

BRIGHTER
for your
LIGHTER



PETROL-PAK 1/3
LIGHTER FUEL

OLDHAM EVENING CHRONICLE

GREEN FINAL

SPORTS EDITION

YATES'S BLUE LABEL
SCOTCH WHISKY
36/6 19/- 8/10 4/7
Bott. Half-Bott. Nogg. Half-Nogg.
YATES'S WINE LODGE
6 HIGH STREET, OLDHAM
Only Branch in Oldham

No. 23,184 SATURDAY, MARCH 1, 1958 Price 2½d.

YOUNG UNITED HOLD ALBION



Teece beats Bradford's centre-forward, Marshall, and clears following a corner-kick.

IN 2-2 DRAW LIVERPOOL CHALLENGE SHAKES ROVERS

MANCHESTER UNITED put up a magnificent show against West Bromwich Albion today. Twice they were in the lead and nearly always they looked the better side.

Cope coolly cleared the first Albion raid and on the very soft sandy pitch the home men early found their rivals in lively form. TAYLOR, the former Blackpool inside-right, worked the ball neatly and scored after five minutes. Charlton, Pearson and Dawson shared in the swift movement, which ended by Taylor sending in a stiff shot which left Sanders standing. The crowd cheered as a cross from Kevan flew across the visitors' goal with no-one able to touch the ball in. In the 11th minute, Kevan had a strong drive blocked, but in a goal-mouth melee ALLEN scored by kicking the ball past the unsighted Gregg. Charlton, full of vigour on the United Left, tested Sanders with a high dropping centre.

Untiring Taylor

Whitehouse, tackled as he shot, drove inches wide, and at the other end Dawson sent a fierce kick flashing over the bar.

Three minutes before half-time United took the lead. The untiring Taylor struck the crossbar with a strong drive from 20 yards, and DAWSON, dashing up, headed the rebound at speed past Sanders.

The crowd once more applauded enthusiastically, but were hushed as Kevan drove against a post. Half-time: West Bromwich Albion 1, Manchester United 2.

Albion's passes were intercepted time and again, and rarely did the home attackers move in concert. Pearson, served well by Taylor, was not far over the bar with a rising drive.

Final:
WEST BROMWICH 2
UNITED 2

Fulham keep ahead against Bristol R.

A TYPICAL example of cup fever came before the kick-off, when a spectator darted on to the ground. He whipped the ball away and ran half the length of the field before shooting into the Fulham net.

The game began dramatically with a fast raid by Bristol and Macado had to dive full length to push a drive by Sykes round the post. Fulham retaliated and took the lead after nine minutes. A typically perfect pass from Haynes found Hill in the inside-left position.

HILL drove hard with his left foot and although Nicholls checked it, he could not prevent the ball rolling into the net.

Fulham scored again in the 13th minute. Dwight sent Hill dashing down the right wing and his high centre went to Chamberlain who shot hard and low. STEVENS thrust out a foot and diverted the ball into the net.

Fulham were not to be denied and two minutes before the interval STEVENS rushed in a third goal. Fulham well deserved their 3-0 interval lead. Half-time:— Fulham 3, Bristol Rovers 0.

Rovers were making a determined effort to cut back their deficit and it became Fulham's turn to defend desperately.

The Bristol pressure blew itself out and Fulham took up the attack again. The Bristol defence tightened and 23 minutes after the interval Rovers scored. Meyer took a free kick and Bradford, soaring above everyone, headed a fine goal.

Five minutes later Bradford hooked a shot just over the bar with a grand effort. Final: Fulham 3, Bristol Rovers 1.

OLDHAM'S LATE RALLY Blackpool beaten after game effort

WITH four Oldham players in France for the international and with Jackson injured and Keith rested, Oldham played six reserves against Blackpool at home today —Stirrup (full-back), Noon (left-centre), Nestor (out-half), Rowbottom (prop), Carruthers (hooker), and Duffy (second-row). Blackpool showed one change from last Saturday's Cup-tie team, Foden playing left-wing in place of Morgan, the former Oldham player.

OLDHAM: Stirrup; Cracknell, Ayres, Noon, Ety; Nestor, Pitchford; Rowbottom, Carruthers, Vines, Winslade, Duffy, Daley.
BLACKPOOL: Lowe; Emmitt, Wood, Fearis, Foden; Brennan, Dunn; Wright, Mundy, Grundy, Walsh, Standish, Healey.
Referee: Mr. H. Harrison (Horbury).

A long kick put Oldham on the defensive, but they retained possession and the 75-yard move among the backs sent Oldham ahead after four minutes with a try by Nestor.

The ball reached Cracknell on the wing, and an inside pass to NESTOR broke the meagre cover, the out-half running 50 yards to score at the corner. Noon's kick at goal was a bad one.

Oldham pressed strongly and were throwing the ball about but Blackpool quickly managed to clear their line and took play to halfway.

Stirrup's run

After 12 minutes a kick ahead went straight to Stirrup who put in a brilliant 40-yard run. From the play-the-ball an orthodox movement saw Noon tackled a yard short, but the ball came back across the field and CRACKNELL outstripped the defence to score in the corner. Noon again failed at goal.

Blackpool had a chance to score when Daley dropped a pass. Fearis broke through but his inside pass fell short of Brennan. Keeping up the pressure, Blackpool tried again, but when Dunn went over he was called back for a knock-on by Healey.

From the scrum Blackpool were awarded a penalty and FEARIS kicked an easy goal.

Scrappy midfield play followed, but an inside pass to Daley put Oldham on the offensive. Nestor next broke through cleverly but spoiled the move by stopping dead in his tracks inside the Blackpool quarter.

Blackpool again relieved pressure with a long kick to touch, but a concentrated move took play back to halfway.

Ety tried a run on the left. Then Carruthers, who was gaining ample possession from the scrums, gave Oldham the ball again, Noon broke through but Cracknell could not collect a high pass.

Blackpool pushed Oldham back again and a reverse pass from a

scrum put them near Oldham's line. Dunn, at play-the-ball, tricked Oldham and nearly went over, but Blackpool did score when the ball came away, BRENNAN fighting his way over. Fearis should have converted but his kick hit the posts.

Oldham took up the offensive again and Ayres was tackled two yards short with Cracknell in support. Two more Oldham attacks were thwarted and the interval arrived with the home team holding only a one-point lead.

Half-time:
OLDHAM 0 2-6
BLACKPOOL 1 1-5

Oldham had started off in fine style. Their initial fire, however, faded and they allowed Blackpool to make too much progress whenever they gained possession. Handling mistakes had hampered Oldham in building up their attacks.

Immediately after the resumption Fearis failed to place Blackpool ahead with a 40-yard penalty kick. Oldham moved up in attack and Noon kicked ahead to put play on the Blackpool "25."

Vines gets a try

Oldham attacked on the left, but Ayres was tackled with two men outside him. From play-the-ball, however, Carruthers broke through and VINES took a pass to score, his first try of the season. Noon's kick was accepted by one touch-judge, but ruled "no goal."

Ety was next to make a burst, and on the other side of the field Cracknell was all but over. In the next attack Ayres "died" with the ball again. Immediately afterwards Winslade went over but in doing so bounced the ball.

Blackpool pushed Oldham back but again they attacked, Stirrup coming up and Ety being tackled five yards short. Stirrup then tried to cut through and when a Blackpool forward was penalised NOON kicked a goal.

It was now Blackpool's turn and after concerted pressure FEARIS found a gap after 58 minutes to score a try which he just failed to convert.

★ Continued on Back Page

Action

There's nothing to beat an afternoon on the sports ground or an evening at the dart-board or billiards table for the sheer, satisfying pleasure of action! And we enjoy providing the means for its attainment as much as you enjoy the exercise of it.

INDOORS OR OUTDOORS...
Whatever your leisure hours' amusement — table tennis, darts, soccer, hockey, what you will — you'll find everything you need on our premises. Come and look!

SCHOFIELDS
The sports specialists
ESTABLISHED 1823
16 GEORGE ST., OLDHAM
208 STAMFORD ST., ASHTON

:: SATURDAY MAGAZINE ::



Miss Dorothy Paget's seven-year-old CANNOBIE LEE, ridden here by W. Rees and trained by W. Nicholson. It is entered for the Paddington Chase at Newbury next Friday, and can return to winning form.

WHEN WILL LINCOLN—NATIONAL MARKET LIVEN UP?

We are watching for market moves on big races

IT would be difficult to recall a more lifeless ante-post market than the one now concerning the Lincolnshire Handicap and the Grand National, both of which are less than a month away. There's hardly a ripple of interest and one wonders when there will be a really forceful move for a horse in the top twelve in today's quotations, writes The Ringier.

Copenhagen and Diplomatic Bag are joint favourite for the Lincoln mile event—at 16/1—and Wyndburgh at 12/1 stands out in the "National" prices.

If there should be a move to support Langton Heath (a mudlark at the best of times) or Colours Whiraneek it would be worth noting. But it seems that we must wait a little longer for guidance.

As for the "National," there is a chance that Mr. What, a really game Irish chaser may be bought by an English owner with the big Aintree event in view. This eight-year-old has taken three races this season and though he might be considered young for the tough Aintree test, his experience and ability could put him right in the picture. His quotation is 20/1.

Athenian is being nursed along. He, too, is a good "National" prospect at 25/1.

One of the places least affected in times of severe weather is sure

to be Hambleton, near Thirsk. This long-established Yorkshire training ground is usually quite free of frost throughout even the most severe winters. The rich turf is almost black in colour beneath the lush grass.

Several classic hopes of the last century were exercised at Hambleton, but an important winner has not been trained there since Noel Murless left for Beckhampton. The last big race winner he trained at Hambleton was Closeburn, winner of the Stewards' Cup in 1947.

Jack Calvert is now the trainer in residence. After he saddled Precipitico to win over hurdles at Newcastle recently, the winner's owner, Mr. A. Pacitto, said that the horse had not lost a day's work when everyone else was frost-bound.

Jack Calvert has a bright Lincolnshire Handicap hope in Opera Score, which cost 820 guineas at the Newmarket sales in October.

Opera Score, bred at the Royal Stud and raced by the Queen, won five of his eighteen races on the flat, including the Midland Cambridgeshire of 1955.

He has only 7st. 10lb. in the Lincolnshire, and should give Johnny Greenaway a good ride. He will certainly have a preparation as thorough as most of his opponents. His price is a liberal 50-1.

Haydock Park provides two days of promising racing on Friday and Saturday. Several Grand National horses are engaged on both days—ESE, Wise Child, Green Drill and Hart Royal among them.

J. Wright saddles Chateau Pavie for the Shrewsbury Challenge Cup Chase at Wolverhampton on Monday instead of Cement City, a prolific course winner at Wolverhampton. The pointer is self evident. The Pylons (one to follow) might take the opening race.

H. Sidebottom sends two runners from Cambridgeshire to Fontwell Park and they might win. His Dekko is on a handy mark for the Rother Hurdle while Sugar King may do well in the March Hurdle. R. V. King rides this pair. My Gem is well fancied for the 4 o'clock event.

Next week's racing fixtures: Monday: Wolverhampton and Fontwell Park; Tuesday: Wolverhampton and Ludlow; Wednesday: Ludlow; Thursday: Ludlow and Wincanton; Friday: Haydock Park and Newbury; Saturday: Haydock, Newbury, Market Rasen, Sedgfield and Worcester.

Spaniard outpoints the Empire champion

Dennis Adams (South Africa), British Empire flyweight boxing champion, was outpointed by Jose Ogazon (Spain), over ten rounds at Springs, Transvaal, last night.

Ogazon was down for short counts in the third and eighth rounds, but for the rest of the fight he outboxed Adams.

Malham Tarn for big trout

ONE of the most beautiful of the Yorkshire trout waters, and one that holds some of the biggest trout, is Malham Tarn, high in the hills. It is a unique water: most of the coastline is limestone (a type of stratum often associated with good trout waters) and the remainder of the coastline is peaty (often associated with poor trout waters).

The tarn is the birthplace of the River Aire, which flows out of the tarn, disappears down a limestone crevice and reappears at the foot of Malham Cove.

On one shore of the tarn there is a bird sanctuary and nature study centre, and it is from the warden that anglers can get day tickets at 5s., and a boat can be hired for 10s. a day.

Tickets must be applied for in writing several weeks in advance, but fishing is well worth the extra trouble involved. Trout fishing is by fly only, and perch fishing is by

Angling Notes by KB

worm only. Spinning or maggots are not allowed.

There are very large specimens of both types of fish in the water and on my first visit to the tarn I saw a trout (about 4lb.) hooked. The best time for the fly-fisherman is just before dusk with large flies, really sea-trout flies with plenty of glitter in the body.

NOT far from Malham, at Gargrave, is to be found a fine stretch of the Leeds and Liverpool Canal. Here again decent trout-fishing is to be obtained, particularly at the mouths of the streams that feed the canal from the surrounding hills.

The streams hold many gudgeon and minnows and these congregate

in shoals, seeking food just upstream from the mouth. In the main canal, big trout lie in wait for the luckless small fry that may sail down unaware of impending danger.

Many of these spots are heavily fished at weekends and an early arrival is essential for a good position. A small spinner or streamer fly, cast across the stream-mouth, often brings good results.

LAST week's snow was responsible for the poorest attendance for many years at the Oldham Anglers' annual general meeting, only about 20 members turning up. The president, Mr. R. Watson, was stranded in Delph, but in spite of his absence was re-elected unanimously.

An innovation for the Oldham Anglers was a decision to hold an annual club dinner, the first being at the close of the coming season.

In spite of the small attendance interest was keen and the members were both outspoken and resolute in their condemnation of the few "rule-breakers" in their midst who cause more trouble than their value as members is worth. In future, members who will not abide by the club rules will receive rather drastic treatment.

Mr. H. Brookes was re-elected secretary, and Mr. F. Swindells, who took over the chair at short notice, controlled the meeting in his usual very efficient manner.

THE annual general meeting of the Oldham United Anglers' Society will be held next Wednesday at the Lyceum, Union Street (7 30 p.m.).

Answers To Sports Teasers

TEASER NUMBER ONE

Steve Donoghue rode Tapir (9-1) to victory in the 1925 Lincoln, and his son, Pat, rode King of Clubs (100-1) to victory in the same race in 1926 when his father finished last on Angela.

TEASER NUMBER TWO

Luton Town—a nice clean record to be proud of.

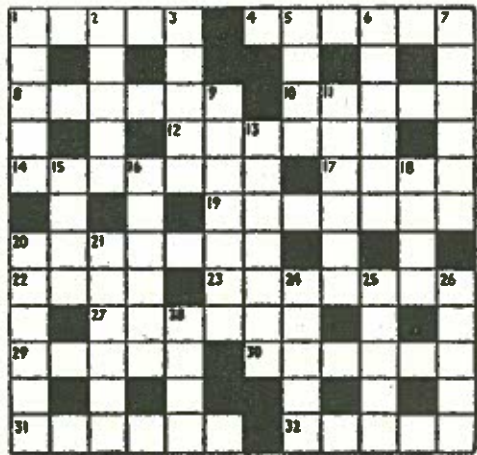
TEASER NUMBER THREE

Jimmy Broad, former Millwall, Manchester United, Everton, Stoke, Watford and Brighton player.

CROSSWORD No. 1410

ACROSS

- 1 Account side (5).
- 4 Not much of a sweet (6).
- 5 She was all against blood-letting (6).
- 9 Silly beasts (3).
- 12 They're in the majority (6).
- 14 Lattices (7).
- 17 Without substance? (4).
- 18 They may be in for a pounding (7).
- 20 It shouldn't go up when the rain comes down (7).
- 22 Fail to include (4).
- 23 Does a whole job? (7).
- 27 Edam, perhaps (6).
- 28 Pale as a layer (5).
- 30 One's pay (6).
- 31 Leg (2, 4).
- 32 Small, for instance (5).



DOWN

- 1 Headquarters (5).
- 2 Boat to shove? (5).
- 3 It's an ordeal to be on it (4).
- 6 Existence (4).
- 8 Amber, for example (6).
- 7 Lamb products, possibly (4).
- 9 Fatty (7).
- 11 Piece of sculpture (6).

- 13 It's no good—be economical! (7).
- 15 Some paper (4).
- 16 Utterly detest (6).
- 18 That's torn it! (4).
- 19 Murphy (6).
- 21 Wealth (6).
- 24 Goes ahead, on the roof, perhaps (5).
- 25 22 yards (5).
- 26 It's the fashion (5).
- 28 Miss Blyton? (4).

YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION.—Across: 3, Tap-rooms. 8, Agog. 9, Incubate. 11, Somerset. 13, Deep. 15, Triangle. 18, Sloggers. 19, Asps. 21, Waverers. 25, Martinet. 26, Edge. 27, Disperse. Down: 1, Dais. 2, Roam. 4, Awns. 5, Rout. 6, Orate. 7, Sweep. 9, Irons. 10, Cello. 12, Ogres. 14, Error. 16, Glean. 17, Egret. 19, Aimed. 20, Paris. 21, Wife. 22, Vets. 23, Eddy. 24, Suez.

BRIDGE QUIZ By EWART KEMPSON

YOU are East. Game all; therefore the only chance is to lead the 13th heart and hope that West holds the 10 of spades. Complete deal:

<p>dealer South.</p> <p>♠ 9 4 2</p> <p>♥ 10 6 4</p> <p>♦ A 7 3</p> <p>♣ A K 9 5</p>	<p>North</p> <p>♠ K 7 5</p> <p>♥ Q 9 7 2</p> <p>♦ 10 8 4</p> <p>♣ J 7 3</p>
<p>South</p> <p>♠ 1</p> <p>♥ 2</p> <p>♦ 4</p>	<p>North</p> <p>♠ 3</p> <p>♥ 3</p> <p>♦ No</p>

West led the king of hearts and East played the nine; West continued with the ace and a third heart, East winning and South following suit. Which card should East now lead and why?

My Solution: It is clear that South must have good diamonds, losing a fourth trick.

19th-HOLE TOPICS

The member who keeps on winning

A COMMON problem for golf club committees is how to handicap the member who keeps on winning. If his scores are good enough to justify cutting his handicap, and he is rated at one or more, the problem is solved.

But if he is scratch and his winning scores are not consistently better than the Standard Scratch Score for the course, the situation is not so simple.

In such cases the National Unions recommend that the adjustment should be made by raising the handicaps of all other members—usually an unpopular move—instead of putting the best player on the "plus" mark.

These remarks will answer the reader who asks if a member still winning off scratch can be given a handicap of plus two for club purposes only.

Nine clubs in Middlesex and Hertfordshire had applications for membership from a Jewish golfer living in Edgware. Three informed him they do not accept Jews. Two told him they were full and another that they had no vacancies at present for Jews.

One application was turned down because of his religion after he had been given the courtesy of the course pending the committee's decision. Another is still in doubt as he cannot yet find a second non-Jewish sponsor.

As for the ninth club, he has heard nothing since meeting the committee ten months ago—not even a courteous refusal.

"If I were of Egyptian nationality I could no doubt have joined any one of these clubs," he says, "but being of the Jewish religion, though British-born, I am turned down."

ONE sympathises with the Professional Golfers' Association in their attitude to the Joy Cup problem. The trophy was presented by a French businessman for annual competition between the professionals of the British Isles and the Rest of Europe and three matches have been played.

After a suggestion that the match, not held last year, should be revived at Barcelona next October, the PGA have just reaffirmed that they cannot undertake the expenses of the series.

For the first time in their 50 years' history the PGA have plenty of money. But it is earmarked for Ryder Cup purposes. The Joy Cup must support itself, subject to the guarantee of individuals or bodies wishing to maintain the series.

Playing Cards, Whist Scoring Cards.—Hirst, Kidd & Rennie Ltd., Union Street, Oldham.

DEEP DISTRESS

THE RECENT BLIZZARD HAS BROUGHT MANY CALLS FOR HELP... BUT HERE IN A HUMOROUS LIGHT ARE SOME SITUATIONS IN SPORT THAT HAVE ALSO CAUSED SOME DISTRESS.

TAKE Boundary Park FOR INSTANCE, WHERE THE GOOD SHIP 'OLDHAM ATHLETIC' SEEMS DUE FOR THE DEPTHS, AND Manager Ted Goodier A STRONG CANDIDATE FOR "Desert Island Discs"

TO THINK HOW SHE'D LOOK IN A 'United' JERSEY. IT DOESN'T BEAR THINKING ABOUT!

THEN LOOK AT Jimmy Murphy's HAVING TO REFUSE SOME OFFERS OF HELP, ONE RABID United FAN GOT THE STORY CONFUSED AND THREATENED TO JUMP INTO THE Ship Canal, BECAUSE HE THOUGHT Murphy HAD TURNED DOWN... Jayne Mansfield!

IF THIS DOESN'T WORK, I'LL TAKE Fred Emney AS CO-DRIVER!

OVER TO Harringay Arena WHERE Referee Bill Williams WAS CAUSED GREAT DISTRESS, BY ACTUALLY HAVING TO CONSULT HIS SCORE-CARD TO DECIDE WHETHER AN American HAD BEATEN A British Heavy-weight!!!

CRYKEY! I'M OUT OF PRACTICE AT ADDING & SUBTRACTING... AND THEY TOLD ME I'D NEVER NEED IT IN THIS FIGHT!

I'LL BE GLAD WHEN I'VE HAD ENOUGH

FINALLY! WHAT OF THE POOR OLD FAN WHO SUFFERS DISTRESS EACH WEEK FOR THE PRIVILEGE OF WATCHING HIS HEROES!

FURTHER AFIELD TO CUBA, WHERE Franco's KIDNAPPING CAUSED SOME DISTRESS TO Sterling Moss, WHO'S MAKING SURE IT DOESN'T HAPPEN TO HIM.

SPAKE/58

CROMPTON'S INDIAN AMATEUR 'VIJAY' IS READY TO SHOW HIS SKILL



R. V. VIJAYASATHY, Crompton's new 22-year-old amateur, arrived in this country on Thursday from India.

"Vijay" is from Bangalore, and in 1957 player for the junior Mysore side. He is a right-arm off-spinner and hard-hitting batsman.

"Most of my cricket has been at Indian club level, so I do not know how I shall rate in the Central Lancashire League. But it has been my ambition for some time to play in this league," he says.

Crompton are finding a job for "Vijay," who intends to return home at the end of next season.

"If I am offered a professional contract at the end of the season I shall certainly consider it," he adds.

SNOOKER

Whiteside hit top form in area final

STRIKING superb form after a lean spell of more than two months, Austin Whiteside, of Salford, shocked the Northern snooker world by winning the first four frames of his match against Roy Lomas, Rushulme, in the Manchester area final of the English Amateur Championship at the Western Hotel, Moss Side.

Lomas opened promisingly, but his attempted safety stroke at 50-35 allowed Whiteside to take a red and a blue, to collect seven points from a well-laid snooker, and to pot all the remaining balls, except blue, for a winning margin of 75-55.

Revival short-lived

Breaks of 34 and 24 helped Whiteside to a 76-34 verdict in the second frame, and he followed with a run of 43 for 83-19 in the third.

A revival seemed possible when Lomas opened frame four with a break of 26, but Whiteside immediately countered with 35.

Lomas came again to lead 53-43 but a foul on the pink narrowed his advantage to 4 points, and Whiteside pocketed pink and black to win 62-53.

Whiteside needs to win only one of tonight's five frames to qualify to meet the only man ever to have won the title three times, Tom Gordon, of London, in the competition proper at Burroughes Hall, London, next Thursday.

Search for ancient sports

Three Hungarian physical training instructors are scouring their country for ancient sports. They have already discovered more than 100 games, not now played. One is similar to hockey and was played by two sides.

And a game that may have been the forerunner of football has been discovered in County Nograd, Central Hungary.

WILSON'S BREWERY DARTS AND CRIB

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

DARTS						
	P	W	L	F	A	Pts
Whip	23	21	2	115	46	42
Old White Hart	23	17	6	103	58	34
Albert	23	16	7	98	63	32
Talbot	23	15	8	96	65	30
Plough	23	15	8	90	74	30
Queen's	23	14	9	78	83	28
Royal	23	13	10	94	67	26
Halfway House	23	11	12	81	80	22
Five Ways	23	10	13	76	85	20
Eleven Ways	23	8	15	74	87	16
New Inn	23	8	15	72	89	16
Musicians	23	6	17	56	105	12
Duke of York	23	4	19	54	107	8
Church	23	3	20	40	121	6

CRIB						
	P	W	L	F	A	Pts
Church	23	15	8	94	67	30
Eleven Ways	23	15	8	93	68	30
Albert	23	15	8	85	76	30
Talbot	23	14	9	91	70	28
Whip	23	13	10	85	76	28
Five Ways	23	13	10	78	85	24
Halfway House	23	12	11	86	75	24
New Inn	23	12	11	76	85	24
Old White Hart	23	11	12	84	77	22
Queen's	23	10	13	75	86	20
Plough	23	9	14	71	90	18
Duke of York	23	8	15	77	84	16
Royal	23	7	16	66	95	14
Musicians	26	6	17	65	96	12

CIRCULAR DARTS

DARTS						
	P	W	L	F	A	Pts
Unity Hall	19	16	3	92	41	32
Miners	19	14	5	87	46	28
Coldhurst	18	13	5	82	43	26
Railway	18	13	5	76	51	26
Weavers	17	11	6	60	59	22
Waterhead	18	9	9	59	67	18
Hope	17	6	11	52	67	12
Canteen	18	6	12	55	71	12
Phoenix	18	6	12	50	78	12
Bank Top	17	5	13	51	68	10
Clarence	17	4	13	43	78	8
St. James's	18	4	14	42	84	8

CRIB						
	P	W	L	F	A	Pts
Waterhead	18	14	4	79	47	28
Railway	18	13	6	77	49	24
Bank Top	17	11	6	68	51	22
Miners	19	11	8	73	60	22
Unity Hall	19	10	9	77	56	20
Weavers	17	10	7	77	56	20
Canteen	18	9	9	61	65	18
Hope	17	8	9	59	60	16
Phoenix	18	7	11	54	72	14
St. James's	18	7	11	54	72	14
Coldhurst	18	6	12	53	73	12
Clarence	17	2	15	29	90	4

Results: St. James's 0 (1); Miners 7 (6); Clarence 3 (0); Railway 4 (7); Hope 4 (2); Waterhead 3 (5); Unity Hall 3 (2); Coldhurst 4 (5); Miners 5 (6); Canteen 2 (1); St. James's 2 (1); Bank Top 5 (6).

