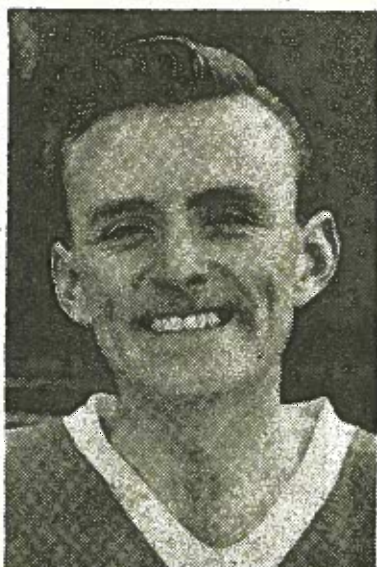




STAN SMITH
Oldham Athletic's new player.



LES MELVILLE
Oldham Athletic's new player.

MANSFIELD NET IN BREAKAWAY Athletic goal-shy then Spurdle scores

AN hour before the kick-off of today's game at Boundary Park, Manager Goodier secured the signature of his second late capture, Les Melville from Bournemouth. The Stockport-born player came in at left-half in place of Thompson with former Crewe marksman, Stan Smith, leading a new-look attack.

Peter Phoenix moved over to outside-right with Spurdle partnering him in the inside berth. Eric Over was at outside-left.

Mansfield also include a late signing—John Thomas, from Barnsley, at full-back.

The ground had a three-inch covering of snow with the lines marked in blue.

ATHLETIC: Teece; Naylor, West; Hobson, Muir, Melville; Phoenix, Spurdle, Smith, Neale, Over.
MANSFIELD: T. Kirkham; J. Thomas, Savin; Williams, Mellor, Keery; Morris, Griffiths, B. Thomas, Uphill, Mitten.
Referee: Mr. A. Holland (Barnsley).

Playing down the slope Athletic went away with two quick exchanges between Spurdle and Neale, with the inside-left twice getting his sights on the Mansfield goal. Each time, however, he shot weakly.

Melville came into the game, putting a long ball through to Over, but again the chance was wasted and when Smith fed Phoenix the outside-right was brought back for offside.

A Muir free-kick gave Neale another chance but his snap shot was half blocked by a defender and Kirkham easily gathered. It was still Athletic doing the pressing, however, and only a flying tackle halted Phoenix when Smith again laid on a fine pass.

Then came another fine looking movement from Athletic initiated by Melville and Over. Smith got in a glancing shot from Phoenix's final cross but again Kirkham gathered. At the other end Teece easily saved Mansfield's first shot on the target picking out a header from Uphill.

No headway

Two free kicks pushed the play back into Mansfield's territory but again Athletic could make no headway, and when Smith was brought down from behind in the area their appeals for a penalty were overruled by the official.

In another rare Mansfield raid Teece came out to smother a pass pulled back by Mitten, and then Over raced away on the left covering half the length of the field before putting in a shot which Kirkham comfortably held.

Athletic were still showing more method, but when Neale whipped over a fine cross Phoenix could only crash the ball first time into the crowd.

Then in the 33rd came a shock for Athletic. Mansfield broke away on the right, and Morris pulled the ball back into the area where BARRY THOMAS was unmarked and from 12 yards he crashed the ball home to give Mansfield the lead.

Mansfield were back with a bang and only a full-length dive by Teece prevented them going further ahead when Griffiths whipped in a low drive from Uphill's pass. Athletic went away when Smith, testing Melville and then Neale, had a good chance, but his shot was blocked out and Smith fired the rebound across the face of the goal.

Spurdle twice tricked his way through, but his first shot was wide and Kirkham competently dealt with the second. Athletic's best chance came, however, in the closing minute when Neale, in a race with Kirkham, reached the ball first but shot wide of the empty goal.

Athletic had been holding the ball much too long on the heavy ground with the result that the Mansfield rearguard had had plenty of time to recover and clear the danger. The swiftness of Mansfield's goal did in fact emphasise Athletic's front line failing.

Half-time:
ATHLETIC 0
MANSFIELD 1

Over fell offside in the opening seconds and then Athletic let slip another fine opportunity. Spurdle sent Smith away on the right, and though Neale missed the cross, Over was in position to get in a shot.

At full speed he only half-hit the ball, which was blocked by a defender and then Phoenix was too slow in getting the ball back into the area.

Mansfield hit back, and when West scrambled a clearance to Mitten's feet, Naylor was forced to concede a corner. From the kick, Naylor headed Mossis's shot off the line and a minute later only a split-second clearance by West took the ball off Thomas's toes as he went through.

In the 54th minute, however, Athletic were back on level terms. It was their best move of the game, and showed just how easy it was to reach goal if the ball was moved first time. Neale passed across field to Melville and straight away he pushed the ball through to SPURDLE, who flashed the ball into the far corner with a magnificent left-foot shot from the edge of the area.

On the heavy ground both sides were finding the going heavy and an all-out assault by Mansfield was blocked out by the Athletic defence helped by the clinging mud.

Athletic won a corner on the right, but Phoenix dropped it behind and then when Neale was brought down in the area Athletic's pleas for a penalty were again refused.

Smith was again prominent, breaking away on the left, and when Neale connected with his final cross the ball flashed just a yard outside the upright.

In the next minute however, Neale was guilty of a glaring miss. After his first shot had been blocked out he was left with the ball at his feet and the goal at his mercy—but dallied—and when he did whip in the shot it was pushed on to the post and eventually cleared.

Final:
ATHLETIC 1
MANSFIELD 1
Attendance: 6,054.

Manchester United's Pearson sent off

Both forward lines served up a crisp display of attacking football. United's goal had its narrowest escape when Gregg had to smother a battery of drives. Heat crept into the play and the referee spoke to several players before Pearson (Manchester) was sent off after 30 minutes.

Gregg was beaten by a high shot but the ball hit the upright and rebounded into play. Burnley piled on pressure and Brian Pilkington, who had come straight from his wedding, twice missed in front of goal. Half-time: Burnley 0, United 0.

Trautman slip lets in Arsenal

Arsenal were in grand form, taking the lead in the second minute with a goal by inside-left BLOOMFIELD.

City equalised when HAYES, their best forward, met a centre from the right wing on the volley.

