

# Oldham struck winning form in second HALIFAX SHOCK GOALS half at Wigan UPSET LATICIS

**O**UT to avenge their defeat at Halifax earlier in the season, Athletic showed one change in the side for the Yorkshiremen's visit to Boundary Park this afternoon. With Tommy Walker suffering from an attack of boils, Bill Spurdle came back to the side at outside-right—his first appearance in that position since his return to Athletic. Halifax were as selected.

**ATHLETIC:** Teece; Naylor, West; Hobson, Muir, Thompson; Spurdle, Murray, Duffy, Neale, Over.  
**HALIFAX:** Johnson; Griffiths, Lonsdale; Atkinson, South, Lorenson; Sharp, Smith, Blackburn, Priest, McCall.  
Referee: Mr N. N. Hough (Macclesfield).

Athletic began with a lightning raid on the right but from outside the area Spurdle shot weakly and well wide.

A free kick for a foul on Duffy kept play in the Halifax danger zone, however, until South came through to clear with a big boot downfield.

A long back pass by West cleared Halifax's first raid and then away again came Athletic to snatch a quick goal with a copy book move.

Spurdle sent out a long raking pass to Murray on the wing and when he crossed the ball DUFFY was there to charge the ball over the line with his knees.

A minute later Halifax were on level terms. The cheers had hardly died before Sharp whipped the ball across close to the bar, and catching Teece off guard, BLACKBURN was there to stab the ball over the line.

There was plenty of excitement already and twice Murray had shots charged down before Duffy blasted a shot into the side netting.

Athletic were looking far more lively in attack and when Over challenged Johnson, the Halifax 'keeper dropped the ball, but the winger's snap shot hit him as he lay on the ground.

Halifax were defending desperately and a great Spurdle run saw Over get in another shot and when Johnson again dropped the ball Hobson was just unable to reach it.

In the 15th minute, however, Athletic were back in the lead. Neale and Over combined on the left for the winger to pull the ball back in the Halifax goalmouth, and SPURDLE was there to net with a great left foot shot.

Seconds later Athletic could have been further ahead as Johnson made a particularly fine save to hold a Duffy header.

## Duffy's near miss

Athletic were keeping up the good work, and Duffy again came within inches of a goal as he slid to turn the ball past Johnson and it just struck the goalkeeper's foot, to be deflected away.

Athletic were still providing good football, and when Over put across a curling right-foot centre both Johnson and Duffy failed to reach it by inches, and the ball flashed



Duffy scores Athletic's first goal.

Another grand solo run by Spurdle ended with Johnson holding a stinging left-foot shot at the foot of the post.

Then Muir three times in succession broke up promising Halifax raids before Atkinson got through and shot just outside the post.

On the stroke of half-time there was a grand chance for Over to increase the lead but he spooned the ball over the top into the crowd.

Half-time:

ATHLETIC .....	2
HALIFAX .....	1

It was Athletic who made the early bids but after two minutes a shock goal by SMITH put Halifax on level terms. The pass came from Sharp on the right and the lively inside-forward nipped in to head the ball over Teece's outstretched hands into the corner of the net.

Athletic tried to hit back but a movement between Duffy and Murray could only produce a corner and from the flag kick Murray's shot was charged down.

Then Thompson and Murray broke away but an appeal for obstruction in the penalty area as Thompson went through with the goal at his mercy was firmly overruled by the official.

Athletic gained a corner, however, but this time Murray crashed a shot into the side netting.

Then after 58 minutes came another shock for Athletic. Again CON SMITH provided it by putting his side into the lead.

## Shadow of first half

This time Griffiths found Blackburn on the right wing, and his pass inside found SMITH unmarked, and

with the easiest of chances he put the ball past Teece.

Athletic were but a mere shadow of the first-half side, and another determined raid by Halifax in the 63rd minute saw them increase their lead even further.

This time the Athletic defence was split open after a hectic scramble, and LONSDALE rammed the ball into the net from a yard range.

Athletic could do nothing right and Halifax had no trouble in clearing a weak Spurdle free kick.

Then Halifax, who certainly had their tail up, came away with another strong raid and a diving save from Teece cut out Sharp's dangerous centre.

The next minute Teece made an identical save, this time cutting out a low cross from Blackburn and when Priest was tripped on the edge of the area Griffiths came up to put his shot outside the post.

A quick raid by Athletic then saw Johnson make a daring dive to deflect the ball off Neale's toes and the Halifax defence safely cleared the resulting corner.

The goal at the Chadderton end was again proving a bogey to Athletic and Johnson easily collected a header from Neale from a perfect Over centre.

Final:

ATHLETIC .....	2
HALIFAX .....	4

Attendance: 7,500.

## UNITED 3 UP—THEN SHOCK BY ARSENAL

DUNCAN EDWARDS, England's left-half, scored for Manchester United with a fierce low drive from 25 yards after ten minutes. Kelsey, Arsenal's Welsh international goalkeeper, who wore gloves, touched the greasy ball, but could not hold it.

Arsenal for whom Ward at right-half had his first League game for four years, wasted openings.

Gregg, the United goalkeeper, who was gloveless, handled and parried efforts in fine style.

United, fast and hard-shooting, were further ahead in the 32nd minute, when CHARLTON, inside-right, kicked in following a grand left-wing run by Scanlon.

TAYLOR shot a third goal just before half-time. Half-time: Arsenal 0, United 3.

In the second half Arsenal scored three goals in a spell of three minutes through HERD and BLOOMFIELD (two), to make the score 3-3.

**O**LDHAM travelled to Wigan today confident of their 14th successive win against the Central Park team. They were at full strength. Wigan left Ernie Ascroft out of the three-quarters and played David Bolton at scrum-half, with Bernard McGurrin at out-half. The Wigan team included former Oldham winger Terry O'Grady.

**WIGAN:** Cunliffe; Boston, Ashton, Sullivan, O'Grady; McGurrin, Bolton; Bretherton, Sayer, McTigue, Cherrington, Collier, Evans.

**OLDHAM:** Ganley; Cracknell, Ayres, Davies, Eddy, Daley, Pitchford; Jackson, Keith, Vines, Winslade, Little, Turner.  
Referee: Mr T. W. Watkinson (Manchester).

Following a series of Wigan attacks Oldham were penalised for off-side just inside the Wigan half. Cunliffe took his side to the Oldham "25" with a good touch-kick.

Oldham had a let-off a minute later when a pass intended for Eddy fell short. Boston charged in and missed the loose ball, but Bolton followed him to snap it up. He was tackled but the ball promptly sped across the field and Eddy went inside to smother Sullivan's pass. He failed, but luckily O'Grady couldn't get to the ball before it went into touch.

In the fourth minute Oldham were in trouble. The referee penalised them for handing out at a scrum, and from 25 yards out CUNLIFFE opened Wigan's score with a goal.

## Raid just fails

Then came an Oldham raid. They got possession from a penalty, and, although Pitchford sent out a poor pass, Cracknell got the ball and raced to the Wigan "25" before he was pushed into touch.

Oldham won the scrum, and seconds later were awarded a penalty when Wigan fell off-side. From 20 yards GANLEY levelled the score with a goal.

After a spell of midfield play, in which Oldham spent most of their time defending, a pass from Davies sent Cracknell racing away into the Wigan quarter. Again the winger went into touch, but at the scrum, Wigan were penalised. Ganley again tried for goal, but this time, with a more difficult kick, he missed.

Cracknell was close to a try two minutes later. The ball sped across to the wing and Pitchford got in a great pass to Ayres. With the defence in trouble, the centre's pass to Cracknell went low and was fumbled.

Following another Ganley miss at goal Wigan roared into the attack. First, Bolton streaked up the left to make his way to the halfway line and then, on the other side, Ashton put in a grand run. Cunliffe followed up with a neat kick through the defence but in a race for the ball both Cracknell and Sullivan were too late to stop it from going

into touch, ten yards from Oldham's line.

Despite a good lead at the scrums Oldham were not making their attack click. They stayed in their own half and eventually lost possession and gave away a penalty for CUNLIFFE to land his second goal.

In the 34th minute Oldham came to life. The defence splitter was Daley. He took a late pass in his own half to break away. Pitchford was with him but Cunliffe got quickly to the scrum-half for the ball to come loose.

Wigan got to the posts and were attacking strongly. Then Oldham were penalised for off-side just inside their own half and, with a magnificent kick, CUNLIFFE landed a goal.

A Keith breakaway almost brought a try. He slid by the defence but Cherrington stopped Little from giving support. Ganley got a chance for a goal but he was wide with an easy kick.

Half-time:

WIGAN .....	3	0-6
OLDHAM .....	1	0-2

John Eddy was almost over for Oldham within minutes of the restart. He took the ball and beat all the defence except Cunliffe; as he was set to pass him the full-back dropped coolly to take Eddy ten yards out. Five minutes later Oldham scored.

TURNER TOOK THE BALL AND GAVE IT DALEY ON THE BURST. OUT AGAIN IT WENT FOR LITTLE TO TAKE IT AND CRASH OVER. GANLEY ADDED THE GOAL TO GIVE OLDHAM THE LEAD.

In a flash Oldham were threatening again, Daley slipping through from a scrum with a move that wrecked the defence. The ball went out to Little and on to Eddy but the referee blew for a forward pass.

Now it was Wigan's turn, and the man bidding for a try was O'Grady. He chose to kick ahead of the defence but the ball rolled into touch 20 yards inside the Oldham half.

More Wigan attacks followed and in the 10th minute Oldham were penalised for scrum feeding. Cunliffe was short with the goal attempt but Ganley dropped the ball and Davies picked up in an off-side position. Again Cunliffe missed at goal.

Oldham moved back to the Wigan

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## CHADDERTON LABOUR PARTY BLOW 3 councillors resign

**I**N support of their North Ward colleague, County Councillor William Turner, who has been expelled from Chadderton Labour Party, three other Labour councillors have resigned from the party—Councillors Walter Hill, Wilfred Jenkinson and Robert Bottoms, all North Ward councillors. They intend to sit as independent members.

Councillor Turner resigned from the Labour group in November, and was subsequently automatically expelled. He told the group at that time that they had not paid sufficient attention to the lease of a plot of land in St. Matthew's Drive. He considered that the group had betrayed the trust placed in them by the electors.

Councillor Turner appealed to Labour Party headquarters against his expulsion but his appeal—heard in Oldham—was dismissed by three prominent members of the Labour Party in the North-West.

The three members who have resigned have made it clear in recent debates that they supported Councillor Turner. Councillors Walter Hill and Robert Bottoms were both elected to the Council for the first time in 1954 and both secured re-election last year for a further three-year period. Councillor Wilfred Jenkinson was first elected in 1956 and his term of office expires in 1959.



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### NEXT MONTH WE'LL BE ON THE FLAT AGAIN

## First glance at some likely horses for spring doubles



Mr. J. R. Bower's BORDER WAVE, entered for the Grand National, to be run at Aintree, Liverpool, on March 29. Mr. Bower trains the steeplechaser, which is ridden here by Mr. P. Brookshaw.

THE weights for the spring double which mark the opening week of the flat-racing season are now declared. And it is not surprising to see two Irish horses at the top of the Lincoln and the National weights. Both have earned that right by past performances, writes The Ringer.

Jack Ketch, set to carry 9st. 7lb. on the Carholme, has classic form. So, too, has the other Irish colt, Rolstan, on the 9-6 mark. Over Aintree's more exacting Grand National course Quare Times, winner of the race in 1955 for O'Brien's Tipperary stable is given 12st. as top burden. As there are two acceptance stages for these big March events (February 4 and 18 for the Lincolnshire Handicap, and February 4 and March 11 for the Grand National) we have plenty of time to sort out our fancies for the elusive double. An early glance at the weights

for the Lincoln leads to the belief that Who Yon, a speedy Stardust colt which ran several good sprint races last season and is sure to stay the mile. With 7st. 5lb., this could be an early fancy. Dutton (7-1) is thrown in on some form—we mustn't forget the furore for this colt even before he appeared in public.

Jackie's Kuda (7-13), another fast-moving customer—he beat Ricardus (gave 4lb.) by a length and a half at Windsor over six furlongs—that should go on our cuff.

As for the "National," a fit Quare Times, as one Irish onlooker said when he won, could "carry the lot." Athenian (10-11) is slowly coming into his stride and must not be ignored.

Bremontier, the former French chaser now in P. Taylor's Yorkshire stable, has a handy 11-11. I intend to watch his progress closely.

We will take a look at Mr. What, Colledge Master and Wyndburgh later.

G. Vergette's Coltan, which missed an engagement today through the abandonment of a meeting, is expected to recoup losses sustained behind the Nottingham dead-heaters Astrial and Torrent IV last Monday when contesting the Berkswell Selling Handicap 'Chase, the first race on the card at Warwick.

In the Lapworth Hurdle, it may be best to rely on Son and Heir II to recover losses sustained at Newbury earlier this month.

A two-day meeting at Haydock Park opens on Wednesday, and, with a generous supply of entries, good fields should make for close racing on this popular Lancashire course. In the Golborne Novices 'Chase on the opening day, Kaiser-i-Hind, which was well supported at Sedgefield in December when running second gets a good chance. The Callant (3 0) and Rad Holly (4 25) are other fancies.

On Thursday, Poverty Wood (4 0), Rowland Ward (3 0) and Maintown (2 30) should be worth supporting.

Next week's racing fixtures:—Monday: Warwick; Wednesday, Haydock Park; Thursday: Haydock Park and Wincanton; Friday: Hurst Park; Saturday: Hurst Park, Taunton and Wetherby.

Oldham and District Hospital Management Committee has been allotted £439 for the half year ended September 30 1957, from the Hospital Endowments Fund by the Finance Committee of the Manchester Regional Hospital Board.



BY THE STUDENT

I KNOW a lot of people who would like to own a horse like the one mentioned in the third teaser. Score three points for number one, two for number three and one for number two. Five is a good score.

TEASER NUMBER ONE

Name a Lancashire MP who holds a permit to train racehorses.

TEASER NUMBER TWO

Name the Rugby Union player who holds a world record for international caps.

TEASER NUMBER THREE

Name a horse which ran 54 times and won 54 races—yes, it ran in England!

Answers on Page 3.

### Bridge Quiz

By EWART KEMPSON

THIS is a hand from the rubber bridge match now in progress at Selfridges. Game all; dealer North.

N 9 8 5  
W E 8 3 2  
S A 10 8 4 2  
Q 10  
N E S W  
1 ♠ No 1 N.T. 4 ♥  
4 ♣ ?

What should East bid?

Mr Mollo made the brave—and correct—bid of five hearts. Here is the full deal:

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

As it happens North cannot make four spades and West had to lose three tricks in five hearts, but it was a very good insurance to take out even though, on this particular occasion, it lost points.

### Valuable library sold to US

The University of California has acquired "one of the most valuable book collections to come on the market in recent years," Dr. Robert Gordon Sproul, University President, announced.

The 60,000-volume library of the late Mr. C. K. Ogden, known as the originator of "Basic English," has been bought in London for 100,000 dollars (£33,000 sterling) said Dr. Sproul.

### Buddhist monastery modernised

The 16th-century Ta-Erh Monastery, in Sining, the birthplace of Tsong Ka-Pa, founder of the Tibetan yellow sect of Buddhism, has been renovated, reports the New China News Agency.

Roadways have been broadened and street lighting installed, and the main pilgrims' square has been doubled in size.

## CAUGHT A TARTAR ON FIRST TRIP

THE Chadderton Angling Association held their first trip last Sunday and visited the River Weaver at Northwich. Conditions could not have been worse for decent fishing, which was particularly unfortunate, for many of the anglers were young beginners.

The waters of the River Weaver were a dirty, deep coffee colour, and the old river around Hulses

Island ran like a mill race. Most of the anglers started fishing in the main river on account of the slower-running water.

Sport, however, here was non-existent, so changes were made to quiet eddies in the old river. Here the only sport was gudgeon, that often-despised fish which is always a sporting proposition when other fish are seemingly non-existent.

The best catch was made by E. Deval and W. Fielding, who netted 63 gudgeon from a small patch of still water. The only other catches were small numbers of gudgeon taken mostly by groups of the younger members.

### Catch of the season

For the technically-minded, the water temperature was 34 degrees.

The Diggle Private Angling Club will hold their annual general meeting at their headquarters, the Hanging Gate Hotel, next Wednesday. At the meeting all prize money won during the 1957 season will be paid out.

The secretary of the club hopes that all members will attend and

### Angling Notes

informs them that subscriptions are now due for the coming season.

The Welcome Anglers held their annual party last Saturday at their headquarters, the Havelock Inn, Oldham. About 30 members, wives and friends sat down to tea which was followed by a musical evening.

The prizes were presented by Mr. C. Stead, president of the Ashton and Oldham Association, and the recipient of most of the trophies was Mr. R. Bancroft, secretary of the association.

Mr. Bancroft almost swept the board and won every match except the members' match, which was won by Mr. J. Anderson. With two cups, a tankard and a shield in his arms, Mr. Bancroft left the rostrum with the best catch of the season.

### Trout farm visit

The Dog Anglers will hold a special meeting at the Dog Inn on February 3, at 8 p.m. The business concerns election of new officials, so all members are expected to attend.

Many members of the United Anglers have expressed a wish to visit a trout farm at some time or other, particularly when assisting at the restocking operations.

An outing has, therefore, been provisionally arranged to visit Welham Park Fish Hatchery, at Malton, on March 23. United Anglers members wishing to join the party should contact me at 167 Burnley Lane, Chadderton.—K.B.

County Council elections will be held at Crompton, Royton and Fallsforth on May 5, at Chadderton on May 6, and at Lees on May 8.

## Making a living at golf

HUNDREDS of young men from 15 to 21 are working as assistant professionals, hoping at least to make a living from golf, and at best to become stars of the links.

Some of them will earn good money as teachers and club professionals. A lucky few will reach Ryder Cup standard as players. But the majority will have to work hard and long to make a reasonable living.

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THE father of one of these young hopefuls says that his son, after six years as an assistant, is still not getting a living wage.

One assistant of great experience has said that if he played two rounds a day with members for seven days a week his fees would total seven guineas.

Another points out that his

### ASSISTANT PRO CANNOT EARN ENOUGH MONEY

..... employer, a Ryder Cup professional, gets 12s. 6d. for playing with a member. And the caddie employed by the member would look askance at anything less for his fee.

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YET the average professional cannot afford, from his often meagre retaining fee and the profits of his shop and his lessons, to pay a full-time assistant anything like the money the youngster could make in a more hum-drum employment.

But the professional is expected by the members to keep his shop open and provide tuition when he is away at tournaments.

SOME people believe that employment of an assistant should be the responsibility of the club and a charge on the club's budget. Clubs in low water financially will not agree with that idea.

Much more could probably be done by the professionals themselves, through their Association, to solve the problem.

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SO far as the amateur game is concerned, youngsters are being developed on good lines. An example of this is the latest effort of the Golf Foundation, who give free tuition to boys and girls at schools.

Hulme Grammar School enjoys such facilities at Werneth, but more about this later.

Golf Foundation have issued a pamphlet, "So You're Taking Up Golf!" which answers practically every question a youngster is likely to ask about beginning the game—the cost, facilities for learning, clothes, equipment, and so on.

It also explains golfing terms, describes the various clubs and their functions—and tells the young reader how to behave on the course.

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A RIVAL for the title-holder in this year's Teacher-Senior professional golf championship at Copt Heath, near Birmingham, on April 1-3, will be his brother.

John Burton, of Hillside, Southport, who is 54, won the tournament at Fulwell last year. Now Dick Burton, of Coombe Hill, London—who reached the qualifying age of 50 in October—has decided to compete.

Both brothers will play in the lowest age group for players of 50-54, and therefore continue the friendly rivalry of their earlier years. Each has won a number of major tournaments, but Dick, winner of the Open in 1939 and thrice a Ryder Cup player, has the better record.

Many good judges, however, consider John to be in every way his equal. Certainly no other man of his age strikes the ball so far and so consistently.

During December one permanent and two temporary teachers were appointed by the Schools Sub-committee of the Oldham Education Committee.

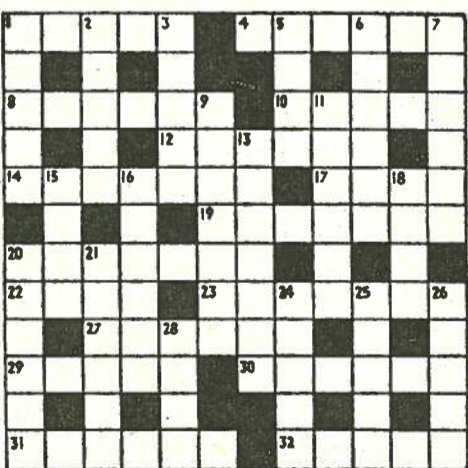
## CROSSWORD No. 1386

### ACROSS

- 1 Choose some tools (5).
- 4 Nothing to pay (6).
- 8 Sandwich filling, maybe (6).
- 10 Mistake (5).
- 12 Delicate offer (6).
- 14 Free from duty (7).
- 17 European (4).
- 19 Out without the aid of a knife (7).
- 20 In name only (7).
- 22 Circus bowman (4).
- 23 Having a trying time? (7).
- 27 Flaw (6).
- 29 Not the others (5).
- 30 Don't lose yours? (6).
- 31 Full range (6).
- 32 Lined up? (5).

### DOWN

- 1 Awkward question for a model? (5).
- 2 One royal song (5).
- 3 Full flood (5).
- 5 Regretted it sounds so discourteous (4).
- 6 It once reigned in France (6).
- 7 Long effusion (6).
- 9 Make a detour (7).
- 11 Written opinion about wine? (6).
- 13 Sorry state (7).



YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION.—Across: 3, Pedestal. 8, Rime. 9, Incident. 11, Bone-meal. 13, Imps. 15, Snuggles. 18, Longate. 19, Army. 21, Ambrosia. 25, Delaware. 26, Lud-o. 27, Dressage. Down: 1, Grub. 2, O-me-n. 4, Erne. 5, Evil(rev). 6, Therm. 7, Laths. 9, Image. 10, Cameo. 12, Owner. 14, Patti. 16, Lama. 17, Snare. 19, Aided. 20, Melee. 21, Awls. 22, Brag. 23, Soul. 24, Agog.

- 15 Racing handicap (4).
- 16 Flage, but not banners (3).
- 18 Mrs Sprat's allergy (4).
- 20 Annoying stinger (6).
- 21 Retiring (6).
- 24 Guide cattle (5).
- 25 Drive (5).
- 28 Wounded (5).
- 30 Not a blooming plant (4).





Robin Hill Swimming Club members, 1957.—probably their last season before the baths are closed. Back row: S. Fogo, H. Scholes, K. Colley, D. Gooseman, P. Kershaw, B. Dowd. Third row: M. Durr, A. Buckley, J. Higgins, D. Shaw (Superintendent), Mrs. Badrock, T. McCormick, Mrs. Lord, D. McHugh (secretary), V. Robinson (captain). Second row: J. Higgins, T. Harrison, F. Travis, S. Leicester (chairman), R. Milligan, W. Webb, N. Wright. Front row: S. Broadbent, H. Brierley, T. Berry (ladies' captain), J. Mellor, C. Lord, R. Bradley.

# It is not too late to form central swimming club

WHAT really is happening in Oldham and district swimming circles? Local clubs are fast disappearing—Oldham Seal, Hathershaw, Robin Hill—and now rumour has it that Chadderton Swimming Club, for the first time since 1894 (with the exception of the war years), faces the possibility of not being able to take part in competitive swimming and water-polo.

One of the main reasons advanced by a correspondent is the lack of officials and water-polo players. He also states that there was a great decline in supporters at all matches last year, and he points out the certainty of the closure of the Robin Hill Baths and the possibility of the closure of Lowermoor Baths.

THIS WRITER CONTINUES: "SWIMMING IN OLDHAM AND DISTRICT APPEARS TO BE AT THE CROSSROADS. WOULD IT

By A.V.R.

NOT BE BETTER FOR THE DISTRICT AS A WHOLE TO CONSIDER THE AMALGAMATION OF OFFICIALS AND SWIMMERS, FORMING ONE CENTRAL CLUB IN EITHER OLDHAM OR CHADDERTON."

