

DISPUTED TRY GIVES GAME TO ST. HELENS

Athletic lose mud battle

THE Boundary Park pitch was almost under water, with heavy rain falling, for the visit of Accrington. Athletic made one late change, bringing in John Bazley at inside-left for Peter Neale. It was Bazley's first appearance for about four months.

ATHLETIC: Teece; Murphy, West; Hobson, Muir, Thompson; Walker, Spurdle, Murphy, Bazley, Over.
ACCRINGTON: McInnes; McNicol, Harrower; Tighe, Stones, Sneddon; H. Anders, Mulkerrin, Stewart, Storey, J. Anders.
 Referee: Mr. A. Murdoch (Sheffield).

With water spraying up each time the ball bounced, Athletic went away on the left but McNicol came across to break up the raid.

The rain was still pouring down, drenching the players and making the ball almost impossible to move on the waterlogged ground.

Accrington gained two more corners in this early spell and then Bazley came away with a good run down the middle. McInnes came in to collect and then Spurdle fed Murray, but the centre-forward shot just outside.

Athletic were back in the game, however, and in succession Over and Bazley tested McInnes with long shots and then Athletic's inside-left hooked in another shot which flashed across the face of the goal.

After 15 minutes however, Accrington took the lead with a great goal following a breakaway on the left.

Accrington splash way to victory

Jimmy Anders scooped the ball out of the mud to put over a perfect centre and up went MULKERRIN to head the ball in off a post.

A minute later Athletic might have been level as Murray barged his way through the centre but was checked only a yard from goal.

Stuck in the mud

Mulkerrin was again close to grabbing a goal as he splashed his way through the centre on the heels of West but Athletic's full-back had turned the ball round for a corner at the last minute.

Accrington kept up their bid, however, winning a second corner with West again turning the ball behind, and when Athletic did get away with Over making the running a final pass from Bazley to Walker got stuck in the mud.

Eventually Hobson managed to send Walker away but McInnes safely gathered the winger's cross and it was Murray who finished in the back of the net when he tried to charge the Accrington keeper over the line.

Muir held off a challenge by Stewart for Teece to gather but Accrington won yet another corner as West robbed Harry Anders.

From the kick Storey took the full force of a Thompson clearance in the face and was led to the touch line for treatment.

Minutes before half-time Athletic made a determined raid and it was only luck which kept the Accrington goal intact. Murray carried the ball the ball through, slipped it to Over but the inside left's shot struck McInnes as he came out to smother and when Bazley whipped the ball back McNicol cleared off the line. Seconds later Spurdle put a left foot shot over the top.

Half-time:

ATHLETIC 0
 ACCRINGTON STANLEY . 1

On the waterlogged pitch both sides had found it impossible to play football but Accrington had certainly adapted themselves better to the atrocious conditions. Repeatedly Athletic's attack had broken down when the ball was passed close, whereas Accrington had relied on a policy of long kicking and chase. Playing towards the Chadderton end Athletic had had the heavy rain in their face, although having the benefit of the slope.

After the ref had consulted his linesmen during the interval he decided play should go on and Accrington must have been particularly pleased with the decision. A minute after the restart they had increased their lead.

They went straight into the attack down the left and when Sneddon collected he slipped the ball through to MULKERRIN, who cleverly pivoted to smash the ball home.

The goal was a real shock for Athletic, but they came away with Spurdle and Murray combining to send out a pass for Walker.

The winger's cross fell behind, however, and in the next minute when Murray whipped the ball across the goal mouth. Over was a couple of feet short of getting to it.

Tommy's great run

From the corner Teece had to punch clear and then came a great run by Tommy Walker, which should have brought Athletic a goal. He cut right into the centre, finally slipping the ball to Bazley and when the inside-left shot McInnes could only stop and not hold the ball.

Walker ran on to the rebound but his shot struck the prostrate keeper and as the ball came out again Murray flashed in a drive which was headed behind.

Again Athletic were in trouble as Muir and Teece dallied with the ball but Athletic's skipper recovered to concede a corner. They came away but again the move broke down on the left where Bazley had now changed with Over on the wing.

Athletic, however, were making no impression on the tough Stanley defence and two shots from Spurdle and then Bazley were charged down on the edge of the area.

Murray forced a corner on the right, but again the ball was blocked out by a solid wall of red shirts, and away went Accrington with Mulkerrin letting slip a great opportunity to notch his hat-trick.

From ten yards the Stanley inside forward blazed well over the top, with only Teece to beat.

With the crowd already moving out of the ground, Teece made two daring saves, diving first at the feet of Stewart and then minutes later snatching the ball from Mulkerrin's toes.

In the 86th minute Accrington increased their lead in a breakaway move. West attempted to pass back when challenged by Mulkerrin and HARRY ANDERS, the little outside right, nipped through to rob Teece and crash the ball into an empty net.

Final:

ATHLETIC 0
 ACCRINGTON STANLEY . 3
 Attendance 5,850.

ST. HELENS played their new signing from Huddersfield, Brian Briggs, in the second row for their home game against Oldham today. Howard came in for Price at out-half and Large moved into left-centre, with Steve Llewellyn as his wing partner. Oldham chose Dick Cracknell for the right-wing position.

ST. HELENS: Moses; Vollenhoven, Greenall, Large, Llewellyn; Howard, Murphy; Prescott, McKinney, A. Terry, Silcock, Briggs, Karalius.

OLDHAM: Ganley; Cracknell, Ayres, Davies, Eddy; Daley, Pitchford; Jackson, Keith, Vines, Winslade, Little, Turner.
 Referee: Mr. R. Gelder (Wakefield).

Driving rain swept across the pitch as St. Helens kicked off. Little took the ball and broke away in his own half and when Turner took possession he kicked upfield. Two quick scrums followed. When Daley fumbled the ball, Large kicked it through to the Oldham half, but Ayres fell on it to stop the danger.

St. Helens regained possession and for several minutes they piled

No 'A' team game

Heavy rain just before the kick-off and a night of drizzle waterlogged the Watersheddings ground where Oldham "A" and St. Helens "A" were due to play their Lancashire Combination match this afternoon. The referee postponed the match.

on a vicious attack. In one raid Prescott sent Silcock away. Daley and Davies, however, smothered him before he could pass on to Greenall.

Then after another great Silcock raid, St. Helens fumbled and were penalised for off-side a minute later. Ganley made a big kick down the field but the ball ran dead.

Despite the poor conditions both sides were keeping the game open, with St. Helens doing the bulk of the attacking. But throughout a five-minute barrage the Oldham defence held firm.

In the 16th minute Oldham were penalised for handling in the scrum. From 26 yards, Large hit the upright with a kick and although Terry got to the ball for St. Helens he could not retain possession.

Bright attack

Soon afterwards Oldham made a rare visit to the Saints' quarter. The chance came when they were awarded a penalty and Ganley found touch. Oldham won the scrum and gave St. Helens a fright with a bright attack by Pitchford.

The danger ended promptly when Ayres was penalised for passing the ball after he was tackled.

Inside two minutes Oldham got

a let-off. Large broke away on the left, but, with the defence wobbling, Llewellyn could not hold the ball when it went to him.

In the 26th minute St. Helens were awarded a penalty 26 yards from Oldham's line. Again Large tried for a goal, but his kick went wide.

Oldham, too, tried for a goal in the 30th minute. The Saints were penalised for off-side but, from 45 yards, Ganley was well out.

Seconds later St. Helens again were in trouble for off-side, GANLEY kicked for goal, and although only one touch judge put up his flag the referee awarded the goal.

Then six minutes from the interval St. Helens got a shock try. It followed a scrum near to Oldham's line. The ball came out and crossed the line but Pitchford touched it dead.

MURPHY THEN DIVED ON THE BALL AND TO THE AMAZEMENT OF THE CROWD REFEREE GELDER AWARDED A TRY. WITH OLDHAM STILL PROTESTING LARGE ADDED A GOOD GOAL.

Oldham kicked deep from the kick-off and were promptly awarded a penalty. From 25 yards Ganley was wide with his attempt at goal.

Seconds later Oldham had a try disallowed. Daley went over the line but the referee had stopped play for off-side.

Half-time:

ST. HELENS 1 1-5
 OLDHAM 1 0-2

With the edge on scrum possession, St. Helens had done most of the first-half attacking. They had also been helped by some poor Oldham handling. The shock try should clearly not have been allowed to St. Helens, but the referee had ignored the protests of Oldham's players.

Heavy rain was still falling when the teams came out for the second half.

St. Helens took possession from the kick-off and were promptly threatening. Silcock made a great break on the right, but when he passed to Llewellyn, the winger was promptly pushed into touch in Oldham "25."

Oldham followed up with their own attack. After good work by

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FA CUP 5th ROUND

LOFTHOUSE PUT BOLTON AHEAD

Fifteen minutes before the start at Bolton, Referee Topliss inspected the ground, much of which was covered in water after torrential rain.

A Higgins clearance stuck in the quagmire and let in King, who shot straight at Hopkinson in the Bolton goal.

Bolton kept up heavy pressure and several free-kicks were awarded against Stoke. After one of these, Lofthouse hit the upright with a glorious header.

LOFTHOUSE put the Wanderers ahead after 32 minutes. Hennin started the movement, taking the ball off Wilshaw and swinging it upfield to Stevens, who slipped the ball through to Lofthouse. He gave Hall no chance from short range. The goal seemed inevitable, so hard had Bolton been pressing.

Minutes before the interval, King netted for Stoke, but the referee had blown for hands by a Bolton defender seconds before.

Half-time: Bolton 1, Stoke nil.

Fulham, West Ham slug it out

West Ham went ahead after 90 seconds of the London Cup "derby" game.

In a fierce assault, the Fulham left-back, Langley, miskicked, and GRICE scored with a cross, drive from 20 yards.

West Ham's speed troubled Fulham, and from Payke's centre Dicks headed on to the bar and over.

After 12 minutes Fulham equalised. Stevens put DWIGHT through and the winger cleverly lobbed the ball over Gregory's head.

Play continued fast and exciting, with both sides taking every opportunity to shoot. Dwight sent a terrific shot just wide for West Ham and Chamberlain twice brought the best out of Gregory.

Haynes began to prompt Fulham, for whom Hill and Chamberlain were dangerous forwards, and it was well for West Ham that Brown, at centre-half, played splendidly.

Half-time: West Ham 1, Fulham 1.

Wolves outclass Darlington

On a soft pitch Wolves missed an early chance, Broadbent hooking the ball over from six yards out. Offside spoiled other good moves by the fast and eager home attack.

Wolves wasted more openings. Deeley from a Mullen corner-kick drove hopelessly wide.

In the 32nd minute, Wolverhampton broke through and scored. Deeley made amends for earlier errors by providing an opening, and MURRAY flicked the ball side-footed into the net.

Wolves were awarded a penalty when Mason came down, but Turner saved Clamp's kick, the ball striking the goalkeeper's legs as he dived.

Wolves kept striking with power, and MURRAY, in the 41st minute, headed a second goal from Deeley's centre. BROADBENT kicked a third goal on the stroke of the interval. Darlington were outclassed.

Half-time: Wolverhampton 3, Darlington 0.

Missed chances by Scunthorpe's Haig

Scunthorpe kicked off and right-winger Marriott raced through and ran the ball over the by-line, then Scunthorpe were obliged to start all over again, because Marriott started his run before the game was set in motion.

Haig created the opening which should have brought a Scunthorpe goal. He carried the ball to the by-line and cut it back to Waldoock who shot a few inches wide. Only a last-second tackle robbed Liddell as the Liverpool captain bore down on the Scunthorpe goal.

Jones put a perfect pass into the stride of Haig but the Scunthorpe inside-left's shot was high and wide. Then Liddell nearly put Liverpool ahead in the dying moments of the half. A piece of quick thinking took him past centre-half Horstead and goalkeeper Hardwick in one move, but the angle was too narrow and his shot struck the side netting.

Half-time: Scunthorpe 0, Liverpool 0.

MEET THE ALL-ROUNDER

He's quite a lad—equally at home as jerseyed footballer or rugger man, grasping a cue or wielding a racket. You'll see him on the badminton court and in the hockey field, throwing a nifty dart, and scooping a celluloid ball over the table-net. We know; we supplied his equipment, and he wants the best!



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RECALLING THE 1946 BIG RACE WINNER

Here's a jumper with a great chance at Lincoln

FABULOUS SAM SNEAD

In these winter months when the golf scene is at its quietest, Mr. E. Stott, of Oldham, has been reminiscing and provides our readers with the following tribute to Sam Snead, one of the famous golfers of all time.



He has won 96 major tournaments

THE year 1937 was a vintage one for American golf, for it saw the entry into the tournament of Samuel Jackson Snead. From Virginia, he is probably named after that legendary hero of the Civil War, Stonewall Jackson. It is conceivable that the odd boy in the South has not heard of Jackson, but you will be fortunate to find one to whom the feats of Slammin' Sam are unknown.

He is celebrated for his power driving, which for 20 years has been among the longest in the world. On the other hand, authorities like Cotton and Nelson consider his iron play as even superior to his tee shots.

These combined assets would seem to make him unbeatable, but unlike one or two of his contemporaries, who have turned themselves into automatons, he has been known to falter for no apparent reason when more than one championship has lain at his mercy.

This flaw in temperament, lack of thought, call it what you will, is most marked when he is compared with his great rival Ben Hogan, the only golfer of his time whose record is comparable. Hogan's approach to an important round is much more cold and methodical than Snead's.

Never won US Open

This may be explained by the fact that Hogan had many weary years of frustration before he reached the top, whereas Snead was a newcomer when he won the Oakland Open in 1937 with a brilliant 270. This was his first full tournament year, and he also finished second in the "Open," made the Ryder Cup team, and was third money winner. So he started at the top and has been there ever since.

It may seem a quibble to speak of a man faltering when his record includes a British open, three USA Masters and three PGA's, to say

nothing of three Canadian Opens and a host of other tournaments. They total 96 in all, surely a record that will stand for a long time, if not for ever.

It is when we consider the USA Open that we come to the tragedy of Snead's career. To an American, this is the major prize, and Snead has never won it, though he has been second four times—1937-47-49-53.

It was in 1939, however, that he had his greatest disappointment. Although he three-putted on the 17th green in the last round, he still only needed a par five to win the championship outright. At this dog leg, his drive was too long and finished in the rough. He did not know what score he had to get, and so tried to reach the green with a wood. This did not rise sufficiently and left him a bad bunker lie. He took five to the green and then three-putted, a tragic ending to four splendid rounds.

IN 1949 HE WAS ONE STROKE BEHIND MIDDLECOFF. HAD HE PULLED IT OFF HE WOULD HAVE COMPLETED A UNIQUE TREBLE, FOR HE WON THE MASTERS AND PGA THAT YEAR.

In Ryder Cup play he has appeared six times—I only recall Gene Sarazen with a similar record—and he has lost only one single

LANGTON HEATH may become one of the leading fancies for the Lincolnshire Handicap if, as his trainer, T. Griffiths, expects, he wins another race or two over hurdles in the meantime. At Windsor early this month he raced home 20 lengths in front of the second horse, Pink Pen! And he might have won the last race today at Lingfield Park, writes The Ringer.

Explaining that Langton Heath was put to hurdle racing this winter principally as a means of keeping him fit during the winter, Griffiths says that the horse has improved a great deal and should have a better season on the flat this year than in the last two.

He has won only two of his 19 races under Jockey Club rules, but they were seven-furlong and one-mile races so the Lincoln distance should be ideal. His sire Langton Abbot was also a four-year-old when he won the Lincolnshire Handicap easily in 1946, carrying 8st. 2lb.

Some horses thrive on the National Hunt game, and several "Lincoln" winners have found it a grand preparation for the season's first big race.

Langton Heath has 7st. 5lb. and this will be reduced a few pounds by B. Jago, one of last year's most successful apprentices, claiming the allowance.

Another Lincolnshire Handicap candidate, Opera Score, which is trained by S. Palmer for racing under National Hunt rules, changes stables this week, and will be

and one foursome, both one down. His victims included Cotton, Burton and Faulkner—all British Open champions. Teamed with Mangrum in the foursomes, they were a nightmare to England's best.

He has represented USA three times in the Canada Cup, the team finishing first, second and third. At the age of 43 in last season's Cup match in Japan, he was joint second with 281 in the individual placings. Not bad for a veteran of 43 matched against the cream of modern golf, many of them little more than half his age.

It is probable that we have seen the last of that matchless swing in England, which is a matter for regret, although I doubt whether this sentiment will be shared by our top golfers.

Lastly, if Sam needs any consolation for any omissions apparent in this great record, his bank balance will provide it, for he is said to be the richest of them all.

trained for his flat-racing engagements by J. Calvert at Thirsk.

So far no jockey has been booked, but connections hope to get one of F. Armstrong's apprentices. Calvert's other entry in the Lincolnshire Handicap is the Newcastle-owned, Regal Rock, which will be ridden by Kenneth Glover.

THE former Irish steeplechaser Athenian, now in Cazlet's stable, is gradually getting back to Grand National form. Last year it jumped the Aintree course brilliantly till in the second circuit he fell—as the form book says he was "well there at the 27th fence."

By running up to the neck of the strongly-fancied Polar Flight recently, Athenian demonstrated his definite high class. With Ancil riding he should again be a "National" danger to all.

CATCH OF THE DAY

Birmingham winner from the Newmarket trained Kathiwar before failing at Leicester, is fit and should return to favour over the Midland course in the Stoneygate Hurdle Race on Monday. The Charnwood Handicap Hurdle looks good for the versatile Turk's Blood, which, under Jockey Club rules, separated Nicholas Nickleby and Dutton in the Midland Cambridgeshire at Birmingham early last November. Solbay should win the Hunters' Chase (2 30).

Next week's racing fixtures:—Monday and Tuesday: Leicester. Wednesday: Worcester and Plumpton. Thursday: Worcester. Friday: Sandown Park and Catterick Bridge. Saturday: Sandown, Catterick and Warwick.

Easy win for McTaggart

At Copenhagen last night, Dick McTaggart (Dundee), Olympic lightweight champion, had an easy win here when boxing for an RAF team. He outpointed Benny Madsen (Copenhagen) over three rounds and was on top throughout the fight.

BRIDGE QUIZ

By Ewart Kempson

YOU are West. Game all; dealer North.

♠ K Q
♥ J 7 5 4 3
♦ A K
♣ K J 3 2

♠ A 3
♥ A K 10 9
♦ Q 10 7
♣ A Q 10 7

North East South West
1♥ No 3♣ No
4♠ No No Dble

West led the ace then the three of spades, East playing the seven and eight. Dummy led the three of hearts after winning the second spade and South's eight was taken by West who led the seven of diamonds, dummy winning. Dummy led the four of hearts, South trumped and led the five of clubs. Which club should West play, and why?

My Solution: West should play the ace of clubs, the reason being that South is marked with seven spades and one heart. If South happens to hold two clubs the contract cannot be defeated. Complete deal:—

♠ K Q
♥ J 7 5 4 3
♦ A K
♣ K J 3 2

♠ A 3
♥ A K 10 9
♦ Q 10 7
♣ A Q 10 7

♠ 8 7
♥ Q 6 2
♦ 9 8 4 3
♣ 9 8 6 4

♠ J 10 9 6 5 4 2
♥ 8
♦ J 6 5 2
♣ 5

By playing the ace of clubs West will also make a diamond and so defeat the contract. Having made the club West leads a diamond, dummy's king of clubs merely providing South with a useless discard.

A handy pocket-sized Contract Bridge score chart has been produced by "The Star." Copies are available on application by postcard to: Bridge Score Chart, "The Star," Bouverie-street, EC4.

SPORTS TEASERS

BY THE STUDENT

LAST week we had an MP with a race-training permit, this week it's an MP referee. Score two points for number one and one each for numbers two and three. A score of three is good going.

TEASER NUMBER ONE

Name an MP who is also a Football League referee.

TEASER NUMBER TWO

Oldham have a chance of winning four cups this season. Name three other RL teams who have done this in one season.

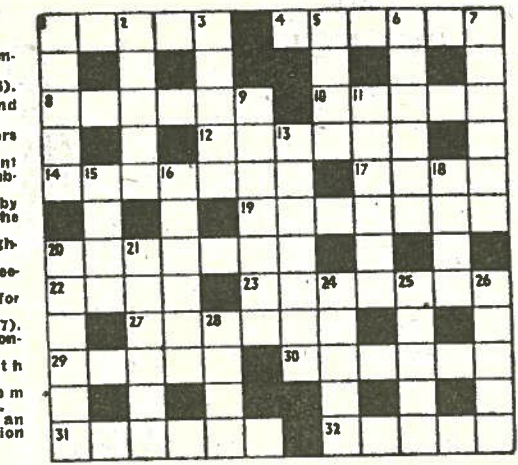
TEASER NUMBER THREE

Whose racing colours are bronze jacket with Kingfisher blue sleeves? Answers on Page 3.

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ACROSS

- 1 Souvenir (5).
- 4 Unseemly commotion (6).
- 8 Secret vote (6).
- 10 Move up and down (5).
- 12 Old soldiers (6).
- 14 Important dietary substance (7).
- 17 Possessed by one long in the tooth? (4).
- 19 Urban highways (7).
- 20 Wage disagreement? (7).
- 22 Beverages for sale! (4).
- 23 Taking out (7).
- 27 Direction controller (6).
- 29 Affect with pain (5).
- 30 Bill from America (6).
- 31 Getting up an in a reaction (6).
- 32 Tally (5).



DOWN

- 1 Freshen one's memory (3, 2).
- 2 Pet name for a film star (5).
- 3 Selected (5).
- 5 Sky bear (4).
- 6 Follow up (6).
- 7 Fillets, perhaps (6).
- 9 Turned round and round (7).
- 11 Puts into words (6).
- 13 Joined in a competition (7).
- 15 Bird run over by a train (4).
- 16 Overturns (4, 2).
- 18 K.O. (4).
- 20 Red for this (6).
- 21 Cycle, but not bicycle (6).
- 24 Are noisy people particularly susceptible to it? (5).
- 25 Go-slow merchant? (5).
- 28 Stuff (5).
- 28 A rural type, perhaps (4).

YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION.—Across: 3, Minstrel. 8, Ives. 9, Response. 11, Cordials. 13, Lees. 15, Indolent. 18, Estrange. 19, Arch. 21, Cascades. 25, Employee. 26, Term. 27, Trinkets. Down: 1, Disc. 2, Gear. 4, Idea. 5, Saps. 6, Range. 7, Leeds (United). 9, Rifle. 10, Slant. 12, Owner. 14, Eagle. 16, Essay. 17, Trace. 19, Agent. 20, Capri. 21, Cork. 22, Seat. 23, Duel. 24, Same.

River booked up in winter

THE Chadderton Angling Club's trip to Hazleford on March 9 has had to be cancelled. A letter from the club that holds the fishing rights on this stretch of the Trent states that the whole section is booked on that day.

Surely this is a sign of the times and shows how popular angling has become when a small match cannot be arranged IN WINTER.

The Fisherton length below the weir was offered, but was turned down because of the thick froth which often covers the river there, to depths ranging from 1in. to 3ft., after the detergent suds have been whisked up by the waterfall.

The Chadderton club have, therefore, decided to run a short trip on that day to Leigh Flashes and Carr Mill Dam. All entries should be sent to the secretary, Mr. J. Goodwin, Cowhill, Chadderton.

LAST Sunday's winter match trip to Martin Delph (Lincs.) met with misfortune from the start. To begin with, another club were holding a match in the chosen venue, so alternative arrangements had to be quickly made in the main river. Eventually the match started about 9.30 a.m. in a river that was running fast and carrying rafts of cut weeds. Conditions were not very promising, but at 10 a.m. the last straw came when a blizzard began to blow and the day

Angling Notes by KB

developed into one of the worst experienced on the winter trips.

Fishing the match became a farce according to one member, and only a handful of anglers fished until the final whistle. The only fish caught were a few roach and a small bream.

Next week the club revert to their favourite spots, Tattersall and Chapel Hill. A prize of £4 is to be awarded for the best pike caught. All entries should be sent to the secretary, Mr. N. Whitworth, 3 Stottfield, Royton.

THE blank winter days of the trout anglers are nearly over, for on March 15 trout-fishing opens in many places in the North of England. The days between now and then should be used in preparing tackle for the coming season.

Mono-filament lines and fly lines can be washed in warm, soapy water, laid in loops on newspaper and greased. Spinners and lines can be cleaned and repainted, all traces of rust should be removed from swivels, and a slight trace of oil given to the moving parts.