Rugby Union Notes ALL READY FOR EASTER TOUR

THE much-awaited bi-ennial Easter tour to Cornwall and Devon is now only five weeks away, and plans are well in hand for what promises to be another successful tour. An encouraging feature is the number of first-teamers who are making the trip, and, all being well, all but two of the regular side will be in the party.

Skipper Fred Wood is determined to uphold the team's reputation for open play on tour, and there was ample evidence of this policy at Bury last Saturday, when, on a heavy ground with snow falling throughout the game, there was some excellent attacking play in their 23-5 win.

Despite this win, there were still several weaknesses, mainly in the front row, and lack of finishing.

For today's game with St. Helens—possibly the hardest fixture of the season—it was hoped to have a special training session on Tuesday, but the weather deemed otherwise.

The "A" team playing at Keb Lane, beat Bury by 6 points to nil. Here again, Oldham were on top for most of the game but had finishing cost points. I. Hilton and L. Garrett made a welcome return to the side after injury, and obviously they suffered from lack of match practice. D. Dolan, on the wing, had a very good game, and A. Shaw was the best of the forwards, though he had a tendency to get off-side.

The Extra "A" were surprisingly beaten at Bury 20-3. This was a good game and the score was, perhaps, not a true reflection on the play. D. Bowes and B. Wolstencroft were in good form, and T. Fallows played well at full-back.

The Borough team continue their miserable decline (out of existence?), and were beaten at De La Salle Training College by 17 points to nil, though the opposition's total was made up of a goal and four penalty goals. After scoring 273 points in their first fourteen games, the Borough side have only scored nine points in their last seven matches.

Finally the Colts lost at Hulme Hall by 16 points to 9.

K.D.

Miners pulled up to win the final

TOMMY SAMWELLS, 63-year-old thrower for the Miners Arms, had the distinction of clinching victory for his side against the Railway Inn (Lees Road) in the Circular League Challenge Cup final, at the Hope Hotel on Wednesday.

But the Railway were without two regular players, Alec Melling and Tommy Meanock, and reserves had to be put in at the last minute—this after the Railway had got off to a flying start with two victories in the first two games.

Clarrie Meanock had a fast victory in the first game over Harry Samwells. He doubled 10 with his 18th arrow, got the return double in 28, and won the game with his 29th.

Harold Booth (Railway) was aided by a timely double seven with his 16th arrow against Will Oliver. His pace slackened a little after, but he still managed to win in 44, while Oliver struggled with the return double.

The third game started the Miners on the road to victory. Charlie Chapman (Miners) walked round the board in company with his opponent, Roy Bottomley, the Railway skipper. He nailed 70 after 37 arrows, and started trying desperately for the return double.

Bottomley caught up and went ahead. He got 20 and the double one with his 41st and 42nd arrows, and when Chapman got the double it became a long-winded race for the bull, which Chapman finally won with his 56th arrow.

The match was levelled at 2-2 when Eddie Gilmore (Miners) threw double eight as Tommy Molloy walked it, and he won in 36 darts.

Tommy Bowler put the Miners ahead with a speedy win over Harold Turner in 32.

Then Tommy Samwells, a little unsteady at first, started throwing against Railway's stand-in player Roy Flaherty. It took him 55 arrows to win, but it was good enough, and the Miners had won the cup.

Two young boxers have decided to leave ring

The British Boxing Board of Control announced today the retirement from the ring of Johnny Fish (Harlow) and Paul King (Torquay). Fish, who is 25, and King, a year older, both fought as welterweights.

In 1955, King defeated Boswell St. Louis (Trinidad) on points over eight rounds, and a fortnight later lost to Peter Waterman, the present British titleholder.

Mr. Fred Blakeborough (Bradford) has been appointed referee of the British lightweight championship eliminator between George Martin (Bermondsey) and Billy Kelly (Derry) at Belfast on March 8.

'MASONS BEAT VAULTS IN KNOCK-OUT FINAL

THE Challenge Cup final of the Oldham and District Darts League at the Havelock Hotel on Tuesday provided a good standard of throwing with the Freemasons Arms beating the Lancashire Vaults 4-1. The games ended in 29, 29, 42, 43 and 63 arrows.

Two good darters in Bobby Green and Tommy Bowler clashed in the first game, and Green won in 29 arrows as Bowler was throwing for the return double seven. It was Green who had doubled the seven while Bowler walked it. Green got the double and centre with his 28th and 29th arrows.

Peter Winrow was drawn against F. Walker, and in another grand game Winrow won in 29 arrows as Walker was throwing for return double. Winrow had doubled seven with his 10th arrow and was on the return double with his 20th. Walker had double nine and was on the return double with his 22nd. Winrow got the return double with his 24th and used five more to get bull. Walker had suffered on the return double and was not disgraced.

K. Jackson lost to F. Booth in 42 arrows and Vaults were back in the game. Booth doubled five while Jackson had to walk it. Booth was on return double with his 23rd dart but used 11 more to get it and eight for centre.

H. Gaynon, a reserve, opposed C. Chapman and won in 43 arrows, but it was a near thing because they were level at the return double nine which Gaynon had got with his 22nd arrow.

Walker Cup in 1st season

THE highlight of this week's dart matches in the Hollinwood League was the meeting of the league leaders, Yew Tree Inn, and New Moston British Legion in the Walker Cup final at the White Hart Inn.

Considering the "Legionnaires" had already beaten the Bridgewater Hotel and the Greaves Arms on their opponents' boards in this competition, a hat-trick by their win of 4-2 against the leaders was an all-out effort by the men from New Moston and credit must be due for their success in winning the Walker Cup in their first season in the league.

First to the hockey was Yew Tree's Joe Davenport and M. Lee. It was a keen, fast game, with Davenport getting double three and double eight in 8 arrows, Lee appeared to be weighing up his opponent's capabilities and hit double nine in 18 while Davenport was peppering holes round the return double 3 without success, whereas Lee succeeded in getting the double in 23 and threw four more for centre to win a good game in 27.

Tommy Jones, Yew Tree's consistent thrower of 1958, although suffering from a recurrence of his Army service leg injury, reached 20 in 30 arrows, while Tommy Ingle was on 10. Jones got return double one and bull in 48 to level the match.

Jimmy MacGuire (Legion) met his Waterloo in "Talt" Holt, "Talt" getting double three and double eight in three visits, two more corporals in 14, and his next four throws attained double and bull to win in 18 arrows.

Bill Wolstencroft (Yew Tree) and W. Burston threw a well-balanced game. Wolstencroft double two and was well away, but Burston doubled seven and cautiously walked round for return double two in 29 darts. While struggling for game shot, Wolstencroft also walked it and was level on bull, but Burston arrived first to win in 45.

With the score now 2-2, A. Robinson, Yew Tree's left-hander, and Norman Cavanagh proved a match where each fought hard to put their respective teams in the lead, Cavanagh doubled six with his seventh dart and was on the return in 21. Robinson doubled ten in 21, to make it an even game. But Cavanagh went out in 31 and the Legion led 3-2.

A. Entwistle (Legion) doubled four in the next game but had to walk round the hard way. G. Evans tried all doubles to take the lead and eventually hit double ten while Entwistle was on 18. Entwistle reached the double first in 36 arrows, followed by Evans in 44. Evans got the centre with his next two, but Entwistle, with one arrow, got game shot and the Walker Cup with his first throw, winning in 46.

DARTS						
	P	W	L	F	A	Pts
Lord Nelson	20	18	2	105	35	36
Freemasons	20	18	2	104	36	36
Lancs. Vaults	20	16	4	94	46	30
Royal Hotel	20	11	9	75	55	22
Havelock Inn	20	11	9	74	56	22
Spinnars Arms	20	10	10	72	68	20
Museum Inn	20	9	11	64	76	18
British Flag	20	7	13	56	84	14
Turn o' Luck	20	4	16	45	96	8
Corporation Arms	20	4	16	34	106	8
Westwood CC	20	3	17	47	93	6

CRIB						
	P	W	L	F	A	Pts
Corporation Arms	20	15	5	87	53	30
Museum Inn	20	13	7	79	61	26
British Flag	20	13	7	78	62	26
Lancs. Vaults	20	12	8	81	59	24
Royal Hotel	20	11	9	72	68	22
Turn o' Luck	20	11	9	72	68	22
Havelock Inn	20	10	10	70	70	20
Lord Nelson	20	9	11	65	76	18
Freemasons	20	7	13	59	81	14
Westwood CC	20	5	15	57	83	10
Spinnars Arms	20	5	15	53	87	10

Last Tuesday's results: Westwood 4 (0); Museum 3 (7).

Next week's top-four play-off: Lord Nelson v. Royal (darts) and Museum v. Flag (crib), at the Freemasons Arms on Tuesday. Freemasons v. Vaults (darts) and Corporation v. Vaults (crib), at the British Flag on Tuesday.

You can't see this show on television



HERE, wearing the latest plunge-line, is Georgia-born Hollywood actress Joanna Moore.

She was "plunged" into a screen career when she was noticed at a cocktail party by Universal - International producer Albert Zugsmith, screen-tested and promptly signed to a long-term contract.

Joanna had been at the studio only two days when Orson Welles chose her for a key role in "Touch of Evil," the suspense drama he directed and starred in for U-I.

Joanna, a honey-blond with green eyes, is 5ft. 4in. tall and weighs 7st. 10lb.

Her hobbies include writing poetry and short stories, and she is a versatile musician who sings and plays the piano, guitar, drums, clarinet, ukelele and saxophone.

'Wonderful Things' for top models

TWO of the world's biggest names in haute couture will be seen acting together on the screen in Anna Neagle's new production, "Wonderful Things."

The picture, set in Gibraltar and London, introduces in her first screen starring role Jean Dawnay, whose career rocketed to international fame as a fashion model and has since taken in television, theatre work and the writing of a couple of books.

Playing the part of society girl Jean's friend is another great name in fashion modelling—Barbara Goalen.

So two faces which have graced a stack of glossy fashion magazines all over the world will be seen together on the screen for the first time. The picture stars Frankie Vaughan and Jeremy Spenser, Jackie Lane and Wilfrid Hyde White.

★ ★ ★

ALL the lovely French girls who were used as extras in "Kings Go Forth" had to go back and take off their bikinis when the director, Delmer Daves, was shooting a scene on the beach at Nice with Frank Sinatra.

Daves reminded the girls that the action takes place during the First World War and that the bikini wasn't invented until 1948. Period costumes had to be found for them.

Who will win this year's Oscars?

FILMS, stars, directors, musicians, artists, photographers, writers, and the rest, who make up the year's films, will be considered for Academy Awards soon. The final awards in Hollywood's greatest accolade to the industry will be made on March 26. Meanwhile, check on these films and stars—some you will have seen, some yet to be seen—who are in the running for the Oscars.

Nominations for such awards have been listed. The film "Sayonara" has the greatest number—ten.

The major nominations are:— Best motion picture—"The Bridge on the River Kwai" (Columbia); "Peyton Place" (Fox); "Sayonara" (Warners); "12 Angry Men" (UA); "Witness for the Prosecution" (UA).

Best actor—Anthony Franciosa ("A Hatful of Rain," Fox); Alec Guinness ("River Kwai"); Marlon Brando ("Sayonara"); Charles

Laughton ("Witness for the Prosecution"); Anthony Quinn ("Wild is the Wind," Paramount).

Best actress—Lana Turner ("Peyton Place"), Deborah Kerr ("Heaven Knows, Mr. Allison," Fox), Joanne Woodward ("The Three Faces of Eve," Fox), Elizabeth Taylor ("Raintree County," MGM), Anna Magnani ("The Wind").

Best supporting actor—Arthur Kennedy and Russ Tamblyn ("Peyton Place"); Red Buttons ("Sayonara"); Sessue Hayakawa ("River Kwai"); Vittorio de Sica ("A Farewell to Arms," Fox).

Best supporting actress—Hope Lange and Diane Varsi ("Peyton Place"); Miyoshi Umeki ("Sayonara"); Caroline Jones ("The Bachelor Party," UA); Elsa Lanchester ("Witness for the Prosecution").

Best cinema photography—"Affair to Remember," (Fox); "River Kwai," "Funny Face" (Paramount); "Sayonara," "Peyton Place."

Best direction—"River Kwai" (David Lean); "Peyton Place" (Mark Robson); "Sayonara" (Joshua Logan); "12 Angry Men" (Sydney Lumet); "Witness for the Prosecution" (Billy Wilder).

Best screenplay—"River Kwai" (John Michael Hayes); "Heaven Knows, Mr. Allison" (Paul Osborn); "Sayonara" (Paul Osborn); "12 Angry Men" (Reginald Rose).

Best art direction—"Funny Face," "Les Girls" (MGM); "Pal Joey" (Columbia); "Raintree County," "Sayonara."

Best motion picture musical score—"Affair to Remember," "Boy on a Dolphin," "River Kwai," "Perri" (Walt Disney), "Raintree County."

Best song—"Affair to Remember" and "April Love" (Fox).

Special effects—"The Enemy Below" (Walter Rossi, Fox).

THE fight to woo audiences from the TV screens to the cinema screens gathers intensity. The drive comes North, and the idea is to give filmgoers a giant spectacle, a feast of sound and colour as could never be seen on the television screen, to make filmgoing an event again, a night out as it was in the early days when the medium was a novelty.

So far we have had a vanguard of the giant films—"War and Peace," "Around the World in Eighty Days," "Giant," a revival of "Gone With The Wind," spectacles all. In London there is Cinema, that three-dimensional thriller medium which will come North one day and retrieve more televiewers.

Soon CineMiracle will arrive, another new medium shortly to be displayed at the Odeon, Tottenham Court Road, London. The manager of the Manchester Odeon, Mr. F. J. Smidmore, the country's leading super-salesman of the weekly film, has been sent for to sell "The Windjammer," the first CineMiracle show which he will exploit as manager.

Manchester, meanwhile, is preparing for Todd-AO. The Gaumont is being fitted out with the new screen, projector and fittings, front seats are being removed to accommodate this new medium, and "South Pacific," its first film, is due in April.

Film-makers are banging the big drum and making a bid for the biggest attractions ever known in the cinema.

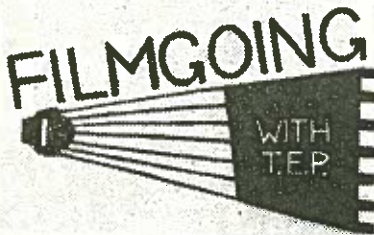
Another new spectacle which is expected to win over the televiewers opened in Manchester this week. Cecil B. DeMille's "The Ten Commandments" had its first showing outside London at the new Plaza Cinema, Oxford Road, All Saints, which has been taken over (it was the old Roxy), remodelled, redecorated Egyptian style, and set for the long run of this Biblical epic. Two shows a day, once nightly, is the order. The film takes 3 hours 39 minutes to see through—a night out indeed!

You most certainly could not see this show on television. It is the most lavish, spectacular, expensive-looking job ever set on film. It offers food for discussion, fuel for criticism—but it impresses. It is not a work of art, not a wholly-satisfying presentation of the story (it has passages which invite a yawn) but it is a masterpiece of direction for eye-appeal.

Filmgoers will remember for a



CHARLTON HESTON as Moses



long time the parting of the Red Sea for the Children of Israel, the chariots of the Pharaoh being engulfed by the massive walls of water; the trek of thousands of extras across acres of ground; the presentation of the Golden Calf ecstasies; the sinful orgy; the treatment of the Plagues; the colour and splendour and period "feeling."

Film units went out to the Middle East for background shots. DeMille and Co. made a pilgrimage to Mount Sinai and the spot where Moses is reputed to have seen the Burning Bush and heard the Voice of the Lord. The film captures the scenes of actual Biblical authenticity—the deserts and Red Sea area.

DeMille has made the film (he made a silent version in 1923) as a dedicated religious duty. He took three years to pour his sincerity across the screen. We must admire him for that.

But to be hard-boiled about the opus let us not forget that the story offers tremendous box-office short-cuts. Hundreds of scantily-dressed beauties, a sex orgy, muscular males in briefs, passionate dances, a love story which presents Anne Baxter as Nefertiti, the Egyptian princess as, to say the least, love-sick for Moses. Here and there we have an unhappy blend of dialogue in mixed modern and Biblical terms.

There is a magnificent cast assembled. Yul Brynner as Ramesses II is superb; Yvonne DeCarlo is a surprise winner in the role of Sephora, wife of Moses, a beautifully-tempered performance. Edward G. Robinson has his moments as the betrayer, Dathan; Martha Scott moments of touching tenderness as the mother of Moses.

Charlton Heston's Moses is a powerful, sincere piece of work, majestic in its intensity.

I particularly remember exquisite little details plucked from the Exodus of the Israelites—the children tugging at the reluctant ass, the goose that, somehow, set off in the front ranks; the proud look of the Hebrew father carrying his son; the togetherness of the old and the young—these, to me, are the heart of the matter.

I was uncomfortable about the Voice of God, the firework display that accompanied the scorching of the Commandments in stone, the plague that killed Egypt's first-born presented like green monstrous ectoplasm from Outer Space. But what an eye! The TV screen looks like "What the Butler Saw" after "The Ten Commandments."

ALL IN A DAY'S POLICE WORK



THESE 12 people play an important part in the life of Chief Inspector Gideon, portrayed by Jack Hawkins in John Ford's Columbia-British production in Technicolor, "Gideon's Day."

They are 12 people each with a problem! Jack Hawkins (top centre) is hard put to please everyone in "Gideon's Day," in which he plays the title role of a much-harassed Scotland Yard man.

First of all, there's the family to be considered; this comprises, in the main, of Anna Massey (top left) and Anna Lee (top right), who play daughter and mother respectively in the Gideon household.

Then there's Ronald Howard (second row, left) and Dianne Foster (second row, centre), who play the volcanic young Delafields, a couple with a penchant for trouble. John Loder (second row, right) is Ponsford, an old reliable on Gideon's staff, indispensable in times of emergency.

Laurence Naismith (third row, left) portrays a pathetic, broken-down sex criminal, who is just one of the many strange people Gideon encounters during the course of his day's work. Michael Trubshaw and Andrew Ray (third row, centre and right) are two policemen who find it difficult to keep on the right side of the boss.

Henry Longhurst and Doreen Madden (low left, centre) are active church workers who suddenly find drama in their midst, and Cyril Cusack, the brilliant Irish actor, is Birdy Sparrow, sly, wily, a reformed criminal who plays the "informer" to the tune of a few quid.

★ ★ ★

DIRK BOGARDE has become unofficial technical advisor on his latest film, "The Wind Cannot Read," now being shot on location in India.

During the war he served as a major in the Far East. And he remembers many of the settings which are featured in the film about the love of a British officer for a Japanese girl in wartime India.

He is the only member of the unit who served in India during the war, and can accurately say what conditions were at that time.

Lucky break for 'a buccaneer'

YOUNG Cornish-born film and television actor Robert Shaw, well known for his role as Dan Tempest in the TV serial "The Buccaneers," struck lucky the other day at Pinewood Studios.

Casting was in progress for the new Benny Fisz-Cy Endfield (they made "Hell Drivers") production, "Sea Fury," the dramatic story of rivalry between salvage tugs off the coast of Spain.

Standing by to rehearse his lines in a small but important role, Robert Shaw was asked by the director Cy Endfield to stand in for a star of the film, Victor McLaglen, while another actor was tested for a part.

As the run-through came to an end and the actor was given a part, Robert Shaw was called aside by the producer Benny Fisz. And he was awarded a much more important role on the strength of his bearing and authority in the reading.



GLENN FORD, one of Hollywood's most consistently popular stars, plays a tough beer baron in the Technicolor production for Columbia Pictures "Cowboy," co-starring Jack Lemmon, Anna Kashfi (Mrs. Marlon Brando), and Brian Donlevy.

It is a story of the real West as it was in the tough seventies, based on Frank Harris's youthful reminiscences as a learner-cowboy.

Great golfing feat—the 'Impregnable Quadrilateral' in 1930

BOBBY JONES—MAYBE THE BEST EVER

FACTS AND FACES

MARCH 1922

In March 1922


A MOST COMPETENT FULL-BACK NAMED

WARREN CRESSWELL

WAS TRANSFERRED FROM South Shields TO Sunderland FOR A FEE OF £5,500.

CRESSWELL, ALREADY CAPPED BY England (1921), NEVER SETTLED HOWEVER WITH HIS NEW CLUB.

SPIKE/58.



THIS HAD AN ADVERSE EFFECT ON HIS NORMAL FORM, AND HE HAD TO WAIT ANOTHER FIVE YEARS BEFORE A SECOND CAP CAME HIS WAY.

IT WAS ONLY IN HIS SUBSEQUENT TRANSFER TO Everton THAT HE EMERGED AS A DEFENDER IN THE TRULY CLASSIC MOULD.

A SWITCH OVER TO THE LEFT FLANK WHEN HE WAS PAST THIRTY YEARS OF AGE, AND CRESSWELL SHARED IN MANY OF Everton's TRIUMPHS OF THE EARLY THIRTIES.

WHEN THEY WERE Div 1 CHAMPIONS (1927-28 & 1931-32) Div 2 WINNERS 1930-31 AND F.A. CUP WINNERS 1932-33.

STANDING near the eighth green on the Royal Liverpool links at Hoylake on a July afternoon in 1930, I saw something which even now seems incredible—the great Bobby Jones taking seven for a hole without being in a bunker or even off the fairway.

Greatest Stories in Sport No. 6

This peerless American amateur at the height of his career, darling of British golf galleries, was winning the Open Championship—or so most of us hoped.

And after playing two wooden club shots to that long, uphill eighth hole, his ball lay a few yards short of the green in a position from which Bobby ought to be certain of a five and might hope for a four. Why it happened no-one could explain, not even Bobby.

But the great man lifted his head, fluffed the shot and watched the ball run feebly up the slope and stop, still short of the green. He

by
Geoffrey Cousins

chipped three yards short of the hole, ran about a foot past with his first putt and then, obviously disturbed by this totally unexpected crisis, missed the one back.

It was a typical 24-handicap exhibition, but Bobby reacted to the disaster like a champion. He took 38 to the turn but did the last and much more difficult homeward half in 37 to win the championship by two strokes.

That completed the double, for a month earlier he had won the Amateur Championship at St. Andrews. Then he went back to the United States, won the Open and Amateur Championships of his own country, and so completed what one American writer dubbed "The Impregnable Quadrilateral."

FANTASTIC 8 YEARS

There may be arguments whether Robert Tyre Jones, of Atlanta, Georgia, was the greatest golfer who ever lived.

BUT THERE CAN BE NO ARGUMENT THAT HE WAS THE GREATEST GOLFER OF HIS TIME.

And this tremendous feat of winning the four major championships of the golf world in the space of four months was the triumphant climax of a short but meteoric career which was soon to end.

For in November of that year, three months after achieving the fourth leg of the "quadrilateral," he announced his retirement from championship golf—aged 28.

Of the 14 years during which he played in championships the last eight had been fantastically successful.

In each of those eight years he finished either first or second in the US Open, winning four times and twice losing after a tie.

In the same period he won the US Amateur Championship five times,

our Open three times and our Amateur once—a total of 13 major national titles on both sides of the Atlantic in 20 attempts.

GOLDEN ERA

Against the background of those dazzling statistics let it be recalled that Bobby was not outstanding because the opposition was weak.

He lived in a golden era of golf, being contemporary with Walter Hagen, Tommy Armour, Jim Barnes, Jock Hutchison, Gene Sarazen, Harry Cooper, Macdonald Smith, Horton Smith, as well as with great British players like Roger Wethered, Cyril Tolley, Abe Mitchell, George Duncan, Archie Compston and the Whitcombe brothers.

Early in May, 1930, Bobby came to Britain with the US Walker Cup team. At Sandwich he won his four-some and then beat Roger Wethered by nine and eight in a 36 holes single.

Two weeks later, at St. Andrews, he beat Wethered again, this time by seven and six in the final of the Amateur Championship.

But this success followed a week in which Bobby had fought some hard matches and had fortune on his side more than once. His narrowest escape was in the fourth round against Cyril Tolley, the reigning champion.

There was never more than a hole between these two great players, and Jones, who would have been on the dreaded Road at the 17th but for his ball rebounding from the massed spectators at the back of the green, won at the 19th with the help of a stymie.

In the semi-final he was one down with three to play against fellow-American George Voigt, and won on the last green. But in the final, as always in 36 holes matches, he was supreme.

FIGHTING RECOVERY

For a time in the Open at Hoylake all went well with Bobby. He led at the end of the first 36 holes, but Archie Compston, starting the third round three strokes behind, put in a record-smashing 68 to lead Jones by one stroke with 18 holes to go.

THEN CAME THAT ASTONISHING SEVEN AT THE EIGHTH AND JONES'S FIGHTING RECOVERY. COMPSTON BLEW UP, TAKING 82.

Jones went back to America, to a typical Broadway welcome, but hardly had the last strip of ticker-tape fallen from the highest skyscraper when he was off to Minneapolis for the US Open Championship.

He scored his fourth win in that event with a total of 287 for 72 holes. It was a grim, tense championship which, I think, must have crystallised in Bobby's mind the thought which had been there for some time—that he could not go on much longer suffering the tremendous strain of championship golf and at the same time do justice to his profession as a lawyer and his domestic responsibilities as a husband and a father.

HIS HARDEST FIGHT

But there was one more task ahead—the US Amateur Championship at Merion, Philadelphia, where incidentally, he competed in his first National championship at the age of 14 and where his career was destined to end.

Those who saw that last Championship have said, and Bobby has confirmed it, that it represented one of the hardest fights of his career.

