension would have met the case.

Dailey's spot-kicks

To return to the business of penalty kicks, Jim Dailey has taken over the duties at Spotland from Eddie Wainwright and has netted both kicks he has taken. Rochdale have scored from only four of the seven awarded them, Wainwright being credited with the other two. The three misses have been perpetrated by Wainwright (twice) and McGuigan.

Dailey leads the goal scorers with 18 (six with Workington) and the others have come from Pearson 10, Lockhart 8, Wainwright and Moran 7, Vizard 5, Green 3 and Devlin, Ferguson, Rudman, Grant, McGlennon, McGuigan and Bushby (Scunthorpe United), one each.

Carlisle United, who were due at Spotland this afternoon, are one of the clubs who have found that a wealthy Supporters' Club is not always an allround blessing. There has been considerable trouble at Pimton Park because of demands which the Supporters' Club has made and this could in many ways be reflected in the performances of the team on the field.

Fortunately at Spotland the position never seems to have been more

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smooth than it is at the moment. If there is a Supporters' Club willing and able to carry out its true function of supporting without wanting to dictate and a board of directors willing to use tact, diplomacy and toleration in their co-operation with supporters who have the good of the club at heart then things will be satisfactory.

Opportunism

The fact that the side lost two successive games has unduly worried many of the Spotland spectators. It has been due, so far as I can see, to a falling away in effectiveness by an attack which has often played above its expected standard. Rochdale have had the knack of scoring goals this season often through individual flashes of opportunism.

Obviously there must come days when nobody shows any sort of flash and that has happened against Bradford City and Hull City. It is a pity, for in these games the defence has been more sound than it has been for weeks. To a large extent this has been due to Glover returning to something like his normal form.

Bev is not the worrying type. He had to bear the brunt of much criticism when he suffered a lapse in form because of his difficulty in thoroughly overcoming trouble with his back.

But especially at Boothferry Park last Saturday his play had a bite which seemed to indicate that even if the club did sign another centre-half, the newcomer would have to be a particularly outstanding player to oust the former Stockport man on current displays.

Children in runaway aeroplane

A father was swigging the propeller of a light aeroplane at Miami, Florida, when the engine started and the aircraft moved off with his three children strapped in their seats.

It crashed into a wood on the other side of the airfield, injuring one of the children.

They're out to kill 'left' them in lurch'

ONE important outcome of the statement of policy made by the Hornets' directors last week is one from the former chairman Mr. Jim Lindley, and the former vice-chairman, Mr. Gordon Halligan. They seek to clarify the club's financial position "with a view to killing unwarranted rumours and statements being made against ourselves and several directors, in regard to having left the club hopelessly in debt."

Their joint statement continues: "The debts owing to all creditors up to the end of the last financial year, May 31, 1957, were £2,500, a liability to pay the return passage of £127 to one of the Australians brought over by the late Mr. Ces Fifield, and a sum of £734 owing to the Inland Revenue in respect of

rumour

PAYE, thus making a total of £3,361. "To set against this amount is the sum of £669 which represents cash in hand and bank, leaving a balance of £2,692.

'Could clear it'

There has also been a sale of assets of the club, to wit, two players, which realised £1,800, therefore reducing the debt position to

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£892. So, put in its true perspective, the position does not now look as formidable as was claimed in the directors' statement; and a further sale of any one of five players, who come readily to mind, would not only clear the balance, but would show a profit."

There we have it, and it is a disagreement to which in the main we have to sit and listen, for directors are the only one with full knowledge of the inner workings of the Hornets.

One point not mentioned in the statement of Mr. Lindley and Mr. Halligan which I have heard repeated only recently, is that their policy of "being buyers, not sellers, of players" prevented their leaving office with a healthier financial position. It has been claimed that the club could have obtained a fee of £2,000 for a player during the last few months of last season.

Where I disagreed most with the official policy statement of a week ago, was in the inference that the search for players was in abeyance until a special players fund, to which £500 was allocated, had accumulated sufficiently to buy "a player of class."

This aim struck me as being too idealistic in present circumstances and it does not fit in with the arrangement with Salford for the loan, on a month's trial, of Jim Parr.

The special fund also clashes with earlier plans, and perhaps it would have been wiser to "keep the idea up their sleeves" and to all intents and purposes remain in the market for players, as they actually are.

Trying time

This is not the first time Jim Parr has attracted the attention of the Hornets. They were favourites for his signature at the time he decided to leave Whitehaven, but, in the meantime, Tom Horrocks had been signed and Parr went to Salford.

Two Yorkshire clubs competed with the Hornets in this week's negotiations with Salford, but Parr, who lives at Wigan, prefers to stay with a Lancashire club.

Bradford Northern have come to an almost identical arrangement with the Hornets for Danny Smith. To play on trial for a month at Odsal. At £750 Smith can be a real bargain.

During this trying part of the season (trying in too many ways for the Hornets) the fixtures have fallen badly for the club. We went from Boxing Day until last Saturday without a home game—and when it came it was the worst Saturday of the season, the receipts being less than £150.

'Blinder' needed

The next home appearance is against Leigh on February 15, which follows two visits to Hull, the second for the Challenge Cup first round at the Boulevard.

Quick promotion came for John Lawrenson, the Army centre signed less than a month ago and he was included in the team for the Liverpool fixture.

Possibly we shall have to wait a little longer before the selectors decide to play Ferdi Corsi with the first team. Fixtures are not helpful for this but, in the later stages of the campaign, the board may find him an extra drawing card at a time when more experiments are justified.

The immediate need for Hornets supporters and officials is for the players to stage a "blinder" and if they can do this at Hull it will make a new man of every one connected with the club.

Accidentally shot each other

M. Alfred Fauvel and his brother-in-law, M. Jules Philipp, farmers of Creances, Normandy, lie seriously injured in hospital today after accidentally shooting each other on a hunting excursion. Fauvel slipped and his gun went off, wounding Philipp. As Philipp fell his gun went off, hitting Fauvel.

ROCHDALE AMATEUR LEAGUE RAILWAY ST. JUST FAIL

RAILWAY STREET entertained Rochdale Athletic and, with both teams striving for the championship, a keen and close game took place. Athletic opened the score after five minutes only for Railway Street to draw level ten minutes later. Athletic, however, gained the upper hand and notched three further goals against one in reply to lead 4-2 at half-time.

The second half was closely contested and five minutes from time Railway Street again reduced the arrears. Despite their strenuous efforts in the closing minutes they were unable to get an equaliser. Lomax (2) and Stillie netted for Railway Street and Sinkinson (3) and Baron were the scorers for Athletic.

League leaders Heymain Recs., at home to Todmorden YC, had a field day and were successful by 13-1. The youthful Todmorden team could not withstand the heavy conditions against the more experienced Heymain side. A. Smith (5), Wright, Webb and Price (3 each) and Shepherd (2), scored for Heymain and Turner for Todmorden.

Industry, at home to Bay Horse, avenged their previous week's Amateur Cup defeat with a 1-0 victory. Industry nearly left it too late as they scored their goal 30 seconds from time, through Burn. On the play Bay Horse were worthy of a draw.

Walsden, at home to Gravelhole, were successful by 5 goals to 2. The home team's dour defence and quick forwards were much too good for Gravelhole. The first half was definitely in favour of the home side who at half-time led 4-1. Hampson Gravelhole goalie made many fine saves and saved his side from a much heavier defeat. Walker (3) and Freeman (2) scored for Walsden and Ashton and Trippier for Gravelhole.

Whitworth, at home to A. and A. Crompton's, were successful by 4 goals to 0 after a goalless first half. Crompton's did not take advantage of the wind in the first half while Whitworth did so in the second half. Scorers were Whittles (3) and Grogan.

In the second division Rochdale Athletic Reserves, at home to Market House, were defeated by 8-1 after the visitors had led 4-0 at half-time. Leonard scored for Athletic and Drury (3), Lett (2), Mahoney, Jeffries and McCarroll for Market House.

Tudor Rose had only ten men when visiting Birch St. Mary's but were successful by 3-0. With wind advantage in the first half Birch missed many chances. Scorers were Bamford, Heywood and Hardman.

Dunlop SC earned another victory when visiting Turner Bros. and were successful 6-3 after Turner's had opened the scoring. Caseman (2) and Grumbridge scored for Turners and Ashworth (3), Crossley, Langton and Piscopo for Dunlop.

Boots Social, at home to Whitworth Reserves, were successful by 6-0 after leading 1-0 at half-time. For the greater part of the game Whitworth had only ten men owing to injury. Scorers were Scully and Gilroy (2 each), McManus and Hodson.

At the league meeting to be held on Tuesday next the draws will be made for the Amateur Cup semi-finals and first rounds of the Charity Cup.

It is pleasing to note that an enquiry has this week been received from a new work's club to join the league next season. Any other clubs desirous of details are asked to contact the league secretary: Mr. C. Potts, 1 Further Pits, Rochdale.

ROCHDALE SUNDAY SCHOOLS' LEAGUE

Shawforth keep 100pc record

SHAWFORTH'S 100 per cent record appeared in danger when they had to take the field against St. Aidan's with only ten men, but their short-handed team pulled out that little bit extra which enabled them to win by three goals, scored by Duthie, Muldowney and Povey, to one, scored by Gardner.

Littleborough Parish received a setback when they were well beaten by Brights at Whitworth Road. The home forwards were in excellent form and this was the deciding factor in a hard game. Woolfenden (2), Wilcox (2), Kaylock and Swain scored Bright's six goals, Sutcliffe and Lloyd scoring for Littleborough Parish.

Defences were on top in the Heywood St. James's v Sacred Heart, and a draw was a fair result. Naven gave Sacred Heart the lead in the 30th minute, and Riches equalised from a penalty five minutes after the resumption.

Two defensive errors cost Wardle Parish the game in their encounter with YMCA Old Boys at Firgrove. They were the first to score but a gift goal by one of their defenders gave YMCA the equaliser. This put new life into the home team and they scored again to lead 2-1 at the interval. Another mistake by the Wardle defence presented YMCA with an easy third goal, and whilst the visitors rallied to reduce the lead, a fourth goal by YMCA settled the issue. Marriott (2),

Williams and K. Gregson (own goal) scored for YMCA, and Halton and R. Gregson for Wardle.

After being 1-6 down in their game with Castlemere Old Boys at Firgrove, Lanehead staged a fine recovery to reduce the lead to two goals. They could not keep up the pressure, however, and Castlemere took over again to score twice more and win 8-4. Whitworth (4), Patterson (2), Hammond and Williamson scored for Castlemere, and Shackleton (2), Whatmough and Hulse for Lanehead.

St. Vincent's were well beaten at home by Milton, who were too strong for them and dominated the play throughout. B. M. Ashworth (3), B. A. Ashworth (2), Naylor (2), Stoner and Foster scored Milton's nine goals, Padden scoring for St. Vincent's.

Norden YCOB outplayed All Saints in the first half of their game at Norden and turned round with a 4-0 lead. The second half was more even with each side scoring one. Tattersall (2), Bonser (2) and Ingham scored Norden's goals, Hough scoring for All Saints.

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Whittle's played some excellent football in their home game with Milnrow Parish and deservedly won 6-1 after leading 2-0 at half-time. Bood (2), Lunt, Wilson, Hobbs and Lord scored their goals, Buckley netting for Milnrow.

Thornham St. James's also gave an excellent display in defeating Fact Parish by five clear goals, scored by Bancroft (2), Booth, Ogden and Taylor. Getting an early goal, they were on top from start to finish.

Outgate Baptists were a player short for their home game with Buckley Hall, but their ten men were too good for the visitors and goals by Aughey (3), Jolly (2) and Kelly gave them a 6-3 win; Marshall, Thompson and Gillett scoring for Buckley Hall.

Newhey St. Thomas's just got the better of Syke Methodists but had the visitors finished better they would certainly have got at least one point. Cox (2), Brierley, Lees and Mills scored for Newhey, and Melding (2) and Holmes for Syke.

After an even first half which ended 1-1, St. Gabriel's took complete command and finally defeated St. Peter's by five goals, scored by Collins (3), K. Wilmore and Mullane, to two, by Carr and Whitworth.

West Street Baptists did well to beat the strong Thornham side by the odd goal of five, Brierley (2) and Hill scoring their goals and McDonough and Rushton scoring for Thornham.

A draw of two goals each was a fair result to the Spotland Meths, v. St. Patrick's game, Humphries and Hulse scoring for Spotland and Burns and Simpson for St. Patrick's.



YEW TREE INN, Manchester Road, have reached the final stages of the Green Final Darts Championship for the second successive year. Leaders of the Hollinwood League, the team is: E. Gilmore, G. Evans, A. Robinson, B. Simpson (capt.), C. Holt, J. Davenport, T. Jones.

PRINCE OF WALES REACH SEMI-FINALS

Two Green Final Darts Championship quarter-finals were played on Thursday. The Yew Tree won at the Hathershaw 4-2, and the Duke of York (Heyside) were beaten 4-2 at home by the Prince of Wales. Next Tuesday the Freemasons play the Junction Inn, Middleton Junction, and on Thursday the Junction Inn (Shaw Road) play the Lord Nelson. The semi-finals and finals will be played the following week—at Hollinwood Cons. Club, Stanley Road, on February 5, 6 and 7.

CENTENARY LEAGUE They have now beaten each other

SOME fine darting was produced by some of Oldham's finest darters on Wednesday evening, when the Lord Nelson beat Hollinwood Garden Club 6-1 in the Centenary Darts League (501 up). This was the Garden Club's first defeat, for they had beaten the Nelson 4-3 at home earlier in the season.

W. Barlow started the match in great style by getting up in 21 arrows. He scored a treble every time he threw at 19, and with scores of 95, 79, 71, 73, 83 and 90, and then went out on double five. W. Eastwood was only down to 169.

Tommy Jones, who is having a great season at darts, could have squared the match. Scoring 85, 100, 70, 41, 45, 62 and 44, he wanted only 54 to go out. He hit the treble 13 to burst, and W. Houghton, who had luckily got down to double top the throw before, went out on double 10 (28 arrows) to put Nelson two up.

Garden Club were again unlucky in the third game when Ben Simpson caught up Arthur Brooks (who had thrown two tens and two 80s), but could not get his double. Brooks used ten arrows to go out from 53, but eventually won in 28.

With throws of 45, 99, 95, 95, 42, 59, W. Smith eventually went out on double two to beat T. Dowd in 27 arrows and to win Lord Nelson the match.

Maximum throw

With both teams having lost only one match, games average will now count a lot, and the last three games were all keenly contested. W. Cox (Nelson) and J. Devenport were on the double together, but Cox went out first—in 25 arrows.

Imagine H. Kendall's feelings when he threw 41, 86, 94, 97, 100 and 51 to get on double 16 in 18 arrows, only to lose the game to George Evans (Garden Club).

George set off with 100, 9 and 100, and was well behind when he stepped up to the mark for the fifth time. A maximum of 180—the first player in the League to achieve it—put him in front and he eventually went out on double nine to win in 24 arrows.

Talt Holt could have been up in 17 arrows in the last game. He threw 60, 81, 140, 83 and 95 to be on 42, with Jimmy Brown wanting 303. Holt went for game shot, but hit double 10 and double 8 to find himself on double three. He burst once, then tried for two

A full report of the Duke of York's match will be given in next week's Green Final, but the individual results (Duke of York names first) were:—T. Mason lost to J. Tarpey (35 arrows); A. Fletcher lost to L. Hanley (38); A. Chadwick (34) beat H. Bedford; W. Anderson (39) beat R. Bedford; G. Oliver lost to C. Crossley (40); S. Spence lost to A. Wells (27).

BRIDGEWATER JUST LOSE NEEDLE GAME

Keen interest was created in the clash of the Hollinwood Darts League leaders, Bridgewater Hotel, and the Yew Tree Inn, who won 4-3. Jack Leech (Bridgewater) was first to the board with Yew Tree's Arthur Robinson, Leech being in fine form, getting 3 sergeants whilst Robinson was on 5.

However, Leech got stuck on double one, giving Robinson an opportunity to get round and double first. Leech's next three arrows achieved double and bull, but Robinson got game shot with one arrow, winning in 43.

The game between Jack Lees, the home captain, and Ben Simpson (Yew Tree's skipper) was a game of tactical manoeuvres. Simpson doubled seven, and Lees doubled eight. Better finishing proved Lees the winner in 23 arrows.

Bill Cox (Bridgewater), with a lively start, soon found George Evans much below his average form. Cox doubled 9 in 16 arrows and went on to win in 35, while Evans was on 18.

Quickfire exhibition

Norman Hartle (Bridgewater) and Tommy Jones gave a quickfire exhibition. Tommy wanted double 8 in 15 arrows, got it first and won in 23 to make an interesting game 2-2.

With excitement now intense, W. Collier (Bridgewater) and Eddie Gilmore had a cat-and-mouse game, Eddie allowing Bill to fall in the trap for a win in 36, making Yew Tree 3-2 in the lead.

Syd Lee and Talt Holt (Yew Tree) provided one of the highlights of the evening, Lee doubling 10 in 22 while Holt was on 15. The large crowd witnessed a most astonishing finish. Lee wanted bull when Holt, with three arrows left to win, got 20, double 10 and bull in 30 to clinch the game for Yew Tree.

Joe Fielding beating Joe Devonport in 36, Devonport just failing on double.

—double two, but reached the madhouse. Twice Holt failed, and Brown by this time was on the double 12. He got it with his 30th arrow and Lord Nelson had won 6-1.

Yew Tree get through to finals again

THE Yew Tree Inn reached the semi-finals of the Green Final Darts Championship for the second year in succession by winning 4-2 at Hathershaw Hotel on Thursday evening.

Hathershaw suffered in the third game when J. Halliwell took 7 arrows to get one, and during the game saw eight arrows fall out of the new board. As it was, although C. Holt had doubled 10, Halliwell was on level terms at the bull, but it was Holt, as second thrower, who hit it first.

The sixth game, in which Hathershaw could have drawn level, was another that could have gone either way. E. Doherty and E. Gilmore, Yew Tree, both walked it and were level at double one, but again Gilmore, throwing second, hit double one and centre with successive arrows to make it 4-2.

A. Harley gave Hathershaw the lead by winning the first game in 50 arrows against J. Devonport.

T. Taylor and T. Jones had a battle royal in the second game both being level at return double one and centre, but Jones won in 28 arrows. J. Halliwell then went under to C. Holt in 40 arrows and the visitors led 1-2.

A long game followed with both J. Wild and B. Simpson walking it, but Simpson won in 57 arrows. Losing 1-3, Hathershaw were put back in the game when E. Frier beat A. Robinson in 53 arrows. Frier, who had doubled 8, should have won much quicker, for he suffered on return double 3, nearly cutting it out.

Then came the exciting game between Doherty and Gilmore. Gilmore, in his first three arrows, doubled the 1 and 3. He used five more in trying to double 8, used four more on 9, had no better luck with 10 and was set for the hard way.

Doherty had doubled 6 and got well into the lead, being on return double one with his 25th dart. He seemed well set as Gilmore used seven darts to get the 17, but Doherty suffered on the return double, and Gilmore sneaked up to win the game and the match in 35 arrows.



DUKE OF YORK (Heyside) darts team, winners of the Crompton and District League, which was reformed this season.—Left to right: W. Anderson, A. Fletcher, A. Chadwick, R. Hinds, T. Mason, D. Booth, G. Oliver, S. Spencer.

DARTS AND CRIB

Hollinwood

Wilson's Brewery

Last Tuesday's results in the Hollinwood Darts League (crib results in brackets): New Moston BL (6) 3, White Hart (1) 4; Mare & Foal (3) 3, Royal Oak (4) 4; Bridgewater (1) 3, Yew Tree (6) 4; Oxford (3) 4, Colliers (4) 3; Greaves (6) 5, Bowling Green (1) 2; Struggler (1) 0, Commercial (6) 7; Fallsworth CC (5) 4, Ferranti (2) 3.