He feels sure that by combining the talent available, Oldham could carry the banner into top Lancashire circles and bring home the honours.

I attended a meeting several months ago at the Central Baths, Union Street, when it was proposed to form such a central club. Had it been done then, I am confident that many of the present problems facing local clubs would never have existed today.

The idea was to combine and sort out the talent in such a manner that this one club could run teams in several leagues by grading their members and entering them accordingly. This would have meant established swimmers striving to keep their places and the up-and-coming swimmers struggling to reach the top-grade team. There would have been an automatic all-round improvement in local swimming performances.

Is it too late? In my opinion, now is the time to get together again and I feel certain that Mr. Charles Murray, General Superintendent of Oldham Baths, would be the first to co-operate.

Robin Hill and Chadderton may be prepared to consider this, and a whisper from Royton surprisingly hinted that even they may be interested. Only one club seems inclined to believe that it can carry on under its own steam this coming season and that is Lowermoor.

The women's section, now coached by Jean Wrigley and Ella Speed, claims that it has the

youngest - ever Lowermoor women's teams ready for 1958 competitions.

The men's section is all agog: Derek Howe, now studying at a London college, will have finished his three-year course and will be assisting the teams; Frank Durr (brother of Laurie) has had his suspension lifted and will be back, and the team will be the same that won the water polo honours a few seasons ago.

Alan Hardman has joined forces with Royton and Brian Lord is studying for the Police Force at Preston. Brian thinks his new job will give him more time for training, and he is very keen to try and catch the English team. One well-known Lowermoor supporter said: "Watch Brian for 1958 honours."

Other reports say that they have taught during last year a record number of non-swimmers to become fairly efficient and have the foundation there for future success.

BUT I WONDER IF WISER COUNSELS COULD NOT PREVAIL AGAINST THEIR HOLDING ON TO THEIR IDEALS TO THE DETRIMENT OF A CENTRAL CLUB IN OLDHAM.

## CLL ASSOCIATION

### League tables, 1957

WATER POLO					
	P.	W.	D.	L.	Pt
Royton	15	14	0	1	28
Castleton	18	13	2	3	28
S. Manchester	17	11	2	4	24
Hyde Seal	17	11	1	5	23
Crompton	17	11	0	6	22
Robin Hill	17	7	1	9	15
Rochdale	18	7	1	10	15
Bacup	18	4	1	13	9
Chadderton	16	2	0	14	4
Harpurhey	16	1	0	15	2

SENIOR SQUADRON					
	P.	W.	D.	L.	Pt
S. Manchester	19	18	0	1	36
Crompton	19	15	0	4	30
Hyde Seal	19	13	1	5	27
Castleton	19	13	0	7	24
Robin Hill	19	10	0	9	20
Rochdale	20	10	0	10	20
Royton	15	9	0	16	18
Stockport	18	5	0	13	10
Bacup	20	4	1	15	9
Harpurhey	18	3	0	15	6
Chadderton	18	2	0	16	4

INTERMEDIATE SQUADRON					
	P.	W.	D.	L.	Pt
Rochdale	8	7	0	1	14
S. Manchester	8	6	0	2	12
Crompton	8	4	0	4	8
Bacup	8	2	0	6	4
Robin Hill	8	1	0	7	2

JUNIOR MEN'S SQUADRON					
	P.	W.	D.	L.	Pt
Rochdale	16	15	0	0	32
S. Manchester	16	14	0	2	28
Stockport	14	9	0	5	18
Robin Hill	16	2	0	8	16
Hyde Seal	16	2	0	8	14
Harpurhey	15	6	0	9	12
Crompton	16	5	0	11	10
Bacup	16	2	0	14	4
Royton	12	2	0	10	4

WOMEN'S SQUADRON					
	P.	W.	D.	L.	Pt
S. Manchester	8	6	0	2	12
Stockport	8	6	0	2	12
Hyde Seal	8	6	0	2	12
Robin Hill	8	1	0	7	2
Rochdale	8	1	0	7	2

JUNIOR WOMEN'S SQUADRON					
	P.	W.	D.	L.	Pt
Cheatham	18	15	0	3	30
Stockport	18	14	0	4	28
Rochdale	18	11	0	7	22
S. Manchester	17	10	0	7	20
Hyde Seal	18	9	1	8	19
Harpurhey	17	9	0	8	18
Robin Hill	17	8	1	8	17
Chadderton	16	5	0	10	10
Crompton	18	3	0	15	6
Bacup	18	2	0	16	4

Aggregate points: 1. S. Manchester 220; 2. Hyde Seal 164; 3. Rochdale 148.5; 4. Stockport 136; 5. Robin Hill 111; 6. Crompton 108.5; 7. Castleton 84; 8. Harpurhey 70.5; 9. Royton 67; 10. Bacup 54; 11. Chadderton 30.5.

## GALA AT CHADDERTON BATHS

CHADDERTON SWIMMING CLUB staged an interesting gala at Chadderton Baths on Monday evening in aid of the Lancashire Playing Fields' Association.

Most of the events were demonstrations and included an underwater escapologist, Lescardi, who recently appeared on ITV in the "Bid for Fame" programme. He was locked in a metal collar and wrist and leg chains by David Deval, a local magician and escapologist, but Lescardi was only 17.4sec. under water in escaping from the tackle.

Lescardi admitted that he is not a very good swimmer, and Brian Lord stood by at the edge of the baths in case of accident but fortunately was not needed.

One seldom tires of seeing the life-saving demonstration by the Lancashire County Police team, who are the present national champions. Without doubt their display, excellently carried out in drill time, enlightens the onlooker as to the methods needed if ever they are called upon to perform a lifesaving effort.

There was some fine competitive swimming although several of the top swimmers had not put in much serious practice lately. Brian Lord faced stiff opposition—L. Durr, J. Walsh, K. Shaw and S. White—but swam well enough to show that his lack of training had made little difference. He won the 60-yards free-style event by four yards from his clubmate, L. Durr, with S. White third.

In the Youth Services squadron race, Royton ASC juniors beat Royton Scouts and Oldham Sea Cadets. In the junior girls' race J. Byrom beat M. Dalton, and in a 30-yard junior girls' free-style event, J. Berry beat N. Jones.

In a men's 30-yard free-style, M. Durr won from I. McNulty and D. Widdop. A demonstration by the junior national breaststroke champion, Howard Bentham (Old Trafford), was well received, and the crowd remained to watch a water-polo friendly match, in which Royton beat Lancashire Police 4—1.

# ROCHDALE CC TO CUT SUBS: OLDHAM LOSE 2 OPENING BOWLERS: YOUTH LGE. WINNERS

THE only consolation Rochdale Cricket Club has in its loss of £466 in the 1957 season is the fact that it is £203 less than in the previous season. Yet this is not half so encouraging when it is considered that the cut in loss is due to a reduction in expenditure rather than an increase in income.

Gate receipts from first-team league matches were up from £459 to £575, but in 1956 the club drew an additional £150 from insurance.

Rochdale, of course, suffered a loss in Wood Cup income compared with the previous year. With the final at Ashton, they made only £156 altogether, whereas in 1956 the winning of the Cup brought them £271.

MOST worrying of all to the Rochdale officials was the drop in members' subscriptions from £1,005 to £891. So, on their recommendation, members voted to cut 5s. off the annual subscriptions at Wednesday's annual meeting.

The new president (Mr. Norman Taylor) and the secretary (Mr. Brough Bartle) both admitted that the decision to increase the subscriptions to £1 10s. for men two years ago had the opposite effect to that sought. Mr. Bartle said Dane Street membership was down to roughly £550, and more than £100 of the year's deficit of £466 could be traced to this decline.

It was made clear that the reduced subscription will still

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include free use of the bowling green throughout the season.

Alderman Ashworth Ashworth, who resigned the presidency during last season (it was rumoured he disagreed with the high fee paid to the professional) was at the meeting to join in the congratulations to the new president and to make his customary appeal to all connected with the club to undertake some duty.

The secretary said the committee quite frankly were deeply concerned about the policy to adopt when it came to discussing the professional's re-engagement, and on a majority vote they decided to continue the tradition of always having a first-class pro.

They also agreed to release Dattu Phadkar from the contract in 1959 if he is selected to play for India in this country.

OLDHAM CRICKET CLUB, champions of the CLL last season, will be without their opening bowler, George Raw, next season. He has signed professional forms for Uppermill in the Saddleworth League.

Raw, who has had previous professional experience with Macclesfield, his home-town team, returned to Oldham as an amateur last season. He took 20 wickets for 417 runs and scored 163 runs in 12 innings.

Before accepting Uppermill's offer, I understand Raw turned down an attempt for his signature by Bollington.

His departure from The Pollards means that Oldham have now lost two of their new-ball bowlers. Norman Frankland recently signed as pro for Greenfield.

CHADDERTON 1st XI had an open date last Saturday, but the youth side, by beating Derker 7—2 away, ensured that at least one trophy will be on the Chadderton shelf this season. In their first season in the Under-21 Oldham Youth League, they have won the league, without, as yet, losing a game. Two non-league games remain to be played.

Their record is: played 16 games, won 15, drawn 1, goals for 124, goals against 26. Their average age is 17 and they can feel justifiably proud of this fine achievement.

AFTER five gruelling days, the Rugby Union International Board issued an interim statement, saying that the alterations in the laws will be released next Monday,

## Walsden pro

Walsden Cricket Club have named Vernon (Vic) Newton, of Sale, as their new professional in place of Jim Hatchman, who retired last year after three successive seasons with the club.

Newton, who is 35 and married, is a right-arm off-spin bowler and a reliable bat. He has played professional cricket for the last 12 years and his returns over the past 12 seasons have averaged 80 wickets a season at a cost of 10.95, and 360 to 600 with the bat.

He has played with clubs in the North Staffordshire, Bolton, and Lancashire and Cheshire Leagues, the last five years being spent at two clubs in the North Staffordshire League where such professionals as Charlie Barnett, Frank Worrell and Ramchand have played.

and emphasizing that the changes will be to encourage attack.

It seems fairly certain that an attempt will be made to check the activities of wing-forwards, whose spilling tactics do much to upset the game as a spectacle. Unnecessary and indiscriminate kicking into touch may also be dealt with, but it will be even more interesting to see if any changes have been made to the point scoring.

At the moment, a penalty kick earns as many points as an unconverted try. It seems illogical that a well-worked movement should bring no more reward than a straight kick, possibly for a minor infringement.

RUSSIA will soon be overtaking the USA as the leading nation in athletics is the view of Professor Ivan Nikiforov, of the Leningrad Physical Culture Institute. He told members of the International Sports Fellowship in London this week that Russia has as many as three-and-a-half million active track and field athletes—and more and more sporting facilities are being provided.

Professor Nikiforov emphasised that the Russians, despite brilliant results in world and European sport in the past few years, are far from satisfied. They feel that they can do even better.

But at one sport England, in particular, need not fear the Russians: that is cricket. Russia, according to the professor, does not consider cricket a sport, but a game only fit for junior scholars.

Table tennis, though, is a game in which the Russians may well produce a world champion within a very few years. English table tennis officials view with pleasure the prospect of Russians playing in the English Open next year.

The Russians have tentatively turned down an invitation to compete in this year's "English," to be staged in March. But they are playing in the European Championships in Budapest earlier the same month and, if they do well, will no doubt book passages for England in 1959.

Though they took up the game only two or three years ago, the leading Russian men are practically of equal ability with England's top stars, as they demonstrated in the recent World Youth Games in Moscow. Twelve more months and we may have been left behind.

## Answers To Sports Teasers

### TEASER NUMBER ONE

Sir John Denman Barlow, Conservative MP for Middleton and Prestwich. He farms in Cheshire.

### TEASER NUMBER TWO

Jack Kyle, when he got his 45th cap this season in the Ireland v. England game.

### TEASER NUMBER THREE

Kincsen, a Hungarian-bred mare. On her only appearance in England, She won the Goodwood Cup in the last century.



# It's more of a love story than I intended



ONE of Europe's best-known actors, tall, burly Curt Jurgens, was born in Munich on December 13, 1915. He is a veteran of several widely-acclaimed films, and he has just completed a star role in Columbia Pictures' "Bitter Victory," starring Richard Burton, Ruth Roman and Raymond Pellegrin. Now he is co-starring with Danny Kaye in "Me and the Colonel."

He has made more than 85 feature films in Austria, France, Germany and Italy. Perhaps his best-known films in British and American markets are "The Devil's General," which won the Grand Prix at Cannes, and the French film "The Heroes are Tired," which proved another award winner. "Bitter Victory" was filmed on location in North Africa and completed in Nice.

Active behind the cameras as well, Curt Jurgens is a talented writer, has written, produced, directed and starred in 25 Austrian films. He made four films with well-known actress Eva Bartok, whom he later married.

Now on the rounds is "The Enemy Below," a Hollywood film which he made with Robert Mitchum for Twentieth Century-Fox, with Dick Powell directing. It is a magnificent war film, in which he plays a German submarine officer.

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## A kimono for Yoko

ONLY for one scene in "The Wind Cannot Read"—the new Rank production—is the Japanese star Yoko Tani able to dress traditionally in a kimono and move in that quaint Oriental half-run, half-shuffle.

And it is in one of the most poignant scenes of the film—in which Yoko and her co-star Dirk Bogarde confess their love for each other.

Otherwise Yoko dresses in western style for her role as a teacher in an Allied Language School.

Dirk Bogarde plays a RAF officer who falls in love with her.



CAPTURED by the Germans, the secret agent Violette Szabo (Virginia McKenna) faces the first whispered threats from a Nazi interrogator (Noel Willman). As persuasion fails, he reveals the whiplash of potential brutality. It is a scene from "Carve Her Name With Pride," the story of the heroism of Violette Szabo, G.C. Paul Scofield plays her fellow agent. The film is produced by Daniel M. Angel, with Hugh Perceval as associate producer. It is directed by Lewis Gilbert and made at Pinewood Studios by the Rank Organisation. This is the production team that made "Reach For the Sky."

DIRECTING a film is a creative job. It corresponds to that of the producer in a play. The difference is that a film director hardly ever films in natural sequence from beginning to end. Often he starts with the end for technical reasons, and even running the "rushes" every day tells him little about how the mood of the film is coming along.

That's why the confession of a film director the other day was not so surprising to those in the know. "This film is turning into much more of a love story than I intended," he said.

The film is "Indiscreet" starring Ingrid Bergman and Cary Grant with Cecil Parker and Phyllis



Calvert. It is now nearing completion at Elstree Studios.

"It is a love story told with humour. I'm sure it will be good, but I am curious to see how the critics take it," says Stanley Donen, the 33-year-old director from Hollywood.

Now why is that? "Well, you see, both Ingrid Bergman and Cary Grant are giving great performances. Probably the finest of their respective careers. But they are sensitive, subtle performances. And I fear they are the kind of performances which go unappreciated by the critics and, for that matter, fellow artists. Today, the big praise is always for the forceful performances and histrionics."

While he is here, Donen is "desperately looking" for new material for filming in England. "I work better away from home," he says.

This is his first British film. In Hollywood he made some of the screen's finest musicals—"Seven Brides for Seven Brothers" and "Funny Face" among them.

## STARS ASSEMBLE FOR 'SEA FURY'

LONDON-BORN Victor McLaglen is in Britain to play a star role in the new Rank Organisation film, "Sea Fury."

This is his first British picture since "Trouble in the Glen" in 1954. In a career which began in 1920 he has won three Oscars.

With him arrived dark Italian beauty Luciana Paoluzzi—remember her as Brazzi's sister in "Three Coins in the Fountain"?

In "Sea Fury" she plays a quayside cafe lass who wins the affection of McLaglen and the love of Stanley Baker, hero of the story.

The film is based on the dramatic work of seagoing salvage tugs. The star team started rehearsals this week at Pinewood under the producer Benny Fisz and director Cy Endfield, who made "Hell Drivers." They leave later for locations in Spain.

## WELCOME BACK: ROBERT DONAT FILMS AGAIN

FEW announcements can have been met with such universal pleasure as the announcement that Robert Donat, one of the greatest actors ever to have appeared on either stage or screen, is to return to the screen in a new British film, "The Inn of the Sixth Happiness," joining Ingrid Bergman in the cast.

Although serious illness has kept him away from his career for some years now, both the public and the profession have remembered him with respect and affection for those wonderful films in which he starred—"Goodbye, Mr. Chips," "The Citadel," "Count of Monte Cristo," "Knight Without Armour," and a host of others.

Earlier this year televisioners saw him in the film, "The Ghost Goes West," a screen comedy which proved that Donat's particular brand of charm—and attractive voice—has bridged the years with its appeal.

Donat, a Manchester man, also appeared in the successful Lancashire comedy, "The Cure For Love."

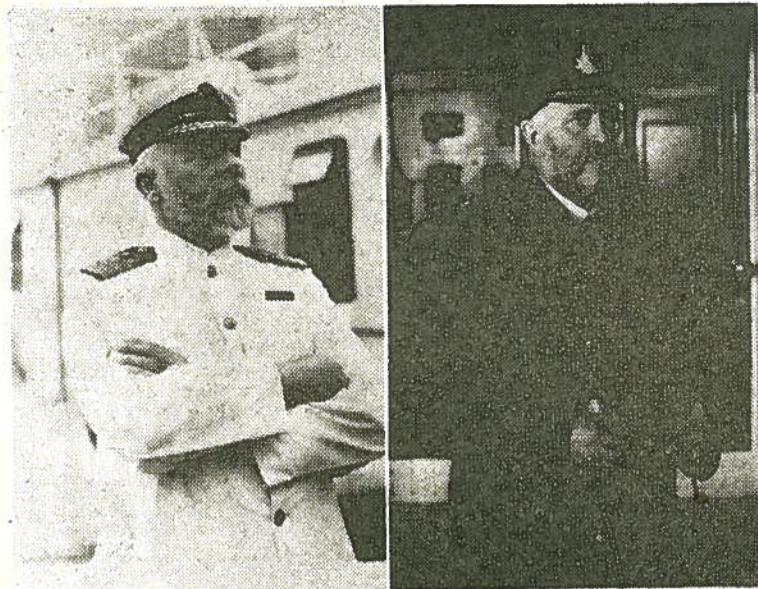
When Mark Robson, the producer-director of "The Inn of the Sixth Happiness," was casting the film, his mind immediately turned to Robert Donat for the part of "the Mandarin," a Chinese autocrat, and happily for everybody, his invitation to Donat to play the part coincided with an improvement in his health which permitted him to play.

The film, which will be made in CinemaScope and colour, will have locations in the Far East, is based upon the real life story of Gladys Aylward, an Englishwoman who went to China in the early 1930s and her adventures in the Sino-Japanese War.



Robert Donat

## Titanic's might recreated



INGRID BERGMANN is signed for two further British pictures when she completes "Indiscreet." One is "The Inn of the 8th Happiness," which Mark Robson will direct for 20th-Fox with locations in Formosa. The other is "I Thank a Fool" to be directed by Peter Glenville for MGM.

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MEET 20-year-old Dominique Boscero who plays the part of a peasant girl in "A Tale of Two Cities." It is hard to imagine that not so long ago she was tending goats in the mountains of her native Italy. The film is produced by Betty Box and directed by Ralph Thomas in black and white for the Rank Organisation. Dirk Bogarde stars as Sydney Carton, Dorothy Tutin as Lucie Manette and Cecil Parker as Mr. Lorry.

WHEN the mighty passenger liner Titanic ripped out its underbelly on an iceberg in mid-Atlantic in April, 1912, and sank, with the loss of over 1,500 souls, her commander, Captain Edward John Smith, also lost his life.

To this day no-one knows exactly how he died. There have been conflicting reports from many survivors. Some say he stood on the bridge and went down with the ship. Others say he rescued a child after the ship had foundered, swam to one of the lifeboats, placed the child on board, and then swam off into the night.

Whichever way he met his death, he was certainly a brave man.

In this picture (left), taken just before his final command and lent to Pinewood Studios by his daughter, Mrs. Russell Cooke, the captain bears a striking resemblance to actor Laurence Naismith, who plays the role of Captain Smith in "A Night to Remember."

Heading the large cast is Kenneth More, as Second Officer O. H. Lightoller.

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## A MAN ON HIS WAY UP

MEET a man on the way up. His name is Thomas Clyde and he has just produced his first film, "Chase a Crooked Shadow," for Douglas Fairbanks.

Formerly an advertising copywriter, Clyde entered films in 1946 when he formed his own documentary production company. Although the venture prospered, Clyde yearned to get into feature production. His chance came when Ivan Foxwell appointed him location manager on "The Intruder."

On Foxwell's next picture, "The Colditz Story," Clyde was elevated to production manager.

"I think I've learned how to put the money on to the screen," he says. Fairbanks seemed to think so and when he was preparing his programme of feature pictures appointed Clyde as his associate producer.

With "Chase a Crooked Shadow" safely launched, Clyde is now preparing "Quest for Pagaro," the story of a test pilot who crashes through the time barrier and lands 20 years hence.

An American male lead is expected to be signed. The feminine lead will probably be played by an unknown. Shooting begins in the summer.

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"V1"—a production about the flying bomb campaign—has been re-titled "They Saved London, The Story of the V.1." What a dreary title!

## Hollywood's charmed circle —plus Andra

ANDRA MARTIN, the film newcomer whose talents have electrified Hollywood, is yet another member of what is now called the "charmed circle."

This means that, along with such stars as Marlon Brando, Julie Harris, Montgomery Clift and Eva Marie Saint, she is a product of the drama coaching of New York's famed Lee Strasberg, "The Method" man.

Andra, who is 21, stepped straight from the classroom into a long-term contract at Universal-International, where she promptly made her debut in "The Lady Takes a Flyer."

Now she has the top role in U-I's tribute to modern jazz, "The Big Beat," which features many of America's top musical personalities.

And if Andra seems to be taking her phenomenal success completely in her stride, it's not without reason. "I don't think life can come

up with anything tougher than just trying to get into one of Mr. Strasberg's classes," she explains.

More than 1,000 applicants apply to Strasberg for auditions every year, but only a handful are chosen.

Since Andra looks like a combination of Ava Gardner and Elizabeth Taylor, with additional assets of her own, it's easy to see that her future looks exceedingly promising.

She didn't attend the Actors' Studio section of Strasberg's training programme, but was tutored as one of his private students.

It is basically the old Stanislavsky method that Strasberg uses, according to Andra.

"This simply means that you're trained to behave as naturally as possible," she elaborates.

## Warner's impressive production list

WARNER BROTHERS of Hollywood have started the New Year with their most impressive production list for many a year. Among the films due to be made are many based on proved successes in play or book form.

Newly acquired for production are: "The Dark At The Top Of The Stairs," William Inge's hit play; "A Summer Place," the widely-heralded novel by Sloan Wilson; Edna Ferber's forthcoming novel, "Ice Palace"; and "John Paul Jones," story of the founding of the American Navy.

Other properties to be filmed for Warner Bros. include:—

Plays: "Auntie Mame," starring Rosalind Russell, and "Damn Yankees," starring Tab Hunter and Gwen Verdon.

Best-selling books: "The Nun's Story," starring Audrey Hepburn; "The Hanging Tree," starring Gary Cooper; "The FBI Story," starring James Stewart; "The Sundowners," starring Gary Cooper and Deborah Kerr; "Home Before Dark," starring Jean Simmons and Dan O'Herlihy; "The Philadelphia Story," and Pearl Buck's "Letter From Peking," and the original

screenplay, "Rio Bravo," starring John Wayne.

Already completed or in production are films based on the widely-read books: "Marjorie Morningstar," starring Gene Kelly and Natalie Wood; "The Old Man and the Sea," starring Spencer Tracy; "The Naked and the Dead"; "Too Much, Too Soon"; "No Time for Sergeants"; and "Onionhead." "Indiscreet," starring Cary Grant and Ingrid Bergman, is based on a play. Then there is Budd Schulberg's "Across the Everglades," "Sayonara," starring Marlon Brando, is the first national release of the New Year.



# FRANK TYSON WAS SPENT —BUT HE WON THE TEST



BRIAN STATHAM

**F**AST bowler Frank (Typhoon) Tyson collapsed on to a chair in the England dressing room at Sydney cricket ground—rather like a fighter after a 15-round contest.

He had just been cheered by 15,000 Australians after one of his greatest bowling performances had brought victory for England.