Arsenal were always superior in midfield and Manchester dangerous in breakaways.

The visitors regained the lead and, it was BLOOMFIELD again who scored when Trautmann, rather surprisingly, missed the ball. Half-time: City 1, Arsenal 2.

West Brom dominate Everton

ROBSON put Albion ahead. For Everton, Hickson was inches over with a 25-yard drive.

Albion gradually assumed command and Everton were lucky when goalkeeper O'Neil was twice struck on the body and when a Kevan header struck the foot of a post and rebounded in to the goalkeeper's knees.

Little was seen of the Everton attack, and one minute from the interval KEVAN raced half the length of the field to put Albion two up. Half-time: West Brom 2, Everton 0.

Hull v St. Helens

MURPHY opened the scoring for St. Helens a few minutes after the start with an unconverted try. BATESON, the Hull full-back, afterwards took two penalty kicks, hit a post with the first, and scored with his second shot HARRIS then registered a try which BATESON improved.

St. Helens's tackling was keen and they held the balance of play until HAMLING went over for Hull and BATESON augmented.

Half-time: Hull 12 St. Helens 3.

Whitehaven couldn't keep Oldham out

OLDHAM left Winslade out of the side that played at Whitehaven today. He had recovered from a leg injury but was suffering from a cold. Des. McKeown came into the team in the front row and Duffy dropped back to the second row. Whitehaven were without forward Huddart.

WHITEHAVEN: McKeown; Smith, Shepherd, McMenemy, King; Garratt, Banks; McAloon, McKinnell, Vincent, Hyndes, Tembey, Short.
OLDHAM: Ganley; Cracknell, Ayres, Noon, Ety; Kellett, Pitchford; Jackson, Keith, McKeown, Little, Duffy, Turner.
Referee: Mr. J. H. Chadwick (Batley).

A Billy Banks touch-kick brought the first scrum and Whitehaven won the ball. It was moved quickly to the left, but a well-positioned King could not retain McMenemy's pass.

Winning the next scrum, Whitehaven moved into Oldham's quarter, but Oldham regained possession. Then, while clearing the line, Duffy pushed the ball and Oldham were penalised at the resultant scrum. McKEOWN was brought up and from in front of the posts opened Whitehaven's score with a goal.

Oldham were just two minutes behind with their own score. From a scrum in the Whitehaven half Keith won the ball for PITCHFORD to beat three men and go over for a great try. Ganley was wide at goal.

In the 11th minute and after a spell of Whitehaven possession, Oldham were penalised for offside. McKEOWN restored his side's lead with a goal.

Kellett's good play

New man Kellett put in a glorious run soon afterwards. Three times he came into the play to keep the ball moving on the right. When he came in for the fourth time Oldham scored. After a passing bout that failed, a Kellett pass sent AYRES racing in for a try. Ganley was just short with a difficult kick.

Oldham had a try disallowed two minutes later. Ganley linked up with the "threes" and sent Noon away. Out went the ball to Ety and he beat the full-back only to bounce the ball over the line.

Another miss for Oldham occurred in the 19th minute. Whitehaven were penalised for off-side but from 50 yards Ganley kicked wide with his goal attempt.

Oldham kept up the attack. On both wings they tested the defence with fast passing moves. The attacking ended when Jackson fluffed a ball in the Whitehaven "25" and the home side won the scrum. Sheppard made a powerful run to the halfway line but he was slow to pass and was stopped in possession.

King missed a great chance five minutes later when Oldham's right wing was well beaten by McMenemy. The pass was high, but with the line at his mercy the Whitehaven winger missed the ball.

ANYWAY, OLDHAM CAME BACK TO SCORE AGAIN IN THE 29th MINUTE. THE DEFENCE WAS ROCKING AFTER A KELLETT RUN AND IT COMPLETELY COLLAPSED WHEN KEITH PASSED OUT FOR LITTLE TO RACE 25 YARDS TO THE LINE. GANLEY LANDED THE GOAL.

Another dazzling run by Kellett had the crowd applauding, but the

advantage was lost when Cracknell was lectured by the referee after joining in at a tackle.

Just on the interval, Whitehaven were penalised again, this time at the play-the-ball. From 26 yards, GANLEY landed a goal.

Half-time:
WHITEHAVEN ... 2 0-4
OLDHAM 2 3-13

Oldham reserves and regulars had dominated the first half. With a 10-6 possession at the scrum and a firm ground they had played havoc with their opponents in some great open football. Alan Kellett had played a brilliant first half and partnered scrum-half Pitchford well.

A sensational Oldham attack started from their own half. Little foxed the defence with a great run. Full-back McKeown took him but he got the ball to Ety, who failed to beat Sheppard 15 yards from the line.

Ayres had a great chance to score three minutes later. McMenemy fumbled a pass and the Oldham centre shot in to take the ball. He delayed his pass to Cracknell and, as a result, the ball flew wide in a tackle.

Two quick penalties against Oldham followed and they went on the defensive.

Banks spoiled another penalty chance and Oldham won the scrum for Pitchford to take a deep kick and reach touch near Whitehaven's line.

Despite Whitehaven winning the scrum, Oldham got the ball back and if Cracknell had been able to take the difficult pass there might have been a try near the posts.

With Whitehaven held in their own half and Banks continually serving the scrum, the ball was staying solidly with the Cumbrians.

Now Oldham had the ball, but they were in their own half. They won the scrum but when Noon failed to play the ball correctly he was penalised. McKEOWN took a 30-yard kick and this time made no mistake by landing his third goal.

Holding a virtual monopoly of the ball, Whitehaven spring to life in the 60th minute. King lost a pass, but made a hard kick ahead. He got to the ball, but was forced into touch by Cracknell a yard short of the line.

King missed a great chance five minutes later when Oldham's right wing was well beaten by McMenemy. The pass was high, but with the line at his mercy the Whitehaven winger missed the ball.

Final:
WHITEHAVEN 4 1-11
OLDHAM 2 3-13

Late scorers: KING (try), McKEOWN (goal) for Whitehaven. Attendance: 5,000.

when it comes to sports equipment

we can supply most things from stock; on the rare occasions when we haven't just what you want we will quickly get it for you. And the same applies to advice on almost any sporting problem: if we don't know the answer (it does happen!) we'll find out for you—by phone if we can. Our sports supplies and service really are good — or we couldn't justify calling ourselves

SPORTS
GEAR
REPAIRS
Quick, efficient work done by experts. Let us have that damaged bat, pad, racket or hockey stick straight away.