Wilson's Brewery darts results (crib in brackets): Royal 3 (6), Plough 4 (1); Eleven Ways 3 (5), Taibot 4 (2); Whip 5 (2), Halfway House 2 (5); New Inn 4 (4), Musicians 3 (3); Queen's 0 (4), Old White Hart 7 (3); Five Ways 6 (1), Church 1 (6); Duke of York 1 (2), Albert 6 (5).

| DARTS | | | | | |
|---------------|----|----|----|----|----------|
| | P | W | L | F | A Pts |
| Yew Tree | 17 | 15 | 2 | 87 | 32... 30 |
| White Hart | 17 | 14 | 3 | 72 | 47... 28 |
| Bridgewater | 17 | 13 | 4 | 71 | 48... 26 |
| Greaves Arms | 17 | 13 | 4 | 74 | 44... 24 |
| Royal Oak | 17 | 11 | 6 | 67 | 52... 22 |
| Oxford | 17 | 10 | 7 | 56 | 62... 20 |
| Ferranti | 17 | 9 | 8 | 65 | 54... 18 |
| Bowling Green | 17 | 8 | 9 | 53 | 66... 16 |
| New Moston BL | 17 | 6 | 11 | 60 | 59... 12 |
| Fallsworth CC | 17 | 6 | 11 | 54 | 65... 12 |
| Mare & Foal | 17 | 5 | 12 | 52 | 67... 10 |
| Colliers Arms | 17 | 5 | 12 | 52 | 67... 10 |
| Commercial | 17 | 4 | 13 | 45 | 74... 8 |
| Struggler | 17 | 1 | 16 | 24 | 96... 2 |

| DARTS | | | | | |
|----------------|----|----|----|----|----------|
| | P | W | L | F | A Pts |
| Whip | 18 | 17 | 1 | 90 | 36... 34 |
| Old White Hart | 18 | 13 | 5 | 82 | 44... 26 |
| Plough | 18 | 13 | 5 | 74 | 52... 24 |
| Taibot | 18 | 12 | 6 | 73 | 53... 24 |
| Albert | 18 | 11 | 7 | 61 | 63... 22 |
| Queen's | 18 | 11 | 7 | 61 | 63... 22 |
| Royal | 18 | 10 | 7 | 58 | 66... 20 |
| New Inn | 18 | 8 | 10 | 63 | 63... 16 |
| Halfway House | 18 | 8 | 10 | 57 | 69... 16 |
| Five Ways | 18 | 7 | 11 | 57 | 69... 14 |
| Eleven Ways | 18 | 6 | 12 | 57 | 69... 12 |
| Musicians | 18 | 6 | 12 | 51 | 75... 12 |
| Duke of York | 18 | 2 | 16 | 41 | 85... 4 |
| Church | 18 | 2 | 16 | 31 | 96... 4 |

| DARTS | | | | | |
|---------------|----|----|----|----|----------|
| | P | W | L | F | A Pts |
| New Moston BL | 17 | 13 | 4 | 74 | 45... 26 |
| Bridgewater | 17 | 13 | 4 | 69 | 50... 26 |
| White Hart | 17 | 11 | 6 | 64 | 55... 22 |
| Fallsworth CC | 17 | 11 | 6 | 62 | 57... 22 |
| Yew Tree | 17 | 10 | 7 | 63 | 56... 20 |
| Ferranti | 17 | 8 | 9 | 64 | 55... 16 |
| Mare & Foal | 17 | 8 | 9 | 56 | 63... 16 |
| Struggler | 17 | 8 | 9 | 54 | 65... 16 |
| Greaves Arms | 17 | 7 | 10 | 58 | 61... 14 |
| Colliers Arms | 17 | 7 | 10 | 54 | 65... 14 |
| Oxford | 17 | 6 | 11 | 54 | 65... 14 |
| Royal Oak | 17 | 6 | 11 | 50 | 69... 12 |
| Commercial | 17 | 5 | 12 | 57 | 62... 10 |
| Bowling Green | 17 | 5 | 12 | 52 | 67... 10 |

| CRIB | | | | | |
|----------------|----|----|----|----|----------|
| | P | W | L | F | A Pts |
| Whip | 18 | 13 | 5 | 70 | 56... 26 |
| Church | 18 | 12 | 6 | 76 | 50... 24 |
| Eleven Ways | 18 | 12 | 6 | 71 | 55... 24 |
| Albert | 18 | 11 | 7 | 64 | 62... 22 |
| Taibot | 18 | 10 | 7 | 68 | 58... 20 |
| New Inn | 18 | 10 | 8 | 59 | 67... 20 |
| Old White Hart | 18 | 9 | 9 | 68 | 58... 18 |
| Five Ways | 18 | 9 | 9 | 57 | 69... 18 |
| Queen's | 18 | 8 | 10 | 60 | 66... 16 |
| Halfway House | 18 | 7 | 11 | 60 | 66... 14 |
| Royal | 18 | 7 | 11 | 60 | 66... 14 |
| Duke of York | 18 | 6 | 12 | 59 | 67... 12 |
| Musicians | 18 | 6 | 12 | 55 | 71... 12 |
| Plough | 18 | 6 | 12 | 54 | 72... 12 |

CIRCULAR

J W Lees (Royton)

| DARTS | | | | | |
|-----------------|----|----|----|----|----------|
| | P | W | L | F | A Pts |
| Dog & Partridge | 16 | 15 | 1 | 86 | 28... 30 |
| Commercial | 16 | 14 | 2 | 76 | 36... 28 |
| Blue Bell | 16 | 12 | 4 | 75 | 37... 24 |
| Horton Arms | 16 | 11 | 5 | 59 | 53... 22 |
| Duke of York | 16 | 9 | 7 | 55 | 57... 18 |
| Colliers Arms | 16 | 9 | 7 | 54 | 58... 18 |
| Greyhound Inn | 16 | 7 | 9 | 55 | 57... 14 |
| Plough Inn | 16 | 6 | 10 | 52 | 60... 12 |
| Hare & Hounds | 16 | 6 | 10 | 48 | 64... 12 |
| Rifle Range | 16 | 5 | 11 | 50 | 62... 10 |
| Halfway House | 16 | 2 | 14 | 26 | 87... 4 |
| Railway Inn | 16 | 1 | 15 | 37 | 75... 2 |

| DARTS | | | | | |
|-------------|----|----|----|----|----------|
| | P | W | L | F | A Pts |
| Unity Hall | 16 | 14 | 2 | 80 | 32... 28 |
| Coldhurst | 16 | 12 | 4 | 77 | 35... 24 |
| Railway | 16 | 12 | 4 | 72 | 40... 24 |
| Miners | 16 | 11 | 5 | 69 | 38... 22 |
| Weavers | 16 | 10 | 6 | 58 | 54... 20 |
| Waterhead | 16 | 10 | 6 | 55 | 57... 20 |
| Phoenix | 16 | 7 | 9 | 52 | 60... 14 |
| Hope | 16 | 6 | 10 | 50 | 55... 12 |
| Canteen | 16 | 6 | 10 | 51 | 61... 12 |
| Bank Top | 16 | 4 | 11 | 43 | 62... 8 |
| Clarence | 16 | 4 | 11 | 41 | 64... 8 |
| St. James's | 16 | 4 | 11 | 38 | 67... 8 |
| Bent Hall | 16 | 1 | 14 | 21 | 84... 2 |

| CRIB | | | | | |
|-----------------|----|----|----|----|----------|
| | P | W | L | F | A Pts |
| Dog & Partridge | 16 | 10 | 6 | 64 | 48... 20 |
| Hare & Hounds | 16 | 10 | 6 | 59 | 53... 20 |
| Plough Inn | 16 | 10 | 6 | 59 | 53... 20 |
| Commercial | 16 | 9 | 7 | 62 | 43... 18 |
| Rifle Range | 16 | 9 | 7 | 59 | 53... 18 |
| Colliers Arms | 16 | 9 | 7 | 57 | 55... 18 |
| Greyhound Inn | 16 | 8 | 8 | 55 | 57... 16 |
| Horton Arms | 16 | 7 | 9 | 54 | 58... 14 |
| Halfway House | 16 | 7 | 9 | 48 | 64... 14 |
| Duke of York | 16 | 6 | 10 | 48 | 64... 12 |
| Railway Hotel | 16 | 5 | 11 | 48 | 64... 10 |
| Blue Bell | 16 | 5 | 11 | 55 | 57... 10 |

| CRIB | | | | | |
|-------------|----|----|----|----|----------|
| | P | W | L | F | A Pts |
| Waterhead | 16 | 12 | 4 | 68 | 44... 24 |
| Weavers | 16 | 10 | 6 | 64 | 48... 20 |
| Railway | 16 | 9 | 7 | 63 | 49... 18 |
| Miners | 16 | 9 | 7 | 56 | 49... 18 |
| Canteen | 16 | 9 | 7 | 59 | 53... 18 |
| Unity Hall | 16 | 8 | 8 | 64 | 48... 16 |
| Hope | 16 | 8 | 8 | 67 | 48... 16 |
| Bank Top | 16 | 8 | 8 | 64 | 48... 16 |
| Bent Hall | 16 | 8 | 8 | 50 | 60... 14 |
| Phoenix | 16 | 7 | 9 | 50 | 62... 14 |
| St. James's | 16 | 6 | 10 | 46 | 59... 12 |
| Coldhurst | 16 | 4 | 12 | 47 | 65... 8 |
| Clarence | 16 | 3 | 13 | 36 | 70... 6 |

Last Monday's darts results (crib in brackets): Horton 1 (3), Dog & Partridge 6 (4), Railway 3 (4), Colliers 4 (3); Greyhound 2 (2), Blue Bell 5 (5); Plough 6 (6), Halfway House 1 (1); Commercial 3 (6), Duke of York 4 (1); Rifle Range 3 (3), Hare & Hounds 4 (4).

WOMEN'S CIRCULAR

| DARTS | | | | | |
|--------------|----|----|----|----|----------|
| | P | W | L | F | A Pts |
| Bank Top | 17 | 12 | 5 | 67 | 52... 24 |
| Spotted Cow | 17 | 11 | 6 | 63 | 51... 22 |
| Junction (R) | 16 | 10 | 6 | 66 | 46... 20 |
| Musicians | 16 | 10 | 6 | 58 | 57... 20 |
| White Hart | 17 | 10 | 7 | 58 | 61... 20 |
| Greaves | 17 | 9 | 8 | 58 | 61... 18 |
| Junction (M) | 15 | 8 | 7 | 57 | 48... 16 |
| Spinners | 17 | 8 | 9 | 65 | 54... 16 |
| Nimble Nook | 16 | 7 | 9 | 58 | 54... 14 |
| Bull's Head | 16 | 7 | 9 | 54 | 58... 14 |
| Bent Hall | 16 | 7 | 9 | 53 | 60... 14 |
| Radcliffe | 16 | 5 | 11 | 46 | 66... 10 |
| Gardeners | 16 | 2 | 14 | 37 | 75... 4 |

News of the World darts title

ONE of the highlights in Oldham's dart season occurs tomorrow lunchtime at the Salisbury Hotel, Mumps Bridge. It is the occasion of the sub-area final in the News of the World Individual Championship. Eight players will be competing for one place in the Manchester area final.


FACTS AND FIGURES

JANUARY 26th

THIS IS THE BIRTHDAY OF GOLFING MAESTRO HENRY COTTON

THE MAN WHO REFUSED TO LET ILL-HEALTH DENY HIM THE MANY MAJESTIC TRIUMPHS THAT HAVE BEEN HIS ON THE WORLD'S MAJOR GOLF COURSES. FROM A YOUNG MAN WITH CRICKETING AMBITIONS, HE TOOK UP GOLF BECAME AN ASSISTANT PROFESSIONAL AT FULWELL Park Golf Club, AND THUS EMBARKED ON THE LIFE-LONG DEDICATION TO THE GAME, WITH ALL THE FERVENCY AND DEVOTION HE COULD MUSTER!

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IT WAS IN 1926 THAT HE SECURED HIS FIRST FULL APPOINTMENT.

AND IN 1932, WON THE British Professional Championship

IMMEDIATELY AFTERWARDS HE BECAME PROFESSIONAL TO A Belgian Club.

IN 1934 HE WON HIS FIRST OPEN, LATER HE WAS TO WIN IT IN 1937-48.

HE DID NOT CONFINE HIS SUCCESSES TO HIS COUNTRY ALONE FOR HE WON THE French Open IN 1946 & 47. THE Czech Open IN 1937 & 1938. THE German Open IN 1937, 1938 & 1939. THE Belgian Open IN 1930, 1934 & 1938.

Langley Park Golf Club. H. COTTON (Professional) AND

ROTA FIXTURES BOGEY STRIKES

WHEN the Central Lancashire League introduced a rota system for fixtures in 1954, it was obvious that at some time during the plan's seven-year existence there were sure to be bad fixtures. Oldham have feared this from the start—and next season their fears are realised.

"What is the good of having derby matches in the programme if they do not bring in any money?" their officials ask.

And that is exactly what will happen with their home match against Werneth in 1958, for it is scheduled for the first Saturday of the season—April 19.

The return match upsets Werneth, too. It will be played on the first Saturday of Oldham Wakes—June 21.

For the past two years there have been grouses at the league's annual meeting about "bad" fixtures. Yet only in November, at the last annual, Oldham could find no more than two clubs to support their move to scrap the rota system.

Two reasons

There are two main reasons for this. Firstly, most clubs are loath to change in midstream a plan that was originally intended to last seven years; secondly, they think that the "rough" fixtures are counter-balanced by the "smooth."

Certainly, there are times when a club gets the plum dates for derby matches. It is inevitable because of the very nature of the plan. For instance, the derby match between Oldham and Werneth was on May 22, when the scheme started in 1954.

Since then it has moved one week earlier each year on an alternate home-and-away basis, the second meeting between the sides progressing similarly.

And next year—the 1959 season—the fixture, which this year is arranged for the first day of the season, will return to mid-season and in fact will be an evening match at The Coppice in July, while the return will be a week before Oldham Wakes instead of Wakes Saturday.

But, say Oldham, why cannot the derby matches always take place in mid-season? On the face of it, this would seem the sensible thing to do. Yet there are problems here: Which matches are to be regarded as derby games? What happens if Ashton, for example, find themselves at home to attractive teams like Rochdale early in the season—each season?

Junior schools

Previous cup winners had lucky escape

IN the preliminary round of the Clayton Cup competition, played last Saturday, rain interfered with many matches and prevented some taking place. It is a wonder that so many took place and with this week's snow it looks as if the weather will be responsible for more postponements.

Pride of place this week goes to two small schools, St. Mark's and Coldhurst. St. Mark's held Byron St. to a 2-2 draw and have to re-play the tie. Byron St., previous winners of the trophy, were rather fortunate to escape.

Coldhurst held Freehold to 1-1 only one minute from time but goals from Gallagher and Shaw just put the issue safe for Freehold.

Birch Hall lost a close game with Mather St. by 2-0 at Fallsworth.

St. Anne's went down 2-0 to Shaw CE and in a ding-dong struggle at Limeside the home team just managed to beat All Saints by the odd goal in three.

Limehurst had a good 5-0 victory over Corpus Christi and Derker accounted for Fitton Hill. St. Andrew's suffered a heavy 8-0 defeat at the hands of Stansfield Road.

Roundthorn just managed to beat Westwood by 2-1 and with Eustace St. withdrawing from the competition, Moorside go through to round 1. Results:

Mather St. 2, Birch Hall 0; Fitton Hill 0, Derker 12; St. Anne's RC 0, Shaw CE 2; Limeside 2, All Saints 1; Moorside w.o.; Limehurst 5, Corpus Christi 0; St. Mark's, Oldham 2, Byron St. 2; Stansfield Rd. 8, St. Andrew's 0; Freehold 3, Coldhurst 1; Westwood 1, Roundthorn 2. T.M.J.

Lacrosse Notes

Oldham were well below usual form

PLAYING under the most adverse weather and ground conditions, Oldham dropped another important point in a 7-7 draw against Leeds University on Hollinwood Cricket Ground last Saturday.

Lord, the Oldham captain, and Heywood, a mobile wing defender, were not playing and during the game Oldham lost Williamson, the vice-captain and Lancashire junior player, and Lomas, through injury.

In spite of the setbacks Oldham played below form and the defence, despite the return of Brian Gartside, who infused a little more life into it, played in a disorganised fashion. Too often, Leeds players were seen unmarked within shooting distance of the goal and their usual resolution appeared to have deserted them.

The attack lacked thrust and failed once again to move the ball round, probably due to lack of confidence in their handling, which appeared to be in a parlous state. Deprived of condition in which running is easy, the Oldham attack players seemed at a loss to substitute some other mode of play for their usual speed, and not until the last quarter, when it appeared that they were going to lose, did they come to life and put in an effort.

In the last quarter they were placed at the worst end of the pitch, at which goals had been sparse. It might be speculated that with this final burst at the better goal the game would have been won, but Oldham had already thrown away their chance and played well to come out with one point.

Prominent for the amount of work he contributed and the two goals he scored, was Bill Downes regrettably playing his last game. He leaves the district for a job in the South in what is certainly his best season.

So far he has scored 30 goals this season and looked more forceful than at any time before.

Morton (2), Gartside (2), and F. Downes made up Oldham's total. The derby match against Rochdale scheduled for this week, has had to be postponed until better conditions can be had for this clash on which much may depend in the promotion race.

Seel Park notes

MORE DEFENCE MISTAKES

DEFENSIVE mistakes led to Mossley's defeat at Crewe last Saturday. After going in at half-time with the score 1-1, one thought that in the second half, playing with the strong wind and rain, Mossley would have every chance of bringing home at least a point.

Unfortunately, the goalkeeper, who returned to the team after illness, let at least three of the goals in, and some erratic clearing by the centre-half gave the last goal away.

F. Ashworth, the centre-half, has been given a seven-day suspension and £5 fine, starting from next Monday. This was for bad language to the referee. This was the first time he had ever been sent off.

Last night, manager E. Quigley signed a new, 20-year-old full-time professional inside-forward from Accrington Stanley—McDonald.

Next week, Mossley are at home to Wellington Town, kick-off 2.45. Interesting points about Wellington's team are the players, including Johnny Hancocks, ex-England and Wolves; Jack Haines, ex-England and West Brom; Parsons, goalkeeper, ex-England "B" and West Ham, and Mitchell, ex-Ireland and Middlesbrough.

The Big Four with but a single thought—World Cup

O'Malley dive across ring ended contest

AN impressive horizontal dive—across the ring and through the ropes—put an end to the eagerly-awaited match between The Ghoul and Jeff O'Malley in last night's international free-style wrestling bill, put on by North-Western Promotions at the New Majestic Ballroom, Bloom Street.

O'Malley (Irish heavyweight champion) was the man who took the dive and landed on the floor outside the ring. He failed to get back in time to beat the count, and the fight went to The Ghoul.

The dive was the outstanding feature of a very poor contest. It came after four rounds of fratching and fighting which, more often than not, bore little resemblance to wrestling. The crowd were quite justified in howling their disappointment.

O'Malley showed that he was prepared to make a fight of it. In the opening round he more than once threw his 24-stone masked opponent and sent him spinning across the ring.

The Ghoul would have none of this, and devoted most of his time to trying to muzzle O'Malley by blocking his mouth and nostrils. After a few agonising moments, O'Malley decided to play the same game, and that was the end of any serious attempt at wrestling.

The rest of the fight was spent tangling in ropes and corners while referee Jack Jefferson vainly made his bid for an orderly contest.

It was something of a surprise when O'Malley gained rapid submission at the end of the fourth round, and patrons must then have expected a real struggle. Instead, O'Malley threw The Ghoul, carelessly dived for him—and that was the end.

Punishing arm lock

The best entertainment on the bill came from Joe Savoldi (Anglo-Italian) and Rocky Taylor (Salford) in a middleweight contest. Savoldi, with tongue in cheek, did everything he could to cause offence, but there was no disguising his wrestling skill. Although Taylor gained a fall in the third round, he took a lot of punishment afterwards.

In the sixth round, Savoldi made him submit to a most punishing arm lock and then the towel was thrown in by Taylor's second—wisely, for the Salford man was not really in any state to carry on.

George Goldie (Stoke), who earned the affectionate name "Dad" from the crowd, beat Jon Hall (Tunstall) in another good fight. This was the cleanest match of the night, and Hall was the first to gain a fall with an arm and leg lock in the third round. In the fifth round, Goldie gained the

FOUR men with one thought in common are Walter Winterbottom, Matt Busby, Jimmy Murphy, and Peter Doherty. The thought: Coup Jules Rimet, better known to the football fraternity of these isles as the World Cup.