Rods should be examined, and worn and broken rings replaced,

as nothing injures a line worse than a rough ring and nothing is more exasperating than to lose a fish on a line cut by a sharp rod ring.

On fly rods a layer of grease will often build up during a season on rod rings, this should be removed before using the rod again, as it exerts immense braking power on the casting of the line.

Finally, for the do-it-yourself anglers, a good floatant for flies can easily be made by dissolving white vaseline in cigarette-lighter fuel.

MANY members of Oldham Central have not yet given their requirements for the annual prize-giving dinner. Entries of members and wives for the annual prize-giving dinner. Entries of members and wives should be sent to Mr. Whitworth, 3 Stottfield, Royton, as soon as possible so that adequate arrangements may be made.

THE annual general meeting of the Oldham Lyceum Anglers will be held at the Lyceum on February 27 (8 p.m.). Members are requested to send notices of motion to the secretary, Mr. H. Brooks, 617 Huddersfield Road, Oldham, as soon as possible so that they may be included on the agenda.

THEATRE NEWS

by C. W. INGHAM

A girl who's in two plays at once

IF hard work and personal sacrifices are worth as much in the theatre as people say, well, look out for Wendy Craig. She is a shining blonde of 22 and "wildly delighted" just now because she is "madly busy."

Every morning Wendy rehearses for "The Sport of My Mad Mother," due at the Royal Court on February 25. That curious title was taken by authoress Ann Jellicoe from a Hindu hymn.

Every afternoon Wendy does a quick turn-round in her mind—and takes lunch on the run.

The she turns up for the John Osborne-Anthony Creighton play, "Epitaph for George Dillon," at the Royal Court. The story is about a young man who thinks himself a genius

Both Wendy's parts are long, important—and very, very different.

In "Epitaph," Wendy is the Cockney niece of Yvonne Mitchell. In "The Sport," she is an Australian and the highly-feminine leader of a gang of Teddy Boys.

"Epitaph" ends as Wendy is about to have a baby. During "The Sport" she has a baby on stage, out of sight behind a sheet. All very confusing, especially the accents and the babies.

In private life Wendy, a farmer's daughter, is married and has a real baby, age ten months.

Wendy: "I get up at seven every day and do housework. That gives me a chance to play with baby, otherwise I'd scarcely ever see him.

"He's a darling. We spell his name Alaster because my brother is Alastair and nobody ever gets it right. They don't even spell my son's name properly, either.

"I'd never be able to get through home and theatre work but for the help of a German girl student. She's fine and I know Alaster is safe with her. I love bathing him—when I can get home in time.

"It's a bit fluttering to be in two plays at once and run a home. But my husband helps. I almost forget sometimes which play is which; but I'm happy and that's the big thing, isn't it?"

Wendy's enthusiasm is infectious and wonderful. You'll see the point about sacrifices?

EASIER by far, though still not without problems, is the position of Yolande Turner, a shapely South African who changed her name from Turnbull "because people said it wasn't attractive."

She makes her first West End appearance in "Roseland," a suspense play with music, at the St. Martin's. She has a great chance.

Anthony Pelissier, son of Fay Compton, is the author and director. Roseland is a dance hall, and music from it comes in waves to the dockside apartment which is the setting.

Meriel Forbes, wife of Sir Ralph Richardson, is "an ex-crooner with a heart of gold—one of those Cockney parts again." As she bustles through the housework, she sings "This Day," one of the dance numbers she can hear.

Her husband in the play is Michael Gough, a pianist and music arranger connected with the band across the road.

Miss Turner lives in a dream-dance world, almost film-like with incident. She doesn't wear a lot of clothes some of the time and you can perhaps get a clue to events from her song "That This Should Happen To Me."

Quake year

Basle Observatory recorded 502 earth tremors in 1957, by far the greatest number since recordings began in 1933.

Answers To Sports Teasers

TEASER NUMBER ONE

Mr. Denis Howell, MP for All Saints Division of Birmingham. He was in charge of the fourth-round cup-tie between Bristol Rovers and Burnley.

TEASER NUMBER TWO

Hunslet, Huddersfield and Swinton. Come on, Oldham, get cracking!

TEASER NUMBER THREE

Billy Nevett, former jockey ('Cock o'th' North') now preparing to start his first season as a trainer. It may be a case of first time lucky.

'Vice and Virtue'— Leigh and Bloom

CLAIRE BLOOM has returned to London to co-star with Vivien Leigh in the new play, "Vice and Virtue," which opens in Newcastle on March 3, and then tours Edinburgh, Liverpool and Manchester before a London run.

"Vice and Virtue" is adapted from the Giradoux play in French by Christopher Fry, author of "The Lady's Not For Burning," in which Claire Bloom scored her first big London stage success in the John Gielgud production.

Still in her mid-twenties, Claire Bloom has starred in films opposite many of the world's most celebrated actors, including Charles Chaplin, Laurence Olivier, James Mason, John Gielgud and Richard Burton.

Since she left for the United States in 1957, she has blossomed in the American entertainment world, where she had already been acclaimed in the American country-wide release of "Richard III" and in the Broadway run of "Romeo and Juliet," one of her greatest successes at the Old Vic in London.

During the past year Claire Bloom has completed the role of the tormented Katya opposite Yul Brynner and Maria Schell in MGM's "The Brothers Karamazov," followed by a complete departure from her usual type of role as Bonnie Brown, the tigerish, brawling, knife-tossing daughter of a pirate captain, in a Paramount's lusty subject, "The Buccaneer," again opposite Yul Brynner.

She started the year 1958 by scoring a signal success in the NBC live television drama, "Beauty and the Beast," and has further screen and television assignments in America following her new stage role.

Stolen goods sold to owner

A young thief in Buenos Aires tried to sell eleven men's bathing suits and four towels which he had just stolen from a swimming pool. One of his customers was the owner of the pool.

FASHION TAKES FLIGHT



THE swept-back wings of the Comet jetliner provided the idea for this new hat—called "Jet"—worn by Ann Gyrsting during a recent preview at 25 Brooks Mews, Davies Street, London, of the Spring hat collections of Gina Davies. This is a "half and half" hat of black and burning red straw, the sweep of the brim suggesting flight.

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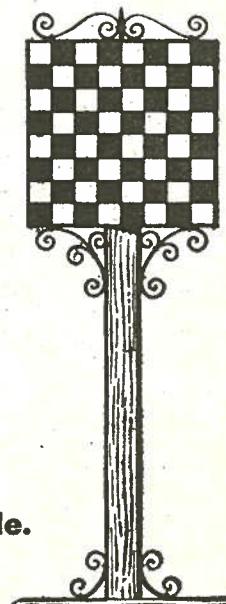


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RISING STAR AT PARAMOUNT



RICHARD KILEY, a noted stage and television actor, stars in Paramount's exciting and colourful "Spanish Affair." It is his most important assignment to date.

Kiley, whose Broadway shows include "A Streetcar Named Desire," "Kismet" and "Time Limit," is teamed with a Spanish beauty, Carmen Sevilla.

'PARIS HOLIDAY' IS BOB HOPE'S PRODUCTION

"PARIS HOLIDAY," Bob Hope's first endeavour as a producer, opens in London this month, and if the Technirama-Technicolor production proves to be the craziest film of his career, it will be no accident. That is exactly what the comic intended and is the reason for the selection of Fernandel as co-star.

Hope's last picture, "Beau James," was an experimental dip into a straight acting role for the comedian and in order to reassure fans he has not forsaken comedy, he and his writing staff put long hours of consideration into making "Paris Holiday" his funniest.

In the film, Hope not only portrays a character similar to his real-life personality, but many of the funniest situations in the picture are taken from things that actually happened to him.

Anita Ekberg and Martha Hyer co-star with Hope and Fernandel.

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MICHAEL REDGRAVE, starring in "The Quiet American," is out of patience with actors who always play themselves, no matter what role they are in.

Says Redgrave bluntly, "The true actor is at home only when he is not himself."

Redgrave plays a cynical English journalist—definitely not himself—in "The Quiet American," in which he stars with Audie Murphy, Claude Dauphin and Giorgia Moll.

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AN actor has this bit of dialogue to say to Elvis Presley in a key scene of "King Creole": "Hey, you're not going out in the rain, are you? Might ruin your voice." (Thinks it over) "And then again, might help it."

Film stars are the world's most devoted fans

THE most devoted film fans in the world are — the stars themselves. Take Rock Hudson. He says the greatest single influence on his career was the series of Jon Hall-Dorothy Lamour adventure films of two decades ago. "Jon Hall," says Rock, "was the man who made me want to be a star. I've never forgotten him."

Hudson, who stars with Cyd Charisse in Universal-International's colourful sea saga, "Twilight for the Gods," has two other screen favourites—Charles Laughton and Jose Ferrer. But his No. 1 idol, as a matter of pure sentiment, remains the moustachioed South Seas hero with the magnetic smile.

Dorothy Malone can't decide who has stirred her heart the most since she has been going to the pictures—John Barrymore or Rossano Brazzi. It's a toss-up.

Jock Mahoney, the tough ex-stuntman who forsakes the western saddle to portray a German soldier in Universal-International's "A Time To Love And A Time To Die," still reveres a two-fisted he-man who knows how to ride a horse. Jock is a fan of such varied personalities as John Wayne and Audie Murphy.

Meanwhile, Murphy continues to refuse to recognise any actor, including himself, as a hero, but admits there are one or two directors he considers great men.

The first is John Huston, who directed Murphy in "Red Badge of Courage," and the second is Jesse Hibbs, who made "To Hell And Back."

Jeff Chandler, who went to Italy to make "Raw Wind In Eden," thinks that Humphrey Bogart was the greatest actor on the screen.

Marilyn Monroe is a Helen Hayes fan, Jane Russell thinks Agnes Moorehead is the greatest thing since the self-starter, and Judy Holliday goes for Anna Magnani.

John Saxon, newest teenage idol, whose next picture is "The Wonderful Years," lists Laurence Olivier, Marlon Brando, Vivien Leigh and Montgomery Clift as his favourites among the stars.

Children seem to be the same the whole world over—inside or outside of Hollywood. Child star Tim Hovey, who stars in "Money, Women and Guns," is such an avid picture hero worshipper that he can't count them all. To name a few, he lists Jock Mahoney, Abbott and Costello, Audie Murphy, Superman and Francis the Mule.

George Nader, Hedy Lamarr's co-star in "The Female Animal," likes William Holden and Greta Garbo. Danny Kaye campaigns for Spencer Tracy; Jimmy Durante likes Laurence Olivier; Jack Benny votes for Orson Welles.

Dan Duryea has seen all of Marlon Brando's pictures at least three times and he's always waiting for the next one to come up.

Lovely Martha Hyer, soon to be seen in U-I's western comedy, "Once Upon A Horse," says: "I would walk a mile to see Audrey Hepburn act." A luxury she enjoyed by walking with Miss Hepburn herself when she was featured with Audrey in "Sabrina Fair."

As much as the sophisticates try to convince the world that the film capital is above this sort of thing, fan magazines enjoy a greater sale in Hollywood than anywhere else in the world.

Look under the hairdriers in Beverly Hills and you will find Jennifer Jones reading about Debbie Reynolds. Crash William Holden's swimming pool on a lazy Sunday and you will find him reading the lowdown on Tony Curtis.

'Sink The Bismarck' under way

WS. FORESTER, the creator of Captain Hornblower, the most renowned sailor in contemporary fiction, is now working on the first draft of a script for "Sink the Bismarck," for 20th Century-Fox.

"You must remember that the Bismarck incident happened during Britain's darkest hour," he says. "Greece had been overrun. America was still neutral. Russia had still to be attacked. The 8th Army was in full retreat. Britain stood alone."

Forester expects to have the first draft completed by this weekend.

Forester is in constant consultation with the Admiralty, and has met and interviewed people engaged in the battle.



SHE says "Yes," but her father says "No." Jack Lemmon and Anna Kashfi travel the rough road of love together in "Cowboy," co-starring Glenn Ford and Brian Donlevy. It's the old trouble all over again; he's a penniless cowboy who writes poetry in his spare time. She's a wealthy Mexican heiress whose autocratic father refuses to let her make her own decisions.

Based on "My Reminiscences as a Cowboy," by the Irish-born biographer and short story writer Frank Harris, who gained some notoriety as a friend of Oscar Wilde, Anna Kashfi is Mrs. Marlon Brando in private life. "Cowboy" was her last film before she retired in favour of marriage and motherhood.

Search for Anne Frank is ended

ALL the ballyhoo to find the right girl to play Anne Frank is over. The film version of the highly-successful stage play about Jewish persecution in wartime Holland, can now proceed.

It has happened before. The studios announce that they are combing the world for the girl. They combed the world for "Saint Joan" and came up with Jean Seberg. I don't believe it happens. They take time, consider, look for talent, tell their international agents to look out; but the search is pure exaggeration.

Now it is reported from Hollywood that George Stevens, who sent agents all over the world to find an unknown personality to play Anne Frank, the Jewish heroine living in Amsterdam during the German occupation, in "The Diary of Anne Frank," has found the girl in Hollywood.

"No fewer than 10,244 girls all over the world, applied or have been tested for the title role in this 20th Century-Fox Cinema-Scope production," it is claimed. It is the final 44 which sounds so definite.

Millie Perkins, a teenage Manhattan cover girl, gets the part. She had better be good, better than Jean Seberg—there was a wider field for Millie.

She was one of six finalists, which included Melinda Byron, also from Hollywood, Marianne Sarstadt, a ballerina from Amsterdam, Sabina Sinjen, a Berlin film actress, Elana Cooper of Tel Aviv, a student of Israel's Habrma Theatre, Charikua Baxevance, who has portrayed Anne Frank on the stage in Vienna and Marie Versini, a Paris girl who has already appeared in a British film, "A Tale of Two Cities."

Six finalists

The film is due to go into production this month with scenes to be shot in Amsterdam. Later the unit will return to Hollywood where the picture will be completed.



Fats Domino for 'The Big Beat'

WHEN Fats Domino, one of the greatest names in jazz, who has sold over ten million records in the past three years—was signed for a feature role in Universal-International's colour musical, "The Big Beat," he was so pleased he wrote a song about

He named the number after the name of the picture and he sings and plays it in his key scene. Fats thinks the song is one of his best.

Some of his other originals include "Aln't That A Shame," "Poor Me" and "I'm In Love Again."

Fats was lately astounded to learn that even in the Soviet Union he is the most popular jazz artist of them all. His recording of "Blueberry Hill" is a top-seller in Russia. Not since the early days of Satchmo, Kid Cry and Jelly-roll Morton has a New Orleans musician so captured the imagination of the public.

"There's nothing new about rock n' roll," says Domino. "I've been playing it ever since I can remember—only we used to call it rhythm and blues. Rock n' roll comes straight out of Dixieland jazz. It has the same beat. A few years ago progressive jazz took the beat away from popular music and the teenagers couldn't dance to it. Rhythm and blues put the beat back in—and the teenagers love it."

"The Big Beat" features 15 new musical numbers in tempos ranging from rock n' roll and jazz to blues and ballads. With Domino there are 17 top recording artists singing and playing them.



SMALL American boys, down at Pinewood for the day as Kenneth More's guests, have him autographing one of their baseballs. The boys, all sons of United States Servicemen stationed in Britain, have their own baseball team—"The Denham Juniors." They appeared at the studios in baseball kit, complete with full equipment, and persuaded Ken to join in a game. When they first arrived the boys gazed in amazement at Ken's "Edwardian" suit—until he hastened to explain that it was for a part in his new film, "A Night to Remember."



A BACHELOR gay — and Rooney intends to stay that way in Pinewood's new Irish comedy "Rooney," in which John Gregson plays the title role.

"Rooney" is a tale about a Dublin dustman intent on escaping from the amorous advances of landladies. But for a landlady's niece he gladly surrenders his freedom.

John Gregson as Rooney stars with Muriel Pavlow and Barry Fitzgerald. It was filmed on location in Dublin and at Pinewood Studios.

'Roar Like a Dove' for Doris Day

DORIS DAY has been signed to star in the film version of the London stage success, "Roar Like a Dove."

The story deals with the humorous marital woes of the gay young American wife of a Scottish lord. Three songs for Miss Day will be specially written for the film.

Miss Day and her producer are to visit London early in April to see the London production of "Roar Like a Dove" with its original cast and to confer with Lesley Storm, who wrote it.

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"BLACK ORCHIDS," Paramount's modern comedy about an Italian-American family, stars Sophia Loren, Anthony Quinn and newcomer Ina Balin.

Queensland LTA want to get on tennis merry-go-round

HOW close now is the gap between amateur and professional lawn tennis in Australia? Surely it cannot be long before some organiser out there discards the hypocrisy that top-class amateurs don't make money out of the sport, and stages the kind of open tournament many tennis enthusiasts would like to watch.

Bridge that gap, then never again need amateur associations covet the money made from professional promotions. For instance, one hears that Queensland LTA are proposing to promote professional tennis.

This amateur association is trying to arrange a tour of Queensland centres by Ken Rosewall, Frank Sedgman, Ken McGregor and Rex Hartwig.

Says their president, Bill Edwards: "There's too much money in this professional game to let it go begging."

Netted £4,000

No wonder some of the amateur bodies in Australia want to get on the golden merry-go-round—as sole promoters. The Queensland LTA recently earned £4,000 from four matches between Lew Hoad and Pancho Gonzales after the players and promoter Jack Kramer had taken their shares.

Apart from their contract guarantees, Ken Rosewall, Hoad, Sedgman and Pancho Segura cut up £5,000 between them from one series in Sydney. For this they had to play in two floodlit matches and one Sunday afternoon show. Each player was on court for about six hours.

That was followed by a tour of Australia which lasted a fortnight and grossed £24,000. Rosewall's share was £7,000. And Kramer expects to handle about £70,000 during the current 100-match series between Gonzales and Hoad.

The Roberts Bros. Circus will be coming to Hollinwood in May. Oldham Markets Committee has given permission for the circus to be held on land adjoining Hollinwood Market on May 26, 27 and 28.

FRED ARCHER — A SPORTING HERO OF ALL TIME

In all the great sporting story of England no single happening has ever made such a stunning impact on the public as the news on November 8, 1886, that Fred Archer had taken his own life.

It is difficult to realise quite, in these days of wider interests, what a considerable figure Archer was in the England of his time. He dominated the sporting scene as no other man had done before or has done since.

"The remarkable thing about Archer," wrote a contemporary, is the attention he attracts.

"The King may come down to Newmarket and less stir is made than when, for instance, Archer used to go to Manchester. I've seen the whole of the street blocked with carriages, and people as far as you could see, to watch for Archer as

By CAPTAIN COE

he came out of the Queen's Hotel, get into his cab and drive away."

Archer was an outstanding example of how Fortune sometimes loads a man with glittering prizes and then makes a mockery of him.

This genius of the saddle was born to the beauty and clean, keen air of the Cotswolds. His father, the William Archer, who won the 1858 Grand National on Little Charley, kept the Kings Arms at Prestbury, near Cheltenham, and there Fred came into the world on January 11, 1857.

He became apprenticed to Matthew Dawson at Newmarket, his ability was quickly spotted by this great trainer, and his climb was meteoric.

He rode for 17 seasons, from 1870 to 1886, wore silk 8,084 times, and was on 2,748 winners. By the time he was 25 he had won all the classics twice. In all, he was successful in the St. Leger six times, the Derby five, the Two Thousand and Oaks four each, and the One Thousand twice.

Greatest stories in sport No. 4

He was a man of tremendous personality, with coolness, superb judgment and great daring. He had marvellous hands, and he seemed to know what his opponents in a race were thinking. Archer was always scheming how to win.

There was only one man who could fox him and that was his great rival George Fordham. "The Demon."

Archer's finishes were powerful and, with his long legs wrapped round the horse, he often appeared to lift his mount forward.

Without fear

He was without fear. He was savaged by a horse named Muley Edris, which picked him up by the arm, carried him some distance, and then knelt on him. Fortunately the horse slipped or this story of mine would never have to be written.

The muscles of Archer's arm were terribly lacerated. But he rode Bend d'Or in the Derby of that year, wearing a pad in the palm of his hand and a piece of iron up the arm. The arm became helpless during the race, and he won with one arm.

As he came round Tattenham Corner he had to life his near leg along the horse's shoulder, to prevent it being crushed. It looked 10-1 on Robert the Devil in the straight, but Archer, riding like one possessed, got up on the post.

There was a fairy tale element about parts of Archer's life. The boy who went to Matthew Dawson as an apprentice ended by marrying the master's niece. He built himself

a magnificent house, furnished in princely style—Falmouth House he called it, after his friend and patron Lord Falmouth. It even had its own Turkish bath.

He was rich, he had success and the adulation of men and women, he was in love—his happiness was complete.

Death of his wife

But it was not to last. In 1885 his young wife—she was only 23—died in childbirth. "It's all nothing to me now," said Archer. "She was my glory, my pride, my life, my all."

Just over a year later he himself was dead. One race had always eluded him, the Cambridgeshire, and it was to bring him to his end. He spent days of wasting hard to ride St. Mirin, and, carrying a pound overweight, was "beaten a head."

Archer had backed the horse to win him a large sum of money and, with the delicate balance of his brain already strained, he never got over the defeat. He was called The Tinman because, although generous to friends, and deserving causes, he always kept a close watch on his "tin."

At Lewes the following week he had his last ride, on Tommy Tittlemouse. He contracted a chill, typhoid followed, and in his delirium he shot himself in his bedroom. He was only 29. Rarely has fate packed so much good fortune and tragedy into a short life.

News of Archer's death caused consternation not only in England but throughout the world. Special editions of the evening papers were printed, people crowded Fleet Street and buses were stopped to allow passengers to read the news posted up.

War against weight

In checking his greatness with other jockeys, Archer's age has to be remembered. Gordon Richards was riding from 1920 to 1954, had 21,834 mounts and 4,870 winners, and was 50 when he retired from the saddle.

Comparing the two men's records, Archer must have been a wonderful rider, especially as, owing to the low scale of weights then in vogue, he was denied many winning mounts.

The Cambridgeshire is often blamed for Archer's death, but fasting was the underlying cause. He was tall for a jockey—5ft. 9in.—and waged an incessant war, sweating in Turkish baths and "vasting" to keep down to 8st. 7lb. A typical meal was a tablespoonful of hot castor oil with half an orange.

Or, maybe, life really left him on the day his young wife died, a year before.

"Do you know what my real consolation is now?" he had said to a friend. "I don't mind telling you that it is prayer. I get up off my bed in the night, when everything is still, and kneel and pray—the only comfort I have."

Ghost on the Heath

Few racegoers know that as they enter the road to the Rowley Mile course, they practically pass Archer's grave. A plain cross marks his last resting place in Newmarket Cemetery which is on the right of the memorial at the junction of the roads.

Falmouth House, now converted into flats, was occupied by troops during the war and many of them swore they saw Archer's ghost. I strongly suspect these "hauntings" were on pay nights.

It's said, too, that Archer on the mighty Ormonde or on the selling plater Tommy Tittlemouse, can sometimes be seen racing across Newmarket Heath in the small hours.

Certainly for some years there was distinct evidence of his "shade" frequenting the Heath. An investigation, however, revealed that a well-known sportsman, as a result of heavy losses, had become the victim of hallucinations, one of which was that he was Fred Archer. He used to don racing colours and indulge in wild gallops at night over the Heath.

Not ephemeral

Fame is often an ephemeral thing. But not in Archer's case. His renown has survived two shattering world wars and will stretch out over the centuries.

And, such are the oddities of fame, humble Tommy Tittlemouse will be remembered, too, because he was The Tinman's last mount. Though Tommy had a sturdier claim—he was worked so hard that he competed in as many as 171 races, easily a record.

Poor Tommy Tittlemouse! Poor Fred Archer!

The shabby slang of Turf is hushed today, "Tinman won, sir, by a head!"

The dull November seems to all more grey, For Archer's dead.

The punter mourns the man who brought him luck; Who, heedless of the Ring's resounding din,

Would bursting come from out the hopeless ruck, And land a win!

Farewell, best jockey ever seen on course;

Thy backers weep to think by Fate's decree

The rider pale upon his great white horse Hath beaten thee.

Ashton League

Uppermill in true form

LEES lost again in the Ashton League last Saturday, this time to Hyde Lads' Club 3-2. This has just about robbed them of their chance of league honours, and they will have to play a lot better in the cup semi-final.

Uppermill, who seem to have struck their true form at the right time, won 6-0 at Denton British Railways, and look like being in the winners' list again this season.

Austerlands Reserves slipped up at home after being two goals up at half-time. Stamford Villa beat them 3-2 in a good sporting game. Mossley Amateurs lost to Ashton National 4-0, but Mossley Wool had a good win by beating Patterlouex 5-3. Ashton St. Mary's beat Tudor 7-2.