Yet the bare details show that he won the stroke qualifying competition with a total of 142 for 36 holes, equalling the record; that in the match-play stages none of his six opponents ever held the lead; and that in the final he beat E. V. Homans by seven and eight over 36 holes.

It was the quadruple crown, the apex of triumph—and also the end of the road. Bobby played plenty of golf after that tremendous year, but only for fun.

Amateur boxing stimulates courage and self-discipline

OCCASIONALLY I am asked what the sport of amateur boxing has to offer a young man quite apart from the natural enjoyment of the sport itself. I can do no better than quote the recent remarks of Mr. Walter Raeburn, QC, when he was giving judgment in an appeal by the West Ham club against a new rating assessment. He said: "In my view, the discipline of amateur boxing as practised in a reputable club such as this one, stimulates courage, mutual self-respect, self-control and skill."

By
JAS. McINTOSH
Secretary of ABA

to all amenities, training and coaching, plus the social activities the club can offer. It also offers comradeship and good company and the chance to travel, not only around the British Isles, but all over the world.

Fixtures abroad

Today more and more clubs are arranging home and away fixtures with clubs abroad, which increase the boxers' chances of meeting people and visiting places which in the normal run of events would be far beyond their reach. And to those who have the skill, determination and ability to reach international standard, why then the whole world is at their feet!

For in addition to the normal international matches against the home counties, there are today internationals against foreign teams both at home and abroad, with the European championships, the British Empire and Commonwealth Games, and, of course, the supreme test, the Olympic Games.

I think the showing of the British team in Melbourne proved not only to the world, but ironically enough to our own people, that the British standard of amateur boxing is at least as high, if not higher than it has ever been.

From Melbourne, our party brought back two gold medals, won by Terry Spinks and Dick McTaggart, a silver one in the possession of Tommy Nichols, and two bronze medals which went to Nick Gargano and Jim McCormack. And with a little luck, I believe that even that magnificent total could have been increased. So perhaps it can be claimed that if the quantity of members belonging to British clubs has decreased, the quality has, overall, improved.

Parents' fear

There are today parents who are still disinclined to let their sons start boxing. They have the fear that the youngster will take unnecessary good hidings, and might possibly end up disfigured or seriously injured. May I say at once that I think there are far more risks of serious injury in other games, such as soccer or rugby.

Do not forget that boxing is "the noble art of self-defence" and almost the first lesson a

youngster is taught is to protect himself at all times. Of course he may get a good hiding, but then who has not at some time or another? Great care is taken to see that there is no obvious over-matching, and no referee will allow a fight to continue in which a boxer is palpably outclassed.

Similarly every boxer has to be medically examined before a contest, and a doctor is always present at every tournament. So the chances of any serious damage are infinitesimal.

On the other hand, the youngster will be fit, enjoy himself, learn that invaluable self-control, and also be sharpening his wits and his brain, for a boxer has to be able to think fast and act fast.

To me these are invaluable assets, and I think every youngster should be given the opportunity of learning to box. Clearly if he finds he does not like it, he will quickly stop it of his own accord.

But once they have started, very few do. For this is a man's sport.

Fontwell Park prospects

The clerk of the course at Fontwell Park, where racing is scheduled for Monday, stated today that the going at present is heavy, but racing would be possible today. A further statement will be issued late on Sunday afternoon.

Development of young girls in sport

SHOULD girl athletes be allowed to "come of age" sooner? This question is being asked following the world record-breaking performances of such girl swimmers as 13-year-old Ilsa Konrads, the Latvian-born Australian.

A reader points out that although a girl of 13 may have the makings of a fine middle distance runner she is not allowed by the Women's AAA to compete over even 220 yards until she is 16. Then she is reckoned to have come of age, in the athletics sense, and can tackle a cross-country run on her 18th birthday.

The advice of Star reporter Sylvia Cheeseman, the former Olympic sprinter, is this: "There are physiological reasons, due to the greater buoyancy of a child's body, why youngsters swim long distances well in their early teens. These do not apply to land sports.

"While I feel the emancipation of women in sport is not yet complete, I cannot agree it would be a

good idea to push girls in their early teens into quarter and half-mile events. During their early teens they are under-going a fast-growing stage. To impose events on them requiring considerable stamina would be unwise. Instead of encouraging them it might do the reverse."

In Sylvia's opinion 150 yards is the right limit for girls until they are 15. "There is no harm in training for speed. They will need it later on for middle distance events."

One recalls that the women who have reached the European top ten over the middle distances in Russia, East Germany, Rumania and Hungary—including Britain's Diane Leather—are nearly all of a mature age. In most cases they did not graduate to the middle distances until their late teens or early twenties.

Best age to start

There are widely divergent views as to the best age for a youngster to start boxing. Personally, I think it is a mistake to start too young, and I would recommend some time between 12 and 14 years of age.

Today, with so many counter-attractions ranging not only over all the other sports, but also cinemas, dance halls and coffee-bars, the number of youngsters to take up the sport seriously is on the decline.

And yet amateur boxing has much to offer. An average yearly subscription to a club costs only 10s. and this entitles a youngster

**Rochdale Amateurs
Bay Horse's
gallant but
vain rally**

HEYMAIN RECS. qualified for the Amateur Cup semi-final when, in their replayed tie with Bay Horse, they just managed victory by the odd goal of five. The tie between Gravelhole and Rochdale Athletic had to be postponed owing to Gravelhole's ground again being waterlogged.

Heymain just about deserved their success, being slightly the more polished side, but Bay Horse are a greatly improved side, and with a little more luck in front of goal they would certainly have surprised the league leaders.

The first half went in favour of Heymain, who at half-time led 2-0, with goals by Shepherd and A. Smith. The second half was 11 minutes old when Emerson reduced the arrears for Bay Horse, and eight minutes later, Heymain increased their lead through A. Smith.

Fifteen minutes from time, Dolan again reduced the arrears for Bay Horse, but despite strong efforts for Bay Horse in the last 15 minutes, they could not get an equaliser.

Back to form

In the First Division, Walsden entertained Railway Street and, playing in the form which won them the championship last season, were successful 4-1. The Walsden team were on top throughout, and at half-time led 2-0.

Lord, in goal for the losers, saved his side from a much heavier defeat. Cordingley (2), Kelly and Freeman scored for the winners, and Booth for the losers.

Whitworth visited Turner Bros. and won 6-0. Whitworth were much faster, but after an even first half led only 1-0. The second half was definitely in favour of the visitors, who added five goals. Scorers were Grogan (4), Cook and Jackson.

Tudor Rose champions

As Boots Social only drew with Rochdale Athletic Reserves, Tudor Rose have become Second Division champions with one game still to play, and Boots Social are runners-up. Both teams are in their first season in the league.

In an even game at Heywood, Boots Social and Rochdale Athletic shared four goals after two goals had been shared at half-time. A draw was a fair result. Gilroy scored both goals for Boots, and Leonard and Thompson for Athletic.

Dunlop visited Shiloh Spinners and won 5-2 after leading 4-1 at half-time. Shiloh missed many chances, whereas Dunlop took all theirs. Hazeldine netted both goals

**Enthusiasm, plus skill, can earn
Semi-final honour**

**Rochdale Sunday School League
WEST STREET FAILED IN
TIMPSON CUP REPLAY**

WEST STREET BAPTISTS could not reproduce their previous Saturday's form when they entertained Newhey St. Thomas's in their first-round Timpson Cup replay and they were well beaten by four goals to one. There was nothing to choose between the teams in the first half, which ended 0-0, but Newhey dominated the opening stages of the second half and scored their four goals in the first minutes, West Street getting their goal near the end. Moulton, Mills, Wilkins and Cox scored for Newhey and Brierley for West Street.

Five first-round Gordon Harvey Cup games were played last Saturday and both the holders and runners-up, Castlemere OB Res. and Shawforth Res. got through to the second round. Castlemere did well to defeat

Newhey St. Thomas's Res. at Newhey, as they were a player short and a goal down midway through the second half. They fought back, however, to score two quick goals and win 2-1. Wood and Kershaw scored for Castlemere and Highton for Newhey.

Excellent defence

Shawforth had 90 per cent of the play in their home game with Sacred Heart Res., but the visitors defence was in excellent form and only conceded three goals. On one of the rare occasions that Sacred Heart got in the Shawforth penalty area Phillips scored for them. Darwin (2) and Daley scored for Shawforth.

St. Aidan's Res. had an easy 7-0 home win over YMCA Old Boys Res. Scott (3), Brierley (2), Forbes and Hemmings scoring their goals.

Littleborough Parish Res. also had an easy home win. They defeated Milnrow Parish Res. by six goals to none, Stott (2), Tooth (2), Rollinson and Kernick scoring their goals.

League games

Castlemere OB twice lead Sacred Heart before half-time but Sacred Heart got on top in the second half and won by seven goals to four, Golding getting four of their goals.

Milton just got the better of Norden YCOB by the odd goal of 11 B. M. Ashworth, of Milton, and Smith, of Norden, each scoring three goals.

A last-minute penalty gave Heywood St. James's an odd-goal-of-five win over All Saints, who deserved a point.

Shawforth, the "A" division leaders, had no difficulty in repeating their previous week's Timpson Cup success over Lanehead, winning comfortably by five goals to one. Linger and Muldowney each scored twice for Shawford.

Arrangements have now been made for the full league side to play the Oldham Sunday Schools' League at Rochdale on April 12 and the "B" league team to play the "B" team of the Lancashire and Cheshire League on one of their club's grounds on March 22.

**AUSSIE TITLE
WINNER SEEKS
McATEER BOUT**

CLIVE STEWART, 21-year-old Queenslander who won the Australian middleweight championships in Melbourne last night, is to challenge British and Empire champion Pat McAteer for his Empire title.

Stewart took the Australian title from Bill McDonnell, (21), of New South Wales, with an eleventh-round knockout.

Before Stewart goes ahead with plans for a McAteer bout, he will meet American middleweight Charlie Joseph, in Sydney, possibly this month.

McAteer last night boxed a draw in Berlin with Hans-Werner "Buttje" Wohlers.

for Shiloh, and Crossley (3), Sladen and Crossley for Dunlop.

At a Management Committee meeting held on Tuesday, Ash Mill (Shaw) Ltd., were accepted as members of the league for next season.

SATURDAY'S RESULTS

Amateur Cup second round replay: Heymain Recs. 3, Bay Horse 2.

Amateur Cup second round: Gravelhole v. Rochdale Athletic postponed.

First Division: Walsden 4, Railway Street 1; Turner Bros. 0, Whitworth AFC 6.

Second Division: Shiloh Spinners 2, Dunlop 5; Boots Social 2, Rochdale Athletic 2.

Friendlies: Highams Ltd. 1, Tudor Rose 13; Fine Spinners 1, Todmorden YC 5.

HORNETS' players have visions of big bonuses and directors have hopes of stabilising their financial position as a result of progress in the Challenge Cup competition. "The team that was out before the first round was played," according to the betting, is full of beans and ready for next Saturday's third-round tie against York at the Athletic Grounds.

Generally, the most remunerative stage of the competition is the semi-final and the Hornets are hoping to be there next Saturday evening. While the 15,000 crowd at the Boulevard gave the Rochdale club a better cash return than they have had in this stage for many seasons the players took a deserved extra cut, and when they claimed another a week ago they took it from receipts which were frankly disappointing for a game of such importance.

But there are matters we have to remember. The weather was not encouraging, with snow a distinct threat, and before they knocked out Bradford Northern had not won in front of their own supporters since last November!

It takes more than a couple of wins at Hull, outstanding though they were, to attract supporters along Milnrow Road when they can recall having walked away from the Athletic Grounds in dejected moods continuously for a couple of months and more.

Even between the two important cup wins was sandwiched a League defeat at the hands of Leigh. These are facts, not misplaced pessimism.

I am as confident as anyone that the Hornets players in their present mood, backed by an increasingly enthusiastic board, can go forward to the semi-finals—and do so with a far brighter Wembley chance than they possessed ten years ago when they met Wigan at Swinton. That first-round triumph at Hull is an inspiration to the Hornets and something which any of their opponents cannot ignore.

Then came the blizzard

Having contributed towards the existing team spirit, the board almost leant over backwards during the week to avoid offending any of them. They had decided roughly on Monday what thirteen to turn out against Wigan today, the selection allowing three or four to be rested for the Cup tie. But when the blizzard caused the cancellation of Tuesday's training session the directors were unable to make their plans known to the players.

They decided to withhold any team announcement, therefore, until after Thursday evening's session, the primary reason being that they did not want players to see the team in the national Press and their own names not included. They were consulted before the team sheet went up.

When the thaw began on Thurs-

**In the
HORNETS' NEST
by Touchjudge**

day officials realised that there was as much danger of a residue being left in the stands, on the terraces and the approach to the rear of the stand as on the pitch itself, and the first inconvenience was flooding of the offices, boardroom and dressing-rooms by melting snow from the stand above.

So the match had to be called off on Friday.

York officials were interested to see the name Corsi in the Hornets' team. They recall that Jack Corsi finished his playing days at Clarence Street and took with him brother Andrew. Although there is no connection between the present Ferdi and the famous Corsi brothers of the 1920's as far as family relationship is concerned it was a happy idea on the part of the Hornets mainly for sentimental reasons to use Corsi as the assumed name of the present Italian player.

Corsi's improvement

Ferdi is making steady improvement in the professional game, but the less spectacular capture of Jim Parr is the one which is most pleasing to the Hornets' officials just now. The former Whitehaven and Salford loose-forward makes no attempt to hide the fact that he is happy in the Hornets' colours, and it was a disappointment when a few years ago the club dropped out of the race with Salford for his transfer from Whitehaven.

The capture is even more opportune in view of the position of Tom Horrocks, who at present does not wish to be considered for long away journeys because of his employment.

The Supporters' Club have organised a committee to make arrangements for the Geoff Kelly benefit, all of which are, of course, subject to RL approval. The special game will take place as soon as possible after the completion of the normal season, and it is proposed to take a collection for the benefit fund at the York cup-tie.

Dan Smith's period on trial at Bradford has been extended a further week at the request of Odsal officials.

The BBC are to make a recording at next Tuesday's training session at the Athletic Grounds to be used in a programme later in the week.

**DON'T BE TOO HASTY ABOUT
THE NEW BOY**

SUPPORTERS must not be in too big a hurry to judge Jock Wallace, the new Scottish defender Rochdale signed this week after a two-month chase. At 20 he has little experience of League football and will have to be given time to both acclimatise himself and to develop.

The keenness with which Manager Harry Catterick has sought Wallace, however, leads one to presume that the qualities the Scot showed in the junior grade were impressive.

He watched the player in Scotland towards the end of 1957 on the recommendation of Rochdale's Scottish scout.

Rochdale then had opposition from a number of clubs in their attempt to sign Wallace, who naturally preferred to take that of Falkirk.

But he merely signed what in Scotland is known as a "provisional" and the terms ultimately him were not satisfactory.

Public 'thanks'

That was when Rochdale stepped in again with their offer, but Mr. Catterick had to make a dash to Glasgow in Wednesday's bad weather to make sure Rochdale were not left out in the cold again.

The £500 fee was provided by the Soccer Supporters' Club, and Rochdale chairman (Mr. F. S. Ratcliffe) publicly thanked the supporters during the week for their assistance.

A remarkable fact is that this

signing comes immediately after Rochdale's poorest return from a league game this season.

Although last Saturday's attendance for the Southport game was 3,734 compared with the 3,342 who watched the fogged-out Wrexham game at Christmas, receipts were only £333, £12 less than was drawn against Wrexham.

What was left of the Southport receipts after expenses and the visitors' 20 per cent had been paid, would not keep the club going for one week, even when the £230 from the Supporters' Club lottery was added.

The Southport gate, it might be noted, was only three-quarters the size of the gate at Gateshead, who are one of the worst-supported Football League clubs.

And in store for the directors a week hence, when Tranmere Rovers are the visitors, is another poor attendance. The match clashes with Hornets' Cup game against York. Spotlight might benefit if they alter the Tranmere game to either a midweek evening match or even at Saturday night match. The directors will be considering this point over the weekend.

Chance missed

Rochdale's two goals last Saturday brought their total for the season to 65—the number they

**SPOTLIGHT
ON
SPOTLAND
by CRITIC**

scored in the whole of last season. But they ought to have at least reached the 70 mark in this game.

There was a glorious opportunity to make the goal average even better than it is. With the closeness of the struggle in the middle of the table to keep above the diving line, goal average is obviously worth a point.

What a tragedy it would be if last season's finish for Rochdale were to be repeated. Rochdale's last match was at Carlisle and they wanted one point to be in the top half of the table. But they lost 2-1 and though they had 48 points, the same number as Wrexham, the Welsh side were 12th and Rochdale 13th.

Without a doubt, Rochdale, with their present good goal average, could have made sure last Saturday that it was going to remain so for the rest of a season, during which there will be more away than home games played.

This match, however, gave those supporters wanting to see that attack strengthened, still further ammunition. Many are saying that

Dave Pearson, ex-Boundary Park forward, who is currently a Spotland reserve attacker, with 11 Northern Section goals to his credit in 17 games is one of the players they want to see with a regular place.

Who goes?

The difficulty is whom to leave out of the first-choice line to find him a place. Dailey must be in the middle and Pearson does not play out-side-left, so, if he is in the line, Moran, Wainwright or Lockhart would have to go.

On form, Moran, for me, is a must. Lockhart has ten goals from the wing and has scored two of the three goals the attack has obtained in the last two games in which there have been indifferent forward displays.

If Pearson comes in, then it appears Wainwright must either be rested or go to outside-right.

When two games a week are played later in the season, something like this may happen in some of them. Meanwhile I can only note that in three of the four away games Rochdale have won this season (Mansfield, Stockport and Workington) Wainwright and Moran were the inside-forwards. In the other away win, Green was at inside-left for Moran.

And, surprisingly in these four away wins, Rochdale had three different centre-forwards—Pearson (Mansfield), Green (Stockport) and Dailey (Workington and South-

**Oldham Centenary
Darts League '501'**

	P.	W.	L.	F.	A.	Pt.
Lord Nelson	17	16	1	91	28	31
HCGSC	16	15	1	82	30	34
Radcliffe	18	13	5	70	56	24
Featherstall 'B'	17	10	7	58	61	17
Mess House	17	7	10	59	60	17
Spinnars, Lees Rd.	17	6	11	59	67	14
NC Ladies	17	6	11	48	71	11
Central Labour	17	5	12	57	62	14
Salisbury	18	5	13	43	83	11
Moorside 'A'	17	4	13	46	78	11

Highest score (Schofield's Weekly Prize) Week 20, C Wild 140 (Featherstall)

Week 21, H Wood 146 (N C Ladies)

Least arrows to date, A Brooks, 16

Billy Knight (Northampton) Britain's Davis Cup player, will meet Ramanathan Krishnan, India's No. 1, in the final of the Bombay State hard court lawn tennis championships today.

**GIRL PUTS UP NEW
SPRINT RECORD**

Nineteen-year-old Betty Cuthbert, triple Olympic gold medalist, twice equalled the world record for 100 yards in the New South Wales athletic championships in Sydney today.

The honey-blonde Australian clocked 10.4sec. in her heat and again in the final.

Another Australian girl, Marjorie Jackson, set the world record in Sydney in 1952.

OLDHAM TEAMS CAN FILL THE SEMI-FINALS

THE weather has held up the Clayton Cup Competition, but it is hoped that all second round matches will be completed in time for next Saturday when the third round is due to be played.

In the second round, Hathershaw visited St. Stephen's and won by 5-1. The score suggests that Hathershaw had matters all their own way, but it was not so. St. Stephen's were never overwhelmed, and never gave up until the final whistle.

Alexandra, all-conquering leaders of Division 1, entertained Werneth in another second round tie. Werneth, who are at the foot of Division 1, gave the leaders something to think about. Although they lost by 7-3, they hold the distinction of having scored more goals against the winners than any other team this year.

The draw for Round three is as follows:—Hathershaw (Oldham) v. St. Peter's or SS Aidan and Oswald or Denton Lane; Northmoor or St. Josephs or Limeside v. Blackshaw Lane or Derker; Yew Tree or East Crompton v. Shaw CE or Freehold or Mills Hill or Moorside; Limehurst v. Alexandra.

This draw holds out the possibility of four Oldham teams taking part in the semi-finals.

Here are the League Tables up to and including February 22.

DIVISION I table with columns P, W, D, L, F, A, Pts and rows for Alexandra, Freehold, Hathershaw, Limeside, Limehurst, Werneth.

DIVISION II table with columns P, W, D, L, F, A, Pts and rows for Roundthorn, Derker, Clarksfield, St. Patrick's, Northmoor, Fitton Hill.

DIVISION III table with columns P, W, D, L, F, A, Pts and rows for Moorside, All Saints, Waterhead, Westwood, Coldhurst, St. Anne's.

DIVISION IV table with columns P, W, D, L, F, A, Pts and rows for Higginshaw, Birch House, St. Mark's, Greenacres, St. Andrew's, Beever.

DIVISION V table with columns P, W, D, L, F, A, Pts and rows for St. Stephen's, Hathershaw II, Derker II, Bardsley, Worneth II, Limehurst II.

Honour and industry made Hornets a great RL club

THE Rugby Union game took hold in Rochdale earlier than in Oldham, and around the year 1870 there were three clubs in the town. Rochdale RU played at Castleton cricket ground, Rochdale Athletic at the Athletic Grounds and Rochdale Hornets at Rochdale cricket ground.

A note in the Athletic News of some 40 years ago states that Hornets were formed in 1867, but C. W. Alcock's Football Annual does not give any date for the formation of the club.

The Rev. F. Marshall, the Rugby Union historian, does not give any date for the formation of the club, but in 1892 he stated that "twenty years before, the only towns outside Manchester and Liverpool which could boast of anything like strong clubs were Preston and Rochdale, and the Rochdale Hornets worked honourably and industriously to obtain this position."

I have obtained the complete record of the Hornets for the season 1873-4, and this makes interesting reading:

October 25: Hornets 3 goals, 7 tries, Bradford nil. Hornets won.

November 8: Hornets 1 try, Wasps nil. Draw.

November 22: Hornets nil Manchester 3 tries. Draw.

December 13: Hornets 1 try Huddersfield nil. Draw.

January 10: Hornets nil Manchester 3 rouges. Draw.

January 24: Hornets 3 rouges Dingle nil. Draw.

February 14: Hornets 1 try Huddersfield 1 goal 1 try. Hornets lost.

February 28: Hornets 1 goal 1 try Dingle nil. Hornets won.

I feel that some explanation is needed about how results were calculated. Goals only counted for a win, and took precedence over any number of tries.

When a ball was grounded over the line by the attacking side, a try

at goal was allowed, hence the derivation of our modern tries.

Rouges were minor points. Anyone using the expression "rouge" was deemed to be rather snobbish and in the North of England the term was frowned upon. Minors or rouges were dead balls, touch downs (by defending sides) and touch in goals.

More civilised

In 1873-4 the second fifteen played six games against Wasps, Owens College, Haslingden (home and away), Wellington College, and Sale.

I understand that Dingle was a Liverpool district club and that the Wasps became known as Broughton Wasps.

In 1874-5 Rochdale Hornets played 15 games, of which 11 were won and four lost. In that season Rochdale Athletic also played 15 games, winning 13 and losing two.

Hornets were playing Rugby Union under the old rules before the game became more civilised. They would play 20 a side, and full hacking was allowed. Hacking was kicking at the ball and missing the ball but kicking an opponent.

A writer in the football magazine Goal wrote deploring the loss of the old game—"full hacking" in the scrum instead of the present (i.e. 1874) shoving in the pack. He added that hooking with the hand is certainly illegal and with the foot unporting.

Early players

Some of the earliest players in the club's history include Andrew Irving, Wilfred Butterworth, J. Sellars, C. M. Taylor, Goulbourne Davies and E. Healey, who were all very

RUGBY LEAGUE HISTORIES: No. 20 ROCHDALE HORNETS By TOM WEBB

active before the club changed over from the Rugby Union to the Northern Union.

In 1876-7 the newly-formed Oldham club were given fixtures with Rochdale Hornets' second team, the first one resulting in a drawn game, and the second, played at Rochdale, being a win for Oldham.

In the following year Oldham were given fixtures with Rochdale Hornets "A," which was probably drawn from both the first and second fifteens. The description "A team" eventually evolved into our present system of "A" teams. In the early days it was a safeguard, so that a club playing as "A Team" could deny that its first 15 had been defeated.

Top flight

Hornets remained in the top flight of the Lancashire Rugby Union clubs and were included in the Lancashire Senior Competition when it was formed in 1892-3. Unfortunately, Hornets fixtures were already arranged and only eight games out of a possible 18 were played, and the club finished next to the bottom.

It also did badly in the next two years, but there was no doubt that it was strong enough to be included in the original Northern Union in 1895.

While Hornets were in the first class, local rivals Rochdale St. Clements were in the Lancashire Second Competition. In the second season of the Northern Union St. Clements joined, but failing to be given senior status, the club closed down.

The proprietor of the ground began to promote association football, and so senior soccer was born in the town. Three attempts to promote a good class soccer team failed until the present Rochdale AFC was formed.

E. Rothwell was the Hornets' representative on the first council of the Northern Union, and in the second year was vice-president of the Lancashire County Northern Union. R. Collinge had the distinction of becoming president of both the Northern and Lancashire unions, and A. E. Ashworth also became president of the Lancashire County.

Lancashire Cup

Rochdale Hornets' first success in the game came in 1911, when Oldham were defeated in the Lancashire Cup final. Then, the club held the cup for five years. In December, 1914, Wigan were defeated in the final by 3 points to 2. The outbreak of the first world war prevented the cup being contested until the game was resumed in January of 1919.

That season also produced an Oldham-Hornets final, and the Rochdale team romped home by 22-0 in May. In December of that year, the next Lancashire Cup final was played, and on this occasion Oldham won 7-0. Since then, Hornets have never passed the semi-final stage of the county cup.

Hornets were runners-up in the Lancashire League in 1914-15, and on the resumption of football they won the championship for the only time in their career, so that 1919 was one of their best years.