Winterbottom of England, Busby of Scotland, Murphy of Wales, and Doherty of Northern Ireland, have as their main preoccupation the destinies of their nations in this festival of all the soccer talents.

For the first time, Great Britain will be represented at the finals in Sweden by four countries, provided, of course, Ireland overcome their objections to playing on Sundays and Wales complete the apparent formality of qualifying at the expense of Israel, whom they beat 2-0 in Tel Aviv last week.

This will possibly be the last time the four countries will have this opportunity, for there are already rumblings of discontent from the Continent at rules which provide four chances of glory for this island of 50-odd millions, while permitting only one to the amalgamation of 17 nations and 300 million people which constitutes the Soviet Union.

How are the home countries preparing for their Swedish task? Never have the preparations for any competition been so thorough.

England are the senior World Cup contenders, with two previous appearances in the finals, and fittingly they showed the way to the others with a team-building policy designed to mature this summer.

Under-23 games, and even apparently unimportant representative FA fixtures, have played their part in ensuring a flow of young talent into the national side.

Barring the unforeseen—like a really bad display against Scotland or in either of the three provisional pre-Cup games against overseas opposition—the England party practically chooses itself.

Erin go bragh

The Scots in the past have appeared to regard the World Cup as beneath their dignity. There was, for instance, their extraordinary refusal to compete in the 1950 finals, even though a place was allocated to them.

Then came the almost perfunctory approach to the 1954 tournament, which resulted in the humiliating 7-0 defeat by Uruguay. But having at last made up their minds to take the thing seriously, the Scots have made ready for this year's finals with characteristic determination.

The appointment last week of Matt Busby as national team manager indicates their strength of purpose.

equalising fall with a reverse press, and in round six won with a submission as he held Hall aloft.

Completing the bill were Young Santos (Argentine) and Col Sutton (Oldham). Sutton won in the sixth round with a fall and a submission against a submission. This was another clean fight, although a partisan crowd rooting for Sutton often behaved as though Santos was a complete villain.

For, though he is undoubtedly the best man for the job, it took courage to choose him over the heads of every club manager in the Scottish League. Especially so since Busby did not even play in Scottish League football.

The Scottish team is far from being as settled as England's, but having beaten Spain to qualify, their chances cannot lightly be discounted.

Ireland and Wales will be appearing in the finals for the first time, and both have many problems to overcome. They lack the playing resources of a strong national league, and it would need only one or two injuries to prejudice their chances.

But Ireland have an outstanding team manager in Peter Doherty, and Danny Blanchflower, their captain, is perhaps the greatest tactician in modern football.

Cymru am byth

Though lacking in reserve strength, their team has been good enough to put them within reach of the home international championship, and with their emphasis on polished football, they stand comparison with the best of overseas sides.

Wales are lucky to be in the running. They were knocked out by Czechoslovakia in the preliminaries, but a ballot between the runners-up gave them a second chance.

Now, with Ivor Allchurch fit, and John Charles once more available, they are approaching the strength of two seasons ago.

All four countries have mapped out a programme of preliminary matches, and will take the air for Sweden as better prepared sides than would have been the case in previous years. It is not beyond the imagination to envisage at least one of them in the final.

LEAGUE THREE NORTH

| | P | W | D | L | F | A | Pt |
|---------------|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|
| Bury | 28 | 17 | 5 | 6 | 57 | 26 | 39 |
| Scunthorpe U. | 27 | 16 | 6 | 5 | 46 | 33 | 38 |
| Bradford City | 28 | 12 | 10 | 6 | 40 | 28 | 34 |
| Barrow | 30 | 11 | 12 | 7 | 48 | 43 | 34 |
| Chesterfield | 29 | 13 | 8 | 8 | 50 | 46 | 34 |
| Hartlepool U. | 29 | 12 | 8 | 9 | 58 | 49 | 32 |
| Tranmere R. | 28 | 12 | 7 | 9 | 58 | 46 | 31 |
| Mansfield T. | 26 | 12 | 7 | 7 | 58 | 51 | 31 |
| Accrington S. | 27 | 12 | 7 | 8 | 48 | 48 | 31 |
| Rochdale | 28 | 14 | 2 | 12 | 59 | 46 | 30 |
| Stockport | 27 | 11 | 7 | 9 | 45 | 38 | 29 |
| ATHLETIC | 27 | 11 | 7 | 9 | 49 | 44 | 29 |
| Hull City | 27 | 11 | 7 | 9 | 43 | 46 | 29 |
| Gateshead | 29 | 8 | 11 | 10 | 45 | 50 | 27 |
| Hullfax T. | 29 | 9 | 9 | 11 | 45 | 56 | 27 |
| Carlisle Utd. | 29 | 11 | 4 | 14 | 50 | 48 | 26 |
| Wrexham | 28 | 10 | 6 | 12 | 43 | 42 | 26 |
| Workington | 27 | 9 | 7 | 11 | 42 | 45 | 26 |
| Bradford | 30 | 9 | 7 | 14 | 46 | 62 | 25 |
| York City | 28 | 8 | 7 | 13 | 37 | 50 | 23 |
| Accrington | 27 | 10 | 2 | 15 | 41 | 57 | 22 |
| Chester | 27 | 7 | 13 | 12 | 32 | 39 | 21 |
| Southport | 29 | 6 | 5 | 18 | 36 | 60 | 19 |
| Crewe Alex. | 29 | 5 | 4 | 20 | 29 | 56 | 17 |

ZETA 'BEST ANSWER TO SPUTNIK'

Smithfield fire-fighters still hampered

THE fire in the basement beneath the burned out poultry market at Smithfield, London, was still burning early today—more than 48 hours after it started. Firemen were pumping water into the gaunt shell of the building from all sides, and in some parts were able to work inside but conditions were still difficult because of the heat and smoke. A fire officer said: "We are making slow but steady progress. It is impossible to estimate how long it will be before the fire is out."

Because of a danger that parts of the walls may fall, special precautions were being taken to see that no-one was in a possible danger area.

While firemen at surface-level were pumping thousands of gallons of water an hour, more teams were working underground to ensure that the fire does not spread through a connecting tunnel to a machinery room.

Notices in the road warned of dangerous walls—the remains of no towers—at two corners of the burned-out building. Both were rickety, and one leaned slightly. Firemen tackling the fire underground worked 20-minute relays.

A market official said it was expected there would be no delays and shortage of meat next week. Any of the business displaced by a fire have been accommodated elsewhere in the market; others have their own premises in different parts of the market.

Former champ's have check-up

THE Massachusetts State Boxing Commission has indefinitely postponed Tony Demarco, former world welterweight champion. The commission announced in London that Demarco would have to undergo a thorough medical examination if he decided to continue his boxing career. Demarco (26) took severe punishment from Virgil Akins last Tuesday before being knocked out in the fifth round. We are reluctant to allow him to fight again until he has received a panel of physicians' approval, Commissioner Joe Reardon.

BRIDE FROM MALAYA



YONG SIEW-KUEN, from Malaya, arrives for wedding at Caxton Hall, today, with the Malayan commissioner, Dato Nik who gave her away. Her groom was a medical student, Mr. David Williams, when studying at University. Miss Yong is the daughter of the late Mr. Yook-Lin, a millionaire who was a member of the Federal Legislative Council.

World acclaim for Britain's success

M. R. JO GRIMOND, Leader of the Liberal Party, in a comment issued today on the Zeta announcement, said: "Zeta is the biggest and best answer the Western world can give to the sputnik and to Russian propaganda in general. There must be no smothered by false ideas of security or Anglo-American rivalry."

He continued: "Free power should not only free us from many economic problems but it should also free politics from many disputes, and allow politicians to turn to the major matters of the organisation of a free society, and its answer to Communism."

"Zeta means real planning. Have the Government considered its effect upon their long-term investment in coal? Have they considered that Zeta now allows industry to be sited away from coal and spread over the country? How does this affect the world's oil position?"

RUSSIA TOLD OF ZETA

"On all these questions, and on how new discoveries are to be controlled, developed and integrated with private industry, we ought soon to have the Government's view."

Soviet scientists almost certainly knew of Britain's progress in harnessing thermo-nuclear power, in advance of yesterday's joint British-American announcement, observers said in Moscow last night. Russia has for some year been

working along the same lines as British physicists, but her progress has not been announced, they claimed.

Paris: M. Henri Baifrais, Director of the nuclear centre at Fontenay-aux-Roses, near Paris, said French scientists had produced temperatures of around one million degrees centigrade with two types of apparatus—one of which was ring-shaped and like the Zeta apparatus. The independent left-wing newspaper Combat read: "A purely British victory. Over hydrogen-energy, Zeta is also a victory of humanity."

The pro-Communist paper Liberation said the first feeling was of immense relief that "the H-bomb is at last unbolted from its pedestal." Houston (Texas): Sir Harold Caccia, British Ambassador, speaking at Rice University, said he wondered what more might have been achieved with the scientific resources wasted in Britain on the "guaranteed duplication" of work already done in America.

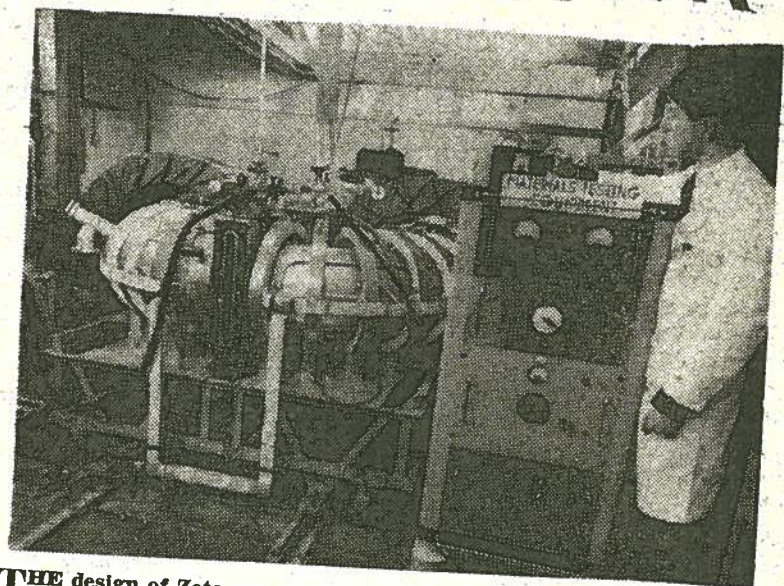
New York: The New York Times said: "When the ultimate goal is achieved, it will without doubt mark the greatest technological triumph of man in history." The Herald Tribune published a picture of "the British trail-blazers (Dr. Peter Thonemann, Mr. Carruthers and Mr. Pease, the three chiefly responsible for Zeta)."

Cambridge, Mass.: Success in the efforts to harness nuclear power through fusion would mean that Middle East oil would no longer be a possible cause of armed conflict between the Communists and the Western Powers, Dr. William Allis, director of the fusion project at Massachusetts Institute of Technology, said last night.

Tokio: Professor Nakamura, of Tokio University, said "This puts Britain far ahead of the Soviet Union."

Stockholm: Professor Kai Siegbahn, said that Sweden had built a machine similar to Zeta, and was building a machine twice as big which would be ready in spring.

Copenhagen: Dr. Kofod Hansen, head of Denmark's experimental atomic station, said in a broadcast that Britain's progress surpassed by a thousand times the best results known so far.



THE design of Zeta was completed with the aid of the Torus Mk III—the prototype apparatus on one-third scale at Harwell. The Torus is now used for materials testing work, and currents of 80,000 amperes are used. Zeta helps research into the problem of harnessing power from the FUSION of atoms—a process which provides heat for the stars. Temperatures of five million deg. centigrade have been reached in Zeta. One ounce of deuterium can be produced from 140 gal. water (cost about £3). Two hundred and fifty tons of coal would be needed to supply the energy to be obtained from this quantity of deuterium.

TO BE HARWELL'S NEW CHIEF



DR. B. F. J. SCHONLAND is to succeed Sir John Cockcroft as Director of the Atomic Energy Establishment at Harwell. He is the present Deputy-Director, and will take up his new appointment on Feb. 17.

Helicopter patient dies

Mrs. Ella Storer, of Church Path, Portsmouth, who was flown by helicopter from Lee-on-Solent Hampshire, to London for urgent treatment last Thursday, died in Hammersmith Hospital today. Mrs. Storer, who was 53, entered St. Mary's Hospital, Portsmouth, six weeks ago, after collapsing with a kidney complaint.

LOCAL BOYS WIN WAY TO FINALS

Failsworth schools' boxing

HIGHLIGHT of last night's Lancashire schoolboy boxing semi-finals at Failsworth Secondary Modern School was a battle between Oldham boy L. Grimsditch (Waterloo) and Alan Tottoh, coloured Manchester boy and brother of Johnnie Tottoh, one-time star of the schoolboy boxing rings. Though Tottoh laid on the pressure at the beginning, Grimsditch stuck to his task, and though he made a fine effort to wrench victory in the third round, Tottoh took the decision.

Out of twelve local boys who took part in the evening's boxing, seven go forward to the county finals and the opportunity to win a county title with the right to represent Lancashire in the national championships.

J. Mullin (Robin Hill) lost his bout with Manchester's T. Ash though the decision was extremely close. J. Jewitt (Derker) fought an experienced southpaw fighter, J. Whittall, also of Manchester, and couldn't keep pace with the faster opponent. The fight was stopped in the Manchester boy's favour in the last round.

Another Manchester victory was chalked up when J. McGoff beat V. Burston (Hollins). E. Wild (Failsworth) was unlucky not to beat B. Harrison (Manchester). A great local victory was that of P. Butterworth (Failsworth) who beat T. Leach (Manchester). Wading in from the opening bell the Failsworth boy soon wore down his opponent and the referee stopped the fight after 30 seconds.

What the bout between A. Nelson (Derker) and Manchester's B. Brockbank lacked in science it made up for in action, and Nelson took the verdict.

The rest of the local finalists had walk-overs last evening. J. Cudworth (Waterloo), D. Jones (Derker), T. Gallagher (Henshaw's), A. Boswell (Derker), the North of England schoolboy cricketer and town soccer team representative, and A. Savage (Clarksfield), V. Barratt (Hollinwood) should have taken part in the programme last night but through illness, he had to withdraw. The finals will be held at the Civic Theatre, Stretford, on February 10.

Clash with old rival MISS MORTIMER IN FINAL AGAIN

ANGELA MORTIMER, the British Wightman Cup player, today reached the women's final of the Australian lawn tennis championships with an easy 6-2, 6-0 win over Miss B. Holstein, of New South Wales.

Her opponent in the final will be Lorraine Coghlan, of Victoria, who beat Mary Carter, of New South Wales, 6-1, 6-1 in the other semi-final.

Miss Mortimer and Miss Coghlan, No. 1 and No. 2 seeds, have already met four times this season, each winning twice.

Mervyn Rose (Victoria), the 28-year-old Australian doubles champion, beat Bob Howe (New South Wales) 3-6, 4-6, 6-1, 8-6, 6-0 in the men's singles quarter-finals, in which Mal Anderson and Neale Fraser were also successful.

EXPRESS DERAILED: PASSENGERS HURT

The "Ruhr Express" from the Hook of Holland left the rails near Westervoort today. First reports said three passengers were injured. Two passengers were admitted to hospital. Damage to the train was said to be considerable.

The line in both directions was blocked and international trains are being diverted via Nijmegen and Kranenburg.

DIVORCED AND MARRIED IN SAME DAY

MILLIONAIRE sportsman Cornelius Vanderbilt Whitney obtained a divorce from his third wife in Winnemucca, Nevada, yesterday, and promptly married Mary Lou Hosford, a 32-year-old actress.

Mr. Whitney (58), ignored a New York State Supreme Court order restraining him from seeking a divorce outside New York State pending action on the third Mrs. Whitney's suit for separation.

The third Mrs. Whitney said in New York last night: "He is still my husband and I have never agreed to this divorce. I am confident that our own New York courts will protect my marriage and my son (13-year-old Cornelius)."

Mental cruelty

Mr. Whitney obtained a divorce on grounds of mental cruelty. The couple were married in 1941, when the third Mrs. Whitney was a receptionist at Pan American Airways, of which Mr. Whitney was once chairman. Judge Merwyn awarded Mrs. Whitney 3,500 dollars (about £1,260 sterling) a month alimony and 500 dollars (£180 sterling) a month for the support of the child.

Racing prospects for Monday good

The following statements were made today by the clerks of the courses at Nottingham and Plumpton, where racing is scheduled for Monday.

Mr. F. S. Ford, the clerk of the course at Nottingham, said today: "The snow has practically all gone and there is little or no frost in the ground. Unless there is a drastic change in the weather, the prospects of racing on Monday and Tuesday are excellent."

Mr. Bryan E. Robinson, the Plumpton clerk of the course, said: "The course was inspected at 12.15 p.m. today. A slow thaw has set in and racing looks probable on Monday unless there is a radical change in the weather."

RUGBY LEAGUE

| | P. | W. | D. | L. | F. | A. | Pt |
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| St. Helens | 27 | 24 | 0 | 3 | 609 | 237 | 46 |
| OLDHAM | 25 | 21 | 1 | 3 | 521 | 288 | 46 |
| Hull | 26 | 13 | 1 | 7 | 646 | 288 | 37 |
| Workington | 25 | 17 | 1 | 7 | 413 | 282 | 35 |
| Wigan | 25 | 17 | 0 | 8 | 551 | 304 | 34 |
| F'therstone | 26 | 17 | 0 | 8 | 424 | 303 | 34 |
| Halifax | 26 | 16 | 1 | 8 | 572 | 300 | 33 |
| Wekefield | 26 | 15 | 2 | 9 | 472 | 356 | 32 |
| Salford | 27 | 15 | 1 | 11 | 376 | 325 | 31 |
| Leigh | 26 | 15 | 0 | 11 | 392 | 319 | 31 |
| Widnes | 25 | 15 | 0 | 11 | 374 | 325 | 30 |
| Whitehaven | 25 | 15 | 0 | 10 | 450 | 398 | 29 |
| Warrington | 27 | 13 | 1 | 13 | 441 | 368 | 27 |
| Hunslet | 27 | 13 | 1 | 10 | 391 | 379 | 27 |
| York | 24 | 13 | 1 | 10 | 364 | 501 | 27 |
| Bradford N. | 26 | 12 | 2 | 10 | 398 | 319 | 26 |
| Hudders'ld | 25 | 12 | 2 | 12 | 409 | 387 | 25 |
| Barrow | 27 | 12 | 1 | 12 | 388 | 452 | 25 |
| Bramley | 26 | 11 | 2 | 13 | 394 | 529 | 25 |
| HOBNETS | 26 | 11 | 1 | 14 | 354 | 501 | 25 |
| Leeds | 25 | 11 | 1 | 13 | 450 | 446 | 25 |
| Hull KR | 27 | 10 | 2 | 16 | 326 | 486 | 25 |
| Swinton | 26 | 9 | 2 | 15 | 354 | 419 | 24 |
| Keighley | 26 | 8 | 2 | 16 | 342 | 358 | 24 |
| Blackpool B. | 26 | 9 | 0 | 17 | 363 | 496 | 24 |
| Batley | 25 | 8 | 0 | 17 | 317 | 412 | 24 |
| Castleford | 25 | 5 | 1 | 20 | 340 | 535 | 23 |
| Dewsbury | 25 | 4 | 2 | 19 | 348 | 688 | 23 |
| Doncaster | 28 | 2 | 0 | 24 | 147 | 628 | 11 |

Let someone revive Charity handicap

Chadderton Snooker League PLATT'S EASY WIN AT LAND'S END

AND so the mighty have fallen, Land's End, at home to Platt's in the Chadderton Snooker League last Monday, lost in no uncertain manner. The visitors took the first four frames easily through H. Howarth (33), S. Willerton (45), G. Bolton (52) and T. Midgley (6) to gain a 130-points lead.