Even for the 120 yards walk from pitch to pavilion Tyson had to

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summon up his last ounce of reserve energy to make his tired and blistered feet take him to the rest he had so well earned.

It was 12 minutes past three on a hot December afternoon in 1954, when the last ball of this memorable Test was bowled.

### Fatigue fight

And, appropriately, it was sent down by Tyson—the man to whom England owed most for their 38-runs victory.

For an hour-and-a-half after a sparse lunch Tyson had bowled with determination and courage, fighting against fatigue.

Supporting Tyson was his Lancashire pal and "twin," Brian Statham, another great-hearted

bowler who gives his all for his team. He like Tyson, bowled and bowled and bowled. But he had to give up five minutes before his colleague.

That victory for England was vital. We had been trounced by an innings and 154 runs at Brisbane. Australia were flushed with that victory and another success would have taken them a long way towards regaining the Ashes.

And we were losing this second Test. Once again, our batsmen had let us down after skipper Arthur Morris, taking over from Ian Johnson, put us in to bat.

### Seven for 88

Seven first innings wickets fell for 88, the total reached was only 154 and Australia headed it by 74—a useful lead that almost spelled victory.

Peter May hit his first hundred against Australia to make the second innings look more respectable at 296, but Australia went in at twenty-past three on the Tuesday with two-and-a-half days in which to get 223 to win.

Within 40 minutes Australia had lost both opening batsmen, Arthur Morris and Les Flavell,

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to England's fast bowlers for 34 runs.

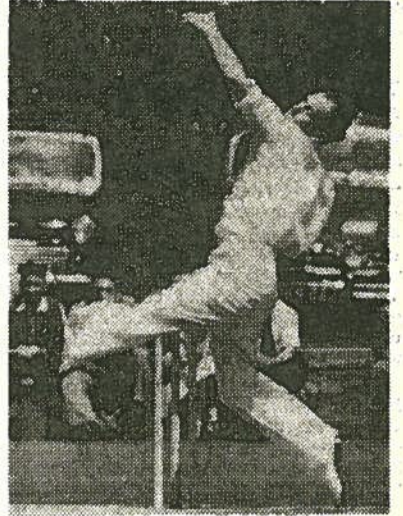
But that great left-hander Neil Harvey, always a man for the crisis, and the patient Jim Burke, who batted 87 minutes for 13, took the score to 72 without further loss by "stumps" as the Australians call close of play.

Australia began what was to be the final day wanting another 151 runs. The odds were in their favour and the spectators expected to see Australia two up.

After one over from Statham, Tyson, in his first seven deliveries of the day, yorked Burke and had the high swinging Graeme Hole playing much too late at the ball.

**FROM 72 FOR TWO, AUSTRALIA, IN LESS THAN 20 MINUTES, HAD BECOME 77 FOR FOUR.**

Bob Appleyard nipped in with the wicket of Richie Benaud caught at square leg, and Australia went to



FRANK TYSON

lunch 118 for five with Harvey a gallant 51 not out in two-and-a-quarter hours' defiance of England's fast bowlers.

### Harvey's ideas

Tyson and Statham resumed their partnership after lunch and, flinging all their energy into the attack, had nine Australian wickets down for 145.

The clock on the pavilion said 2 30 when Bill Johnston ambled to the wicket in his usual cheery style to join Harvey.

*The last wicket was wanted quickly because the bowlers were tiring. Australia were still 68 short of victory, but Harvey was playing wonderful cricket.*

His was not the wicket England were after now; attention had to be turned to the tall Johnston who, though he once headed the batting averages for an Australian side in England, laid no claims to prowess with the bat.

But Harvey had other ideas. The England pace men were not to be let loose on Johnston. Harvey was going to protect number eleven.

The minutes ticked on, the runs came slowly but surely from the sound bat of Harvey and the bowlers became more and more tired.

Sir Leonard Hutton—plain Len as he was then—faced one of his biggest problems. Should he try another bowler? He talked to both Statham and Tyson.

They were ready to go on, but finally at three o'clock Hutton had to give Statham a rest. He brought on Trevor Bailey, who was promptly hit firmly to mid-wicket for fours by Harvey who was then within eight of his century.

### Tried repeat stroke

Australia were 180—43 were wanted when Johnston had to face Tyson again in what was to have been the Northants bowler's last over.

Johnston played the first ball carefully in front of the wicket. The second he let hit his thigh. The third he glanced to fine leg for four—39 runs wanted.

**Johnston tried to repeat the stroke off the next ball, didn't get enough edge on it and was caught at the wicket by Godfrey Evans. Australia were all out for 184.**

Hutton heaved a sigh of relief and Tyson collected his sweater from the umpire. He had taken ten wickets in the match.

England went on to win the next two Tests and the series at 3—1. It was that victory at Sydney which brought success in the rubber—it gave the necessary uplift to the morale of Hutton's team.

### British runners are favourites

Britain's team is expected to provide the winner of tomorrow's Hannut international cross-country race in Belgium for the fifth successive year.

Leading the team are Frank Sando (Aylesford Paper Mills) and Ken Morris (Thames Valley Harriers), last year's winner.

Other runners include Mike Bullivant (Derby), Alan Cocking (Bramley) and Johnny Wild (East Cheshire).

Martin Hansen (Liverpool), former Danish middleweight boxing champion, outpointed Leen Jansen (Holland) over ten rounds in Copenhagen last night.

## Boxing Board of Control watches from booths to stardom

**T**HERE seems to be, particularly among the younger generation, a certain ignorance about why we have a British Boxing Board of Control, and what its purpose and objects are.

Well, they are simply to exercise control over professional boxing in Britain, stamp out any abuses and generally look after the interests of its members and its boxers in particular.

The general public and, I am sorry to say, a great many boxers, do not realise all the work the Board does and the way it can offer help and advice. Any boxer who has a problem or wants advice is welcome at any time at the Board's offices, where he will be given every possible counsel and assistance.

One of our constant jobs is the careful scrutiny of planned programmes from all over the country—not just the big promotions but

The foregoing observation will, I think, give you an outline of how the Board is constantly looking after a boxer's interests.

Apart from this, the stewards are responsible for inquiries and disciplinary action, where necessary. In the past, it has been found necessary to fine heavily a boxer who has been disqualified. The Board also holds inquiries to satisfy itself that reasons given for seeking the postponement of a contest are valid; it also adjudicates in disputes between promoters, managers and boxers, when these arise.

And, of course, the board decides who shall fight for titles and organises eliminating series which, we believe, keep interest alive in the various weight divisions.

One of the problems I can see looming up with the abolition of entertainment tax, and the increase in the number of promotions, is the number of boxers we shall have available. Today we have rather fewer than half the number of boxers licensed than we had two years ago.

This is due to a number of considerations, one of them, of course, being that with the closing down of so many halls the demand steadily decreased. So now we have to attract new blood into the game.

### More professionals

I believe that with the increased opportunity of fighting regularly we shall see more young men turning professional. And to them I should like to offer some advice; if you have a job, stick to it. You may have all the enthusiasm in the world and that essential burning ambition to get to the top, but, alas, everyone cannot get to the top.

So until you can see how your career is shaping you should keep to your job, so that if boxing does not fulfil those glittering dreams you had, your future is still assured.

Once you have, shall we say, served your apprenticeship in the ring, and you are in demand by promoters and have a definite chance of reaching the top brackets, then by all means pack up your job and concentrate fully on your boxing.



MR. ONSLOW FANE

And here I cannot stress too much that a great boxer is always in training; he treats his fighting with the same seriousness that any other man treats his chosen profession. I do not think there is any doubt that the success of such American fighters as Rocky Marciano was due to the fact that they dedicated themselves to their job.

They were always in training, and when a match was made they completely discarded all other interests and concentrated solely on reaching a peak of fitness when they entered the ring.

### Ring experience

To a young boxer, I would also say: Fight as often as you reasonably can. There is only one place to master your profession, and that is in the ring. It is there that you can and should learn your art and craft. Days in the gym cannot approach the value of an actual contest. It is there that you meet all the different styles and techniques, and while it is true that these can be imitated in the gym, nothing can replace the bite and temper and anger of the real thing.

And, most important, don't be in too much of a hurry to get to the top. Pack in all the experience you can and never forget that you can frequently learn more from one defeat than you can from a string of victories. All too frequently in recent years we have seen young

men of talent and promise who, while masters of all the skills, have been shown up at the crucial moment through lack of experience.

I think a young boxer would be well advised to model himself on someone like the late, great Nel Tarleton, the featherweight champion who seemed to go on for ever. It was because Nel was always fighting always in training, and always learning, that he had such a long and illustrious career. Even when approaching 40, his knowledge and ring know-how enabled him to out-manoeuvre and out-box men half his age.

More recently, Freddie Mills fought his way to a world championship, and he will tell you that it was due to all he learned in dozens of fights in small halls all over the country. He was always fighting.

Take your time and cram it with knowledge and experience. When you do get to the top you can be sure that the Board will push your claims vehemently right up to the chance of a world title and, at the same time, see that you are fairly treated and not exploited in any way.

On the other hand, never hesitate to pack up. If you feel and honestly know that you have reached your peak, and suddenly run into a series of good hidings—then get out. Only the boxer himself can know when he is first over the top. If, of course he has a series of severe beatings, then the Board will step in, and if the medical advisers say so will withdraw his licence in his own interests.

### No malpractices

Today, thanks to the Board, I think we can say that all the malpractices which were so rife in boxing years ago have been stamped out, and I believe that the days when fighters finished up punch-drunk, broke and flat on their backs have gone.

Today, boxing is as well organised and controlled as it could be, and every young man can enter it without qualms—always, of course, as long as he is prepared to take a stiff punch on the nose as well as hand one out.

His interests will be looked after, and to any young man who loves boxing, the sport offers some glittering prizes and rewards. We cannot all be champions, but boxing can be the means of accumulating a nest-egg which other professions cannot—and that is apart from the thrill and enjoyment of pitting your skill and strength against an opponent in the ring, which I am convinced no other sport can offer.

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all the small ones which, with the abolition of entertainment tax I hope will become more and more frequent. This careful scrutiny is to prevent overmatching as well as undermatching.

### Records filed

At the Board, quite apart from the evidence of our eyes when we attend promotions, the records of all our boxers are carefully filed. Their progress is noted and a check is kept on their physical state. Other factors are also recorded so that we can soon see whether or not a proposed match is suitable.

This does not mean that we are always seeking fights between equally-matched boxers. But what we don't want to see is a boxer so overmatched that he will get a good hiding for nothing, and where we consider this to be the case we refuse to allow the match to be made.

Similarly, there is undermatching, in which we consider that a boxer is in a higher class than his proposed opponent, and this too we discourage.

At the fights themselves, of course, we have our inspectors who see that everything is properly conducted, both in the ring and in the dressing-rooms, while our doctors pay the greatest attention to the physical condition of the boxers.



### Rochdale Amateurs Not one game was possible in the snow

FOR the first time since the war all games on Saturday last were postponed owing to the heavy snowfall which, in some instances, covered the ground with a deep layer. Nine of the ten games down to be played were postponed on Friday while the remaining game was postponed on Saturday at noon. This is very similar to 1947, when on three consecutive Saturdays only one game was played each Saturday owing to the wintry conditions.

The position at the head of the first division is still very open. At the moment Heymain Recs. lead over Rochdale Athletic but they have played two games more than the Rochdale side. No doubt the two games still to be played between the clubs will be the deciding factor. Heymain have still to visit Whitworth and Railway Street among their outstanding games, and these will be two hard nuts to crack. Whitworth and Railway Street do not seem to have much chance of the championship, though they can have a say in its ultimate destination. Gravelhole, by their recent lapses, seem to have dropped out of the race.

### Two outstanding clubs

In the second division, Tudor Rose and Boots Social seem to be on their own. The former, with a two-point lead, have played a game more than Boots. They meet one another on February 8 in a game which will, no doubt, settle the issue. Market House and Fine Spinners, though doing well in their first season, look as if they will miss the honours.

The draw for the Charity Cup resulted in—

Preliminary round: Birch St. Mary's v. Walsden, and Gravelhole v. Railway Street.

First round: Todmorden YC v. Bay Horse, Rochdale Athletic v. Boots Social, A. & A. Crompton's v. Shiloh Spinners, Fine Spinners v. Dunlop, Birch St. Mary's v. Walsden v. Whitworth, Industry v. Gravelhole or Railway Street, Tudor Rose v. Market House, Turner Bros. v. Heymain Recs.

## Rochdale Sunday Schools League 13 GAMES OFF—BUT LITTLEBORO CLOSE GAP

ONLY five of last Saturdays 18 games were played the other 13 having to be postponed on account of the dangerous state of the grounds. On many of the grounds the rain washed the snow away and exposed the ice making it quite impossible to play.

Littleboro Parish narrowed the gap between Shawforth the leaders, and themselves, by winning their home game with Castlemere Old Boys. It was an excellent game despite the conditions the teams being evenly matched in the first half and turning round level 1-1 Littleboro were just that bit quicker on the ball in the second half and scored twice more to win 3-1.

Halliday, their centre-half, was the outstanding player of the game. Littleboro goals were scored by Sutcliffe (2) and Shackleton with Ayton scoring for Castlemere.

Wardle Parish had a comfortable 5-0 home win over Heywood St. James's, who contributed to their own downfall by attempting to play the short-passing game on the snow. Wardle, in contrast, swung the ball about and as a result were always the more dangerous side. They led 3-0 at the interval and got two more goals in the second half. K. and R. Gregson stood out for them with Dyson and Shepherd the pick of Heywood. R. Gregson (2), Rutherford, Dawson and Halton scored the Wardle goals.

Thornham St. James's defeated the much-improved Cutgate Baptist side at Cutgate by the odd goal of three. The game was remarkable in that the team playing up the slope did better than they did when playing down. St. James's played uphill in the first half and led 2-0 at the interval and when Cutgate reduced the lead 14 minutes after the restart it was anybody's game. The visitors, however, clung on to their lead to win 2-1. Ashworth (2) for St. James and Aughey for Cutgate scored the goals.

Syke Methodist opened the scoring in the 10th minute of their

# A remedy must be found for this form

ON what can we pin our hopes for Hornets' progress in the Rugby League Challenge Cup competition? Within a few hours the register for signing players eligible for the competition will be closed, and, barring an unexpected spurt of activity by the directors at this late hour, the club will have to rely on its known assets.

Unfortunately, these assets at the moment are rated below par and will continue to be until some remedy is found for the inexplicable inconsistency which troubles team, officials and spectators at the Athletic Grounds. Like all previous boards of directors the present one has borne the brunt for the fact that at Christmas what looked like a very promising combination went to pieces.

After the away win at Widnes officials, concentrating on their policy of debt clearance, did not visualise that loss of form would impel them almost immediately to be on the look-out for reinforcements, particularly for the pack.

Frankly, I believe the players, regarded as the Hornets' first team, can do much better than they have done, and they, more than anyone else, can take the present burden off official shoulders.

### A good move, but . . .

I still fail to see that the recent statement by the directors served any good purpose or made anyone more enlightened about the policy to be pursued. On the grapevine during the week I learnt of the Hornets renewed interest in Barrow's Reg Parker. Quite a good move if the club could afford it, but how does the quest fit in with the statement of a fortnight ago: "It was decided that any purchases made should involve players of top quality and with lengthy football life in front of them."

No-one will question Reg Parker's quality but how many years more will he be in the game? This is off-the-field consistency by the club as were the negotiations with Salford for a player transfer-listed at £500 when the statement, on which the ink had barely dried, mentioned: "The directors received reports on

home game with West St. Baptists, but the visitors were level at half-time. In the second half, West Street got on top to score twice more and win 3-1. Green, Brierley and Hartley scored for West Street and Holmes for Syke.

### LEAGUE TABLES TO JANUARY 25 (Inclusive)

"A" DIVISION										
	P	W	L	D	F	A	Pts			
Shawforth	16	16	0	0	97	16	32			
Littleboro Parish	17	14	2	1	88	25	29			
Bright's	17	13	3	1	81	41	27			
Sacred Heart	15	10	4	1	51	28	21			
Norden YCOB	18	7	4	7	64	50	21			
St. Aidan's	18	7	7	3	45	52	19			
Castlemere OB	16	8	6	2	64	46	18			
Milton	17	7	7	3	68	59	17			
Wardle Parish	15	7	7	1	41	42	15			
YMCA Old Boys	18	6	10	2	50	66	14			
Lanehead	17	4	11	2	47	89	10			
Heywood St. James	17	3	13	1	33	77	7			
St. Vincent's	16	2	14	0	20	82	4			
All Saints	17	0	17	0	22	98	0			

"B" DIVISION										
	P	W	L	D	F	A	Pts			
Whittle's	17	14	1	2	90	27	30			
Facit Parish	16	12	4	0	49	26	24			
St. Gabriel's	18	11	6	1	63	51	23			
St. Patrick's	16	10	5	1	48	34	21			
Newhey St Thomas	17	9	5	3	61	53	21			
Milnrow Parish	19	8	7	2	54	37	20			
Th'nam St. James	18	7	7	3	49	30	19			
Thornham	18	7	9	1	43	62	16			
St. Peter's	17	7	9	1	43	62	16			
Cutgate Bapts.	17	7	10	0	50	64	14			
Syke Meths.	19	5	12	2	44	88	12			
Spotland Meths.	16	3	9	4	36	57	10			
West Street Bapts.	18	4	12	2	36	71	10			
Buckley Hall	16	3	12	1	40	76	7			

RESERVE DIVISION										
	P	W	L	D	F	A	Pts			
Bright's	15	13	2	0	104	35	26			
St. Aidan's	16	13	3	0	101	31	26			
Shawforth	16	12	3	1	82	39	25			
Littleboro Parish	15	12	3	0	82	28	24			
Milnrow Parish	15	9	5	1	54	56	19			
Facit Parish	17	8	9	0	58	63	16			
Wardle Parish	17	7	8	2	44	45	16			
Norden YCOB	17	6	9	2	61	82	14			
YMCA Old Boys	18	6	10	2	53	83	14			
Sacred Heart	17	5	10	2	46	74	12			
Newhey St Thomas	16	1	12	3	21	73	5			
Castlemere OB	11	2	9	0	39	80	4			
Lanehead	14	1	13	1	22	88	3			

### In the HORNETS' NEST by Touchjudge

the availability and price of certain players and it was agreed that if the public are to be satisfied it would be folly to dissipate the small capital available on mediocre players."

At his best Jim Parr is well above the mediocre class, and he may be one of those exceptions which prove the rule, but until he has done the official move fails to fit in with stated policy.

With all the goodwill in the world I cannot escape the conclusion that many things at the Athletic Grounds have tended to confuse more than rally.

### Ask the 'snowman'

This is unfortunate, for with the right clarion call the admittedly limited public support for Rugby League football in Rochdale can be rallied. Ask those who went with their own shovels on Saturday mornings to clear snow and help to make games possible not many years ago.

On one occasion the board told the public how much they were "in the red" when little more than a quarter of the season remained to be played and the amount asked for came through the turnstiles before the end of the season.

This same public will respond again, but before they do they want the assurance that there is a team of triers, that there is complete harmony throughout the club, and that the officials will pursue a policy as courageous as their actual and foreseeable means will allow. In the main it is up to the team to do their stuff.

THEY CAN PREVENT THE SEASON GOING OUT LIKE A DAMP SQUIB. IN FACT, THEY CAN REVOLUTIONISE THE NEXT COUPLE OF MONTHS BY SURPRISING HULL NEXT WEEK.

St. Helens have agreed to the Hornets' request that Les Jones shall visit the club manager, Mr. Jim Sullivan, and have goalkicking tips from a past-master of the art. This is a sound idea and will possibly lead to the Hornets' goalkicker hitting the target oftener. The crowd at the Athletic Grounds, however, can help as much as Jim Sullivan—and they can help more than Les Jones. A little more encouragement from the terraces, even a bit less of the caustic stuff, will help the team as a whole.

### Hand in your rabbits

Hundreds of tearful children queued at Melbourne zoo today to surrender their pet rabbits — by Government order.

Under a new amendment to the Vermin and Noxious Weeds Act, anyone keeping rabbits now faces a fine of up to £A50 (about £40 sterling) or up to six months' jail.

### ROCHDALE TRADES KEEP ON TOP

AT Firegrove, Rochdale Trades entertained Bury Co-op., and this game showed Bury as a greatly improved team. Both teams attacked strongly from the kick-off and the game was evenly contested. Both teams played good football and each defence was severely tested.

Butterworth opened the scoring for the Trades after 25 minutes, only for Bury to attack and Porter equalised.

After the interval it looked like the end of the scoring as both defences were on top, then Povey netted to put the Trades in the lead and a further goal by Butterworth made the points safe for the league leaders.

Outstanding for Trades, Raynor, Walker and Williams, and the pick of the Bury side, Little and Singleton. Rochdale Pioneers had Red Lion as their opponents and although Red Lion were not at full strength, they

## HERE'S A POSER: CAN THEY KEEP UP THIS PACE?

ROCHDALE have this week issued a balance sheet which shows successive losses over the past three seasons of £6,225, £6,334 and £4,131. They follow a loss in 1954 of £10,107 which was a record in the history of the club.

Not often have shareholders the opportunity, as they will have on February 19, when the annual meeting is held, of having such comparative figures before them for consideration at one time—neither would they want it.

Shareholders have the assurance from Mr. F. S. Ratcliffe, Rochdale chairman, that now this side of the club business is up-to-date, it will be kept so.

The chairman's statement at the annual meeting will give much of the background to the plain figures on the statement of account which do not always tell a full story.

### Figure queries

There are figures which shareholders will probably want explaining. But one thing they will not need to ask any more, will be what has been happening to the weekly sum of £230 or so which is donated by the Supporters' Club from their lottery.

It has assisted the club in being. While noting where this cash has gone, and is still going, it is also worth noting that in the three years covered by these accounts, the loans (unsecured) have risen from £15,959 in 1955 to £24,218 in 1957.

Any supporter even one who cannot make sense of a statement of accounts or balance sheet, can soon give the answer about where a football club gets its unsecured loans from.

But for the assistance from the Supporters' Club, the directors would hardly have been prepared to spend £7,300 in transfer fees during the 12 months ending May, 1957. This figure compares with £750 spent in 1956, and £1,025 in 1955.

In the same period, £5,150 has been drawn in transfer fees—£4,050 in 1957—so that the net cost of the team over the three years covered in the present accounts, amounts to £3,925.

There was a net outgoing of £4,100 in transfer fees in 1954. Over four years since the present manager came, therefore, new blood has cost the club about £8,000 and it is not a great deal when it is considered that a respectable mid-table position has been maintained in a League with rising standards during that time.

### Cut costs?

In fact, when Mr. Harry Catterick signed his first contract at Spotland, he must have been a brave man to accept the position, for there were only eight professionals on the books and the summer was half gone.

One thing perhaps he will consider—and it is a point put forward by a fair number of supporters—is

### SPOTLIGHT ON SPOTLAND by CRITIC

that of cutting costs to a certain extent to fit more into the income of the club. This is something which comes within the orbit of the directors, who are wholly responsible for finance.

Can Rochdale really afford to maintain the pace they have set? Can they afford to be running four teams for instance? Is not the future of clubs such as Rochdale to be found in a select band of full-time professionals with only a few extra players to be paid each week.

This would cut right across the young-player policy which Rochdale have striven so earnestly to further and in many respects it would be a pity. But if it can't be done, it is no use worrying.

The material Rochdale get makes it impossible for more than a few young players to reach league standard and even clubs who get the cream of the young talent in the country, still have to enter the transfer market.

All this does not mean I am against the policy of trying to bring on young players—far from it. It is the best possible scheme, if you can afford it. And by the look of things it may be that at Spotland they will have to consider whether or not to cut the scheme down to what the club can cope with financially.

### Rearranged fixture

This sort of thing would, of course, cease to be a worry if the cash came through the turnstiles. But whereas the total expenditure was £33,752 in 1957, net gate receipts amounted to £14,424. The "incidental receipts" of £11,010, which means chiefly the Supporters' Club contribution, made up the bulk of the difference.

Rochdale's home match against Carlisle United has been rearranged to take place as a floodlit game on Tuesday night, March 11, kick-off 7 15 p.m.