Hurst Central are now going great guns and beat Denton Nomads away 10-0. G. McDermott scored six goals. Central now lead the league by seven points.

Day I won my gold medal

OH, HOW THE TIME DRAGGED

THE first thought that entered my head when I woke that morning was: "This is it. This is the day—the most important day of my life." And from that moment on, no matter how hard I tried, I could not get the thought of the final that evening out of my mind.

Here was I, about to box for the flyweight title in the Olympic Games and yet only a few months before I had given up all hope of getting to Melbourne at all. Originally it had been decided that we could only afford to send a team of six—and you can imagine my disappointment when I was not included.

Subsequently, however, changes were made, and after considerable dispute, I was chosen. Now, I thought, as I started to get up

By TERRY SPINKS

that morning, this is my chance to prove that the selection was right.

After a check weigh-in, I had breakfast, but what it was I cannot remember, and I don't think I really noticed at the time. We were all chattering about anything that came into our heads to try and keep the conversation away from boxing—but I'm afraid it was impossible.

Difficult to breathe

After the official weigh-in in the Olympic Village, I went for a walk with the other lads and then we had a session of table tennis, but I found it impossible to concentrate. Outwardly, they tell me. I was my normal cheerful self, but inwardly I was so tensed that it was almost difficult to breathe.

And oh, how the time dragged. And I rested on my bed during

the afternoon, I found myself wondering what my opponent, Debrescu (Rumania) was like, what sort of boxer he was, and what tactics he would use. I had never seen him in action; in fact, the first time I ever laid eyes on him was that day at the weigh-in.

It seemed a never-ending afternoon, but at last it was six o'clock and time to leave for the final, and my nervousness increased all the time. I did my best to conceal it, but after all, this was the most important moment of my life, and I defy any young man to approach such an event, completely cool, calm, collected and unruffled.

I had to force myself to behave naturally as possible and then make my way into the ring. Yet once I climbed through the ropes, suddenly everything was all right. My nerves disappeared. This was what I had come to Melbourne for—to box for Great Britain—and over there in the opposite corner was the man who stood between me and a gold medal.

More of a fighter

All I had to do was to beat him, and he did not look so terrible. By the time the bell went for the start of the first round, I was feeling completely normal and approaching the fight just as if it were another contest.

I soon discovered that Debrescu was more of a fighter than a boxer, and that he could hit hard, but no harder than I could hit him. He wanted to come forward all the time, and so I boxed much as usual, letting him come to me, and countering.

He hurt me once or twice, but I was growing increasingly confident that I was hurting him



At last over the loudspeaker came "Spinks..." and I heard no more as the referee raised my hand. I think you can understand that from then on I was in a daze of delight.

Somehow I was up on the rostrum, watching the Union Jack run up and listening to "God Save the Queen"—and then I had that gold medal in my hands, I found myself wondering whether possibly this was the night before and I was still dreaming. But it was no dream: there in my hands, glistening, was that wonderful gold medal.

Happiest of lads

I went and had a shower and changed, doing everything automatically, laughing and giggling and taking odd peeps at the medal just to convince myself again that it really was true, and then I went out to watch Tommy Nicholls even more, and that if I kept my head and concentrated on boxing I should be able to beat him.

Once I went down, but it was nothing more than a slip and I was up again straight away. But it tended to make me concentrate

even more. At the end of the second round, I thought we must just be about level, but I also thought I was the fresher.

Increased the pace

In that last round I increased the pace. The more it went the more sure I was that I was getting on top. Not that Debrescu was finished, far from it; nevertheless, I sensed that I was on top and staying there. Then came the final bell, and the longest three minutes of my life.

We walked to the centre of the ring, and waited with the referee between us. We waited and waited and waited while the judges totted up the score cards. It seemed they would never finish, and as the seconds ticked agonisingly past, some of my confidence began to leave me. Obviously, I thought it must be very close to take all this time.

narrowly miss his gold medal, and I saw Dick McTaggart win his.

It was over and we made our way back to our billet and out came the champagne. But, believe me, I did not need champagne to make me chirpy.

At that moment I was the happiest lad in the whole world. Happy not only because I had won that gold medal, not only because, as someone said, I was amateur flyweight champion of the world, not only because I had been able to win for my country, but also because I had justified all those who had had faith in me and had given me the chance to come to Melbourne and compete in the Olympic Games.

That was a wonderful evening and eventually I got into bed and slept as I haven't slept since I was a baby. When I woke next morning, I looked around and suddenly had a terrible fear. "What day was it,—has it really happened, or has it just been a dream?" I thought wildly.

But there was that gold medal, and I knew it had all really happened.

TOO COSTLY—SO NO NEW LEAGUE

Rochdale amateurs Gravelhole on victory path once again

ON account of ground conditions on Saturday last two first division and one second division games in the Rochdale and District Amateur League were postponed out of eight games down to be played.

After losing five out of their last six league games, Gravelhole struck the winning path again when visiting Railway Street, being successful by the odd goal of three. They were worthy winners of a hard-fought game. Railway Street opened the score through Reade after 20 minutes, but Gravelhole equalised 15 minutes later through Moore. A goal by Mathews after 63 minutes gave the Royton team victory.

Bay Horse earned their second league victory of the season when visiting Walsden, winning by four goals to two. Bay Horse opened the score after four minutes and kept on top to lead 4-0 at half-time. It was Walsden's turn in the second half with the wind behind them, but due to some fine defensive work by the visitors they only managed to score twice. Kelly and Freeman scored for Walsden and White, Tripper, Kersh and Crane netted for Bay Horse.

Rochdale Athletic, at home to A. & A. Crompton's won 3-0 and now are hard on the heels of leaders Heymain Recs. Athletic opened the score after seven minutes and held their lead until the interval. Crompton's defence played well in the second half but could not stop Athletic adding two further goals. Scorers for the winners were Sinkinson, Diggle and Baron.

In the second division Tudor Rose virtually settled the championship when, in visiting their rivals Boots Social, they were victorious by 4-1. Though conditions were bad for the game both teams showed intelligence in the manner in which they tackled. Boots opened the score as the result of a penalty for hands after five minutes, but at half-time Tudor Rose kept on top to add two further goals. Pearson scored for Boots and Rudge (2), Hardman and Hawksworth netted for Tudor Rose.

Shiloh Spinners, at home to Turner Bros. Reserves, had a field day and were successful by 10-1. Scorers for Shiloh were Hazeldine and Spence (3 each), Carr (2), Gibbons and Mellor. Hollerand scored for Turners.

Shaw Fine Spinners v. Dunlop postponed.

It is pleasing to note that a second new club has made application to join the league next season—a work's club from the Shaw area.

BECAUSE they have reached a stage where they consider the club is suffering through having to play the reserve side in the North Eastern League, Sunderland have made the necessary moves towards forming a North Central League. It is a league which has been talked about for some time and it now looks as if it is going to become a reality.

Sunderland, Middlesbrough, Notts Forest, many Second Division clubs and at least a dozen Northern Section clubs have decided to join. Membership will be confined to Football League clubs—but Rochdale will NOT be among them.

They have had an invitation, but the Spotland board has replied that Rochdale turned it down.

The decision has not been taken because there is any feeling that Rochdale Reserves will be as well playing in the Lancashire League as in the higher-class North Central League, but because the additional expense involved would be more than could be afforded.

A further reason is that support given to reserve-team football at Spotland has always been poor and remains so.

A pity

It is a pity this decision had to be taken as the proposed new league would benefit the club in many respects. It would give greater experience to reserve players, keeping them at a standard nearer to Third Division level.

The recent balance sheet issued by Rochdale, however, provides reasons enough for the directors fighting shy of increasing the club's expenditure.

At present, the reserve team makes only short trips around Lancashire. In the new league they would have to do as much travelling as the first team.

Travelling cost would be the same and presumably if the extra expense were taken on there would have to be cuts elsewhere. And where can expenses be cut these days in football?

The only way would be to reduce the number of teams Rochdale run and have only the first team and a reserve team with fewer young professionals. The young-player scheme would have to finish.

The directors apparently have decided to retain the present set-up rather than seek new avenues for the saving of money necessary to enter the new league. It is a matter of opinion as to which would have been the better course and few are in a position to claim that the club would be improved by launching out into new spheres.

Amazing

Rochdale continue to have more ill-luck than many clubs in the matter of Forces players. Terry Mulvoy is now stationed at Carlisle as a new National Serviceman and it looks as if he will find it difficult to play often with Rochdale.

SPOTLIGHT ON SPOTLAND by CRITIC

Already Ray Aspden and Norman Bodell, a centre-half and centre-forward respectively, who many think have a promising future, are in Germany. I am told that, so far, they have not been getting much football.

Rochdale's other Forces player, George Heyes, is still in camp at Lincoln. Although he has still over 12 months to serve, he has been able to get leave more often for football than any of the club's Service players since Frank Lord. He is still never sure of being available.

It is amazing how many players who are regulars in First Division sides can be included in their club team week after week.

Very often it comes as a surprise to those not closely interested in a particular club when they discover that such-and-such a star is in the Forces.

Calling D. Parkes!

If Charlie Ferguson turned out this afternoon as he was expected to do, the snow will have helped him to maintain his ever-present record for the season.

Last Saturday, when Rochdale should have played at Halifax, Charlie was in bed at his Accrington home with gastric influenza and was due to miss his first League match. He and Jack Grant, the Rochdale captain, are now the only first-team men who have not missed a game.

Johnny Mulrooney, former Rochdale trainer of pre-war days, tells me that he is trying to trace David Parkes, the Spotland centre-half in those successful playing days in the mid-twenties.

Johnny organised the old players' reunion which was such a success early last year and he hopes to make the event an annual one.

If Parkes can be found, he will be invited to the reunion as guest of honour. Three local men who played in the same team and were in that close duel with Wolves for promotion, which Rochdale lost by one point, will be there to welcome him. They are Harry Moody, Billy Tompkinson and Bob Willis.

North v South match

The Third Division representative football match between the Northern Section and the Southern Section will be played under floodlights at Carlisle on Tuesday, March 18 (kick-off 7.30 p.m.).

Even the Ark Royal sailors are happy about Hull victory

CONGRATULATIONS were still being received at the Athletic Grounds yesterday following the Hornets' shock win at Hull. One of the latest came from a group of sailors on HMS Royal in Mediterranean waters. AB Chadwick, of Rochdale, on the signatories to this welcome message, wants a team picture put up in the mess, and he adds that he and his shipmates will be in time to see the Hornets at Wembley!

Hull fans, disappointed by their team's reverse, joined in the congratulations, and, altogether, this has been one of the pleasantest and most hopeful weeks the club as a whole has known for some time. What a change there has been since February came in.

Opinions vary on hefty winning bonuses, but even those who disagree with over-the-odds offers, have to admit that the club has gained and not lost from the decision of the directors to promise £20 a man for a win at the Boulevard.

An unofficial estimate is that the Hornets' share of the net gate (£1,500 gross) will be in the region of £600. The players deserved their extra pay for a "display of the season" and it would seem that the club, after paying £300 in team wages and bonus, will be a similar amount to the good.

That is far more than has been picked up in several first-round games in post-war years.

In the HORNETS' NEST by Touchjudge

Undoubtedly, the promise of bonus had some effect but the rival started before then. It seen initially at Craven Park, against Kingston Rovers on previous Saturday when the Hornets won was even more convincing than the score by which they did so.

I watched Northern

I watched Bradford North scrape through their first-round at Bramley in midweek, and, as a result, I rate the Hornets' chance of defeating Northern in the second round higher than they were in the teams clashed in the 1954-55 round. This time there is no legged affair.

In the first leg of the 1954-55 counter a draw was played at Athletic Grounds and Horr playing under the Odsal floodlights lost by eleven to two in the second leg.

Even though Malcolm Davie hitting the headlines with his scoring feats I do not rate him dangerous an opponent as McLean of the 1954 side and so as is the present full-back, Sed. He has not yet proved himself matchwinner that Joe Phillips at Odsal. The heavy Northern pack constitute a danger, as does Odon Haley at scrum-half, but v Hornets, if approaching anything like their form at the Boulevard should go into the hat again the third round.

It was no surprise to hear of Hornets officials were in touch v Salford within 24 hours of returning from Hull to clinch the transfer of Jim Parr. They were left v no doubts about the player's wisdom—he had set his mind on making new headquarters at the Athletic Grounds—but it took some time the two clubs to meet one another on the question of the fee. Parr listed at £750 and the Horr offered £500. In the end they agreed £600, or rather the Supporters' Club.

Brighter outlook

This kind of help must be a great send to the board, but in any case their outlook has brightened considerably and will do more so if team reach the third round.

The new running track at the rear of the main stand may have dawned considerably car park space, but already George Parsc the captain, has given the opinion that it is a very useful and welcome addition to the club's training facilities.

The sad note of the week v news of the death of Freddie Lal Hornets' scrum-half from 1937-1940 and from 1945 to 1952. During the war years, when Hornets had team, Oldham-born Freddie play with Oldham and Keighley. In 1940 he and Johnnie Dean, another product of the Oldham junior game shared £500 from a joint benefit match at the Athletic Grounds. benefit was better earned.

One of the most loyal clubmen Freddie was admired throughout the League for his sportsmanship and for the example he set to his teammates. In all he played four fewer than two hundred matches for the Hornets, and went out to win every one.

Backstroke record beaten

John Monckton, of Austral broke the world record for the 100-metre backstroke during the Australian swimming championship in Melbourne today with a time 1min. 1.5sec. The previous record was 1min. 2.2sec. by Australian David Thiele winning the Olym title in December, 1956.

PIONEERS LOST SPORTING GAME

THE game between Rochdale Trades and Rochdale Pioneers at Firgrove proved very sporting, but the high wind marred some very good moves. From the kick-off, Trades were more dangerous and in the first 20 minutes they were awarded seven corner kicks, Pearson making some very good saves.

Pioneers' defence stood up well but Trades kept up the pressure and won 4-1. Trades' goals were scored by Butterworth (2), Jefcoate and Raynor. Thompson scored for Pioneers.

Middleton and Tonge, who played Ashton Traders, were leading 1-0 at half-time, but Ashton, who had 10 men at the start, were further handicapped through an injury to Taylor, and Middleton added three more goals to win 4-0. Greenough, Hudson, Beswick and Standing were the scorers.

The match between Oldham Industrial and Red Lion was not played owing to Red Lion being unable to field a team. Results of first round, Hy. Whittle Cup: Rochdale Trades 4, Rochdale Pioneers 1; Middleton & Tonge 4, Ashton Traders 0. Next week's fixtures: Oldham Industrial v Ashton Trades (Raybould); Red Lion v Bury Co-op (Harrison); Rochdale Trades v Rochdale Pioneers (Kershaw). Before the start of last Tuesday's games two minutes' silence was observed in memory of victims of the Manchester United plane crash.

St. Vincent's battled bravely with 9 men

Bright's did not deserve to lose their away game with Sacred Heart as they had as much of the play but the ball did not run for them as it did for their hosts. Sacred Heart worthily led 1-0 at the interval but they were outplayed in the second half. Two breakaways, with Bright's all out on attack produced two more goals and they finally won 3-1. Naven, McGourlay and Turner scored their goals, Keylock netting for Bright's.

St. Vincent's were two players short for their away game with Heywood St. James's but their nine men battled bravely until they tired in the second half. Heywood did not score until ten minutes from the interval but they dominated the second half to win 7-0. Taylor (2), Beaumont (2), Simpson, Dyson and Horan scored their goals.

Wardle Parish and St. Aidan's shared two goals at Wardle. This was a very fair result of an excellent game. As the score suggests, the defences were on top throughout and it was not until midway through the second half that Gregson opened the scoring with a goal for Wardle. Burke's equaliser followed shortly afterwards.

YMCA Old Boys defeated All Saints at Firgrove by 11-2 but the score in no way represents the play as several of the winners goals were presented to them by poor defensive

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play on the part of All Saints. Marriott had four of the winners' goals, Payne getting both All Saints goals.

Lanehead were a player short for their away game with Littleboro Parish and were outplayed from start to finish, Littleboro winning by a double figure margin.

B Division. Whittles, the leaders, had a hard tussle with Newhey St. Thomas at Newhey and had the home team taken their first half chances they would most certainly have won. They could only get one goal, however, and Whittles rallied in the second half to score three times without reply. Spinks, Lunt and Wilson scored for Whittles and Mills for Newhey.

Spotland Meths. just got the better of neighbours Cutgate Bapts, and on the whole they deserved their win as they played with more method than Cutgate. After sharing two goals in the first half, Spotland led 2-1 and after Cutgate had equalised the home team got the deciding goal four minutes from the end. Spencer, Slack and Venn scored for Spotland and Kelly and Aughey for Cutgate.

St. Gabriel's were too good for St. Patrick's at Springhead and won deservedly by five goals scored by

Collins (2), Donoghue, Markham and Croke to one by Butterworth.

Thornham St. James were another team to have a 5-1 home win. They defeated West St. Baptists by this score, Dearden, Clegg, Taylor, Ogden and Booth scoring their goals and Whitworth scoring for West Street.

Playing the open game Milnrow Parish were always on top in their away match with Buckley Hall and they won comfortably by eight goals scored by Harris (4), Buckley (3), Butterworth and Gerrard to three scored by Gillette (2) and Marshall. Syke Meths. led Thornham 3-0 at the interval but the game underwent a complete change in the second half, Thornham taking control and scoring five goals to win 5-3. Heap (2), Crowther, Hurst and Rushton scored for Thornham and Holmes (2) and Woolfall for Syke.

Facit Parish took full advantage of the wind in their away game with St. Peter's to lead 5-0 at half-time. St. Peter's fought back in the second half to score four times but a sixth goal to Facit put the result beyond doubt. Bradford (2), Stott, Robinson, Jackson and Partidge scored for Facit, Whitworth and Rigby sharing St. Peter's goals.

"A" DIVISION									
	P	W	L	D	F	A	P		
Shawforth	17	16	1	0	97	17	32		
Littleboro' Par.	19	15	3	1	103	29	31		
Bright's	19	14	4	1	86	47	29		
Sacred Heart	17	11	5	1	55	31	23		
St. Aidan's	19	7	7	5	48	54	21		
Norden YCOB	17	9	7	2	65	46	20		
Castlemere OB	18	8	7	3	72	61	19		
Milton	17	7	2	47	45	18			
Wardle Par.	20	7	11	2	61	70	16		
YMCA Old Boys	19	5	12	2	52	103	12		
Lanehead	19	5	13	1	42	77	11		
H'yw'd St. James	19	2	16	0	21	84	4		
St. Vincent's	18	0	19	0	26	114	0		

"B" DIVISION									
	P	W	L	D	F	A	P		
Whittles	19	16	1	2	98	29	34		
Facit Par.	18	14	4	0	59	33	28		
St. Gabriel's	20	12	7	1	71	56	25		
Milnrow Par.	21	11	8	2	67	42	24		
N'wh'y St Thomas	19	10	6	3	68	60	23		
St. Patrick's	18	10	7	1	50	44	21		
Th'n'm St James	20	9	8	3	54	35	21		
Thornham	19	9	2	73	54	20			
Cutgate Bapts.	19	7	11	1	53	67	15		
St. Peter's	19	7	11	1	51	74	15		
Spotland Meths.	18	4	10	4	39	60	12		
West St. Bapts.	20	5	13	2	39	77	12		
Syke Meths.	21	5	14	2	49	98	12		
Buckley Hall	18	3	14	1	44	86	7		

RESERVE DIVISION									
	P	W	L	D	F	A	P		
St. Aidan's	18	15	3	0	117	31	30		
Shawforth	18	14	3	1	111	42	29		
Bright's	17	14	3	0	113	43	28		
Littleboro' Par.	17	14	3	0	95	30	28		
Milnrow Par.	17	10	6	1	66	66	21		
Facit Par.	18	9	9	0	63	65	18		
Norden YCOB	18	7	9	2	65	83	16		
Wardle Par.	18	7	9	2	44	51	16		
YMCA Old Boys	19	6	11	2	55	88	14		
Sacred Heart	18	5	13	2	47	81	12		
Thornham	19	1	13	3	22	77	5		
N'wh'y St Thomas	14	2	12	0	41	108	4		
Castlemere OB	15	1	13	1	25	99	3		



FREEMASONS ARMS (above), Green Final darts champions. Back row: J. Sullivan, A. Cocker, J. Cartledge, P. Winrow, J. Hewson. Front: E. Green, K. Jackson, H. Gaynon.
PRINCE OF WALES (below), Green Final darts runners-up. Back row: G. Healey, A. Wells, H. Bedford, W. Churn, J. Tarpey. Front: R. Bedford, L. Hanley, C. Crossley.

Chadderton Snooker League LEADERS LOSE BY 21 AT PLATT'S

PLATT'S, at home to the Chadderton Snooker League leaders, Chadderton Cot, inflicted a defeat which may have a bearing on the championship when the season ends, winning the first frame.

H. Howarth (Platt's) beat his namesake by 22, but the next two frames were won by J. Cartwright and A. Whiteley by 11 each to level the scores. The fourth frame saw S. Kershaw put the home team in front with a win by 32, which proved too big of a margin for J. Wilson (Cot) in the last frame.

In the match between Westwood Libs. and Chadderton Cons., only nine points separated the teams. S. Cooke, in the opening game, gave the Liberals a lead of 46 which F. Collier and E. Haslam brought down to 24. H. Buxton increased it to 30, but A. Beard won the match for the Conservatives by beating T. Pearson by 39.

Chadderton Reform had Springbank as visitors and had no trouble in defeating them, the winners for the Reform being T. Coleman, H. Clegg, N. Hilton and O. Meadows, with J. Shaw the only winner for the Bank.

Beanweb, at home to Chadderton Band, saw them win the first four frames fairly easily—F. Rainford (33), F. Adams (22), C. Rushworth (7) and C. Wood (23) with R. Earnshaw being Band Club's only winner.

Failsworth Cycle won all the five frames in their match at home with Shaw Road Cons. E. Hall (59) proved the best winner for the home team, and with B. Campbell (31), played a major part in Cycle's win by 139.

Nimble Nook, away to Chadderton Social, won four frames and drew the other, but the margin was only 57 at the end of the match.

Royton Cons. v. Land's End and Avro v. Hollinwood Cons. results are not to hand.

Westwood Libs. 363, Chadderton Cons. 372. Westwood scores first: S Cooke 100, R A Jones 54, J Cooke 71, F Collier 88, H Wilkinson 63, E Haslam 68, H Buxton 81, T Kinder 75; T Pearson 48, A Beard 87.

Whist: Westwood 45, Chadderton 50.

Chadderton Social 347, Nimble Nook 404. Chadderton scores first: R Walker 69, J Brierley 73; T Bell 68, J Bell 71; J Doyle 76, H Hargreaves 96; A Broom 69, J Jackson 69; D Bell 65, J Brooks 95.

Whist: Chadderton 48, Nimble Nook 43.

Cycling Club 398, Shaw Road Cons. 259. Cycling Club scores first: S Osborne 80, J Carrigan 63; B Campbell 79, H Bradley 48; F Kennedy 78, H Hardman 58; E Hall 102, G Woodcock 43; S Dalton 59, J Heap 47.

Platt's SC 372, Chadderton Cot 351. Platt's scores first: H Howarth 85, S Howarth 63; S Willerton 72, J Cartwright 83; I Bolton 79, A Whiteley 90; S Kershaw 81, J Whitaker 49; T Midgley 55, J Wilson 66.

Whist: Platt's 45, Chadderton Cot 31.

Beanweb 377, Chadderton Band 323. Beanweb scores first: F Rainford 88, J Whittaker 55; F Adams 70, J Meredith 48; G Rushworth 70, O Wild 63; C Wood 93, S Mills 70; J Rainford 56, R Earnshaw 87.

Whist: Beanweb 55, Chadderton Band 45.

Chadderton Reform 418, Springbank 329. Chadderton scores first: T Coleman 108, R Jefferys 49; H Clegg 77, H McNally 69; N Hilton 101, S Bolton 77; T Hulme 66, J Shaw 77; O Meadows 66, H Davies 87.

Whist: Chadderton 34, Springbank 50.

Albert Hotel checked the crack team

THE Whip Inn are walking away with the Wilson's Brewery Darts League again. Up to last Monday they had won 19 out of 20 matches and were eight points ahead of the second team, Old White Hart. In third place lay four other clubs with 26 points, the Albert Hotel, Albert Street, Mumps, having the best games average.