Fallsworth Cycle, away to Nimble Nook, lost their match by the narrow margin of six, despite winning three frames, with N. Moreton the best winner by 40. W. Cartwright (34), and J. Jackson (27) turned the match in their favour.

Chadderton Cot had another run-away win in defeating Avros, which leaves them one point behind the leaders. A. Southern was Avro's only winner.

Chadderton Cons. suffered defeat at home to Beanweb by only 41 points, despite winning only one frame. Each frame was very evenly contested, with J. Rainford being the best winner of the match by 18.

The match between Chadderton Band and Chadderton Social saw the home team in top form. Their only loser was J. Meredith by one point—and they won by 135.

Another 4 out of 5

Westwood Libs. visited Shaw Rd. Cons. and were yet another club to win four frames. J. Carrigan was the only home winner by two.

Hollinwood Cons., at home to Chadderton Reform, opened their match with two wins from A. Fawcett (14) and E. Lockett (46), and they hung on to the lead. J. Whitaker winning one of the other three frames by 48.

Stanley Rd. 388, Chadderton Reform 315 (Stanley Rd. scores first): A. Fawcett 77, E. Leach 63; E. Lockett 87, H. Clegg 41; E. Knapper 67, A. Meadows 90; J. Whitaker 83, F. Coleman 35; A. Cole 74, T. Hulme 86. Whist: Stanley Rd. 42, Chadderton Reform 38.

Shaw Rd. Cons. 327, Westwood Libs. 418 (Shaw Rd. scores first): G. Woodcock 64, J. Cooke 95; J. Carrigan 75, S. Cooke 73; H. Bradley 73, H. Wilkinson 98; H. Hardman 59, T. Pearson 66; J. Harrison 56, T. Parkinson 86. Whist: Shaw Rd. 50, Westwood 46.

Chadderton Band 412, North Chadderton Social 277 (Chadd. Band scores first): R. Earnshaw 87, D. Bell 37; J. Whitaker 69, H. Linyard 53; J. Meredith 76, R. Walker 77; F. Scarfe 110, T. Bell 53; W. Eirtles 70, R. Godfrey 57. Whist: Chadd. Band 55, North Chadd. Social 50.

Chadderton CBC 449, Avros 286 (Chadd. CBC scores first): J. Whitaker 94, R. Irvine 50; J. Wilson 100, R. Power 37; H. Howarth 102, K. Beesley 72; A. Whiteley 62, H. Southern 79; S. Nicholls 91, J. Sladen 48. Whist: Chadd. CBC 60, Avros 45.

Nimble Nook 337, Fallsworth OC 231 (Nimble Nook scores first): J. Brierley 67, S. Osborne 71; J. Bell 46, N. Morton 86; W. J. Cartwright 84, B. Campbell 56; J. Jackson 84, E. Hall 57; J. Brooke 50; F. Kennedy 57.

North Chadderton CC 296, Beanweb 337 (North Chadd. CC scores first): R. Jones 49, F. Adams 63; F. Collier 70, E. Clark 79; E. Haslam 48, F. Rainford 65; A. Beard 75, W. Rainford 58; T. Kinder 54, J. Rainford 72. Whist: North Chadd. CC 46, Beanweb 41.

Land's End 347, Platt's 426 (Land's End scores first): F. Dyson 60, H. Howarth 83; A. Kelly 53, S. Willerton 98; R. Berry 59, G. Bolton 141; C. Lockwood 70, T. Midgley 76; S. Pope 116, S. Kershaw 68. Whist: Land's End 56, Platt's 44.

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Oldham and District S.S. and Institutes Billiards League

Queen Street (rec. 100) 554; Healds Green (rec. 20) 536. Queen Street scores first: M. V. Ogden (capt.) 100, W. Marriot 39; G. Mellor 100, H. Sutcliffe 77; S. Heywood 56, F. Mellor 100; C. W. Healey 55, W. Needham 100, R. Colman 92, A. Brereton 100; V. Roe 81, A. Cropper 100.

OICS, King Street (rec. 80) 574, Westwood (rec. 90) 660. OICS scores first: F. Taylor 100, F. Brierley 51; A. Nuttall 100, E. Sutton 81; J. O'Dea 40, E. Rothwell 100; S. Dunckerley 79, W. Clarke 100; W. Tomlinson 75, M. Saville 100; J. Yates 100, F. Stott 38.

St. Mark's 1st (rec. 90) 650, Greenacres 1st (rec. 110) 505. St. Mark's scores first: T. Greaves 100, A. Whitworth 28; N. Gill 100, W. Radcliffe 63; George Sherwood 100, N. Lamb 38; A. Robertson 66, J. Whitworth 100; W. J. Powell 100, E. Schofield 68; G. Southworth 94, R. Cheetham 100.

St. Stephen's (rec. 150) 630, Deaf Institute (rec. 120) 626. St. Stephen's scores first: J. Clarke 100, H. Holt 65; C. Heginbottom 100, W. Edden 87; R. Littleford 56, W. Collingwood 100; J. Stott 61, R. Tidswell 100; J. Hollingworth 63, J. Schofield 100; R. Higham 100, H. Foulds 74.

Waterhead Parish Church (rec. 100) 601, Bardsley (rec. 140) 688. Waterhead scores first: F. Hanson 67, H. Jackson 100, L. Kenworthy 100, F. Buckley 84; H. Taylor 100, J. T. Hauge 98; F. Wolfenden 100, E. Hibbert 87; J. Sykes 100, E. Thomas 76; J. Coop 34, A. Penny 100.

Healds Green (rec. 190) 751, Shore Edge (rec. 170) 662. Healds Green scores first: H. Hughes 64, L. Stott 100; R. Hulme 100, W. Platt 75; G. Andrews 77, T. Kershaw 100; R. Chadwick 100, L. Bardsley 62; M. Dean 100, W. Barrett 75; F. Dale 100, H. Andrews 80.

Deaf Institute (rec. 170) 681, St. Stephen's (rec. 170) 673. Institute scores first: H. Travis (capt.) 73, H. Jones 100; F. Hargraves 65, F. Bottoms 100; N. Ferguson 100, J. Hartley 76; L. Reece 100, J. Lord 61; N. Dyson 75, H. Wild 100; J. Creighton 100, N. Roach 56.

Greenacres Gongs (rec. 150) 679, St. Mark's (rec. 120) 601. Greenacres scores first: A. E. Baron 100, I. Buckley 55; J. Ferriday 100, F. Hutchinson 97; R. Crowder 48, S. Bentley 100; F. Thorpe 81, C. Moseley 100; J. Crowder 100, A. Barker 62; B. Taylor 100, F. Whitehead 87.

Bardsley Institute (rec. 150) 746, Waterhead (rec. 210) 627. Bardsley scores first: H. Nield 100, J. Smedley 45; W. H. Goddard 100, A. Taylor 85; W. W. Radcliffe 100, F. Hanson 100; J. Crowder 100, R. Spence 74; G. Smith 96; J. Lees 100; L. Thwaites 100, A. Sedgwick 70.

Honeywell Lane (rec. 160) 553, St. Ambrose (rec. 180) 758. Honeywell Lane scores first: R. Cornwall 85, H. Garnett 100; J. Stacey 100, F. Furness 95; G. Warburton 31, E. Jump 100; F. Walsh 100, B. Taylor 81; G. Morris 47, E. Ilomley 100; S. Stewart 30, A. Mills 100.

Chamber Mill (rec. 150) 715, St. John's, Werneth (rec. 80) 511. Chamber Mill scores first: J. Ainscough 100, F. Jackson 79; W. Armitage 100, J. Boardman 70; H. Shaw 100, G. Percival 68; A. Dunkerley 65, C. Hall 100; H. Hindley 100, J. B. Jones 57; H. Harrison 100, F. Jenkinson 59.

Healds Green (rec. 120) 547, OICS, Greenwood Street (rec. 40) 367. Healds Green scores first: J. Poulter 75, A. Walsh 58; J. Clarke 75, J. Smith 71; T. Thornley 75, J. Thompson 58; H. Swire 32, J. Shaw 75; T. Tomlinson 75, J. Bradley 17; G. Thornley 75, F. Smith 48.

Bardsley Institute (rec. 90) 457, Greenacres (rec. 140) 470. Bardsley scores first: J. Lambert 33, G. Aspinall 75; L. Thwaites 75, K. Payne 40; J. Thomason 75, R. Ashton 64; J. Edwards 75, H. Lamb 19; T. Whitehead 75, D. Broadbent 48; G. Kay 34, W. Newby 75.

Chamber Mill (rec. 100) 615, St. Ambrose (rec. 110) 453. Chamber Mill scores first: A. Davies 75, T. Wild 35; F. Giddens 75, F. Wolsencroft 69; E. Sharpe 54, M. Normanton 75; H. Sheldermine 61, A. Furness 75; F. Cadd 75, A. Chester 41; E. Hulme 75, J. Turner 50.

NOE again, as the time approaches when the Oldham Charity Snooker Handicap used to be run, I am asked if there is any hope of it being revived. This event, which started in 1922 as a billiard handicap and was staged every year until 1939, was recognised as the premier competition in the North of England. It was restarted after the last war as a snooker handicap and proved as popular as before. In fact, it became an honour to be selected to play in the handicap.

With entries of over 50, consisting of the best amateurs from Manchester and surrounding districts, it was hard to select the 32 competitors. More and more local players wanted to take part as the standard of snooker increased in the Oldham area. The last time it was staged was in 1954, when Austin Whiteside won it at his third attempt.

WITH the higher standard of snooker it seems a pity that the committee responsible for staging it in the past are satisfied to let it fade out. The least

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they could do, if they cannot find time to sponsor it, is to hand it over to someone who is prepared to continue it for the sake of charity and the snooker enthusiasts of Oldham.

While it may seem a simple solution to stage some similar event, I do not think that it would have the same attraction as the original, which has a name that will always be talked about wherever billiards and snooker are played.

ALTHOUGH most clubs are well supplied with accessories — as full-butt, half-butt, spider, etc. — it is unfortunate when one of these items is missing at a crucial point of a game.

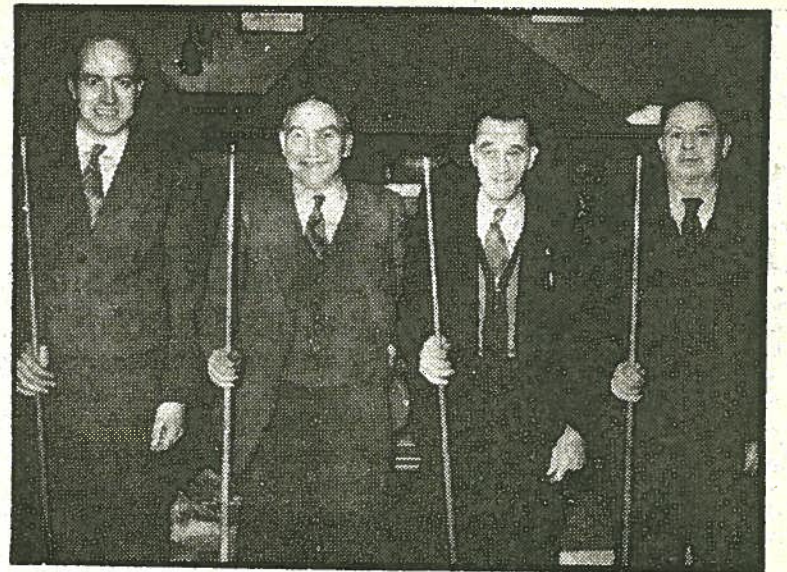
It happened in one of the Green Final Handicap games recently, where it could have made the difference between winning and losing the match.

The point to consider is that if the player is adamant about requiring the particular accessory that is missing, the game can be held up or even postponed until one is found.

THE Manchester Billiards and Snooker Association are holding their gala week from February 17—22 at the Great Western Hotel, Moss Side. The semi-finals and final of the English Amateur Snooker Championship (Manchester Area), the final of the George Eaton Cup, and the team final of the Foster Kershaw Cup will be played.

Frank Sedgman, of Australia, former Wimbledon champion, beat world professional champion Panco Gonzales 7-5, 4-6, 6-4 in the Ampol Round Robin professional lawn tennis tournament in Melbourne today.

Britain's Billy Knight and Tony Pickard will meet in the men's singles final of the South-West India Lawn Tennis Championships at Minda. They also reached the men's doubles final.



Shaw British Legion are through into the third round of the Green Final Snooker Handicap. Their team is: N. Kirkham, N. Brierley, E. Wyers (capt.) and N. Taylor.

GREEN FINAL SNOOKER HANDICAP Shaw Legion, 18 behind, won on the black ball

WHAT could be more interesting and exciting than a snooker match in which the result of the last frame and the match depended on a black ball. That was the position on Tuesday evening in the Green Final Snooker Handicap second-round match between Shaw British Legion and St. Paul's Conservative Club.

It had been a close affair from the start, with the Legion team gaining a nine-point lead on the first frame. This was cut to a five-point lead after the second frame and then the third gave St. Paul's a turn-up in which they took an 18-point lead.

They looked all set for a win when the home team player, E. Wyers, clashed with H. Booth, who is a sound cue player. But although they were level at 49, Wyers took a 55-50 lead at the colours. At the black ball he held a 79-58 lead.

This made the aggregate scores 266-263. Both indulged in some careful play until Wyers staked all on a fairly long pot. It came off and there was plenty of excitement in the Shaw Legion Institute, whose team had unexpectedly won by 10 points, 273-263.

In the first frame N. Taylor (25) for the home side held a 59-49 lead over J. Jackson (20). No big breaks by either and Taylor won 74-65. N. Brierley (22), rather a hasty type of player, held on although beaten by E. Hollingworth (20) 56-60 to cut the lead to five points. To me, Hollingworth was the stylist of the evening and deserved better luck on several occasions. Both made a 15 break.

N. Kirkham (22) then lost heavily to a sound snooker player in J. Feber (25) by 57-80. This made it odds on St. Paul's winning. But Wyers is a cagey player and though his biggest break was only 11, he gave nothing away. Booth just could not get into his stride, and Wyers kept snatching points to get the Legion home in what had been a good handicap match.

GREEN FINAL SNOOKER

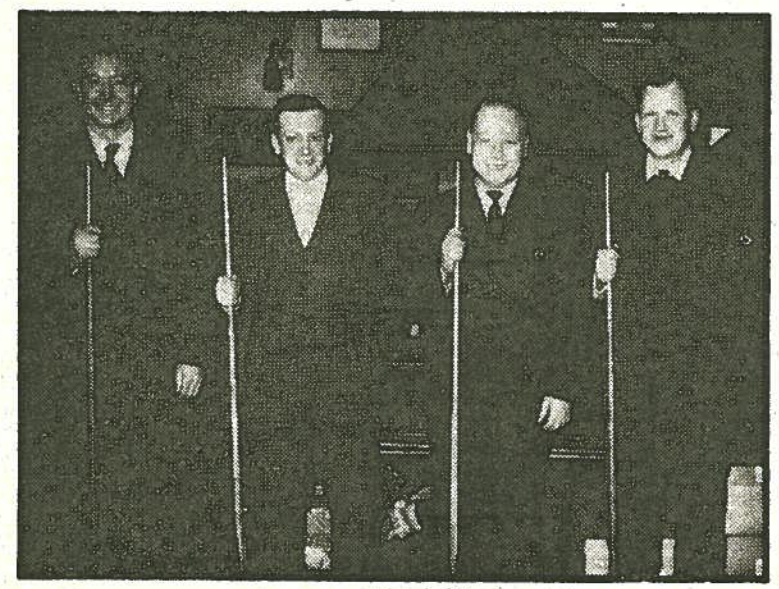
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| Shaw & Crompton British Legion (3) 275, St. Paul's CC (2) 267 (Shaw scores first): N. Taylor 74, J. Jackson 69; N. Brierley 56, E. Hollingworth 60; N. Kirkham 57, J. Feber 80; E. Myers 86, H. Booth 58. |
| Lowerplace Libs. (1) 253, Crompton Cons. ("A") (3) 333 (Lowerplace scores first): J. Greenwood 57, J. Taylor 95; J. Swindells 97, R. Lee 50; R. Bate 56, J. Cooper 78; J. Proctor 46, W. Dowson 110. |
| North Chadderton (3) 303, Milnrow Cons. (1) 239 (North Chadd. scores first): H. Linyard 81, J. Schofield 86; R. Walker 77, J. Fielding 68; A. Broome 78, K. Howard 51; T. Bell 67, H. Hurst 82. |
| Westwood Lib. ("B") (3) 297, Royton Oddfellows (1) 257 (Westwood scores first): W. Whittaker 85, F. Wilson 79; B. Bowker 94, H. Greaves 83; A. Cooper 34, T. Lockett 65; H. Hall 83, H. Greenwood 60. |
| Westwood Lib. ("A") (3) 310, Greenfield Cons. ("B") (1) 235 (Westwood scores first): J. Cooke 93, G. Parkin 48; F. Scarfe 76, T. Butler 58; S. Cooke 76, S. Gartside 59; H. Buxton 65, A. Dransfield 70. |

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| Crompton Labour ... 16 12 0 4 ... 24 |
| Royton Oddfellows ... 16 11 0 4 ... 23 |
| Crompton Cons. ... 16 10 0 6 ... 20 |
| Crompton Cricket ... 16 10 0 6 ... 20 |
| Milne Street ... 16 10 0 6 ... 20 |
| Royton Cons. ... 16 9 1 6 ... 19 |
| Shaw Road Cons. ... 16 9 1 6 ... 19 |
| United Irish ... 16 9 1 6 ... 19 |
| Osram GEC ... 16 7 1 8 ... 15 |
| Shaw Legion ... 16 7 1 8 ... 15 |
| St. Joseph's ... 16 5 3 8 ... 15 |
| Heyside Cons. ... 16 5 2 9 ... 12 |
| Shaw Comrades ... 16 6 0 10 ... 12 |
| A. & A. Crompton's ... 16 5 1 10 ... 11 |
| Royton Textiles ... 16 5 0 11 ... 10 |
| Shaw Church ... 16 2 1 13 ... 6 |

Bolton player's daughter dies of blood disease

Nicole Jane Hennin, only daughter of Bolton Wanderers' wing-half, Derek Hennin, died last night at Whiston hospital, where she was taken on Thursday believed to be suffering from pneumonia. Doctors discovered she had a blood disease. Hennin is Bolton's regular wing-half, but when his daughter became ill he was released from today's team in the FA Cup tie at York.



St. Paul's Conservative Club snooker team: J. Jackson, J. Feber, E. Hollingworth, H. Booth (capt.).

Oldham District

DAETS

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| Freemasons Arms 17 15 2... 88 31... 30 |
| Lord Nelson ... 16 14 2... 82 30... 28 |
| Lancs. Vaults ... 16 12 4... 72 40... 24 |
| Royal Hotel ... 17 10 7... 67 52... 20 |
| Museum Inn ... 17 9 8... 57 62... 18 |
| Havelock Inn ... 16 8 8... 54 58... 16 |
| Spinners Arms ... 16 7 9... 53 59... 14 |
| British Flag ... 16 6 10... 47 65... 12 |
| Corporation Arms 16 4 12... 34 78... 8 |
| Westwood CC ... 16 2 14... 39 79... 4 |
| Turn o' Luck ... 15 2 13... 30 76... 4 |

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Last Tuesday's results (crib in brackets): Royal 6 (4), Turn o' Luck 1 (3), Freemasons 4 (4), Spinners 3 (3), Corporation 0 (5), Flag 7 (2), Havelock 3 (5), Westwood 4 (2), Vaults 7 (4), Museum 0 (3).

Next week's fixtures: Turn o' Luck v. Freemasons; Spinners v. Corporation; Royal v. Havelock; Westwood v. Vaults; Flag v. Lord Nelson.

Denis Adams, South Africa's "pocket Marclano," took only three minutes twenty seconds to retain his British Empire flyweight boxing championship at Durban last night when he knocked out Warner Batchelor of Australia.

They couldn't kill Leigh: —It refused to die

LEIGH is the club that refused to die. The loss of its ground during the early years of the 1939-45 War was thought to have killed the club, but Leigh refused to give up its traditional sporting interest and the club was saved.