SCHOFIELDS
the sports specialists
ESTABLISHED 1823

16 GEORGE ST., OLDHAM
208 STAMFORD ST., ASHTON

:: SATURDAY MAGAZINE ::

AFTER CHELTENHAM, WE CAN ASK . . .

Will the Irish stables lift Aintree's big prizes, too?

WEATHER CAN SPOIL EARLY-SEASON EVENTS

WEATHER seems to have spoilt the idea that the season of big golf could with advantage start in early March instead of early April. The opening day of the Amateur-Professional foursomes at Wentworth had to be postponed 24 hours, and even then the frost made it awkward for the early starters on Wednesday.

Next week the women are due to begin their season with a new event, the Kayser-Bondor national tournament at Sunningdale, for which there are 344 entries, a record.

AND then there are over 600 women in the Daks international tournament. It begins in golf clubs all over the country, where players take out medal cards on their home courses to qualify for the three-day matchplay finals at Wentworth (Surrey), where the exacting Burma Road course has been the scene of many epic international struggles.

The Daks tournament is played throughout on handicap. This system encourages the longer handicaps, giving them the opportunity and incentive to play competitive golf. It is divided into Silver Division (handicaps scratch to 18) and Bronze Division (handicaps 19 to 30). During March 25 to April 8, women golfers throughout Great Britain and abroad will be teeing up for the qualifying medal round on their home courses for a place among the 128 silver and bronze players who will participate in the finals at Wentworth on May 28, 29, and 30.

The matchplay finals are staged in the form of a knock-out event, and to compensate those who fail in the earlier rounds during the first and second days, a consolation competition will take place, consisting of a Stableford foursome event, and will be played on handicap concurrently with the finals.

There is an important addition to the tournament this year. The entrant in each club with the lowest qualifying score (provided there is an entry of 10 or more players) will receive a souvenir plaque. This is a welcome innovation which will stimulate interest in the qualifying round, for it will be remembered that even the winner in some clubs will not have returned a sufficiently good score to qualify for the finals at Wentworth.



JOE CARR, of Sutton, Dublin, believes in keeping in practice. During the winter, he has been playing on in the dark evenings by floodlighting a bunker on the course near his house.

IT might have been a crow; it could have been a jackdaw. Whatever it was, the bird got a black look from Charlton forward and Surrey cricketer Michael Stewart, as it first pecked at Mike's golf ball lying on the eighth fairway of the Royal Blackheath course and then flew off with the ball in its beak.

Mike not only let the bird get away with it but his opponents as well. Convinced there was a penalty he forfeited one stroke and he and his partner, Charlton coach, Jack Shreeve, lost by one hole to Stuart Leary and John Hewie.

It was pointed out later, but too late to do any good that Mike could have dropped another ball at the spot where the first one was "lifted" by the bird and played on without penalty. The bird was officially "an agency outside the match," but that wasn't what Mike called it.

United's new date

The Manchester United v. Newcastle United First Division match, which should have been played next Saturday (Cup day), will now take place on Wednesday, April 23.

THE amazing run of success experienced by the Irish stables at the Cheltenham Festival of National Hunt racing this week could lead one to expect a bold show by the same stables at Aintree a fortnight hence, writes The Ringer.

They could take the Grand National and the Topham Trophy money bags across the Irish Channel. Certainly racegoers at Liverpool's mixed meeting next week cannot afford to let any of the Irish horses run loose—in steeplechases, hurdle events or even on the flat!

★ ★ ★

H. Davison, the Findon trainer, is keeping his fingers crossed for fair weather between now and the opening of the flat-racing season on March 24. If the elements are favourable he will despatch nine horses, precisely half of his flat racing team, to Lincoln in the hope of maintaining his good record there in the past two seasons.

In 1956 he not only won the Lincolnshire Handicap with a 40/1 chance, Three Star II, but also the Lincoln Plate with Galloway Jean (100/8). Last year he had another long-priced winner when Rogerio won the Yarborough Plate at 100/6.

The team selected to represent the stable this time includes the Lincolnshire Handicap pair, Gay Trio (S. Millbanks) and Liza Goblin (D. Johnstone), and their trainer thinks that both will run well providing that they have the luck to get high numbers in the draw.

But Davison emphasises that his hopes of getting a winner or two depends largely on the weather during the next fortnight. His training grounds have been so heavy of late that little fast work has been possible. If the going dries up it will be safe to give his Lincoln hopes the two or three racing-pace gallops they need to get them to peak condition.

★ ★ ★

The up-and-coming stable of Douglas Marks, at Winkfield, in Berkshire, may have three winners at Wye on Monday in Yawl, Kellsboro' Lad and Duet Leader.

Yawl, nicely weighted in the Swanley Novices' Hurdle (Division One), was always prominent when running fourth to the useful Yes Indeed at Plumpton recently. Duet Leader has already won two races in a row, and Kellsboro' Lad is now in good form.

Tinkler Johnny (D. Leslie) should go one better than when following Padleigh home at Wolverhampton if lined up for the Askern Main Chase at Doncaster.

Dogar is on a similar mission in the Markham Main Hurdle (division one) and should recoup recent Catterick Bridge losses.

At Ayr, Carnival Rush should win the 3-45.

Next week's racing fixtures.—Monday: Doncaster, Ayr and Wye. Tuesday: Doncaster. Wednesday: Worcester and Lingfield. Thursday: Lingfield, Wincanton and Worcester. Friday: Sandown Park. Saturday: Sandown Park, Newcastle, Chesham, Buckfastleigh and Uttoxeter.

Large Selection of Fountain Pens, Ball Pens, Propelling Pencils.—Hirst Kidd & Rennie Ltd.



Horses owned by women have won the Grand National for the past three years. If there is to be another feminine success in this year's event at Aintree on March 29 it may be achieved for Miss RHONA WILKINSON by her much-fancied eight-year-old, WYNDBURGH—she is seen exercising the horse here. Wyndburgh was runner-up to Mrs. Geoffrey Kohn's Sundew (which has since had to be destroyed) in last year's Grand National.