In the last year of the Northern Union, 1921-2, the club reached the heights. In the first round of the Challenge Cup, Broughton Moor, a Cumberland junior club, were overwhelmed 54-2 in the first round. Leeds fell in the second round 15-7, and Oldham lost in the third round 5-2. Widnes were well beaten in the semi-final 23-3, and in the final, a great struggle at Headingley resulted in a 10-9 win over Hull.

Great day

On that great day, the team was F. Prescott; Joe Corsi, E. McLoughlin, E. Wild, T. Fitton; J. Kyman, J. Heaton; T. Woods, J. Bennett, T. H. Harris, D. Edwards, H. L. Paddon and Louis Corsi.

Paddon was one of the many West Country players who joined the club, and others were W. J. Roman, and about half a dozen leading Devonshire Rugby Union players.

Joe Corsi was later transferred to Oldham at a fee in the neighbourhood of £600, which was believed to be a record at the time.

There have been many highlights in the Hornets story since that great Challenge Cup win, but there have also been many black days to discourage the loyal Rugby League men of the town. The bad days are almost forgotten, and only the lack of adequate support is holding the club back at the moment.

Even so, this season has produced a most successful cup run and no-one can write off the club, because it has triumphed at Hull where Oldham lost only a few short weeks before.

The Supporters' Club have been the means of keeping the club alive during difficult days, and with another few thousand regular supporters the club would soon be in the Oldham class, because a new spirit is abroad at the Athletic Grounds today.

Scoring record

Some of the best players associated with the club not so far mentioned have been Johnny Dean, J. Baxter, Jack Robinson—a great try-scorer who set up the try-scoring record in 1910—Jones, the goalkicker of the same period, T. T. West, Carter, Hopwood, Fitzsimmons, Bennett, Walter Gowers, Armbruster, the five young Australians brought over by Cec Fifield, Ted Cahill, Les Jones, Fishnall, Chiswick and scores of others.

Today, many juniors from the Oldham district are being signed by the club and becoming quite successful with the club. Recently Bowden, Liles and Bailey have played on the first thirteen, and all played in the Oldham Junior League.

One record the Hornets hold will probably never be equalled in top-class Rugby football. In 1915-16, Billy Batten appeared for Hull Kingston Rovers against an Australian forces team and in the same day he played for Hull versus Batley. This was thought to be a record.

However, Rochdale Hornets, in their Rugby Union days, had arranged to play two fixtures in one day, against Manchester Free Wanderers and Manchester Rangers. The only way out of the impasse was to play both games on the same day, and 11 men played in both games, which is a feat for which I have found no parallel in the history of Rugby football.

OLDHAM JUNIOR RUGBY LEAGUE ST. ANNE'S PUT ON LATE PRESSURE

IT was Cup Day in the Oldham Junior Rugby League last Saturday, with the open-age clubs taking part in the second round of the Oldham Standard Cup. In the Intermediate Section Greenacres

entertained St. Anne's at Manor Flatts in the area semi-final of the County Intermediate Cup.

This intermediate game provided a keen struggle for 60 minutes but after that St. Anne's ran up the score from 17 points to 41 points and will now meet Strinesdale in the area final.

Playing up the hill in the first half, St. Anne's made some grand passing raids on the Greenacres' line only to be met by strong defence. St. Anne's, however, scored four brilliant first-half tries as a result of grand team work and backing up.

With the slope, St. Anne's did all the attacking and although Greenacres held out for a time they could not withstand the continued onslaught of the Saints.

In the Oldham Standard Cup, St. Mary's, at home to Royton, found the visitors in a merry mood. Royton won by 63 points to 8, all but two of their side scoring.

Higginshaw were the visitors to Waterhead. Playing down hill in the first half they had the better of the exchanges, scoring two first-half tries, while in the second half they ran in a further four tries, two of which Cheetham added goals.

At Greenfield a great struggle was seen between Saddleworth Rangers and St. Anne's. This game was decided by goalkicking, although St. Anne's scored four tries through Crick and Hanly (two each), Saddleworth recorded three tries by Pickering (2) and Meadowcroft and it was the goalkicking of Leaming who landed three good goals that won the game for Saddleworth Rangers by 15 points to 12.

Ferranti v. Smallbridge ended in Ferranti winning by 9 points to 8. At a special executive committee meeting on Wednesday next a protest lodged by St. Anne's against Saddleworth Rangers will be dealt with.

LEAGUE TABLE

League table with columns P, W, L, D, Pts and rows for Royton, St. Anne's, Higginshaw, Waterhead, St. Mary's, Saddleworth Rgrs., Spotland Rgrs., Smallbridge, Ferranti.

SCHOOLS RUGBY LEAGUE Clarksfield represent Oldham in the Shield area final

HIGGINSHAW earned their place in the Manchester Evening Chronicle Shield Area Final by first overcoming St. Anselm's 3-0 through a try by Russell, and then the semi-final by winning 8-0 against Hollins. Although in this match Hollins were on top during the first 20 minutes Higginshaw tackled well and just on half-time Russell went over for an unconverted try when he dummied to kick at goal, tapped it and plunged over. Kershaw scored on the resumption following a good break by Butterworth, the try being brilliantly converted by Russell. Hilton and Greenwood played well for Hollins while the winners were best served by Baggott, Scriven and Russell.

Clarksfield 33 pts, Higginshaw 6. In the final, played at Ferranti's and refereed by Mr. H. Morgan, Higginshaw were without their regular hooker. Clarksfield opened strongly, Wynn, Pullen and Marsland making many good runs. Wynn and Pullen both scored tries by crashing through some weak Higginshaw tackles. A fine Higginshaw passing movement took play to their opponents' half, where Russell converted a penalty. But Clarksfield went further ahead when Ward made a fine interception to score by the post for Wynn to convert. Gradually Clarksfield got on top and, with a 2-1 possession from the scrums and handling confidently, tries came steadily. Higginshaw never gave up but they were slower on the ball and weaker in their tackling. Clarksfield played better as a team being stronger and more powerful. Scroers for Clarksfield: Tries Wynn (3), Pullen (2), Marsden (2), Ward (2). Goals: Marsden (1), Wynn (2). For Higginshaw: Russell 3 goals.

Clarksfield as winners of the Oldham area now play the winners of the Swinton area at Watersheddings on Saturday March 15 (kick-off 10-30).

LEAGUE 'D'

Hollins 5 pts, Clarksfield 25.

Clarksfield lost the toss and kicked off against the wind and rain. After scoring an early try in the corner, Clarksfield were thrown on the defensive. Hollins advanced to within ten yards of the line through some forward rushes. They were awarded a free-kick and heavyweight forward Wade ploughed over through the mud with four defenders hanging on. A conversion gave Hollins a 5-3 lead, but by half-time the lead had changed again due to two further tries in the corner by Lambert and Lockwood.

On the resumption, four tries by Marcoft, Clayton, Smallwood and Lockwood with two conversions by Smallwood preserved Clarksfield's unbeaten record.

Clarksfield 1st Year 12 pts, SS Aidan and Oswald's, Royton, 3.

The Manor Flats ground was very muddy for this friendly, and considering the conditions both teams gave a good performance. Clarksfield rested some of their regular first year players but even so always seemed to have the mastery of newcomers St. Aidan's, for whom Nichols gave a great exhibition. He was well supported by Hollingworth, a big forward who scored their try, and by Moran, Briggs, on the wing did well. For Clarksfield, hooker Goddard gained ample possession and Terle and Lambert put in some speedy and clever runs. Tries were scored by Smallwood (2), Goddard and Terle.

OLDHAM YOUTH CLUBS' FOOTBALL

UNDER-21 LEAGUE table with columns P, W, L, D, F, A, Pts and rows for Chadderton, Fallsworth LC, Harford YC, Derker OB, Henshaw's OB, Coldhurst YC, Millgate LC, Townfield YC, Royton ATC, St. Anne's YC.

UNDER-18 LEAGUE table with columns P, W, L, D, F, A, Pts and rows for St. Hugh's YC, Derker OB Res., St. Aidan's YC, Millgate LC Res., St. Cuthbert's YC.

SUPPLEMENTARY "A" table with columns P, W, L, D, F, A, Pts and rows for Chadderton, St. Anne's YC, Millgate LC, Royton ATC, Fallsworth LC.

SUPPLEMENTARY "B" table with columns P, W, L, D, F, A, Pts and rows for Derker OB, Harford YC, Henshaw's OB, Royton ATC, Coldhurst YC.

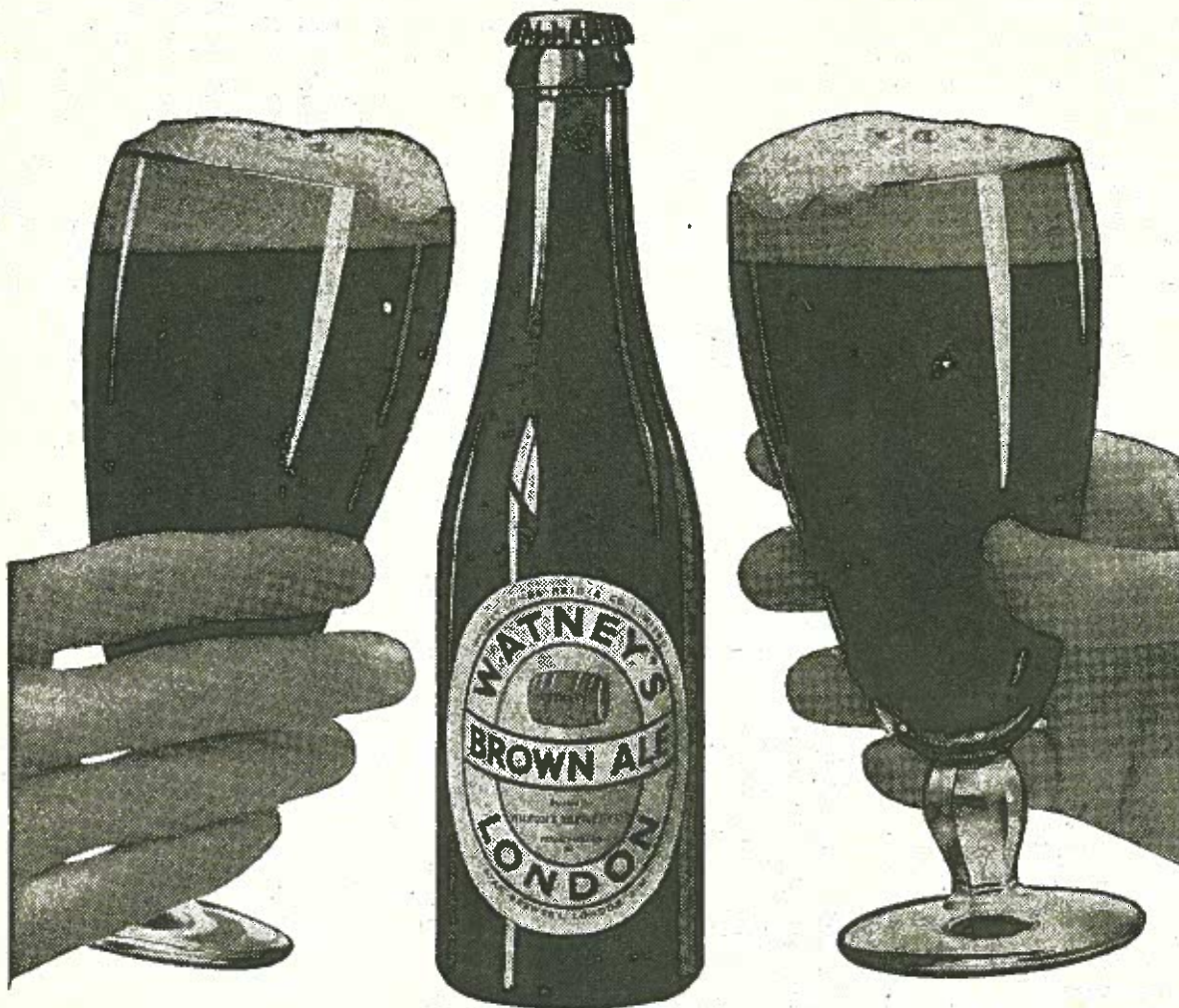
SUPPLEMENTARY table with columns P, W, L, D, F, A, Pts and rows for St. Cuthbert's YC, St. Aidan's YC, St. Hugh's YC, Derker OB Res., Millgate LC Res.

American badminton victory on the way

The United States won all four matches against Canada last night on the first day of the American Zone final of the Thomas Cup badminton competition at Long Beach, California, today.

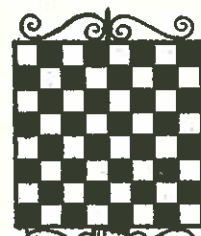
The Americans need only one more win from tonight's five matches to become American Zone champions.

CHEERS!



WATNEYS BROWN ALE
is here—
at **WILSONS HOUSES**

Now—for the first time—you can enjoy smooth, mellow Watneys Brown Ale. It looks good, tastes good, is good—best Brown you've ever tasted. Pop round to your local Wilsons house and



To

Winner

DUET LEADER running to win the Selling Hurdle at K for trainer Doug M meeting with much season. But this 10-his backers a big sho flight, which he hit an awkwardly. Duet Le quickly, however, an comfortable winner 1 half lengths from K. Scoraway a similar third. Carousel, t finished out of the Owner Mr. R. Hurst Duet Leader to Spain there for a holiday in run the four-year-old Hurdle.

KEMPTON

0—TWICKENHAM SE for four-year-olds. yards.

11 0 DUET LEADER

11 0 KATHIAWAR

11 0 SCORAWAY

Twelve runners: Chianti

away, Audax, Step Out,

Duet Leader, My Joy,

Ephedra, Carousel.

5/2 Carousel; 7/2 Canth

Kathiawar, DUET LEADE

Scoraway; 100/6 Chianti, f

others. 1½ lengths; same.

Tote: Win £3/11/4; f

£1/6/8.

2 30—PORTLANE HANE

2 miles.

10 3 TUT TUT 8yrs

12 0 BRUNEL II 8yrs ..

10 0 FALCONER 7yrs ...

Seven runners: Lough

Crosspatrick, Turk's Asce

coner, The Gnat.

6/4 Brunel II; 5 Cr

Ascent; 11/2 TUT TUT; f

others. ½ length; 10.

Tote: Win £1/0/10; pla

forecast £1/11/8.

0—RENDLESHAM HAN

3 miles.

10 9 VALITO 6yrs

10 2 RATHRONAN 7yrs

10 1 JAVANICK 8yrs ...

Twelve runners: Vallit

French Squadron, Anthony

Seminole, Javanick, Jolly

Yes Tor, Black Tar, Carrie

100/30 Rathronan; 7

VALITO; 7 Black Tar; 8

Javanick, Jolly Tudor;

Wayne; 20 others. 1 leng

Tote: Win 16/8; places

30—COVENTRY HAN

3 miles.

12 4 LOCHRUE 10yrs ...

12 7 LINWELL 10yrs ...

10 2 EL GRIEGO II 8yr:

Five runners: Linwell,

Vous III, Galloway Hills,

2 Linwell; 9/4 LOCHI

Vous III; 5 El Griego II;

3 lengths; 15.

4 0—KENYNGTON NOV

2 miles and a half

12 7 OXO 7yrs

12 0 JUST AWAKE 6yrs

12 0 ROYAL TOURNAM

Six runners: Oxo, HI

Gorse, Royal Tourname

Just Awake.

11/8 Just Awake; 2 OX

9 Confirmation; 25 others.

4 30—ASHFORD NOVICE

II. 2 miles and 18

Ten runners: Flaming St

Big Pearl, Top View, Sun

High Holborn, Chastise, f

works II.

Vicar's h savings s

Canon A. W. Eato
Peter's, Leicester,
starting the holiday
Brighton today. Du
thieves stole all his
his holiday savings.

They also smashe
the church and stol
offertory boxes.

HAL

FA CUP—Sixt

Blackburn 0, Liverpool 1

Bolton 1, Wolves 1

Fulham 3, Bristol Rover:

WBA 1, Manchester Unit

FIRST DIV

Birmingham 2, Arsenal (

Burnley 0, Everton 1

Fardiff 0, Portsmouth 1

WORK BACK TO NORMAL AGAIN GIRL POOL CHECKERS' STRIKE ENDS

TENS of thousands who pin their hopes to weekly pools investments heaved a sigh of relief when they heard today that the strike of girl pool checkers at Littlewood's Pools, Irlam Road branch, Bootle, had ended.

Test match injuries AUSTRALIA'S BATSMEN WERE IN THE WARS

AT Port Elizabeth, Cape Province, today, Australia were 131 for three at tea, in reply to South Africa's first innings of 214 on the second day of the fifth and final Test.

Colin McDonald and Jim Burke made a confident start against fast bowlers Peter Heine and Neil Adcock, who did not get any appreciable pace off the pitch.

Burke was hit on the right hand by Heine and later struck in the stomach by a short ball from Adcock.

With the total at 13, Burke steered a ball from Heine for Edean to take a brilliant catch, and at 37 the luckless left-hander Neil Harvey was trapped leg before by Heine after scoring 15. Harvey was beaten when he played back to a ball which was pitched well up.

Craig and McDonald carried the score to 53 for two by lunch-time, the result of two hours' play. McDonald eventually passed his half-century. Craig had to retire hurt.

Benaud contributed a useful 43 before falling to Goddard.

Jackie McGlew, who bruised the index finger of his right hand while batting yesterday, did not field today. An X-ray of the injury showed there was no fracture.

South Africa, first innings, 214: Australia: McDonald not out 55, Burke c Edean b Adcock 8, Harvey lbw b Heine 15, Craig retired hurt 9, Benaud c and b Goddard 43, Simpson not out 0, extras 1, total (for three wickets) 131.

Third attempt to refloat ship

A salvage tug will make its third attempt at high tide to free the British freighter Adlington Court (7,500 tons), which went aground on a reef near Fort Lauderdale, Florida, on Wednesday. The freighter, which carries a crew of 35, was reported to be in no immediate danger.

A spokesman for Littlewoods Pools said at noon that a settlement had been reached, and "work is back to normal." He added that he could not enlarge on that statement.

More than a thousand girls were involved in the strike, which began on Friday in protest against a cut in their bonus.

Under a new scheme, due to come into operation on Monday, the present bonus of 6s. for every 100 coupons handled over the first 500, was to be cut to 4s. The girls claimed this would mean the loss of nearly half their usual bonus. One said that they could lose 15s. a week.

Earlier today the girls turned up at the Irlam-Road offices and went inside, but did not work, then they paraded outside the building.

Pickets were early at other offices of Littlewood's Pools, trying to get others of the firm's 6,000 Liverpool employees to join the strike.

BANNER SLOGAN

Three girls took a hand-painted banner into the Irlam Road offices. It bore the words, "No bonus, no work."

"We will march round the offices with the banner if the management don't change their minds," said the girls, "we are not going to take a cut in our wage packets."

After the girls at Irlam Road had been addressed by their manager, they marched out of the building, shouting and screaming.

Some shouted, "We want justice," and, "The managers are to blame."

As the girls paraded, half a dozen men dashed from the offices, and there was some struggling between girls and men. Some girls shouted "Let us go."

All doors to the building were barred.

New name for liner

The former Canadian Pacific liner, Empress of Scotland (26,313 tons), bought by the West German Hamburg Atlantic Line last month, will be renamed Hansaatic. It is being modernised, and will go into service on the North Atlantic run in July.

'ERNIE' WILL PICK 10,809 WINNERS

THERE will be 10,809 prizes, with a total value of £453,600 in the tenth Premium Savings Bonds prize draw, which will begin on Monday at the Bond Office, Lytham St. Annes.

"Ernie," the electronic machine, will be started by the Lord Mayor of Birmingham, Alderman J. J. Grogan, from the Town Hall, Birmingham.

Bonds sold last August are going into the draw for the first time. The number of bond units in the draw is 96,605,419.

There will be 45 prizes of £1,000; 90 at £500, 180 at £250, 450 at £100, 900 at £50 and 9,144 at £25.

SIR WINSTON AT WORK AGAIN

Sir Winston, is daily gaining strength and has recovered his colour, and is doing a great deal of work connected with his literary activities.

Wanted-a Delilah

LATEST IDEA FOR 1958 CARNIVAL

A TABLEAU, "Samson and Delilah," will be one of the main features of Oldham Carnival parade this year. Reg Parks, the world-famous body builder, will appear as Samson. But who will be Delilah?

Already the Carnival Committee are searching for a girl to take this part. She need not be an Oldham girl; entries are invited from all parts of the North — or of the whole country.

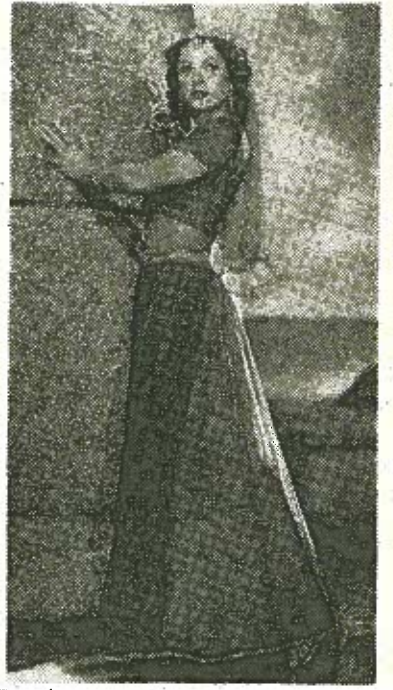
Girls wishing to compete for this title should write, sending photographs of themselves, to:

Carnival Committee
Headquarters,
85 Union Street,
Oldham.

Entrants, who should appear in Delilah costumes, will be judged at the Carnival Dance on April 11 by a panel of personalities.

A prize of £25 will go to the winner.

The picture shows Hedy Lamarr, appearing as Delilah in Cecil B. de Mille's film "Samson and Delilah."



Bomber blaze: airman dies

AN American airman who was injured yesterday fighting the fire which destroyed a B47 Stratojet aircraft and badly damaged a hangar at USAF base at Greenham Common, Berkshire, died in hospital during the night, a USAF spokesman said today.

His name was being withheld until next of kin had been informed.

The other nine men injured in the blaze were not seriously hurt, and all were "improving."

The blaze started when a B47 bomber in flight developed engine trouble and dropped his wingtip fuel tanks. Although they fell on the "drop" range, one bounced on to a parked B47, and the other into the hangar.

RL TEST PLANE TURNS BACK

PLAYERS and officials of the Great Britain Rugby League team returned to Blackbushe Airport (Surrey) for lunch yesterday—because their Viking aircraft developed "technical trouble" over the Channel. In the party is Bill Dorrans (WD) of the Oldham Chronicle.

But the party was reported cheerful and unconcerned about the incident. Alan Prescott (St. Helens), the team captain, commented: "Our main concern is beating France."

The Viking had earlier touched down at Blackbushe for technical reasons, and was over the English Channel when it had to turn back.

The party spent two hours at the airport before they were transferred to another Viking aircraft. They were two-and-a-half hours behind schedule at Grenoble.

Blizzards sweep western states

Blizzards over America's Western plains States, accompanied by winds of up to 60 miles an hour, have left drifts as high as 12 feet.

In Kansas, communications were cut and motorists, unable to continue in the howling storm, took refuge yesterday in hotels and farmhouses.

The snowstorm hit parts of seven States—Montana, North and South Dakota, Eastern Colorado, South-eastern Wyoming, Nebraska and Kansas.

1,600 flee floods

Sixteen hundred people were homeless and 200 more in imminent danger of being forced to quit their home today, as floods continued to rise along the Seine and Marne rivers upstream from Paris.

In the capital, police have rounded up more than 1,000 tramps whose usual resting places along the quays of the Seine have disappeared under nearly six feet of muddy flood water.

Wed—then plays in Cup-tie



FULHAM centre-half Joe Stapleton—who played against Bristol Rovers in the sixth-round FA Cup-tie at Craven Cottage this afternoon—is pictured with his bride, Doris Teed, after being married at Munster Park Methodist Church, Fulham Road, London, SW, this morning.

MILANO OR DORTMUND BORUSSIA

United's next European Cup rivals

MANCHESTER UNITED will meet either Milano (Italy) or Dortmund Borussia in the semi-finals of the European Cup football competition.

Milano and Borussia still have to play the second leg of their quarter-final. The first match ended in a 1-1 draw. They meet again in Milan on March 26.

No ballot was made. The pairings were agreed unanimously by the European Soccer Cup organising committee in order to give Manchester United the most suitable match from the travelling point of view.

All five clubs affected agreed to the arrangement with the exception of Vasas, who could not be contacted.

The other semi-final will be between Real Madrid and Vasas (Budapest).

Won at Hampden

On their way to the semi-finals of the present competition, Milano eliminated Glasgow Rangers by a 6-1 aggregate. They won 4-1 at Hampden Park in November and 2-0 in Milan in December.

United beat Dortmund-Borussia, the German champions, on their way to the semi-finals in last year's tournament. They won the first leg 3-2 and played a goalless draw

in the return match, getting through on a 3-2 aggregate.

"As far as I know we will carry on in the competition," said Manchester United's acting manager, Mr. Jimmy Murphy, when told today how United were paired in the semi-finals, which are played, like the earlier rounds of the competition, on a two-leg home-and-away basis.

Mr. Murphy added: "We have come to no decision about travelling arrangements."

It was while on their way back to England from winning through

the quarter-finals of the European Cup against Red Star (Belgrade) that United's plane crashed at Munich with such catastrophic results.

Both semi-finals must be completed before April 30 and the final will be held on May 23, in Brussels. A Danish referee will be appointed if United's first semi-final match is played at home to either team. There will also be a Danish referee if the game is held in Dortmund.

A West German referee will officiate if United have to travel to Milan for the first leg.

The other semi-final between Madrid and Vasas will be refereed by a Frenchman and the final by a Belgian official.

BERRY OUT OF DANGER

JOHNNY BERRY, Manchester United winger, is expected to be taken off the danger list shortly, a medical bulletin issued by the Rechts der Isar hospital in Munich said today.