Started in 1877, the club owes its origin to a surveyor, Mr. Fred Ulph, and a ground was secured at Buck's Farm, Pennington. A couple of seasons later a move was made to a ground behind the Three Crowns in the Bedford area of the town.

Opposition in the shape of a new club, the Albion Engineering Works, was encountered, and the club almost floundered in the early 1880's. Many of the old players joined the new club, but amalgamation with the Firs Lane, Bedford and Albion Foundry clubs saved and strengthened the club.

In or about 1887 Tom Coop, of Tottington, was secured and he was a legend in Lancashire. He represented England against Scotland, under Rugby Union rules, in 1892 while a playing member of the Leigh club.

In 1890-1, he played for Lancashire County in all its ten games, at full-back. Alongside him were Jim Valentine, Dai Gwynn and Billy McCutcheon of Oldham, with Valentine officiating as captain.

By 1893, the club fell foul of the Rugby Union for its part in persuading players to join the club. Wilding, from Cardiff Harlequins, and Fitzgerald, who later starred for Batley, were among the players involved, and as a result Leigh Football Club was suspended.

Two other clubs in that season, 1894-5, Wigan and Salford, were also suspended.

'LEIGH—THE TRAITORS'

Leigh had not been included in the Lancashire Senior Competition on its formation in 1892, and were not included in that body's second season. Their efforts to gain promotion had not gone unnoticed, and on September 19, 1894, the club was closed down for the season without playing any senior competition matches, although the other two clubs concerned did play some football.

The upshot of these suspensions was the formation of the Northern Union, and the Leigh club was a founder member. By this time the club had been installed for around half a dozen years at the Mather Lane ground, which served as headquarters until the Second World War.

One great figure with Leigh in the early days was Jack Hurst. He was born in that town in 1868, and was a star when the first Maori team tour this country in 1888-9, and he signed for Oldham just before the Maoris played at Clarksfield. He played for the best part of ten seasons with Oldham.

Just managing to keep above danger zone during the three years of the two divisions era, Leigh surprised everyone by topping the reorganised league in 1905-6.

In the early days of the Northern Union, Leigh played fairly well and occupied a middle-of-the-table position for every year prior to the formation of the Northern League in 1901-2, but they were very fortunate to be included in the League.

It was originally intended to take the top six clubs from the Lancashire and Yorkshire competitions, but in order to have enough voting strength to gain a majority so that the scheme could go through, the seventh teams, Leigh and Brighouse Rangers, were included.

They were called traitors by the excluded clubs, who had intended to prevent the formation of the new league. In those days founder clubs were entitled to seats on the Northern Union Council, a privilege denied to later recruits.

This first season of the reconstructed league was the only one in which there were no top four play-offs, and Leigh with 80 per cent, narrowly headed Hunslet, with Leeds and Oldham third and fourth respectively.

PROTESTS . . . REPLAYS

In the Challenge Cup, Leigh had some mixed experiences. In the first season of the Cup, Leigh were

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drawn at home to Wakefield Trinity. On that occasion it was a pointless draw, but such were the methods of scoring in that last season under Rugby Union values (1896-7), that Leigh's score was given as 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, and Wakefield had the same number of cyphers.

In plain English the noughts stood for goals (converted tries), dropped goals, penalty goals, tries, points. No wonder the Northern Union changed the system.

Wakefield won the replay by 13-4.

A year later after having defeated Heckmondwike by 7-0, Abbeyhills were met and overcome in the second round by 59-0. The Widnes club put paid to Leigh's interest in the next round. The following year Oldham put the club out in the semi-final.

In 1905, Wigan were defeated in the first round by 3-0, but the Colliers protested on a breach of the professional laws. Silcock had been absent from work and no application had been made for a permit to play, for in those days there was a working clause in the rules, so the protest was upheld and the game was ordered to be replayed.

Wigan won the replay by 5-0, and Silcock later played for Wigan.

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Three years later Leigh protested about a Lancashire Cup game, which the club had lost at Central Park by 11-5, after a draw at Mather Lane. Johnson, Wigan's New Zealand player had left the field to put on a new jersey without the referee's permission, so this game was replayed, Wigan winning by 17-3 at Central Park.

The semi-final was again reached in 1908, but Hull won by 7-0. Not until 1921 did the club pass the semi-final round. On this occasion Halifax were in the final and Leigh triumphed by 13 clear points.

The team that day was: T Clarkson; Hurst, Heaton, E Thomas, C Braund; Mooney, Parkinson; Cartwright, Winstanley, Darwell, Prosser, Boardman and Coffey.

Ten of the players were born in the Leigh-Wigan area, which was a great source of pride to the club and its supporters. Tommy Clarkson, at full-back, was a sterling player, and Joe Darwell and Walter Mooney were prime favourites with the club. Cyril Braund later became manager of Salford and then Cardiff.

WELCOME THE AUSSIES

In one field the club showed some good initiative, and that was in signing Mitchell Bolewski, the Australian who played with the first tourists from that country. He was a full-back and played in Queensland before coming to Lancashire.

Along with other colonials, including Lance Todd, Charlie Seeling, A. E. Anlezark and Deane—the last two playing for Oldham—he was allowed under the residential laws to represent Lancashire. He followed Ellis Clarkson, the Leigh full-back into the county team.

A good combination in the early days of the century was that of Molyneux and Dunbavand at half-back. Harry Dunbavand held the points scoring record with 88, scored in seasons 1897-8, and 1905-6, until a twenty-one-year-old player, W. H. Ganley, broke it in 1910-11.

The record-breaking quality must have been handed down to Ganley junior—the present Oldham player who makes a practice of smashing goal-kicking records.

In the days before our game became international, the highest honours to be won were county caps. Smith, a Leigh forward, represented Lancashire in the first county game to be played, and Taylor, also a forward, and Molyneux at half-back, were reserves that day.

That season Coop also appeared for the county at full-back and Taylor and T. Anderton (who deputised for Oldham's I. P. Taylor), also wore the county jersey.

Later Paddy O'Neill, Winstanley, Joe Cartwright, Joe Darwell, Walter Mooney, Grundy, Whalley and

Keegan, were not only popular at Leigh, but many gained representative honours.

Nearer to the present day we can well remember Charlie Pawsey, Joe Egan, Jim Ledgard, Bill Kindon, Trevor Allan, Mossop, Mick Martyn, Owen Bevan, Macdonald Bailey and many others.

THEY GOT THE CUP

Many players have interchanged between the Leigh and Oldham clubs, including Laurie Higgins, Norman Harris, Ted Kerwick, Frank Daley and Frank Stirrup (via Salford), while Leigh junior products Alan Davies, Frank Pitchford and Vin Netsor, have delighted us at Watersheddings on very many occasions.

When the second world war started, Leigh had sold their ground to a brewery company, and efforts to secure other grounds at Hindsford and Raikes Lane, Bolton, were vetoed by the RL Council. However the club refused to give up although denied fixtures in the first post-war years.

The Leigh Athletic Ground at Charles Street, was used for a year by the good offices of the Athletic Club, and then a site was bought in Kirkhall Lane and enthusiasm grew.

Led by Tommy Sale the club captain, supporters converted a six-and-a-half-acre wilderness into the present ground. The supporters erected the magnificent stand on the popular side.

Money was raised, stars were bought and finally the Lancashire Cup was won in 1952, after six previous final defeats. Three years later it was won again since when the cup has stayed in Oldham.

Little wonder the club has won the title of "The club that refused to die."

'Robin Hood' for Hungarians

A Hungarian version of "Robin Hood" by Marton Lovasz is to be performed at a Kecskemet Theatre, Central Hungary. Somerset Maugham's "Rain" is also included in future productions, reports the Hungarian news service quoted by Reuter.

OLDHAM JUNIOR RUGBY LEAGUE MILNROW CLUB IS SELLING ITS GEAR

FROM the Rochdale club, Milnrow, this week, comes the official notification that the club has disbanded and that on January 30 at their headquarters the committee are to offer for sale 18 red-amber black jerseys; 14 red and white jerseys; two carrying bags for jerseys; three footballs and one mechanical lime marker. Any of the Oldham clubs interested should contact Mr. Duffy, 24 Merlin Road, Milnrow.

Last Saturday, the Oldham and Manchester Leagues played a benefit match for R. Dixon, of Seedley Rangers, who was injured in November. The game was played on the Salford RFC ground, but the condition of the pitch was very bad. Although the conditions were against good, open play, both sides tried to entertain the small number of spectators with some good, open rugby.

Oldham took the lead after only four minutes' play when a neat passing movement sent Lenegan over the corner for a try. Flynn landed a penalty goal but Manchester went on to the attack and their left winger scored a grand try when his centre outwitted the Oldham defence. This shook the Oldham boys and the home side took advantage of the Oldham side's slack tackling and scored a second try just before half-time.

On the restart Manchester increased their lead when they were awarded a try for obstruction. Play was scrappy, due to the bad state of the ground. The home side were having the better of the exchanges and scored a further try when the right wing crossed in the corner. Five minutes from time T. Turner intercepted on the halfway line and won a great race to score under the post. Flynn failed to add the goal points and Oldham lost by 12 points to 8. Two new boys in the Oldham pack, Sheard and Gledhill, gave a brilliant display in the Salford mud.

PRESENT FOR GANLEY



BERNARD GANLEY, Great Britain full-back and Oldham FC captain, received a gold wristlet watch at a Supporters' Club dance on Tuesday. He was presented with it by Mr. JOHN MCCALLUM, Supporters' Club chairman.

MILNROW—NEWHEY CLUBS LEAGUE

Milnrow and Newhey Clubs' League results at Billiards and dominoes for week ending January 15.—Billiards: Newhey Lib. "B" 489, Newhey Lib. "A" 571; Milnrow Con. "A" 491, Milnrow Con. "B" 426. Dominoes: Milnrow Con. "A" 318, Milnrow Con. "B" 346.

BILLIARDS

| | P | W | L | D | Pt |
|------------------|---|---|---|---|----|
| Milnrow Con. "A" | 9 | 6 | 3 | 0 | 12 |
| Newhey Lib. "A" | 9 | 6 | 3 | 0 | 12 |
| Newhey Con. | 8 | 5 | 3 | 0 | 10 |
| Shaw Labour | 7 | 5 | 2 | 0 | 10 |
| Workmans | 8 | 3 | 5 | 0 | 6 |
| Milnrow Con. "B" | 8 | 2 | 6 | 0 | 4 |
| Newhey Lib. "B" | 9 | 2 | 7 | 0 | 4 |

DOMINOES

| | P | W | L | D | Pt |
|------------------|---|---|---|---|----|
| Milnrow Con. "B" | 7 | 6 | 1 | 0 | 12 |
| Newhey Con. | 6 | 4 | 2 | 0 | 8 |
| Workmans | 7 | 4 | 3 | 0 | 8 |
| Milnrow Con. "A" | 8 | 3 | 5 | 0 | 6 |
| Shaw Labour | 5 | 2 | 3 | 0 | 4 |
| Newhey Lib. "B" | 7 | 1 | 6 | 0 | 2 |

SNOOKER

| | P | W | L | D | Pt |
|------------------|---|---|---|---|----|
| Milnrow Con. "A" | 7 | 5 | 2 | 0 | 10 |
| Newhey Lib. "B" | 7 | 5 | 2 | 0 | 10 |
| Shaw Labour | 7 | 5 | 2 | 0 | 10 |
| Newhey Con. "A" | 7 | 3 | 4 | 0 | 6 |
| Newhey Lib. "A" | 7 | 3 | 4 | 0 | 6 |
| Workmans "A" | 7 | 3 | 4 | 0 | 6 |
| Workmans "B" | 7 | 3 | 4 | 0 | 6 |
| Newhey Con. "B" | 8 | 3 | 5 | 0 | 6 |
| Milnrow Con. "B" | 7 | 2 | 5 | 0 | 4 |

CRIB

| | P | W | L | D | Pt |
|------------------|---|---|---|---|----|
| Milnrow Con. "B" | 5 | 3 | 2 | 0 | 6 |
| Newhey Lib. "A" | 5 | 3 | 2 | 0 | 6 |
| Shaw Labour | 5 | 3 | 2 | 0 | 6 |
| Workmans "B" | 5 | 3 | 2 | 0 | 6 |
| Milnrow Con. "A" | 5 | 3 | 2 | 0 | 6 |
| Newhey Con. "A" | 6 | 2 | 4 | 0 | 4 |
| Workmans "A" | 6 | 2 | 4 | 0 | 4 |

Oldham RU notes

A hoodoo on captains this season?

LAST Tuesday proved to be yet another disappointment with the film show. This time the projector did not turn up. It is doubtful now whether it will be possible to show them this season, as the films, which are loaned by the English Rugby Union, are obviously in great demand.

There seems to be a hoodoo on team captains this season. Earlier, first-team skipper Freddie Wood had a very severe attack of flu which kept him out of the game for several weeks. The "A" team captain, S. Molyneux, has been out of the game with a leg injury, and his vice-captain, F. Bradley, is now a casualty with a shoulder injury.

L. Eyre, captain of the Borough, has not played for several weeks, having injured a toe, and is now confined to bed with pleurisy. Latest invalid is Bert Briggs, skipper of the Colts, who is in hospital with a stomach complaint. Happily, all are on the road to recovery.

Last Saturday, the first team were without a fixture, but several players turned out to strengthen the lower sides. The remainder watched the international match between England and Wales on television, but can have picked up few tips from a game which was marred by the completely negative tactics of the Welsh side, which resulted in Rugby Union at its very worst.

The "A" team went to BICC, Prescott, and won 14-11 in a game spoiled by bad refereeing. Again, Oldham built up a good lead, but as at Bingley the previous week, they slackened off, and Prescott scored eight quick points. G. Moss scored a good try, as did P. Shaw, who again had a fine game.

Garrett was a thrustful centre and Hurst showed improved form at full back.

The Borough team gave another disappointing display in losing 14-0 at Keb Lane to Prescott first team. This was a hard-fought game on heavy ground. Oldham lacked a goal kicker, otherwise the score would have been much closer. P. Arthurs was the best of the backs and N. Heginbotham hooked well, especially in the second half.

The Extra "A" had another good win against Prescott, 23-3. J. Jinks on the wing, had a good game, scoring two tries. N. Platt was in excellent form at scrum-half, and D. Trulove showed his attacking ability in the centre. Pellow and B. Clegg were the pick of a good pack.

First team vice captain, J. Humble, took charge of the Colts in the absence of B. Briggs and they gave a creditable performance at St. Helens Recs. drawing 15-15. S. Brierley showed great promise at out-half, and kicked three excellent goals, while G. Perry was a thrustful wing. G. Wood and B. Cattle were the best of a pack which still needs a lot of coaching in the art of loose scrummaging.—K.D.

Manchester Amateur League PENALTIES MADE THEM STRUGGLE

CHADDERTON entertained bottom-of-the-league Crossley Bros. last Saturday, and contrary to their league position Crossley's gave Chadderton a hard fight before going down 3-2. They took the lead, in fact, in 20 minutes, when centre-half Dickenson fouled a forward in the penalty area. The fact that the offence took place in the penalty area could not be disputed.

Within two minutes, however, Chadderton equalised when, following a smart right-wing movement, McDONNELL scored from close range. There was no further score before half-time.

Early play in the second half showed Chadderton, vastly improved, and luck smiled on the brave Crossley's team, never more than when Middlebrook saw a shot into the empty goal cleared off the goal-line by a full-back.

Two goals came to Chadderton, however, with good shots by NEIL McDONNELL. Surprisingly Crossley's reduced the arrears from another penalty following a foul by a Chadderton defender which appeared to be some distance outside the penalty area.

Austerlands won with last kick

WITH the last kick of the game last Saturday, Austerlands Institute won 6-5 and gained two well-earned home points against Audenshaw Celtic. After 20 minutes Wolstenholme came through with the ball, drew the defence and slipped a beautiful pass to Mayall, who gave the home team a deserved lead. Shortly after, the visitors' right-winger put across a good centre which the strong wind carried into the top corner of the net.

Before half-time, however, Wolstenholme, who was playing a great game, again split the defence

to send Smethurst through for the second goal.

After the change-over, and playing with the wind, the Austerlands team piled on the pressure and further goals were scored by Mayall, Smethurst and Sladin before a further consolation goal was scored by the visitors.

Victory appeared safe for the home team, but with only 15 minutes to play, both full-backs were injured and this caused a reshuffle of the team. Five minutes from the end the Audenshaw team had drawn level at 5-5.

The game was now very thrilling, but with half-a-minute to go, Mayall beat two men and placed the ball through to Sladin, who rammed the ball well and truly home to give his side two well-earned points.

The whistle sounded for time before the ball could be re-spotted.

Good openings wasted but won 2-0

THE ground at Newton Heath was virtually a swamp last Saturday when Chadderton United met Victoria Hunts Bank in a North Division fixture. The power of United's defence proved too much for the home team, who were continually on the defensive, and United won 2-0.

They took the lead after 10 minutes through Anderson, whose shot struck a defender en route for the net. Many more openings were spoiled through the forwards trying to walk the ball into the net, and this was the pattern until just before half-time when Shepherd hammered home a cross from Anderson.

The second half was a repetition of the first and the United half-backs, Marshall and Purcell, seemed to despair at the many openings going astray and they set the pattern for a short while by taking long-range shots that gave the home goalkeeper some anxious moments.

Delph goal rush swamps Ivy

Stott's revive bid for league honours

THE weather conditions hit amateur league clubs and resulted in several fixtures being cancelled or for those who managed to play, it was extremely heavy going and a severe test of stamina.

Strinesdale had an easy win over Chadwick's "B" as was expected, while J. Stotts revived their interest in league honours with a good away victory over Druid Lads.

Haggate "A" accounted for Spinners but were hard pressed until the last 15 minutes, while Delph achieved their biggest goal rush of the season with a dozen against a weakened Ivy United side.

Denshaw 3, Gladstone 3

Ground conditions were bad but both teams swung the ball about and tried to play good soccer. Gladstone were slightly on top in the first half and led 1-0 at the interval. Shortly afterwards they increased their lead, but Denshaw responded with a goal by Lloyd. Gladstone took the score to 3-1, however, and appeared to have the game in their hands.

Denshaw then hit back and their efforts were rewarded when Schofield and Beswick hit goals to level the score. The equaliser was a drive from 35 yards by the centre-half, which completely deceived the Gladstone keeper. A fair result from two evenly matched sides. Gladstone's goal scorers were: Redford, Barrow and inside forward Gallow.

Chadwick's "B" 0, Strinesdale 10

The League leaders coasted to a comfortable victory in this game, but Chadwick's never gave up trying. With the advantage of the slope in the first-half, they managed to hold the 'Dale to three

goals, but, changing over they were constantly defending and Phipps in the visitors' goal was never called upon. Allan Jones had four goals to his credit before the end and his companions Derbyshire and Rooney had two and three respectively. Tony Needham at right back scored the tenth.

Delph 12, Ivy United 0

Playing one man short, Ivy found this Delph team and the mud too much for them. It was their biggest win of the season, the whole forward line hitting top form, especially "pint-size" Billy Wilson at inside-forward—his tally was four goals, but he had a 'foot' in many more. Haigh E., Hawkins and Chorley registered two goals each, and Turner and Taylor one each. Outstanding for Ivy was left back Jackson who tried so hard to check the flow of goals but Ivy will want to forget this match as quickly as possible.

Druids Lads 1, J Stott's 7

Defensive errors by Druids, not always caused by the bad conditions, gave Stotts several easy goals. The home team fielded three reserves and could not strike their recent improved form. Stotts took their chances well and mastered the heavy ground much better, than their opponents. Wing-halves Buckley and Edge and centre-half Shepherd had time to check the home attack and feed their forwards constantly. The home half-backs were rather out of touch. Goals were scored for the winners

by Stockfield, Hibbert and Wood (two each) and Holmes. Kenway was the Druid's scorer.

Haggate "A" 7, Spinners 3

Spinners came out of this game better than the score suggests. Until the last quarter of an hour they were actually holding their own against the League champions. With three goals in the latter part of the match, however, Haggate maintained their supremacy and ran out worthy winners. Spinners are now a side to be reckoned with and on this form will rapidly move up the league table. Despite the heavy ground both sides played good football. Scorers: Haggate, Aspins (3), Buckley, Moores, Wilson and J. Wood; Spinners: Hutchinson, Booth and Wild.