The Chester away match has not yet been fixed and Rochdale are waiting for Chester to suggest the date which could possibly be FA Cup Final day.

There is news of former Oldham Athletic goalkeeper, George Torrance this week. George, "Spotland's forgotten man" because he getting a game only after Jimmy Jones, Bernard McCready and George Heyes have been accommodated, had the chance to go to Cork Hibernians, the Irish club.

I gather that Cork were willing to pay just the same wages and that Rochdale were quite willing to release him without any fee, but he preferred to stay at Spotland.

He was signed at a time when Heyes, who is in the Forces, was not available, Jimmy Jones was being bothered by cartilage trouble and Bernard McCready was ill. George played at Darlington and Stockport but has had few games of any sort since.

### Mossley sign two new players

OWING to the shocking weather conditions last week, the match away at Stalybridge Celtic had to be cancelled. The new date has not yet been fixed.

Another couple of new signings by manager Quigley this week are McDonald, 17-year-old full-time professional inside-forward from Accrington Stanley, and a 20-year-old wing-half, Rollinson, from Radcliffe Borough.

The ground at Mossley has been taken over on February 15 by Manchester County FA for their second-round counties tie when they play Lancashire County FA, kick-off 2 45 p.m.

Next Saturday, Mossley are at home to Stockport County Reserves, kick-off 3 p.m.

LEAGUE TABLE										
	P	W	L	D	F	A	Pts			
Rochdale Trades	6	5	1	0	26	8	11			
Red Lion	5	4	0	1	27	16	8			
Bury Co-op.	6	3	1	2	29	18	7			
Middleton & Tonge	5	2	2	1	12	11	6			
Ashton Trades	4	2	0	2	14	11	4			
Oldham Industrial	5	1	0	4	15	19	2			
Rochdale Pioneers	6	0	0	6	11	41	0			



# DARTS FINALS PLAYED OFF

## NEXT WEEK

**THE GREEN FINAL DARTS CHAMPIONSHIP** reaches its climax next week at Hollinwood Conservative Club, Stanley Road. The draw for the semi-finals resulted as follows:—

Wednesday, February 5: **YEW TREE v FREEMASONS.**

Thursday, February 6: **LORD NELSON v PRINCE OF WALES.**

All matches will start shortly after 8.30 p.m. and the winners will play off on Friday, February 7, for the Championship Shield and the first prize of £20.

## FREEMASONS IN SEMI-FINAL FOR 2ND TIME

Freemasons won their way through to the semi-finals for the second time since its inception by beating the Junction Inn (Middleton Junction) 4-2 on Tuesday.

The outstanding performance of the evening was by Peter Winrow, who gave Freemasons a 3-2 lead by winning in 16 arrows, but he failed to outdo his clubmate, A. Cocker, who leads the field for the least-arrows prize with 12.

The luck of the draw favoured the home side, for R. Green was their first man to take the hocky, and he doubled 8 with his 10th dart. He was well chased by C. Morris, who double 9 with his 16th arrow and they were level on the return double 8. Both suffered extremely hard luck, but Bobbie Green eventually won in 34.

J. Hewson gave Freemasons a 2-0 lead when he beat J. Glynn in 31 arrows. Hewson doubled 4, then had to walk it, but Glynn walked it all the way, and Hewson got centre as he was throwing for 19.

J. Cartledge narrowly lost to M. Stevenson in 36 arrows. Stevenson had doubled 8 while Cartledge walked it, but the Junction Inn player got stuck on return double 8 and Cartledge drew level at centre. However, Stevenson, throwing second, hit the bull first.

Then A. Cocker (Masons), who had left his darts elsewhere, had to borrow a set and seemed to pay the penalty by losing to F. Gordon in 54 arrows. So the match was level at 2-2.

Peter Winrow was in a hurry, doubling 9 with his 10th arrow, scoring 19, 20 and double 9 with his next three arrows, and hitting bull with his 16th as S. Benson was throwing for 8.

This certainly restored Freemasons' confidence, and Ken Jackson, who walked it, scored five sergeants to catch up C. Evans (double 9). Both players stuck on the double, but Jackson hit it with his 43rd and centre with his 44th. Allowed 2 arrows, Evans failed and Freemasons were in the semi-final.

## Prince may win main trophy this time

LAST year the Prince of Wales lost the very first match they ever played in the Green Final Darts Championship, but in the subsidiary competition they went on to win the Centenary Shield.

This time, there has been no subsidiary, but the Prince are in the semi-finals of the proper championship and have many supporters who think that they will win the trophy and the first prize of £20.

In confident fashion they won their quarter-final 4-2 at the Duke of York (Heyside), who are champions of the Crompton League. In the first game T. Mason (Duke) doubled 3, but found himself walking it. Jim Tarpey doubled 10, got it again 11 arrows later and won in 35.

Then the experienced A. Fletcher was beaten by Len Hanley in 38, and the Prince were two up. Fletcher got an early lead, and with two sergeants from 5 to 11 was walking round. But Hanley, who missed one with his first 8 arrows, doubled 9, and despite taking six arrows at 19 and five at 20 he got game shot with Fletcher wanting 20.

Things looked black for the Duke with Harry Bedford coming to the

## LORD NELSON WON 4-0 IN RAPID TIME

**THE** Lord Nelson won their way to the semi-finals on Thursday evening when they beat the Junction Inn, Shaw Road 4-0. The standard they set was good and the games ended in 32, 27, 25 and 43 arrows.

T. Broadbent (senior), for the Junction, opposed A. Brooks, who was a cool and very deliberate thrower. He doubled 3, then missed the double on 8, 9 and 10. But he got three sergeants and a pair to put himself on the return double with his 21st arrow. He got it with his 29th and centre with his 32nd. Broadbent was throwing at 10.

T. Booth and W. Houghton made an interesting fight of it. Booth doubled 3 and 9, and Houghton also doubled 9 and was on the return double after 21 arrows. Houghton missed with four darts and Booth missed with three at it, Houghton then went to the hocky and got the return double with his 25th and centre to win in 27.

### Kendall up in 25

H. Greenwood found H. Kendall in a hurry, for Kendall doubled 9 with his 15th arrow and was on return double with his 18th, got it again with his 22nd and was up in 25 arrows. Greenwood missed all doubles and was throwing for 12. The onlookers thought that T. Molloy would keep Junction in the game by beating W. Swindells, and he seemed all set to do so when he doubled 3 and 7 in 10 arrows. He was on the return double with his 22nd arrow, but he suffered. Swindells doubled one and 9 to catch up, and Molloy was still suffering as Swindells got it with his 36th arrow and centre with his 43rd to win the game and match for the Nelson.

board, but Alf Chadwick beat him. He doubled 9 with his 16th arrow. Bedford later doubled 10, and his next four arrows all but doubled the 9, but Chadwick was by this time on bull and although he needed 9 arrows to get it, he won in 34.

Roy Bedford also lost for the Prince—to Bill Anderson, who doubled 10 with his 19th arrow and won in 39, leaving Bedford on 18.

The match was now level at 2-2, and the landlord of the Duke, G. Oliver had a great chance of putting his team ahead, but a below-form Cliff Crossley managed to snatch victory. Both players doubled 7 and Oliver returned to it first. He managed to get it just after Crossley had notched 20, but with one arrow, Crossley drew level on the bull. Oliver missed with six arrows and Crossley was allowed to win in 40.

A confident Alf Wells then stepped up and put Prince in the semi-finals by beating S. Spence in 27 arrows. He doubled 10 with his 18th and 20th arrows and had plenty of time to get the bull, for Spence singled 10 and had to walk



Oldham area finalists in the News of the World Darts Championship.—Left to right: N. Radcliffe, J. Ormston, J. Garlick, R. Green, T. Malloy (runner-up), T. Jones (winner), W. Slater, A. Brooks.

## Better finishing won Jones a sub-area title

**BOBBY GREEN**, of Oldham, won the local sub-area finals of the News of the World Darts Championship last year and went on to win the Manchester area. This time he has been beaten in the Oldham area, and it is the turn of Tommy Jones to try for the Manchester area title.

Last Sunday lunchtime, at the Salisbury Hotel, Mumps, Tommy Jones (Lord Nelson) beat Johnny Ormston (Mess House) 2-1, Norman Radcliffe (Cotton Tree, Middleton) 2-0, and Tommy Malloy (Crompton Bowling Club) 2-0.

The quarter-finals, semi-finals and final were not distinguished for any high scoring, but the superior finishing of Jones won the day, and he stands a good chance of winning the Manchester title on February 19 at the Red Lion, Blackley, and going on to the Lancashire and Cheshire Divisional final at Bolton Town Hall in March.

Darters need the luck to go a long way in competitions, and it was with Jones in his quarter-final against Ormston. He was first on the double in the first leg but Ormston won. Both players arrived together on the double in the second leg, Ormston throwing consecutive scores of 133 and 135 and 26 to get on double eight, but Jones made no mistake with double 18.

In the deciding leg, Ormston wanted double 16 after 21 arrows, with Jones on 221, but the Mess House thrower burst twice and then made a fatal mistake with a third attempt. He thought he had doubled eight twice, but his first arrow had singled eight. Jones eventually reached double 16 after 30 arrows and went out next arrow to win 2-1.

### Green could have won

Apart from that very first leg, Jones never missed finishing in three arrows when he was on a double, and it certainly won him the title. Yet if Bobby Green, the holder, could have done the same in his quarter final against the young Middleton player, Norman Radcliffe, then he might well have checked Jones. He reached the double first in all three legs against Radcliffe but lost 2-1.

Radcliffe won the first in 37 arrows after Green had burst on 67 and failed to get either double 16 and 8. But Radcliffe came into form in the second leg and was out in 22 arrows without even scoring a ton.

In an exciting last leg Green was on double top after 18 arrows, with Radcliffe stuck on 80 after having bursted. Green failed on his double, and Radcliffe went out on 80 to win 2-1.

### Radcliffe unlucky

This was good finishing from the young Middleton lad, but even better finishing beat him in the semi-final, for Jones went out in 102 in four arrows in the first leg and from 103 in three arrows in the second leg.

Radcliffe threw 47, 98, 97, 86, 41 and 65, but then burst on 67. He reached double 16 next throw and so did Jones. Radcliffe failed with three arrows, and Jones needed only one. Radcliffe's luck was even

cruelier in the second leg, for he threw two tons, the second of which put him on double eight. He never had a shot at it, though, for Jones, with 3, treble 20 and double 20, went out on 103.

The other semi-final was between Arthur Brooks, who had beaten W. Slater (Australian) 2-0, and the equally well-known Tommy Molloy, who had scrambled through 2-1 against Jack Garlick (Oldham Chronicle).

### Molloy persistent

Brooks made a mess of his calculations in reaching a double in the first leg, and Molloy managed to go out on double four in 34 arrows. Two tons helped to put Molloy on double 14 in the second leg, but he failed with three arrows and then Brooks, who had seen three arrows bounce back out of treble 20 during the course of the match, reached double 18. Up stepped Molloy and his arrow flew straight in the double to put him in the final by 2-0.

Jones was in fine form in the final, and the persistence and steadiness of Molloy was just not good enough. Jones threw 26, 55, 30, 70, 100, 47, 60, 45 and went out with 20, double 16, double 8 in three arrows to win the first leg in 27, leaving Molloy on 109.

Scores of 100, 80, 60, 60, 60, 60 and 49—immaculate stuff, this—put Jones on double 16, and he went out on double 4 after three more arrows to win the second leg in 24, with Molloy wanting 97.

## THRELFALL BREWERY

	P	W	L	F	A	Pts
Church	12	11	1	50	34	22
Mess House	12	9	3	49	35	18
Australian	12	7	5	51	33	14
Plough	12	6	6	48	36	12
Nelson	12	5	7	48	35	10
Highfield	12	4	8	41	43	8
Brighton	12	4	8	35	49	8
Sergeant	12	2	10	28	56	4

	P	W	L	F	A	Pts
Plough	12	9	3	46	39	18
Nelson	12	7	5	50	34	14
Mess House	12	7	5	45	39	14
Australian	12	7	5	44	40	14
Church	12	7	5	43	41	14
Brighton	12	6	6	38	46	12
Highfield	12	3	9	36	48	6
Sergeant	12	2	10	34	50	4

Monday's darts results (crib in brackets): Church v Australian 4-3 (6-2); Highfield & Park v Brighton 3-4 (3-4); Plough v Mess House 3-4 (4-8); Sergeant v Nelson 4-3 (2-5).

## SPORTS QUERIES

**FERRANTI, D.O.**—(1) Oldham Athletic beat Blackburn 1-0 on September 26, 1953, Clarke scoring; (2) Athletic beat Chester 11-2 on January 19, 1952, but from season 1950-1 to 1957-8, Athletic's biggest win over Carlisle has been 2-0 on October 13, 1951.

**M. FEBER**—Lord Roseberry's horse The Bastard won at Newmarket on July 3, 1929. There were five runners and the winner's price was 100-1. E. C. Elliott was the jockey.

## HOLLINWOOD

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

	P	W	L	F	A	Pts
Yew Tree	18	16	2	32	34	32
Bridgewater	18	14	4	77	49	28
White Hart	18	12	6	77	48	24
Greaves Arms	18	11	7	70	56	22
Royal Oak	18	11	7	62	63	22
Oxford	18	11	7	63	63	22
Ferranti	18	10	8	69	57	20
Bowling Green	18	8	10	64	72	16
New Moston	18	7	11	67	59	14
Failsworth CC	18	7	11	58	68	14
Colliers Arms	18	6	12	57	69	12
Mare & Foal	18	5	13	64	72	10
Commercial	18	4	14	46	80	8
Struggler	18	1	17	27	99	2

	P	W	L	F	A	Pts
New Moston BL	18	14	4	81	46	28
Bridgewater	18	14	4	74	52	28
Failsworth CC	18	12	6	66	60	24
White Hart	18	11	7	67	59	22
Yew Tree	18	11	7	67	59	22
Mare & Foal	18	9	9	60	66	18
Ferranti	18	8	10	66	60	16
Greaves Arms	18	8	10	63	63	16
Struggler	18	8	10	54	72	16
Oxford	18	7	11	58	68	14
Colliers Arms	18	7	11	57	69	14
Royal Oak	18	6	12	53	73	12
Commercial	18	5	13	60	66	10
Bowling Green	18	5	13	54	72	10

## J W LEES (Royton)

	P	W	L	F	A	Pts
Dog & Partridge	17	16	1	93	26	32
Commercial	17	15	2	82	37	30
Blue Bell	17	13	4	81	38	26
Horton Arms	17	11	6	80	39	22
Duke of York	17	10	7	61	58	20
Colliers Arms	17	9	8	56	63	18
Greyhound Inn	17	7	10	55	64	14
Rifle Range	17	6	11	55	64	12
Plough Inn	17	6	11	53	66	12
Hare & Hounds	17	6	11	49	70	12
Railway Hotel	17	2	15	43	76	4
Halfway House	17	2	15	26	93	4

	P	W	L	F	A	Pts
Commercial	17	11	6	65	64	22
Hare & Hounds	17	11	6	65	64	22
Plough Inn	17	11	6	65	64	22
Dog & Partridge	17	10	7	67	62	20
Colliers Arms	17	10	7	62	67	20
Rifle Range	17	9	8	61	68	18
Greyhound Inn	17	9	8	59	60	18
Horton Arms	17	7	10	57	62	14
Halfway House	17	7	10	49	70	14
Blue Bell	17	6	11	59	60	12
Duke of York	17	6	11	49	70	12
Railway Hotel	17	6	11	59	60	12

Last Monday's darts results (crib in brackets): Dog & Partridge 7 (3), Greyhound Inn 0 (4), Blue Bell 6 (4), Horton Arms 1 (3), Duke of York 6 (1), Plough Inn 1 (6), Halfway House 1 (2), Commercial 6 (5), Colliers Arms 2 (5), Rifle Range 5 (2), Hare & Hounds 1 (6), Railway Hotel 6 (1).

## Oldham District

	P	W	L	F	A	Pts
Freemasons	18	16	2	95	31	32
Lord Nelson	17	15	2	83	31	30
Lancs. Vaults	17	13	4	78	41	26
Royal Hotel	18	10	8	69	37	20
Havelock Inn	17	9	8	59	60	18
Museum Inn	17	9	8	57	62	18
Spinnners Arms	17	8	9	60	59	16
British Flag	17	6	11	48	71	12
Corporation	17	4	13	34	85	8
Westwood CC	17	2	15	40	79	4
Turn o' Luck	16	2	14	30	82	4

	P	W	L	F	A	Pts
Corporation	17	13	4	74	46	26
British Flag	17	12	5	70	49	24
Royal Hotel	18	11	7	68	58	22
Lancs. Vaults	17	10	7	70	49	20
Havelock Inn	17	10	7	63	56	20
Museum Inn	17	10	7	61	58	20
Turn o' Luck	16	7	9	63	59	14
Lord Nelson	17	7	10	51	68	14
Freemasons	18	6	12	52	74	12
Westwood CC	17	5	12	56	63	10
Spinnners Arms	17	4	13	43	76	8

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

Next week's fixtures: Corporation v Turn o' Luck; Flag v Spinnners; Havelock v Freemasons; Vaults v Corporation; Museum v Nelson.

## Wilson's Brewery

Wilson's Brewery darts results (crib in brackets): Halfway House 5 (4), New Inn 2 (3); Plough 2 (4),



# Rugby League club history

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## THE RUGBY FOOTBALL LEAGUE.

The club has had some wonderful workers besides Messrs. Green and Bilsland. Councillor T. Mann, formerly a member of Oldham F.C. committee, took an active part, as did Bill Demings, formerly connected with Pemberton Rovers and a man who proved to be another great scout for the club.

Others well known on Merseyside include E. S. Corey, George Facey, Norman Lloyd, W. Draper, F. Woolley, P. B. Willson and J. C. Gregson, among many others.

Some great players have been associated with the club. Special mention must be made of Billy Belshaw, who toured Down Under in 1936. Gordon, a scrum-half; Jack Oster, who served Oldham so well; Bentham, Osbaldestin, Blinkhorn, Ted Cahill, the present Rochdale Hornets star, who also toured Australasia. Many more gained distinction; Ollie Teggan, the only bearded Rugby League player of recent years, became a great favourite on most grounds on account of his distinctive appearance.

Rugby League on Merseyside will succeed because of the enthusiasm of the club's keen followers, who cheer on the team to superhuman efforts on the field and keep finding the wherewithal for the club to carry on.

I was very heartened on the last occasion that Oldham F.C. played at Liverpool by a series of short interviews I had with several of the Supporters' Club officials. R. A. McCullough, the acting secretary, is also a baseball umpire of note, and has many friends in Oldham on that account. He and his colleagues not only maintain the Liverpool City club, but also help in rousing support and in helping the Merseyside Amateur Rugby League.

## Joe Smith (Blackpool) is asked to resign

Blackpool's manager, Joe Smith, has been asked to resign at the end of the season. He has received notice terminating his contract but, when asked by the board at a meeting on Thursday to announce his retirement beforehand, he refused.

Mr. Smith, who is 68, said: "I told them that I was not yet ready to retire and that if they wanted to sack me to go ahead with it." He has been with Blackpool for 23 years and is the longest serving manager in the league.

## Swansea say 'exchange' TOTTENHAM WANT CLIFF JONES

MR. JIMMY ANDERSON, manager of Tottenham Hotspur, said at Sheffield today that Tottenham are "very definitely interested" in Cliff Jones, of Swansea Town.

Yesterday the Welsh club stated that they were prepared to release the 24-year-old Welsh international winger in an exchange deal.

Mr. Anderson added that he would be discussing the position with his directors later today.

Jones, who is on National Service with the Royal Horse Artillery in London, has said that he would prefer to join Tottenham, but he would not mind going to any Midland First Division club. If Jones does move to Tottenham he will join a friend and former Swansea colleague in Terry Medwin, Spurs' Welsh international right-winger.

Swansea, who had been reluctant to part with Jones, are keen to sign a defender in part-exchange.

# Traffic chaos ends as fog clears

AFTER several hours of chaotic traffic conditions in Oldham and district last night, the thick fog began to clear very early this morning and by seven o'clock visibility had returned to normal.

A bus collided with a coal lorry in Higginshaw Lane, near the Rhos Mill, Royton, at about 8.15 last night. A girl passenger bruised her face, but was not taken to hospital.

The Oldham Passenger Transport Department experienced one of the worst spells of fog, an official told the Chronicle.

"The fog started at Rhodes, Middleton, and spread very thickly over the whole area," he added.

"We started getting serious delays about 6.15 p.m., and it gradually deteriorated and it was not until 9.30 p.m. that it started to thin out sufficiently for us to operate reasonably.

"We split services No. 9—Oldham to Rochdale—and No. 59—Canon Street, Manchester to Shaw, which was the worst-hit service. All services were affected and there were delays of up to 45 minutes."

On many roads, guards and sometimes passengers guided buses through the worst patches.

In Royton last night fog banked up on Broadway, and visibility was reduced to less than one yard. Motorists abandoned their vehicles in side streets, and walked home, but at midnight it began to lift and was clear at 6 a.m.

In Shaw, Fallsworth, Werneth, Hollinwood, Chadderton, Townfield, Royton and Middleton, visibility was down to less than five yards in places.

# TODAY'S RACING

## DONCASTER

1 30—BUTTERSCOTCH SELLING HURDLE. 2 1/2 miles.  
11 5 THEOLOGIAN 7yrs ..... E O'Keefe 1  
11 5 LYNNMOOR 7yrs ..... T Molony 2  
11 5 SANGRAM 10yrs ..... T Barnes 3  
Thirteen runners: Lynnmoor, Sea Cash, Coronia, Top of the Hill, Corbon, Paradise Street, Sangram, Theologian, Shilling Shocker, Nigger, Swanland Girl, Northern Night, Tal Belle.  
4/5 Lynnmoor; 4 THEOLOGIAN; 7 Sangram; 100/7 Corbon, Northern Night; 100/8 Coronia; 25 others.  
Total: Win 12/2; places 5/2, 4/8, 8/-.

2 0—FEVERISH NOVICES' CHASE. 2 miles and 300 yards.  
11 7 STAR LEGEND 8yrs ... B Richmond 1  
11 7 DOLLAR WAY 7yrs ... P A Farrell 2  
Only two finished.  
Six runners: Star Legend, Brown Trout, Epic Lyric, Kaiser-I-Hind, Dollar Way, Cornish Approach.  
15/8 Cornish Approach; 2 Kaiser-I-Hind; 13/2 STAR LEGEND; 7 Dollar Way; 100/8 others. Distance; 3 lengths.  
Total: Win 11/5/10; places 11/2, 11/5/0; forecast 17/8/4.

2 30—GREAT YORKSHIRE HANDICAP CHASE. 3 miles and 40 yards.  
10 10 HALL WEIR 8yrs ..... W Rees 1  
10 7 CAESAR'S HELM 7yrs ... G Slack 2  
10 7 MARINER'S HAND 11yrs ..... T Fitzgerald 3  
Seventeen runners: Limber Hill, E.S.B., Norton, Stormhead, The Ovens, Sir Ken, Hall Weir, Sentina, Caesar's Helm, Merry Throw, Mariner's Hand, Dovetail, Badanloch, Bollinger, Ontray, Idlewood, Samudra.  
11/4 HALL WEIR; 9/2 Sentina; 7 The Ovens; 10 Caesar's Helm; 100/8 Limber Hill, Mariner's Hand; 100/7 Sir Ken; Merry Throw, E.S.B.; 100/6 Norton; 20 Dovetail, Samudra; 53 others. 3 lengths; 11.  
Total: Win 12/2; places 7/-, 14/4, 17/4.

3 0—HIGH MELTON HANDICAP CHASE. 3 miles and 40 yards.  
11 11 SULTRY CRUISE 10yrs... B Wilkinson 1  
11 9 GOLDEN STRONG 9yrs ... T Molony 2  
11 4 EASTER BREEZE 10yrs ..... A Lillingston 3  
Eight runners: High Guard, Sultry Cruise, Golden Strong, Calydon III, Repeat Performance, Easter Breeze, Shotgun Wedding, Zival.  
100/30 Calydon III, Easter Breeze; 9/2 Golden Strong, Zival; 8 SULTRY CRUISE, High Guard; 100/2 Repeat Performance; 20 Shotgun Wedding.