"Berry had a good night and shows further signs of regaining consciousness," the bulletin said.

A hospital spokesman said: "His improvement has been very slow, but nevertheless encouraging."

No change was reported in the condition of Captain Kenneth Rayment, co-pilot of the crashed Elizabethan aircraft. He remains dangerously ill and is still unconscious.

Matt Busby, Manchester United's manager, "had a comfortable night and continues to make good progress," the bulletin said.

BOBBY DAZZLER ... By Tom Kerr



Oldham Sunday Schools League LOSING 6-1, THEY RALLIED TO WIN

St. Hugh's 6
Cowhill Methodists 7

THIS Challenge Cup replay had everything including plenty of goals. St. Hugh's looked to have the game in the bag at half-time with a 5-1 lead. Cowhill started their comeback when trailing behind 6-1. Even when they had pulled up to 6-4 it still looked St. Hugh's game, but in a storming finish, Cowhill snatched the lead.

Scorers: St. Hugh's, Newman (2), Gaunt, Gardner, Lomas (2); Cowhill, Braddock (3), Raynor (2), Broome and Wynn.

First Division

Westwood Moravians 7
Northmoor Methodists 0

Westwood opened the scoring after 10 minutes with a penalty goal and after that coasted to a comfortable victory against a Northmoor side which lacked inspiration in attack. Scorers: Westwood, Young (3), Platt (2), Heath and Taylor.

St. Thomas's 2
Edge Lane Methodists 3

Edge Lane took the lead after two minutes when a strong shot hit the angle of the crossbar to bounce inches over the goal-line. They were on top for most of the first half—only missed chances and good goalkeeping kept them from adding to their one-goal lead before the interval.

St. Thomas's came more into the picture in the second half, and after 20 minutes cut the Edge Lane lead. Ten minutes later Edge Lane scored from a penalty but St. Thomas's scored again in the closing minutes. Edge Lane fully deserved the points but St. Thomas's put up a good fight. Scorers: St. Thomas's, Roebuck and Davey; Edge Lane, Wooley, Byron and Allen.

Millgate Meths. 4, Glodwick Meths. 7

Quite a good game between these two well-matched sides. Goals came regularly, some from long shots. Glodwick were well worth their victory. Scorers: Millgate, Crabtree (2), Huff and Wells; Glodwick, Pearce, Henthorne, Else and Chapman.

Watersheddings 3, Edge Lane 5

Although Eaves Lane had only nine men, they all played their hearts out and moved the ball well to lead 2-0 at half-time.

The home side pressed soon after the interval, hit three goals but missed many chances. Eaves Lane came back to score two grand goals, take the lead and then put the issue safe with another. Scorers: Watersheddings, Stanley (3); Eaves Lane, Hurst (2), W Sims (2), R Sims.

St. Aidan's 2, Washbrook Meths. 1

It seemed that Washbrook's goal, scored just before the interval, was going to give them a surprise victory until St. Aidan's equalised seven minutes from time and then grabbed a winning goal. They had wasted many chances mainly because of over-eagerness.

It was a fine, hard-fought game played at a cracking pace. Washbrook, an improving side, deserved a point. Scorers: St. Aidan's, Humphries, Entwistle.

St. Mark's 2, St. John's, H'w'd, 6

St. John's are finding their earlier form and gained a grand victory over the powerful St. Mark's. It was no flash in the pan but a well-earned victory—they were the better team. Scorers: St. Mark's, Farrall, Dale; St. John's, Lawton (3), Smith (3).

Second Division

Edge Lane Reserves 1
Roundthorn Methodists 2

Roundthorn fielded only ten men, but played like demons, and Edge Lane made a present of a goal to them in the first half. Play was even in the second. Scorers: Edge Lane Reserves, Grindrod; Roundthorn, Brierley, (own goal).

Ashton Road Congs. 0
Hollinwood Congs. 4

An even first half with both teams trying hard on a heavy ground, the visitors scoring twice. In the second, two more goals from Hollinwood Congs. made the issue safe. Scorers: Hollinwood Congs., Hopwood (2), Steward, Angus.

St. John's, Hollinwood 4
Saddleworth Church 4

This was a classic, fought in a sporting way. In the first half, St. John's took their chances to lead 4-2 at the interval. Team switches at half-time paid off for Saddleworth and they hit back to equalise in the 84th minute. A fair result.

Scorers: St. John's Reserves, Stock (3), Blomley; Saddleworth, Sorsby (2), Cowburn, King.

St. Thomas's, Lees 0
Springhead Congs. 11

This was a one-sided affair, Springhead scoring almost at will. St. Thomas's were six in arrears in the first half hour, and although they improved a little, they were no match for a fast, impressive Springhead side. Scorers: Springhead, Atkinson (3), Mallieu (2), Neal (2), Smith (2), Cook (2).

St. Stephen's 0
George Street Methodists ... 1

St. Stephen's should have scored twice in the first ten minutes but easy chances were missed. In the second half, George Street took command, scored within ten minutes and kept on top. Scorers: George Street, Moffatt.

Christ Church 3
St. Aidan's "B" 2

A well-earned two points for Christ Church which keeps them away from the bottom of the table. Scorers: Christ Church, Hilton, Bethel (own goal); St. Aidan's "B", Moran, Astley.

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

Ashton League

HURST NOOK JUST WON 4-3

Mossley Wool had a good win by beating Ashton National 4-2 in a good sporting game which was a pleasure to referee. Tudor paid the penalty of fielding only nine men, and Patrelooux won 10-1. Austerlands Reserves tried hard against Hurst Central, the leaders, who lasted better and won 6-3. There was not one foul in the whole of this game.

The match of the day, however, was at Hurst Nook, where Ashton St. Mary's gave them a very hard fight. Neither side slackened, and a finely contested game was won by Nook 4-3.

English Steel beat Denton Railway 4-1, and Uppermill kept up the good work by beating the greatly-improved Hyde Lads 6-2. A poor game was seen at Mossley Amateurs, where Lees won 8-1. Denton Nomads had a good win by beating Stamford Villa 7-4.

There were 230,401 fluid pints of milk supplied to Oldham school-children during December of last year. The regular milk drinkers totalled 16,354.

ROUND THE THIRD NORTH

NOW that Sam Chapman has been transferred to Portsmouth, Mansfield are hoping that Ken Griffiths will take over as regular marksman from the Irishman.

Griffiths has certainly made a good start with the Stags, having netted three times in the four games he has played since his acquisition from Port Vale towards the end of January.

ALTHOUGH he has not been a regular member of the Workington senior side of late, right-half Tommy Kinloch still has a better scoring record than two members of the attack. He has netted five times in League games to date, whereas wingers Des Jones and Clive Colbridge have scored only twice and four times respectively.

SOME idea of the problems Southport have faced in their efforts to find a successful side have been amply demonstrated by their calling upon no fewer than 25 players to date.

Of that number 16 have made their debuts, the latest being Walter Hughes, who made his first appearance at outside-right last week, 24 hours after being signed from Bradford.

INJURY kept burly Alvan Williams out of Bradford's senior side for the first time last week. A summer recruit from Wrexham Williams has proved himself to be among the best and most versatile of the Yorkshire club's acquisitions this season.

He began at centre-half, later had one game at left-back, and then alternated for a time between both inside-forward positions, before taking over the leadership of the attack at Christmas. Despite being switched so much, Williams is his side's leading scorer (14).

WHILE only five points separate the 10 teams in the middle of the Northern Section, there are 10 points between the middle 10 in the Southern Section.

ALTHOUGH at the top of the Northern Section, Bury have called upon five different centre-forwards and five inside-rights.

IN between beating Crewe at home in November and again last week, York City won only one League game. Yet they knocked First Division Birmingham City out of the Cup.

Trans-India motor road

The Indian Government is completing the construction of road links which will shortly provide a good motor highway all the way from New Delhi, the capital, in North India, to the southernmost tip of the country at Cape Comorin, 2,000 miles away.

CHADD. WERE HELD TO DRAW

AFTER the first-rate performances in the Manchester Amateur League by Chadderton in recent weeks, even the respected Humphrey Park side were expected to offer but token resistance. But a full strength Chadderton team could only manage a draw, and so lose a valuable point of the struggle with AGED and Cheadle Rovers for the second division championship.

Chadderton were slow to settle down. The visitors took the lead when, after a cross ball had beaten Stott, full-back Taylor headed into his own net.

Chadderton equalised when Middlebrook put Keith Giles clear, who made no mistake.

Chadderton were not moving as well as in recent weeks and Humphrey Park, with a sound defence, had an answer to most attacks.

The home side, however, could claim that the ball was certainly not running their way.

Humphrey Park again took the lead when a shot from the edge of the penalty area just found the net.

Chadderton gave everything, but did not look like scoring until Bowers drove home from close range.

AUSTERLANDS WERE UNLUCKY

AUSTERLANDS INSTITUTE visited Cheadle on Saturday, to meet the joint league leaders, Cheadle Rovers, in a Manchester Amateur League (Division II) game.

The home team played copybook football in the first half.

After ten minutes they took the lead through their inside-left, and the lead was increased by a penalty awarded for a handling offence by the visitors' centre-half.

The Austerlands team fought hard to stem the tide, but a rocket shot from outside the penalty area by the inside-right brought the total to 3-0.

After 15 minutes of the second half, a through ball from Frew allowed Mayall to beat the defence and score.

Austerlands at this stage looked the most dangerous team and with ten minutes left to play, Scholes beat all the opposition, placed a perfect cross over and Smethurst running in at speed crashed the ball into the net.

The league leaders were now showing signs of panic in defence.

Roy Arundale struck the crossbar twice, but the equaliser would not come although the visitors thoroughly deserved it on their second half performance.

South East Lancashire League Excellent pairings for the league shield semi-finals

THE draw for semi-final of the SE Lancashire League Shield is Chloride Rec. v. Bardsley, Prestwich Borough v. Urmston (dates and venues later). This is, indeed, a satisfactory pairing for it means that the two clubs to reach the final will not be the same pair as the Moore Cup finalists, although the Chloride v. Bardsley winners will find themselves trophy winners of both contests.

Once again last Saturday's matches were played in terrible conditions, and one or two queer results figure in the records. Take English Steel, leading 10-2 at Prestwich against Heys and then letting Heys score four quick goals in the closing minutes.

Osram may be "dark horses" in mud, but Dukinfield St. Mary's took no chances and Jack Cox's men won 5-1. Urmston were another team to score five, this time without reply against Block Lane. Lake Dukinfield, Urmston have collected together a good team and are winning regularly through a spirit which has not been seen at

Chassen Road for several years. Urmston, with four matches in hand of Marsden, are now only seven points behind the Yorkshiremen who had looked likely to make the runners-up position their own.

As for Marsden, they dropped yet another point at home by sharing six goals with the most-improved side of the year, Prestwich Borough—and yet no club has been worse hit by injuries than Prestwich.

A word must be said for Avro, who had not won since the first week of the season. They went to A. and A. Crompton's and hit up four goals against a solitary one from A. and A. Crompton's the Fallsworth side can avoid re-election, but they'll have to hurry and prove this performance is no flash in the pan.

	P	W	L	D	Pts
Chloride Rec.	19	19	0	0	38
Marsden	22	15	3	4	33
Urmston	18	12	2	4	26
Prestwich Borough...	21	11	3	7	25
Dukinfield St. Mary	20	10	4	6	24
Bardsley	22	10	3	9	23
English Steel	22	10	2	10	22
Dukinfield Victoria...	21	8	6	10	22
Heys Old Boys	20	9	3	8	21
Block Lane	22	10	1	11	21
Robinson's Rec.	18	8	3	7	19
Ashton National	22	8	2	12	18
A. & A. Crompton's ..	22	5	4	13	14
CWS (Radcliffe)	17	6	1	10	13
Osram	23	3	4	16	10
AVRO	24	2	3	19	7

Blow to championship hopes

A BLOW to Strinesdale's championship hopes was their 4-3 defeat at home to J. Stott's Roundthorn Res., with a good win at Fallsworth against Gladstone, move to within a point of Strinesdale, with a game in hand.

Buckley & Taylor's suffered a lar blow in Division I, losing to Delph on the latter team's ground. Roundthorn's senior eleven, however, keep close to Haggate "A" with a convincing victory over J. Chadwick's.

Strinesdale 3, J. Stott's 4

The Dale were unfortunate to lose Millar, their outside-left, through a knee injury, after only 10 minutes. They played the remainder of the match with only 10 men. J. Stott's had established a 2-0 lead by the interval, with goals by Hibbert and Wood. The centre-forward scored again soon after the resumption, but the Strinesdale forwards, although depleted, fought back and reduced the arrears with goals from Jones and Rooney. A further goal by Holmes for Stott's seemed to seal the issue, but inside-forward Jones scored a well-taken goal from a difficult angle. Dale fought hard for the equaliser, but their finishing was poor. The handicap of only 10 men and the much-improved Stott's team proved too much for Strinesdale.

Gladstone 0, Roundthorn Res. 3

Although this Gladstone side are much improved since the early part of the season, they found Roundthorn much too clever for them, and would have lost by a wider margin

With the Oldham Amateurs

..... but for an outstanding performance by their goalkeeper, Carnoc. Their own forwards combined well in midfield, but they were prone to make too many passes. Fletcher, Shaw and Clarke scored for Thorn, who now look set for Division 2 honours, to combine with their Rose Bowl victory.

Phoenix 1, Ivy United 3

The home team were much the better side in the first 45 minutes, and led by 1-0 at the interval. Their defence held the Ivy forwards well, and the attack, though not outstanding, gave the visitors plenty of work. Gibson put them ahead after half an hour, his shot giving Doughty no chance. Ivy improved considerably after the interval and kept Phoenix on the defensive for long periods. Bramall levelled the score after 20 minutes, and Bow-skill shot them into the lead a couple of minutes later. Bramall's second goal came near the end. The Phoenix forwards failed in the second half, due largely to an outstanding performance by centre-half F. Beswick. Bowden and Crinion were the best for Phoenix.

Roundthorn 12, J. Chadwick's 2

Roundthorn attacked from the kick-off and were soon in front with a goal from Ashworth. Their forwards swarmed round the Chadwick goal like bees round a hive. The score at the interval was 7-1, Costello having scored for Chad-

wick's. In the second half Roundthorn were again on the goal hunt, and added five more to their total. Lloyd replied with a goal for the visitors. Roundthorn scorers were: Adams (4), Prime, Chadderton and Mills (2 each), Cartwright and Ashworth. This forward line has scored 43 goals in the last four matches.

Druids Lads 4, Denshaw 3

A goal by Wolstencroft gave Druids an early lead, but Denshaw soon drew level and play was very even for some time. Denshaw went ahead, but Druids came again with two quick goals by Brierley, to lead 3-2 at half-time. Denshaw equalised again shortly afterwards and both sides struggled for the decisive goal. In the closing stages Brierley snatched the winner for Druids, and gained his hat-trick. Denshaw scorers were: Beswick, Stather and Brierley.

Delph 3, Buckley & Taylor's 1

Buckleys, playing down the hill in the first half, missed many chances, scoring only once when four or five goals should have been registered. In the second half, they paid for their early mistakes, and Delph got well on top. Brown netted for Buckley's, and Wilson, Hawkins and Turner for the home side.

Spinners defeated the young Fernhurst side by 4-2 in a good, clean match. Hutchins, Booth, Wild and Lincoln scored for Spinners; Young and Tinsley for Fernhurst. Haggate "B" scored ten goals against Greenfield Amateurs, their scorers being Wilson (6), Buckley and Race (2 each).

Fangio says he is 'abdicating'

Juan Fangio, of Argentina, who was kidnapped by Cuban rebels last week and later released, told reporters at Miami, Florida, last night that he intended to "abdicating" his position as world champion racing driver.

He said he thought Stirling Moss (Britain) would be his most probable successor.

Fangio (46), who arrived in Miami from Cuba on a weekend visit, said he was getting too old for motor racing. He would drive only in two more races this year, the French Grand Prix and one other on which he had not yet decided.

Manchester United benefit match

A BENEFIT match in aid of the Manchester United Disaster Fund is to be played at Hurst Cross, Ashton, on Monday evening, under floodlights at Ashton United's ground.

Rotherham are to field a strong side and Ashton United are playing their Lancashire Combination team. The kick-off is at 7.0 p.m.

A collector will be made to augment a local fund opened for the late Bert Whalley, the Manchester United coach.

COT SURPRISED BY SOCIAL CLUB

DESPITE the blizzard only two matches had to be postponed in the Chadderton Snooker League on Monday—which proves what the players will endure to fulfil their matches.

The most exciting match was between the bottom club, Chadderton Social, and Chadderton Cot, in second place. Opening with T. Bell, the home team lost the first frame by five to J. Whittaker. Then D. Bell defeated H. Howarth by 11 to put the home team in front by 6.

The next two frames resulted in a draw. H. Linyard drew with W. Cartwright 75-all, and A. Broome and A. Whiteley at 67-all.

The biggest surprise of the night was the heavy defeat of J. Wilson by R. Walker for the Social by 51. Thus the Cot lost two valuable points.

Platt's, at home to Chadderton Band, were narrowly defeated by two points. J. Meredith gave the Band Club a good start with a win

by 32 only to see it reversed by T. Midgley (31) and J. Hardacre (53) to give Platt's a good lead. But W. Birtles (23) and F. Scarfe (21) just managed to put the away team in front.

Springbank, at Chadderton Cons., owe much to J. Shaw, who defeated E. Haslam by 76. This was the deciding factor in an otherwise close match.

Hollinwood Cons. travelled down to Failsworth Cycle and came away with the match points. The opening frame saw N. Moreton (Cycle) lose to J. Whittaker by 23. S. Osborne, however, then won by 68, only to see the next two frames won for the Tories by big margins by W. Chamberlain (53) and A. Fawcett (72).

Chadderton Reform, at home to Nimble Nook, found their visitors in form. They won only two frames, by 11 and 6 through E. Leach and N. Hilton, and J. Bell, H. Hargreaves and J. Brooks all had good wins to gain Nook the match points.

Grand recovery by Crompton Cons

Losing the first two frames against Chadderton Reform "A", Crompton Conservatives made a grand recovery to win on aggregate.

In the first frame, W. Dawson (28) and N. Hilton (16) opened very cautiously, but Hilton (Reform) got on with several small breaks to take the lead at 44—31 and 61—51. Hilton potted yellow and green, but with the aid of a foul stroke, brown and a fluke blue, Dawson put himself back in the game. Potting pink, he levelled the score at 70—all. After several safety shots on black, Dawson, in attempting a difficult pot, left an easy shot for Hilton to win the frame 77—70.

Against R. Lee (20), H. Clegg (12) attacked from the start, and with 15 and several other small breaks, got well in the lead. Clegg reached 66 before going in-off twice to give Lee a bit of confidence. Clegg potted yellow and green, but Lee came back with brown and blue, only to knock down black very unskillfully. Clegg took advantage and won 79—50, potting blue and pink into leaving black for his opponent.

T. Hulme (7) started off very well with a 16 and 9 to get in front of J. Naylor (22). Naylor, after receiving four for a foul, then got on his stride, and potting very confidently put himself in the lead by several small breaks. With Hulme using his sense of direction, Naylor won very easily, 94—37.

J. V. Cooper (25) and T. Coleman (12) potted very confidently from the start of the last frame. Though the more experienced Coleman forged ahead, Cooper kept on rying, and eventually made a very neat 14 break to get in front. Coleman lost his early accuracy, and Cooper went on to win the frame and match 74—58.

The following matches were postponed: Avro's v. Beanweb; Shaw Road Cons. v. Royton Cons. The result of the match between Westwood Libs. and Land's End is not to hand.

Scorecards

Chadderton Social 373, Chadderton CEC 316. Social scores first: T. Bell 57, J. Whittaker 62; D. Bell 77, H. Howarth 66; H. Linyard 75, W. Cartwright 75; A. Broome 67, A. Whiteley 67; R. Walker 97, J. Wilson 48. Whist: Social 43, CEC 56.

Chadderton Cons. 337, Springbank 403. Chadderton scores first: R. Jones 65, W. Bland 64; F. Collier 76, S. Bolton 84; E. Haslam 24, J. Shaw 100; T. Kinder 96, H. Davies 85; A. Beard 76, H. McNally 70. Whist: Chadderton 44, Springbank 45.

Chadderton Reform 342, Nimble Nook 409. Reform scores first: H. Clegg 53, J. Bell 57; E. Leach 85, W. Brierley 74; T. Coleman 59, H. Hargreaves 84; F. Johnson 68, J. Brooks 83; N. Hilton 77, W. Cartwright 71. Whist: Reform 35, Nimble Nook 45.

Cycling Club 278, Hollinwood Cons. 353. Cycling Club scores first: N. Moreton 39, J. Whittaker 62; S. Osborne 109, A. Cole 41; F. Kennedy 42, J. Chamberlain 95; R. Horrocks 28, A. Fawcett 100; S. Dalton 60, F. Knapper 58.

Platt's SC 396, Chadderton Band Club 398. Platt's scores first: H. Howarth 71, J. Meredith 103; T. Midgley 95, R. Earnshaw 64; J. Hardacre 101, J. Whittaker 48; H. Partington 66, W. Birtles 99; S. Kershaw 63, F. Scarfe 84. Whist: Platt's 52, Band Club 43.

Green Final Snooker

Failsworth Cycle (1) 204, Equitable (3) 237. Cycle Club scores first: S. Osborne 53, F. Adams 71; B. Campbell 51, J. Rainford 58; Eric Hall 71, F. Rainford 26; N. Moreton 29, W. Lees 82.

Westwood Liberal "A" (3) 330, North Chadderton Cons. (0) 160. Westwood scores first: J. Cooke 83, L. Clough 25; F. Scarfe 104, R. Jones 39; S. Cooke 92, R. Parker 32; T. Parkinson 51, E. Haslam 84.

Crompton Cons. (3) 288, Chadderton Reform "A" 251. Crompton Cons. scores first: W. Dawson 70, N. Hilton 77; R. Lee 50, H. Clegg 79; J. Naylor 84, T. Hulme 37; J. V. Cooper 74, T. Coleman 58.

Springhead "A" (1) 229, Failsworth St. John's (3) 291. Springhead scores first: H. Bardsley 35, K. Deaville 106; R. Tait 103, H. Hartham 46, E. Bradley 74.

Osram GEC (0) 226, Land's End (3) 266. Osram scores first: T. Sales 47, F. Dyson 72; T. Ashworth 72, R. Berry 80; L. Derbyshire 52, G. Lockwood 66; W. Wood 55, W. Taylor 48.

Oldham Central Cons. (3) 244, North Chadderton Soc. (0) 203. Central Cons. scores first: S. Woolley 91, D. Bell 45; H. B. Swales 62, H. Linyard 42; S. Heywood 61, T. Bell 56; L. Schofield 30, R. Walker 60.

Only 8 teams left in Green Final Snooker

QUARTER-FINALS

SHAW BRITISH LEGION v. EQUITABLE
LAND'S END "A" v. CROMPTON CONSERVATIVE "A"
GOYTON LIBERALS "A" v. FAILSWORTH ST. JOHN'S
WESTWOOD LIBERALS v. OLDHAM CENTRAL CONS.

EASY SURPRISE WIN FOR WESTWOOD LIBS.

WESTWOOD LIBERAL "A" brought off a three straight frame shock defeat of North Chadderton Cons. to enter the Green Final Snooker Handicap quarter-finals. In the first frame J. Cooke, with very steady play throughout, gave his opponent, L. Clough, no chance. With Clough only scoring 15 points, Cooke won 83—25.

The second frame followed the same pattern. F. Scarfe (Westwood) potted brilliantly and up to the colours, R. Jones, who was well below form, had only added six points to his start. Although he potted blue and pink, Jones lost heavily, 104—39.

S. Cooke, playing cannily against R. Parker, kept him out of the game and won the frame and the match (score 92—32).

This win is all the more remarkable, as North Chadderton are already sure winners of the Conservative Clubs League this season.

brown, only to see Lockwood clear the table to win frame and match 66—52.

Failsworth team beat Springhead

Springhead Liberal "A" lost at home to Failsworth Parish Church by three frames to one. It was a match that could have gone either way, because after the first frame, in which the home player, H. Bardsley, had failed to hit his usual form and lost heavily to K. Deaville 35—106, the home captain sent R. Tait to the table as his second player, and Tait beat H. Starling 103—40 to put Springhead back in the match.

In the first frame, Deaville (22) went after every possible point. Although he only made four breaks of 8, the balls were not running for Bardsley, who was unfortunate enough to concede no less than five fouls. At the colours, Deaville led 79—27 and although Bardsley potted the green and later the blue, Deaville took the rest to win 106—35.

Tait (10), in gum-boots, didn't let those awkward boots affect his stance, was on form and three 8s, a 13 and a 25 helped him to a 103—40 victory over H. Starling (22). He led at the colours by 74—38, and when Starling sank the yellow but left the green, Tait jumped in to clear to table with a break of 25. However, the Failsworth team were still in the lead at 138—146.

Springhead's C. Holt (18) next opposed H. Rushworth (15), went out to win the frame, by sneaking every point possible. He kept on making 8s and a 7 and a 6, whereas Holt, although sinking some reds, failed on the colours. Rushworth led 48—37 on the yellow and he went on to win the frame 71—45.

With J. H. Hartham off 12 and H. Bradley off 18, it meant that Springhead's last player was up against a 40-point deficit. With a player like Bradley as his opponent it was hopeless. Bradley was a most deliberate potter, being content to sink a red so long as it meant a safe point. His biggest break was a nine while Hartham's was an eight. Bradley led on the colours 57—38 and went on to win 74—46 to give his side a 3—1 victory in frames and 62 points on aggregate (291—229).

Land's End made to fight for 3—0

Osram GEC had Land's End as visitors and although they lost in three straight frames, this did not represent the closeness of the match. In the first frame, T. Sale (Osram) was neck and neck with F. Dyson right up to the colours. The score was 47—all on the green, but Dyson's experience told, and he won 72—47.