DIVISION I

| | P | W | D | L | Pts |
|--------------------|----|----|---|----|-----|
| Haggate 'A' | 12 | 11 | 1 | 0 | 23 |
| Roundthorn | 11 | 8 | 1 | 2 | 17 |
| Ivy United | 11 | 6 | 2 | 3 | 14 |
| Buckley & Taylor's | 10 | 6 | 0 | 4 | 12 |
| Delph | 12 | 5 | 1 | 5 | 11 |
| Spinners | 10 | 4 | 2 | 4 | 10 |
| Fernhurst | 11 | 4 | 1 | 6 | 9 |
| Chadwick's 'A' | 9 | 2 | 0 | 7 | 6 |
| J. Clare's | 10 | 3 | 0 | 7 | 6 |
| Greenfield Mill | 12 | 0 | 0 | 12 | 0 |

DIVISION II

| | P | W | D | L | Pts |
|------------------|----|----|---|----|-----|
| Strinesdale | 14 | 11 | 1 | 2 | 23 |
| Dronfield's | 14 | 8 | 5 | 1 | 21 |
| Roundthorn Res. | 13 | 9 | 2 | 2 | 20 |
| J. Stott's | 14 | 8 | 2 | 4 | 18 |
| N.W. Gas Board | 13 | 7 | 1 | 5 | 15 |
| Greenfield Amts. | 11 | 6 | 1 | 4 | 13 |
| Druids Lads | 16 | 5 | 3 | 8 | 13 |
| Denshaw | 13 | 4 | 3 | 6 | 11 |
| Gladstone | 12 | 4 | 1 | 7 | 9 |
| Haggate 'B' | 13 | 3 | 0 | 10 | 6 |
| Belgrave | 9 | 1 | 3 | 5 | 5 |
| Chadwick's 'B' | 11 | 0 | 0 | 11 | 0 |

A. & A. Crompton's gained a very welcome victory

WITH conditions definitely against good play, Saturday's matches produced one or two surprises. Prestwich Borough and Urmston should take a bow. For these clubs, away to Block Lane and Marsden respectively, won their first round shield matches. Prestwich, at their second attempt, beat Block Lane 4-1 while Urmston knocked out the shield holders, Marsden, 4-2 without even so much as a suggestion of a replay!

Poor Avro! While the Manchester League side boasted a win (their first) last week, the SEL side just can't get one to keep that early season win company. They nearly managed it against Dukinfield Victoria, but the visitors gained that odd goal in five which put the Chadderton team even firmer at the bottom.

One side must like the bad conditions—A. and A. Crompton's. They've had a poor season after last year's promising initial success but things are looking up. A 6-1 win over Ashton National certainly points that way.

To look at matches in more detail let's turn back to Prestwich Borough. Secretary Arnold Holt and his team needed a win like this over Block Lane, for Mr. Holt has really gathered together a promising team, yet they weren't meeting with outstanding success. Outside-left Coghlan, for instance, was not quick enough off the mark to make his presence felt, but at Block Lane there was no holding him; he played the game of his life. Also in the team was 17-year-old county grammar school player D. Utley, who plays with Prestwich while on holiday. Derek could sign for one of many League clubs after his Services duty, but at the moment he is more interested in exams and university.

Urmston's win at Marsden was a triumph of teamwork and perseverance, for, with the score at two-all, Urmston put in a superhuman effort to score two more goals against a tiring Marsden side. Reade led the visitors' line well and received good support from Whitelegg and Irlam. Whitelegg (all 5ft. of him) made Marsden wish this "Yorkshire terrier" would stop worrying them so much.

There was not five goals difference between A. & A. Crompton's and Ashton National, but Crompton's had outside-left Hilton, who proved to be the one player who could pierce the respective defences on the day when the rearguards had the best of the play.

English Steel continued their winning ways with a 10-3 victory over Osram who never stopped trying to reduce the arrears. Harrop (5), Parks (3) and Booth (2) were the marksmen for English Steel, but

inside-forward J. Egan is the schemer behind their recent successes.

CWS (Radcliffe) nearly brought off a surprise win over Dukinfield St. Mary's but poor second-half shooting, plus good form by Saints goalkeeper Holby, prevented this. McManus and Adderley scored for Dukinfield, while Broadhurst netted the only goal for CWS for whom centre-half A. Williams was outstanding.

It can sometimes get monotonous to write every week that Chloride won again, but they made it 17 out of 17 with Robinson's Rec. as their latest victims, 3-1 on the wind-swept Rochdale ground.

Bardsley are beginning to feel more confident, and a 6-1 win over Heys underlines the fact. Centre-half E. Whitehead has returned following illness and is occupying inside-left position. A. Holden scored a hat-trick for Bardsley, but star performer was ex-marine referee, W. P. D. Haig, who is acclaimed by many junior leagues as No. 1 official.

| | P | W | D | L | Pts |
|---------------------|----|----|---|----|-----|
| Chloride Rec. | 17 | 17 | 0 | 0 | 34 |
| Marsden | 19 | 14 | 2 | 3 | 30 |
| Dukinfield St. Mary | 16 | 9 | 3 | 4 | 21 |
| Block Lane | 19 | 10 | 1 | 8 | 21 |
| Urmston | 15 | 9 | 2 | 4 | 20 |
| English Steel | 20 | 9 | 2 | 9 | 20 |
| Bardsley | 18 | 8 | 3 | 7 | 19 |
| Robinson's Rec. | 16 | 8 | 2 | 6 | 18 |
| Prestwich Boro' | 17 | 8 | 2 | 7 | 18 |
| Ashton National | 20 | 8 | 2 | 10 | 18 |
| Heys | 17 | 7 | 3 | 7 | 17 |
| Dukinfield Victoria | 19 | 7 | 3 | 9 | 17 |
| A. & A. Crompton | 19 | 5 | 3 | 11 | 13 |
| CWS (Radcliffe) | 16 | 5 | 1 | 10 | 11 |
| Osram | 20 | 2 | 4 | 14 | 8 |
| Avro | 22 | 1 | 3 | 18 | 5 |

Hurst Nook keep on winning path

ALTHOUGH the weather and conditions were very bad for football, all last Saturday's Ashton League matches were played to a finish. Ashton St. Mary's had a great win over Stamford Villa by 5-1, and Austerlands Reserves did very well to draw at Tudor on a very heavy pitch.

Hurst Nook keep on winning, and they had a good win over English Steel by 7-1, all the Nook forwards finding the net. Hurst Central, the leaders, also had a good win at Mossley Wood by 9-3. McDermott, the league's leading goal-scorer, getting another 4 goals. Lees won a hard fight at home with Pattenouex on a very heavy ground by 1-0.

LEADING POSITIONS

| | P | W | D | L | Pts |
|------------|----|----|---|---|-----|
| Hurst Cen. | 17 | 14 | 1 | 2 | 29 |
| Hurst Nook | 16 | 12 | 2 | 2 | 26 |
| Lees | 16 | 12 | 1 | 3 | 25 |
| Uppermill | 15 | 10 | 1 | 4 | 21 |

Sunday Schools' Challenge Cup, First round

ST THOMAS'S SHARPSHOOTERS RIDDLED WASHBROOK DEFENCE

Westwood Mor. 1, Emmanuel PC 3
WESTWOOD kicked off fielding only ten players and the visitors took immediate advantage of this to score in the second minute. Westwood equalised after 15 minutes but at half-time Emmanuel held a 2-1 lead.

In the second half, both sides missed chances and the result could have gone either way until Emmanuel clinched the issue with a goal five minutes from time. Emmanuel won because of their first-time tackling and quickness on the ball. Scorers: Westwood, Heath; Emmanuel, Wood, Hill, Shuttleworth.

Northmoor Meths. 2, St. Mark's 8.
A keen, hard game under bad conditions, with St. Mark's easily the better team, and leading 3-1 at half-time. In the second half, Northmoor were on the defensive for long periods, conceding five more goals but managing to score a consolation goal just on time. Scorers: Northmoor, Heap, Crowther; St. Mark's, Maden (2), Forster (2), Farrell (2), Dale, Withnell.

Glodwick Meths. 0, St. John's, H'wood, 2

St. John's reached the second-round after a keen struggle and well deserved their win for they mastered the conditions better than Glodwick. Play started at a fast pace but many mistakes by both sides were due to the ground conditions and generally defences were on top. A really good move by St. John's was rewarded with a goal and this was the only score of the first half.

In the second half, St. John's kept up a continuous attack but could score only one more. Great credit must go to the Glodwick defence for some stout work. Scorers: St. John's, Hearne (2).

Cowhill Meths. 5, Millgate Meths. 3
Millgate were unfortunate to lose their centre-forward just before half-time and when they had to face a strong wind in the second half,

their ten men found that they had to defend most of the time. They missed a penalty in the second half when the score stood at 3-3. Cowhill were continually on the attack after this and ran out easy winners. Cowhill were well served by Dunkerley and T Raynor. Scorers: Cowhill, Raynor (3), Braddock, Broome; Millgate, Hinchcliffe, Cropper, Thompson.

Edge Lane Meths. 6, Eaves Lane Meths. 1

Edge Lane scored three goals in a five-minute spell to take a half-time lead of 4-1, but they had to wait until the last five minutes before they could score again. Eaves Lane started to play football too late but had Edge Lane rattled for a period. Hurst was the mainstay of Eaves Lane. Scorers: Edge Lane, Bakes (2), S Kenworthy, C Kenworthy; Morrisey and Byron; Eaves Lane, Warhurst.

Washbrook Meth 3, St. Thomas's 10

Using the ball well, much-improved side St. Thomas's had the Washbrook defence in knots. A quick four goals before half-time gave them a good lead but a fighting recovery by Washbrook brought the score to 4-3.

Not to be denied, St. Thomas's came again and ran away with the game, taking every chance offered. A very clean game but rather a disappointed Washbrook after some good displays. Scorers for St. Thomas's: Roebuck (5), Marsden (2), Whittaker (2), Davey.

Hollinwood Cong 7, St. Aidan's B 1

Hollinwood reversed the scores of the previous week in this cup-tie. They attacked straight from the kick-off and quickly established a 3-1 lead which they held till half-time. A disastrous spell for St. Aidan's just after the interval gave Hollinwood three goals in ten minutes. St. Aidan's made a recovery and a little more luck would have made a much closer fight. Scorers: Hollinwood Cong, Hopwood (2), Woodcock (2), Burton, Shaw and Wild; St. Aidan's, Cumberbirch.

St. Stephen's 7, Saddleworth Ch 1

St. Stephen's had the run of the ball and their forwards could do little wrong. Easy winners over a Saddleworth side who never stopped trying. Scorers: St. Stephen's, Hayle (4), Birchall (3); Saddleworth Ch., Ward.

St. Thomas's, Lees 2, St. John's Res 3

Another good game spoiled by the atrocious ground conditions. St. John's were awarded two penalties but missed the first. The second one proved to be the winning goal. All goals were scored in the first half. St. Thomas's were a little unlucky to lose. Scorers: St. Thomas's, Howarth (2); St. John's Res, Stack, Hague, Higginson.

Roundthorn Meth 6, Cowhill Res 1

Quite an easy passage into the second round for Roundthorn. Scorers: Roundthorn, Steele (2), Beesley (2), Mills, Dockerty; Cowhill Res, Gregory.

The match between Springhead Cong. and Edge Lane Res. was abandoned after 30 minutes when Springhead, were leading 1-0.

DIVISION I

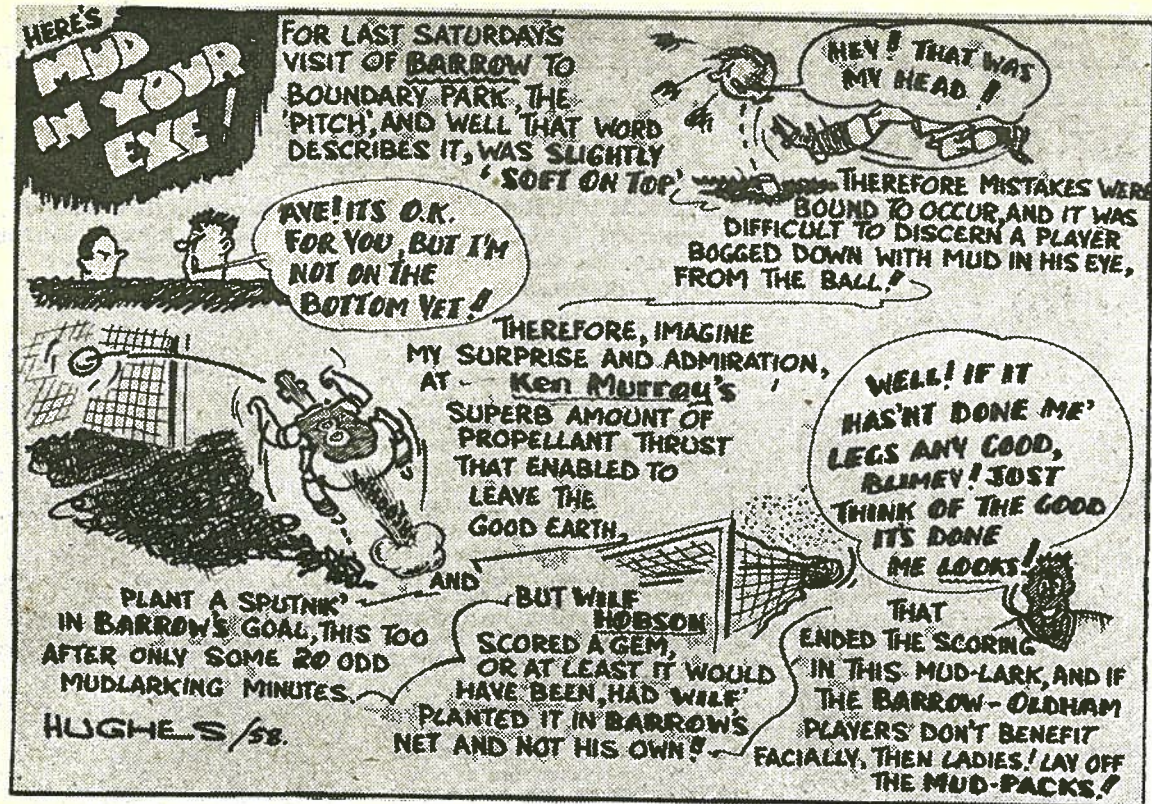
Watersheddings Meth 1, St. Aidan's 3

A near-gale-force wind and driving rain greeted the kick-off but fortunately, the rain soon stopped and both teams produced some good football. St. Aidan's opened the scoring after five minutes and within 20 minutes were leading 3-1. The man of the match was Humphries, of St. Aidan's, who took every chance. Congratulations to both sides who, under such conditions, shared a good, clean game. Scorers: Watersheddings, Rigby; St. Aidan's, Humphries (3).

The draw for the second round of the Challenge Cup is:—

Emmanuel PC v St. Mark's; Springhead or Edge Lane Res v Hollinwood Cong; St. John's, Hollinwood, Res v Roundthorn Meths; Cowhill Meths v St. Hugh's; Watersheddings Meths v St. Aidan's; Edge Lane Meth v St. Thomas's; St. John's, Hollinwood v Ashton Road Cong or George Street; St. Stephen's v Christ Church.

Matches to be played February 8.



SNOW AGAIN STARTS SPLIT-SEASON THEORY

ONCE again the snow has come to play havoc with the League fixtures and provide more ammunition for the split-the-season-in-half brigade. Yesterday morning the news of postponed matches began to trickle in, until it seemed a general postponement of all games would be a solution to the snow problem.

Unfortunately this weekend brought the FA Cup fourth round, and an unnecessary postponement of any of these games would only have meant an inconvenient match during the coming week. If replays were then necessary, the clubs concerned would find it no easy matter to fit in their programme.

The argument that the league programme should be adjourned for a six-week period during the winter months has found favour in many quarters and seems a part solution to falling gates. Yet I feel there are far too many "ifs" and "buts" about the suggestion as it stands.

by A.G.W.

To begin with, just when are the "worst six weeks" of winter? In this country one can never be sure when the snow and ice will pay a visit.

We have had snow and severe frost in the months of December, January, February and even March, during past years.

Then there are many of the smaller clubs—and Athletic are no exception—who are existing at present on a hand-to-mouth basis. Where would they find the money to pay six weeks' wages without any money coming in? Even the help provided by Supporters' Club pools would be lost.

True, in bad weather the gates drop alarmingly, but some money is taken and the invaluable club pools are there to be relied on. For the bigger clubs, I agree, it would be an admirable suggestion to call a halt to the season when bad weather threatened the gates.

They have the money in the bank to ride over the awkward period without income, and can safely rely on taking even more money when the games are played in the better months. Naturally the smaller clubs (Athletic again the example) would take more money in the better-weather weeks—but only if their league position merited a good attendance.

What's the answer?

Athletic's poor gates of recent weeks' underlines only too forcibly the bad weather problem—and how much worse it would have been had the team not enjoyed a successful spell. Perhaps the answer is to leave the postponing of games to the discretion of the Football Association and/or Football League.

They could give 24 hours notice of the league programme being postponed—but again this would lead to a large number of replays at the close of the season and again there would be a plaintive cry from the little club.

Perhaps the answer is simply "better football." The ardent supporter will always turn out, and the soccer follower who wavers can be persuaded to attend if the entertainment is good enough.

9 games in April

With postponements and cancellations, the current topic with local soccer followers, it is not perhaps too early to take a look at Athletic's commitments at the end of the season. So far they have two games to be replayed—against Hull City and Darlington—and dates have now been fixed. Hull City will be the visitors at

Boundary Park on Tuesday, April 15, and as in the away game at Darlington on Monday, April 28, it will be an evening kick-off.

These two additional matches mean in effect that Athletic have nine matches in April—and it will probably be the most important month of the whole season.

The clubs coming to Boundary Park in addition to Hull City in this critical spell are BRADFORD (Good Friday), WREXHAM, CHESTER (another evening match) and ROCHDALE. Athletic have to travel to DARLINGTON, HULL CITY, BRADFORD (Easter Monday) and GATESHEAD.

It is going to be a tremendous task for the side, and promotion or relegation can well depend on the outcome of these games. Unfortunately, in the same spell, the Reserves have three extra games to fit in, and they, too, will be at full stretch to climb out of the Combination's Division II.

Houses for two

This weekend, Athletic are enjoying a well-earned rest and for two of the players the "time-off" is especially welcome. They are Eric Over and Peter Neale, who have each been provided with a house by the club. Over has already moved into his new home, bringing his wife and youngster from Barrow.

His wife is very happy to be in Oldham. She is a Sheffield girl, and can now visit her parents much more regularly.

Peter Neale has not yet moved to his new house but is busy packing up for the big removal.

Earlier this week I spoke with Manager Goodier about reports in the national press that Lincoln City had been at Boundary Park on Saturday to watch two of Athletic's players. They were true, said Mr. Goodier, but the representatives had nothing to say and there has been no offer or approach from Lincoln.

"And, of course, said Mr. Goodier, "It doesn't mean to say that if we have an offer, we are going to let any of our boys go." The players concerned were, I understand, Ted West and Peter Neale.

Griff Jenkins has all that it takes for Aussie tour job

IF Griff Jenkins, Oldham's manager, gets the coaching job with the British touring side to Australia this summer, it will be the second time he has toured abroad. From 1942 to 1946, Griff was coach to the Bombay Bulldozers—a Rugby League team made up of army and navy personnel.

by W. D.

With him as boss, the Bulldozers played military and civilian teams all over India without losing a single match.

"We had several well-known names in the team," he told me this week. "There was stand-off Des Case, of Bradford Northern, and scrum-half Arthur Spencer, of Barrow. In the pack we had Jimmy Grace, of Hunslet, and Rugby Union international Sammy Walker and Martin Lynch."

Griff Jenkins has encountered all the problems of flying as well: "Almost everywhere we went, we travelled by Dakota, so I learned quite a lot about settling a team after a long flight."

Keen rivalry

I asked Griff Jenkins what he thought were the essential points in coaching the British side going Down Under to try and win the Ashes.