3 30—PRINCESS ROYAL HANDICAP HURDLE. 2 miles and 300 yards.  
10 0 CELTIC NIGHT 5yrs ..... J Birth 1  
12 0 TOKOROA 7yrs ..... D Dick 2  
11 7 FARE TIME 5yrs ..... J Gilbert 3  
Twelve runners: Tokoroa, Approval, Baby Don, Fare Time, Peggy Jones, Vanished Age, Magic Thread, Va Presto, Record Breaker, Brownie's Choice, Midaise, Celtic Night.  
2 Va Presto; 100/30 Tokoroa; 11/2 Fare Time; 8 Baby Don, Approval; 10 Brownie's Choice; 100/8 Peggy Jones, Record Breaker; 25 CELTIC NIGHT and others, Short head; 3 lengths.

4 0—AMATEUR RIDERS' HANDICAP HURDLE. 3 miles and 40 yards.  
10 7 P.X. 7yrs ..... J Lawrence 1  
11 7 HURRY HOME 10yrs ..... P Wright 2  
11 0 CARMEN IV 6yrs ..... R Brewis 3  
Fourteen runners: Doncaster Arms, Hurry Home, Merry Highness, Carmen IV, Terrible Turk, Rathmoyle, Dark Remedy, Copperwheat, Shell Out, Rathcreedan Beauty, Stoney, Ives Head, Lilac Princess, P.X.  
11/4 Hurry Home; 9/2 Rathmoyle; 6 P.X.; 7 Carmen; 8 Terrible Turk; 100/8 Dark Remedy, Merry Highness; 100/6 Ives Head; 20 Copperwheat; 25 others. 1 1/2 lengths; 10.

4 30—ROSSINGTON MAIN HURDLE. 2 miles and 300 yards.  
Twelve runners: Skate Up, G.R.B., Gambrianus, Double Light, Priony Way, Scatterpenny, Domenico Fuoco, Poet's Crown, Carbajal, Irish Enterprise, Royal Chimes, Timber.

## SEDGEFIELD

1 30—STOCKTON NOVICES' HURDLE (Div. I). 2 1/2 miles.  
12 0 PROUDER QUEEN 6yrs... S Hayhurst 1  
11 11 NEASHAM HAWA 5yrs ... C Stobbs 2  
12 0 ROYAL CHANCELLOR 6yrs ..... G Milburn 3  
Sixteen runners: Royal Chancellor, Rasselas, Coronation Penny, Yanina, Cotella, Proudler Queen, Polonaise, French Miniature, Burnt Age, Opera Score, Flodden's Frolic, Neasham Hawa, Harbour Mistress, Sayso, Aleka, Lord of the Manor.  
11/4 PROUDER QUEEN; 7/2 Opera Score; 7 Rasselas; 8 Royal Chancellor; 10 Lord of the Manor; 100/8 Polonaise; 100/7 Coronation Penny, Neasham Hawa; 20 others. 1 length; 3.  
Total: Win 10/10; places 6/-, 11/1/8, 12/-.

2 0—SEDGEFIELD HANDICAP CHASE. 2 miles.  
11 12 DUNCOORMICK 8yrs ..... C Scott 1  
10 3 ROSE & CROWN 11yrs ... T Shone 2  
11 10 DONDROSA 6yrs ..... C B Taylor 3  
Ten runners: Cockbridge, Duncormick, Dondrosa, Empire Stadium, Newby, Turmoll, Jimmy Cricket, Young Ashdrop, Rose and Crown, Domenicos.  
7/2 DUNCOORMICK, Dondrosa; 9/2 Newby; 6 Empire Stadium; 13/2 Turmoll; 10 Cockbridge, Rose and Crown; 100/7 Domenicos; 20 others. 1 length; 4.  
Total: Win 11/5/0; places 8/-, 10/2, 6/8.

2 30—COXHOE HANDICAP HURDLE. 2 miles.  
11 9 CHEVIOT VIEW 8yrs ... M Batchelor 1  
12 6 KIDDLEY WINK 8yrs ..... C Stobbs 2  
10 11 BALA SEA 7yrs ..... T Mallorie 3  
Fifteen runners: Kiddleywink, Cheviot View, Elder Bell, Supermarine, Aldbrough, Top List, Lochmaben, Light Smoke, Bala Sea, Nuthatch, Fragrant Miss, Outrider, White Rent, Chancery Lane, Jimmy Sherret.  
3 Nuthatch; 7/2 CHEVIOT VIEW; 6 Aldbrough; 7 Kiddleywink; 8 Lochmaben; 10 Outrider, Supermarine; 100/7 Light Smoke, Bala Sea, Fragrant Miss, White Rent, Jimmy Sherret; 20 others.  
Total: Win 11/0/2; places 9/8, 15/4, 11/2/4.

3 0—GEORGE MULCASTER MEMORIAL CUP. 3 miles and 250 yards.  
10 10 EASTER ROYAL 11yrs ... J Cuddihy 1  
10 12 FREE BEAT 8yrs ..... M Batchelor 2  
10 11 PEARLAMOLINO 7yrs... S Hayhurst 3  
Eight runners: Young Turk, Kandy Cub, Free Beat, Pearlamolino, Easter Royal, Harding, Winters Bark, Pendle Lady.  
13/8 Pearlamolino; 9/2 Free Beat; 5 Harding; 6 Young Turk; 8 Kandy Cub; 100/8 EASTER ROYAL; 100/7 others.

## WINDSOR

12 30—BLACKNEST HURDLE. 2 miles and about 120 yards.  
12 5 MERRY DEAL 8yrs... G Underwood 1  
12 5 STRAIGHT LAD 8yrs ... H Sprague 2  
12 5 CLAIR SOLEIL 9yrs ... F Winter 3  
Six runners: Wayward Bird, Merry Deal, Clair Soleil, Straight Lad, Claymore, The Dote.  
8/13 MERRY DEAL; 3 Clair Soleil; 6 Wayward Bird; 100/8 Straight Lad; 33 others 1 1/2 lengths; 4.  
Total: Win 5/6; places 4/4, 13/10; forecast 11/17/2.

1 0—HERNE THE HUNTER HANDICAP CHASE. 3 miles.  
11 4 HART ROYAL 10yrs ... P Pickford 1  
12 5 GAY DONALD 12yrs ... A Grantham 2  
12 5 GAY FOX 12yrs ..... P Morrissey 3  
Three runners: Gay Donald, Hart Royal, Gay Fox.  
4/7 Gay Donald; 9/4 HART ROYAL; 10 Gay Fox.  
Total: Win 12/-; forecast 11/2/8.

1 30—CASTLE HANDICAP CHASE. 2 miles  
10 5 JUNE MARY 8yrs ..... F Winter 1  
11 3 GLAMORGAN 8yrs ..... D H Clarke 2  
11 7 PUNJAB 7yrs ..... E Emery 3  
Seven runners: Punjab, Glamorgan, Easy Winner, Knucklcracker, June Mary, Yerbama, Greek Flame.  
2 JUNE MARY; 9/4 Punjab; 15/2 Glamorgan; 10 Easy Winner, Yerbama, Knucklcracker; 100/6 Greek Flame. 1 1/2 lengths; 10.

2 0—CORHAM SELLING HURDLE. 2 miles and about 120 yards.  
12 0 CORTEGO 7yrs ..... F Winter 1  
12 0 GALEN 8yrs ..... A Boyle 2  
12 0 SPEAKER 8yrs ..... H Sprague 3  
Ten runners: Galen, Monaster II, Biberius, Cortego, Fleaker, Altivo, Fighter Pilot, Roches Fleuris, Phoenix Park, Adam's Walk.  
5/2 CORTEGO; 3 Speaker; 100/30 Galen; 4 Biberius; 100/8 Altivo; 100/6 Adam's Walk, Fighter Pilot; 20 others. 6 lengths; 3.  
Total: Win 18/4; places 7/10, 7/-, 6/-.

2 30—SMITHS LAWN HANDICAP CHASE. 3 miles.  
10 5 FLASHAWAY 8yrs ..... F Winter 1  
10 8 GILES FARNABY 12yrs ..... R E Jenkins 2  
10 3 PORT APRIL 10yrs ... R Richards 3  
Seven runners: Greenflax, Valiant Spark, Triplepatte, Giles Farnaby, Favor Royal, Flashaway, Port April.  
100/30 Triplepatte, FLASHAWAY, Valiant Spark; 7/2 Greenflax; 15/2 Giles Farnaby; 100/6 Favor Royal; 25 Port April. 1 1/2 lengths; 5.

3 0—BURNHAM BECHES NOVICES' CHASE. 3 miles.  
11 9 DONE UP 8yrs ..... F Winter 1  
11 2 JUST AWAKE 6yrs... A R Freeman 2  
11 8 YES SIR II 8yrs ..... D Ancil 3  
Seventeen runners: Aurelian Way, Done Up, Solferette, Rough Music, Alarm Call, Yes Sir II, Victor VI, Ambler, Polyfingers, Royal Tournament, Dryden Street, Seal, Ballycough, Calder Hall, Sun Doctor, Egbert Just Awake.  
3 Just Awake, Aurelian Way; 5 Yes Sir; 6 DONE UP; 10 Solferette, Victor; 100/8 Egbert; 100/7 Royal Tournament; 20 others. 2 lengths; 8.

3 30—BRACKNELL HANDICAP HURDLE. 2 miles and about 120 yards.  
12 4 MORETONS 8yrs ..... A R Freeman 1  
12 0 VIC SON 8yrs ..... M Scumore 2  
13 5 IT'S A PIPPIN 8yrs ..... P Pickford 3  
Ten runners: Moretons, Iron Horse, King Conkers, Netherdale, Vic Son, Severn Valley, It's a Pippin, Bill Brewer, Sunwood, Pollution.  
8/11 MORETONS; 11/2 Bill Brewer; 7 King Conkers; 10 Severn Valley; 100/8 Netherdale; 100/7 It's a Pippin; 100/6 Vic Son; 20 others. Short head; 1 length.  
Total: Win 7/10; places 5/-, 11/8, 10/6.

4 0—COMBERMERE HURDLE. 2 miles and about 120 yards.  
10 7 LANGTON HEATH ..... J Beasty 1  
10 7 PINK PEN ..... E Campbell 2  
10 7 YES INDEED ..... H Sprague 3  
Nineteen runners: Kitty Quick, Hydrant, Love Story, Chastise, Rumbling Bridge, Langton Heath, Yes Indeed, Steeple Stone, Odlin, Flight Leader, Pink Pen, Mr Wiggs, Lord Barker, De Off, Elder Statesman, On Appro, Derby Road, Bazon, Branca, Doria.  
7/2 Love Story; 4 Pink Pen; 9/2 Yes Indeed; 5 LANGTON HEATH; 7 Hydrant; 100/8 Lord Barker, Bee Off; 100/6 Chastise, Kitty Quick; 20 others. 20 lengths; 12.

## Cup teams' games are re-arranged

League games, postponed because of FA Cup commitments on February 15, have been rearranged as follows:—

First Division: Sheffield Wednesday v. Chelsea, Wednesday February 19 (7 15). In the event of prior Cup commitments the game will be put back one week.

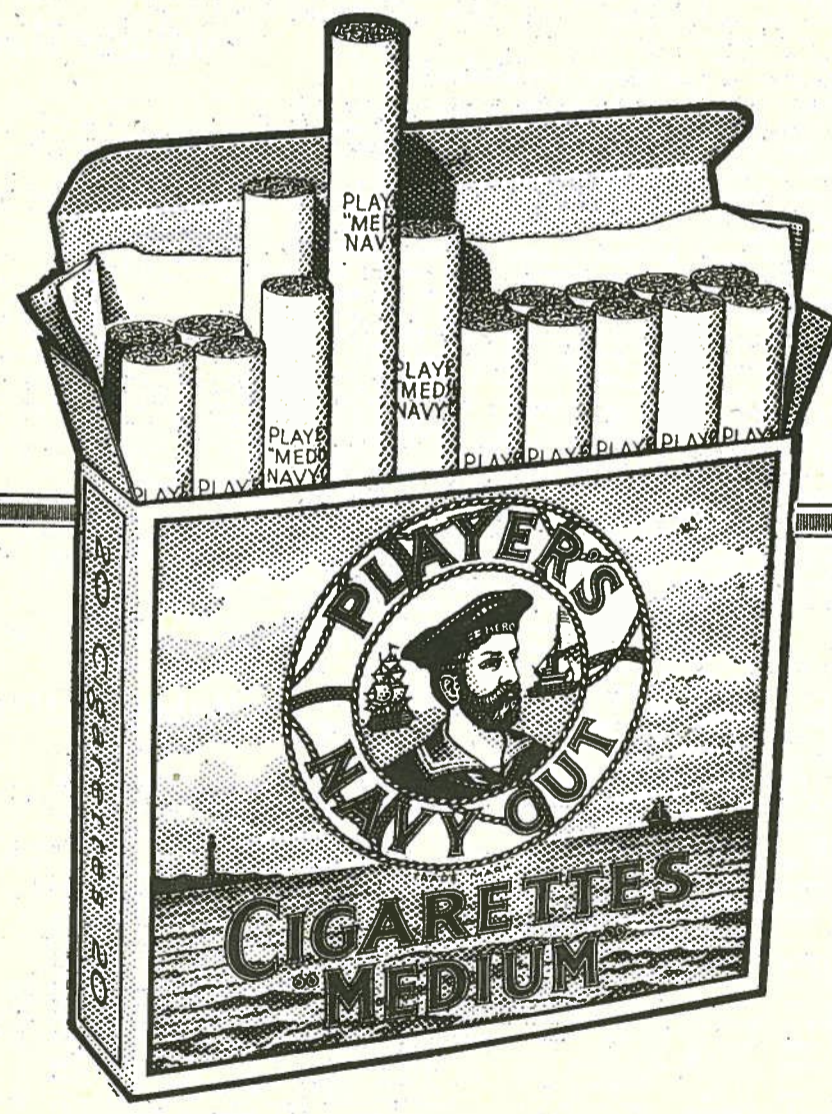
Second Division: Rotherham United v. Cardiff, Monday, February 24 (3 0).

Third Division (North): Scunthorpe United v. Hull City, Thursday, February 20 (6 45); Darlington v. Bradford City, Wednesday, February 26 (3 15).

## SEDGEFIELD—Continued

3 30—SANDS NOVICES' CHASE. 3 miles and 250 yards.  
12 0 NOTSOBAD 10yrs ..... T Millar 1  
12 0 KINGS MELODY 8yrs... M Batchelor 2  
12 7 BORDER ROAD 8yrs ... G Milburn 3  
Five runners: Border Road, Kings Melody, Notsobad, Tarzan, Miss Fearless.  
4/7 Border Road; 2 Kings Melody; 100/8 Tarzan; 20 NOTSOBAD and other. 15 lths; 4.

4 0—STOCKTON NOVICES' HURDLE (Div. II). 2 1/2 miles.  
12 0 OWEN'S MARK 8yrs ..... T Wyse 1  
12 0 GUEST 8yrs ..... P Payne-Gallwey 2  
11 2 FOLLY 4yrs ..... N Boston 3  
Sixteen runners: Waver Lad, Rath Na Leugh, Jisk, Lucky Willie, Guest, Stilly Night, Owen's Mark, Isle of the West, Piltown, Janty, Scot, Merrycourt Park, Duty Free, Little Peter II, Theory, Hot Night, Folly.  
7/4 Waver Lad; 9/2 Folly; 6 Guest, OWEN'S MARK; 100/7 Lucky Willie; 20 Theory, Rath Na Leugh; 25 others. 1 lth; 3.



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GREEN FINAL TEAM SNOOKER HANDICAP

Equitable had easy passage into last 16

EQUITABLE, one of the lowest-marked teams in the Green Final Snooker Handicap, had an easier passage into the last 16 than was expected against Chadderton Cricket and Bowling Club...

In the first frame Jim Wilson, no mean exponent of the game himself, admitted he was out-classed on the night by Fred Adams...

The second frame should have gone to Chadderton Cot, if only J. Whittaker had been more consistent in his potting...

Built up good break

Tommy Nicholls knew he had a terrific task to win the next frame against Bill Lees but he set about it in workmanlike fashion...

Nothing daunted Nicholls stuck to his task and was only nine points behind on the colours...

The match was thus won by three frames to none, but Jack Rainford played the last one as a formality...

ROYTON LIB 'A' WON 3 FRAMES

Royton Liberal "A," who reached the last eight last year, won their way into the last 16 by defeating Shaw Road Cons. "A"...

F. Hernon in the second frame used his tactical experience and had H. Kent giving points away in the middle of the frame...

Eight points in arrears, F. Goodwin got off to a good start with 16 at his third visit to the table against J. Rudd...

Although G. Woodcock was not expected to beat Fred Buckley in the final frame, Buckley took it easy in the early stages...

4-FRAME WIN FOR LAND'S END

Land's End Club, Middleton, won every frame on Thursday against Coldhurst Liberals, despite the absence of Bill Taylor...

Geoff Lockwood was in immaculate form in the second frame. Although A. Gartside was ahead 41-7 at one stage, he was unlucky



Chadderton Cot snooker team, who are challenging strongly for honours in the Chadderton Snooker League.—H. Howarth, A. Whiteley, J. Whittaker (captain), T. Nicholls, J. Wilson.

Chadderton Snooker and Whist League COT TAKE OVER LEAD BY A POINT

LAND'S END, in losing their Chadderton Snooker League match at Avro's, also lost their lead in the table. F. Dyson and S. Pope both won on the black ball...

Chadderton Reform, at home to Chadderton Cot found themselves narrowly defeated, although only winning one frame—through N. Hilton by 43...

Beanweb had Shaw Road Cons. as visitors. A good win by 36 from F. Adams was reduced by G. Woodcock and H. Bradley...

Sprinkbank visited Platt's and three frames were evenly fought out before H. Davies (51) and H. McNally (32) gained Springbank the match points.

Moreton's big win

In their defeat of Chadderton Band, Fallsworth Cycle owe much to their captain, N. Moreton, for a win of 48 and to F. Kennedy (24), for the Band Club had gained a lead of 48 points.

Chadderton Social lost at home to Chadderton Cons by 38, mainly due to E. Haslam's win by 48.

Platt's SC 367, Springbank 436. Platt's scores first: H Howarth 74, A Jeffreys 63; S Willerton 84, S Bolton 77; G Bolton 83, J Shaw 87; J Fisher 52, N Davis 103; H Partington 74, H McNally 106.

Beanweb 396, Shaw Road Cons. 288. Beanweb scores first: F Adams 89, J Corrigan 53; G Rushworth 64, G Woodcock 79; E Clark 54, H Bradley 69; F Rainford 88, J Harrison 47; W Rainford 101, H Hardman 40.

Chadderton Reform 342, Chadderton Cot 356. Reform scores first: T Coleman 63, T Hulme 55, H Howarth 80; E Leach 64, J

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Table with columns P, W, L, F, A, Pt. listing scores for various teams like HCGSC, Lord Nelson, Radcliffe Inn, etc.

Next Wednesday's fixture between Hollinwood Garden Club and Moorside "A" has been postponed. Note.—Delegates decision at December meeting shall stand—i.e., results of matches involving Featherstall "A" up to halfway through the season shall count in the league table.

F. Tyson takes seven wickets in Melbourne

Frank Tyson, England and Northamptonshire fast bowler, took seven wickets for Footscray against North Melbourne today.

He claimed six for 21 in ten overs, two of them maidens, in the first innings and dismissed another batsman in the second innings, in which he bowled only two overs.

to leave Lockwood on twice for breaks of 22 and 16. Lockwood was ahead only 66-61 on the colours, but Gartside went in-off on a safety shot, later left the green and then was snookered on the brown...

Frank Dyson (12) was lucky to win the third frame for Land's End, for J. Milner (25) was so much out of touch that he potted six reds before he got a colour. Behind 41-29, Milner did fight back to lead 53-52 on the colours...

In the last frame, the Land's End steward, R. Hilton, beat P. Lees 92-46.

Cycle Club had no worry

FALLSWORTH CYCLE CLUB won their way to the third round of the Green Final Snooker Handicap on Wednesday evening by beating Temperance 3-0. N. Moreton (Cycle) proved to be a wise captain after his players had won the first two frames, by sending Eric Hall and not himself to the table for the third frame.

Eric rewarded his captain's faith by playing the ideal game for this type of snooker event to beat a sound exponent in Granville Rushworth. He made three breaks of 14 and one of 13, and after conceding 15, he ran out an easy winner, 97-44, to win the frame and match.

S. Osbourne (7), against J. Standring (10), seemed to be a very casual player, but is rather deceptive for he is a sure potter and did not give Standring a chance to get going. He potted a red and a colour, then played safe, keeping Standring in arrears to the tune of 71-56.

Cycle Club thus held a frame lead and an aggregate lead of 15 points, and Benny Campbell (scr) played a cat-and-mouse game with W. Wild (10) to maintain it. Wild showed that if given a chance he could be dangerous, for he twice took half-chances to cut the black into a corner pocket, but in a low scoring frame Campbell just won 47-45.

Then Eric Hall made it certain by winning 79-44 against Rushworth to make it 3-0 with the scores at 216-146.

SCORECARDS

Oldham C & B (1) 244, Chadderton Reform (3) 299. Oldham scores first: F Ross 54, T Hulme 70; K Wolstenhulme 81, N Hilton 80; N Cocker 50, H Clegg 84; H Tither 59, T Coleman 65.

Greenfield Mill No. 1 (1) 239, Westwood Cons. (3) 294. Greenfield Mill scores first: S Sutcliffe 68, K Schofield 66; F Longbottom 45, B McIndoe 85; W Lees 63, A Dickenson 77; E Butler 63, J McIndoe 66.

Land's End (4) 343, Coldhurst Libs. (0) 225. Land's End scores first: R Berry 83, E Greenwood 55; G Lockwood 99, A Gartside 61; F Dyson 69, J Milner 63; R Hilton 92, P Lees 46.

Royton Libs. "A" (3) 294, Shaw Rd. Cons. "A" (1) 233. Royton scores first: G Wild 49, W Gardner 72; H Kent 75, F Hernon 60; F Goodwin 72, J Rudd 53; F Buckley 98, G Woodcock 48.

Dave Rent, former British amateur heavyweight champion, made an impressive debut in the USA last night, when he knocked out Don Tatro, of Patterson, New Jersey, in the first round.

Rent, who emigrated to Canada from Bootle, near Liverpool, in 1956, floored Tatro with a left hook to the jaw in 2min. 4sec.

Good recoveries by Rochdale's badminton players

Rochdale were obliged to call upon several former members of the league for their return badminton match against Rossendale last Saturday. The infusion of the ex-members appeared to have a beneficial effect, for Rochdale succeeded in reversing their previous defeat.

A feature of the match was the number of recoveries made by Rochdale from apparently losing positions. In the first game of all, R. Stanley and B. Heaton were 2-9 down, but won 15-12. Later on, B. Heaton and M. Binns recovered from a 4-11 deficit to win their first game 15-11, R. Stanley and E. Jenyans recovered from a similar deficit to win 15-14, and F. Moore and F. Murgatroyd were at one time 3-9 down in their first game.

The most remarkable recovery of all, however, was seen when D. Read and N. Wolfenden, after losing their first game 6-15, recovered from 2-11 down to win their second game 15-13 (this pair had never played together before).

Results in detail (Rochdale names first):

Mixed Doubles: R. Stanley and B. Heaton drew 15-12, 9-15 with R. Hardacre and M. Pilkington; E. Jenyans and M. Binns drew 15-14, 14-15 with R. Bell and M. Anderson; F. Murgatroyd and M. Mason drew 15-9, 9-15 with J. Farnell and M. Holmes; F. Moore and K. J. Parton lost 9-15, 12-15 to B. Catterall and V. McManee; D. Read and N. Wolfenden drew 6-15, 15-13 with J. Novak and G. Morris; J. Harrison and N. Maxwell beat C. Collinge and P. Ashworth 15-3, 15-3. Rochdale 6 games (149 points), Rossendale 6 games (144 points).