T. Ashworth took the lead against R. Berry in the second frame. He looked set for a break but missed a pot and let Berry in for 15 at a crucial stage. Ashworth again took the lead with a 14 break, only to see Berry draw level on the colours (65—all). Ashworth only got the black of these, and just lost 72—80.

L. Derbyshire, not the least overawed by his opponent's noted prowess, got a good lead against Geoff Lockwood, with the scoreboard showing 43—16 in his favour. Then Lockwood took the last four reds and four blacks to lead 48—43 on the colours. Derbyshire, nothing daunted, potted yellow, green and

THE Green Final team snooker match between Failsworth Cycle and Equitable did not produce the class of snooker expected. Players in every frame either did not reach their usual form or had to use safety tactics to gain points.

In the first frame, S. Osborne (Cycle) should have been no match for Fred Adams on form, but although Adams led 57—25 on the last three reds, his mediocre play, plus Osborne's good potting on the colours, only won him the frame 71—53.

Fireworks were expected in the second frame between B. Campbell and J. Rainford, but a much-below-form Rainford decided to make it a safety game. Campbell had the better of the exchanges and led 51—29 on the brown only to see Rainford produce four really good pots to draw. On respotting the black, Rainford produced one or two safety strokes and then potted it to win 58—51.

Fireworks were expected in the second frame between B. Campbell and J. Rainford, but a much-below-form Rainford decided to make it a safety game. Campbell had the better of the exchanges and led 51—29 on the brown only to see Rainford produce four really good pots to draw. On respotting the black, Rainford produced one or two safety strokes and then potted it to win 58—51.

With Cycle 20 points in front on the aggregate, and Equitable leading two frames to one, the last frame decided the match. N. Moreton (Cycle), losing 44—29 to W. Lees on the last three reds, missed an easy red and let Lees in for a 17 break. Although he fought hard on the colours, Moreton eventually lost 82—29.

New rule not applied

F. Rainford, opposing E. Hall in the third frame, had to keep the game tight against a much more experienced opponent. He did well to keep the score down to 46—26 on the green, but Hall cleared the table to win 71—26.

The turning-point in this frame occurred when Moreton, through a misunderstanding, did not operate the new rule by asking his opponent to play the next stroke when he was left at a disadvantage. Not only could it have turned the game to his advantage, but the ensuing discussion with two colleagues did not improve his play for the remainder of the game.

The best and closest match of the evening was a tense, taut battle between Syd Heywood (7) of the Conservative Club, and Tommy Bell (20).

Neither player established a commanding lead and the issue was in doubt until Heywood finished the frame with a pink and a superb black. The former Charity Handicap winner showed his obvious skill right through the frame. He began with a 9 and a 16, but he never settled down into his big-break streak and had to fight hard to beat his steady, unspectacular opponent 61—56.

CENTRAL CONS CLUB STROLLED THROUGH

Oldham Central Conservative Club strolled into the quarter-finals with an easy victory over North Chadderton Social Club. Playing on their own table, the Tories never looked like losing and won in three straight frames.

The hall was a whispering gallery of sotto voce bad-lucks during Harry Swales's game with Harry Linyard (Chadderton). Playing off 15 and 20 respectively, both players were not getting the run of the table, and Swales especially was narrowly missing a lot of good pots. He sunk some beautiful reds only to fall down on the colours.

But when the frame looked as though it might develop into a real thriller, Swales showed his mastery at last and cleared the last four colours to win 62—42.

The biggest win of the evening came in the first frame, between Seville Woolley (22) and Denis Bell (25). Woolley (Conservatives) began as he carried on—with a three-pink 21 break which shot him into a commanding lead that he never lost. Potting immaculately, he quickly set up an 82—32 lead and cantered home to an easy 91—45 win. Bell seemed nervous and scored only 20 points (including the final pink and black).

Eight Dagenham girl pipers, appearing for a season at the Budapest Circus, were presented with embroidered folk aprons after performing for the Hungarian State Folk Ensemble.

Kennerley to visit Beamweb

KINGSLEY KENNERLEY, the Midland professional, plays exhibition billiards and snooker at the Beamweb club next Tuesday in aid of the National Spastics Fund. His opponents will be T. Greaves at billiards and Eric Hall, Geoff Lockwood, Jack Rainford and Fred dams at snooker.

Kennerley, whose appearances in this area are very few, was English amateur billiards champion from 1937-40, and what most people forget that he was in the final of the English Amateur Snooker Championship every year in the same period, winning it in 1937 and 1940. This is a feat that is not likely to be equalled.

He has also held the break records in both competitions, also an aggregate record for four sessions and six sessions in the amateur Billiards Championship.

When the competition were suspended in 1940 for the duration of hostilities he turned professional, and with his repertoire of trick shots is well worth watching.

★ ★ ★

For anyone interested in taking a certificate for refereeing billiards and snooker, an examination will be held at the Freehold Liberal Club, Gloucester Street, Werneth, next Wednesday, starting 8 p.m.

A number of candidates have

By FRED MAYALL

already been notified, but anyone who attends will be examined (if time permits). The sitting fee is 5s. for snooker and 5s. for billiards. One or both subjects can be taken. In the event of failure to pass, no fee will be charged.

It is hoped that clubs and players will take advantage of this opportunity and so raise the standard of refereeing in local league matches.

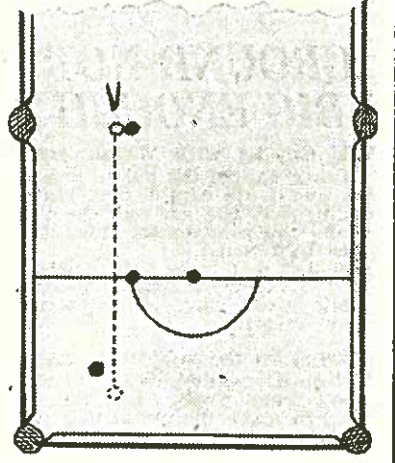
★ ★ ★

IN the diagram is a position that occurred in the Manchester tournament last week, and what happened proves how essential it is to have good referees.

The striker, after potting a red, was left with the cue ball touching the blue as shown. Having asked the referee and had it confirmed that it was a touching ball, he was preparing to play away from the blue when the referee asked him to nominate his colour.

A player who must be considered one of the top six in the Manchester area, and therefore supposed to know the rules, was watching the game and said that this request was stupid as it was obvious he would nominate the blue.

This was entirely wrong. If, without nominating, he had hit



another colour and potted it, he could have claimed he was taking that ball as his colour.

While the onus is on the player to nominate his colour when there is any doubt (as happens frequently) the referee can use his discretionary powers and ask for a nomination to avoid any misunderstanding.

There will be a call-over on the Lincolnshire Handicap and Grand National at the Victoria Club, London, on Monday.

CIU Individual Snooker Handicap

At Nimble Nook next Wednesday: M. Jones (30) v. R. Fish (30); B. Shaw (12) v. C. Dunn (20); R. Holmes (20) v. W. R. Keating (20); F. Giles (25) v. J. Butterworth (27); G. Jones (20) v. J. Gath (10); A. Lynch (20) v. A. Platt (10).

At Chadderton Band next Wednesday: J. Jackson (20) v. D. McCann (20); H. Hargreaves (17) v. A. Smallwood (26); J. Brooks (20) v. J. Holt (15); J. Houghton (20) v. W. J. Cartwright (20); A. Collier (20) v. S. Fawcett (10).

At RAOB Club next Tuesday: W. Walker (5) v. W. Birtles (15); D. Andrews (20) v. S. Mills (25); F. Hartham (20) v. A. Wild (27); I. Storer (25) v. R. Earnshaw (20); J. Whittaker (25) v. W. Haddfield (12); C. Daniels (30) v. O. Orton (15).

At AEU Club next Tuesday: J. Smith (15) v. S. Howe (20); H. Barrett (scr.) v. J. Hill (22); E. Gray (20) v. E. Houldsworth (10); F. Hague (15) v. J. Duffy (28); R. Tyndall (15) v. W. Smith (25).

At HCGSC next Wednesday: H. Wild (15) v. K. Barlow (10); J. Dunkerley (20) v. A. Mills (12); J. Mifner (25) v. H. Olyroyd (25); F. Crabtree (15) v. H. Barnes (20); J. Barlow (23) v. J. Keating (20).

At Middleton JBC next Wednesday: E. Wood (28) v. H. Buxton (38); S. Fletcher (20) v. A. Fletcher (20); T. Parkinson (15) v. B. Hodkin (22); E. Rigby (20) v. J. Hapton (2).

All games to be finished by next Thursday and results sent to F. C. Wild, 100 Melbourne Street, Chadderton.

The number of Chadderton people on the Council's waiting list for houses is 348. There are also 69 applicants from other districts.

SPORTS CORRESPONDENCE

Member no more

I HAVE been a real supporter of Oldham Athletic for over 40 years and one of the hard core for all of this time.

I am a centre-stand member, shareholder, life member of the Supporters' Club and a distributor of more than 50 pools coupons every week.

These activities will all cease at the end of this season with the descent into the Fourth Division which the club policy makes inevitable. Among my friends and family are many more good supporters who feel the same, some of whom are not even waiting until the end of the season.

The trouble is not with the playing staff, who this season have given some grand displays—Hartle-pools and Workington at home, and Rochdale and Accrington away—but with the lack of enthusiasm and enterprise shown by the directors.

As businessmen they will surely be the first to admit that unless the driving force is supplied from the top in any business, a slowing-down and loss of efficiency is sure to result.

The transfer of Ken Murray is surely the last straw. How are they going to replace him, even if they are prepared to spend every penny of his fee on a replacement—which I beg leave to doubt.

This policy of living off our own fat has been going on ever since the resumption of football after the First World War, and seems to be the only way known to these directors of running a club. Surely events over the years have proved them wrong.

Descent from one of the leading clubs in the country to almost certain founder-members of the Fourth Division surely proves something, and I think it is high time some of the members of the board who have neither enthusiasm or driving force got out to make room for younger and better men.

There are far worse supported clubs who don't sell players to keep going. The money coming in from the pool every week, plus the fact that entertainment tax is not now deducted, should give Athletic a much better chance, but they seem to be going worse.

Any fee Athletic may have received for Ken Murray can be reduced by £5 10s., as this is my last season as a . . .

CENTRE-STAND MEMBER.

Disassociation

IN last Saturday's Green Final appeared a letter criticising Oldham Athletic, signed by Supporters of S Lincs. In case your readers think that the letter refers to and had the support of the South Lincs. Contracting Co., Ltd., we should like you to record that we had no knowledge of the letter until it appeared in your paper.

Sore point

MAY I first of all thank AGW for his enlightening notes on the Ken Murray transfer, and to say I agree with everything he said in last week's Green Final. It seems strange that while other clubs, immediately they lose three matches like Athletic did, would be looking for players to strengthen the side—Athletic sell their top scorer and thus weaken their side. It also proves that Mr. Goodier has not a free hand and that the directors manage the club.

I can only think that the offers (?) for Neale and West were only paper talk, as any club producing any money at all would have had their hands whipped off.

I can also vouch for the fact that many supporters have stopped their contributions to the pool (I am a collector myself). It remains a sore point that the directors can sit back and know that the expenses are almost covered whatever sort of a crowd turns up. As one of my clients said: "If they got a good offer for the bottom stand (Chad-derton end) they would sell that."

Some explanation from the directors, who sat and talked so glibly at the annual meeting at King Street of how bright the future was, would be appreciated by the ardent supporters who are becoming the laughing stock of the town.

STILL HOPEFUL

Struggle has been given up

MURRAY was Athletic's leading goal-scorer, and Athletic are well down in the wrong half of Division III, so the transfer of Murray to long-sufferers like myself means only that the directors have given up the struggle already and are also out to make a little money.

However, what small amount of cash has been involved will, I am sure, soon be offset with the rapid disappearance of many of the already small band of loyalists. This time the directors must not try to blame the supporters, as they themselves have made the first step in desertion.

For many months now a colleague, who only two short seasons ago was a staunch Athletic fan, has been trying to get me, together with others, to stop watching "this ridiculous Third Division hacking" and go along with him to watch real football in Manchester.

Last Saturday he managed to get not only myself but enough other long sufferers to go to Manchester, and he has been in touch with a hire firm to get a private coach to go alternate weeks to Maine Road and Old Trafford.

We will not be the only ones to leave, but will only be a few among the many to leave the wreckage of what was once a football club. Many will join the fans of the successful and go-ahead rugby club. Other poor souls, driven to real desperation, will at last agree with their wives that it is better to go shopping than to watch Athletic on Saturday afternoons.

When this happens, I am afraid it is the final straw. With the latest transfer I am afraid that very few will remain of the five or six thousand "followers to the death." Everyone is now convinced that the final nail is nearly driven home in the coffin of League soccer in Oldham, the final one of many that have been driven in by the directors over the past years.

I can only hope now that the club will be wound up before the last indignity of having to be founder-members of Division IV. Another hope, although a forlorn one, is that at the final meeting of the Athletic board of directors they will not pass a resolution blaming the supporters for the tragedy. Let us have one novelty.

TURNCOAT
(after 25 years)

OLDHAM'S WEAKNESSES

THE recent defeat at St. Helens spotlighted weaknesses in the Oldham team which must soon be strengthened. The hooker seems to have lost his quicksilver darts through crowds of opponents that characterised his play last season, and he seldom wins most of the scrums.

While possession from the scrums does not solely depend upon the hooker, it is significant that the five other forwards are usually in excellent form.

This weakness was apparent months ago, and could have been remedied between the Lancashire Cup final and the start of the Challenge Cup.

The treatment of Nestor causes surprise nearly every week. First it seems he is being groomed as a centre (for which he is insufficiently strong, despite his courage); then he is shifted to replace Daley at out-half; and then when he scores two quite simple tries on the wing when Cracknell is unfit, he seems to be considered as a potential winger.

Soon Oldham will have to replace Keith, Daley and Eddy, and within two seasons perhaps also Cracknell and Ganley. Oldham will sooner or later (preferably sooner), have to buy replacements, or groom them from the "A" team.

Noon certainly should be kept, and possibly be converted into a winger or full-back.

It is said that there is a clique at Watersheddings; that some players are preferred to others—and not so much on ability but place of birth. If this is so, it will not be easy to cut it out, but it is worth remembering that the crowd goes to watch a team, not a clique.

The team which won the Championship last year was built upon foundations laid by Goldswain, Stirrup and Mitchell. It took a long time. We do not want to wait as long again.

Finally, a word to W.D. You give praise justly to Jackson, Turner,

'FOLD-UP' FEAR MADE THE WALSDEN MEMBERS START A SALVATION WHIP-ROUND

THE annual meeting of Walsden Cricket Club took a dramatic turn this week. Treasurer Mr. A. Mitchell told members the club had lost over £300 last season, and unless urgent and speedy action was taken to get hold of some money, the club might have to drop out of the Central Lancashire League and possibly fold up altogether.

Answer to the problem was given by the club's batting champion, Alan Sutcliffe, who proposed that a public distress appeal should be opened. A quick discussion followed, and the appeal was named the Walsden Cricket and Bowling Club distress fund appeal.

While the matter was still being discussed, one member came forward with a two guineas donation, and opened the fund. Given a lead, one after another jumped to their feet and handed donations to the overwhelmed treasurer.

Many of the players handed back the talent money they had been presented with ten minutes earlier.

Another step was to increase subscriptions—the second time since 1936. Even at the new level,

PROPER BOYS' BOXING CLUB IS NEEDED

AT the recent Lancashire School-boy Boxing finals at Stretford, six Oldham boys lost.

As one who helps in the seconding of these boys, may I say a sincere thank you to the boys themselves for the very fine performances they put up against very big odds, namely boys who are club-trained and who are taking part in club tournaments for almost the whole boxing season.

Also I would give a big hand to the teachers who in a limited time (in and out of school hours) try to get these boys in shape.

What I would like to know is why have we no amateur boxing club in Oldham when we have plenty of really good prospects.

I know there is supposed to be one at Hartford. If so, why do some of the Oldham schoolboys go to Ashton Boys' Club just when they get in sight of a title?

I hope something can be done for the boys who gave all they had at the county finals.

GIVE THEM A CHANCE.

GROUND NOT BIG ENOUGH

THE Cup-tie with Wigan has, I think, caught the public imagination and I am afraid that Watersheddings will not hold half the number who will want to see this match of the third round.

Would it not have been better to play the game at Boundary Park. Athletic could have gained a nice amount in rent.

WHILE on the subject of rugby, I now raise the problem of play-the-ball rule. Could not this be altered to make the player acting as half-back to the man who plays the ball transfer it to another player. This may make it a little bit more open. It would stop that "head-down" direct from play the ball.

J. WOOD

ONCE more Oldham FC have a Cup-tie—and a ground too small. A ground not two miles away—Boundary Park can hold over 40,000, but no application is or has been made.

It would have been suitable to every spectator, no matter where they came from. So Oldham will get a £2,000 gate instead of £5,000. Wigan wouldn't have objected nor the police—nor Athletic.

H. CUNLIFE.

MIRROR OF SPORT

the subs are as low as any in the league.

Membership now costs 17s. 6d.; vice-presidents 25s.; women 10s.; juveniles 7s. 6d. under 15 and 12s. 6d. between 15 and 18.

The old age pensioner subscriptions was left unaltered at 7s. 6d. for men and 5s. for women.

★ ★ ★

TALENT money was awarded to the following players: First team, batting, A. Sutcliffe; bowling, S. Boam; highest scorer, W. Barker; higher partnership, W. Barker and A. Sutcliffe; hat-trick, P. Green; all-rounder, J. Coupe; most improved player, C. O'Connor.

Second team: batting, R. Barker; bowling, B. Crossley; highest scorer, J. Wilkinson. The prizes were presented by Councillor F. Fielden, a vice-president.

Suggestions were also made for ways and means of economising on transport and player's teas.

Reference was made by the secretary, Mr. J. Sutcliffe, to Jim Hatchman, who retired as professional last year after six seasons with the club, the first of which was 1937. He was presented with a cheque for £40.

A welcome was given to the club's new professional, Vernon Newton, of Sale.

★ ★ ★

AS an experiment, BBC North Region tried dropping the soccer results from "Sports Spotlight" on Saturday evenings. It was thought that as listeners have, by the time this comes on, had two chances of hearing the results, the loss would not be felt. And, besides, it would allow another 4min. 45sec. for reports.

The results were dropped without any prior announcement. Then came the deluge. Editor Alan Clark's postbag was full of complaints and the telephone rang and rang. So the results are going back into "Spotlight" today.

★ ★ ★

THE "Show Biz" soccer team, which leapt into national prominence some weeks ago after making a guest appearance on "6-5 Special," is to come to Manchester on Sunday, March 23, to play in a match at Belle Vue.

Their opponents are to be a team raised by the Manchester Sports Guild, who are organising the visit, and will include amateurs from various clubs in Manchester and Stockport, and may also include two or three Northern stars for good measure.

To give the crowd full value, substitutes are to be allowed throughout the game, so that enthusiasts will see something like 15 or 16 of their favourite stars in action. Lonnie Donegan and Ronnie Carroll will be there.

The match was originally arranged in January but after the Munich disaster Jimmy Henney, the skipper and manager of the Show Biz team, said "his boys" were very keen to do something for the dependants of those who lost their lives and so plans were changed.

★ ★ ★

ALTHOUGH the athletic track season is not due to start for some weeks, there is already specu-

lation on the outcome of many events in the Empire Games at Cardiff.

The fight for gold medals will be a tough one, certainly keener, if that were possible, than at Vancouver four years ago.

England won more "golds" last time than any other country in the men's competition, but her supremacy may not be quite so evident next July.

The Commonwealth teams are certain to give her a hard time, notably in the events in which England shone in 1954, especially the long jump, the hop step and jump, and the pole vault.

South Africa can provide the winner of the last named, while an athlete from West Africa could succeed in the other two.

What is likely to be the highlight event of all will be the mile, Herb Elliott, the 19-year-old Australian, will be the "John Landy" of Cardiff, but who will be England's "Bannister" is not yet apparent. Competition for a place in England's team will be almost as severe as the actual race itself.

★ ★ ★

ONCE again, Oulton Park will be the venue for the British Empire Trophy Race on Saturday, April 12. First event of the Northern motor racing season, and one of the most popular events, the Empire Trophy this year is the 20th of the series, making it one of the oldest events run in this country.

As in previous years, the trophy race will be restricted to sports cars which will, according to size, compete in heats (of which there will be three). The first three cars in each heat plus the nine next fastest finishers, will take part in the final which will be run over 25 laps of the Oulton Park circuit, which measures 2.76 miles. Each heat will consist of 20 laps.

A classic event in the British motor racing calendar, the British Empire trophy race has been won in the past by such great names as Stirling Moss, Reg Parnell, Archie Scott Brown, Raymond Mays, Bob Gerard and the late Freddie Dixon and Richard Seaman.

★ ★ ★

A TOTAL entry of 206 cars has been received for the Royal Automobile Club's seventh British international rally, from March 11 to March 15. Competitors will start from Hastings or Blackpool.

Most of Britain's top rally drivers will be competing, and among the Blackpool starters are the 1956 and 1955 winners, Lyndon Sims, Beaufort Street, Brynmawr (Brec.), and Jimmy Ray, Broom Road, Eccleston Hill, St. Helens.

Also starting from Hastings are two drivers who did well in this year's Monte Carlo Rally, J. C. Wallwork, Park Road, Gatley, who was 13th, and Cyril Corbishley, Jordan Gate, Macclesfield, who was 15th.

Reg Harris, the former world cycling champion, of Dean Row, Wilmslow, is another from Blackpool, while the Hastings entry includes several personalities well-known in other spheres.

Chris Brasher, the Olympic athlete, will be driving a Triumph, while Air-Vice-Marshal Don Bennett will be at the wheel of one of his own Fairthorpe cars.

PIGEON NOTES

Choosing the birds

AFTER completing the loft, it is now time to decide which strain of birds you are going to keep. It is much better for the novice to start with birds he can get to know something about and the strain they originate from. It is no use getting several different strains and crossing them all together; this way very rarely produces the type of racer you require. I should advise you to get one strain and keep to it.

There are a good number of strains for you to choose from, but it would not be any use my recommending any particular one, as all fanciers have their own ideas which is best. One thing certain is that there are good ones in all strains, providing you get good birds to start with.

I would suggest to the beginner to get his foundation birds locally if at all possible, and to try to obtain them from fanciers who are always among the winners. One other thing you have to decide is whether you are going to start by buying young birds or stock birds. In my opinion, it would be a much sounder proposition to get three or four pairs of stock birds which have proved themselves capable of producing reasonable youngsters for racing.

This way you would not need to introduce any other birds into your loft for a few years, and you would be able to breed enough youngsters to meet your requirements for the young bird races.

Promises are no use: it's players we need NOW

THAT was a good point you took at Scunthorpe, Athletic—but don't rest on that one laurel. I hand out this compliment and warning to Boundary Park, where this week the future began to look a shade brighter.

On Wednesday, I spoke with Mr. Frank Swift, the chairman, and his fellow-directors, and they assured me that Athletic are looking for a player to occupy the wide-open inside berth.

"If Mr. Goodier finds that player, every effort will be made by the directors to find the money to buy him," said Mr. Swift.

It is encouraging news for the supporters, but again I must stress that a capture must be made soon. How much Athletic can afford to pay for a new player I don't know, but I cannot see them getting the right man under £2,000.

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

This week, of course, Manager Goodier made a tentative inquiry about Arthur Rowley, Leicester's goal-grabbing inside-man.

Sunderland step in

The question of the fee required for this valuable player's services did not arise. A Leicester official was able to tell Mr. Goodier that Rowley is not interested in moving at all—he has too many ties in that part of the country.

It is a great pity, because I think that Rowley is just the type of man Athletic need at the moment.

It has, in fact, been a busy week for Mr. Goodier. Earlier he had made inquiries about St. Johnstone's young leader, George Whitelaw. The fee was, I understand, considered too high by Athletic—then along came Sunderland to grab the player for "something over £4,000."

This search for players also took Mr. Goodier to Liverpool last Saturday, but the man he watched was well below expectation.

The trip meant that he missed the team's good display at Scunthorpe, but as Mr. Goodier said, "When I heard the result it was worth £10 to me."

On Thursday, Mr. Goodier also made inquiries about yet another player with First Division experience in the Manchester area. The player said he did not feel like moving from his present club at the moment—but promised to let Athletic know if he changed his mind.

Move now!

I don't know who the man concerned was, and neither am I interested. Athletic must make their move now, and promises are no use to a team which must be stronger this season than at any other time in its Third Division history.

On the question of bringing the right player to Boundary Park, the directors further stressed that the money would have to be found by the club. The public of Oldham would not be asked to contribute, as past appeals had proved disappointing.

This, I agree, is true, and with the club in its present position there can be no doubt an appeal for assistance in meeting a large transfer request, would be fruitless.

In fairness, however, it must be pointed out that the public of Oldham are already contributing a large amount of money to the club each week through the Supporters' Club pools.

And as I mentioned last week, a sign of the present feeling among supporters could be judged by the fact that many people had refused to contribute further amounts.

I don't want to bring up the subject again, but it was the transfer of Murray which brought

matters to a head, and the prompt signing of a reliable replacement would perhaps persuade these supporters to again give financial encouragement to the club.

Shares available

On the subject of supporters and directors, I must also correct one point raised last week in a reader's letter.

Signing himself "Ineffective Shareholder," the writer says the club has steadfastly refused to offer the unissued share capital to the public.

The truth is that shares have been available since October 12, 1955, and the secretary, Mr. Frank Buckley, says that since that time, 600 shares worth £300 have been taken out. The public of Oldham can obtain shares at any time.

The news about Tommy Walker was not too good this week. For some time now, Tommy has been having trouble with a skin rash and boils, and has already missed a couple of games this month.

When he returned to the side for the Bury game, Tommy thought the trouble had cleared up, but the rash has returned again and yesterday he went to see a specialist.

It is a blow to Athletic that they must do without Walker's experience in the forward line at this crucial stage of the season. For his own and the club's sake, I wish Tommy a speedy return to fitness.