Coarse-fish priority for Upper Strinesdale

THE Oldham United Anglers' Society held their annual general meeting last week at the Lyceum, and in spite of the poor weather there was a good attendance of members. The statement of accounts showed the club to be in a most healthy financial position. The turnover in the year was the greatest in the club's history, amounting to over £1,500.

The officials of the club were re-elected en bloc to serve a further season, and most of the business was soon covered as the chairman, Mr. F. Taylor, steered the meeting on its way.

ONE item on the agenda that caused a great deal of discussion was a proposal that trout be placed in Upper Strinesdale Reservoir. The motion failed to carry on a show of hands. It was decided, however, that Upper Strinesdale would have priority when the coarse fish restocking was carried out in the coming season.

The committee have given a lot of thought to improving the fishing of this reservoir, that in the past has held some fine specimens, but nowadays seems to yield very little. I am sure any suggestion on the improvement of the water would be welcomed by the officials.

CHADDERTON ANGLING ASSOCIATION visited Leigh Flashes and Carr Mill Dam last

Sunday on one of their short winter outings. The party that was left at Leigh had a most unsuccessful day, catching nothing between them.

The only thing pulled out of the water was a small boy who, in his excitement at thinking he had got a bite, toppled into the water. The remainder of his day was spent drying out in front of a large fire on the bank.

On his return to Chadderton he told all and sundry that he had enjoyed a "smashing time." Such is the keenness of some of the younger anglers in the town.

The party that visited Carr Mill Dam suffered in a biting cold wind which made high waves on the water and made float-fishing extremely difficult. The only catches were two or three tiny roach and perch.

FOR the angler who wants to get away from crowds, this is NOT the spot to be recommended, for on the bank is a miniature fairground and railway, while speedboats, rowboats and yachts do nothing to improve the fishing.

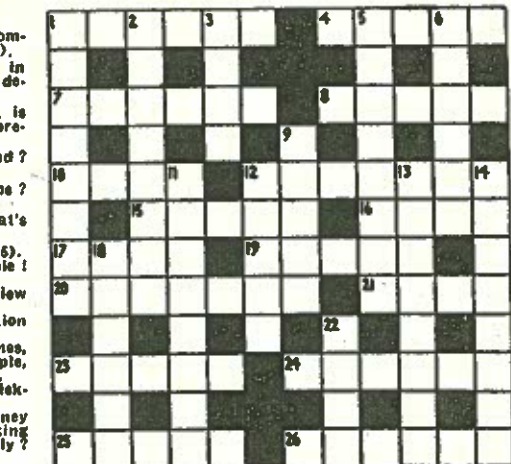
The next Chadderton club outing is to Lake Ullswater on April 27, and members wishing to attend should send their name to Mr. J. Goodwin, 112 Cowhill, Chadderton. The coach will leave at 4 a.m.

K.B.

CROSSWORD No. 1422

ACROSS

- 1 Squawk accompaniment (6).
- 4 Big noises in harbour defence (5).
- 7 The fat, or, is in the store-room (6).
- 8 The blunt end? (6).
- 10 Several cups? (6).
- 12 Money? That's fine! (7).
- 15 Teenager? (6).
- 16 Really terrible! (4).
- 17 Come into view (6).
- 19 Introduction (5).
- 20 The Thames, for example, has one (7).
- 21 Bones for tickling (4).
- 23 NOT the money for a sinking fund, surely? (6).
- 24 Film director's injunction on the set (6).
- 25 A deadly sin (5).
- 26 Was under the influence? (6).



DOWN

- 1 Make light of things (5).
- 2 Kind of pear or perfume (8).
- 3 They're sometimes left in port (4).
- 6 It's always long odds against its success (5).
- 8 Kind of cement (6).
- 9 Just the chap to hound (5).
- 11 Foreign (8).
- 12 Coconut product (5).
- 13 Lack of self-assertion (8).
- 14 Started to shrink, might one say? (8).
- 16 Predecessor of the garage hand (6).
- 22 Flat-bottomed boat (4).

FRIDAY'S SOLUTION.—Across: 3, Tentacle. 8, Elixir. 9, Manicure. 11, Proposal. 12, To-me. 13, Shrew. 18, Yodel. 19, Acre. 22, Distract. 24, In-stance. 25, Arnica. 26, Good turn. Down: 1, Distract. 2, Divot. 3, Timothy. 4, Eras. 5, Tail. 6, Crusoe. 7, Eleven. 10, Naked. 14, Robin. 15, Western. 16, Rating. 17, Presto. 20, Habit. 21, Strap (rev.). 22, Daft. 23, Bear.

BRIDGE QUIZ

By Ewart Kempson

YOU are West. Game all; play dummy's knave of diamonds, allowing South to win with the queen. Complete deal:

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

South West North East
1 ♦ 3 ♣ No 5 ♣

The East-West bidding is slightly slapdash and it is essential for West to assume that the adverse trumps are divided two and two—which, in fact, they are. North leads the 10 of diamonds. How should West play?

My Solution: West should honour cards with South. South

will lead a heart at Trick 2 and another heart at Trick 4 after winning the second round of clubs. West must take all his hearts, then dummy's ace of diamonds, then the rest of the clubs.

This leaves each player with two cards. West having a spade and the nine of diamonds while East has the ace and knave of spades. Poor South is unable to keep the king of diamonds as well as a guard in spades, so West makes 11 tricks.

West places all the missing



GREAVES ARMS (Ashton Rd.), Women's Circular Darts League Challenge Cup winners. —E. Banks, E. A. Makin, I.I. Allen, H. Brown, D. Ryder, M. Ogden, C. McLoughlin.

Greaves Arms won women's darts final

TWO new teams in the Oldham Women's Circular Darts League contested the final of the knock-out Challenge Cup at the White Hart Inn, Hollins Road, on Monday, when the Greaves Arms (Ashton Road) beat the Radcliffe Inn (Royton) 4-1.

The room and conditions were ideal for such an occasion—especially after the match when a large gathering of members of other teams in the league indulged in a convivial evening. Some of them proved they were good soloists as well as darts players.

The first game was keenly contested when E. Banks (Greaves) beat I. Lyndon in 26 arrows. Banks opened with a 77, but her next highest was a 54. Lyndon could do no better than a 47, but she was consistent and as Banks needed 17 for out, she too only needed 16. Banks got it with her 26th dart and Lyndon, allowed two arrows, just failed.