On Monday night, the Albert won at home 4-3 against the near invincible Whip Inn, and thus recorded their tenth win in succession. They lost the first two games but won the next four.

In the first game, H. Allan (Whip) eventually got a sergeant, 9, 10 and 11, whereupon E. Taylor (junior) doubled 10. But that was as far as the Albert player got, for he did everything but double it again, and Allan caught him up, threw three at double and eight at bull to win in 1.

Ben Simpson put the Whip two up doubling six and eventually in 52 arrows against Eric Wardle. Simpson needed 17 throws the double, and although Wardle, to hit the double wire twice, was bull first, Simpson hit the bull at time to win.



Hollinwood League

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

Club	P	W	L	F	A	Pts
Yew Tree	20	18	2	103	37	36
Bridgewater	20	16	4	89	51	32
White Hart	20	16	4	83	57	32
Greaves Arms	20	14	6	85	54	28
Oxford	20	13	7	78	66	26
Royal Oak	20	11	9	74	66	22
Ferranti	20	10	10	73	67	20
Failsworth CC	20	9	11	66	74	18
Bowling Green	20	8	12	58	82	16
New Moston BL	20	7	13	71	69	14
Colliers Arms	20	6	14	63	77	12
Mare & Foal	20	5	15	57	83	10
Commercial	20	5	15	53	87	10
Strugler	20	2	18	31	109	4

Club	P	W	L	F	A	Pts
New Moston BL	20	15	5	87	53	30
Bridgewater	20	14	6	79	61	28
White Hart	20	13	7	78	62	26
Failsworth CC	20	13	7	74	66	26
Yew Tree	20	12	8	75	65	24
Greaves Arms	20	10	10	72	68	20
Ferranti	20	9	11	74	66	18
Oxford	20	9	11	70	70	18
Mare & Foal	20	9	11	68	77	18
Strugler	20	9	11	61	79	18
Commercial	20	7	13	68	72	14
Colliers Arms	20	7	13	62	78	14
Royal Oak	20	7	13	59	81	14
Bowling Green	20	5	15	56	84	10

J W LEES (ROYTON)

Club	P	W	L	F	A	Pts
Dog & Partridge	19	18	1	102	31	36
Commercial	19	17	2	94	39	34
Blue Bell	19	14	5	88	45	28
Duke of York	18	11	7	66	60	22
Horton Arms	19	11	8	62	71	22
Colliers Arms	19	10	9	63	70	20
Greyhound Inn	19	8	11	63	70	16
Rifle Range	19	8	11	61	72	16
Plough Inn	19	7	12	59	74	14
Hare & Hounds	19	6	13	54	78	12
Railway Hotel	18	3	15	47	79	6
Halfway House	19	2	17	32	101	4

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

PLAYER OF THE YEAR IN MANCHESTER AREA

ROY LOMAS must be the snooker player of the year in the Manchester area. He has already won two handicaps, and last Wednesday he won the Lancashire, Westmorland and Cumberland tournament by beating Stan Haslam five frames to three.

Next week he plays in the quarter-finals of the English Amateur Championship (Manchester area) and the week after in the final of the Manchester Individual Championship.



THE final stages of all the Manchester competitions will be played at the Western Hotel, Moss Side, and will extend over two weeks.

By FRED MAYALL

with matches being played in the evenings only, commencing at 7-30 p.m. The full list of matches are as follows:—

Foster Kershaw Cup (team championship) semi-finals: Farmyard Hotel v Weaste Cong. (Monday, February 17); Sale Excelsior v Westhoughton Reform (Tuesday, February 18).

English Amateur Championship quarter-finals: R Lomas v N Thorpe (Wednesday, February 19); E Hall v Jim Heaton (Thursday, February 20); R Jackson v A Whiteside (Friday, February 21); A Chew v G Lockwood (Saturday, February 22).

Monday, February 24: Foster Kershaw Cup final.

Tuesday, February 25: Manchester Individual Championship final (George Eaton Cup): R Lomas v S Haslam.

Wednesday and Thursday, February 26 and 27: English Amateur Championship semi-finals.

Friday and Saturday, February 28 and 29: English Amateur Championship final (over 11 frames). Raper and Sons, of All Saints, Manchester, are responsible for the table arrangements, and local referee J. Gath will be officiating on Wednesday, February 26.

WHOEVER of the last eight in the Manchester area goes to London to play in the competition proper, along with the champion Ronnie Gross (who is now domiciled in Farnworth) and Stan Haslam (Manchester area will be well represented.

But this year's Manchester winner will have a stiff hurdle in the first round against Tommy Gordon, who won the championship in 1953.

THE Healey Conservative Snooker Handicap has closed with 144 entries, 13 of them from Chadderton and Oldham. The handicap starts tomorrow night and will be opened by the Chairman of Whitworth Council (Councillor E. Howarth). The first contestant, as per tradition, is the previous winner—Rod Smith (Middleton).

The Rochdale Centenary Handicap this season is being run as a team event and this starts on Monday night at Beaconsfield Conservative Club. There are 44 teams competing, and the event, which will be run off on consecutive nights, is to be opened by the Mayor of Rochdale (Alderman T. Rose).

Tennis surprise Emerson to withdraw from Aussie team?

ROY EMERSON, 21-year-old Australian Davis Cup player, today resigned his post with an international sporting goods firm. This is his first step towards withdrawal from the 1958 Australian overseas team.

He is expected to ask the Lawn Tennis Association of Australia on Monday night to omit him from the six named for the overseas squad, which will play in the Wimbledon, French and United States championships.

Emerson, who comes from Brisbane, plans to take up another job in Melbourne when the resignation takes effect on May 7. He feels that his game will benefit more by coaching and practice in Melbourne under Frank Sedgman, the 1952 Wimbledon champion, who later turned professional.

Emerson and his brother-in-law, Mal Anderson, were among leading Australian players threatened with dismissal by their employers recently when they announced that they were considering withdrawing from the Australian overseas team because of a dispute over expenses on the American part of the tour. Emerson has already been on three official tours.

The Chairman of the Oldham Surveyors Committee and the Works Manager (Mr. J. Taylor) were appointed by the Committee on Wednesday to attend the annual conference of the Institute of Sewage Purification in Southport on June 24 to 27.

IN answer to a query, the jump shot is NOT barred under the BACC rules, but any club, billiard hall or committee of any competition can introduce a local rule banning its use. This is generally done where there may be a danger of some inexperienced player tearing the cloth.

ANXIETY ABOUT ATHLETIC

On behalf of
the players

I AM joining the ranks of the letter-writers, but I am throwing my lot in with the players. Returning to my home from the match against Halifax you would have thought that the defeat was a culmination of a series of defeats instead of their first home League defeat for four months, and that it was the final straw which made Fourth Division football next season a certainty.

"Centre-Stand Member" states that he had been expecting this defeat for weeks, and that Athletic have been lucky with some of the points they have obtained. Any team which can go 17 matches with only one defeat must have a certain amount of luck, and during this period there have been times when things have not gone their way.

During this period I have not seen many away games, only the one at Rochdale when they were full value for their win, and at Bury, where I was disappointed in their display but could not say that the result was unexpected.

As for other away games, any point obtained away from home is a good point, whether it be the defence, the forward line or a combination of both which earns it. The home matches during this period can be analysed as follows:

HOME ANALYSIS

Tranmere Rovers was a poor game, won in the last minute, the general opinion being that neither team deserved to win.

Crewe Alexandra at home, though only won by the odd goal, was one-way traffic all the second half. Cannot by any means be counted lucky to win.

Workington Town well and truly beaten 4-1.

Gateshead, a 0-0 draw which should have been won in the first half.

Scunthorpe United, a hard struggle after gaining a 2-0 lead, but only to be expected from a team at that time at the top of the table.

Chesterfield, a 2-1 win which was made hard work when it should have been won easily.

Southport, a bad lapse after being 3-0 ahead, but never in real danger, as Southport's second goal was only scored in the last five minutes.

Every report stated that Barrow were a very fortunate team to get away with a point.

WHY THE CRITICISM?

On the face of it, I cannot therefore see the justification for the remarks that Athletic have been lucky, or anything to warrant the criticism that was made following the defeat against Halifax.

As a shareholder, I appreciate your remarks about finance, and there have been many occasions when I have not agreed with the directors' policy, particularly immediately following the return to the Northern Section, but on this occasion I still think that the players at present on the books are capable of taking the club into the top half of the table.

Two points from each of their home games will give them a reasonable chance, irrespective of their away performances, and after the match at Scunthorpe the away programme is exclusively against teams on a par or below them in the table.

So I appeal to all the supporters to give them all the encouragement they can during the remaining games, and I feel sure that there will be Third Division football at Boundary Park next season.

My main worry is that the confidence of the team may be broken by a return to the team switches which were so disastrous at the beginning of the season, and these were beginning to show themselves by the team selection for last Saturday's match at Bury.

WHY TEAM SWITCHES?

In the first half, against Halifax, the forward line, with the exception of finishing, played better football and made more openings than have been made by any Athletic forward line for a long

Is it the Fourth Division?

The Sports Editor's postbag this week has contained a high proportion of common-sensical opinion about Oldham Athletic's present position. The question on everybody's lips is, "Will there be Fourth Division football in Oldham next season?" The letters on this page express the public's concern

Nothing done to improve football

I WAS one of hundreds who braved the weather to go to Bury last Saturday in support of Oldham Athletic, and I came back the same as the rest—with a glum face after watching a half-hearted attempt on the part of our team to play football.

We have a good defence, but they are overworked, or perhaps under-trained. I am sorry to say that the forwards are the same, with one or two exceptions. I go, as a rule, to watch the Reserves when the first team is away, and by going to Bury I missed the better match.

The directors don't seem to try to remedy the weaknesses in the team, and the way things are going it looks like Fourth Division football for this town. That won't do any good to the club, so it is about time they did something about it.

We have a good Supporters' Club who are doing their best, but what's the use if the directors are doing nothing to help out. It is no use blaming the chaps on the terrace for not giving their support, because they have had enough of the football that has been served up in past seasons.

They have had good gates in the Third Division, but the directors have not done a thing to keep or improve them. Can you wonder that some of the chaps have either gone over to rugby or are supporting the two Manchester teams.

FROZEN.

Lack of enterprise

I HAVE been an old supporter of Oldham Athletic for 50 years. Now, owing to living a considerable distance from Oldham, I am unfortunately unable to see the club play. I get the Green Final each week and am much interested in any comments.

I read with interest "Centre-Stand Member's" letter about the club's fortunes in last week's Green Final, with which I must agree.

If the directors cannot find the cash for the very necessary new signings, let them make room for those who will act. There must be men in Oldham who would willingly take on the job.

There has been too much cheese-paring in the past, and trusting to luck. Enterprise would have kept the club in Division II. Enterprise today would bring the crowds back to Boundary Park.

A drop to the Fourth Division would probably mean goodbye to soccer in Oldham. It is NOW absolutely necessary for the directors to act or clear out.

To create interest, put your goods in the shop window and give the Oldham public some first-class soccer to see.

50 YEARS ATHLETIC FAN.

time, and it is better to make openings even if you miss most of them, than to have a forward line devoid of ideas.

They suffered in the general deterioration in the second half, but were they given another chance to reproduce the same brand of football again? No, there had to be two changes for the next match, and the defence, which had only conceded 19 goals in the last 17 League matches, was surely entitled to one bad game without two of them being dropped from the team.

The team, I appreciate, has its limitations, but team spirit can do a lot to help, and I feel that a team which had gained 23 points from 17 games deserved better treatment both from the supporters and team selectors.

In conclusion, I should like to hear any explanation to the reason why during the last two seasons Athletic have failed to win a match in January and February, and, unless they win on Saturday, look like repeating it again this season.

THIRTY YEARS' SUPPORTER.

If the person who wrote the letter to the Sports Editor under the nom-de-plume "Centre-Stand Member" will divulge his name, I will be pleased to discuss with him in a most friendly spirit the numerous points he raises regarding Oldham Athletic. Alternatively, he can meet any or all of my fellow-directors.

We are anxious to listen to any suggestions which could be put into practice to bring in the new outlook, new blood, new hope and in consequence greater prosperity so aptly mentioned by the writer. I would add also greater happiness to everybody concerned at Boundary Park.

Signed:

F. SWIFT,
Chairman, of
Oldham Athletic.

Noon's talents overlooked

WHY is it that Oldham fail to appreciate the talents of Johnny Noon? Other clubs, among them St Helens, seem to know only too well the possibilities of this youngster, and a number of offers have been made. So far Oldham have declined to part, thank goodness, but how long is he going to accept the position of second reserve three-quarter?

It is beyond the comprehension of most supporters why one certain player is even considered before Noon. Certainly his rugby ability does not merit it. Noon by comparison (if any can be made) is yards faster, more powerful, and he tackles like a terrier.

He has most successfully filled the wing, centre and out-half berths and his goal-kicking shows great promise.

W.D.'s suggestion (one of his few sensible ones) of coaching him into a full-back is an excellent idea (the only one left if he is to be continually overlooked). Given two seasons at the job he would, I'm sure, be in the Glyn Moses class as an attacking full-back.

How about it Oldham? Forget the "blue-eye" for once and keep Johnny Noon happy by giving him that reserve spot. He deserves it.

DENNIS HUSSEY.

ANOTHER BLUE BELT HOLDER

THANK you for a very interesting article on judo by AVR in last Saturday's Green Final, also for bringing to the notice of the public the men of such repute as G. Gleeson and A. Pethbridge, who visit our clubs on occasions.

There is one statement, however, I feel I must correct. While in no way trying to detract from C. Williams's achievement at obtaining his "blue belt," he is not the first judoka in Oldham to do so.

Arthur Wolfenden, of Oldham Judo Club, achieved this almost 12 months ago.

J. T. FOX,
Chairman of Oldham Judo Club.

Boy cyclist hurt

A seven-year-old cyclist, Edward Unsworth, of Abbeyhills Road, Oldham, was taken to Oldham Royal Infirmary at lunchtime today after a collision with a car near the junction of Honeywell Lane and Kings Road. After treatment for cuts and abrasions he went home.

All started
in 1929-30

I HAVE been a regular supporter since 1919, and have shared the feeling with thousands of local sportsmen of continuous decline in club power and prestige. Nothing ever seemed to be done about it. In fact, the decline was assisted by policy of sell and squeal.

The real turning-point during my time was the 1929-30 season when Athletic should have won promotion to the First Division. What gate we would have had the following season. This golden opportunity was missed, I think, solely by the lack of one or two decent reserves: a position which the directors were aware of from the start of the season.

Many supporters took a less charitable view and thought the club had "ducked." They were later rightly or wrongly confirmed in this view by the subsequent actions of the directors, who, instead of learning the lesson and having another bash, proceeded in a short period of about 18 months to indulge in such an orgy of outward transfers that they reduced Athletic to a bloodless invalid in a playing sense.

Supporters may remember some of these transfers: Ted Ivill to Wolves, Adam and Goodier to Queen's Park Rangers, Worrall to Pompey, Dyson to Grimsby. Some time later Hacking and Porter were transferred to Manchester United to help them avoid relegation to the Third Division. How times change!

There is not the slightest doubt that the sporting public of Oldham never forgave the directors for this lot. The inevitable result was that after struggling for a few seasons Athletic were relegated in season 1935-6.

That they spent so many seasons in this football wilderness without making one really serious effort to get out was an absolute disgrace which, for me, spoke volumes.

In fact, they had begun to build up a tradition of weakness even in this humble society before the coming of George Hardwick. When promotion was secured in 1954 everybody hoped that the long-overdue honour would be eagerly preserved. McAdams was the yardstick by which the public measured what followed.

I was present at the last annual meeting at which the directors were entreated to make every effort to ensure that Athletic did not fall into further disgrace. Supporters will have their own opinions as to the adequacy or otherwise of any measures taken since the start of this season.

Another milestone has been reached. Which way, Athletic? I warn the directors that it could very easily mean the end of League Football in Oldham within three years if Athletic become founder-members of the Fourth Division. The public has quite rightly shown that it will not tolerate an unsuccessful club in third-class football, let alone in fourth.

I venture to predict also that it will be less keen to buy the football pool tickets upon which the directors dangerously set such store. I know that in the event I shall withdraw my support in all respects.

ERIC WRIGLEY.

Curtain of silence

ESPECIALLY after seeing the Bury match I agree wholeheartedly with your correspondent "Centre Stand Member." The directors and manager should realise that their first duty is to the spectators. With money or without money the players must somehow be found and properly trained, and the whole team imbued with the will to win.

Such pathetic, half-hearted attempts to play football as we have seen this season can only be due to a feeling of hopelessness which starts in the directors' box and carries on right through the whole of the playing staff.

Young players of promise have gone steadily worse as the season progressed. Why? Maybe Mr. Goodier will come out from behind his curtain of silence and tell us the answer.

Incidentally, never since the inception of the club has so little behind-the-scenes information been given to the Press. Why this conspiracy of silence? Is the management afraid that somebody might say something they shouldn't?

H. HORSEFALL.

'Youth first' will pay

I READ with interest each week about the "decline and fall" of Oldham Athletic, and although I do not underestimate the importance of the present situation, I feel that in the long run a policy of "youth first" will pay.

Experience with Manchester United junior sides has convinced me that the most important man in football is the one in charge of "A" and "B" teams and his coaches.

Local football has much to offer in the way of talent, but it must be handled by men who have not only football knowledge but also tact and understanding.

A donation of £5 to junior clubs when a player is signed will work wonders and cement future co-operation. To snatch an amateur and then discard him means that the word goes round, "Don't sign for..."

Athletic have many good young players and names like Hall, Marsh and Corfield come to mind. There are many more within 20 miles of Boundary Park who could save Athletic, not this year or next, but in the future if the problem is handled with skill and understanding.

JUNIOR.

Central swimming club

I READ with a great deal of interest AVR's article in the Green Final of February 1 on a central swimming club in Oldham and district. I would like to bring it to the notice of the swimming fraternity that it is most desirable for this amalgamation to take place.

But one major factor which must come out of this, before any amalgamation takes place, is the general amenities which are offered to the public at large.

I have personally visited all the baths in the Oldham area, both for the purpose of my own enjoyment and also from the sporting angle, and I would like to point out that, for top-line amenities and everything in general, the Chadderton public baths have the most to offer.

Now, I realise that due to the financial aspect, Oldham cannot do anything to improve conditions in the Central Baths. That is more the reason why, if a central swimming club is to be formed, and function as it should do, then take

the best amenities which can be offered.

Also for Robin Hill and Lowermoor getting together, I'm afraid that some harsh words have ensued in the past, principally due to swimmers leaving Robin Hill for Lowermoor, and this could be a retarding factor.

LOCAL SWIMMER.

TROOPS MASS ON BORDER

102 INSURGENTS KILLED IN ALGERIA BATTLE

FRENCH troops in Eastern Algeria were reported today to be massing along the Tunisian border, near the scene of a major battle against a strong insurgent band.

The battle was still in progress this morning. French authorities in Algiers said that so far 102 insurgents had been killed, for the loss of 11 French soldiers. Another 42 soldiers were wounded.

Sakiet Sidi Youssef, the Tunisian village bombed by the French a week ago, is in this area.

Today's battle was raging in the Duvier region, in the north-east corner of Algeria. The Tunisian frontier lies about 35 miles to the east.

The Tunisian Government said in an overnight statement that French troops were concentrating opposite the border town of Ghardimaou.

The Tunisian Information Secretary said that four tanks, ten artillery pieces and 31 lorries with troops had reached the frontier region opposite Sakiet Sidi Youssef. Thirteen other guns were at Oued Eziztoun, a mile to the north.

General Gambiez, commander of French forces in Tunisia, drove today from his headquarters at Salambo, outside Tunis, to the French Embassy in Tunis. The General, who was in uniform, travelled in a military car.

French authorities in Algeria today denied a Tunisian report that French troops and tanks were massing along the Tunisian frontier. He said the troops' movements along the frontier had been planned more than a week ago.

United Nations delegations today began a busy weekend of consultations in preparation for Tuesday's Security Council debate on the Franco-Tunisian dispute.

Several diplomats have privately expressed fears that an unwitting act from either side of the troubled border might result in a serious clash which could further complicate the issue.

HALF TIME

FA CUP—Fifth Round
Bolton 1, Stoke 0.
Bristol City 1, Bristol Rovers 3.
Cardiff 0, Blackburn 0.
Scunthorpe 0, Liverpool 0.
Sheffield Utd. 0, West Bromwich 1.
West Ham 1, Fulham 1.
Wolves 3, Darlington 0.

FIRST DIVISION
Burnley 1, Luton 1.
Everton 1, Leicester 1.
Manchester City 1, Birmingham 1 (abandoned after 40 minutes).
Notts Forest 1, Tottenham 2.
Sheffield Wed. 1, Chelsea 2.
Sunderland 1, Blackpool 3.

SECOND DIVISION
Charlton 2, Middlesbrough 0.
Derby 1, Notts County 0.
Rotherham 2, Grimsby 0.
Swansea 0, Ipswich 0.

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

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

SCOTISH CUP—Second Round
Celtic 3, Stirling Albion 1.
Clyde 0, Arbroath 0.
Dundee 0, Hibernian 0.
Falkirk 4, St. Johnstone 2.
Forfar 0, Rangers 4.
Hearts 1, Albion 0.
Inverness Cal. 1, Stenhousemuir 1.
Kilmarnock 4, Vale of Leith 0.
Montrose 2, Buckie Thistle 1.
Motherwell 1, Partick Thistle 1.
Morton 0, Aberdeen 1.
Queen of South 3, Stranraer 0.
Queen's Park 4, Fraserburgh 1.
Raith 0, Dundee 1.
St. Mirren 1, Dunfermline 1.
Third Lanark 2, Lossiemouth 1.

SCOTISH LEAGUE (Div. II)
Aloa 2, East Stirling 1.
Ayr 2, Dumfries 0.
Brechin 1, Cowdenbeath 0.

OTHER MATCHES
Arsenal 1, Eintracht (Germany) 0.
Barnsley 0, Arsenal 3.
Doncaster 1, Airdrie 2.
Huddersfield 3, Leeds 0.
Leyton Orient 1, Bradford City 1.
Lincoln 0, Hull City 1.
Portsmouth 1, Offenbach (Germany) 0.



THANKING the obliging motorist who gave them a lift part of the way to Wolverhampton are two Stamford Hill (London) boys, Derek Kearns (13) and Melvyn Lewis (14), who, instead of going to school yesterday, decided instead to hitch-hike to see the Wolves cup-tie with Darlington at Mollineux today. On the way they called in at West Bromwich Albion ground, where they were entertained by manager Vic Buckingham and members of the staff and were invited to go to Sheffield to see Albion play. But that offer did not tempt them.

A SPRING NIGHT IN FEBRUARY

LAST night was one of the mildest for the time of year for many years, an Air Ministry weather expert said today.

Temperatures over the whole of Britain—with the exception of Northern Scotland—were about ten degrees above the average minimum of 36-47 degrees.

On the Air Ministry roof in London the 53-degree minimum temperature recorded was the same as the night before, and is the highest minimum temperature for this particular mid-month period since recordings began there in 1940.

Heavy rain prevented play before lunch on the second day of the match at Kimberley, Cape Province, between the Australians and Griqualand West.

The Bramley v. Huddersfield Rugby League match, postponed on January 4, has been rearranged for Saturday, February 22.

Collapsed and died

An elderly man, Mr. James Ryan, of Henshaw Street, Oldham, collapsed and died today in the attic of his home. It is thought that he collapsed while putting up a TV aerial.

Hailsham is answered by Ludovic

LAST night's comment by Lord Hailsham that the Liberal Party had no policy, was an attempt to deflect from the magnitude of the Conservative disaster, said Mr. Ludovic Kennedy, Liberal candidate in the Rochdale by-election, today.

In a statement Mr. Kennedy said: "The majority of the people of Rochdale will treat the latest of Lord Hailsham's outbursts with the pity it deserves."

"In order to deflect from the magnitude of the Conservative disaster, Lord Hailsham accuses the Liberal Party of having no policy, no philosophy, and no ideas."

"He knows as well as I do that not only is this untrue, but it is the very lack of these things in the Conservative Party that led the Rochdale electorate to vote as they did."

The Soviet Government newspaper Izvestia, commenting on the Conservative Party defeat in the Rochdale by-election, said today that despite the Government's policy of arming to meet the Soviet threat, ordinary British people demanded an end to the arms race.

Dai Rees in South Africa semi-final

British Ryder Cup golfers Dai Rees and Ken Bousfield reached the semi-finals of the professional match-play golf championship at Durban today.