THIRD NORTH

	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Pt.
Bury	33	19	6	8	50	35	44
Scunthorpe U	30	17	8	5	61	36	42
Accrington S	31	16	7	8	59	44	39
Barrow	33	13	13	7	56	46	39
Chesterfield	32	14	10	8	57	51	38
Bradford City	31	13	11	7	44	33	37
Mansfield T	33	13	11	9	58	53	37
ROCHDALE	30	14	7	9	63	56	35
Stockport C	32	13	8	11	54	44	34
Hull City	31	13	8	10	45	48	34
Tranmere R	32	13	7	12	61	51	33
Halifax Town	32	12	9	11	56	56	33
Carlisle U	35	13	6	16	59	58	31
Wrexham	32	11	8	13	45	45	30
Gateshead	33	9	12	12	52	60	30
ATHLETIC	32	9	12	11	46	57	30
Workington	32	10	9	13	51	57	29
Darlington	31	13	3	15	52	61	29
Bradford	34	10	8	16	46	67	28
York City	32	9	8	15	46	68	26
Chester	32	9	7	16	50	55	25
Southport	32	6	5	21	37	69	17
Crewe Alex	33	5	4	24	35	69	14

Thomson is second in USA golf tournament

Peter Thomson (Australia), former British Open champion, was once stroke behind the leaders as he entered the third round of the Baton Rouge Open Golf Tournament in Louisiana, today.

Three Americans—Ken Venturi, Arnold Palmer and John Barnum—led with 138. Thomson was on 139 (68-71) with two other players.



Ayres tackles Fearis, his opposite number on the Blackpool side and a former Oldham player.



Wood crosses towards Eddy after the Oldham winger has taken a pass from Davies, who is being tackled by Emmitt. An Oldham attack in the second-round tie at Blackpool last Saturday.

WIGAN MUST DEFEAT OLDHAM SOME TIME

—says secretary at Central Park

NO seaside exercises, no sherry and eggs. Oldham's only little extra for the Cup-tie against Wigan next Saturday is daylight training. "We have defeated Wigan 14 times on the run, there seems to be no reason why we shouldn't make it 15," said Manager Griff Jenkins after Thursday night's training session.

Blackpool Borough gave Oldham plenty of sobering thoughts in the 80 minutes they opposed them last Saturday. Until well into the game they were anything but the champions they are known to be.

After this trip to the seaside last week, I don't think Oldham will be complacent against Wigan. And

By WD

maybe these remarks from Wigan's secretary, Mr. Jack Wood, will help to spur the side even more.

He said to me: "Fourteen wins in a row doesn't worry us; in fact, it helps us. We have the psychological edge on Oldham because they just cannot keep winning against us forever."

"Apart from lower gate receipts the ground does not worry us. Oldham are the one team in the League who are the same home and away—not like playing Workington or some other clubs."

"All we want is a free spell from injury to the boys playing in Sunday's international, and we will come to Oldham next week, get into the semi-final of the Challenge Cup and bring that record to an end."

There you are Oldham. And you might like to know that Manager Joe Egan's training plans spread over three nights next week, when 'here will be as much tactic-talking as training. Wigan are playing this one to a plan.

TOUR CHANCES

Tomorrow will almost certainly decide the summer holiday for quite a few people. Twice already this season the Great Britain side has defeated France and another convincing victory in Grenoble could clinch the places of at least 13 players on the plane to Australasia.

Oldham have four players in this side—Ganley, Davies, Little and Turner. I am making the air trip with them in the hope that on Monday night I will be able to report that they have maintained their international form and will be going on this year's tour.

Unofficial opinions on Jackson's hopes of a trip down under—he injured his thumb and had to cry-off tomorrow's international—are



mixed. Yet I can tell him that he may have missed tomorrow's game but he is still rated highly by the men who matter.

Jackson's two displays for Great Britain this season have impressed selectors very much—and it is going to take more than a thumb injury to change their minds. Jackson can expect to be in one of the trials if the League still insist on having two.

The idea of the trials seems to be to find Great Britain's second strongest 13, but there could well be some surprises.

If there is no real club interest involved in selection, players like Winslade and possibly Vines could be added to Oldham's other near certainties. Pitchford, however, may find some keen opposition.

At present he is shadow scrum-half to the British side, which means a trip to Australasia under normal circumstances. Selectors are also looking St. Helens way and in particular at young Alec Murphy, the scrum-half who is earning himself a world-beating reputation wherever he plays.

Murphy is a real threat to Pitchford, and the Oldham half-back will have to pull out everything if he does get the chance to oppose Murphy in a full-blooded trial.

MOAT PLAYS AGAIN

Rowley Moat and Oldham are friends again. Unless the weather has interfered, the transfer-listed out-half plays against Blackpool "A" this afternoon.

It is only a few weeks since Moat—on the list at £2,000—said in an interview: "I will never wear the Oldham colours again." For the last two weeks, however, Mr. Bert Summerscales, secretary and chief peacemaker at Watersheddings, has been swapping letters with Moat, who is living in Hull.

"All I did," said Mr. Summerscales this week, "was to point out to Rowley that as long as he refused to play there was no chance of any club wanting him, and he agreed to come back to the club and play."

PEACEMAKER'S POSTSCRIPT.—Bert Summerscales was the man who had an off-the-cuff talk with players when they sent a letter to the committee about their manager

Turner, with Pitchford in support, is tackled by Emmitt and an Oldham raid is squashed by Blackpool in the RL Cup last Saturday.

..... last season. It was he who talked the players into signing on this season when they held out for better terms.

TICKET SALES

From 10.30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. tomorrow, the usually quiet Watersheddings will have a Saturday afternoon atmosphere, while club officials and other helpers sell thousands of tickets for Saturday's Cup-tie with Wigan.

About 10,000 tickets will be up for sale and such is the attraction that they should go without any difficulty. In fact, I expect there to be more people than tickets.

Members will not, of course, have their Sunday morning disturbed. They were given priority last night (Friday) to pick up a ticket for the game, and the lucky seat-holders will get their tickets by post.

Officials at Oldham are confident that they will avoid any excessive queues. "We hope to get the people served quickly," said one.

I wonder if there will be any "football specials" laid on by the Corporation's Transport Department?

RUGBY LEAGUE

	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Pt.
St Helens	29	25	0	4	626	258	50
OLDHAM	27	22	1	4	534	309	45
Hull	28	20	1	7	719	302	41
Workington	27	18	2	7	427	285	38
Halifax	27	18	1	8	628	312	37
Fatherstone	29	18	1	10	450	352	37
Wigan	27	18	0	9	581	313	36
Leigh	29	18	0	11	458	338	36
Salford	30	17	1	12	420	357	35
Wakefield	28	16	2	10	494	377	34
Widnes	26	16	0	10	404	328	32
Whitehaven	30	15	1	14	472	430	31
York	26	14	2	10	438	333	30
Leeds	28	14	1	13	520	468	29
Warrington	30	14	1	15	472	420	29
Hunslet	28	14	1	11	408	412	28
Bradford N	28	13	2	13	417	402	28
Bramley	29	13	2	14	391	527	28
Huddersfield	28	13	1	14	403	504	27
Barrow	29	13	1	15	417	552	27
HORNETS	28	12	1	15	338	465	25
Hull K R	30	11	2	17	377	515	24
Swinton	28	9	2	17	366	440	20
Kelghley	28	8	2	18	370	413	18
Batley	27	9	0	18	330	436	18
Blackpool	28	9	0	19	371	539	18
Liverpool C	30	6	1	23	344	573	13
Castleford	29	6	1	22	366	621	13
Dewsbury	28	5	2	21	285	717	12
Doncaster	29	3	0	26	177	701	6

Johnny set blistering pace—and won

BINGLEY and the Yorkshire Cross-country Association made a splendid job of staging the 65th Northern annual championships, even to the extent of fine weather, and contrary to all expectations, the turf was firm and springy, while the venue on a hill provided spectators with a magnificent view of the racing.

As a result, the racing was of a high standard, the highlight being the stirring duel between Wild and Anderson, in the Senior race. These two, early in the lead, soon dropped Gerry North, West Lancs., and Eddie Kirkup, Yorkshire champions, and tore along the trail at a blistering pace.

Johnny Wild, East Lancs. and Cheshire champion, made it abundantly clear he was not desirous of J. Anderson, Saltwell Harriers and North-East District champion, being in his vicinity, but the latter stuck closer than the proverbial brother. Up hill and down dale they went, and did Johnny go down—he literally threw himself through the air on the down gradients. The last time proved too much for his opponent, and Johnny won his first Northern Senior Title to add to the many he has already held, and was acclaimed a popular winner over the nine-mile course in 47min. 46sec.

No surprise

The Junior race was a foregone conclusion right from the start, Alan Cocking, Bramley, regaining the title he lost to Gerry North last year, covering the six-mile course in 32min. 14sec. Cocking is in brilliant form and his last chance of winning the Junior title at Arrowe Park on Saturday, March 8, on the occasion of the English National Championships, is rated very high.

Although being well beaten by North last year, he was only narrowly beaten at Warwick the year previously.

The Yorkshire champion was triumphant in the three-mile youth race, M. Harrop, strong and well-built, as indeed he must be to negotiate the hills in his native Halifax, won easily in 16min. 27sec. The only local success was in the Boys, where M. R. Heath, Waterloo, won in 11min. 45sec., followed by R. M. Jones, Rochdale.

The local club, Royton Harriers and Athletic Club, competed in Youths, Juniors and Seniors, but made no notable progress.

SENIOR CHAMPIONSHIP: J. Wild, East Cheshire H. (Sheffield Utd.) 76; J. Anderson, Saltwell H. (Rotherham) 135; G. A. North, Blackpool (Pembroke) 194.

JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIP: A. Cocking, Bramley H. (Bramley) 79; M. J. Corcoran, Macclesfield (Blackpool) 99; R. Barlow, Wallasey (Wallasey) 109.

YOUTHS CHAMPIONSHIP: M. Harrop Halifax H. (Halifax) 23; A. Simpson, Rotherham (Bramley) 118; J. Hillen, Saltwell (Saltwell) 127.

BOYS CHAMPIONSHIP: M. R. Heath, Waterloo (Halifax) 58; R. M. Jones, Rochdale (Leeds) 114; M. J. Tinsley, East Cheshire (Bingley) 141.

Well done, London, you did us proud but watch your step



Now a professional, 20-year-old Glasgow-born Albert Adinolfi boxes under the name of Beriti and has his eye on the middleweight championship of Scotland. He had 35 contests as an amateur in the Army, and was the only man to beat Terry Downes. He also notched victories over such opponents as Alan Peacock and Brian Watkins. Adinolfi has turned pro. under the management of South African Joe Bloom. He is Bloom's first protege since 1954, when Joe returned his licence.

BRIAN LONDON, the lantern-jawed Blackpool heavyweight, having gratefully accepted Jack Solomons's effort to thrust greatness upon him, relaxes and looks round for fresh fields to conquer.

London did not beat Willie Pastrano at Harringay last Tuesday—or did he? That is a difference of opinion that is likely to start another fight, any time, anywhere.

But whether he did or not, London performed so well in those ten rounds as to restore some of the fast-waning faith we had in the future of British heavyweight boxing.

Certain opinions have it that London lost by a shade and that the crowd did the referee less than justice with their baying and hooting after the decision.

Pastrano's vow

Well done London! You did us proud, but please be cautious. Don't take too much notice of the back-slappers who want to elevate you into world class on the evidence of that one very good performance. Press the return fight with Pastrano and, if you beat him, you will have proved yourself. Though it may not be quite the same job next time.



Brian London

Pastrano shivered and sniffed his way out of Britain on Wednesday vowing never to make another mid-winter visit to our extraordinary climate.

For a boy raised in the Deep South, he may have found it a bit unsettling. He can be judged afresh when he returns in April to fight Joe Bygraves in Leicester.

That will be Pastrano's third visit to Britain and at least two more are in prospect—against London and Joe Erskine.

End of a dream?

All of which makes this 22-year-old American, with the big mournful eyes and the old English style, just about the most popular boxing visitor since the war.

For Tuesday night's work, Willie took home 10,000 dollars and he is likely to upset the balance of payments still more, yet.

London, presumably, will now be commanding the same sort of money, with the possibility of a

string of fights between now and the summer break.

He is almost certain to meet Joe Erskine for the British and Empire titles though the date for that one depends on the healing qualities of the skin around Erskine's eyes, so sorely damaged by Johansson last week.

Johansson, the quiet Swede, also comes into the picture, and when they meet, London will have to temper his rumbustious tactics of last Tuesday with a little discretion.

Unlike Pastrano, Johansson will not be giving away 17lb. in weight but he will be providing free samples of the right hand which has spread alarm and despondency among the heavyweights of Europe.

Pastrano caught London with some good righthanders. If Johansson does the same, it could be the end of a dream.

LANCS. COMBINATION

DIVISION I	P W L D F A Pts					
	Horwich RMI.....	28	19	3	6	22
New Brighton	27	17	6	4	61	38
Morecambe	26	15	4	7	52	37
Prescot Cables	23	17	3	2	66	36
Chorley	25	14	6	5	86	33
Rosendale Utd.....	26	13	8	5	67	31
Wigan Ath.	28	12	6	5	59	29
Accrington	27	12	10	5	56	29
Ashton Utd.	25	11	11	3	65	25
Droylsden	29	10	14	5	56	25
Southport Res.	26	11	13	3	49	25
St. Helens	25	11	12	2	65	24
Netherfield	24	9	10	5	49	23
Lancaster City	26	9	12	5	49	23
Marine	22	10	10	2	42	22
Nelson	26	9	14	3	38	21
Fleetwood	25	7	11	7	37	21
Burscough	24	7	12	5	48	19
Darwen	27	7	15	5	40	19
Bacup Borough	26	4	17	5	47	13
Skelmersdale	25	6	19	0	39	12
Crompton's Rescs.	24	3	18	3	31	9

DIVISION II	P W L D F A Pts					
	Cliitheroe	25	13	1	6	91
ATHLETIC RES.	25	16	5	4	87	36
Padham	26	14	8	4	54	32
Chorley Res.	23	12	4	7	60	31
Earlestown	24	12	5	7	78	31
Northern Nomads	25	13	8	4	60	30
Wigan Ath. Res.	25	12	8	5	61	29
St. Helens Town	24	13	9	3	64	27
Lytham	23	10	7	6	53	26
Glossop	23	10	8	5	54	25
Horwich RMI	26	10	11	5	47	25
Morecambe Res.	27	8	12	7	51	23
Lomax	24	8	11	5	44	21
Rolls Royce	20	7	8	5	40	19
Prescot Cables	24	6	11	7	41	19
Leyland Motors	26	7	16	3	48	17
Nelson Res.	24	3	13	8	41	14
St. Annes Ath.	22	4	13	5	44	13
Great Harwood	23	3	13	7	38	13
Darwen Res.	21	3	17	1	21	7

5,000 French swimmers drown yearly

About 5,000 French people die in swimming accidents every year according to figures quoted at a Medical Congress at Lyons.

3rd NORTH PLAYERS



B. FREAR (left), J. GRANT (centre) and W. HUGHES.

FREAR (Chesterfield)

For much of this season Chesterfield have maintained a high place in the table, yet without seriously threatening to make a challenge to the leaders. Had the rest of the Derbyshire club's attack shown the same scoring potential as Gwynfor Lewis and Brian Frear, they might have had an excellent chance of promotion.

Frear, a Yorkshireman from Cleckheaton, began his career with Huddersfield Town, for whom he signed professional forms in 1950. After making a number of senior appearances, in both inside-forward positions, Frear joined Chesterfield in February last year. He has subsequently been a regular member of the League side, and at present is second-highest marksman.

GRANT (Rochdale)

Mr. Harry Catterick, Rochdale's manager, saw service with Everton for a large part of his playing career. It is hardly surprising, therefore, that he should go back to his former club to sign men for his present team.

Among the best of his acquisitions from the Merseysiders is diminutive Jackie Grant. Born at High Spen, Durham, Grant joined Everton early in the war, and when football resumed on a peace-time footing in 1946 was staking a claim to regular senior inclusion.

He subsequently had several spells of first-team duty, chiefly at wing-half, though he played an occasional game on the right wing. Grant was transferred to Rochdale in the summer of 1956, and last winter missed only a single League game.

HUGHES (York City)

York City's victory at Crewe last week was their first in 10 League matches, and the club is struggling to keep away from the bottom places in the table, a direct contrast to their success in 1955, when they reached the semi-final of the Cup. Among their outstanding players then, as he still is, was Bill Hughes. Although best-known as an outside-right, Hughes has had several outings at inside-forward.

A Scot from Glasgow, he crossed the border to sign for Newcastle United shortly after the war. He found his senior opportunities severely limited in the North-East, however, and accordingly agreed to join York when they made an offer for his services in 1951.

A pocket-sized travelling espresso machine in a small box complete with two glasses, a spoon, sugar basin, coffee container and a tablet of methylated spirit, is being sold in Hungary.



By THE STUDENT

RACING and football this week. Score two points each for numbers two and three and one for number one. Four is a good score.

TEASER NUMBER ONE

Father rode the winner of the Lincoln one year, and his son the next year when father's horse was last. Names, please.

TEASER NUMBER TWO

Name a First Division team which has not had a penalty given against it this season.

TEASER NUMBER THREE

He was top scorer of the Scottish League 1918-19, Southern League 1919-29, English Second Division 1920-1, and of the First Division 1922-3. Who is he?

[Answers on Page Two]

MEMORY CORNER

TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO

Two attendance records were set up at widely-separated soccer centres within five days, in March, 1933. On March 4, West Ham United enjoyed a record gate of 44,810 for the visit of Birmingham City in the sixth round of the FA Cup, which is still their best. The Hammers won that game 4-0, but lost 2-1 to Everton in the semi-final.

Four days later the still existing attendance record for Roker Park was set up, when, after a remarkable 4-4 draw at Derby, Sunderland entertained the County on Wearside. No fewer than 75,118 people watched the game, which Derby won 1-0 after extra time. Like West Ham, Derby later went out in the semi-final, losing 3-2 to Manchester City.

TEN YEARS AGO

The last Third Division side left in the sixth round of the FA Cup in 1948 was Queen's Park Rangers, who had reached that stage with victories over Leyton Orient, Rochdale, Gillingham, Stoke and Luton. Drawn against Derby County, they held their then First Division opponents to a 1-1 draw at home, only to lose 5-0 in the replay at Derby.

The Londoners' team included Reg Allen, who later went to Manchester United at what was then a record fee for a goalkeeper, and Ivor Powell, subsequently to join Aston Villa, and afterwards to become manager of Bradford City for a time. Derby had the services of Raich Carter, Billy Steel, Bert Mozley, and then later Leon Leuty.

TWELVE MONTHS AGO

Twelve months ago today saw the end of Bournemouth's gallant Cup run, when the Southern Section club met Manchester United at home and lost 2-1. Johnny Berry, so badly injured in the Munich air crash, got both United's goals, one from a disputed penalty and the other from a position which Bournemouth claimed to be offside; but there was no doubt that the Mancunians fully deserved their victory. They had to play for a large part of the game without the services of the late Mark Jones, who was injured early on. Jackie Blanchflower, who deputised at centre-half for the remainder of the season, was one of United's Wembley heroes when he gave a fine display in goal after Ray Wood's injury.

RUGBY LEAGUE A B C



K. Jackson

V. Karalius

J. Ledgard

JACKSON (Oldham)

Oldham did not have far to go to pick up prop-forward Ken Jackson, for he is a local lad. He has shown increasing evidence of his all-round power season by season. Not only is he one of the most solid scrummagers, but his ball handling is extremely good and there are few more enthusiastic tacklers.

He has progressed through county football to Test football against France, and it seems that nothing can prevent him being named as a member of the British touring team to visit Australia at the end of the

KARALIUS (St. Helens)

The son of an English mother and Polish father, Vince Karalius is filled with enough enthusiasm for half a dozen forwards. Ordinary training is not enough for Karalius, for physical fitness amounts almost to a passion with him.

He shows the same determination in attack as he does in defence, and

no situation is ever too tough for this St. Helens loose-forward. Karalius is usually going as strongly as ever when others are flagging under a hot pace, and, although his enthusiasm is often misinterpreted by followers of opposing teams, there is no doubt that a player of his courage and ability makes any good team better for his inclusion.

LEDGARD (Leigh)

Jimmy Ledgard was the first of Leigh's expensive post-war signings, but no player has given them greater value for money than the former Dewsbury full-back. His inspiring play, his immaculate goal-kicking, and his touch-kicking, in an age when most full-backs shun the practice, all helped Leigh to enjoy a fruitful rebirth in their Kirkhall Lane days.

When he toured France with the successful British World Cup team in 1954, he was named as the No. 1 full-back of the world by a panel of critics called upon to name a world side. This season's testimonial has been richly earned.

WEEKEND TV AND RADIO

ANYTHING that can keep viewers away from a Benny Hill show has to be good. Tonight, ATV, on Channel Nine, is putting its trust in "Saturday Spectacular," which is running at exactly the same time.

Dickie Henderson tops the ATV bill and has the Confrey Phillips Trio, Anthea Askey and Freddie Mills in support. Freddie will have to do a dash from the "Six-Five Special" studio to the rival firm to be in on both. (I do not think Freddie has sufficient comedy talent to merit two spots in one night. But that is the business of the people in the business.)

Guests in the Benny Hill Show include the Kay Sisters and a new musical formation headed by Leslie "Jiver" Hutchinson and Carl Bar-riteau.

In this group the key players are members of the Ken "Snake-Hips" Johnson band which was so popular in the early part of the war. But Ken and some of his boys were killed in a raid in 1941, and it is thought that the appearance of this group in the Benny Hill Show will revive the Johnson musical style and legend.

To continue the evening for BBC viewers, Welsh Region will follow up with a production of that much-played drama, "The Corn is Green." Commercial TV has two actor knights, Laurence Olivier and Ralph Richardson, in the film, "Q Planes."

LUDOVIC KENNEDY, whose name is a household word in Rochdale, is in the weekend television news. His play, "Murder Story," is to be put on by ABC tomorrow. It would have been done some weeks earlier, but the author asked that it should be held over until he had finished his campaign in Rochdale.

The play has links with Oldham, because Donald Bradley, who was at the Rep for a long time created the part of the hapless youth, Jim Tanner, who is the central character.

Donald came back to the Rep to be guest-star in a production of "Murder Story" here.

Although it is not officially admitted, the plot of this play runs very close to the true and sad story of Derek Bentley, the youth who was hanged for his part in the murder of a police officer at Croydon. He was an accessory, the fatal shot being fired by a youth who was too young to be hanged.

Much of the action takes place in a death cell. The part of Tanner is being played by Neil McCallum, the Canadian actor. James Hayter and Olga Lindo will be his parents. Mervyn Johns is one of the warders who sit with the condemned youth in the last dreadful days.

THERE has so far been 38 versions of the story of Amphitryon, the Greek general, whose wife Alkema was desired by the god Jupiter. The 38th version—by the American writer, N. S. Behrman, is what BBC viewers can see tomorrow in the World Theatre series.

For this play, Google Withers returns to BBC television after an absence of four years. Last time she was seen on this channel was in "The Deep Blue Sea" in 1954, and her performance won her the "Oscar" voted for by BBC television producers and directors.

That experienced and top-ranking TV actor, Patrick Barr, plays the part of Amphitryon.

To emphasise its place in the long, long line of adaptations, the play is called "Amphitryon 38." This is a comedy.

HOW would you like to read the history of the wild and woolly West as a university course? Professor John Hawgood, of Birmingham University, teaches in this subject, and is the only professor in Britain to do it.

He is naturally an authority on the subject and will be seen in ABC's "The Book Man" tomorrow, talking to Western writer John Prebble on their pet subject.

The Right Hon. Anthony Nutting will also be there to talk about his book "I Saw For Myself," which is about the Suez campaign, over which Mr. Nutting resigned as an MP.

92-year-old twins

Holland's oldest twins—Mr. J. S. de Vries and his sister, Mrs. A. S. Gorter—will celebrate their 92nd birthday on Tuesday at Akkrum, Holland.

Tonight . . .

- BBC TELEVISION**
- 6 0: News.
 - 6 5: Six-Five Special.
 - 7 0: Wells Fargo.
 - 7 25: News.
 - 7 30: Dixon of Dock Green.
 - 8 0: Association Football.
 - 8 30: Benny Hill Show.
 - 9 30: The Corn is Green, with Joan Miller.
 - 11 0: News.
 - 11 10: Sports Special.
 - 11 30: War in the Air.

- ABC TV**
- 6 0: Jack Jackson Show.
 - 6 30: Highway Patrol.
 - 7 0: The Man Who Sold Death.
 - 7 30: The Restless Gun.
 - 8 0: Wrestling.
 - 8 30: Saturday Spectacular.
 - 9 30: M Squad.
 - 10 0: News.
 - 10 5: Q Planes (film).
 - 11 5: Epilogue.

- NORTH 434m.**
- 6 0: News.
 - 6 15: News of the North.
 - 6 25: Sport Spotlight.
 - 7 0: Those Were The Days.
 - 7 15: Week in Westminster.
 - 7 30: In Town Tonight.
 - 8 0: Variety Playhouse.
 - 9 0: News.
 - 9 15: Wolf Pack (play).
 - 10 45: The Litany.
 - 11 0: News.

- LIGHT—1,500 and 247 metres**
- 6 0: Guitar Club.
 - 6 30: Just Jazz.
 - 7 0: Radio Newsreel.

- BBC**
- 9 45: Holy Communion.
 - 1 0: Sul i Sul.
 - 1 10: O Fon i Fynawy.
 - 2 30: Gardening Club.
 - 3 0: News Review.
 - 3 30: Concert Hour.
 - 4 15: Brains Trust.
 - 5 0: Children.
 - 6 55: Appeal.
 - 7 0: Meeting Point.
 - 7 25: News.
 - 7 35: The Thin Man.
 - 8 0: What's My Line?
 - 8 30: Amphitryon 38 (play).
 - 10 0: Monitor.
 - 10 45: News.
 - 10 55: Weather; Epilogue.