The match was squared when M. Allen lost to A. Harrison in 27 arrows. Harrison's top score was a 64, and Allen's 60. Allen could have won, but she burst when needing only 4. Harrison accepted her chance by getting her 38 with a 20, 3, and 15.

Both players burst

D. Ryder restored the Greaves lead when she beat H. Barnes in 25 arrows. She opened with a 65, was fairly consistent, but was shaken as Barnes came from behind with an 83, 57 and 60, to leave her wanting only 9.

Ryder burst on 17, but Barnes, over-eager, also scored over the odds. Ryder made no mistake on her next visit to the hockey and although Barnes was allowed one dart she failed.

Nothing startling in the next game between K. Kerfoot and Alice Harrison, until Kerfoot scored 83 to leave her with 25 needed for out. This she scored, while Harrison still needed 38.

H. Brown made victory and the cup safe by beating J. Westhead in 26 arrows. Brown was consistent with a 40-odd average, but Westhead scored three 57s and both were level at 3 for game. Brown got it with her 26th dart, but Westhead, allowed two arrows, was too nervous and lost.

The other two games were played as friendlies. M. Ogden lost to A. Haslop, although she needed 102 and burst with 124. E. Makin beat A. Wrightson in a game in which she scored an 82, and so the final score, including the last two games, was Greaves 5, Radcliffe 2.

Whitby Dunlops, Canada's world ice hockey champions, who are to play in Britain next week, gained an easy 8-1 win at Paris last night over a team of Canadians drawn from European clubs.

LORD NELSON WON TOP-FOUR PLAY-OFF

The Lord Nelson Inn, already winners of the Oldham and District Darts League (by one on games average), won the top-four play-off on Thursday when they beat their strong rivals, Freemasons Arms, 4-2, at Westwood Conservative Club.

This match seemed to lack the usual bite that exists when they clash, and maybe the answer was that end-of-season feeling.

The draw put Bobby Green and Arthur Brooks (Nelson) together in the first game, and both walked it. Brooks was on the double one with his 30th arrow but had four other visits to the hockey without getting it. Meanwhile Green, well behind at his 30th arrow, came along with three sergeants to get level. Green, throwing first, got the double one with his 45th arrow, but Brooks got

it with his 44th, and centre first shot.

J. Hewson clashed with S. Woodward, and Hewson walked it while Woodward doubled 7. Both got stuck on the return double, but Hewson got it with his 50th arrow and centre in 53 to pip Woodward on the bull.

Up in 24 arrows

K. Jackson brightened the proceedings by doubling one and 10 to be on return double-one in 21 arrows. Swindells had doubled six and needed 13 as Jackson doubled one and got centre to win in 24 arrows with some nifty darting.

Freemasons were now leading 2-1 but that is as near as they were to get to winning. H. Kendall (Nelson) beat A. Cocker in 41 arrows after both had walked it, and Joe Cartledge was another who failed on the early doubles. He lost to W. Barlow (Nelson) in 34 arrows although Barlow, too, had walked it.

P. Winrow doubled 8 and W. Houghton (Nelson) doubled 9 in the sixth game, but both suffered on return double 8. Winrow had no less than 31 arrows without getting it. Houghton used 18 at the double and 21 more before he hit centre.

Presentation of trophies

A social evening was in progress in the main room and the presentation ceremony concluded the proceedings. The championship shield was presented to the Lord Nelson, and the crib championship shield to Corporation Arms.

Freemasons Arms received the knock-out trophy, with the Lancashire Vaults runners-up and the beaten semi-finalists Museum Inn and Westwood Conservative Club. Lord Nelson won the top-four play-off, with Freemasons runners-up and beaten semi-finalists Lancashire Vaults and Royal Hotel.

Corporation Arms also won the crib knock-out, with Royal Hotel runners-up and beaten semi-finalists, Museum Inn and Turn-o'-Luck. Museum Inn won the top-four play-off (Corporation Arms runners-up, and beaten semi-finalists Lancashire Vaults and British Flag).



BY THE STUDENT

A HARD-LUCK story in the first teaser. Score two points each for numbers one and three and one for number two. Four is a good score.

TEASER NUMBER ONE

In a race at Cheltenham this week, a jockey, who had once broken his neck rode a horse for a trainer who had also had the misfortune to break his neck once. Who were they?

TEASER NUMBER TWO

Sir Len Hutton has had to surrender two of his records in the last few months. What are they?

TEASER NUMBER THREE

Which First Division Club was once barred from playing in the FA Cup?

[Answers on Page 5]

HOLLINWOOD LEAGUE

Tuesday's darts results in the Hollinwood League (crib in brackets): Royal Oak 4 (4), Ferranti 3 (3); Commercial 1 (3), Yew Tree 6 (4); Failsworth CC 3 (3), New Moston BL 4 (4); Oxford 2 (4), Bridgewater 5 (3); Colliers 4 (5), Bowling Green 3 (2). Struggler v. White Hart result not to hand.

	P	W	L	F	A	Pts
Yew Tree	22	20	2	114	40	40
Bridgewater	23	19	4	107	54	38
White Hart	22	18	4	95	59	36
Greaves Arms	23	16	6	97	54	32
Oxford	22	13	9	77	76	26
Royal Oak	22	12	10	80	74	24
Failsworth CC	22	10	12	77	77	20
Ferranti	22	10	12	75	79	20
New Moston BL	22	8	14	79	75	16
Bowling Green	22	7	15	63	91	14
Colliers Arms	22	6	16	63	92	12
Commercial	22	3	19	48	106	6
Struggler	21	1	20	24	121	2

	P	W	L	F	A	Pts
New Moston BL	22	17	5	97	57	34
Bridgewater	23	15	8	92	69	30
White Hart	23	15	7	88	66	30
Failsworth CC	23	14	8	85	69	28
Yew Tree	22	14	8	83	71	28
Greaves Arms	22	12	10	83	71	24
Oxford	22	11	11	78	76	22
Colliers Arms	22	10	12	73	81	20
Ferranti	22	8	14	76	78	16
Royal Oak	22	8	14	63	91	16
Struggler	21	7	14	50	97	14
Commercial	22	6	16	72	82	12
Bowling Green	22	5	17	68	96	10

Junior Schools' Soccer EARL, MAN OF MATCH IN OLDHAM TOWN WIN

IN blizzard conditions the Oldham Junior Town team left Oldham after school last Wednesday afternoon to play an inter-town game against Prestwich and Whitefield at Agecroft.