"Speed and peak fitness are all important," said Griff. "We must naturally assume that being international, the players have football ability. It is important to get them fit enough to exploit that ability."

He reminded me that in all his days at Oldham he has never tried to direct training from the touchline. "The way to get the boys going is to train with them—set an example," said the 43-year-old Oldham manager.

There is no doubting the enthusiasm of Griff Jenkins for his rugby. Rarely can you get him to talk of anything else for any length of time—always he reverts to the game.

The competition for the post of coach is going to be keen but Jenkins must be in the top-four favourites, for despite the dressing-room squabbles of last season, one fact must still remain clear to the men who pick the coach.

If Jenkins can get Great Britain to produce the brand of rugby Oldham turn out weekly, then not only will the Ashes come back home, but the British party will come back as one of the most popular ever sent to Australia.

Rowley Moat

SO Rowley Moat, the unhappy 25-year-old out-half from Hull goes on the transfer list, with a "I'll never play for Oldham again," speech.

One look at that £2,000 fee, and I am inclined to add that Rowley will never play for anybody. It's just too high for a player who has played only seven first-team games out of the 29 so far.

It is not surprising that Oldham choose the fee that they paid for Moat. To save face and faith in

their ability to spot talent, they could not put him on the list at any less. But my opinion is that no club will pay that much.

So unknown has Moat become in recent months that Hull Kingston Rovers have asked Oldham for him ON LOAN—hardly the tactics applied to a star!

Oldham refused to lend Moat and also refused to take £200 and a £500 reserve winger from Leeds. But it does tend to show Moat's worth outside of the Oldham boardroom.

I am not even sure that Rowley was worth £2,000 when Oldham bought him. His Hull reputation was not widespread and following his move to Oldham, his seven games in the senior side have not convinced me.

But there we are, he is on the transfer list and he has said he will quit the game rather than play for Oldham again.

Sullivan v. Ganley

IT looks as though the Rugby Leaguer, a weekly paper for supporters, has come to the rescue of journalists and record-keepers watching Bernard Ganley's bid to break the Jim Sullivan record.

In yesterday's issue a writer, who has obviously made a thorough investigation, lists the game Sullivan played during the 1933-4 season and the total number of goals adds up to 204.

But the figure includes six friendlies and the writer says that if only league, cup and representative games are counted in records, then Jim Sullivan kicked only 181 during the season. Which means that Bernard Ganley (as well as Lewis Jones, of Leeds) smashed the record last season.

Still, there is little doubt that Ganley will kick at least 205 goals before the season ends and make sure the record has been broken.

A birthday

ONE year old—that's the age of the Clarksfield branch of the Supporters' Club and today is the branch birthday.

Tonight, they celebrate with a social evening at the Clarksfield Conservative Club and, in addition to officials from Watersheddings, they will have several players along to eat some of the birthday cake.

In the best traditions of the Clarksfield branch, they are not keeping the birthday party private, and extend an invitation to all rugby supporters to go along tonight.

Youth Clubs' soccer

Oldham Youth Clubs' League results last Saturday: St. Anne's 0, Fallsworth 10; Chadderton 4, Henshaw's 1; Hartford 8, Derker 0. Under-18s: St. Hugh's 7, Millgate 5.



Teece dives full-length to clear a low shot from Gordon, Barrow's centre-forward. This match at Boundary Park last Saturday ended in a 1-1 draw.

Round the Third North

WITHOUT a goal in their last three matches, and with only two altogether in five engagements, Chester face many problems in attack.

All told they have scored only 32 goals, the lowest number in the whole of the Northern Section. Even then, the position would be much worse were it not for the regular, if not particularly prolific marksmanship of centre-forward Barry Jepson.

He has netted nine times to date, the next highest totals being five by inside-forward Gordon Davies and left-winger Norman Bullock.

INSIDE-RIGHT Keith Williams, in his first season at Tranmere, needs five more goals to beat the club's post-war scoring record of 25 by Cyril Done in 1953-4.

STAN SMITH, whom Crewe signed from Port Vale during the close season, has proved to be among the most versatile members of their attack.

After beginning at centre-forward, Smith has filled every position in the front line, and despite being switched from one berth to another is currently Crewe's leading scorer with six goals.

SAM CHAPMAN, who led the Mansfield attack against Scunthorpe last week, was the sixth player to fill the centre-forward position this season.

To find a ready-made leader is not player-manager Charlie Mitten's only problem, however, for it is obvious the Stags are suffering from the after-effects of their Cup defeat at Bristol Rovers.

In their two League matches since then they have conceded nine goals, which equalled the number scored against them in the previous six engagements.

Royton Harriers

Surrey hit
a new record
in Cup win

ROYTON HARRIERS had a relaxed training run, but the county was engaged in a stern tussle at Trentham Park, Stoke-on-Trent, where 35 teams fought out an interesting race to decide who should hold the Daily Telegraph Cup given to the winning team in the inter-counties race.

Surrey scored their fifth success in 26 races with the best-recorded points in the history of the race—128. They were closely followed by Essex (141) but the third team were well back with 188 points. The team concerned, Cheshire, were delighted, for the third position is their highest recorded, but they would have had some anxious moments if Eddie Kirkup, who was running strongly, had avoided accident.

In second position on the last lap he had the misfortune to fall over a dog, gashed his knee and could only limp home in 37th place, and as a consequence, Yorkshire, who might have finished in the third position, were fourth with 216 points. Middlesex fifth with 239 points, holders, and strongly fancied, were caught with their pants on, for when the gun was fired for the start, they were still taking off their track suits. As the others were ready, it was their own fault.

Lancashire had a bad day and could finish only seventh, 263 points; even lowly Hertfordshire beat them for sixth place, 256 points, to win the Joe Turner Trophy for the team showing the most improved form.

Triumph for Knight

The individual race was a triumph for AAA six-mile track champion George Knight, unbeaten over the country to complete the seven-mile course in 40min. 17sec. A pity Knight says he is running only one more cross-country race.

Alan Cocking, well known in Yorkshire circles, put up his best performance to finish second, only six seconds behind to be followed five seconds later by another very promising junior, J. Anderson, Northumberland and Durham. These two are likely to show up well in the coming championships.

H. V. Foord was fifth and Johnny Wild, Cheshire, well known locally for his win at Elk Mill last year, was sixth, giving everyone the tip he will be giving a good account of himself when he defends his title of East Lancs. Champion, at Hopwood Hall, Middleton, on February 8.

The biggest disappointment was Gerry North, Lancashire, who led most of the race only to get stitch and finish 18th. This will only spur him on to greater endeavour for he is a fine prospect. Ken Norris, after a bad start, finished 12th, and Gordon Pirie did not make the Surrey team, he was 70th and Joe Salt, Rochdale, 32. O.T.

WATERMAN IS

3rd NORTH PLAYERS

JONES (Scunthorpe)

With an excellent chance of promotion, and a lucrative fourth-round Cup-tie at Newcastle, Scunthorpe United are enjoying their most successful season since they were elected to the Northern Section in 1950. A sound defence, coupled with a free-scoring attack has been the foundation of their climb.

Among the outstanding performers in the front line is diminutive outside-left, Mervyn Jones. At 5ft. 3in. Jones is one of the smallest players in the game. A native of Bangor, North Wales, he began his professional career with Liverpool, and was transferred to the Lincolnshire club in the summer of 1953.

KIRTLEY (Gateshead)

The move of Harry Kirtley from Cardiff City to Gateshead in March last year took him back to his native county, for he was born at Washington, County Durham.

A former colliery electrician, Kirtley joined Sunderland in 1948, and despite the Wearsiders' subsequent outlay on costly inside-forwards, made many appearances in the First Division side, in which he also had an occasional outing on the right wing.

He was signed by Cardiff City, at a substantial fee in the 1955 close season, and in the following campaign missed only four League games for the Welsh club.

LOCKHART (Rochdale)

In the whole of last season Rochdale scored only 65 goals in 46 League matches. Already this winter they have nearly reached that figure, and have one of the most dangerous attacks in the Northern Section.

One reason for the improvement can be traced to the work of outside-right Crichton Lockhart. A Scot from Perth, Lockhart was a summer recruit to the Spotlands payroll from Southern Section Southend United.

With the Essex club, whom he joined in 1952, Lockhart played fairly regularly on both flanks of the attack. He has so far operated exclusively on the right with Rochdale.

British driver wins
N. Zealand trophy

At Christchurch, New Zealand, today, Archie Scott-Brown, the British driver, won the 150-mile Lady Wigram Trophy motor race in record time.

Driving a Lister-Jaguar, he became the first competitor in the history of the event to win in a sports car. His time was one hour 47min. 27.4sec, an average speed of about 85 miles an hour.

R. Jensen, of Auckland, in a Maserati, was second, and S. Lewis-Evans, of Britain, in a Connaught, third.

A hobbies group has been established by the mothers' circle held at the Community Centre, Greaves Street.



M. JONES (top), H. KIRTLEY (centre), and C. LOCKHART.

Dame Margot Fonteyn, prima ballerina of the Royal Ballet, has cancelled an engagement in Havana, Cuba, because of flu. She hopes to leave Montreal tomorrow to join her husband in New York. The company flies to England today without her.

SAID TO HAV
THE 'NEEDLE

PETER WATERMAN, the British welterweight champion, is reported to have "the needle" towards Emilio M whom he meets for the Italian's European title at Harringay on Tuesday.

The reason is the grab-and-hold style employed by Marconi when they met in Italy last summer, and the fact that Marconi was given a draw, a result with which Waterman's supporters will never concur.

It would not be surprising if Waterman's needle has been considerably sharpened by reports of "unimpressive" form in training at Bournemouth.

When a man is working hard, practising the usual self-denials of the training camp, and facing 15 rounds of hard action in a champion ring, it hurts a little to read that the critics do not think much of his preparations.

If it makes Waterman that little bit more determined to prove the critics wrong, however, so much the better, for he has a difficult job on his hands with Marconi.

Fortunately, Marconi has had a few setbacks lately and Waterman, knowing that his opponent can be beaten and that something better is expected from him than he has produced in his last two or three fights, will probably be "all right on the night."

Jordan's attitude

Of all the visitors Waterman has received during the week in the genteel atmosphere of his Bournemouth hotel, the most interesting has been the American lightweight, Don Jordan.

Jordan meets the British lightweight champion, Dave Charnley, also at Harringay on Tuesday, and would not be averse to giving away a few pounds to Waterman, for he has met welterweights in America—and good ones at that.

This good-looking descendant of the Apache Indians brings the typical, strictly American boxing outlook with him. Training is training, and nothing interferes with the job in hand. When he tapes his hands before sparring, the job is done as meticulously as if for a world title fight.

He likes to fight as often as possible, and sometimes takes on three contestants in a month's tour around the West coast of America.

Surprisingly, he has never boxed away from the West and incredibly, until he rode down to Bournemouth



FRED CROSS, the middleweight, who fights Lord Terry Downes in an important match at the Harringay A next Tuesday. The result of the fight may have a bearing on selection of boxers for British championship eliminator series. Cross was boxer Abertillery but lives now Cannock, Staffordshire

on the Southern region on Tt he had never before travelled train.

Area championships

Area championships, which to be treasured in the old but fell into decline with slump which overtook British during the days of the entertainment tax, seem to the way back.

The Southern Area have not start by putting up two boxers for the welterweight which has not been contested six years, and they will go the question of increasing activity at their next meeting good thing, for boxers still another incentive besides more

The 31st time

ANOTHER MI
UNDER 4 MIN

NINETEEN-YEAR-OLD ELLIOTT today became fourth Australian to break four-minute mile when he clocked three minutes 59.9 at the Olympic Park, Melbourne.

Elliott, who was competing inter-State meeting, won 100 yards from Ron Clarke, the Australian who carried the Olympic torch at the opening of the Bourne Games in 1956. Cl time was 4min. 8.1sec.

The mile has now been run under four minutes 31 times by athletes. Elliott's time was slowest of the 31.

The world record is 3min 57.4 set by Derek Ibbotson (British) the White City, London, last but still awaiting ratification.

Sporting queries

Four Worried Fitters:—Tom joined Oldham in August, playing first in the backs and mainly at loose-forward, he 61 games with the first team before he played for the last time at Leeds on January 24, 1949, was struck off Oldham's some time afterwards and played with Barrow before he finally retired from the game.

A 1,000-year-old ship carved on an oak-tree trunk has been on the bed of the River Ely Labetin in North-East Bohemia.

The boat, 26 feet long, was aged at the stern, suggesting it originally sunk in collision with another. The side was lined with circular holes, presumably for the ship, found during dredging operations, is to be preserved in a museum.

RUGBY LEAGUE ABC



KEMEL

LANNON

McTIGUE

KEMEL (Widnes)

It takes courage for a loose-forward to decide to become a hooker, especially when he knows that in the club are the county hooker and his successor as county hooker. Yet George Kemel still tried his luck in the pack. So well has he succeeded that with the departure of Jack Hayes, he has been able to push Gordon Murray out, to claim a regular place.

It is seldom that Kemel fails to gain at least a fair share of possession, and no team can complain at that. Moreover, in the loose, Kemel has lost none of his skill that made him quite a competent loose-forward, so that the combination of this with his hooking proficiency make Kemel a very valuable member of the pack.

LANNON (Liverpool C)

A Wigan lad, Pat Lannon went to Leigh for his first chance to show his qualities as a hooker. Jim Sullivan was disappointed. He would have liked him at Central Park, but when Lannon fell out of the Leigh side, Sullivan lost no time in signing him up for St. Helens.

He gave the Saints good service

until international Tom McKinney came on the scene, but Lannon was not long out of action before Liverpool City signed him.

At Knotty Ash Lannon has had a tough job competing with Ike Fishwick, but has become City's recognised No. 9 now, and in the last few weeks Liverpool turned down an approach from Warrington for Lannon's transfer.

McTIGUE (Wigan)

There may be quite a number of outstanding No. 10's in the game today, but Wigan believe there is not a better one anywhere than Brian McTigue, the local lad who gave up a boxing career because he felt sure he could do better as a Rugby League forward.

Not many will question the theory that McTigue is the brains of the Wigan pack. He is extremely clever with the ball in his hands and has no superior in creating the gap with his turn-around technique to send a faster colleague plunging through.

His defence is first-rate, and his scrummaging solid, so that it is very surprising that Wigan will be very disappointed if the name of McTigue does not figure in the touring side.

MEMORY CORNER

TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO

January 28, 1933, marked the fourth round of the FA Cup, with gallant little Walsall, who had captured the public imagination by their sensational victory over Arsenal in the previous stage, opposing another of the First Division giants, Manchester City. This time, however, the match was played at Maine Road, and although Walsall gave all they had, they went down 2-0, both City goals being scored by English international outside-left, Eric Brook. City went on to reach Wembley, where they lost 3-0 to Everton.

TEN YEARS AGO

Manchester United, with no ground of their own, owing to war damage at Old Trafford, took the unusual step of agreeing that their "home" Cup-tie with Liverpool on January 24, 1943, should be played at Goodison Park, headquarters of Everton, and less than a mile from the Liverpool ground at Anfield. Before a gate of 74,721, who paid £8,810, United made so light of the handicap of playing a "home" tie away that they were three goals to the good at half-time, against the reigning League champions, and held on to that margin without difficulty to the finish. Their scorers were Jack Rowley, Johnny Morris and Charlie Mitten, three men who had much to do with United's subsequent success at Wembley.

TWELVE MONTHS AGO

January 26 last year saw the last of the non-League teams say farewell to the Cup in the fourth round. The draw had not been kind, all three survivors having to travel. Peterborough lost 3-1 at Huddersfield, Rhyl went down 3-0 at Bristol City and New Brighton were swamped 9-0 by Burnley at Turf Moor. Burnley's teenage centre-forward, Ian Lawson got his second successive Cup hat-trick. The biggest shock of the day was Bournemouth's 1-0 victory over Wolves at Molineux, Midland-born winger Reg Cutler scoring shortly after he had run into an upright and brought down the goal structure.

WEEKEND TV AND RADIO

IF you stepped into ABC television's big studio at Didsbury about now, you would think you had wandered into a caravan camp. "Murder in a Temporary Town"—the play to be put on tomorrow—demands that sort of set.

It is set in a camp for itinerant aircraft workers, and they are bored—so bored that when a chance of a bit of excitement crops up they do not want to let it escape.

The excitement is caused by a supposed attack on a girl and a lynching party is organised.

The author of this play is the former advertising man, Reginald Rose, two of whose other plays "Twelve Angry Men" and "Crime in the Streets" have made such good films.

Rose likes to take for his theme man's inhumanity to man or his feeling of social guilt. ABC regard the play as one of the most exciting productions they have done for months.

One television journal announced this week that the former Oldham Repertory actress, Janet Munro, would be playing a prominent role in the play. ABC tell us that this is not so and the report may have been due to a misunderstanding.

Producers Dennis Vance and Stuart Latham are making revolutionary use of the studio to present the caravan town not merely from within but in panorama shots. The cast are having carefully rationed rehearsals because, in the original American production, one of the cast became so carried away by the action that he lost control.

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IT is not surprising that Dame Edith Evans regards the part of Countess of Rosmarin Ostenburg, in Christopher Fry's play, "The Dark is Light Enough," as one of her favourites. Fry wrote the part specially for her and she created it on the West End stage.

Tomorrow, BBC viewers can see her replaying that same part. Dame Edith is making one of her very rare TV appearances in drama: the last time she was in a play on the screen was January, 1949—and we in the North could not see her then because TV was not up here.

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SHANI WALLIS will sing in ABC's "Top Numbers" (10.50 p.m.). She is currently appearing in "Finian's Rainbow" presented by Sam Wanamaker at Liverpool's new Shakespeare Theatre.



Shani Wallis

In this play, disc-star Shani appears as a straight actress. "Mr. Wanamaker believes in me as a straight actress," she says. Shani, too, has always regarded herself as an actress rather than a singer. Pop-singing just happens to be the fashionable way to make a name, and to make money. Shani is fond of her pretty clothes and her shining red sports car of German origin.

Of her own singing Shani is delightfully modest. "My father is my most ardent fan," she says, "and he is hard of hearing!"

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THESE are sleepless nights for the Rev. Eric Geddes, ABC's "Epilogue" padre for, since inviting viewers to seek his advice by telephoning him at home, he finds himself awakened at the most peculiar hours. Recent nocturnal queries have come from as far afield as Worcester, Birmingham and Bradford. Since his TV offer, Eric has received a daily (and nightly) average of ten calls.

"One can discuss things so much more freely by telephone—no names, no embarrassments," says Eric. Asked if the telephone system did not tend to encourage calls from neurotics, Eric replied, "It is the neurotic who is most in need of help... he is the most likely to do something drastic."

The other day, Eric was eating in the restaurant of a big Manchester store when the manager recognised him and came over for a chat. One by one, other customers spotted him. Eventually there were 16 chairs round the table.

Tonight . . .