Rees played magnificent golf to beat the South African open champion, Harold Henning, 5 and 4, and

TODAY'S RACING

NEWCASTLE

1 15—SHOVELLER NOVICES' HURDLE (Div. I). 2 miles and about 60 yards.
11 3 PRECIPITICO 6yrs T Foran 1
11 3 ROCK'S CROSS 6yrs H J East 2
11 10 WAVER LAD 5yrs G Mullan 3
Eighteen runners: Waver Lad, Owen's Mark, Carrick Lad, Royal Chancellor, Prince Justin, Rock's Cross, Beau Soleil, Precipitico, Polonaise, Winter's Star, Bold Buccleuch, Domenico Fuoco, Neasham Hawa, Harbour Mistress, London Rocket, Northmayne, Folly, Phigamas.
9/4 PRECIPITICO; 9/2 Waver Lad, Carrick Lad; 10 Owens Mark, Beau Soleil, Folly; 100/8 Royal Chancellor; 100/7 Rock's Cross, Winter's Star, Bold Buccleuch, Domenico Fuoco, Neasham Hawa; 100/6 Northmayne; 25 others. 3 lengths; 4.
Tote: Win 13/6; places 7/-, 12/10, 8/6.

1 45—WIDGEON CHASE. 2 miles and about 120 yards.
11 12 PUNCH BOWL HOTEL 6yrs
11 12 SCLOPEN 7yrs M Batchelor 1
11 12 MAINSTOWN 8yrs B Wilkinson 2
Eight runners: Notsobad, Bellmaster, Soonario, Punch Bowl Hotel, Mainstown, Sclopen, Proudler Queen, Quick Affairs.
3 Notsobad; 7/2 PUNCH BOWL HOTEL; 9/2 Sclopen; 11/2 Mainstown; 7 Proudler Queen; 10 Quick Affairs; 100/8 Soonario; 20 Bellmaster. 20 lengths; 4.
Tote: Win 12/6; places 5/4, 7/4, 6/10; dual forecast 12/3/4.

2 15—EIDER HANDICAP CHASE. 4 miles and about 350 yards.
11 1 WYNDBURGH 8yrs M Batchelor 1
11 7 GAME FIELD 8yrs J Boddy 2
9 8 KARI SOU 8yrs E G Madden 3
Ten runners: Goosander, Game Field, Wyndburgh, Sultry Cruise, Arnicus, Easter Royal, Repeat Performance, Karl Sou, Golden Picture, Pendle Lady.
9/4 WYNDBURGH; 11/4 Goosander; 6 Karl Sou; 8 Sultry Cruise; 10 Game Field, Golden Picture; 100/8 Easter Royal; 20 others. 4 lengths; head.
Tote: Win 12/2; places 6/4, 19/4, 7/2.

2 45—MALLARD HANDICAP HURDLE. 2 1/2 miles.
10 11 G.R.B. 8yrs Mr R Brewis 1
10 2 BALA SEA 7yrs T Mallorie 2
11 7 HURRY HOME 10yrs M Batchelor 3
Nineteen runners: Snake Charmer, Hurry Home, Kiddlewink Rye Light, Sangram, Merry Highness, Free Beat, The Boss Man, Shah Soliman, Why Tell, G.R.B., Phideve, Drowpits Fantail, Hare Park, Isle of Skye, Bala Sea, Pearly Sea, White Rent, Katador.
100/30 Hurry Home; 11/2 Shah Soliman; 6 Pearly Sea; 7 Why Tell, G.R.B.; 10 Snake Charmer, Kiddlewink, Sangram; 100/8 Bala Sea, Phideve; 100/7 Merry Highness, Free Beat; 20 others. 2 lengths; 1.
Tote: Win 11/17/10; places 11/-, 11/11/8, 7/4.

3 15—PINTAIL HANDICAP CHASE. 2 miles and about 120 yards.
10 0 TURMOIL 8yrs J Hudson 1
11 3 BROWN NUGGET 10yrs
Mr W N Sample 2
Seven runners: O'Malley Point, Buttercough, Brown Nugget, Empire Stadium, Dondrosa, Friars Heel, Turmoil.
9/4 O'Malley Point; 100/30 Buttercough, Dondrosa; 7 Empire Stadium; 8 Brown Nugget, TURMOIL; 100/8 Friars Heel. 15 lengths; 3.
Tote: Win 12/9/2; places 11/10/10, 11/1/0; dual forecast 15/4/0.

3 45—SHOVELLER NOVICES' HURDLE (Div. II). 2 miles and about 60 yards.
11 0 HARDFLOW SCAR 5yrs H J East 1
11 3 CARDINAL POINT 6yrs R Curran 2
11 3 TORCROSS 9yrs P A Farrell 3
Seventeen runners: Admiral Hornblower, Raselas, Rath Na Leugh, Chancery Lane, Torcross, The Poor Relation, Cardinal Point, Umpire, Jaunty Scot, Teak, Harflow Scar, Victor Lassio, Lovers Nook, Royal Chimes, Newton Hope, Kinmont Willie, Migrate.
15/8 Cardinal Point; 9/2 HARDFLOW SCAR; 6 Teak; 13/2 Raselas; 7 Torcross; 10 Admiral Hornblower, Jaunty Scot, Migrate; 100/8 others. 3 lengths; 1 1/4.

LINGFIELD

2 0—PURLEY SELLING HANDICAP CHASE. 2 miles.
11 1 MUSHTARA 10yrs C Chapman 1
10 0 MAIZE 8yrs D Kent 2
10 1 PITLOCHRY 7yrs D Ruttle 3
Ten runners: Easy Winner, Mushtara, Favor Royal, Charlie Boy III, Creek, Behring Strait, Pitlochry, Royal Duke II, Maize, Christella.
3 Charlie Boy; 4 Pitlochry; 9/2 Easy Winner; 15/2 MUSHTARA; 10 Royal Duke; 20 others. 1 length; 2.
Tote: Win 11/15/10; places 9/4, 11/7/6, 7/2.

2 30—OLD MILL HANDICAP CHASE. 2 miles.
10 13 TRAPEZE II 9yrs Mr J Lawrence 1
11 10 MAGNUS II 10yrs M Scudamore 2
11 10 JUNE MARY 8yrs F Winter 3
Six runners: Magnus II, June Mary, Trapeze II, Fairpase, Ocean Royal, Gaymorin.
7/4 TRAPEZE II; 5/2 June Mary; 7/2 Magnus; 8 Fairpase; 100/6 Gaymorin; 20 Ocean Royal. 1 length; 4.
Tote: Win 8/10; places 8/2, 12/2; forecast 11/13/2.

3 0—JERRY M. STAKES. 2 1/2 miles.
10 3 CLANYON 10yrs S McComb 1
10 12 LIMEVILLE 7yrs A Freeman 2
11 8 BANDIT KING 8yrs S Hayhurst 3
Six runners: Bandit King, Sir Ken, Limeville, Funjab, Tonruss Court, Clanyon.
13/8 Limeville; 100/30 Tonruss Court; 4 Bandit King; 7 Sir Ken; 8 CLANYON; 20 Funjab. 1 length; short head.
Tote: Win 13/1/6; places 15/10, 7/2; forecast 17/17/2.

3 30—WEALD HANDICAP CHASE. 3 miles.
11 4 GILES FARNABY 12yrs
R E Jenkins 1
11 3 VALIANT SPARK 9yrs
M Scudamore 2
Eight runners: Allegiance, Giles Farnaby, Valiant Spark, Carey's Cottage, State Fair II, Belljinks, Pious Pete, Discovery.
7/4 Valiant Spark; 9/2 Belljinks; 5 Allegiance; 6 GILES FARNABY; 10 State Fair II; 20 others. 3 lengths; 4.
Tote: Win 11/9/2; places 8/-, 6/2, 9/10; dual forecast 12/3/2.

4 0—SOUTHERN COUNTIES HANDICAP HURDLE. 2 miles.
10 0 WOODRUFF HOUSE 5yrs J Lindley 1
10 8 JOLLY TUDOR 6yrs C Chapman 2
11 4 ARIA 5yrs Mr G Gibson 3
Thirteen runners: Doxford, Pompeinne, Kings Point, Aria, Ballycamas, Dorsoil, Its a Pippin, Jolly Tudor, Cape Herion, Domacelle, Cockeyn, Woodruff House, Welcome Tidings.
11/4 WOODRUFF HOUSE; 4 Dorsoil; 6 Ballycamas; 7 Kings Point; 8 Doxford; 100/9 Jolly Tudor; 100/8 Pompeinne, Its a Pippin; 20 others. Head; 8 lengths.
4 30—HORLEY NOVICES' HURDLE. 2 miles.
Twelve runners: Lusaka, Belfast, Soapey Sponge, Peter Rock, Warcup, Balrennett, Chammlie, Hedgelands, Thunderbolt, Langton Heath, First Exit, My Joy.

4 30—HORLEY NOVICES' HURDLE. 2 miles.
Twelve runners: Lusaka, Belfast, Soapey Sponge, Peter Rock, Warcup, Balrennett, Chammlie, Hedgelands, Thunderbolt, Langton Heath, First Exit, My Joy.

CENTENARY DARTS

HOGSC	P	W	L	F	A	Pts
Lord Nelson	16	15	1	83	29	30
Radcliffe Arms	15	14	1	79	26	28
Featherstall 'B'	17	12	5	64	55	24
Mess House	16	8	5	59	53	16
NC Ladies	16	7	9	48	64	14
Spinnery	16	6	10	50	62	12
Salisbury Hotel	16	4	12	36	76	8
Central Labour	14	3	11	45	53	6
Moorside 'A'	14	2	12	36	62	4

Other results not too hand. Highest score (Schofield's weekly prize)—Week 17: G. Evans (HOGSC), J. Ormston (Mess House), R. Irving (Radcliffe) 140. Week 18: J. Ormston (Mess House), W. Smith (Lord Nelson), W. Cox (Lord Nelson) 140.
MEETING WILL BE HELD ON MONDAY, FEBRUARY 17, AT THE MESS HOUSE. WILL DELEGATES PLEASE ATTEND.

Blood transfusion EDWARDS TOLD 'KEEP QUIET: DON'T TALK'

DUNCAN EDWARDS, Manchester United footballer, seriously injured in last week's Munich plane crash, "suffered a little internal bleeding during the night," Dr. Graham Taylor, British European Airways medical officer, said today.

Dr. Taylor told reporters it was "not a major crisis and a blood transfusion restored the position." Edwards's general condition was unchanged and he remained dangerously ill, but it was too early to say whether the artificial kidney, which was used for seven hours yesterday, would have to be applied again.

Dr. Taylor said that Edwards was conscious all the time, but very restless. "I told him this morning to keep quiet and not to talk more than necessary. He said he understood."

Dr. Taylor said future developments in Edwards's condition hinged on whether his injured kidneys could resume their normal functions. Edwards was not in real pain. He was merely rather distressed and in discomfort.

There was no change in the condition of Captain Rayment, co-pilot of the crashed aircraft. He was still unconscious and dangerously ill. He was the only patient still in an oxygen tent.

John Berry showed a very slight improvement in his general condition during the night, Dr. Taylor said. He was still only partly conscious and must be considered in the danger list. Matt Busby's physical condition was improving steadily.

Still missing

Bristol police said today that there was still no trace of Mr. William Thomas Hyde, the Bristol city councillor, who has been missing for four days. He has not been seen since 4 a.m. on Tuesday, when he told his wife he was getting up to make a cup of tea.

LETTER TO ALL RACECOURSES Tote board and 2s. unit

THE controversy concerning the Racecourse Betting Control Board's introduction of the 4s. minimum unit bet was taken a step further today when all racecourses in the country received a letter from the secretary to the board which states:—

"In the circular letter sent by my board to racecourses on 10 and 24 July, 1957, an undertaking was given that the whole position relating to the discontinuance of the 2s. ticket would be reviewed when sufficient experience had been gained under the new set-up, i.e., after an interval of six or nine months."

"I have to tell you that after the first six months, the evidence tends

to confirm that on purely commercial grounds the board's decision was a right one: for example, the 4s. money is up by nearly 7 per cent and the saving in staff at the 4s. windows is over 4 1/2 per cent. In comparison with these figures the 10s. money is virtually the same, the 1s is up by just over 2 per cent, but the staff at both these windows has risen."

The board is to review the situation at its February meeting, but a decision is unlikely until a further three months have elapsed, when the representations from the Racecourse Association are received and considered together with whatever other material is then available.

Barbara Thompson and partner fifth Britain's ice-dancing title

CCOURTNEY JONES (Parkstone, Dorset) and June Markham (Durham), British and European champions, retained the ice-dancing title in the world figure-skating championships in Paris last night. Britain have won the event every year since 1952.

Michael Robinson and Catherine Morris (Nottingham) were fourth, and Gerard Rigby (St. Helens) and Barbara Thompson (Oldham) fifth. British champion Michael Booker, of London, was eighth—two places better than last year—in the men's championship, Dave Jenkins (USA) retaining the title.

Dianne Peach (London) is eighth and Patricia Pauley (Kingston, Surrey) tenth after four com-

pulsory figures in the women's championship, which ends today with two more compulsory figures and the free skating.

Carol Heiss (USA), favourite to win the title for the third successive year, holds a substantial lead.

Dancing: 1, C Jones and J Markham (Britain), 329.8 pts. (9 placements); 2, W. McLachlan and G Fenton (Canada) 313.4 (25); 3, D Jacoby and A Anderson (USA) 310.6 (34); 4, M Robinson and C Morris (Britain) 306.5 (38); 5, G Rigby and B Thompson (Britain) 308.6 (39).

Men's Championship: 1, D Jenkins (USA), 1,746.2 (9); 2, T Brown (USA), 1,684.4 (28); 3, A Giletti (France), 1,682.7 (26); 4, M Booker (Britain), 1,582 (87).

Women's Championship (after four compulsory figures): 1, C Heiss (USA), 594.5; 2, Wendi (Austria), 558.7; 3, H Walter (Austria), 520.2; 4, D Peach (Britain), 504.9; 10, P Pauley (Britain), 495.

Oldham Sunday Schools St. Aidan's rally for cup win

CHALLENGE CUP—Second Round
St. John's, Hollinwood, 1,
George Street Methodists 1

THIS game was played at a fast pace by both teams. George Street scored an early goal and, although St. John's put on heavy pressure, George Street held out until three minutes from time when the deserving equaliser was scored. The outstanding player was Taylor, the George Street goalie. Scorers: St. John's, Lawton; George Street, Moffat.

St. John's Reserves 0,
Roundthorn Methodists 3

The ground conditions, very heavy, were in favour of the much heavier team, Roundthorn, who gained a 2-0 interval lead. The home team were bogged down and lacked the finishing power after good approach work. Credit to both goalkeepers, especially St. John's, who saved his side. Scorers: Roundthorn, Steele (2), Cartridge.

St. Stephen's 2, Christ Church 1
This was a poor game. Christ Church scored first after 10 minutes and held the lead until 15 minutes from the end, when St. Stephen's equalised and then hit the winning goal five minutes from time. Scorers: St. Stephen's, Hartley (2); Christ Church, Last.

Edge Lane Meths 7, St. Thomas's 2
There was little to choose between these two teams in the first half, although Edge Lane held a 2-1 interval lead. On the resumption, the home team soon made the score 3-1 and then coasted to a comfortable win. The visitors played hard in the first half, but failed to check the lively home forwards after the interval. Scorers: Edge Lane, Baker (4), S. Kenworthy (2), Woolley; St. Thomas's, Davey (2).

Watersheddings Meth. 0,
St. Aidan's 4

Typical cup-tie football. St. Aidan's were the faster team although both sides played well. There was no score in the first half but soon after the interval, St. Aidan's netted two quick goals and later, another two. Watersheddings were unlucky to lose a player through injury but this had no effect on the result. A feature of the game was the brilliant goal-keeping of Kaye, Watersheddings, who also saved a penalty. Scorers: St. Aidan's, Humphries (2), Porter, Entwistle.

Cowhill Meths. 4, St. Hugh's 4
Quite a game between these two teams—one from each division—should be an interesting replay. Scorers: Cowhill Meths., Braddock (2), Raynor (2). St. Hugh's, Smith, Lomas, Gardner, Gaunt.

First Division

Northmoor Meths. 0, St. Mark's 13
St. Mark's outplayed Northmoor who, although fielding only ten players, fought hard to the end, showing good sportsmanship. Scorers: St. Mark's, Forder (6), Maden (5), Dale, Abram.

Washbrook Meths. 3,
Glodwick Meths. 3

Washbrook seemed to have the edge in the first half and took a 2-0 lead. Just before half-time Glodwick equalised against the run of the play. In the second half, Washbrook fell away. Both goals had many narrow escapes and a draw was a fair result. Scorers: Washbrook, Standley, Hanson, Fennell; Glodwick, Henthorn (2), Pearce.

Westwood Mor. 4, Millgate Meths. 3

Westwood had a hard fight in beating a ten-man Millgate team. The sides were evenly balanced in the first half but Millgate led by 2-1 at half-time. Washbrook attacked for long periods in the second half but the Millgate defence was in grand form. After several near misses, Westwood took a late lead for a hard-fought win. Scorers: Westwood, Heath (4); Millgate, Davies, Thompson, Crabtree.

Second Division

DIVISION 2
St. Thomas's, Lees, 2
Saddleworth Church 3

This was not quite so close as the score suggests. Saddleworth dominated the game in the first half and play was mostly confined to St. Thomas's territory. Saddleworth scored all their goals in the first 30 minutes. The second half was more entertaining, and a late rally by St. Thomas's produced two quick goals. Scorers:—St. Thomas's: Mayall, Wells. Saddleworth: Cowburn (2), Shaw.

Springfield Congs. 1,
Hollinwood Congs. 1

A good game under bad conditions. Hollinwood were unlucky to lose their goalkeeper in the second half, but managed to hold out. Scorers:—Springhead: Cook. Hollinwood: Angus.

Ashton Road Congs. 5,
St. Aidan's "B" 0

Ashton Road keep up their threat to league leaders George Street and gained another two points at the expense of St. Aidan's "B," who could field only ten players. Scorers: Ashton Road: Slater (2), Rhodes, Ford, Broadbent.
Will clubs interested in the draw for the third round Challenge Cup please attend a meeting of the committee at Queen Street School on Monday, 7-45 p.m.

Boxing champion left £2,085

Mr. Percy Ewing Goddard—Frank Goddard—who twice held the British heavyweight boxing championship and who died in December, aged 60, left £2,085 gross, £1,799 net.
He won the title in 1919 by defeating Jack Curphey, of Salford, but lost it three weeks later to Joe Beckett. He regained it against Jack Bloomfield in 1923 and lost the title to Phil Scott in 1926.
He died at Saffron Walden (Essex).

MANCHESTER AMATEUR LEAGUE REPORTS

AUSTERLANDS UNLUCKY TO LOSE BY 4-3

IN heavy conditions Austerlands Institute lost their North division match at Denton, where Oldham and Sons beat them 4-3.

The two-minute silence before the game in respect for Manchester United was very impressive; all the United players who lost their lives had played on this particular ground on several occasions and were well-known to many of the people present.

The first half produced some excellent football and the visitors were unlucky to be a goal down after 10 minutes, an innocent-looking shot being deflected into the net by a defender. Austerlands, however, took the lead within 20 minutes through two good goals by Mayall. Before half-time the home team had drawn level and then took the lead again following a defensive slip.

On the change-over and with the fairly strong wind behind them, it was felt that Austerlands would take up the running, and were indeed unlucky when Sladin hit the bar and Mayall struck a post with the goalkeeper beaten on each occasion.

The football in this half was nothing like as good, both teams seeming to tire. With only 15 minutes to play the home team increased their lead and the game appeared to be won, but following good work by Scholes on the left wing a good centre was crashed into the net by Smethurst.

In the dying minutes the Austerlands team piled on the pressure and came very near to saving at least a point, but the home defence weathered the storm.

CHADDERTON ATTACK PLAYS BRILLIANTLY

IN the second division of the Manchester Amateur League last Saturday, Chadderton faced their keen rivals, W. H. Smith's, who last season completed the double, winning 3-1 at Timperley and 6-1 at Chadderton. Conditions were hardly suitable for good football but Chadderton won handsomely by 6-0.

Within two minutes Keith Giles had scored, taking advantage of hesitancy in the defence. Chadderton looked in good form and although Smith's showed their usual tenacity and good football, there was no holding the home side.

The Chadderton inside trio played vintage football; Peter Bowers showed flashes of real potential with defence-splitting passes; centre-forward Middlebrook led the line intelligently; and Keith Giles was in devastating form at inside-left.

The whole forward line moved rhythmically and perplexed the visitors with four goals in the first 20 minutes, Giles scoring a hat-trick and Middlebrook the other.

Gradually Smith's came back in the game and were always fighting hard to retrieve the position. They seldom looked dangerous, however, against a solid defence, and Chadderton scored two second-half goals through Bowers and Middlebrook.

A repetition of this form augurs well for the vital period ahead.

Seel Park notes

3-GOAL SPELL BEAT MOSSLEY

A MATCH given away is the only way to describe Mossley's game last Saturday against Stockport County at Seel Park.

Leading 3-1 with only 17 minutes to go, Mossley were well on top. Then, in a matter of six minutes, Mossley gave away three goals to lose 4-3.

The first goal was a penalty by Stockport, the second and third were gift goals by the defence.

Late this week centre-forward G. Allman was transferred to Ashton United, and at the moment professional goalkeeper D. Ross is having trials with Aston Villa.

Next week, manager E. Quigley hopes to have a new 17-year-old outside-right. Apart from Quigley, this makes the average age of the forward line 19.

Next Saturday, Mossley are at home to Macclesfield, kick-off 3 p.m.

Home comforts in a prison

Prisoners in Hobart's new jail will find their cells have more of a "homely" touch than in previous prisons. The new jail has been designed to reform prisoners rather than punish them. It is so up-to-date that central heating will be installed in each cell.

The jail will also have recreation rooms, classrooms, a handicraft room and a library.

South East Lancashire League Bardsley and Steel clashed to provide some fireworks

DESPITE the weather on Saturday three of the second round League Shield matches were played to a definite conclusion. The remaining match, Chorley's home encounter with CWS (Radcliffe), was postponed until next week owing to ground conditions. Therefore, Chorley's task is made more difficult because keymen Corfield and Cheadle will be assisting the Manchester County FA in their match against Lancashire at Mossley. But even this handicap should not stop Chorley's mounting run of successes.

Prestwich Borough had a clear 4-0 win over A. and A. Crompton's and so enter a South-East Lancashire League semi-final for the first time since joining. Coupled with this good news for Prestwich supporters comes the inevitable bad luck which seems to haunt the Borough. Left-winger Coghlan will not play again this season, for he is to have a cartilage operation on his knee in the near future. Abrahams underlined my comments last week about his return to form, by scoring three goals against Crompton's, while McAlinden (who has interested Manchester United recently) added the fourth.

Any encounter between old rivals Bardsley and English Steel produces fireworks, and Saturdays Shield win

by Bardsley to the tune of 5-3 was a dour struggle on a pitch heavy as glue. Negotiations between Bardsley and the National Playing Fields' Association have produced a site for a new ground for local sportsmen. Although it will be some time before it is available, it will nevertheless be most welcome. English Steel were unlucky to lose full-back Lees early in the game and then goalkeeper Theaker damaged a hand. Bardsley fully deserved their win, however, for they had more punch in the forward line. The "ever-young" Ray Wood scored twice, while J. Rimmer (2) and Mathews made it five. For English Steel goals came from Pares, Strickland and Booth.

The other Shield match was Urmston's 2-0 win at Rochdale over Robinson's Recs., but before discussing the match let's look at a new star. Robinson's Recreation are rather isolated, being the league's only club in Rochdale, and as a result, are often missed when compiling these reports.

Now, however, attention is focussed on them, for young centre-half R. Howard is a star in the making if properly handled. Well built and fit he is in the game the full 90 minutes wherever the ball may be. He watches every move, and plans to take full advantage of it. This youngster will be the attraction of all League clubs. Let's hope he can find one that looks after their youngsters well. They don't all do so—in fact, few do, it appears from reports.

Marsden had little opposition against bottom club AVRO and won 6-0, but star of this match was an AVRO player. He was centre-half Atkins, who blotted out the middle completely, and adds his name to the League's glut of good centre-halves. Even though the Yorkshire side are not the power they were, they are fully entitled to their second position in the table, with "veterans" like Lee seemingly as lively as ever.

Ashton National are still on the way down, and although they fought hard on the heavy pitch against Dukinfield Victoria, it was the Victoria who adapted themselves to the conditions, leading 1-0 at half-time, thanks to a Webb goal. After the interval the Dukinfield boys took full charge, another goal from Webb and two from F. Bevan put the issue beyond doubt, despite an Ashton consolation goal supplied by Teare.