There seemed little hope that the match would be played under such conditions but on arrival at Agecroft the snow and sleet stopped and the game started on a pitch as near perfect as possible, not one patch of mud on it, even after all the snow and rain we have had recently.

The Oldham skipper, Ibbotson, won the toss and the home side kicked off under the shadow of the giant cooling towers of the near-by power station but it wasn't long before it was clear that the Oldham half-back line was going to have a big say in the course of the game.

Every home attack was broken up and the forwards could not find a gap anywhere in a splendid defence which soon found time to supply a steady stream of passes to its own forwards. The Oldham forwards also came up against a resolute defence with the Prestwich centre-half and captain playing a great part but from the clever football the Oldham boys were serving up, a goal had to come and sure enough it did. All the forwards had a hand in it and the final pass from Henthorn was pounced on by ABBOTT who scored a delightful goal.

Although playing up a slight slope, Oldham had held the upper hand and Davidson, in the Oldham goal, had not had a serious shot to deal with so good was the defence in front of him and half-time came with the score Prestwich and Whitefield 0, Oldham 1.

On the restart, Oldham swept to the attack but Prestwich were determined not to concede another goal and defended stubbornly against a lively Oldham attack. A feature of this half was the duel between Butterworth, the Oldham outside-right, and the home left-back which ended honours even with these two good players giving their best.

The outstanding performance of this and of the first half was that given by Earl, the Oldham right-back, who was in complete command, breaking up any attack by the home forwards with the skill and calm of a veteran and finding time to set his forwards in motion.

It was from his great run that the second Oldham goal came. Gaining possession in his own half he swept down the right wing and seeing Gallagher coming over from the left, laid on a perfect pass for him, which GALLAGHER took in fine style with a great shot past the advancing goalkeeper.

This completed the scoring and the Oldham team, with not a weak link anywhere, ran out worthy 2-0 winners against a capable Prestwich and Whitefield side. The Oldham boys can look forward with confidence to the return match in Oldham on March 26.

Oldham: Davidson (Freehold); Earl (Alexandra), Wells (Freehold); Ibbotson, capt. (Hathershaw), Herson (Alexandra), Twelves (Limeside); Butterworth (Alexandra), Hunter (Waterhead), K. Abbot (All Saints), Henthorn (Derker), Gallagher (Freehold).

T.M.J.

The organ of Oldham Parish Church is being completely renovated at a cost of £3,000. This total is to also include new robes for the choir. The organ is expected to be ready for Easter.

Junior schools

Roundthorn gave away first point

AFTER being pipped on the post last year by Derker, Roundthorn made sure of this year's championship of Division 2 by picking up three points from their last two games, winning convincingly 5-0 against a much-improved Fitton Hill side and drawing 0-0 against St. Patrick's. In this match, Roundthorn gave away their first league point of the season in a battle of defences.

Roundthorn had the better of the first half with Fitton and Bowden outstanding, but St. Patrick's supplied most of the pressure in the second and Mitchell, Fitzsimmons and Kenry were their stars. Neither side looked like scoring and a draw was a fair result.

In Division 3, Coldhurst recorded their first win of the season, beating Waterhead by 6-2 and Westwood became the first team to take a point from All Saints as a result of a 2-2 draw. Thompson and Mawdsley scored for Westwood and Abbott (R.) and Green for the visitors. Both teams remain undefeated.

Waterhead went to the top as a result of a narrow 3-2 win, over Moorside. Early on, Moorside were the better team, but in the second half of this grand game Waterhead took command and the Moorside goal had some narrow escapes. Hunter (2) and P. Shaw scored for Waterhead and B. Turner and M. Shaw for Moorside.

In Division 4, Higginshaw gained a convincing victory over St. Andrew's but in the first half it was St. Andrew's who, helped by a strong win, held the upper hand. The St. Andrew's boys couldn't, however, turn their advantage into goals and after half-time had come with the score 1-1 Higginshaw ran riot in the second half and added five more without reply. Wolfenden (4), Connor and the own goal counted for Higginshaw and T. Clifford scored for St. Andrew's.

Clayton Cup

The semi-finals of this competition are due to be played by next Saturday, but unless there is a determined effort to clear off outstanding matches, coupled with some kind weather, it looks as if these semi-finals will be held up.

3rd Round Draw: Hathershaw v. St. Peter's; Middleton v. SS Aidan and Oswald's or Denton Lane; Northmoor or St. Joseph's (Limeside) v. Derker; Yew Tree or East Crompton v. Freehold or Moorside; Limehurst v. Alexandra.

Result: Limehurst 2, Alexandra 4. T.M.J.

Prince play White House in final

The top-four play-off semi-finals in the Shaw Road Darts League were played last Tuesday and resulted as follows: White House 4, Egerton Arms 2; Prince of Wales 4, Halfway House 2. The final will be played on Tuesday at the Prince of Wales.



LORD NELSON, champions of the Oldham and District Darts League. — J. Brown, R. Hayhurst, W. Swindells, W. Houghton, A. Brooks, R. Barnett, W. Smith.

The year's best films are now on their way



IS it easy to kill? Easy to die? William Holden pauses a minute before attacking a Japanese guard in this scene from the British production for Columbia Pictures, "The Bridge on the River Kwai," co-starring Jack Hawkins and Alec Guinness.

Holden plays an American naval man who escapes from a hated Japanese prison camp on the Burma-Siam border, and then "volunteers" to return in the cause of heroism.

However, as Holden says: "It's more important to live like a human being than die like a hero."

"The Bridge on the River Kwai," based on a book and screenplay by Pierre Boulle and directed by David Lean, has returned to London's West End for a third engagement. It has become the most important film of the year.

THE Hollywood Oscars—the Academy Award winners—are being considered among the films shown in America last year, ready for presentation at the Hollywood night of nights, the Award dinner. Meanwhile many of the films nominated have not been seen generally in England. There is much to look forward to. The Oscar lists give filmgoers a chance to note the films they ought to see. What are they?