Women's Doubles: B. Heaton and M. Binns beat M. Pilkington and M. Anderson 15-11, 15-11; N. Maxwell and M. Mason beat M. Holmes and V. McManee 15-7, 15-6; N. Wolfenden and K. J. Parton lost 7-15, 14-15 to G. Morris and P. Ashworth. Rochdale 4 games (81 points), Rossendale 2 games (65 points).

Men's Doubles: E. Jenyans and R. Stanley beat J. Farnell and R. Hardacre 15-14, 15-8; F. Moore and F. Murgatroyd beat R. Bell and B. Catterall 15-11, 15-11; J. Harrison and D. Read lost 14-15, 9-15 to J. Novak and C. Collinge. Rochdale 4 games (83 points), Rossendale 2 games (77 points).

Final result: Rochdale 14 games (313 points), Rossendale 10 games (286 points)

Willie Hume, a 22-year-old inside-forward from Dunfermline Athletic, the Scottish Second Division club, today joined Birmingham City. Hume, just under 6ft. and 12½st., is due to leave the Services on Tuesday week.

BRILLIANT STROKES PLAYED AT HIGH SPEED

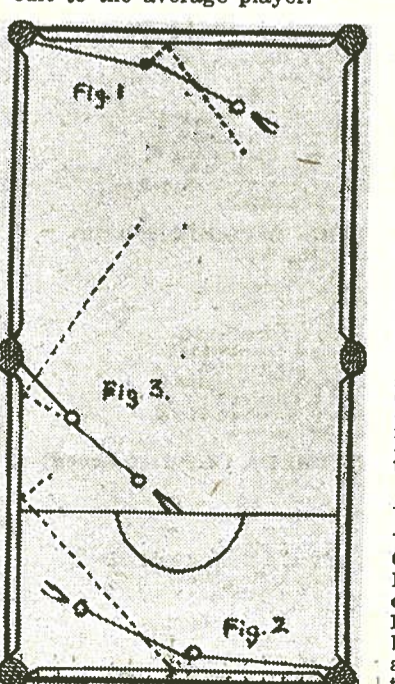
IN the diagram, Fig. 1 and 2 show two shots by Fred Adams in a Green Final snooker match this week. Both were played at high speed with screw, and this fact, plus the narrow pocket opening and angle of striking, made them really brilliant strokes.

If the same position is set up, the object ball in each case about 4½in. from the cushion, the average

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player will find that if played with any degree of speed the shots are very difficult if the table is anywhere near standard.

The shot in Fig. 3 is one that another local player, Bill Lees, plays with confidence. It is fairly easy if played slowly, but if it is played as shown—with good strength, run-through and side—it becomes extremely difficult to the average player.



BILL LEES, whose style is as unassuming as he is himself, has one of the best temperaments of any amateur player I know and it stood him in good stead in his second-round match last week against Jim Heaton (Westhoughton) in the English Snooker Championship (Manchester area).

Although losing the first frame, Lees won the next two, and when he got a 36 break in the fourth, looked set to win. But one overconfident shot let Heaton in to win, and even then, in the final frame, Heaton had to get a 70 break to win the match.

THE contradictory rule concerning the touching ball caused some confusion again recently when two experienced players asked if the balls were touching when the object ball concerned was NOT the ball "on."

This, of course, is not necessary, as the ball has not to be moved whether it is touching or not. It is only when the cue ball is touching the ball "on" that, when the player plays away without moving it, he is reckoned to have hit it.

THE Victoria Billiard Hall in Chesterfield is to close. It is the hall where Joe Davis was a marker at the age of 12, when he stood on a box to play with the now well-known cue which cost 7s. 6d.

The hall was established 50 years ago by Mr. Ernest Rudge who, now 79 years old, gave Joe his first lessons and who still possesses at home the table on which he gave them.

IF you have forgotten to enter the snooker handicap run by Healey Conservative Club (Whitworth, Rochdale), then ring up the organiser today—Mr. Bill Hodgson, Rochdale 48907—although entries bearing today's postmark will be accepted. Entries officially close today.



# MANY GAMES OFF Highfield's many travels seem to have ended in success

SNOW-COVERED grounds in the Oldham area last Saturday meant the postponement of most junior league games. No matches could be played in the Junior Rugby League, only three soccer matches in the Oldham Amateur League, and only five in the Sunday Schools League.

## Oldham Amateurs Fullback put Dale into second round

THE weather prevented play in all but three of last Saturday's matches. Only one Challenge Cup first-round match was played, Strinesdale defeating Dronsfield's 4-3 in a thrilling game.

In Division I, Roundthorn had an easy victory over Fernhurst, maintaining their challenge to the leaders, Haggate "A." Gladstone in Division II continued their recent improvement with a win over Denshaw.

### CHALLENGE CUP—1st Round Dronsfield's 3, Strinesdale 4.

This game was a thriller and, in spite of the bad conditions, the football was remarkably good. Strinesdale opened the scoring after 20 minutes, when Derbyshire caught goalkeeper Mellor out of position and hit a low drive into the net.

Shortly afterwards Taylor equalised rather luckily, his effort going in via the back of the Dale centre-half. At half-time the scores were even, but shortly after resuming Dronsfield's got in front, Wrigley scoring, and a few minutes later Sellars had made the score 3-1.

The pace and heavy conditions began to tell, however, and the home team began to wilt when Dale surged to the attack. Barber reduced the arrears, and with ten minutes remaining, Derbyshire levelled the scores. The Strinesdale superiority became more marked as the minutes ticked away and full-back Needham came right through Dronsfield's defence to score the winner.

### Roundthorn 10, Fernhurst 1.

Fernhurst, fielding a weakened team, were soon in arrears against a Roundthorn side, who quickly overcame the atrocious ground conditions. Goals came quickly and at half-time the score was 4-0.

In the second half it was the same story, but full credit to the Fernhurst side for never giving up trying and despite the mud and opposition, playing good football.

Chadderton, the Roundthorn leader, had seven goals to his credit before the end. Goals were also scored by Prime, Adams, and Coldman. Tinsly was the Fernhurst lone scorer.

### Gladstone 5, Denshaw 2.

Conditions once again were the prime factor in this game and both sides were soon in difficulties. Gladstone had much more of the game and Denshaw's defence was often at fault.

Shaw and Schofield played remarkably well in this defence, however, and foiled many dangerous Gladstone attacks.

The Denshaw halves tried to rally their forwards late in the game, but they never really got going. Scorers for Gladstone were Cooper (2), Barrow, Hall and Gallier. For Denshaw, Brierley and Schofield.

## Oldham SS League They triumph over bad conditions

### DIVISION ONE

#### Edge Lane Meths. 5, St. Mark's 2

ALTHOUGH the ground was in bad condition, both teams played extremely good football. In the first half play was very even, with real cut and thrust.

St. Mark's could have taken an early lead but two grand saves by the Edge Lane keeper foiled them.

Edge Lane took the lead when Baker, at centre forward, fastened on a long ball down the middle, controlled it well and shot low into the goal.

A slip by Edge Lane's defence presented the St. Mark's winger with an easy chance and he made no mistake to level the score, which was 1-1 at half-time.

Shortly after the turn round, an Edge Lane defender under pressure put through his own goal to give St. Mark's the lead, but Edge Lane later took command, scoring three quick goals to run out easy winners. A really good game. Scorers: Edge Lane, Baker (3), S. Kenworthy and C. Kenworthy; St. Mark's, Farrell (own goal).

### DIVISION TWO

#### Hollinwood Congl. 5, Roundthorn Meths. 7

Hollinwood could field only 10 players and in the early stages were outplayed by a keen Roundthorn team. Roundthorn led by 6-1 at the interval as a result of some slick forward play and several Hollinwood defensive errors.

Hollinwood improved considerably in the second half and although Roundthorn were never in danger of losing they won helped considerably by their big interval lead. Scorers: Hollinwood Congs., Wilde (2), Hopwood, Moran and Barlow; Roundthorn, Hilditch (3), Brierley (2), Steele (2).

#### Cowhill Res. 2, Saddleworth Ch. 3.

This was a good clean game under poor conditions and Cowhill were a little unlucky to lose and a draw would have been a fair result. Both sides endeavoured to play good football, with the defenders taking the honours. Scorers: Cowhill, Lewis and Gregory. Saddleworth, Cawburn (2), Shaw.

#### St. John's Res. 2, St. Stephen's 0.

Under the conditions, a good, clean and well fought game. Play was very even in the first half with both goals having narrow escapes. St. John's took the lead just before half-time with a rather lucky goal through a rebound from a clearance. The second half was nearly all St. John's but the St. Stephen's defence played really well and saved their sides from a much heavier defeat. Scorers: St. John's, Stock and Hunt.

The monthly meeting of clubs will take place in Queen Street School on Monday at 7.45 p.m.

LIVERPOOL CITY have changed homes and names more than any other senior football club in history. Their migrations make other moves such as Woolwich Arsenal crossing London and South Shields transferring to Gateshead seem local affairs. City have moved from Wigan to London and then to Liverpool where they have had two grounds.

The club started as Wigan Highfield and I have seen it mentioned that Highfield started as a junior Rugby Union club over seventy years ago. I have no records of the club's early career and it was not mentioned in Smirk's Handbooks which recorded new members of the Northern Union in the second, third and fourth seasons of that organisation. In 1901-2 Highfield were not in honorary membership of the Northern Union, or of the Lancashire County Union, and they were not included in the Lancashire Junior Cup draw or the NU Challenge Cup.

My first note of Wigan Highfield is for the 1903-4 season when Leigh Shamrocks were overcome by 4pts

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to 3 in the qualifying round of the Northern Union Challenge Cup. In the next round, which was the intermediate round St. Helens won by 48pts. to five.

Shortly afterwards, inspired by neighbouring Pemberton, who entered the Lancashire Combination and also won the Lancashire Junior Cup, Highfield followed them into the Combination in 1906-7. In that season and in the following three seasons, Highfield won the Lancashire Junior Cup. This caused Lancashire County to make a rule that Combination clubs could no longer enter the Junior Cup.

### Surprised Bramley

In 1907-8 Wigan Highfield surprised Bramley by forcing a draw in the first round of the Cup, each side scoring a try. In the replay Highfield lost 8-6. Two years later the club reached the first round

proper, only to lose by 31-3 away to Warrington.

Two years later the great day came: Wigan were drawn to meet Highfield in the cup. The juniors put up a great fight, only to lose by 35-10. Another two years passed, and Highfield again qualified to meet St. Helens in the first round proper, only to lose 27-4. A year later, 1914-15, Highfield entertained Swinton, and only failed by a goal to nil.

During the period preceding the First World War, Pemberton and Leigh Shamrocks vied with Highfield as the leading junior clubs in Lancashire. Shamrocks did not survive the war, but Pemberton Rovers kept going until a few years ago.

After the war Wigan Highfield were runners-up in the Northern Combination, which was an amalgamation of the Lancashire and Yorkshire Combinations. Their record in League and Cup was so good that the club was elected to the Northern League in the year that the name of the game was changed from Northern Union to Rugby League.

Wigan Highfield did quite well in their first season, finishing third from the bottom, with seven wins and a draw from their thirty-two games. By 1927-8 they had risen to seventh from the top, well below the sixth club, Oldham, and slightly better placed than the local senior club, Wigan. After three years the depression hit the club, which finished next to the bottom for a couple of seasons. The club was almost out, and something had to be done to save extinction. Even so, on an income of £660 for one year, a profit of £260 was recorded. The growing cost of running a senior football club made the future very insecure.

### At White City

The greatest move in the history of football saw the club move, not quite lock, stock and barrel, to London where it became London Highfield. The "A" team remained in Wigan and played in the Lancashire Combination. London Highfield was a great experiment. The club played its fixtures by floodlight at the White City but the novelty was not a success.

But the greyhound people who had assumed management and financial responsibility for the club did wonders to persuade the Stanley Greyhound track management to allow the club to play its fixtures at their stadium.

Thus in three years the club had three grounds and three names. Wigan Highfield at Tunstall Lane, Pemberton; London Highfield at the White City; and in 1934-5 Liverpool Stanley at the Stanley track.

Liverpool Stanley became quite successful in the playing sense and figured in the top four play-off in 1935-6, in which they lost at home by 10-9 to Widnes. In the following year Stanley dropped from second to fourth and again lost in the semi-final of the play-off, this time away to Salford who won by 15-7. In the 1935-6 season the club won the Lancashire League championship and in the next became the runners-up.

Jimmy Green was the guiding hand in the Wigan days and he was able to produce many star footballers very cheaply, and his economies were such that he kept the club going during a very difficult period.

John Bilsland took over the club when it became Stanley and he carried on until failing support in 1947-8 caused him to resign along with his committee.

The war put Stanley out of business. The ground was taken over for balloon barrage purposes and for a season the club used Prescott Cables' ground but closed down in 1941.

Revived after the war, the club had very meagre support but a fresh spirit was abroad and the Knotty Ash stadium was developed off the East Prescott Road and the club became Liverpool City. A hard struggle lay before the supporters who built up real support from the few stalwarts who kept the club going with help from the Rugby League.

AT THE BEGINNING OF THE PRESENT SEASON THE CLUB ANNOUNCED THAT IN FUTURE IT WOULD STAND ON ITS OWN FEET AND WOULD NOT ASK FOR FURTHER HELP FROM

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## SOUTH WEST LANCASHIRE LEAGUE BARDSLEY CLASH WITH STEELMEN IN CUP TIE

THE draw for the second round of the League Shield, to be played on February 8, is: Robinson's v. Urmston, Chorliffe v. CWS (Radcliffe), Bardsley v. English Steel, and A. & A. Crompton's v. Prestwich. The pick of the round is probably Bardsley's encounter with English Steel, although Urmston will be hard-pressed to beat Robinson's if the Rochdale side are in form.

Two of the league clubs will be touring this Easter, for Chorliffe visit the Isle of Man, while Marsden will play two games in Belgium. There was no difficulty about Marsden's visit to Belgium for their genial president of the club, Mr. Bailly, is Belgium Consul for the North of England.

Not for many seasons have the professional clubs shown such an interest in the league. Each week a promising youngster seems to disappear for a trial with Manchester City, Bury or Oldham Athletic. This makes the task of picking a representative side to play the West Yorkshire League something of a question of "ifs" and "buts." A damaged hand has put one player out of the reckoning—the A. & A. Crompton goalkeeper Hopkinson (brother of the England keeper) has been ordered by the doctor not to play for 12 months.

Another custodian in trouble is Nightingale, of Block Lane, with broken ribs. His place in the Lane team was taken by J. Wood, who played one fine match, and in the closing minutes damaged his hand, with the result that goalkeeper No. 3 steps up and hopes that the jinx does not strike him too. Just where do Block Lane find all these good players? There seems no end to them.

The league was lucky on Saturday, three of the eight matches being played. Honours must go to

the committees who worked so hard to get the pitches marked out, etc. And let's not forget players and referees who were willing to have a go.

Dukinfield Victoria was one ground on which a blitz was carried out, and it enabled them to fulfil their local derby with Dukinfield St. Mary. It was a good game despite conditions, and after an even first half, R. Haigh put the Victoria in front, only to let W. Daniels equalise a few minutes later. The final result was a draw, one-all, with Victoria a little unlucky. Centre-half Webb and inside-left E. Leigh were their outstanding players, while D. Beech and A. McManus did well for the Saints.

Prestwich Borough and Block Lane have been seeing a good deal of each other in the past few weeks, and on each occasion Prestwich have come out on top. But, more important, is that each game has been first-class. Even snow and water did not stop both teams from continuing to give another good show. Prestwich again won by the odd goal in five, with G. Abrahams back to his best form and linking up well with Coghlan to form a very good wing pair. After an ill-fated season in professional football Abrahams has taken some time to shake off his disillusionment, but he is now reminding us that Stan Pearson once said, "If only Abrahams was a year or two younger he might well have made the grade, for there is no better ball player." For Block Lane, F. Nield and F. Moss played well.

Bardsley visited Ashton National and repeated their Shield success with a 3-1 win over National, for whom nothing appears to be going right. In fact, Bardsley scored all four goals. Alker misjudged a back-pass and gave his keeper no chance, so putting Ashton one up in the first few minutes. For the rest of the game Bardsley bombarded the Ashton goal, but it was not until late in the game that goals by Wood, Holden and Brierley gave them both points.

It was a very great shock to hear of the death of Manchester County FA president, Mr. H. Pike. As a young official and a referee Mr. Pike was always approachable and helpful and, although aged 63, he was always regarded as a younger member of the county. It is ironical that he should die just a few months after achieving his life's ambition of becoming Manchester FA president. There was no better worker for football than Harry Pike.

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

IT took Hull City's inside-forward, Brian Bulless, until the third round of the FA Cup to score his first goal of the season, although he had been a regular member of the Tigers' senior side. A few months ago, Bulless requested a transfer, feeling that he could do better away from Boothferry Park. Hull wisely declined to let him go, and he is now in excellent form, attracting the attention of First Division clubs.

SCUNTHORPE'S splendid win at Newcastle was their ninth away success in League and Cup this winter, which is many as in any previous full season.

AMONG the few bright spots in Halifax Town's recent performances has been the displays of inside-right Conway Smith.

He has averaged a goal a game in his last seven matches, and in all has scored 11 times, which is exactly the number he obtained in the whole of last season, when he missed only four League games.

## ROUND THE THIRD NORTH

MANSFIELD TOWN are certainly feeling the after-effects of their third-round Cup-tie defeat at Bristol Rovers on January 4. In the three League matches they have played since then, all of which they have lost, the Stags have conceded 11 goals—more than the previous eight matches.

KEITH Williams, Tranmere Rovers' summer signing from Everton, has proved to be among their best acquisitions for a long time. Williams has already scored 21 goals in League matches alone this season, which is more than twice as many as the club's highest marksman in the whole of last winter.

He now needs only five to pass the post-war record, 25, established by Cyril Done in the 1954-5 season.

AMONG the most versatile performers on the Workington payroll is Jackie Bertolini. In the annual representative game bet-

ween the Northern and Southern Sections at Crystal Palace last October, Bertolini played at right-half. So far this winter, he has filled all wing-half and inside-forward positions for the Cumberland club.

ALL through the season, Mr. Peter Jackson, manager of Bradford City, has been faced with a centre-forward problem. Four players have been tried without any of them filling the bill completely satisfactorily. Now, Mr. Jackson's worries appear to be at an end.

Three weeks ago he reintroduced Bill Marshall for the away game at Rochdale, and the young Scot responded with both goals in his side's victory. The following week Marshall repeated that performance—against Crewe at Valley Parade—and once again City took both points.

It is 12 months almost to the day since Marshall made his bow in the senior side—February 2, 1957.



# CHEERS!



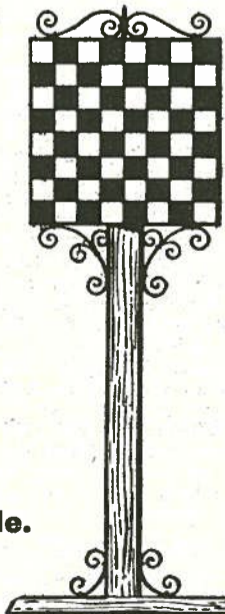
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### THEATRE NEWS

by C. W. INGHAM

## FLU NEARLY CRIPPLED WILLIAMS'S 'CAT'

**F**LU struck at the cast of "Cat on a Hot Tin Roof," the controversial Tennessee Williams play which nearly did not open at the Comedy Theatre on Thursday. This play, following as it does "A View From the Bridge" and "Tea and Sympathy," is to be seen by members only, highbrows who are seeing plays which have not been granted a Lord Chamberlain's licence.

"Cat on a Hot Tin Roof" is the "hottest" so far, a searing theme of sexual perversion written so well that the New York critics gave it their annual Critics' Circle prize for season 1954-5 (Williams's third) and the Pulitzer Prize committee gave him his second award for it. It is a "dirty" play and there will be repercussions after the opening, well though it is conceived.

Renee Houston was asked to play Big Mama in it last year. She said then that she thought being in such an unwholesome play was not for her. Nevertheless she spent the New Year rehearsing the part. Now she is out. Bee Duffell is in. She was in bed last week with flu. So was the leading lady Kim Stanley.

Miss Stanley, a blonde American who is in London for the first time, has the role of the Cat.

Last week she was in bed: temperature 103, outlook dim. Information: She has flu rather badly.

Bee Duffell croaked over the phone: "I'm ill. I've got laryngitis and I can't talk awfully well."

Rehearsals for "Cat on a Hot Tin Roof" were suspended. There just didn't seem to be anybody left to rehearse.

Things looked rather better earlier this week. Frank Stevens, the company manager, was rehearsing survivors but, though Miss Stanley and Mr. Hall were still far from well, Miss Duffell's voice is returning to normality.

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**HUNTER'S MOON,** is a new American comedy opening at the Winter Garden next month.

It is by Marc Connelly, who won a Pulitzer Prize with "The Green Pastures." The play is being staged here before going to Broadway, a pleasant change.

Elizabeth London, the dark-haired TV star who is commentator in the fashion programme Flair, has one of the leading parts.

Miss London says: "I'm delighted about my part. I haven't been in the West End since I was in "Out Of the Whirlwind," in Westminster Abbey—if you can call that the West End.

"I feel pretty rotten. All I'm doing is listening to the radio for news of my father who is driving in the Monte Carlo Rally." Yes, she had flu, too.

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**COLD** weather note from the Palace Theatre: The young Italian juggler Ugo Frediani has had to stop using his flaming torches.

An LCC Fire Inspector visited the show, took one look—and that was that for smiling Ugo.

"Too risky," said the inspector. Ugo is trying to devise a stunt with electric lights now.



**L**IKE her father, holiday-camp "king" Billy Butlin, blonde 18-year-old Cherrie Butlin is in the entertainment business—on a smaller scale.

Cherrie is pictured (in a pullover borrowed from Dad) at Brighton, Sussex, where she is working in repertory on the Palace Pier. She does a lot of the odd jobs around the theatre and (so far) takes just the occasional walk-on part in the show.



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**O**N the stage where Pavlova first appeared in England nearly 50 years ago, Nadia Nerina poses as "The Dying Swan," the ballet she is dancing in the season of variety at the Palace Theatre, London.

Nadia, a distinguished member of the Royal Ballet, hopes that through her appearances in variety at the Palace she will win many new regular followers of the ballet.

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**M**MARGARET WHITING has the principal part in Eugene O'Neill's drama "The Iceman Cometh" at the Arts.

When Miss Whiting played Cleopatra at the Old Vic in March the critics, while paying tribute to her acting, said she was too young at 24 to tackle such a sexy role.

Well, now she is cast as a woman of the streets, the senior member of a tough group of three. Miss Whiting clearly has another chance to show the critics what she can do.

"The Iceman Cometh," in which Ian Bannen plays the drunk who tries to reform everybody, is almost a trial of stamina for audiences. After the first night it starts at 6.30 and goes on until 11.30. There is a main interval of 45 minutes for dinner.

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**T**O mark the 100th London production since the war, Henry Sherek is to present "The Patchwork Quilt," a comedy by Felicity Douglas, set in North Wales.

It will be followed by "No Way to Kill," a comedy-thriller by Arthur Watkyn, who has chosen for his hero a meticulous Civil Servant, who discovers that though crime may pay, it cannot be worked to rule. Both these plays are scheduled for production in the spring.

In the summer Mr. Sherek is to put on "Everard," a macabre comedy by Lenore Coffee and William Joyce Cowen, whose "Family Portrait" will long be remembered. This time they have collaborated on a story which happens in Sussex at the turn of the century.

Mr. Sherek's current West End success, "Odd Man In," at the St. Martin's reached its 200th performance a fortnight ago.

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**F**RANCOISE SAGAN'S ballet "Le Rendez-vous Manque," which had its world première in Monte Carlo, is to be presented by the Rank Organisation, in association with Alfred Deval, at the Dominion Theatre, London on February 18, when it starts a three-week season.

Toni Lander, Noelle Adam and Vladimir Skoutatoff are the principal dancers of a 32-strong company.

Bernard Buffet has designed the sets and in certain scenes the dancers will perform in front of moving pictures projected on the backcloth.

John Taras and Don Lurjo are jointly responsible for the choreography of this production, which is costing 80,000,000 French francs to stage.

The music has been written by Michel Magne and the dance-drama is directed by Roger Vadim, the film director.