Congratulations to young Chloride inside-right Laurie Corfield, who scored two goals for Oldham Athletic Reserves last week. The League are proud of this clean 100 per cent player.

Goal spree: Spencer bags 7th hat-trick

WEATHER conditions were bad again for amateur league matches, causing the postponement of matches for the second Saturday out of the last three. In the games played, the pitches were a morass, giving players a mud-bath. Mistakes are excusable under this handicap and high scores were the order of the day.

Haggate "A" led the way with a dozen goals, Roundthorn were close behind with 11 and Buckley-Taylor's scored ten. In the second division, Denshaw got their season's highest with nine against J. Chadwick's.

Buckley-Taylor's 10, Ivy United 2.
With an ice-cold wind and treacherous conditions, good football was impossible and defensive errors contributed to nearly all the goals. After a fairly even first-half, the Ivy defence opened and Buckley's forwards ran riot.

Beswick, at centre-half for the visitors, never gave up and despite the odds against him, tried to rally his colleagues. In fine form again for Buckley's was Spencer, whose four goals gave him his seventh hat-trick of the season.

Oldham Amateur League round-up

Cheetham and Brown registered two goals each and Faulkner one. Marshall crowned an outstanding display as pivot by going right through to score. Bowskill and Barrow scored for Ivy United.

Phoenix 3, Haggate 12.

This defeat was not as overwhelming as the score suggests and this new club must be congratulated on a gallant display against a superb Haggate. Phoenix began with a weakened team and later suffered the handicap of having their goalkeeper off injured. His display, prior to this was first-class. With more luck Phoenix will do well and give their opponents some hard struggles. The Haggate scorers were: Turner, Harris, Moores, Wilson, J. Wood (two each), Aspin, Leather.

Roundthorn 11, Greenfield 2.

A long ball hit by Roundthorn full-back Flynn in the opening minutes, completely deceived Wood, the Greenfield keeper, to register the first goal. Six more goals were

added to their account before the interval, Roundthorn at times completely overrunning the visitors' defence.

Greenfield came more into the game in the second half but could not prevent a further four goals being added. Ground conditions were very poor and Greenfield often found themselves bogged down in the mud. Scorers: Adams (4), Prime (3), Chadderton (2), Mills, Flynn for Roundthorn; for Greenfield, Cookson, Dyson.

Fernhurst 2, Delph 3.

The home team persisted in the short pass which did not pay off in this mud-lark while Delph used the long ball and were three up at half-time, Hawkins, Kenworthy and Ramsden scoring.

After the interval, Fernhurst followed the Delph tactics and reduced the arrears with goals by Tinsley and Haigh. Delph, however, held on to win although the Fernhurst attack often created openings in a somewhat unsteady

defence. Chorley was outstanding for Delph and Young a clever inside-forward for Fernhurst.

Denshaw 9, Chadwick's B 0.

Denshaw were on top throughout and gave Chadwick's a toiling 90 minutes. Ground conditions were bad and both sides had difficulty in controlling a heavy greasy ball. Credit to Chadwick's for refusing to just defend, but constantly trying to create openings. Denshaw scored through Wood, Lloyd (2), Statcher (2), Blakeman, Beswick and Jones.

Haggate "B" 1, Gladstone 6.

Gladstone continued their recent improved form and were by far the better team. They mastered the difficult conditions and were always dangerous in attack. Haggate were fortunate to have defenders like Bartram and Jessop and an outstanding display by Banham in goal. Foxcroft was gallant in both attack and defence.

Gladstone were well led by centre-forward Cooper and half-back Barber had a good match. All forwards figured in the goals—Barrow, Reford, Cooper, Hall, C. Gallier (2).

From obscurity to one of the most famous of clubs

WERNETH CC CHANGES ITS COMMITTEE SYSTEM

FIVE members of Werneth Cricket Club committee will retire each year in future. This ruling was made at the club's annual meeting last night, to prevent the committee being elected "en bloc" each year.

To start the new system, five of the 15-strong committee which was elected last night will serve for only one year, five will serve for two years and the remaining five (each group to be decided by lots) will serve for three years.

In each ensuing year, therefore, there will be five retiring members who will be eligible for re-election.

Continuity

In future years, committeemen will be elected to serve for three years.

Mr. N. W. Thwaites, who proposed the new rule, said that some members, particularly the young ones, felt there was a block vote for the committee with the same members being elected each year. He wanted to see some continuity, with each member feeling it is worthwhile putting up for the committee.

Also, new committeemen would be serving alongside experienced members under the new system.

Two-year president

Mr. Thwaites also moved that the president of the club in future be elected for a period of not more than two years. "This will give each member of the club a chance to hold the honourable office," he said.

In future, therefore, the president will be elected each year, but will not be able to serve for more than two consecutive years. After standing down for one year, however, he will be eligible for election again.

The first president to serve under this new scheme is Councillor Granville Mills, a lifelong member of the club, who has served on the committee for 30 years, many of them as a vice-president.

English victory in French doubles final

Miss Ann Shilcock (Sussex) and her former Wightman Cup teammate Mme. Susan Chatrier, won the women's doubles title in the French international indoor lawn tennis championships today in Paris.

In the final, they beat Miss Pat Ward (Surrey) and Mlle. Christiane Mercelis (Belgium) 6-2, 4-6, 6-3.

During 1957 Oldham's 48 registered clubs had a membership of 18,052. In 1956 the town's 49 registered clubs had a membership of 18,671.

famous of clubs

THE first international player to represent England from Oldham was Ab Ashworth, who played against Ireland at Whalley Range in the 1891-2 season. Gwynne and McCutcheon were Welsh internationals.

In the previous year Gwynn, McCutcheon and E. Blomley had represented Lancashire, with the first two also wearing the Welsh jersey.

In this period, prior to the formation of the Northern Union, Jack Hurst was outstanding as a try scorer and Pennington in one season kicked 37 goals from 77 tries.

Varley, Bonsor, Fillingham, Ben Andrew, Taylor, Boardman, Chadwick, Sam Lees, Arthur Lees, I. P. Taylor, England, Furness and one or two others were top class players.

The Lancashire Senior Competition was won in 1893-4, and in the next season, the last under the auspices of the Rugby Union, the club finished second. The last three years of the Union days showed the following records:

	P.	W.	L.	D.	G.	T.	Agst.
1892-3	37	19	14	4	27	47	30
1893-4	41	29	8	4	51	68	26
1894-5	40	29	7	4	51	90	21

In 29 years the club had risen from obscurity to one of the most famous and sought after in the country. Gates of 10,000 spectators could be attracted for the best games.

The original fixture list had included games with the second teams of Rochdale Hornets, Manchester Free Wanderers and Birch (Rusholme). By the last season of the Rugby Union days, Nuneaton, Swansea, Watsonians of Edinburgh, Rockcliffe, Tudhoe and the pick of Lancashire, Yorkshire, Cheshire, Cumberland and Westmorland were on the card.

The first season of the Northern Union saw a league programme take the place of the intended fixture list and Swansea, Edinburgh Wanderers, Rockcliffe, Watsonians and Hartlepool Rovers, would have been met but for the breakaway.

The "A" team has always been with the club and on occasions three teams have been put out. The first mention of an "A" team game that I have so far encountered was on November 4, 1876, when St. Chad's, Rochdale, scored three tries and ten touch-downs to Oldham "A's" two touch-downs to gain the verdict.

In the second season, 1877-8, the "A" team won 14 and lost three of its-17 games.

The value of goals was evident when Broughton Rangers "A" beat our "A" team by one goal to nine tries—a goal being superior to any number of tries.

The "A" team left the field once after East Crompton had scored a try with which the "A" team did not agree.

The opening of the Watersheddings ground took place on September 28, 1889, when Swinton were the visitors. There were 7,000 spectators. Swinton won by two

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goals, two tries and one minor to Oldham's one minor. On that occasion Oldham played in their new red and white shirts.

Sensations in those days

The Northern Union framed a clause known as the working clause, which meant that anyone off work had to be granted special permission by the Northern Union before they could play in a game under its auspices.

The payment allowed by the Northern Union for broken time payments was, for the first three seasons, 6s. per match.

Oldham, under the new conditions, were soon among the leaders, and in the first season of the Northern Union, 1895-6, the team finished second in the Lancashire Senior Competition to Runcorn.

In the combined Northern Union league, the club was fourth to Manningham, Halifax and Runcorn. There was no play-off in those days, and in the first season there was no Challenge Cup.

Forty-two league games were played, 27 were won and 13 lost, with two drawn. The play-off for the Lancashire Senior Competition with Runcorn resulted in a win for the Cheshire side.

The first county game to be played under the auspices of the Northern Union in Lancashire was played at Watersheddings on December 7, 1895.

Jack Hurst was Oldham's leading try-scorer in the first NU season with 26, followed by Martin (10), Taylor (9), S. Lees (8), McCutcheon (7), A. Lees (5), Bradbury (5), while 12 other players scored 21 tries among them. Apart from conversions, seven penalty and six dropped goals were recorded.

Hurst scored a sensational try against Halifax, when he intercepted near the Oldham line and ran the length of the field to score.

Hurst, along with the Oldham captain, Varley, A. Lees, S. Lees, Bonsor and Edwards represented Lancashire in the county championship. But I. P. Taylor, who should have played, was unable to do so.

After finishing as runners-up in the Lancashire Senior Competition for the second season in succession, honours came in the third season, when the Lancashire championship was gained. Then for another two seasons the club was runner-up. In the sixth season they again secured the championship.

The formation of the Northern Rugby Football League naturally

saw Oldham as one of the original clubs, but for once the club only fared moderately in the league. Not until 1904-5 was the championship secured.

In the Challenge Cup, Oldham reached the fourth round in 1897-8, only to lose to eventual cup winners, Batley. The following year they won to become the first Lancashire club to gain the trophy. Hunslet were defeated at Fallowfield, by 19-9, in the final.

Oldham did not appear in the final again until 1906-7, when Warrington triumphed at Broughton by 17-3. Five years later Dewsbury surprisingly defeated Oldham in their next cup final appearance, which was played at Leeds.

The play-off among the top four clubs commenced in 1906-7, and Oldham took part, winning the semi-final, but losing to Halifax at Huddersfield in the final by 18-3.

Again the following year, after topping the table, Oldham again finished as runners-up to Hunslet in their four cups' year.

The League Championship finally returned to Oldham in 1909-10, and was retained the following year. The victim on both occasions was Swinton, who had to wait until 1921-2 before gaining revenge. Twice between the wars Oldham reached the top four, but were knocked out in the semi-final round.

From September 8, 1906, until March 16, 1909, the club won 60 consecutive home games.

Always progressing, the club were quick to sign George W. Smith, the leading New Zealand player, at the conclusion of the first tour of this country by a dominions side.

Other great Colonial players to join the club included Syd Deane, Bill and Vivian Farnsworth and A. E. Anlezark. They helped to make the team into one of the best in the game.

The Oldham colonials represented Lancashire and the club also had many county players who wore the Cumberland shirt, including the fabulous Joe Ferguson, who also played for Lancashire, Jimmy Lomas, Dixon, Owens, Nansen and Tom Fletcher.

The talent at Watersheddings was among the best in the land and individual and club honours were won.

The first touring party to Australia and New Zealand included Bert Avery and Tom Helm, from Oldham. Bert played in Test games down under in this 1910 tour, but Helm was hurt on the way out and did not play a single game.

Four years later Alf Wood, Billy Hall and Dave Holland were Oldham men selected for the tour. All three appeared in Test matches and also appeared in the team that won the game which has gone down to history as "Rorke's Drift."

Alf Wood also made the 1920 trip when he was accompanied by Evan Davies and Herman Hilton. Thus we had a good share in the first three trips down under.

Oldham have been very fortunate in having a succession of some of the best full-backs in the game, including R. L. Thomas, Alf Wood, Jimmy Parkinson, Ernie Knapman, H. J. Comm, Tommy Rees and Bernard Ganley.

To be continued

Junior Schools Thrilling win after playing extra time

Both St. Stephen's and Limehurst went into round two of the Clayton Cup competition as a result of wins over St. Patrick's and Roundthorn respectively. St. Stephen's, from Division Five, defeated St. Patrick's, from Division Two, and goals from Tomkinson and Smith gave them a 2-0 victory and a home tie in round two.

Limehurst brought off a thrilling victory over Roundthorn but extra time was needed to do it. One half of the pitch was a little muddy and it wasn't long before the players were covered from head to foot.

There were frequent stoppages for the removal of mud from the eyes.

Roundthorn opened the scoring after two minutes. The home team drew level just before half-time but soon afterwards Roundthorn drew ahead again in spite of the valiant efforts of Mills, the Limehurst skipper, who burst through time and again.

His efforts were finally rewarded, however, and the equaliser came just before the final whistle. Five minutes of extra time was played to complete a match that was behind schedule and amid the cheers of their supporters Limehurst forced home another goal, although they were unable to reach the goal with a penalty two minutes later.

Just before the end, Mills crowned a fine display with another goal to put the issue beyond doubt and 22 tired and muddy players tramped happily off the field.

At the Broadbent Road playing field on Monday more than 50 boys, the cream of Oldham's junior school footballers, will meet for the junior town team trial. The boys set the selectors a very difficult problem in having to choose an 11 from such a talented assembly.

Next Saturday sees the second round of the Clayton Cup competition. With six teams already there, and the possibility of six more joining them in the last 16, Oldham's chances of regaining the trophy for the town seem particularly rosy. The draw is as follows:—

Blackshaw Lane v. Derker; St. Peter's, Middleton, or SS. Aidan and Oswald v. Higginshaw or Denton Lane; St. Stephen's v. St. Mark's or Byrom Street, or Hathershaw; Shaw CE or Freehold v. Bardsley or Mills Hill or Moorside; Mather Street, Fallsworth v. Limehurst; Alexandra v. Werneth; Northmoor or St. Joseph's, Shaw v. Limeside; Waterhead or Yew Tree v. St. Mark's, Chadderton, or East Crompton.

T.M.J.

'Wonder horse' beaten in season's first race

Tulloch, Australia's "wonder horse" was beaten at Melbourne today in his first race of the autumn racing season.

He finished second, a length behind Prince Darius in the St. George Stakes over one mile one furlong at the Caulfield racecourse.

OLDHAM JUNIOR RUGBY LEAGUE INJURIES ADDED GREATLY TO THE TANK TEAM'S MISFORTUNES

ONLY one game was played on Saturday in the Oldham Junior Rugby League, and that was the first-round tie of the Oldham Standard Cup between Saddleworth Rangers and Royal Tank Regiment at Greenfield. The pitch was spattered with melting snow and waterlogged in places, but these two teams put up a very creditable performance under those conditions.

Saddleworth were obviously the more experienced side and the loss of a player early in the first half didn't make matters any easier for the Tanks, who later lost another player injured. Apart from this handicap, the Tanks were no match for the strong running of Pickering and P. Bamford and the quick breaks made by Meadowcroft.

Tries came at regular intervals and some wild kicking by the Tanks played into the hands of the eager Saddleworth players. By scoring 25 points in the first half and 35 in the second, Saddleworth emphasised their superiority.

For the Tanks, Dunkerley never

tired of rallying his side and Horsfall put in some vallant runs. The players of both sides played themselves to a standstill and their determination and perserverance deserves credit.

Club secretaries are reminded that the closing date in which ground rent claims must be submitted to the Rugby League office is drawing very near.

Monday next is the last day when club secretaries must inform the league secretary of the numbers attending the annual dinner.

The side to represent the league in the semi-final of the Under-19 Inter-Town Competition against St. Helens will be selected by the executive committee at their meeting next Wednesday.

Fixtures for next Saturday. Oldham Standard Cup, second round: Saddleworth Rangers v. St. Anne's or Spotland Rangers (T. Holt), St. Mary's v. Royton (R. Bunting), Waterhead v. Higginshaw (T. Shepherd), Feranti v. Smallbridge (J. W. Cain).

FACTS AND FACES

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S. AFRICA WINS FOURTH TEST


A YEAR AGO THE ENGLAND CRICKET TOURING TEAM, LED BY Peter May, LOST THE Fourth Test IN Johannesburg BY 17 runs.

THE MAN MAINLY RESPONSIBLE FOR THEIR DEFEAT WAS OFF-SPINNER Hugh (Toey) Tayfield.

WHO TOOK 9 SECOND INNINGS WICKETS FOR 113 runs.

IN DOING SO, Tayfield ESTABLISHED A RECORD FOR S. African TEST BOWLERS, AND ALSO GAVE THE SPRINGBOKS A TREMENDOUS INCENTIVE TO TRY AND SAVE THE SERIES, FOR THEY HAD LOST TWO OF THE PREVIOUS TESTS, WITH ONE DRAWN. THIS THEY DID BY WINNING THE FIFTH AND FINAL TEST BY 58 runs AT Port Elizabeth.

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HUGH TAYFIELD



Harold Ratchford coaches nine-year-old Micky Mooney at Hartford Youth Centre.

MICKY (9) ITCHES FOR A 'REAL' SCRAP

THERE'S a fighter in Oldham today who is just itching for a scrap. Ever since he started boxing he's been wanting a "real" fight instead of gym workouts and constant shadow boxing and sparring. But Micky Mooney just can't find any opponents.

It's not really surprising when you consider that there aren't many pugilists who weigh in at 4st. 6lb. and are all of 3ft. 6in. high—and those are Micky's vital statistics.

Michael Mooney will be just 10 this month, and ever since he started boxing at Hartford Youth Centre he's been wanting a fight. But Hartford trainer and ex-boxer Harold Ratchford doesn't want to spoil him, because he believes that Micky is one of the best prospects he has ever come across.

"He's a natural. He's never had any proper coaching, but his style is almost perfect already," Harold said, as he watched Micky skip nimbly round the gym, sparring with an almost equally diminutive friend.

Dances around

And it is. Young lads of Micky's age tend to wade in with everything they've got—attack, attack, attack, is their code. But not Micky. Coolly he dances around, leading with his left and following it up if he creates an opening.

Micky's eyes light up if he is asked if he likes fighting. "Oh, yes, sir," he says. Is he afraid of having to take on bigger opponents to get a fight, as the great Jimmy Wilde had to do? "No, sir," he said belligerently, "I'm not scared of 'em."

Micky is a nephew of Jimmy Eastham, a very useful fighter in his day. But he never received any coaching from him. "My dad taught me a bit," says Micky of his father, Mr. Terence Mooney, who gave his young son hints on the boxing game at their Duchess Street, Shaw, home.

"It's not coaching," says Harold Ratchford. "I think he's a natural. He's one of the best young boxers I've ever come across."

WHO OWNS THE CLOUDS?

Australian farmers whose rain-making efforts encroached on sky areas over neighbours' property could be liable to charges of "cloud rustling," states a report from Melbourne.

The warning was given by the Commonwealth Scientific and Research Organisation's radio physics division technical secretary, Mr. A. J. Higgs, who was commenting on reports that aircraft-owning graziers were planning to ask scientists to teach them cloud-seeding techniques so that they could make their own rain.

Mr. Higgs said it was likely that once rain-making "was established on a sound economic basis, State Governments would have to legislate to restrict rain-making operators.

"The tangle of who owns the clouds above a man's property will have to be sorted out by the legal men," he said.

So many firemen have been injured in sliding down the poles in fire stations at Minneapolis, Minnesota, that the city is buying 50 foam rubber pads to cushion their landings.

THIEVES USE JAIL AS HQ

Prisoners of the jail of the town of Olhao, south of Portugal and about 150 miles from Lisbon, used to go out by night to commit robberies and come back to prison at dawn, it has been discovered.

The jailer has been suspended pending an inquiry, as it is suspected that the nightly escapes were carried out with his assistance.

Many robberies have taken place in Olhao but at first no trace of the criminals could be found. Then, when the gang fell out with each other, rumours started that the prisoners were going out every night, returning with their loot.

The authorities waited by the prison and arrested three prisoners when they were returning "home" at 6 a.m.

Meet a man who WALKED one hundred miles in a day

A HUNDRED miles in a day. Not 24 hours of car miles, not a round-the-clock trip aboard a train—but 176,000 foot-slogging yards in less than a day. Alfred George White, of Shaw, is the man who has done it, and he is one of about 300 in this country who are officially known as "Centurions."

Alfred is 69 now, but he can still vividly remember that rainy day in 1933 when he set off from Croydon



ONLY ONE LOCAL BOXING CHAMPION: A MEMORIAL SERVICE FOR UNITED; LIFESAVING AWARDS: NEW CAPTAIN

SEVEN local schoolboy boxers fought in the Lancashire County Championship finals on Monday evening at Stretford, but only one came away with a county title—Fallsworth Secondary Modern School's K. Butterworth, whose tearaway style earned him a first-round victory over G. Clayton (Blackpool).

And in the regional finals of the national competition at Warrington last night, Butterworth beat W. A. Curley (West Kirby) on a disqualification in the first round.

The six Oldham schoolboys at Stretford met with more experienced boxers and all lost. Terence Gallagher (Henshaw's), who was one of last year's most successful local contestants, missed much training time through a recent visit to the Outward Bound School. His timing was faulty and his speed lacking, and he lost to J. Anderson (Barrow).

A. Nelson (Derker) made a brave show against F. Taylor (Lancaster), a national champion last year, but he was worn down by experience and the referee stopped the bout in the last round.

D. Jones (Derker) was caught by a haymaker from V. Weardon (Preston) in the opening minutes and the referee stopped the fight in the first round. A. Boswell (Derker) put up a good show against an experienced boy, M. Gardner (Preston), but he was cautioned for using his head dangerously and was later disqualified.

A. Savage (Clarksfield) lost an all-attacking bout against N. Hamilton (Preston), and J. Cudworth (Waterloo) met more than his match against B. Johnson (Warrington), the fight being stopped in the first round.

A SPECIAL memorial service for those who lost their lives in the Manchester United air disaster is to be held in King Street Baptist Church on Sunday, February 23. An open invitation to attend the service has been extended to all

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sportsmen and sportslovers in the town.

Representatives of the football and newspaper world are to be invited to read the lessons at the service, which will be conducted by the Rev. K. C. Claxton. The service will begin at 6 p.m.

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CROMPTON CRICKET CLUB turn to youth with the appointment of their 1st XI captain for next season. They have invited Harry Jackson, their leading amateur batsman, to take over from Urban Taylor, who was captain last season.

Jackson, who is 24, has been a member of the club since his schooldays and has headed the club's batting lists in the last four seasons. Last summer he scored 350 runs and also took 13 wickets.

Another new appointment at Crompton is the election of Mr. Phil Brett as chairman of the club committee. A lifelong member of the club and a committeeman for six years, Mr. Brett, who lives in Gordon Avenue, Oldham, has been chairman of the ground committee during the past 12 months.

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CROMPTON BOWLING CLUB are looking well ahead to the coming season and they announce that they will be running their usual Sunday Bowling Handicap. Mr. Arthur White, who has run it in past years, is now steward of the Crompton club, and the secretary for next summer's handicap will be his son, Norman White.

The entry fee is the same (5s.), and the prizes again amount to £70. Entries may be sent to Norman White, 19 Alston Avenue, Shaw. The handicap starts on the second Sunday in May.

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AT Lowermoor Baths this week, Mrs. H. Goddard was highly praised for the standard of her life-saving pupils. All her class—all women and girls—were successful in the examinations held by Mr. H. Onions:—

Award of merit: Mrs. E. Speed and Miss Jean Pilkington. Bronze medallions: Misses I. Newton, R. Lewis, R. Dawson, M. Jones, B. Alton, L. Dyson, S. Stott. Intermediate certificates: Misses S. Rothwell and I. Carroll.

Future Lowermoor Swimming Club social events include the men's annual dinner and social next Wednesday, and the annual dance and presentation of prizes on March 11.

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SO Aston Villa are at last getting on the floodlit merry-go-round which many soccer clubs find so profitable. They have just passed plans for a £35,000 floodlighting system.

When the switch goes on in September all four big Midlands clubs—Wolves, West Bromwich, Birmingham and Villa, will have floodlights.

Last October, Villa refused to play their First Division match with Arsenal at Highbury by artificial light. Only 18,000 attended that Wednesday afternoon.



JACK WILSHIRE, the Crompton and Royton professional, who has been off the course since last November with injured back muscles, is now almost ready for competitive golf again. He has been out practicing this week—except for putting, which his doctor insists should wait till next week—and Jack hopes to play in the next Manchester Alliance meeting at Delamere on Wednesday.