Probably the most-talked-about film being seen now is "Bridge on the River Kwai." To that add "Peyton Place," "Sayonara," "Witness for the Prosecution," "Wild is the Wind," "A Farewell to Arms," "The Enemy Below" and "Raintree County."

These are the "must" films to be seen by the connoisseur, filmgoers who have not the regular weekly habit and who like advance warning.

Alec Guinness's performance in "River Kwai" is something rare; Charles Laughton's in the Agatha Christie thriller "Witness for the Prosecution" is bigger and fuller than any performance since "Henry VIII." Lana Turner, the "sweater girl" of the war years, and actress who was always in the forefront of glamour, comes up in "Peyton Place" with her best performance ever, as mother.

The novel of this penetrating film, which has won nine Academy Award nominations, is sweeping America, where it is acclaimed as the most frank and realistic exposure of community life ever told.

The film mercilessly explores the habits of a cross-section of a vigorous group of people wrestling with their problems of sex, youthful inhibitions, disillusionment, poverty and jealousy.



"Sayonara" has Marlon Brando in love with a Japanese girl in Tokio; "Raintree County," an American saga, has Elizabeth Taylor acting well; "A Farewell to Arms" has Jennifer Jones and Rock Hudson in a passionate love story which is going to have the women queuing; "The Enemy Below" is one of the best-ever naval war films, a submarine tussle between a German and an American officer; and "Wild is the Wind" has that fabulous Italian actress Anna Magnani (remember her in "The Rose Tattoo"?) and Anthony Quinn confirming that he is among Hollywood's top-rank actors.

Not under consideration for an Oscar (it's already won one) but not yet seen generally here, is "The Brave One," a charming American film about Mexico starring the British child actor Michel Ray.

'Two Cities' is unfair to Bogarde

SAY what you like about a Dirk Bogarde film, it will pack them in at the box-office just the same. There was nothing particularly arresting about "Ill Met by Moonlight" or "The Spanish Gardener," but the fans flocked to see them. They will be there in force to see his latest, "A Tale of Two Cities," another step in the plan to make Bogarde a romantic hero.

Dickens comes over magnificently on the screen; consider "Great Expectations," "Oliver Twist," "Nicholas Nickleby," "Pickwick Papers," "A Christmas Carol." With T. E. B. Clarke, one of Britain's finest scriptwriters, to work on "Two Cities" and the Box-Thomas producer-director partnership holding the reins, one expects much of the film.

But it is unfair to Bogarde. He lounges his way through the Sydney Carton role in a sleepy daze. Where is the passion? He has not the help of playing the dual roles as Ronald Colman did in the earlier version, for a Frenchman, Paul

Guers (with dubbed voice) plays his double, Darnay.

Dorothy Tutin takes on the unrewarding role of Lucie Manette and one wonders why. Athene Seyler is a joy. Her Miss Pross is welcome comic relief.

Photographic splendour

One can enjoy the Revolutionary scenes, the crop of weird "French" characters who plot and snarl in the dark holes of Paris back-street life, the period atmosphere and shots of photographic splendour.

But Bogarde attempts to bring a subtlety of performance, a delicacy and style to what is basically a swashbuckling theme. This approach fails to work up any particular concern for the fate of anyone and without a conscious sympathy for the cause the production just hurries along to the classic line "It is a far, far better thing . . ."

leaving a trail of unsatisfied great expectations and no little confusion of plot development.

Bogarde, busy working on "The Wind Cannot Read," in which he becomes the great lover, needs more emphatic star material than "Two Cities" if he is to remain King of Pinewood.

ALEC GUINNESS HAS BECOME A SCRIPTWRITER

THE day may well dawn when it will be Alec Guinness, the well-known scriptwriter. He has already scripted "The Horse's Mouth," which he is presently starring in at Shepperton Studios for the director who made "Windom's Way," Ronald Neame and John Bryan.

Now I understand he is working on a script for Ronald Neame Productions based on the life of Father Damien, a Flemish priest who was known as the Apostle of the Lepers.

Shooting starts in mid-May on "The Scapegoat" at MGM, Elstree. Sir Michael Balcon will produce for MGM release, although it is not an Ealing picture as such. It is being made through a company owned by Alec Guinness, who will star, and Daphne du Maurier, who wrote the book.

Her costume wouldn't stay wet



IT was 108 in the shade in The Valley of a Thousand Hills, Natal, where this picture was taken. So hot that Belinda Lee, filming a swimming scene for "Nor the Moon by Night," found her costume was drying on her before the shooting sequence had finished. So the property man poured water from a four-gallon petrol tin over Belinda under the critical inspection of the make-up man.

Set against the colourful and exciting background of a South African game reserve, "Nor the Moon by Night" tells the story of a beautiful English girl whose plan to marry a game warden is complicated by her growing love for his younger brother.

"Nor the Moon by Night" is a Rank Organisation production, filmed on location in South Africa.

It stars Belinda Lee, Michael Craig, Patrick McGeehan and Anna Gaylor.

Virginia McKenna's next film

VIRGINIA MCKENNA, whose magnificent performance in "Carve Her Name With Pride" knocked the critics for six, is to co-star with Yvonne Mitchell in another film for the Rank Organisation. Their leading man will be Virginia's husband Bill Travers.

The film is "The Passionate Summer," based on the novel, "The Shadow and the Peak," by Richard Mason, and the story is set in Jamaica. It is a tense and moving drama of two women and a schoolgirl in love with the same man.

Virginia McKenna plays the girl whose rich, but married, boy friend walks out on her and so makes it possible for her to seek the company of a schoolmaster (Bill Travers). This does not escape the notice of the schoolmaster's wife (Yvonne Mitchell) or of the schoolgirl.

"The Passionate Summer" is being made in colour. It is directed by Rudolph Cartier, a top television producer who was awarded an Oscar as the best television producer of 1957.

He has been released by the BBC to make the film. The unit will leave for location in Jamaica immediately after Easter.

Absent-minded Buenos Aires citizens enriched the Federal Police in 1957 with 18,000 pesos (£216) which was left in public vehicles.

The Buenos Aires transportation "lost and found" office also sent the police hundreds of odds and ends which were never claimed, from umbrellas and portfolios to pigeons and penguins!