- ABC**
- 11 15: Service.
 - 2 30: Book Man.
 - 3 0: Those Kids from Town (film).
 - 4 30: Bid For Fame.
 - 5 0: (Midlands) 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: Murder Story.
 - 10 50: Top Tune Time.
 - 11 30: Epilogue.

- NORTH 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: We Are Commanded.
 - 10 30: Music Magazine.
 - 11 25: International Concert Hall.
 - 12 10: The Critics.
 - 12 55: Weather.

- LUXEMBURG 208m.**
- 6 0: Beaver Club.
 - 6 15: Tommy Trinder.
 - 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.

- AFN**
- 6 0: Radio Workshop.
 - 6 25: This Fabled World.
 - 6 30: The Abbotts.
 - 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: Music.
 - 10 25: One for the Book.
 - 10 30: Westward Look.
 - 11 0: Symphony.
 - 11 55: This Thing Called Life.

- 7 24: Football.
- 7 30: Saturday Night on the Light.
- 10 30: News.
- 10 40: Donald Peers.
- 11 15: Edmundo Ros.
- 11 55: News.

- THIRD—464 and 194 metres**
- 6 30: World of Books.
 - 7 0: Record Review.
 - 8 0: Orchestral Concert.
 - 8 45: Too Many Choices.
 - 9 5: Concert (Part 2).
 - 9 50: Socialism in one Country.
 - 10 15: Shrostakovich.

- LUXEMBURG—208 metres**
- 6 0: Barry Aldis.
 - 7 0: Rhythm on the Range.
 - 7 30: Intrigue.
 - 8 0: Jamboree.
 - 10 0: Irish Requests.
 - 10 30: Spin with the Stars.
 - 11 0: Bringing Christ to the Nations.
 - 11 30: Jack Jackson.

- AFN**
- 6 0: News.
 - 7 0: News.
 - 7 5: Grand Ole Opry.
 - 7 30: Variety.
 - 7 55: Johnny Lees Wills.
 - 8 0: Bandstand, USA.
 - 8 30: Operation Entertainment.
 - 8 55: Sports Detective.
 - 9 0: Music.
 - 9 30: News.
 - 9 35: Dance Date.
 - 10 0: Sports Night Cap.
 - 10 5: Music.
 - 11 0: News.
 - 11 5: Late Request Show.
 - 12 0: News.

- LIGHT—1,500 metres**
- 6 45: Shipping Forecast.
 - 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.

- THIRD — 464 metres**
- 5 0: The Prince of Homburg.
 - 7 15: Bruckner.
 - 8 30: Law in Action.
 - 8 50: Conchita Supervia and Rossini.
 - 9 35: The Iliad.
 - 10 5: Unity of Contrasting Themes.

- LUXEMBURG 208m.**
- 6 0: Beaver Club.
 - 6 15: Tommy Trinder.
 - 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.

- AFN**
- 6 0: Radio Workshop.
 - 6 25: This Fabled World.
 - 6 30: The Abbotts.
 - 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: Music.
 - 10 25: One for the Book.
 - 10 30: Westward Look.
 - 11 0: Symphony.
 - 11 55: This Thing Called Life.

Tomorrow

To the Members of the Oldham Repertory Theatre Club

Telephone: **THE 'REP'** MAIN 2828

Evenings at 7-26
Matinees: Tuesdays at 7-30
Saturdays at 4-0

in the **COLISEUM THEATRE**, Oldham

Week commencing MONDAY, March 3

The Diary of Anne Frank

By FRANCES GOODRICH and ALBERT HACKETT
From the book "Ann Frank: Diary of a Young Girl" Howard Bromley-Chapman

Members and Guests Only. Usual Prices. Matinees: Tue., 2/-, and Sat., 2/6.

Next Week, Mon., Mar. 10
THE OLDHAM REPERTORY THEATRE SCANDAL
by Howard Bromley-Chapman

DEATH

BEARDSALL (née Hallas).—On Feb. 23, 1958 (suddenly), in hospital, Jane, aged 55 years, the dearly loved wife of Harry.—89 The Green, Pitton Hill, Oldham.

ROYTON PARK BOWLING CLUB.—MEETING, Thursday, Mar. 6, 8 p.m., Radcliffe Inn. All welcome.

BETHOVEN M. & S. CLUB
Members Please Note
SUN., MARCH 2 — GRAND CONCERT
Artist: TOMMY CARR and Guest

OLDHAM & DISTRICT INSTITUTE CRICKET LEAGUE

Will any club wishing to join the above league for the coming season please apply before March 5 to:—

G. GARTSIDE, Secretary
311a Ashton Road East
Fallsworth.

Holiday Accommodation DOUGLAS

CROSSLEY, 5 Mona St. Tel. 3804. S.C. High T.E.B. 12/6 June & Sept.

PAIGNTON, Devon.—Bonair Hotel, sea front. Tel. 59461. All bedrooms fitted h. & c. Central heating. Comfortable lounges. Beautiful sands. Garage. No objection to children. Full board-residence.—Brochure on application.

RHYL—Holiday flatlets, 50 yards from R. Children welcome.—4 Conway St. T. 1755

YOUR Servants for "Music of the Masters" at The Record Salon, 64 Egerton Street.

DRUMMER wants work weekends; good wages for 5-day week; overtime available; bonus scheme; pension scheme.—Times Printing Co., Union St., Oldham.

INTERNET OPERATOR Wanted for Jobbing and Weekly News Office; good wages for 5-day week; overtime available; bonus scheme; pension scheme.—Times Printing Co., Union St., Oldham.

International School of Motoring (Oldham) LEARN TO DRIVE

with the International School of Motoring and be capable of driving anywhere in the world. Also P.S.V. Tuition and Test (Double-decker)

Full particulars from our Agents—**MRS. EASTHOPE**, 100 UNION STREET, OLDHAM Phone MAIN 8412

Translator's appeal upheld

A Paris Appeal Court has upheld the appeal of M. Francois de Noailles, who translated a book by American socialite Elsa Maxwell, against a fine of 50,000 francs (£41 sterling) and a share in 300,000 francs (£250) damages awarded to ex-King Farouk, who claimed that the book labelled him.

Ex-King Farouk did not contest the appeal, heard yesterday, and was ordered to pay costs.

The Lower Court, which heard the libel action last June, imposed the same penalties against the translator as against Miss Maxwell and two publishers, who published her book in France under the title "J'ai Recu le Monde Entier" ("I Received the Whole World").

Liberace denies 'gate-crashing'

Pianist Liberace today denies newspaper reports that he "gate-crashed" the Queen Mother's Government House garden party in Sydney on Tuesday.

He told reporters: "I would never do a thing like that. I had an invitation and I still have it with me. It is so precious to me I will keep it for always."

World's oldest triplets 85

Three sisters who claim to be the world's oldest triplets celebrated their 85th birthday in Copenhagen today. The triplets—Kristine Nielsen, Jensigne Joergensen and Lene Jensen—are all widows.

HENRY SHAW MONEY LENT

With or without security **£2 Upwards**

Estab. 72 years Tel. MAIN 1825

I FIRTH ST. OFF II CLEGG ST.

PAVILION. LEES

SUN. & MON C'Scope Nigel Patrick HOW TO MURDER A RICH UNCLE (U) Randolph Scott in The Tall T (U) Tech Last complete show at 7-15

TUE. & WED. Tyrone Power SEVEN WAVES AWAY (A) Howard Duff in Sierra Stranger (U)

EMPIRE Tel. MAIN 4162

SUNDAY (open 5-0) Susan Hayward A WOMAN DESTROYED (A) Buster Crabbe BLAZING FRONTIER (U)

MONDAY open 1-30 ALL WEEK ALAN LADD

HELL BELOW ZERO

(U) Screened 2-3, 5-25, 8-47

RICHARD WIDMARK

PRIZE OF GOLD

(A) Screened 3-33, 6-55

Last complete performance at 6-55

GAUMONT OLDHAM TEL MAIN 2688

Sun. for 1 day only. Jeff Chandler Rhonda Fleming in YANKEE PASHA (U) Tech. Also Joe McCrea Barbara Hale. Alex Nicol in THE LONE HAND (U) Tech.

MONDAY Cont. 1-10 SIX DAYS The Rank Organisation presents Melina Mercouri Keith Michell

THE GYPSY AND THE GENTLEMAN

(A) EastmanCol., at 1-10, 4-55, 8-35

Curt Jurgens Folco Lull

AN EYE FOR AN EYE

(A) EastmanCol. VistaVision, at 3-0, 6-46

Last complete programme at 6-40

Grosvenor MAI 4463

SUNDAY for SEVEN DAYS

By special request, the Grosvenor proudly presents

JENNIFER JONES GLADYS COOPER CHARLES BICKFORD

THE SONG OF BERNADETTE

(U) Sunday at 5-0 and 7-26

Sunday patrons are earnestly requested to come early owing to length of picture—2 hours and 35 minutes of perfect entertainment

Weekdays at 1-40, 4-40 and 7-40

Last complete performance at 7-20

ODEON MAI 4463

SUN. Humphrey Bogart Jennifer Jones BEAT THE DEVIL (A)

Robert Clarke Catherine McLeod ISLAND OF MONTE CRISTO (U)

MONDAY Cont. 1-45 ALL WEEK JERRY LEWIS DAVID WAYNE

THE SAD SACK

VistaVision (U) at 2-20, 5-30, 8-40

ALAN BAXTER BARBARA SHELLEY

The End of the Line

(A) Last complete programme 7-10

Money to Lend

LOANS ADVANCED UPWARDS

With or Without Security.

G. F. CROSSLEY, CHURCH LANE.

Established 80 Years

LOANS! LOANS! £3 UPWARDS

M. COWEN LTD., 9 QUEEN ST., OLDHAM

Tel. MAIN 3196

Est. 1881. Phone MAI 2682

THE Stanley Advance Co. (Stockport) Ltd.

1, HARTLEY ST., OLDHAM (off 145, Manchester St)

Loans from £5 Upwards

Est. 1877 H. T. MAI 1782

Greenwood Ltd. 20 GREAVES ST.

near Town Hall, OLDHAM

LOANS FROM £3

RESULTS

OLDHAM 3 5-21
 BLACKPOOL 1 3-11
 ATHLETIC 1
 BRADFORD CITY 1

FA CUP—Sixth Round
 Blackburn 2, Liverpool 1
 Bolton 2, Wolverhampton W. 1.
 Fulham 3, Bristol Rovers 1.
 West Brom 2, Manchester Untd. 2.

FIRST DIVISION
 Birmingham 4, Arsenal 1
 Burnley 0, Everton 2.
 Manchester City 4, Blackpool 3
 Newcastle 2, Aston Villa 4
 Nottingham Forest 3, Leicester 1.
 Preston NE 3, Sunderland 0.
 Sheffield 2, Luton 1.

SECOND DIVISION
 Bristol City 4, Lincoln 0.
 Middlesbrough 2, Swansea 1.
 Rotherham 1, Sheffield Untd. 6.

THIRD DIVISION (North)
 Accrington 3, Stockport 2.
 Barrow 0, Workington 0.
 Bradford 1, Scunthorpe 3.
 Bury 1, Hull 1.
 Chester 1, Halifax 1.
 Hartlepool 1, Wrexham 2.
 Southport 1, Gateshead 0.
 York 3, Mansfield 1.

THIRD DIVISION (South)
 Bournemouth 4, Queens Park R 1
 Colchester 3, Gillingham 2.
 Coventry 2, Brighton 2.
 Norwich 3, Exeter 2
 Northampton 3, Port Vale 2.
 Reading 1, Newport 0.
 Walsall 1, Southend 1.
 Watford 0, Plymouth 2.

SCOTTISH CUP—3rd Round
 Buckie Thistle 1, Falkirk 2.
 Clyde 2, Celtic 0.
 Dundee 1, Aberdeen 3.
 Dunfermline 1, Rangers 2.
 Hearts 3, Hibernian 4.
 Inverness Caleds. 0, Motherwell 7.
 Kilmarnock 2, Queen of the South 2
 Third Lanark 5, Queen's Park 3.

SCOTTISH LEAGUE (Div. I)
 Airdrie 2, St. Mirren 3.

SCOTTISH LEAGUE (Div. II)
 Alloa 4, Albion 1.
 Berwick Rangers 2, Morton 6
 Brechin 3, Ayr 5.
 Dumbarton 1, East Stirlingshire 3.
 Forfar 1, Dundee United 1.
 Hamilton 7, Stenhousemuir 2
 St. Johnstone 0, Arbroath 4
 Stranraer 3, Montrose 0

RUGBY LEAGUE
 Bramley 10, Halifax 24.
 Castleford 12, Liverpool C. 11.
 Hull 17, Batley 8.
 Hunslet 10, Bradford N. 7.
 Keighley 12, Featherstone 27.
 Leigh 30, Leeds 18.
 Swinton 11, Barrow 11.
 Wakefield T. 0, Hull K.R. 11.
 Workington T. 15, St. Helens 10.
 Widnes 18, Dewsbury 0.
 York 16, Whitehaven 13.

RU INTERNATIONAL
 Ireland 12, Scotland 6.

RU INTER-SERVICES
 Royal Navy 14, The Army 0.

OTHER MATCHES
 Leeds 5, Raith 0.
 Tottenham 4, Partick Thistle 1.

Saints' slight lead

After 16 minutes Archer, the Workington stand-off, sent O'NEIL through for a try which was converted by SOUTHWARD. Within five minutes St. Helens's VOLLENHOVEN went over at the other end for RHODES to improve. Six minutes before the interval RHODES escaped the clutches of two Workington defenders to touch down between the posts for a self-improved try. Shortly afterwards THOMPSON got a try for Workington. Attendance: 10,000. Half-time: Workington 8, St. Helens 10.

FINAL SCORES
SECOND DIVISION
 Charlton 4, Barnsley 2.
 Doncaster 1, West Ham 2.
 Grimsby 0, Ipswich 2.
 Stoke 0, Notts County 1.
THIRD DIVISION (North)
 Carlisle 5, Darlington 2.
 Correction: Bradford 1, Scunthorpe 2.
 Tramere 5, Crewe 2.
THIRD DIVISION (South)
 Brentford 4, Millwall 1.
 Crystal Palace 1, Aldershot 1.
 Shrewsbury 1, Southampton 3.
 Torquay 2, Swindon 2.
SCOTTISH LEAGUE (Div. II)
 Stirling Albion 7, Cowdenbeath 1.
OTHER MATCHES
 Cardiff 1, Portsmouth 1.
 Leyton Orient 7, East Fife 0
 George St. Methodists 13, St. Thomas's, Leedsfield 0.

Tense battle after Bazley's tonic goal

DIRECTORS and scouts from a number of First Division clubs, including Everton, Birmingham and Sheffield Wednesday, were at Boundary Park this afternoon to watch Bradford City's transfer-listed outside-left, Martin Bakes. Both sides were as selected, with Athletic again trying the experimental switch of Neale and Thompson.

ATHLETIC: Teece; Naylor. West; Hobson, Muir, Neale; Spurdle, Bazley, Duffy, Thompson, Phoenix.
BRADFORD CITY: Smith; Flockett, Mulholland; P Jackson, Currie, Lawlor; Webb, D Jackson, Marshall, Reid, Bakes.
 Referee: Mr. J. W. Topliss (Grimsby).

There was a quick escape for Athletic when Bradford went straight through from the kick-off with Marshall beating Muir to pull back a centre into the Athletic goalmouth.

Webb crashed the ball on the run and Teece had to go full length to turn the left foot shot round the upright.

Neale found Phoenix to set the Athletic attack in action but when the winger fed Spurdle, Duffy fell offside. Thompson sent out a good pass to Phoenix but this time the winger's cross dropped behind.

Bradford won their second corner as Hobson robbed Reid and got a third when West was forced to turn the ball off Webb's toes. Back came Athletic with some good work from Phoenix on the left, but a promising move broke down with Neale firing high into the stands.

From outside the area Reid fired in a snap shot which took the Athletic defence by surprise and scraped some paint off the bar as it flashed into the crowd.

Bradford were making the running and only a diving save from Teece next prevented Reid again from opening the scoring after Bakes had left two defenders in his wake.

Beat three men

Jackson was next to test Teece with a stinging 25-yard drive from a free-kick but Athletic's keeper collected at the second attempt.

Duffy then missed the best opportunity so far with the defence in a mix-up and a minute later after Spurdle had made a good run Phoenix miskicked completely on the edge of the area.

The Athletic attack had not so far looked particularly dangerous, and it was Bradford who went close again with Muir deflecting a Bakes shot over the top for a corner.

From the kick Teece dropped the ball at Marshall's feet but the centre-forward shot over from point blank range. It was a lucky escape for Athletic and they went straight away in a determined rush, with Neale feeding Phoenix and Spurdle blasting the winger's centre behind.

In the 28th minute, however, Athletic went ahead. It was a great goal for JOHN BAZLEY. Receiving the ball direct from a Spurdle corner he beat three men on a sixpence and crashed the ball home from what seemed an impossible angle.

Spurdle was now prompting Athletic's front line into repeated action, and a split second interception robbed Thompson of a good scoring chance from the winger's precision pass.

In the next minute it was Thompson who went through again, picking up a pass from Duffy, but falling over himself when trying to hit the ball on the run.

Naylor was dispossessed by David Jackson just outside the Athletic area but Muir took the full force of a stinging drive. Athletic went away, with Thompson whipping over a good centre from the right, but at the last moment Currie

LATE KICK-OFF AT WORKINGTON

ATHLETIC supporters will probably have to wait an extra two hours for the result of next Saturday's game at Workington. To avoid a clash with the Workington-Warrington Rugby League Challenge Cup game, Athletic have provisionally agreed to a 4.45 p.m. kick-off in their league game with Workington.

Athletic are now awaiting confirmation of the re-arranged time from Workington.

Members of the Athletic Reserves and Athletic 3rd eleven were at Boundary Park this afternoon watching the senior side. Snowdrifts up to 2ft. in depth caused postponement of the Reserves game at Lomax, and at Seel Park, Mossley, where the third team should have played, drifts still covered the touchlines. Both grounds were waterlogged.

deflected the ball out of the reach of three waiting forwards.

Half-time:—
ATHLETIC 1
BRADFORD CITY 0

For the first 30 minutes of the half most of the play had gone Bradford's way but Bazley's goal served as a tonic for Athletic. They had come back with more constructive ideas and fight, keeping the visitors' defence quite busy. Naylor had so far kept a close watch on star man Bakes and the Athletic defence was steadily settling down after some early hesitancy.

Both keepers were in action in the opening minutes of the half with Teece coming out to collect from David Jackson and Smith smothering a Spurdle shot.

West then tried to pass back to Teece, who was forced to fly kick to safety for a corner.

Athletic's keeper completely missed Webb's kick but with an empty net staring him in the face Bakes half-volleyed the ball yards over the top.

There was danger for Athletic as Reid ran on to a through pass from Marshall but Neale cleverly harried him and Teece came to save.

In the 55th minute, however, Bakes came back into the game with a bang. From right out on the left, he crashed the ball across the Athletic goalmouth and WEBB ran in to volley the ball home and level the score.

Spurdle won a corner on the right for Athletic, but Bradford cleared and came away with a promising attack, and luckily Muir was on hand to deflect Reid's shot.

It was proving a busy time for Teece, and after punching out a free kick from the left he went full length to collect a shot on the rebound from David Jackson.

Bradford were back in the game with a vengeance, and again Teece had to fly-kick the ball of Marshall's toes. Then Bakes threatened danger cutting in from the left, but the Athletic keeper held his shot at the second attempt.

Final:
ATHLETIC 1
BRADFORD CITY 1

ROCHDALE SCORE AFTER INTERVAL

GROUND conditions were good at Chesterfield, where Rochdale fielded the team which defeated Southport last week. Former Rochdale centre-forward Gwyn Lewis was leading a Chesterfield attack which had helped him to obtain 18 goals this season.

O'BRIEN TRY TURNED GAME AT BLACKPOOL

Oldham "A" kicked off in bright sunshine before a small crowd at Blackpool. Following a scrum they gained possession on the Borough "25" but a loose ball was quickly picked up by the home side.

Following some scrappy play an Oldham lapse allowed Borough to make ground and after seven minutes they opened the score with a penalty goal by DAVIES.

Oldham "A" again went into the attack and Jones missed a penalty from ten yards near the halfway line after 10 minutes. Faulty handling by both sides caused play to fluctuate mainly in mid-field.

After a scrummage infringement by Borough, Jones missed a kick at goal from 25 yards, the ball hitting the crossbar. Ryder, of Borough, went off injured after 18 minutes.

Oldham "A" were gaining possession from the scrums but neither side were predominant.

After 20 minutes DAVIES scored again for Borough with a penalty and the visitors went on to the defensive in the face of pressure, during which CLAYTON went over after 22 minutes, DAVIES converting.

After 25 minutes O'BRIEN intercepted a pass on his own "25" and ran through the Borough defence in fine style to score under the sticks, JONES converting.

Following possession from the scrum immediately afterwards A. N. OTHER, the winger, scored a neat try close to the corner flag but Jones failed to convert.

Oldham gradually gained the upper hand and BERGIN went over in the corner after 30 minutes. But again the conversion failed.

Blackpool "A" 1 3-9
 Oldham "A" 3 1-11

From the kick-off Oldham "A" were on the defensive and after five minutes WILKINSON went over for Borough. But play soon switched to the Borough half following an Oldham attack in which the ball was moved about in a much-improved fashion.

A scrum infringement under the Borough sticks allowed JONES to kick an easy goal for Oldham "A" to take the lead again after ten minutes.

Then Oldham's defence took a battering from the Borough for several minutes, with the ball almost over on a number of occasions. But the visitors' defence refused to panic and pressure was relieved although play continued mainly in Oldham's half until Melling found touch near the Borough "25."

Pressure on the Oldham line continued but McKeown relieved this with a good burst through to bring play into midfield and a fine run across field by Moat with a pass to O'Brien brought Oldham "A" close to scoring again. Faulty handling however, lost them possession and the game ended.

Final:
 Blackpool "A" 4 3-17
 Oldham "A" 2 3-13

Printed and published by HIRST, KIDD & RENNIE, LTD., at their Printing Works, Union Street, Oldham (Tel. MAIN 3841). London Office: 134 Fleet Street

CHESTERFIELD: Powell; Sutherland; Warner; Smallwood, Blakey, Hutchinson; Burrell, Frear, Lewis, Lumley, Slater.
ROCHDALE: Jones; Ferguson, McCulloch; Grant, Glover, McGuigan, Lockhart; Wainwright, Dailey, Pearson, Vizard.
 Referee: Mr. T. S. Blenkinsop (South Shields).

Rochdale were two inches from a first minute goal. Vizard made the chance with a lofty forward pass to Lockhart, who narrowly missed it near the post.

Rochdale swung the ball about as Wainwright repeated Vizard's move. This time Pearson could not reach the ball.

A solo run from Lewis was Chesterfield's first threat. He beat Glover and held off McCulloch to get in a shot which Jones held well.

In a second raid, Slater's centre beat Jones, and McCulloch had to head clear from in front of an open goal.

A swift Chesterfield raid after 12 minutes left Lumley clear for a point-blank shot which Jones brilliantly saved.

Jones saves

Jones was again in action saving at the feet of Lewis. After this spell of home pressure Rochdale should have been one up. They worked the ball well and Lockhart was clear six yards from goal when Wainwright's pass came to him.

He had all the time he wanted, but hurried and put his shot wide.

There was an even more annoying miss after 33 minutes. Pearson picked up Blakey's back-kick pass and screwed the ball back. Dailey took it, but sliced his shot to send the ball clean across an empty goal.

Rochdale kept in the game until the interval, by which time they should have been in front.

Half-time:
CHESTERFIELD 0
ROCHDALE 0

There was a sensational resumption. Dailey slipped Blakey on the halfway line and headed for goal. Having drawn the defence, he put the ball to PEARSON who hit it first time from 18 yards for a lovely goal.

An indirect free-kick followed when Wainwright was obstructed in the area. It brought no reward, but there was almost a second goal when Dailey missed Lockhart's pass in front of goal.

Batley keeping close

SMITH scored a try for Batley in the first minute. Walshaw failed to goal. HARRISON replied with an unimproved try for Hull, and DANNATT subsequently gave the home side the lead by scoring another try.

SMITH levelled the score with a try for Batley which WALSHAW goaled. WATTS, however, added an unconverted try for Hull.

Half-time: Hull 9, Batley 8.

★ Continued from Front Page
OLDHAM RUGBY

NOON, however, did kick a goal—from 45 yards—when Dunn was penalised for scrum feeding and Oldham now led 13-8.

Cracknell's dash

They went further ahead when Rowbottom handed out to Nestor. Without much room the ball went via Ayres to CRACKNELL who burst down the touchline for 20 yards to score a fine try. Noon failed badly with the kick.

Oldham were then surprised by FEARIS, who fumbled with the ball before beating three men to score a brilliant individual try. He failed to add the goal.

Final:
OLDHAM 3 5-21
BLACKPOOL 1 3-11
 Late scorer: CRACKNELL, try NOON goal (73 minutes).
 Attendance: 10,000 approx.

KEMPTON 4 30. Result:
 Flaming Star (A Freeman) †
 Chastise (D Clarke) †
 Fireworks II (F Winter) 8.
 7/4 Flaming Star, 3/1 Chastise, 7/2.
 † Dead-head for first place
KELSO 4 30. Result:
 Spud Tamson (Mr G Dun) 1
 Whinstone Hill (Mr R Brewis) 2
 Scottish Samba (Mr P Wight) 3
 7/1, 6/4 j.f., 6/4 j.f. 0 rad.
 Body of woman found in sea at Blackpool today identified as Mrs. Miriam Clarke (67), of Preston Old Road, Fenscliffe, near Blackburn. She was reported missing on Friday night.
AUSTRALIA (v S Africa) 208-6, need seven for lead.
 Chesterfield 2, Rochdale 2.