# MADE OFFER FOR SAINTS' WING

OLDHAM tried hard—they tried so very hard to beat the Challenge Cup deadline today and bring supporters a new winger. But they failed. The man they wanted was 19-year-old David Johnson, of St. Helens, and yesterday morning they thought they had him—but St. Helens thought again.

For several weeks Oldham have shown their interest in young David. With such stars as Carlton and Vollenhoven, he is very much in the St. Helens reserve bracket—and Oldham thought they had a chance.

The Saints asked for Dennis Ayres in some form of exchange. Oldham refused. They asked for John Noon in a swop for Johnson. Oldham refused.

Finally, this week, the St. Helens board told Oldham they would consider a cash offer, and on Thursday



With the Ipswich defence completely beaten, BOBBY CHARLTON (on the left) blazed over the bar after receiving a pass from TOMMY TAYLOR (extreme right). A scene from Manchester United's Cup-tie at Old Trafford last Saturday.

## W.D.'s Weekly survey on topics at Watersheddings

night the Oldham committee turned up at Watersheddings in force to work on a figure—believed to be well over £1,000.

Everything seemed nice and neat, with only the player's signature missing, but at Friday lunchtime the St. Helens chairman, Mr. Bert Cook, told Oldham the club had changed their mind.

I talked to Mr. Cook, who had this to say: "Earlier this week we were ready to consider a cash deal, but missing the South African boy Jan Prinsloo altered that."

"Without him we cannot think of selling Johnson for just cash. We hoped—and still hope—that Oldham would let Ayres or Noon come to us in an exchange deal. But if it is just cash, we are hanging on to Johnson."

So there it is, Oldham did make a D-Day bid for reinforcements, but it didn't work out. Still, as Oldham's secretary, Mr. Bert Summerscales, told me yesterday:

"February 1 is not the end of signings, nor is this season the end of rugby. We shall continue our search for all-round replacements in a bid to bring Oldham the standard of rugby it deserves."

### Rogers's comeback

Remember Jack Rogers? There once was a time when he played loose and then secondrow forward for Oldham, until he sustained a serious knee injury that was supposed to have ended his playing career.

Stand by for Rogers's comeback. Oldham want it at the end of this season, but Jack told me this week that it is more likely to be next season.

Right now he has got his nose up against the back garden window cursing the frosty conditions that have caused his specialist to bring to a dead-stop the light training he started a few weeks ago.

"The doctor says it is too risky even to train lightly on the bone-hard grounds, and he has strictly instructed me that I must wait until the weather gets better," said Rogers.

Manager Griff Jenkins saw Rogers several weeks ago and thought he would be ready for a game towards the end of the season. "I can't see that it will be possible," was Jack's comment.

Still, it is nice to know that the £1,000 Oldham paid Salford for Rogers two seasons ago may still come up with some interest.

### Noon's loyal feelings

Loyalty is a big word—and it is stopping Oldham's centre, John Noon, from writing the now-familiar "I-want-a-change" letter to the committee.

He is fed up and really does

### His 3,000th winner

Willie Shoemaker, the 26-year-old American jockey, rode his 3,000th winner at Arcadia, California, yesterday.

want a decent chance. But the former local junior just cannot bring himself to breaking with Oldham, even though he has convinced himself that he will have an almost impossible job gaining a first-team place with any regularity.

Noon trained and played hard as a trialist but when it was the time to discuss terms, the club told him to go back to junior football. Before he had time to turn out again as a junior, another club was in his trail—and Oldham had second thoughts.

Back went John and Oldham got him for the modest fee of £50, and since then he has proved himself to be worth a whole lot more. But he is still looked on as a reserve.

After his goalkicking feats this season the whisper went out: "Coach Noon as a full-back." It was loud enough when it left the committee-room, but the strong wind on the hill stopped it from even reaching the right quarter.

### Pitch gets priority

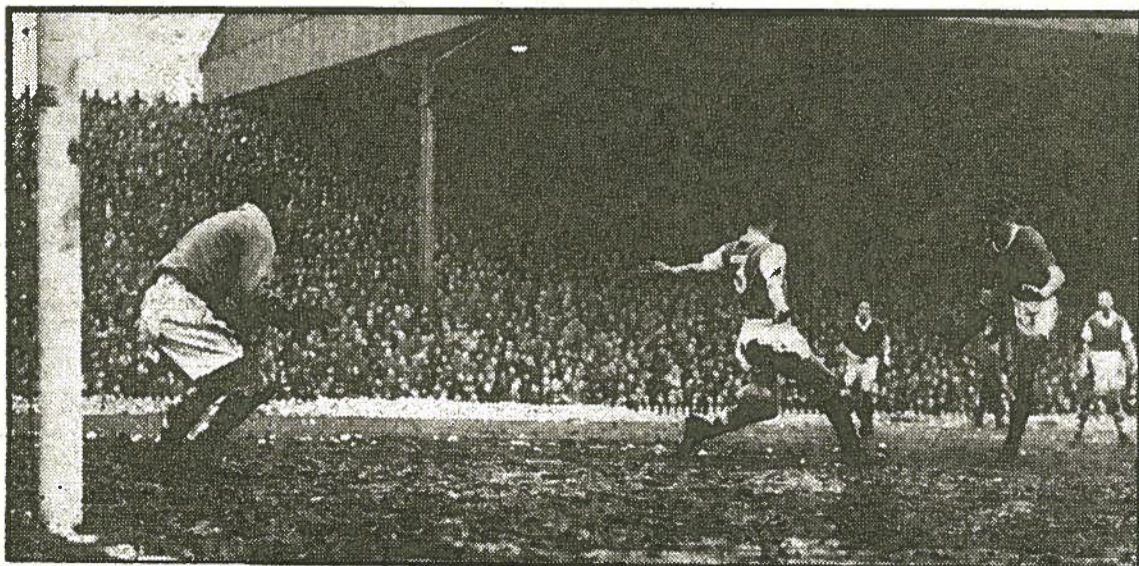
The Challenge Cup week priority is the 7,700 square yards of turf at Watersheddings. Tomorrow and most of next week groundsmen will be working to get the pitch in order for the visit of Hull KR.

Following a weight of water that turned some parts of the pitch into mud, workmen are laying more drains to take the water away. And the prospects are that if the weather stays reasonable, the pitch will be just as co-operative.

The report from the Sports Turf Research Station is in, and they have made several close-season recommendations that amount to another spending programme between May and August.

With apologies to all my soccer friends—and without any personal comment—I put into print the description I got of the Bolton-York FA Cup replay on Wednesday. The man who watched the game is a rugby fan:—

"It was an interesting match. I remember three things about it. From the Burnden stand there are 11 factory chimneys visible. There are seven new pieces of asbestos in the roof of the stand. There are 48 lights in each floodlighting pylon—making a total of 192 lights for the entire system. A pity York were beaten."



This shot from TOMMY TAYLOR hit the upright during Manchester United's Cup-tie against Ipswich last Saturday.

## ATHLETIC NEED 20 POINTS TO FINISH ABOVE 'PLIMSOLL LINE'

A COMFORTABLE fortnight without a game has given Oldham Athletic a chance to settle back and take stock of their position. The outlook, I would consider, is promising. I have already pointed out that only 18 fixtures remain to be completed and it is in Athletic's favour that ten are at home.

With 29 points already in the locker then, Athletic should be able to count themselves out of relegation danger if they can collect but 20 more.

Ten home wins in the ten home games left would be the easy way to make Third Division football safe next season—but so far of 13 home games, Athletic have won only eight.

Twenty points should not be too big a task for the side, however, and only a disastrous slide like last season, when 11 points came out of 18 games, will put them in danger of Fourth Division football.

A comparison with last season's performance during the first 28 league games does in fact make interesting reading. Last January at this stage they had 28 points, having played 14 games at home and 14 away. This year the points tally is 29, with 15 played away and 13 at home.

### Tough going

This year, the record is nine won, 11 drawn and eight lost. Last year, the side won 11, drawn six and lost 11.

Only on the goalscoring side was the position better in fact, where the side had scored 46 with 43 in reply. This year the tally is 43 with 45 against.

Most interesting, perhaps, is the fact that with 28 points last season Athletic were in fifteenth position in the league. This year with 29 points they are joint eleventh. Obviously points this time are hard to come by.

Turning from the club's performances on the field during this spell, it is also interesting to compare the receipts and attendances.

After the first 14 home games, £14,350 had been taken at the turn-

## A.G.W.'s Saturday comment on activities at Boundary Park

stiles of which £2,567 had been paid in entertainment tax.

This left a balance of £11,783 net, and the average attendance at the first-team games had been 9,642. So far this year, the first 13 home games have realised £10,870 in receipts and the average attendance has dropped drastically to 7,851.

### Kept it on its feet

Even the comparatively meagre receipts from the Reserve team's home games have dropped by over one-third. Last season's average was £50—this season it is less than £33.

Looking at the expenditure for the corresponding period of last season, £13,010 had been paid out in wages, and of this, £843 was for match bonuses.

This season, wages are slightly higher at £13,343 but the increase (even taking into account higher wages) can be mainly traced to match bonuses which have so far totalled £1,270.

In addition to the wages expenditure there are, of course, the tremendous overhead expenses which prove a headache to all football clubs.

Once more then, a great compliment must be handed to the Supporters' Club who through their constant efforts have literally kept the club on its feet.

And if further proof be needed that home gates are falling away, there is one more comparison to show just that.

In previous seasons, Athletic have always paid out to visiting clubs a larger amount for their share of the gate receipts than they have received from their own away trips.

This season, the 20 per cent share for visiting clubs has amounted to £1,650 and already, Athletic have received £2,063 as their share of away matches.

### Junior section

HAVING already paid one compliment to the Supporters' Club, I would like to add a second on their efforts to form a junior section, which is aimed at soccer enthusiasts aged between 8 to 15. It could prove a valuable asset to the club.

Many youngsters now make the trip regularly to Boundary Park and if their interest can be caught by the Supporters' Club venture, Athletic are certain to benefit.

The idea is to have film shows and talks by footballers for the youngsters, and then to organise trips to away games so that they can really get to know the background of the game.

It is a fine idea and no doubt, should it prove successful enough, the club directors will be only too pleased to set aside special accommodation for the youngsters. At least the team would then be sure of solid support from one part of the ground.

## BRITONS LEAD ICE DANCERS AT BRATISLAVA

BRITAIN should retain the ice dancing title in the European figure skating championships tonight at Bratislava, Czechoslovakia. British pairs have won the title every year since the event was introduced to the championships in 1954.

Courtney Jones (Parkstone, Dorset) and June Markham (Durham), defending champions, lead after four compulsory figures.

They enter tonight's free dancing along with Michael Robinson and Catherine Morris (Nottingham), in second place and Gerard Rigby (St. Helens) and Barbara Thompson (of Windsor Road, Oldham) third.

British champion Michael Booker, of London, finished fourth in the men's figure skating championship, which was won by Karol Divin (Czechoslovakia), runner-up last year. Alain Gilletti (France), defending champion, was second and Alain Calmat (France) third.



## 3rd NORTH PLAYERS



McNicol (left), Nielson (centre) and Payne.

### Royton Harriers

## It was like journeying to South Pole

ROYTON Harriers and Blackley Harriers journeyed to Ashton at the invitation of East Cheshire Harriers for an inter-club run. There was the usual grand welcome, and the usual trail to Hartshead Pike.

No-one would have been surprised had they stumbled into Depot 700 in mistake, such were the conditions and terrain; but all arrived back safely, and if Sam Crosland and Harry Wilkinson came in a trifle later, they at least boasted no-one else covered all the trail. Racing was out of the question, so there was no result.

There is one result which has nearly escaped notice. I refer to the Royton Harriers and Athletic Youth Championship already decided on the occasion of the last league run. The present youth champion, Peter Lomas, retains the Law Swallow Trophy, with three clear firsts, and his friend, Frank Hargreaves, is the runner-up. Both runners try hard and are very keen. It is a pity there has been no serious opposition.

There is plenty of room for youths and much scope, but there does not seem to be any enthusiasm for athletics in Oldham and district, otherwise more would-be athletes would be seen at club headquarters, Hillside Avenue, Royton, on training nights, Monday and Wednesday.

All thoughts are now being focused on February 15 when the East Lancashire Cross-Country Championships will be decided at Hopwood Hall Middleton. Four races will be held: boys 1-45 p.m., youths 2-15 p.m., senior 2-45 p.m. and junior 3-45 p.m.

### Two trump cards

To attempt a forecast of the boys' races would be problematical, but the local club, Rochdale Harriers, are strongly fancied to win the youths' team title. I shall be very surprised if the individual winner does not come from this club, for in Alan Dewhurst, the holder, and Colin Robinson, new holder of Lancashire County, they have two trump cards.

If heavy going, the former, and if conditions are good the latter, and in any case it will be no surprise to see them first and second. With the juniors, M. J. Corcoran, Macclesfield, is an automatic choice, and M. and D. Lads will strive to hold their title. The senior race is very open, and if Rochdale Harriers can turn out a full and fit team, the holders have a fine chance to make it two successes.

Sale Athletic and Cycling Club, and Clayton-le-Moors, should give a good account of themselves.

For the individual winner, the holder, Johnny Wild, East Cheshire Harriers, running for his country on Sunday, abroad, will want a lot of stopping. Local champion, Joe Salt, is not out of the reckoning, and R. J. Beecroft, Clayton-le-Moors should be prominent in this popular race. C.T.

### Durelle gets revenge on American who beat him

Yvon Durelle (Canada), British Empire light-heavyweight boxing champion, avenged an earlier defeat when he stopped Clarence Hinnant (US) in the seventh round of a ten round bout last night in New York. The referee intervened to save Hinnant further punishment.

Hinnant, who recently boxed a draw with Yolande Pompey (Trinidad), stopped Durelle—also in seven rounds—when they met last year.

### McNICOL (Accrington)

Of all the numerous Scottish players with Accrington Stanley, Bob McNicol is among the most consistent. Born at Bonhill, McNicol had experience with Stirling Albion before his move to Peel Park in the summer of 1956.

He went straight into the Accrington senior side, at right-back, at the start of the following season, and later had two outings at centre-half before reverting to his original position. He played in every match during the season, the only one to have an ever-present record. This winter McNicol has enhanced his reputation as a top-class performer even further.

### NIELSON (Hull City)

In common with many South Africans, giant Norman Nielson began his playing career in England with Charlton Athletic. He was transferred to Derby County in 1951, and subsequently made a name as a goalscoring centre-forward, as well as playing in his usual position at centre-half.

Nielson, who hails from Johannesburg, signed for Bury in the 1954 close season, remaining at Gigg Lane until April last year, when he moved to Hull City. Although centre-half is now regarded as his regular berth, he has also had a few outings at full-back with the Tigers this season.

### PAYNE (Tranmere)

Until the signing of Albert Harris from Everton during the past summer, Tranmere Rovers had the unusual distinction of having had only two goalkeepers in their senior side throughout the post-war period. One of them, Harold Lloyd, has now left for Runcorn, but George Payne has stayed on at Prenton Park.

A native of Liverpool, Payne signed professional forms for the Rovers, after a spell as an amateur, in August, 1946. At the beginning of this season he lost his place to newcomer Harris. In the middle of October, however, Payne was recalled to senior duty, and has subsequently played a major part in Tranmere's revival.

### Extra cold January

January temperatures were below normal by one to three degrees, said a Meteorological Office statement on the weather issued last night.

Sunshine was about or just a little above the normal—nearly everywhere.

Rainfall was above normal in nearly all areas, and in the Isle of Man, Isle of Wight and the Channel Isles, totals were just under three inches (85 to 90 per cent) above normal.

Angela Mortimer (Devon) Britain's Wightman Cup player, won the Auckland women's lawn tennis title today, beating Sonia Cox (New Zealand) 6-4, 6-3.

## MEMORY CORNER

### TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO

February 4, 1933, was a day notable for high scoring in the Northern Section of the Third Division. Barnsley, helped by five goals by Cunningham, defeated Darlington 6-2, Crewe trounced Mansfield 7-0, and in a Yorkshire derby game Hull City beat Doncaster Rovers 6-1. Hull eventually topped the table, with two points to spare over Wrexham, and their six goals against Doncaster enabled them to finish with exactly 100 in League matches.

### TEN YEARS AGO

On February 4, 1948, a messenger went on to a North-Eastern golf course to tell a footballer that he was wanted at Newcastle United's office at once. The player went, and later in the day he was transferred to Sunderland in return for a fee of £20,500. He was Len Shackleton, recently deprived of the completion of 10 years of service at Roker Park because an ankle injury compelled his premature retirement. What stories have circulated about "Shack"; what a stormy character he has been—and what a superb footballer.

### TWELVE MONTHS AGO

York City, with no Cup interest as February dawned last year, made up for their absence from the national competition by hitting Southport for nine at Bootham Crescent on February 2, 1957. The "old firm" of Arthur Bottom, Norman Wilkinson and Billy Fenton scored seven of their goals, a fitting reward for a trio of forwards who have had a great deal to do with York's Cup successes in recent seasons. This defeat brought the total scored against Southport to 15 in eight days, for the previous week they had lost 6-0 at Chesterfield.

# They didn't even give Waterman his due for superb courage

IF ever a boxer was damned by faint praise it was Peter Waterman after his European title fight win over the Italian, Emilio Marconi, at Harringay, on Tuesday.

A minority of the critics were of the opinion that Waterman could have won the fight whether the referee had intervened at the end of the fourteenth round or not.

Others had the two men very close, while one or two said that the British champion was a doomed man, saved by the action of the Dutch referee when he decided that Marconi's cut eye was too bad to allow him to continue.

Every man to his opinion—and it all goes to show how differently a fight can be seen from different sides of the ring. But there might have been a little more recognition, particularly from the crowd, of Waterman's enormous courage in the later rounds when he punched Marconi to a standstill almost by instinct after taking a bad hammering in the eleventh round.

Waterman, once Britain's likeliest lad, has slipped back on the evidence of his last three performances, but he won the European title in a fair fight on Tuesday night, and he should be given the credit for that. After all, we haven't held one since Dai Dower was beaten by Young Martin, of Spain in October, 1955.

### Battle of the scales

There has always been controversy about Waterman's ability to make the 10st. 7lb. welterweight limit and remain strong. Battling with the scales may be the cause of his decline.

It would be an interesting experiment to allow him to put on some weight and fight a couple of middleweights. If his punch and resistance increased with the extra poundage, that would be one problem solved.

With British, Empire and European title fights in prospect, however, it is an experiment that will never be made.

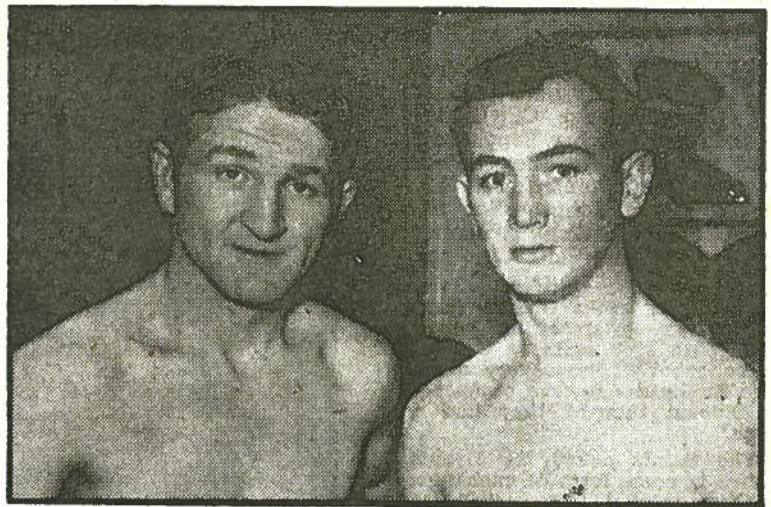
This week's despatches from America, while crediting Britain's Joe Erskine with a good chance of fighting for boxing's top honour this summer, underline the illogicality of the world heavyweight situation.

The London promoter, Harry Levene, has come to an agreement in principal with the manager of the world champion, Floyd Patterson, for Patterson to defend in London against Erskine—provided the British and Empire champion becomes European champion as well at the expense of Ingsmar Johansson later this month.

A fine piece of business and a wonderful thing to have a world heavyweight title fight in Britain for the first time since Burns knocked out Gunner Moir in ten rounds in 1907. But, is Erskine the logical contender?

### Mockery of logic

I don't advocate stopping the fight because he is not. Boxing is a hard game and chances have to be snatched when they arise. Besides, as British, European and Empire champion, Erskine would be entitled to call himself the best heavyweight outside America. But that still wouldn't put him in the leading contender's position—far from it.



TOMMY MOLLOY (Liverpool), on the left, and JIMMY NEWMAN (Walthamstow) are due to meet in a final eliminator for the British welterweight championship. The championship committee of the Boxing Board of Control have recommended the match, which is to take place by April 19. Molloy is unbeaten in 30 professional fights; Newman outpointed Trinidad's Boswell St. Louis in an Empire championship eliminator.

## RUGBY LEAGUE ABC

### PRICE (St. Helens)

Ray Price, who has played professional rugby with Belle Vue Rangers, Warrington and St. Helens, has only one regret about coming from South Wales to the Rugby League—that he did not come sooner. When Ray was unable to play a single game in the World Cup tour of last season because of an injury received in a practice match, many people thought Price was right when he said he would do play again.

As soon as he found he had made a complete recovery, this British Test stand-off promptly asked Warrington for a transfer, and though St. Helens never expected to pay anything like the £1,000 to win his services, Warrington decided that veteran or not, Price was worth every penny. The Saints did not agree at the time, but now they could not agree more. Price has transformed the attack of the side.

### RYAN (Warrington)

Although Bob Ryan is now meeting fierce competition from the younger members of the club, there is no doubt that all the skill that carried him to Test match rank and an Australian tour with the British team is still very much in evidence. Even though Ryan may not move with the pace that made him such a menace to defences a year or so ago, he has still few peers in getting the most out of every opportunity. Few modern players make the breaks as used to do, and then with a short sharp pass, carve out a route to the

The illogical thing is that a world champion can more or less bypass his most dangerous rivals and, provided someone is ready to put the money up, defend his title against the most unlikely people

For instance, Patterson met Pete Rademacher last autumn. Rademacher was Olympic Champion and a very good one, but he had never—repeat never—had a professional fight in his life. Now there is talk of a return. What an odd situation when the leading contenders by general agreement are Eddie Machen, Zora Folley and Willie Pastrano!

There are moves in America to upset the status quo. Machen and Folley have been matched in a natural final eliminator, and the National Boxing Association of America has been asked to declare the world title vacant if Patterson does not defend his crown against the winner.

All the same, good luck to Erskine if the Americans can make a mockery out of logic, why shouldn't we? And if Erskine provides a mid-summer night's dream at Wembley Stadium, the Americans can do what they like with their ranking lists.

### Sunday School soccer results

Oldham Sunday Schools' League results on Saturday:  
First Division: Edge Lane Meths. 5, St. Mark's 2.  
Second Division: Cowhill Res. 2, Saddleworth Church 3; St. John's Res. 2, St. Stephen's 0; Hollinwood Congs. 5, Roundthorn Meths. 7.

line for the fast-following forwards. Never overendowed with weight, Ryan has always preferred brain to brawn and yet is the last man to shirk any defensive requirements.

### STEVENSON (Leeds)

After a glorious start to his professional rugby career, Jeff Stevenson slipped badly. It was little wonder, because scrum-half Stevenson became the marked man of every team that opposed Leeds. But despite extra attention Jeff recaptured his initial glory to become Great Britain's choice. He made his international debut against the Australians and since then has played for his country consistently.

But Stevenson cannot rest on his laurels. When selectors picked the team to oppose France in the first Test of this season, Frank Pitchford, a dark horse from Oldham, pulled himself to within one vote of Stevenson, for the scrum-half job. It seems likely, in fact, that this year's tour party to Australasia will include Stevenson and Pitchford.



Price (top), Ryan and Stevenson.



# WEEKEND TV AND RADIO

**T**HIS month, the guitar-playing Jesuit priest, Pere Aime Duval, who is one of France's top "pop" singers, is visiting four Lancashire towns. Viewers can see him in the BBC's "Meeting Point" tomorrow.