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| BBC | 7 30: Saturday Night on the Light. |
| 5 40: Sport. | 10 15: Monte Carlo Rally. |
| 6 0: News. | 10 30: News. |
| 6 5: Six-Five Special. | 10 40: Donald Peers. |
| 7 0: Wells Fargo. | 11 15: Edmundo Ros. |
| 7 25: News. | 11 55: Late News. |
| 7 30: Dixon of Dock Green. | THIRD — 464m. |
| 8 0: Ted Ray Show. | 6 30: World of Books. |
| 9 0: Born to be Bad (film). | 7 0: Record Review. |
| 10 25: Sports Special. | 8 0: Choral and Orchestral Concert. |
| 11 0: News. | 8 30: The One Orderly Product. |
| 11 15: War in the Air. | 8 50: Concert (Part 2). |
| ABC | 9 50: What Price the Sterling Area? |
| 5 40: Sports Results and News. | 10 15: Trio Sonatas. |
| 6 0: The Jack Jackson Show. | AFN — 344m. |
| 6 30: Highway Patrol. | 6 0: Music in the Air. |
| 7 0: Web. | 7 0: News. |
| 7 30: The Restless Gun. | 7 5: Grand Ole Opry. |
| 8 0: The Fabulous Steve Allen Show. | 7 30: Country Style. |
| 8 45: News. | 7 55: Johnny Lee Wills. |
| 8 50: M Squad. | 8 0: Bandstand. |
| 9 20: Mask of Dimitrios (film). | 8 30: Operation Entertainment. |
| 11 15: The Late Night Show. | 9 0: Music from Hollywood. |
| 11 45: Epilogue. | 9 30: News. |
| NORTH — 434m. | 9 35: Dance Date. |
| 6 0: News. | 10 0: Sports Nightcap. |
| 6 15: News of the North. | 10 5: America's Popular Music. |
| 6 25: Sports Spotlight. | 11 0: News. |
| 7 0: Those Were the Days. | 11 5: Late Requests. |
| 7 15: The Week in Westminster. | 12 0: News. |
| 7 30: In Town Tonight. | LUXEMBURG — 208m. |
| 8 0: Variety Playhouse. | 6 0: Barry Alldis. |
| 8 0: News. | 7 0: Rhythm on the Range. |
| 9 15: A Time of the Serpent (play). | 7 30: Intrigue. |
| 10 45: Lighten Our Darkness. | 8 0: Jamboree. |
| 11 0: News. | 10 0: Irish Requests. |
| LIGHT — 1,500m. | 10 30: Spin with the Stars. |
| 6 0: Guitar Club. | 11 0: Bringing Christ to the Nations. |
| 6 30: Just Jazz. | 11 30: Record Round-up. |
| 7 0: Radio Newsreel. | |
| 7 24: Football. | |

Tomorrow

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| BBC | 10 15: Music Making. |
| 2 30: Gardening Club. | 10 50: Epilogue. |
| 3 0: News Review. | 11 0: News. |
| 3 30: Concert Hour. | LIGHT — 1,500m., 247m. |
| 4 15: Brains Trust. | 9 0: Chapel in the Valley. |
| 5 0: Children. | 9 30: Dennis Wilson. |
| 6 5: Sunday Special. | 9 45: The Archers. |
| 7 0: Meeting Point. | 10 30: What Do You Know? |
| 7 25: News; Weather. | 11 0: Have a Go! |
| 7 35: The Thin Man. | 11 30: People's Service. |
| 8 0: What's My Line? | 12 0: Family Favourites. |
| 8 30: The Dark is Light Enough (play). | 1 15: Billy Cotton. |
| 10 0: Music for You. | 1 45: Educating Archie. |
| 10 45: News. | 2 15: Ray's a Laugh. |
| 10 55: Epilogue. | 2 45: Movie-Go-Round. |
| ABC | 3 30: Melody Hour. |
| 11 15: Morning Prayer. | 4 30: Beau Geste. |
| 2 30: The Book Man. | 5 0: Holiday Hour. |
| 3 0: Green Fingers. | 5 45: Monte Carlo Rally. |
| 4 30: Bid for Fame. | 6 0: Sing It Again! |
| 5 0: Hawkeye and the Last of the Mohicans. | 6 30: The Night-watchman. |
| 5 35: What's in Store. | 7 0: Take It From Here. |
| 5 55: Tell the People. | 7 30: News. |
| 6 9: News. | 7 35: Just for You. |
| 7 0: Living Your Life. | 8 30: Sunday Half-Hour. |
| 7 25: News. | 9 0: Follow the Stars. |
| 7 30: Martin Kane — Private Investigator. | 10 0: Semprini Serenade. |
| 8 0: Sunday Night at the London Palladium. | 10 30: News. |
| 9 0: O.S.S. | 10 40: Pick of the Pops. |
| 9 30: News. | 11 30: Rendezvous. |
| 9 35: Tragedy in a Temporary Town. | 11 50: End of the Day. |
| 10 50: Top Numbers. | 11 55: News. |
| 11 30: Epilogue. | THIRD — 464m. |
| NORTH — 434m. | 5 0: King John. |
| 7 50: First Day of the Week. | 7 30: Chamber Concert. |
| 7 55: Weather. | 8 30: Models in History. |
| 8 0: News. | 8 50: The Iliad. |
| 8 10: Programmes. | 9 20: Piano Recital: Gina Bachauer. |
| 8 18: British Melody. | 10 10: Bureaucracy as Big Brother. |
| 8 55: Weather. | 10 30: Tallis. |
| 9 0: News. | AFN — 344m. |
| 9 10: Home for the Day. | 6 0: CBS Radio Workshop. |
| 9 45: Service. | 6 25: This Fabled World. |
| 10 30: Music Magazine. | 6 30: Adventures of the Abbotts. |
| 11 20: International Concert Hall. | 7 0: News. |
| 12 10: The Critics. | 7 5: People are Funny. |
| 12 55: Weather. | 7 30: Meet Corliss Archer. |
| 1 0: News. | 7 55: World Affair Report. |
| 1 10: Country Questions. | 8 0: Howard Barlow Presents. |
| 1 40: Change Partners. | 8 30: European Storybook. |
| 2 0: Gardners' Question Time. | 9 0: Mitch Miller. |
| 2 30: Concert. | 9 30: News and Sports. |
| 3 5: William Blake. | 9 45: Cool Man's Mother Goose. |
| 3 25: Concert: Part 2. | 10 0: Magic of Music. |
| 4 15: Can I Help You? | 10 25: One for the Book. |
| 4 30: Talking About Music. | 10 30: Westward Look. |
| 5 0: Children. | 11 0: Boston Symphony. |
| 5 50: Money Matters. | 11 45: A Joy Forever. |
| 5 55: Weather. | 12 0: News. |
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TWO FA CUP-TIES POSTPONED

MORE BIG GAMES ARE CALLED OFF

RESULTS

FA CUP—Fourth Round

Bristol Rovers 2, Burnley 2.
Cardiff 4, Leyton Orient 1.
Chelsea 3, Darlington 3.
Fulham 1, Charlton 1.
Liverpool 3, Northampton 1.
Manchester Utd. 2, Ipswich 0.
Newcastle 1, Scunthorpe 3.
Notts County 1, Bristol City 2.
Tottenham 0, Sheffield United 3.
WBA 3, Notts Forest 3.
York 0, Bolton 0.

THIRD DIVISION (North)

Mansfield 0, Accrington 2.
Workington 5, Chester 3.

SCOTTISH LEAGUE (Div. I)

Cheer's Pk. 1, Hibernian 2.
Raith 1, Celtic 2.

SCOTTISH LEAGUE (Div. II)

Berwick 2, Dumbarton 2.

OTHER MATCHES

Boston 4, Tranmere 1.
Swansea 2, Arsenal 3.

RUGBY LEAGUE

Featherstone R. 16, Keighley 11.
Leeds 12, Warrington 8.

RU—Australian Tour

S.W. Counties 3, Australians 3.

Half-time scores

FA CUP (Fourth Round)

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Cardiff 2, Leyton Orient 1.
Chelsea 0, Darlington 2.
Fulham 0, Charlton 0.
Liverpool 1, Northampton 1.
Manchester Utd. 1, Ipswich 0.
Newcastle 0, Scunthorpe 1.
Notts County 0, Bristol City 0.
Stoke City 2, Middlesbrough 1.
Tottenham 0, Sheffield Utd. 2.
West Brom 0, Notts Forest 0.
West Ham 0, Stockport 0.
Wolves 2, Portsmouth 1.
York 0, Bolton 0.

THIRD DIVISION (North)

Mansfield 0, Accrington 2.
Workington 3, Chester 2.

THIRD DIVISION (South)

Aldershot 2, Norwich 1.
Millwall 1, Walsall 2.
Reading 2, Queens Pk. R. 0.
Southampton 1, Crystal Palace 0.
Swindon 1, Bournemouth 0.

SCOTTISH LEAGUE (Div. I)

Hearts 4, Third Lanark 0.
Queen's Park 0, Hibernians 2.
Raith 0, Celtic 2.

SCOTTISH LEAGUE (Div. II)

Berwick 2, Dumbarton 2.
Boston 1, Tranmere 1.
Peterborough 1, Leicester 1.
Swansea 2, Arsenal 1.

Remanded

Joseph H. Clegg (43), of no fixed address, elected to go for trial when he appeared at Oldham Magistrates' Court today, charged with fraudulently converting £10s. 7d. "from a relative who befriended him and gave him a home."

Suerintendent J. Schofield said that the offence was committed in November, and Clegg had not been seen since. Asking for bail, Clegg said that he was living with his brother. He was remanded until Monday and given bail on the condition that he could find another surety in addition to his own.

WEATHER FORECAST

Tomorrow: Cloudy; rain at times, less cold.
Further Outlook: Probably little change.

LOCAL TEMPERATURES

24 hours from 10-0 a.m. yesterday
Maximum 36 deg., 10-0 a.m. today
Minimum 26 deg., 10-0 a.m. yesterday
Today's Reading
10-0 a.m. 36 deg. 3-0 p.m. 37 deg.
Barometer at 10-0 a.m. 29.85 in., steady
LIGHTNING-UP TIME
5-7 p.m. to 7-35 a.m.

THE thaw which is creeping across Britain from the south-west, bringing temperatures in the forties, rain and drizzle, helped further in ruining the day's sporting programme which had already been badly dislocated by snow and ice.

The four racing fixtures—at Lingfield, Warwick, Catterick Bridge and Mullingar, Ireland—had to be called off, and this morning one of today's most important FA Cup-ties—Everton v. Blackburn Rovers at Goodison Park—was postponed till Wednesday evening. Other Football League and Scottish League matches had to be postponed, as well as many professional and amateur rugby games.

At Everton, the referee, Mr. E. Crawford, of Doncaster, declared the pitch "dangerous" when he inspected it today. Last night's thaw left several inches of water on top of the ice-bound surface.

Later the Sheffield Wednesday ground was declared unfit for the Cup-tie with Hull City.

Third Division hit

Both sections of the English Third Division could only provide seven matches between them and only three Scottish League First Division and one Scottish Second Division matches were being played.

Torquay United players set out early today for Newport, where they were due to play a League Three (South) match. They travelled only five miles, for at Newton Abbott an urgent telephone message told them the match had been postponed because the ground was water-logged.

Only two of the original sixteen Rugby League fixtures remained today—Leeds v. Warrington and Featherstone Rovers v. Keighley. The Leeds ground was declared fit for play after an early inspection, and at Featherstone snow clearing work went on all morning.

The big Rugby Union match of the day, South-Western Counties v. The Wallabies, was unaffected by the weather. The match was being played at the Plymouth Argyle football club's ground. The thaw cleared all the snow, leaving the pitch a little soft.

Here is a list of the postponed matches:—

FA CUP—Fourth Round

Everton v Blackburn Rovers.
Sheffield Wednesday v Hull City.

SECOND DIVISION

Rotherham v Grimsby.

THIRD DIVISION (North)

Bradford City v Chesterfield.
Crew Alexandra v Southport.
Halifax Town v Bradford.
Rochdale v Carlisle United.

THIRD DIVISION (South)

Brighton v Watford.
Exeter v Shrewsbury.
Gillingham v Coventry.
Newport v Torquay.
Southend v Plymouth.

SCOTTISH LEAGUE (Div. I)

Clyde v Queen of South.
Falkirk v Partick Thistle.
Kilmarnock v East Fife.
Motherwell v Dundee.
Rangers v St. Mirren.

SCOTTISH LEAGUE (Div. II)

Albion v Cowdenbeath.
Alloa v Ayr United.
Dundee United v Brechin City.
Dumfermline v Hamilton A.
Forfar Athletic v East Stirling.
Montrose v St. Johnstone.
Morton v Stirling Albion.
Stranraer v Stenhousemuir.

FRIENDLIES

Aberdeen v Luton Town.
Bury v Barnsley.
Colchester v Birmingham City.
Derby County v Manchester City.
Hartlepool v Airdrie.
Lincoln City v Leeds United.
Wrexham v Huddersfield Town.

RUGBY LEAGUE

Batley v Hunslet.
Blackpool Borough v Dewsbury.
Bradford Northern v Bramley.
Doncaster v Widnes.
Huddersfield v Barrow.
Hull v York.
Leigh v Wigan.
Liverpool City v Rochdale Hornets.
Oldham v Workington.
St. Helens v Salford.
Swinton v Whitehaven.
Wakefield v Halifax.

The last big disruption of the soccer programme was on Boxing Day 1956, when 15 League games were postponed. Three times in the 1955 winter, more than twenty games were postponed, and the worst day in soccer history was January 15, 1955, when 41 of the 62 English and Scottish League games were called off because of snow, frost and fog, and three more were abandoned.

NEWCASTLE LAID LOW BY SCUNTHORPE

WITH water in pools on the pitch, Hardwick saved from Hughes and Simpson from Waldcock in the first five minutes.

White (Newcastle) shot over the bar and Paterson (Newcastle) luckily deflected a cross by Marriott.

Scunthorpe were the better side in the opening quarter of an hour. The trainer had to attend Haigh (Scunthorpe) who had a leg scraped, and later with Hughes behind goal having an ankle bandaged.

Waldock forced the ball into the Newcastle net from a header by Marriott in the 26th minute, but was given offside.

Both Waldock and goalkeeper Simpson were treated for injuries and Simpson resumed obviously in pain from his hip.

Haigh received attention for a facial injury after heading over as Simpson was fisting the ball.

Just on the interval Haigh was knocked flat by Paterson when moving in for a header. He again received attention.

Haigh had forced a corner in this incident and, from Marriott's flag kick, HAIGH, seeming partly dazed, headed the ball down for it to bounce quickly past Simpson's right hand into the net to put the visitors ahead.

Half-time:—

Newcastle 0, Scunthorpe 1.

After five minutes in the second half Newcastle equalised. A corner forced by White was placed by Mitchell and centre-half PATERSON headed into the net.

Five minutes later DAVIS headed a second for Scunthorpe, the ball going into an empty net when Simpson advanced. Hardwick stuck out a foot to turn a shot from Mitchell for a corner.

Hughes became a limping passenger on the Newcastle right

AUSTRALIA 163: SPRINGBOKS 150-2

S. Africa well on top in Test

AT Durban today, Australia were all out for 163 in their first innings on the second day of the third Test against South Africa. At the close the South Africans were within easy reach of that total with 150 for two on the scoreboard.

It took the Springbok fast bowlers Neil Adcock and Peter Heine only 25 minutes to finish off the Australian innings, the last four wickets falling for the addition of only eight runs to the overnight total.

They again bowled with great hostility, lifting the ball awkwardly from a good length and swinging it well in the strong breeze.

The collapse began when Alan Davidson played back in Heine's first over, and the ball jumped off the shoulder of the bat to the wicketkeeper. Then Ken Mackay, facing Adcock, also played back, hitting his wicket in completing the shot. Mackay batted three hours, ten minutes for his 32.

Wally Grout and Lindsay Kline put up little resistance, and Australia were out for their third lowest total in Tests against South Africa. Adcock emerged with six wickets for 43—his best figures in Test cricket, and Heine finished with two for 30.

When the South Africans went in, McGlew and Waite batted dourly throughout the afternoon to take the total to 86 for two by tea.

The Australian bowlers failed to dislodge the two South Africans, who then went steadily on to put the home country in a very advantageous position when the day's play ended.

Australia—First Innings (over-night 155 for six): McDonald c Goddard b Adcock 28, Burke c Waite b Adcock 2, Harvey c Waite b Adcock 6, Craig b Goddard 52, Simpson b Goddard 17, Mackay hit wkt b Adcock 32, Benaud lbw b Adcock 5, Davidson c Waite b Heine 12, Grout b Heine 2, Kline c Goddard b Adcock 0, Gaunt not out 0, extras 7, Total 163.

Bowling: Heine 17.4-4-30-2; Adcock 18-2-43-6; Goddard 23-12-25-2; Tayfield 21-7-41-0; Van Ryneveld 3-0-17-0.

South Africa: McGlew not out 64, Wescott b Gaunt 0, Emdean c Simpson b Benaud 15, Waite not out 68, extras 3, total (for two wkts) 150.

His first double, too 233 RUNS IN 244 MINUTES

NORMAN O'NEILL, 20-year-old New South Wales opening batsman, scored 233 runs in 244 minutes at Sydney today in helping the Sheffield Shield champions to score 411 for four against Victoria.

O'Neill hit 38 fours in the most adventurous attack on bowlers seen since the pre-war days of Bradman.

It was O'Neill's first double century in first-class cricket and it took his season's aggregate in Shield matches to 1,005 runs—an average of 83.75.

His fourth-wicket stand of 323 runs in 223 minutes with Brian Booth broke the 50-year-old Shield record of 315 held by M. A. Noble and S. Gregory, of New South Wales. Booth was not out 107 at the close of the first day's play.

Rival had cut eye WORLD CHAMP FORTUNATE

JOE BROWN, world lightweight boxing champion, stopped Ernie Williams in the fifth round of their ten-round non-title bout last night in Washington.

Williams, ten years younger than the champion, was leading on points in the scoring of all three judges when the referee intervened to save him from further injury to a cut over his left eye.

Brown opened the cut in the fourth round and continued to punch away at it in the fifth.

Williams was the aggressor throughout and was at his best in the second round, when he rocked Brown with two fast left hooks.

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FULHAM AND CHARLTON ALL SQUARE

THE snow had almost disappeared when Fulham faced Charlton Athletic at Craven Cottage.

Charlton were first to settle down and Lucas and Summers both shot over.

The Fulham attack seemed slow and uncertain against the tall Charlton halves.

Hill was put neatly through by Bentley but was ruled offside. Duff brought off a good save from Haynes.

Hill should have opened Fulham's account, but Duff cleverly anticipated his angled drive.

At the other end Macedo twice had to leave his goal to cut off dangerous crosses.

Charlton were doing the bulk of the passing and once Macedo brought off a brilliant save from a Ryan header.

Both Hill and Dwight slipped when Haynes put them clear of the Charlton defence with a neat pass.

Brilliant saves

Although Charlton had the territorial advantage Fulham were not out of it.

Langley came up into the Fulham attack to try a shot which Duff saved brilliantly. Back came Charlton only for Summers to shoot over.

Again Langley came up into the attack and tested Duff with a shot just inside the post. The goalkeeper made a brilliant save as he did a minute or so later from a terrific drive from Haynes.

Half-time: Fulham 0, Charlton 0.

The pace slackened in the second half but the exchanges were just as keen. Both centre-halves were playing well and gave the respective centre-forwards little scope.

Haynes brought a splendid save from Duff while Hewie at the other end just missed with a tremendous drive.

Fulham were now coming into their own and HILL opened their account in the 66th minute.

LIFE SENTENCE FOR PRIEST

GUY DESNOYERS, 37-year-old parish priest, at Nancy, France, today, was sentenced to hard labour for life for the murder of a 19-year-old parishioner and the baby she was expecting by him.

The prosecutor had asked for the death penalty, but the jury, who took 95 minutes to decide on their verdict of guilty, said there were mitigating circumstances.

Desnoyers is alleged to have shot the pregnant Regine Fays at a wayside calvary, then performed a rough caesarean operation on her and stabbed the new-born baby girl through the heart.

Giving evidence yesterday, Desnoyers admitted the murder and, nervously clutching a crucifix, said: "I lost my head." He also admitted that he had previously seduced two other girls.

Desnoyers told the jury: "I humbly ask forgiveness from God and the Church which is now passing through tragic hours. I ask forgiveness from society. But I remain a priest and I know how to make amends as a priest."

Cyclists' Union reports a profit

For the first time in many years the National Cyclists' Union can show a substantial credit balance, it was reported at the annual general meeting in London today.

Mr. E. N. Chippendale, chairman of the finance and management committee, said: "Whereas last year the general fund showed a deficit balance of over £4,800, it now shows a credit balance of £3,200." A profit of £2,600 was made last year.

Mr. R. Taylor of Manchester, was re-elected president. Reg Harris, now retired from racing, was elected a member of the national racing committee.

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Swindon 1, Bournemouth 0.

SCOTTISH LEAGUE (Div. I)

Hearts 7, Third Lanark 2.

OTHER MATCHES

Peterborough 2, Leicester 1.

Monte Carlo Rally—First of

Glasgow starters to finish was Cyril Corbishley (Standard), of Macclesfield. Other British finishers included Peter Bolton (Triumph), of Leeds, and John Wallwork (Standard), of Cheshire.

Millwall 1, Walsall 3.