THE golf circus which Peter Thomson, Australia's Master golfer, has been thinking of running for several months is to begin either in September or October this year.

But British enthusiasts are unlikely to see much of it, for Thomson plans to play in the Southern Hemisphere—Australia, New Zealand, South Africa, etc.—during the British autumn and winter.

Then the players in the circus are likely to go their own ways during our summer so that they can play either on the British or American tournament circuits. Though the four players who are to comprise the

circus will not be known until after the British Open in July, Thomson is hoping that Bobby Locke, the present holder of the Open, will be among them.

Gary Player, the young South African, and Welshman David Thomas (Sudbury), are also well in the running, but Thomson will make no final selection until he has studied the form of all the leading British and Commonwealth players. Thomson expects no Americans. "They are all tied up in their own tournaments," he said in London this week, "and I don't think a circus would be a success there."

Will a golf circus attract the public? Thomson has no doubts.



Peter Thomson

Pigeon Notes

BUILDING YOUR OWN LOFT IS CHEAPER AND QUITE EASY

THE first articles in this series about homing pigeons are for the beginner and not for the established fancier.

When anyone begins thinking of keeping homing pigeons, the first thing is to decide what type of loft you would like. There are several types which can be bought but the prices of these are very high and may be too much for the working man to afford. So you may decide to make your own, which is not too difficult a job.

The size of loft which I should recommend to the beginner would be 14ft. long, 7ft. wide and 6ft. 6in. high at the back, sloping to 5ft. 6in. at the front. This would then allow enough space for three compartments, one 6ft. long for old birds,

and one 5ft. long for young birds, leaving 3ft. in the centre for corn bins and to allow the owner enough room to watch his birds.

Two traps could then be put on the front of the loft to allow the birds to enter their own compartments.

It must be remembered that pigeons require a reasonable amount of light and ventilation. These should also be in the front of the loft. It is advisable to have the loft facing south.

In the old bird compartment, you will then need to make breeding cages about 2ft. long, 1ft. 9in. deep and 1ft. 6in. high. In the young bird compartment, you will need box perches about 12in. long, 9in. high and 5in. wide.—J.C.



Little and Keith hold back Grice as he hangs over Oldham's line near the posts—a near-miss for Hull Kingston Rovers in the Cup-tie at Watersheddings last Saturday. Chronicle photograph

It's first come first served for Blackpool

OLDHAM warn their supporters: "If you are going to Blackpool next Saturday, set off early." Blackpool's tiny ground has a capacity of 8,500 and the Oldham club are convinced that quite a proportion of that number will not see the game in comfort. "That is why we have not agreed to an all-ticket match," a Watersheddings official told me yesterday. "If we sell our people a ticket we want to be sure they can see the game."

"We feel that the way the Blackpool ground is set out, quite a lot of people will have difficulty seeing the cup-tie in comfort. We cannot accept that responsibility."

There is a greater danger of not even getting onto the ground. Of the 8,500 accommodation, Blackpool say that they normally provide around 2,500 supporters. With the soccer club at home, it is possible that this figure will be reduced by at least 1,000.

In league games this season, Oldham have been taking anything

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between 5,000 and 8,000 supporters with them. Interest is high in the Challenge Cup, and it is possible that the maximum support will go to Blackpool.

"We just cannot do anything about it," is Oldham's reasonable comment. "Blackpool could play their tie elsewhere, but that is entirely up to them. We would certainly agree ourselves."

'We owe it to fans'

Grounds vacant next week are Warrington, Wigan and St. Helens, but Blackpool are determined to play on their own ground. "We owe it to our supporters," an official told me.

This may seem a strange respect for around 1,500 people, especially when Blackpool complain of cash shortage. On a decent-sized ground they could make this round pay.

If they pull off a shock win—and I am sure they will not—it means that they will lose on the round as far as cash goes. A defeat will leave them little, if any, profit.

In a bid at least to make the ground pay its way, Oldham complained of the low-pricing proposal—2s., 2s. 6d. and 5s. for seats and as a result the half-crown price has been raised sixpence.

Seating accommodation is Oldham's biggest problem. Of 200 seats they will receive about a third—which means 66 seats. "What can we do with such a low number?" an exasperated secretary, Bert Summerscales, sighed to me.

Own cards only

"Postal applications make a farce of the whole business. When we get the allocation we will advertise a night for the sale of the tickets—and the first members will get them."

Secretary Summerscales points out that members must come in person and they can collect a ticket on their own card. They cannot bring their friend's card.

Barring last-minute changes of mind, there it is—a week of problems for club administrators and rugby supporters. Quite a change for the playing staff.

They are not the slightest bit worried about the result. "We will get through to the third round," manager Griff Jenkins told me. "But we hope that a lot of our people get on the ground to help us to do it."

On the morning of February 26, Bombardier Alan Kellett will report to his unit stores and give them back the tackle they lent him two years ago.

After the usual military documentation, Mr. Alan Kellett will make for his Yorkshire home.

It is great news for Oldham, for they think that in 20-year-old Kellett they have the answer to their future out-half problems. "He is the man I am staking the vital job on," Manager Jenkins told me a short time ago.

Certainly in his brief senior appearances, Kellett has shown plenty of what it takes to play with Oldham—and out-half looks to be his best position.

But the question at Watersheddings is if Frank Daley continues to play the way he is doing, how are they going to drop him? A very good question.

One for your diary

Mark April 19 in your diaries. On that Saturday Oldham go to Leeds, but there is a first-class attraction on at Watersheddings—seven-a-side football.

At the back of the entertaining afternoon's speed rugby is that go-ahead junior club, St. Anne's, led by secretary Peter Brown. It is open to clubs from Lancashire and Yorkshire but only eight crack clubs will be playing.

Invited are Orford Tannery (Warrington) and Lock Lane (Yorks)—the two junior teams who last week played in the first round of the Cup.

And to add local flavour, St. Anne's and Royton will enter clubs.

Tickets, secretary Brown tells me, will be sold in advance and will cost 1s. "Any profit we make," he adds, "will be spent on making amateur rugby a better proposition to potential players."

WING-CONSCIOUS Oldham are feeling more relaxed after last Saturday. A knee injury to Cracknell let in Nestor for the speed spot, and with two tries he gave a very convincing display.

"We don't know if Mr. Jenkins has any plans to play Nestor on the wing regularly," was the answer I got to my question. But I'll bet he has!

Drobny in a tennis game lasting 2 hours

A 54-game set lasting a minute over two hours was the highlight of the men's doubles final in the French indoor lawn tennis championships in Paris last night. Winners were Kurt Nielsen and Torben Ulrich (Denmark), who beat Drobny and Anton Jancso (Hungary) 28-26, 2-6, 4-6, 6-3, 6-0.

ACCRINGTON STANLEY'S centre-forward, George Stewart, has scored one goal in 13 of his last 17 games.

Letters, resignation, rumours, make up week of unrest

A SHOAL of supporters' letters, the resignation of a director and rumoured captures on the transfer market. This has been the picture at Boundary Park—the hub of a week of turbulent activity.

It was Athletic's disappointing display at Gigg Lane, Bury, last Saturday, which prompted an unusually large batch of readers' letters reaching this office.

From all sides the cry was the same, "What is going to be done about keeping Third Division football in Oldham?"

All the letters had solutions. Some advised a "buy now" policy; another suggested that the town's youth teams held the key to future success; others suggested that changes on the board of directors was the only answer.

Then came the surprise of Mr. Stanley Cheetham's resignation from the board of directors. I understand this followed a disagreement on present club policy.

The outcome of this development has yet to be seen, but at the time of writing, the board are waiting to hear from Mr. Cheetham, who has been asked to reconsider his decision.

New signing denial

As if these happenings had not been enough, they were followed by the story of Athletic's bid to sign Walsall and former Huddersfield Town inside-forward, Bill Davie. Yesterday, however, manager Ted Goodier denied that he was going to sign this inside-forward.

He told me that Davie was merely one of the many players about whom he had inquired, and no concrete approach had been made.

I can add also that even if Davie had become an Athletic player it is unlikely that he would have gained a first-team place for some time.

He has been out of League football for some time, and has not played for Walsall for something like two months.

Earlier in the week, I understand Manager Goodier also made inquiries about Accrington's inside-forward, Peter Sowden, but the Lancashire club placed a high figure on his services.

Sowden has been unable to gain a regular place in the Accrington side, but whether he would have been willing to come to Boundary Park was never discussed.

The happenings add up to a week of unrest—the one thing that must be avoided if Athletic are to fight back into the top 12. As I have previously stated, a great deal rested on today's home game with Accrington, and any further slip would really make the task a difficult one.

NEXT WEEK'S VISIT TO SCUNTHORPE WILL BE BAD ENOUGH IN ITSELF, BUT IF ATHLETIC HAVE LOST FURTHER POINTS AND CONFIDENCE TODAY, THEN THE OUTLOOK IS DECIDELY DARK.

An interesting point, too, was raised in one of the reader's letters, who asked, "Why (unless they have beaten Accrington today) have Athletic failed to win a match in the months of January and February for three seasons?"

That startling fact is true! Not since they beat Southport in February of the 1954-5 season have Athletic collected both points in these months.

The first explanation which springs to mind is that Athletic do not like heavy grounds. But this season in particular that should be no excuse. The defence is one of the biggest, if not the biggest in

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

the League. If the answer is coincidence then it really is remarkable—as well as being very distressing.

Another solution may be that the training is not adequate and that by the turn of the season, the team is played out. I find that too glib to be true. I have watched Athletic train frequently, and it has been both adequate and valuable.

During their recent good spell, in fact, the players were putting everything they had into their training

Laying the bogey

However, the fact that these two months are the most important of the season (particularly this year) needs no stressing by me. I sincerely hope Athletic have laid that bogey today.

A last point which prompted much discussion in soccer circles was Athletic's refusal of the invitation to join the newly-proposed North Central League. On the grounds that it would involve far too much travelling for the Reserve team, the directors unanimously decided to decline the invitation.

On the surface I agree it appears Athletic have turned down a grand opportunity of playing in a top-class reserve league. That is true, but then take a look at the other clubs in the proposed league—Hartlepool, Carlisle, Barrow, Workington, Gateshead, Darlington, Middlesbrough, Sunderland, Lincoln and Grimsby.

Almost every away game would mean a more-than-lengthy trip, doubling or trebling current expense, and all added to the first team's increased expenses whether they spend next season in the Third or Fourth division. Had the club been able to afford it, I do not think for one minute they would have hesitated.

Round the Third North

ALTHOUGH Bury's home draw with Stockport County on Wednesday evening increased their lead at the top of the table to three points, Scunthorpe, their nearest challengers, have three games in hand over them. Bury's chances of promotion may not be fulfilled unless they solve their centre-forward problem quickly.

After failing to score in 11 successive games, Harry Darbyshire was replaced by utility man Tommy Daniel, of Thornham, a month ago. Daniel has netted once in his four games as leader of the attack to date. Bury have tried five different centre-forwards this season.

THE most noticeable improvement in Bradford's performances of late has been that of their defence. Only four goals have been conceded in the last six matches, of which four have been won and the others drawn.

In a similar number of engagements previously, 19 had been scored against them, including two fives and a four.

IT is not generally known that Southport's full-back, Bill Dodd, used to be a Busby Babe. He spent some time at Old Trafford before moving to Shrewsbury Town, and later went outside the League to play for Banbury, although he remained registered with the Southern Section club.

Southport, who signed Dodd during the past summer, have recently been experimenting with him at inside-right, in an effort to add scoring power to their attack.

WILF CHARLTON'S failure to score from a penalty for Tranmere against Carlisle last Saturday cost his side a point. By a curious coincidence, the last time Charlton missed a penalty Tranmere were also defeated at home, by Chesterfield on the second Saturday of the season.

BRADFORD CITY have kept a clean sheet defensively in 13 League and Cup games, and have had only a single goal against them in 12 other matches.

SINCE Alf Young took over at Bradford, the Yorkshire club has won four and drawn two of its six games, their longest unbeaten sequence so far.

Ex-Suez pilot now harbour master

A former senior first-class pilot with the Suez Canal Company has been appointed harbour master of Jamaica, in succession to Captain E. H. Pickering, who retired recently after 15 years of service. The new chief is an Englishman, Captain Bazzard, who joined the Suez Company nearly 11 years ago.



What does a champion boxer do to relax after a hard training session? PAT McATEER (Birkenhead), the British and Empire middleweight title holder, takes up his brushes and oil paints. "It soothes my nerves," he says. McAteer is seen here at work on an oil painting. His 24-year-old American wife, Mary, holds the canvas. McAteer is at present preparing for his contest in Hamburg on February 28 with Hans Wohlers, the unbeaten German middleweight.

What price Turpin's sparring partner taking title from him?

WHERE does Randolph Turpin go from here? Or rather from Birmingham, where his performance against the Dutch light-heavyweight champion, Wim Snoek, on Tuesday night, left a lot to be desired.

Even the ever-faithful Birmingham crowd turned against their hero at the end of this mauling, sprawling ten-rounder, and there was the sad sound of booing for Turpin and cheers for a not very enterprising visitor at the end.

But every boxer is entitled to one off-night every now and then, and Turpin is going ahead with his plans for future fights. The first of these is scheduled for Leicester on March 31 against Mike Holt, of South Africa, in an Empire title eliminator.

After this, he will be due to defend his British title, and who is to say there is a light-heavyweight in the British rankings to take it away from him?

CROSS-COUNTRY NOTES

AGAIN J. WILD IS SENIOR CHAMPION



J. WILD

THE annual championships of the East Lancashire Cross-Country Association, were held on Saturday from De La Salle Training College, Hopwood Hall, Middleton. For boys', youths', juniors' and seniors' events 24 clubs turned out 62 teams. The ground, holding plenty of water, and icy in parts, was expected to be difficult after the wild weather on Friday evening, but during the morning, when the starting and finishing pens were being erected, the ground thawed slowly and conditions were such that a fast race resulted.

The boys, always first to break the trail, were led home by M. J. Tinsley (East Cheshire), who found No. 13 no handicap. Sale 33 points, Salford 59, and East Cheshire 60, took the team honours. Alan Kindon, Royton Harriers, although a year older, finished much further back this year at 18th. This was no surprise as football is his first love this season. You are at the cross-roads, Alan, which is it to be, football or athletics? You cannot do both.

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There was a surprise in the youths' race of three miles, when Manchester and District Lads' Club took the team honours from Rochdale Harriers by scoring 34 points against 37, with Leigh third with 83. The individual winner, however, was no surprise. As forecast with good going, the Lancashire individual champion, Colin Robinson (Rochdale Harriers) had no difficulty in gaining his second title for the season with his clubmate and last year's champion, Alan Dewhurst, only a few places behind. Royton Harriers finished a team but were far behind. They were led by Frank Hargreaves (37th) a runner with an easy action who could run better had he more confidence in his own ability. Peter Lomas (47th), W. Turner (67th), and Hugh McDonald (68th) completed the team.

The junior race, of approximately six miles, was a hollow triumph for M. J. Corcoran (Macclesfield Harriers), this being his third consecutive success in this event. He will, however, meet much sterner opposition in the Northern, a fortnight hence, when he meets the Yorkshire champion, Alan Cocking, strongly fancied to take both this and the English title of junior champion. The local club, Royton Harriers, turned out an incomplete team, and even with a complete four, could not have scored. The best performance was R. E. Mills (27th), D. Jones was 32nd and J. Pennington (55th).

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In the nine-mile senior event, the ever-popular mighty atom, Johnny Wild (East Cheshire Harriers) strode purposefully around the course, bent on annihilating all opposition, and this he did to retain his title and record his second win in a time of 51min. 4sec. Joe Salt (Rochdale Harriers) and Fred Norris (Bolton United Harriers) made manful efforts to catch up, but the nearest they got was when some members of the crowd tried to prevent Johnny Wild going on his last lap, in the mistaken idea that the distance had been covered. Thanks to the firmness of the referee, Walter Wilson (Sale Harriers) and lap scorer, Arthur Pritchard, (Royton Harriers), a catastrophe was averted. The time recorded showed how correct was their decision.

The team race, very open, was won for the first time by Manchester and District Lads' Club, who are very proud of their initial success in the Senior Event.

Royton Harriers finished 9th and ran as well as expected. Gordon Pritchard led the team home in the 16th position, the reward for regular training and consistent running. A much-improved Don Pilkington finished 37th, but to keep a sense of proportion, it must be pointed out that to win, six in thirty is the aim. Leon Ashton was 53rd, Albert Walker, 58th was far below form, not surprising, as the call of business prevent regular training. Edwin Toft, and Stuart Lowe completed the team, finishing 59th and 64th.

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3rd NORTH PLAYERS



B. WILSON

A. ASHE

B. BETTS

WILSON (Barrow)

While much of Barrow's improved form this season can be traced to their attack, the defence has also been playing well, particularly centrt-half Bevis Wilson.

A native of Eccles, Wilson came into prominence with Wrexham in the early post-war years, moving from the Welsh club to Barrow in 1950. He quickly settled down in the senior side, and after a long spell at centre-half, switched to right-back early in the 1955-6 season.

Wilson, who played his 250th League game for Barrow on October 5 last, reverted last winter to his original position, where he is now among the best in the Northern Section.

ASHE (Gateshead)

After sustaining some heavy defeats in the arly part of the season, Gateshead have done somewhat better of late. Among the reasons has been the introduction of Armour Ashe into their defence. Ashe, who was born in Paisley, was signed from Accrington Stanley on November 27, made his debut for his new club three days later, and has subsequently alternated between both full-back positions.

Ashe is now playing for his third Northern Section club, having originally joined Stockport County from St. Mirren, with whom he had several years' experience, in the summer of 1953. After playing only two first-team games for Stockport, he was transferred to Accrington in October of that year.

BETTS (Stockport)

For some time after the start of this season, the authorities refused to sanction the appearance of Barry Betts in competitive matches with Stockport County. Finally, however, the young full-back was given permission to return to League football, and made his bow in the club's senior side early in November.

A Yorkshireman from Barnsley, Betts signed professional forms for his home-town team in 1950, and in the following seasons played fairly regularly in the first team. Eventually, however, after spending a considerable time on the injured list he gave up the game, due to a damaged back, last season. The trouble happily cleared up, and Betts made his comeback by joining Stockport during the past summer.

Youth Club's soccer

Results of Oldham Youth Clubs' League last Saturday.—Supplementary League: St. Anne's 5, Royton 2; Millgate 3, Chadderton 4; Hartford 5, Henshaw's 1; Deker 9, Townfield 1. League: Fallsworth LC 9, St. Hugh's 1. Under-18 Supplementary League: St. Cuthbert's 7, St. Hugh's 1.

The goldfish grew and grew

Many giant goldfish are breeding in an acre of water in the shade of the cooling towers of the Salisbury Power Station, S. Rhodesia.

Twelve years ago a few domestic goldfish were thrown into the large cooling ponds of the power station by a yard foreman, Mr. Tuckey Mackay.

"My wife decided that our fishpond at home was dangerous for young children and made me fill it in," he said. "I put the fish in the cooling ponds."

"We have taken goldfish from the ponds measuring 15in. from head to tail and as thick as your wrist," Mr. Mackay added.

What's a predicament!

Ironically, the man most likely to get the chance is none other than Turpin's stable-mate and chief sparring partner, Jack Whittaker, of Warwick, who has quietly moved up the ratings until he stands as the champion's chief contender.

In the last month, Whittaker has drawn with Albert Finch, beaten Willie Armstrong and lost only one fight in 21.

If the Board of Control do nominate Whittaker, it will pose a pretty problem for their manager, George Middleton, a scrap-metal merchant from Leamington Spa.

It was Middleton who bought Turpin his first boxing kit at the age of eight. It was Middleton who nursed him through to that great night in 1951 when he took the world middleweight title from Ray Robinson.

And it was Middleton who fathered him through the 11 years of ups and downs and who has never missed being in his corner for an important contest.

Now he has Jack Whittaker with whom he hopes he can repeat the process. If the two meet he will not be allowed to help in either corner. In any case he would not want to. What a managerial predicament!

Crisis week for Joe

Less than a week to go before the British heavyweight champion Joe Erskine fights the fight on which his whole future may depend.

His performance against Ingemar

RUGBY LEAGUE ABC



D. BOLTON

F. CARLTON

H. DAWSON

BOLTON (Wigan)

Soon after he joined Wigan as a lad of 16, it was obvious that David Bolton was destined for international stardom. That promise has gone on growing until this season he won his first Test cap, following two selections for matches against France.

He has experienced some difficulty this season in deciding where he could serve his club best—at out-half or scrum-half—but there is little doubt that out-half is Bolton's favourite position and the one in which he finds greater freedom to shine.

Bolton has several targets in view, including Wembley and a place in the team to tour Australia. Is it too much to hope that he will achieve the double this season?

CARLTON (St. Helens)

At the beginning of the season, Frank Carlton promised to lead the scoring race, for he was in great form until a knee was damaged in a match in which he scored three tries. An operation for cartilage trouble was necessary and his call-up to the R.A.F. also followed, so that Carlton's name has almost dis-

appeared from the Rugby League news for the moment.

Playing Rugby Union, he is rapidly coming back to his peak form and there will be occasions later in the season when Frank will find leave sufficiently convenient to enable him to turn out again for St. Helens.

H. DAWSON (Widnes)

Widnes supporters want to know what's wrong if Harry Dawson does not figure among the scorers, for he has a double-edged weapon to his bow. Not only does his speedy attack and powerful running put him quite frequently into the try-scoring picture, but since he took over the goalkicking role from John Sale, he has improved out of all recognition and is now quite a consistent kicker from short and medium range.

Although Dawson won county honours for the first time this season, he does not hesitate to play on the wing for his club, for he realises that for the time being at least he can be of greatest service there. Dawson is completely unimpressed by reputations, and few centres possess a more watertight defence in all situations.

Johansson for the European title in Gothenburg will decide whether Britain gets a world heavyweight championship contest this summer or not.

In the next few fights, Erskine can either rise to the heights or sink into obscurity. He takes the first step in whichever direction he is going next Friday night.

Meanwhile, the other pride of Wales, Dick Richardson, who once knocked Erskine down for a count of eight, is back on the warpath. Tired of inactivity since Bob Baker battered him in December, Richardson has given up the idea of a long rest. In fact, he may be Britain's busiest heavyweight this summer.

Two fights in March against Albert Wespahl in Carmarthen, and Cleveland Williams in London, will be followed by two more in Wales before the end of June. Could it be Richardson v. Brian London for the big open-air show in Manchester in July?

? Sports Queries ?

STUD (Westwood).—Carrying only 6st. 2lb., King of Clubs, trained in Yorkshire by W. Bellerby and ridden by Pat Donoghue, won the Lincolnshire Handicap in 1926 at 100-1.

DOG.—Halifax won the Challenge Cup at Wembley in 1939 by defeating Salford 20-3. It was in 1948 when Frank Whitcombe won the Lance Todd trophy at Wembley. Whitcombe played for Bradford Northern, who lost 8-3 to Wigan.

SCRUM DOWN.—(1) Sid Little signed for Oldham on January 30, 1952; (2) Oldham met Leeds in the Challenge Cup in 1951 in a two-legged first round which they lost on aggregate, again in 1952 when they lost in the second round, and in 1956 when they lost again in the second round.

CONDOR IRON WORKS.—John Noon signed for Oldham Rugby Club as a centre-threequarter.

Glaciers are shrinking

New Zealand's scenic glaciers in the Southern Alps are shrinking rapidly, according to an American professor, Dr. R. P. Goldthwait, who has been studying them for the past year.

A "bumper" snow-fall at the head of the glaciers in the past winter could mean that they will start building again, however.

Dr. Goldthwait said his studies in the Southern Alps showed that the weather there had been one or two degrees warmer during recent years—"enough to cause the glaciers to shrink."

WEEKEND TV AND RADIO

IT is ABC Television's second birthday today, and naturally there is a celebration programme. We in the North have not been receiving commercial TV for two years, but it will be remembered that ABC started up in the Midlands some months before it came to Manchester.

As in all these celebration programmes, the adjective "star-studded" has to be applied to the bill which is being prepared.

It includes two of the great favourites of yesteryear, Don Ameche, who is over from Hollywood, and George Formby, who is simply down from his St. Annes home where he is working on his new show, "Beside the Seaside," which is due to open in Hull soon.

George hasn't done much TV. When you've made your reputation outside TV, you've got to be careful," he says. "I believe in appearing now and again just to keep my face in front of the public."

Don Ameche, whom older people will remember from such films as "Ramona" and "Kiss the Boys Goodbye," has been building a big TV reputation since he made his debut in this medium in 1951. Both George and Don are out to prove that the very young 'uns can't depose the good old 'uns.