Duval has been many things—a soldier, a conjuror, a factory hand and now a priest. He keeps to his vow of poverty despite his high earning powers as a singer (£40,000 in the last 18 months), for all his money goes to charity.

We shall see him sing a most remarkable number which he has written for the forthcoming Lourdes Centenary. Its title is "Tap your sabots, Bernadette."

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**BERNARD SHAW'S "Heartbreak House,"** which the BBC is doing as tomorrow night's play, was already somewhat dated when it was first performed in 1920.

Shaw had been scribbling away at this play at intervals between 1913 and 1919, and he intended it to be a picture of British society before



ANDREE MELLY

the First World War. So the war had changed our national outlook by the time the public saw it.

With the passing of another 40 years, that factor matters less and "Heartbreak House" is a good period piece.

It is about an eccentric old sea captain whose house in Sussex is furnished like a ship. He has a number of visitors, all of whom experience heartbreak or disillusion of one kind or another. But as producer Michael Barry says, "All the characters are deeply interesting."

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**T**WO Lancashire-born actresses have prominent roles in the ABC play, "Night of the Ding Dong" (where do they get these titles?), tomorrow night. One is Andree Melly, a Liverpoolian who will be known to Channel Two viewers as a former panel game personality.

She starred with Hugh Williams in "Plaintiff in a Pretty Hat," and she has worked with several repertory companies. Her elder brother, George, is a well-known jazz singer.

St. Helens is the home of the other girl, Margaret Clifford, who got her first acting experience while she was a social science student at Birmingham University. She worked as a shopgirl and a barmaid to raise money for dramatic school, but she never got to one.

A job in rep. in Norfolk claimed her instead. Then she went on to small parts in films and TV series to get used to working before cameras. Margaret, now 22, wants to play "strong, meaty parts," and she finds that glamour-girl roles and pretty-juvenile jobs are frustrating.

"Night of the Ding Dong" is a comedy with a most unusual theme. It is set in the Australia of 1870, with the city of Adelaide threatened by a Russian invasion. The play has a satirical touch which could well apply to Britain of 1958, or any other country. Athene Seyler, the veteran actress, also has a leading role in the production.

Oldham Weights and Measures Inspectors were asked to investigate one complaint of short weight in a sack of coal during December. The delivery was found to be correct.

## Tonight

BBC TELEVISION		8 30: Saturday Night on the Light.
6 0: News.		9 15: Jazz Saturday.
6 5: Six-Five Special.		10 0: Saturday Night on the Light.
7 0: Wells Fargo.		10 30: News.
7 25: News.		10 40: Donald Peers.
7 30: Dixon of Dock Green.		11 15: Edmundo Ros.
8 0: Benny Hill Show with Anne Shelton and Tony Brent.		11 55: News.
9 0: Heroes Don't Care (play).		
10 30: Sports Special.		THIRD 464 and 194 metres
11 0: News.		6 30: World of Books.
11 15: War in the Air.		7 0: Record Review.
ABC TELEVISION		8 0: Koanga.
6 0: Jack Jackson Show.		9 5: The Haunted Universe.
6 30: Highway Patrol.		9 25: Koanga.
7 0: The Saturday Serial.		10 25: Cantique Du Peuple Divise.
7 30: Amateur Boxing.		10 40: Beethoven.
8 30: Saturday Spectacular.		
9 30: M Squad.		LUXEBURG 208 metres
10 0: News.		6 0: Barry Alldis.
10 5: The Thief of Baghdad.		7 0: Rhythm on the Range.
12 0: Epilogue.		7 30: Intrigue.
HOME 434 metres.		8 0: Jamboree.
6 0: News.		10 0: Irish Requests.
6 15: Northern News.		10 30: Spin with the Stars.
6 25: Sport Spotlight.		11 0: Bringing Christ to the Nations.
7 0: Those Were The Days.		11 30: Record Round-up.
7 15: Week in Westminster.		
7 30: In Town Tonight.		AFN 344 metres
8 0: Variety Playhouse.		6 0: Music in the Air.
9 0: News.		7 0: News.
9 15: Rasputin (play).		7 5: Grand Ole Opry.
10 45: Before the Ending of the Day.		7 30: Country Style.
11 0: News.		7 55: Johnny Lee Willis.
LIGHT 1,500 and 247 metres.		8 0: Bandstand.
6 0: Guitar Club.		8 30: Operation Entertainment.
6 30: Just Jazz.		9 0: Music from Hollywood.
7 0: Radio Newsreel.		9 30: News.
7 24: Football.		9 35: Dance Date.
7 30: Saturday Night on the Light.		10 0: Sports Night Cap.
8 0: Jazz Saturday.		10 5: America's Popular Music.
		11 0: News.
		11 5: Late Requests.
		12 0: News.

## Tomorrow

BBC		9 0: Sandy Macpherson.
11 20: Ski Championships.		9 30: News; Piano.
1 0: Sul I Sul.		9 45: The Archers.
1 10: Bastien a Bastienne.		10 30: What Do You Know?
2 30: Gardening Club.		11 0: Have A Go!
3 0: News Review.		11 30: Service.
3 30: Concert Hour.		12 0: Family Favourites.
4 15: The Brains Trust.		1 15: Billy Cotton.
5 0: Children's Television.		1 45: Educating Archie.
6 15: Ice Skating Championships.		2 15: Ray's A Laugh.
7 0: Meeting Point.		2 45: Movie-Go-Round.
7 25: News, Weather.		3 30: Melody Hour.
7 35: What's My Line?		4 30: Beau Geste.
8 0: World Theatre — Heartbreak House.		5 0: Holiday Hour.
10 0: Monitor.		5 45: Danny Levan (violin).
10 45: News.		6 0: Sing it Again!
ABC		6 30: Life with the Lyons.
11 15: Church Service.		7 0: Take It From Here.
2 30: The Book Man.		7 30: News.
3 0: The Film Show.		7 35: Just for You (records).
4 30: Bid for Fame.		8 30: Sunday Half-Hour.
5 0: Hawkeye.		9 0: Follow the Stars.
5 35: What's in Store.		10 0: Semprini Serenade.
5 55: Tell the People.		10 30: News.
6 9: News.		10 40: Pick of the Pops.
6 45: Living Your Life.		11 30: Rendezvous.
7 25: News.		11 50: The End of the Day.
7 30: Martin Kane — Private Investigator.		11 55: News.
HOME 434 metres.		THIRD 464 and 194 metres
7 50: The First Day of the Week.		5 0: "Koanga."
7 55: Weather.		6 5: Law in Action.
8 0: News.		6 25: "Koanga."
8 10: Programmes.		7 30: Love Among the Artists.
8 18: British Melody.		9 0: Piano Recital.
8 55: Weather.		9 35: The World and the Observer — Bertrand Russell.
9 0: News.		10 10: The Iliad.
9 10: Home for the Day.		10 40: Rubbra.
9 45: Service.		LUXEBURG 208 metres
10 30: Music Magazine.		6 0: Beaver Club.
11 20: International Concert Hall.		6 15: You Lucky People.
12 10: The Critics.		6 45: Accordion Time.
1 0: News.		7 0: Tunes to Remember.
1 10: Coast and Country.		7 30: Winifred Atwell Show.
1 40: Change Partners.		8 0: Opportunity Knocks.
2 0: Gardeners' Question Time.		8 30: Take Your Pick.
2 30: Symphony Concert.		9 0: This I Believe.
3 10: Short Story.		9 30: Cream of the Pops.
3 25: Concert (Part 2).		10 0: Record Rendezvous.
4 15: Can I Help You?		10 30: Sinatra.
4 30: Talking About Music.		11 0: Top Twenty.
5 0: Children.		
5 50: Money Matters.		AFN 344 metres
6 0: News.		6 0: CBS Radio Workshop.
6 15: Radio Newsreel.		6 25: This Fabled World.
6 45: Grand Hotel.		6 30: Adventures of the Abbots.
7 30: Letter from America.		7 0: News.
7 45: Christian Forum.		7 5: People are Funny.
8 25: Appeals.		7 30: Meet Corliss Archer.
8 30: Soames Forsyte, Esq.		7 55: World Affairs Report.
9 0: News.		8 0: Howard Barlow Presents.
9 15: People on the Move.		8 30: European Storybook.
10 15: Quartet.		9 0: Mitch Miller.
10 50: The Epilogue.		9 30: News and Sports.
		9 45: Cool Man's Mother Goose.
		10 0: Magic of Music.
		10 25: One for the Book.
		10 30: Westward Look.
		11 0: Boston Symphony.
		11 45: A Joy Forever.

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The first grave was unearthed by a mechanical excavator digging a hole for the school's underground boiler room. Others were found a few yards away under what will be the kitchen.

One grave was that of a warrior. Besides his skeleton was his spear, and an iron dagger was thrust in the remains of his leather belt.

"Judging by the size of his thigh-bones, he must have been a fantastically powerful man," said Mr. R. A. Kennedy, Assistant Curator of Brighton Museum. "This is one of the best series of associated Saxon finds the museum has recovered."

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ATHLETIC .....	2
HALIFAX .....	4
ROCHDALE .....	3
STOCKPORT COUNTY ...	0
WIGAN .....	3 0-6
OLDHAM .....	3 1-9
HULL K.R. ....	0 4-12
HORNETS .....	4 3-17

**FIRST DIVISION**

Arsenal 4, Manchester United 5.  
Aston Villa 1, Blackpool 1.  
Burnley 2, Chelsea 1.  
Everton 0, Luton 2.  
Newcastle 2, Sunderland 2.  
Preston 8, Birmingham 0.  
Sheffield Wed. 2, Tottenham 0.  
Wolverhampton 5, Leicester 1.

**SECOND DIVISION**

Bristol Rovers 3, Ipswich 1  
Derby 0, Blackburn 3  
Fulham 2, West Ham 2.  
Huddersfield 1, Grimsby 0  
Leyton Orient 1, Liverpool 0  
Lincoln 2, Notts County 2.  
Middlesbrough 3, Barnsley 1.  
Rotherham 0, Stoke 2  
Swansea 0, Sheffield United 2.

**THIRD DIVISION (North)**

Barrow 4, Bury 2.  
Bradford 1, Tranmere 0.  
Carlisle 2, Chesterfield 2.  
Darlington 2, Mansfield 0.  
Hartlepool 2, Gateshead 2  
Scunthorpe 2, Workington 2.  
Southport 2, Chester 4  
York 0, Accrington 3.

**THIRD DIVISION (South)**

Aldershot 2, Milwall 2.  
Colchester 3, Bournemouth 2  
Watford 1, Reading 1.

**SCOTTISH FA CUP**

(1st Round)  
Airdrie 3, Celtic 4.  
Albion 3, Berwick 1.  
Brechin 1, Montrose 1.  
Cowdenbeath 1, Rangers 3.  
East Fife 1, Hearts 2.  
East Stirlingshire 3, Motherwell 7.  
Falkirk 2, Hamilton 0.

**SCOTTISH LEAGUE (Div. I)**

Partick Thistle 1, Aberdeen 0  
Queen of South 1, Kilmarnock 2.

**SCOTTISH LEAGUE (Div. II)**

Arbroath 2, Stenhousemuir 0

**RUGBY LEAGUE**

Barrow 9, Swinton 7  
Castleford 19, Batley 7.  
Dewsbury 7, Huddersfield 10.  
Halifax 40, Doncaster 7.  
Hunslet 17, Bramley 9.  
Keighley 12, Hull 28.  
Leigh 33, Featherstone 5.  
Liverpool C. 9, Leeds 30.  
Salford 18, Whitehaven 3.  
Wakefield T. 17, St. Helens 12.  
Warrington 7, York B1  
Widnes 30, Blackpool B. 3  
Workington T. 9, Bradford N. 0.

**RU INTERNATIONALS**

England 9, Australia 6.  
Wales 8, Scotland 3

**OTHER MATCHES**

Dundee Utd. 0, Dundee 1  
Hibernian 3, Stirling A. 1

**A victory month  
Big bonus for  
Oldham team**

OLDHAM officials decided before the Wigan game today to offer the team a bonus if they won all the games in February.  
In addition to today's game Oldham have to play St. Helens away and also the first and second rounds of the Challenge Cup will be in this month.  
"If we have no defeats in February it means the Lancashire League and our position in the top four of the Northern League are 'in the bag' and we would also have reached the third round of the Cup," said an official.  
He added that the bonus to be shared between the team was "pretty substantial."

**Hornets fight back in an exciting finish at Hull**

**R**AY EVANS, who left the Athletic Grounds earlier in the season, was in the Hull Kingston Rovers side which opposed Hornets at Craven Park this afternoon. The visitors included Italian Ferdi Corsi on the wing and Jim Parr, on loan from Salford, at loose forward.

HULL K.R.: Kellett; D Scholes, Mageen, B Coulsen, Shaw; Riley, Evans; Coverdale, Tong, Sims, Holland, Griffith, Bangs.  
HORNETS: Cahill; Buxton, Jones, Short, Corsi; Chisnall, Fishwick; A Scholes, Dagnall, Hanson, Parsons, Bailey, Parr.  
Referee: Mr. R. L. Thomas (Oldham).  
Jones was short with a first-minute penalty kick awarded against Evans and keen tackling kept Rovers in their own half, where Fishwick, Parsons and Buxton raised a brisk but brief attack.  
JONES put Hornets ahead with a penalty goal which went in off the post.

Then Coulsen nipped in to kick a loose ball, and although the centre was checked by Cahill and Buxton, the ball went back to SHAW who scored an unimproved try, despite an effort by Corsi who had chased across from the opposite wing.

From a kick by Chisnall, after he had slipped past Riley, Buxton and Short were a split second late for the touchdown. From a cross-kick by Buxton, Mageen opened a movement and KELLETT was sent in for a try with the defence hopelessly spread. Kellett missed the goal.

**Ragged scrums**

The Rovers opened out play after a series of ragged scrums, and with more possession their backs looked dangerous. Mageen cut through in fine style and as he reached Cahill he gave a pass to SHAW, who had only a few yards to travel for the home side's third try.

Again, Kellett failed with the goal kick.

Then Jones broke away in a movement from the scrum, but when Corsi was put in possession he was well covered. The ball came into the middle again where BAILEY broke clear in his best style and finished over the Rovers' line. Jones was wide with the goal kick.

Short made a bad mistake as Rovers attacked again. He went for the interception and allowed Scholes to go through almost to the line, where the wingman gave a pass to RAY EVANS who scored a fourth try for Hull. Kellett's kick at goal hit an upright and came out.

Half-time:

HULL KR .....	0 4-12
HORNETS .....	1 1-5

A run by Parsons, supported by Fishwick and Chisnall, took Hornets well into the home quarter from the restart, but the ground was lost when Dagnall was penalised. Strong forward work placed Hornets on the defensive and Parr matched the Rovers' strog play with a relieving run followed by combined play by Parsons, Dagnall and Fishwick.

Although in possession for a long period, in which they showed the right spirit, Hornets could not find a way through until Hanson spotted a gap. But his pass went astray. During these exchanges, Chisnall was exercising his damaged knee.

A penalty goal by JONES put Hornets within five points of the Rovers.

Play continued keen and scrappy with very little to choose between the teams. One of the brightest bits was a solo run by Cahill, but he ran into tackle in the home quarter.

When Rovers came again, Hanson brought off a timely tackle. In the next Hornets' raid, Parsons tricked several defenders without being able to find support.

Once the ball went across the Hornets' line without ground being gained, and there was a stoppage for a caution to Dagnall for an offence at the scrum.

BUXTON raised Hornets' hopes

with an interception and an interception and an opportunist try, and JONES'S fine goal levelled the scores with only eight minutes to play.

Final:—

HULL K.R. ....	0 4-12
HORNETS .....	4 3-17

Late scorers: Hornets, SHORT (try), JONES (goal).

**At Watersheddings  
NOON-STIRRUP  
COMBINATION IN  
LIVELY 'A' TEAM**

**J**OHNIE NOON returned to teamsheet at left-centre for a full strength Oldham "A" team against Wigan "A" at Watersheddings, and he was soon in action.

Teaming up with veteran Frank Stirrup, who had moved to the left wing from his full-back position, these two put Oldham ahead after GRIFFITHS had kicked a 30-yard goal for Wigan "A."

Trying to break through in the 13th minute, Noon, sighting STIRRUP on the wing, slipped in a neat pass and watched him canter to the line where he grounded the ball under the posts. To finish off, NOON kicked the goal. But his kicking boots let him down a few minutes later when he missed a straight 40-yarder.

Half-time:—

Oldham "A" .....	1 2-8
Wigan "A" .....	1 0-2

Still reeling from the two lightning first-half tries, Wigan "A" did their best to squeeze Oldham out of the game. GRIFFITHS kicked another penalty goal a few minutes after the restart, and then Oldham repeated their first-half burst.

In a powerful, explosive spurt up the left wing Noon and Jones left the Wigan defenders flat-Jones passed to CARRUTHERS just in front of the line and left him to flash over. NOON converted with an easy goal.

Final:

Oldham "A" .....	3 3-15
Wigan "A" .....	3 1-9

Late scorers for Oldham "A": NOON goal; for Wigan GRIFFITHS goal and HOOOPER try.

**Trautmann keeps  
the score down**

West Bromwich were in brilliant form. Their fast-moving forwards were always a threat to a City defence which was held together by the good work of Trautman, in goal, and Barnes, at right-half.

Trautman made several good saves before KEVAN gave the lead in the 10th minute.

Although McADAMS equalised after 21 minutes, West Bromwich were always the superior side. Whitehouse hit the upright and Griff also hit the angle of the bar.

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**DAILEY'S HAT-TRICK  
AGAINST STOCKPORT**

**R**OCHDALE, back to full strength with Lockhart and Vizard back on the wings, were looking for their third double this season. They beat Stockport 3-0 at Edgeley Park. Within five minutes Rochdale were a goal up, after Stockport had been having an unhappy time in defence.

ROCHDALE: Jones; Ferguson, McCulloch; Grant, Glover, McGuigan; Lockhart, Wainwright, Dailey, Moran, Vizard.  
STOCKPORT: Grieves; Betts; Webb; Murray, Franklin, Clempson; Finney, Jackson, Holden, Mulvey, Davock.  
Referee: Mr L. Howarth (Beverley).  
Rochdale set off as if they meant business and after Franklin had been compelled to pass back to Grieves, and Betts had done the same, DAILEY took advantage of Rochdale's first real opportunity and the ball was in the net.

Franklin brought Moran down around the penalty spot, but the referee waved play on for the ball had come loose to Dailey. The Rochdale leader fastened on and crashed the ball passed Grieves.

It was not long before Rochdale made it two, for after 17 minutes some crafty work at a throw-in saw Lockhart left unmarked. His high centre for the far post found DAILEY'S head and in the net it went.

County responded with a raid by loan-wolf Holden, who beat three Rochdale defenders before putting in a shot which was worth a goal, but Jones got his fist to the ball and saved Rochdale.

Grieves made a great save at the other end when Vizard shot. Back in the Rochdale goalmouth Holden made a chance for Mulvey, but the Stockport man was beaten by force of numbers.

Dailey could have had his hat-trick when, going through like a rocket, he shot into the side netting and Moran could have made it three when he was left five yards out with Franklin on his left and Betts on his right. His shot—a hurried one—was off the target.

If there was an excuse for missing this one there was none for the next. Lockhart put Grieves out of the game when the goalkeeper went flat trying to make a cut-out of his centre.

Three yards out, no goalkeeper at home, the ball at his toes, Moran hit the crossbar.

Dailey was the lively lad in Rochdale's attack. He sent Wainwright through, but Grieves caught the ball with his toe as it looked certain to go into the net.

Quick to move to the ball, Rochdale had County in perpetual trouble, but they were not finding it easy to get the ball into a charmed Stockport net.

Half-time:

ROCHDALE .....	2
STOCKPORT COUNTY ...	0

Stockport were a little livelier after the interval and Rochdale had one or two troubled moments, but they came back with a raid in which Wainwright and Lockhart engineered a way through the County defence. Once again a bad shot finished their hopes.

Ferguson was knocked out when taking a header. For a moment the home defence was in deep water as Holden tried to blast his way through. Grant cleared the danger and, back on the attack, Rochdale got a free-kick close in but could not cash in on it.

ROCHDALE MADE IT THREE TEN MINUTES AFTER THE INTERVAL WHEN VIZARD BEAT BETTS ONCE AGAIN, AND SENT CENTRE-FORWARD DAILEY THROUGH.

Stockport should have been more in the picture than they were, but they were falling down when they got into the Rochdale penalty area where Glover and his colleagues worked liked trojans to keep them out.

Finney had a chance to score but from two yards range he shot tamely and Jones was able to push the ball out.

Back in the Stockport goalmouth, Rochdale, though not as potent as they had been, went on stirring up trouble, but they had no more goals and only a succession of near-misses to show for their industry.

Final:—

ROCHDALE .....	3
STOCKPORT COUNTY ...	0

**CLOSE GAME  
FOR RESERVES**

**C**HAYTOR moved across from centre-forward to inside-right and Marsh came in at centre-forward for Reserves. They played open, hard-kicking tactics to start with, but their passing was inaccurate, and soon turned into fussy ball play.

After Burns had hit the post, after a deceptive centre from Bazley, it was Horwich's turn to attack but poor finishing lost them several promising chances.

After an indecisive period, the Reserves broke through again and an unnecessary complicated piece of approach work ended with Chaytor heading over the bar.

In the 28th minute, centre-forward in the 28th minute, centre-forward CRAWSHAW put Horwich ahead by deflecting a ball over Dodd's head. CHAYTOR equalised shortly before half-time.

Half-time:—

Horwich .....	1
Reserves .....	1

**★ Continued from Front Page  
OLDHAM RUGBY**

quarter and kept the home side busy defending. But despite moving the ball quickly they couldn't break through. Then at a scrum 40 yards from the line Wigan were penalised. Ganley, although he had the distance, sent the ball wide.

A minute later Wigan were again penalised. This time Ganley was five yards nearer to the line but the kick went wide. There was more trouble for Wigan on the other side of the field, and this time GANLEY put the ball over for a goal.

Final:

WIGAN .....	3 0-6
OLDHAM .....	3 1-9

Attendance 30,754. Receipts £3,069.

**Wakefield fight back  
against 4-try Saints**

After opening the scoring with a penalty goal by FOX, Wakefield Trinity saw the speedy Saints score tries through VOLLENHOVEN (2), MURPHY and LARGE. Rhodes could not convert any of them.

Five minutes before the interval Wakefield came back into the game with a try by ROLLIN, to which FOX added the points.

Half-time: Wakefield 7, St. Helens 12.

**FIRST DIVISION**

Bolton 0, Leeds 2.  
Manchester C. 4, WBA 1  
Notts Forest 2, Portsmouth 0  
**SECOND DIVISION**  
Charlton 3, Cardiff 1.  
Doncaster 2, Bristol City 1.  
**THIRD DIVISION (North)**  
Crewe 1, Hull 2.  
Wrexham 1, Bradford City 1.  
**THIRD DIVISION (South)**  
Brentford 2, Walsall 1.  
Crystal Palace 3, Shrewsbury 0.  
Newport 4, Queen's PR 2.  
Norwich 0, Brighton 0.  
Northampton 3, Swindon 0.  
Port Vale 3, Exeter 2.  
Southampton 2, Southend 2.  
Torquay 1, Coventry 0.  
Plymouth 2, Gillingham 1.

**SCOTTISH FA CUP (1st Round)**

Allea 0, Dunfermline 2  
Ayr 1, St. Mirren 1.  
Dumbarton 0, Clyde 5  
Raith 4, Peebles Rovers 0  
Stranraer 6, Eyemouth United 2.

**SCOTTISH LEAGUE (Div. I)**

St. Johnstone 1, Morton 5.  
Horwich ..... 3 || Athletic Reserves ..... | 2 |
| Bardsley 4, Block Lane 2. Chirnside U. 0, Third Lanark 4. |

**DONCASTER 4 30. Result:**  
Shute Up (G Scott) 1.  
Chambrinus (Mr R Davis) 2.  
G.R.B. (Mr R Bewis) 8.  
4/9 fav., 25/1, 7/1. 12 ran.  
Oldham RU 9, Orrell 14.  
Oldham Ex. "A" 8, Sedgley Park 6.  
Oldham Colts 33, Sedgley Park 0.