Tony Britton, the star who was getting £10 a week as an assistant stage manager at Manchester Library Theatre ten years ago, will introduce the show, which also includes Vanessa Lee, Shirley Eaton, Dennis Lotis and June Whitfield.

WHICHEVER way you turn the channel switch when play-seeking tomorrow, you'll get a classic. ABC is doing that famous Dumas play, "Lady of the Camellias." The story of Marguerite Gautier, tragic heroine of this play, is the basis of the opera "La Traviata," and if you are older you may recall the unforgettable Greta Garbo playing the role in the film "Camille."

Without doubt, the part of Marguerite is one of the most exacting in the whole of romantic classics, and the role in ABC's production falls to Ann Todd, making her first drama appearance since she was in "The Doctor's Dilemma" a year ago.



Ann Todd

The Marguerite of the play is a young courtesan of Paris becomes disgusted with the life she is leading. She is suffering from the TB and then she falls in love for the first time with a young man named Armand Duval. He takes her away from the social whirl but she is urged to give him up.

Miss Todd, who is a Cheshire girl, born at Hartford, near Northwich, has had remarkable success in American TV.

DENMARK is the setting of the BBC play, "The Judge," which sets off the second half of the World Theatre programme of 14 productions.

The play is by a Dane, H. C. Branner, one of his country's leading, living playwrights. It was produced for the first time only in 1951, under the title "Sokende," which means "Brothers and Sisters."

That title is just as apposite as the other, because the plot is about a family of two brothers and a sister who are re-united for the first time in many years by the illness of their father, the judge of the title.

The judge is never seen. He is dying in a room upstairs and he is only heard. But his domineering presence is felt throughout the play as he continues to exert his iron will over his family.

There's a good play on BBC tonight, too. It is "Britannia of Billingsgate," in its way another classic. Hermione Baddeley plays the part of Mrs. Bolton, who is the "Britannia."

Drowned in garden pool

Joel Gossner, two-year-old son of an US Army major, was found dead in an ornamental pond at his home in Eaton Park, Cobham, Surrey, yesterday. He was believed to have fallen in while playing.

Tonight . . .

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| BBC TELEVISION | 8 0: Jazz Saturday. |
| 6 0: News. | 8 30: Saturday Night on the Light. |
| 6 05: Six-Five Special. | 9 15: Jazz Saturday. |
| 7 0: Wells Fargo. | 10 0: Saturday Night on the Light. |
| 7 25: News. | 10 30: News. |
| 7 30: Dixon of Dock Green. | 10 40: Donald Peers. |
| 8 0: The Ted Ray Show: Guest star, Bill Maynard. | 11 15: Edmundo Ros. |
| 9 0: Britannia of Billingsgate (play), with Hermione Baddeley. | 11 55: News. |
| 10 0: Sports Special. | |
| 11 0: News. | |
| 11 15: War in the Air. | |

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| ABC TELEVISION | 6 15: Highway Patrol. |
| 7 0: The Saturday Serial. | 7 0: The Restless Gun. |
| 7 30: The Restless Gun. | 8 0: Wrestling. |
| 8 0: Wrestling. | 8 30: Many Happy Returns. |
| 10 0: News. | 10 05: Knight Without Armour. |
| 10 05: Knight Without Armour. | 11 45: Epilogue. |

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| NORTH—434 and 93.7 metres. | 6 0: News. |
| 6 15: Northern News. | 6 25: Sport Spotlight. |
| 7 0: Those Were the Days. | 7 15: Week in Westminster. |
| 7 30: In Town Tonight. | 8 0: Variety Playhouse. |
| 8 0: Variety Playhouse. | 9 0: News. |
| 9 15: An Ill Wind (play). | 10 45: Lighten Our Darkness. |
| 11 0: News. | |

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| LIGHT — 1,500, 247 metres | 6 0: Guitar Club. |
| 6 30: Just Jazz. | 7 0: Radio Newsreel. |
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| 7 30: Saturday Night on the Light. | |

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| BBC | 1 0: O Sul I Sul. |
| 1 10: Teledu I Blant. | 2 30: Gardening Club. |
| 3 0: News Review. | 3 30: From Stage and Screen. |
| 4 15: Brains Trust. | 5 0: Children. |
| 5 0: Children. | 6 5: Sunday Special. |
| 7 0: Meeting Point. | 7 25: News. |
| 7 35: The Thin Man. | 8 0: What's My Line? |
| 8 30: The Judge (play). | 9 45: Monitor. |
| 10 30: News. | 10 40: Weather; Epilogue. |

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| ABC | 11 15: Service. |
| 2 30: Isn't He Beautiful? | 3 0: Old Mother Riley, Detective. |
| 4 30: Bid For Fame. | 5 0: (Midland), Ivanhoe; (North), Hawkeye. |
| 5 35: What's In Store. | 5 55: Tell the People. |
| 6 9: News. | 7 0: Living Your Life. |
| 7 25: News. | 7 30: Martin Kane, Private Investigator. |
| 8 0: Sunday Night at the London Palladium. | 9 0: OSS. |
| 9 30: News. | 9 35: The Lady of the Camellias. |
| 10 50: Top Tune Time. | 11 30: Epilogue. |

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| HOME—434 metres | 7 50: First Day of the Week. |
| 7 55: Weather. | 8 0: News. |
| 8 10: Programmes. | 8 18: British Melody. |
| 8 55: Weather. | 9 0: News. |
| 9 10: Home for the Day. | 9 45: Service. |
| 10 45: Music Magazine. | 11 35: International Concert Hall. |
| 12 10: The Critics. | 12 55: Weather. |
| 1 0: News. | 1 10: Coast and Country. |
| 2 15: Gardeners' Question Time. | 2 45: Mahler to Segovia. |
| 4 15: Can I Help You? | 4 30: Talking about Music. |
| 5 0: Children. | 5 50: Money Matters. |
| 5 55: Weather. | 6 0: News. |
| 6 15: Radio Newsreel. | 6 45: Grand Hotel. |
| 7 30: Letter from America. | 7 45: The Way of Life. |
| 8 25: Appeal. | 8 30: Soames Forsyte, Esq. |
| 9 0: News. | 9 15: Ernest Bevin. |
| 10 15: Sins of My Old Age. | 10 50: Epilogue. |
| 11 0: News. | |

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| LUXEMBURG—208 metres | 6 0: Beayer Club. |
| 6 15: You Lucky People. | 6 45: Accordion Time. |
| 7 0: Tunes to Remember. | 7 30: Winifred Atwell Show. |
| 8 0: Hughie Green. | 8 30: Michael Miles. |
| 9 0: This I Believe. | 9 30: Cream of the Pops. |
| 10 0: Record Rendezvous. | 10 30: Sinatra. |
| 11 0: Top Twenty. | |

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| AFN—344 metres | 6 0: CBS Radio Workshop. |
| 6 25: This Fabled World. | 6 30: Adventures of the Abbots. |
| 7 0: News. | 7 5: People Are Funny. |
| 7 30: Meet Corliss Archer. | 7 55: World Fair Report. |
| 8 0: Howard Barlow Presents. | 8 30: European Storybook. |
| 9 0: Mitch Miller. | 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: Philadelphia Symphony Orchestra. | 11 55: This Thing Called Life. |
| 12 0: Midnight News. | |

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| BBC | 9 0: Chapel in the Valley. |
| 9 30: Dennis Wilson. | 9 45: The Archers. |
| 10 30: What Do You Know? | 11 0: Have a Go! |
| 11 30: People's Service. | 12 0: Family Favourites. |
| 1 15: Billy Cotton. | 1 45: Educating Archie. |
| 2 15: Ray's A Laugh. | 2 45: Movie-Go-Round. |
| 3 30: Melody Hour. | 4 30: Britannia Mews. |
| 5 0: Holiday Hour. | 5 45: Danny Levan. |
| 6 0: Sing It Again! | 6 30: Life with the Lyons. |
| 7 0: Take It From Here. | 7 30: News. |
| 7 35: Just for You. | 8 30: Sunday Half-Hour. |
| 9 0: Follow the Stars. | 10 0: Semprini Serenade. |
| 10 30: News. | 10 40: Pick of the Pops. |
| 11 30: Rendezvous. | 11 50: End of the Day. |
| 11 55: News. | |

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| THIRD 464m., 194m. | 5 0: Danton. |
| 7 25: Fedra: Act I. | 8 25: Logical Hardware. |
| 8 45: Fedra: Act II. | 9 40: The Iliad. |
| 10 20: Fedra: Act III. | |

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He said that BOAC would introduce Comet services between London and Sydney from February 1, 1959. There would be four flights a week replacing the existing Britannia 102 service. This would be increased to five flights weekly in April next year, Mr. Stainton added.

Comet IV's would be introduced on the Tokio run in April next year, he said. Three flights a week would replace the existing Britannia service.
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RESULTS

BURY	4
ROCHDALE	1
HORNETS	1 0-2
LEIGH	2 1-7
ATHLETIC	0
ACORINGTON STANLEY	3
ST. HELENS	1 1-5
OLDHAM	2 0-4

FA CUP—Fifth Round
 Bolton 3, Stoke 1
 Bristol City 3, Bristol Rovers 4
 Cardiff 0, Blackburn 0
 Scunthorpe 0, Liverpool 1
 Sheffield Utd. 1, West Bromwich 1
 West Ham 2, Fulham 3
 Wolves 6, Darlington 1

FIRST DIVISION
 Burnley 1, Luton 2
 Everton 2, Leicester 2
 Manchester 1, Birmingham 1
 Abandoned after 40 minutes.
 Notts. Forest 1, Tottenham H. 2
 Preston NE v. Newcastle postponed.
 Sheffield Wed. 2, Chelsea 3
 Sunderland 1, Blackpool 4

SECOND DIVISION
 Derby 2, Notts County 1
 Rotherham 2, Grimsby 0
 Swansea 0, Ipswich 0

THIRD DIVISION (North)
 Bradford 0, Mansfield 2
 Carlisle 1, Hartlepool 2
 Crewe 1, Halifax 2
 Southport 0, Tranmere 3
 York 3, Chesterfield 3

THIRD DIVISION (South)
 Aldershot 2, Exeter 2
 Bournemouth 5, Southampton 2
 Brentford 2, Shrewsbury 0
 Colchester 4, Coventry 1
 Swindon 1, Gillingham 1
 Newport 1, Brighton 2
 Norwich 2, Walsall 1
 Watford 3, Millwall 0

SCOTTISH CUP—Second R'nd
 Brechin 3, Cowdenbeath 2
 Celtic 7, Stirling Albion 2
 Clyde 4, Arbroath 0
 Dundee U. 0, Hibernian 0
 Forfar 1, Rangers 9
 Hearts 4, Albion R. 1
 Inverness Cals. 5, Stenhousemuir 2
 Kilmarnock 7, Vale of Leithen 0
 Montrose 2, Buckie Thistle 2
 Morton 0, Aberdeen 1
 Motherwell 2, Partick Thistle 2
 Queen's Park 7, Fraserburgh 2
 Queen of South 7, Stranraer 0
 Third Lanark 6, Lossiemouth 1

RUGBY LEAGUE
 Barrow 4, Chester 1
 Batley 6, Wakefield Trinity 5
 Blackpool Borough 5, Salford 14
 Bradford N 8, Hull KR 6
 Bramley 11, Dewsbury 6
 Doncaster 10, Liverpool C. 9
 Featherstone 5, Workington 5
 Halifax 16, Keighley 5
 Hull 45, Castleford 2
 Leeds 28, Huddersfield 2
 Swinton 0, Widnes 6 (abandoned after 60 minutes)
 Warrington 16, Barrow 14
 Whitehaven 7, York 9
 Wigan 24, Hunslet 0

RUGBY UNION
 Scotland 12, Australia 8
 Warwickshire 6, Surrey 3
 Royal Navy 3, RAF 14

OTHER MATCHES
 Huddersfield 5, Leeds 0
 Arsenal 1, Eintracht 0

Referee stopped the Maine Road game

The Manchester City v Birmingham First Division match at Maine Road this afternoon was suspended after forty minutes, during which both sides scored a goal. Conditions were atrocious. There had been heavy rain for many hours and some of the lines and pitch markings seemed to be obliterated.

WITH Charlie Ferguson fit again, Rochdale fielded an unchanged side at Bury this afternoon. Bury were also unchanged. The pitch was in a heavy condition following continuous heavy rain.

BURY: McLaren; Robertson, Conroy; May, McGrath, Atherton; Munro, Watson, Daniel, Parker, Lovie.
ROCHDALE: Jones; Ferguson, McCulloch; Grant, Glover, McGuigan; Lockhart, Wainwright, Dailey, Moran, Vizard. Referee: Mr. H. Webb (Leeds).

Bury won the toss and played with the rain at their backs. After a brief Rochdale raid on the right, Bury staged a grand open attack, but Lovie's centre was too far back and though Daniel got in a shot it was an easy one for Jones.

Bury continued to attack. Two centres by Munro had Rochdale in trouble, and Ferguson stopped Daniels in good style.

When Rochdale did get moving, Daley beat two men on the left, but his centre was too high for Lockhart.

Many of Rochdale's moves were too close. After Watson had shot into the side netting, Wainwright went equally close at the other end. Ferguson headed out a Lovie free-kick and another off-side decision held up Rochdale. So far, Bury had had the better of the game.

30-yard shot

McGuigan came through to try a 30-yard shot which passed just wide. The game was fast and within seconds Conroy was clearing hurriedly from Lockhart and Jones was racing out to dive on a through ball as Daniel threatened.

Jones was injured, but resumed after attention. Wainwright was having a rough time at the hands of Atherton. Within a minute Rochdale had free-kicks for fouls by May and Atherton, and from the second McLaren had to save from Ferguson.

Then a foul by McGuigan sent Bury back and Ferguson had to head deliberately for a corner. Rochdale had three quick corners, Daley bringing McLaren to a brilliant save with a header.

Rochdale were on top at this stage, but Bury soon hit back and in 41 minutes DANIEL netted with a header from Munro's centre. WATSON headed a second three minutes later.

Half-time:	
BURY	2
ROCHDALE	0

Both sides had clean strips on for the second half, and Bury were immediately set going by a foul on Munro by McCulloch.

Although the kick was cleared, Bury raided again and Jones had to save from Daniels. Rochdale produced a strong effort in which Dailey was nearly through. The ball came back to Lockhart, but from a clear opening he shot inches outside the bar post.

There were two corners in quick succession to Rochdale, McLaren lifting a Lockhart centre over the bar from the second.

In a breakaway in the 54th minute LOVIE centred a third Bury goal from Daniels' centre. Five minutes later LOCKHART headed a goal for Rochdale after moving to the left wing.

Jones distinguished himself with two great saves from Lovie. Rochdale still had plenty of fight and Wainwright from one attack shot inches outside.

Final:	
BURY	4
ROCHDALE	1
MUNRO for Bury.	
Attendance:	12,308.

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TOUGH MATCH FOR RESERVES

ATHLETIC RESERVES were as selected. Considering the ground conditions, both the teams played good football and in the first ten minutes the young Morecambe team gave the Oldham defenders a tough time.

Morecambe took the lead when Allen put across a low centre, which SHINWELL turned into his own net.

During this period Palmer made some good saves for Reserves. Gradually Reserves came into the picture, and Duffy had a good shot saved.

The Morecambe keeper also made some good saves from all the Reserves' forwards. Close on half-time Allen got the ball into the net, but was declared offside.

Half-time:—	
Morecambe Reserves	1
Athletic Reserves	0
DUFFY scored last-minute equaliser.	

Final:—	
Morecambe Reserves	1
Athletic Reserves	1

WEST BROM EARN GOAL LEAD

Sheffield, with a strong, gusty wind behind them, attacked immediately.

Pace had a chance but was beaten by Howe before he could shoot, and then Hodgson shot against Sanders but Howe cleared the ball from the goalmouth to prevent danger.

A neat back-pass by J. Shaw to Hodgkinson checked another dangerous Albion advance, but after 17 minutes they took the lead. Kevan put a perfect centre over from the left and quick-moving ALLEN swept the ball past Hodgkinson.

Robson netted again for Albion but was offside.

Sheffield attacked spiritedly but could find no openings in the sound Albion defence. Half-time: Sheffield Utd. 0., West Bromwich Albion 1.

Two quick goals shock Mossley

COFFIN put Ellesmere Port ahead after a minute, and five minutes later KELLY increased their lead.

A quite shot by Quigley was just off the mark, and territorially Mossley were holding their own.

Ground conditions were poor enough to make both defences look suspect. Nevertheless, Mossley were fighting back.

The home forwards were erratic and Batty gave a courageous display in the Mossley goal. HUGHES reduced the arrears just before half-time. Half-time: Ellesmere Port 2, Mossley 1.

Wigan cut through Hunslet defence

Wigan took the lead after 17 minutes, when BARTON went over for a try near the posts. CUNLIFFE added the goal.

The home side increased their lead after 26 minutes, when BOSTON shot through a gap in the Hunslet defence for a try which CUNLIFFE improved.

After 30 minutes, Ashcroft sent SULLIVAN over for Wigan's third try. Half-time: Wigan 13pts., Hunslet 0.

HORNETS BEATEN IN LAST STAGES

HEAVY rain from noon onwards turned the Athletic Grounds pitch into a quagmire. A late Hornets change brought in John Lawrenson, making his debut in place of Short.

HORNETS: Cahill; Buxton, Jones, Lawrenson, Corsi; Chisnall, Fishwick; Scholes, Dagnall, Hanson, Parsons, Bailey, Parr.

LEIGH: Ledgard; E. Hutson, Callaghan, Holden, Kindon; Dickinson, Fallon; Robinson, Clarke, Owen, Hurl, Martyn, Foster.

Referee: Mr. H. Squires (Ossett).

Fishwick's pass to Chisnall from the first scrum fell short, Fallon, receiving possession for the first time, kicked direct to touch.

Twice in early play, Hornets were penalised, and on the second occasion Ledgard came up to have a shot at goal, which was well short.

After Holden had tried a break-through, Buxton was penalised for obstruction of Dickinson and severe pressure was put on the Hornets line, Chisnall stopping Dickinson from running in at the posts.

A bright burst of passing carried play into the Leigh half during exciting exchanges, and after Jones had missed with a long-range penalty kick he made a strong dash but could not get the ball out to supporting players.

Penalty goal

Hornets were not quick enough to take advantage of a charge down Leigh kick in the visitors' quarter, but the rain earned a penalty goal kicked by JONES.

Holden resumed after touch-line attention by the trainer, and a break by Martyn was checked by Cahill. At the other end, Chisnall strode clear, but Hanson, in support, could not keep the move going.

The referee ruled a forward pass when Buxton had been left with only Ledgard to face, and a tussle in front of the home posts ended with a penalty for offside to Leigh. LEDGARD levelled the scores with an easy goal.

Parr drove back Leigh's next raid with a long kick to touch, and from Chisnall's interception Fishwick ran well, but could not get past Ledgard.

Half-time:—	
HORNETS	1 0-2
LEIGH	1 0-2

In the second-half, Bailey made a glorious break-away, but fell to a tackle after rounding Ledgard. Jones failed at goal from a penalty award. When Parr missed a loose ball, Cahill was brought into action, and during the Leigh surge, Dagnall was injured but did not leave the field.

There was promise in a home raid until Chisnall delayed his pass, and when Fallon put in a long kick which Kindon chased, the ball rolled into touch as the wingman reached it.

A series of scrums in the home quarter ended with a fine home move by Buxton, Lawrenson and Jones, covering 40 yards.

Hutson failed to take a pass from Callaghan which offered him a clear run, but the attack was kept up and HUTSON made no mistake with a second chance, crossing at the corner in the position too far out for Ledgard to goal.

Despite one of their crispest moves, which carried the ball out to Corsi on the left, Hornets were penned in their own half and it was becoming impossible in the mud to recognise most of the players.

A chase by Lawrenson and Corsi took play to mid-field, and there was a halt for face-sponging. LEDGARD added a penalty goal.

Final:—	
HORNETS	1 0-2
LEIGH	2 1-7

Quite One unplaced

In the Baldoyle Chase this afternoon Quita Que started favourite at 13/8 but was unplaced. Gallons (7c2) won from Soir (20-1) and Fine Point (100/7).

SCOTLAND BEAT THE WALLABIES

At Murrayfield today, Australia took an early lead against Scotland. The Wallaby backs began a passing movement in which Curley came up from full-back to join. Just inside the Scotland 25 he flung out a pass to DONALD, the right wing, who scored without difficulty. LENEHAN, from near touch, kicked a fine goal.

Scotland reduced the arrears after 13 minutes. WEATHERSTONE, gathering a pass from a kick by Docherty, slipped and fell, but managed to slither over the line for a try after 13 minutes. Arthur Smith just failed to convert.

Scotland were fortunate a few minutes later, when White, having intercepted and cut through, sent a pass astray when challenged.

In 20 minutes Australia drew further ahead. Summons squeezed a way through the centre and handed on to White, who sent THORNETT crashing over for a try wide out. Lenehan's kick failed.

Scotland were often able to ease the pressure when the Wallabies were penalised for scrummaging infringements, and at last they found a way to the visitors' 25. There, Thornett was penalised for obstructing Robson and ARTHUR SMITH kicked a goal from 27 yards.

Half-time: Scotland 6, Australia 8. Shortly after half-time the Wallabies were penalised and a great roar greeted ARTHUR SMITH when from 55 yards he kicked a magnificent goal and so put Scotland one point in front.

Scotland set up a hot attack and Waddell made the way for Docherty to cut through. Chisholm was up to send STEVENSON over for a try in 35 minutes. Smith's kick failed.

Final:	
SCOTLAND	12
WALLABIES	8

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OLDHAM RUGBY

Turner and Winslade, Jackson took the ball to sweep through the defence but he was not supported. St. Helens were soon back when an Oldham fumble was belted up-field. The ball was over the line when Cracknell beat Llewellyn to kick dead.

The pressure on Oldham's line continued. When from midfield the ball moved out to Large Llewellyn fumbled the exchange with the line at his mercy.

It was Oldham who almost got a try a minute later. The ball ran loose and three times Pitchford put a foot to it. When Davies raced in the ball ran dead before he could reach it.

In the 52nd minute St. Helens were penalised at a scrum 45 yards from their line. Ganley tried for a goal but the ball fell short.

Alan Davies was next trying to get points for Oldham. He took a pass and completely beat Vollenhoven but when he tried to kick ahead Moses charged the ball down.

DAVIES'S RUN HAD BEEN ONE OF THE RARE SPELLS OF THREE-QUARTER ATTACKING OLDHAM HAD PRODUCED.

Oldham were on the right end of a penalty soon afterwards when St. Helens were penalised for feeding. Again Ganley failed to get the goal.

Three minutes later Oldham were awarded another penalty when St. Helens obstructed. GANLEY this time landed the goal from 35 yards.

Final:	
ST. HELENS	1 1-5
OLDHAM	2 0-4
Attendance:	20,000.

Featherstones' slight lead

In this key championship game SOUTHWARD put Workington ahead with a penalty. Two minutes later Mullaney sent SMITH over for an unimproved try.

Featherstone were hard pressed to keep their one-point lead and Workington attacked on both flanks. As rain began to fall steadily the passing deteriorated. Attendance: 5,000.

Half-time: Featherstone 3pts., Workington 2.

SECOND DIVISION
 Charlton 6, Middlesbrough 2.
THIRD DIVISION (North)
 Gateshead 3, Workington 0
 Wrexham 1, Stockport 0
THIRD DIVISION (South)
 Crystal Palace 1, Northampton 3
 Plymouth 3, Queen's Pk. R. 1
 Port Vale 1, Southend 3
 Torquay 1, Reading 4.
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 Falkirk 6, St. Johnstone 3.
 Raith 0, Dundee 1.
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 Alloa 2, E. Stirlingshire 2.
 Ayr 4, Dumbarton 0.
 Brechin 3, Cowdenbeath 2.
 St. Mirren 1, Dunfermline 4.
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 Lincoln 2, Hull 5.
 Portsmouth 1, Offenbach 0

RUGBY UNION
 Cernwall 14, Lancashire 8.
 Oldham RU 6, Keighlians 5; Oldham Colts 19, Old Salfordians 6.
SE Lancs League: Bardsley 0, Urmoston 2.

LINGFIELD 4 30. Result:
 Langton Heath (J Beasty) 1,
 Balrennett (Owen Brennan) 2,
 Hedgehounds (D Dillon) 3.
 8/15 fav., 100/8, 20/1. 12 ran.

FEATHERSTONE 3pts., Workington 2.