MR. HOLLIDAY IS TURNING DOWN FILM OFFERS

MICHAEL HOLLIDAY, the lantern-jawed "pops" idol who rode into the hit-parade with an apple-rich voice and positively no gimmick, is the choosiest man in the business.

He can afford to be. His are the kind of notes that last. And he knows that with a fair spot of luck and the right songs he'll still be in there crooning when most of the gimmick - boys are cuddling memories.

Which is why he is not just yet following in the tradition of Frankie Vaughan and Tommy Steele and cashing in on films. This is not, be it said, for want of being asked. It's just that he has a weakness for turning down film offers that aren't exactly what he wants.

The nearest he has so far come to being in a film is to record the title song for George Brown's Irish comedy "Rooney," which stars John Gregson, Muriel Pavlow and Barry Fitzgerald, a Rank film made at Pinewood and in Dublin streets.

Dublin will hear the song when the film is given its world premiere at the city's Savoy Theatre tonight before a West End opening at the Odeon, Marble Arch, on March 27.



FLASH HARRY returns.

George Cole returns to the screen once again in the role of Flash Harry, the wide boy of St. Trinian's, somewhat unconventional school, in "Blue Murder at St. Trinian's." This time Harry becomes involved in a plot to marry off one of the sixth formers to a rich Italian prince.

The film marks the return to the screen of those "fiends in human shape" created by Ronald Searle, with the fun fast and furious as St. Trinian's is let loose on Europe. The cast is headed by Terry-Thomas, Joyce Grenfell and George Cole, with Alastair Sim as Miss Fritton.



PAUL SCOFIELD, one of the five leading actors in Britain, is seldom tempted to make films. In fact, apart from "That Lady," with Olivia de Havilland, he has made only one. It turns out to be the outstanding film of the year so far from the Rank Organisation Studios at Pinewood—"Carve Her Name With Pride," the story of the heroism of Violette Szabo, G.C., played by Virginia McKenna. Paul plays her fellow agent. His stage work includes the "Hamlet" played in Moscow, "The Power and the Glory," "The River Line," "Ring Round the Moon," and "Time Remembered." Soon he is to appear in a stage musical.

FIRST THROUGH 4-MINUTE BARRIER



FACTS AND FACES

MARCH 15th

TOM RICHARDS

THE FIFTEENTH OF MARCH IS THE BIRTHDAY OF **Tom Richards**, WHO AT **THIRTY-EIGHT YEARS OF AGE** HAD THE **GREATEST TRIUMPH IN HIS CAREER AS A MARATHON RUNNER.**

THIS WAS IN THE 1948 OLYMPIAD AT Wembley Stadium, WHEN AFTER 26 GRUELLING MILES RUN IN 2½ hrs, Richards, COMPETING WITH 41 RUNNERS, FINISHED ONLY 16 SECS BEHIND CABRERA THE FIRST MAN HOME. THIS WAS A MAGNIFICENT ACHIEVEMENT FOR THE GALLANT ENGLISHMAN!

RESULT OF THE MARATHON

1 CABRERA (ARGENTINA)

2 RICHARDS (GT BRITAIN)

3 GAILLY (BELGIUM)

It has just been reported that R. Bannister has broken the world mile record with a time of 3 minutes 59.4 seconds. Even the famously impartial voice of Alvar Liddell, the duty BBC news reader for the six o'clock bulletin on May 6, 1954, betrayed a quiver of excitement.

That bald announcement meant that the greatest dream of the athletics world had been achieved—and an Englishman had been the first to conquer the phantom FOUR-MINUTE MILE.

Much has been written about history's first four-minute mile, and Roger Bannister has written his own account in his best-selling autobiography. But three aspects of that immortal race on the Iffley Road track at Oxford have never, in my view, been fully appreciated.

PLANNING

First, the deliberateness and urgent planning that went into the record attempt;

Secondly, the wind conditions, which were so bad that only a fool would have predicted that a man



ROGER BANNISTER

at least three fully qualified time-keepers.

Secondly I insisted that the track was resurveyed on the morning of the race. Just imagine what would have been said if it had been found to be two inches short after the race! In fact, the certificate showed it to be two inches over the statute mile.

The wind that day was gusting up to 20 miles an hour, which seemed to Bannister to be like a full gale that would rob him of at least a second per lap. It was a very depressed man who, in the morning, tried out two pairs of spikes and chose one that was two ounces lighter than any he had previously used.

FULL OF GLOOM

When he got down to the track after a light lunch he was still full of gloom about wind.

But just when all seemed lost, a remarkable change came over the weather; there was a short, sharp shower of very cold rain, the wind dropped, and the most vivid rainbow I have ever seen suddenly framed Iffley church.

The story of the race is well known. During it Bannister uttered only two words—After the first 220 yards in 28.7 seconds he shouted to Brasher "faster" and in the third lap he uttered his second command "Chris" for Chataway to take over the lead from the rapidly-tiring Brasher.

With 230 yards to go, Bannister hauled out from behind Chataway to let go his sustained, lung-searing drive for the tape. With his pulse at 155 and all colour drained from his sight, the exhausted Bannister was set upon by autograph-hunters, newsreel men and press correspondents. It felt to my lot to make the announcement.

"Ladies and Gentlemen, here is the result of Event Number Nine the One Mile: First, No. 41. R. G. Bannister, of the Amateur Athletic Association and formerly of Exeter and Merton Colleges, with a time which is a new meeting and track record and which subject to ratification, will be a new English Native, British (National), British (All-Comers), European British Empire and WORLD RECORD.

"The time is THREE . . . (and lost in the roar were the words) MINUTES, fifty-nine point four seconds."

Time off for a swim

Civil servants at the Bavarian Labour Ministry have been told that once a fortnight they may have an afternoon off for a swim. Those who chose the swim can go to the baths at 3 p.m. every other Monday. The rest must stay on duty until 5 p.m.

The Minister, Herr Walter Stain, introduced the idea to increase the civil servants' enthusiasm for work and to improve their health.

French referees have to be seen to be believed

LIKE the master mystician's act, referees on the other side of the Channel really have to be seen to be believed. Take the latest international between Great Britain and France at Grenoble: the British side conceded 26 penalties while the French got away with two—both offences within 20 yards of the British line.

Answers To Sports Teasers

TEASER NUMBER ONE

The trainer was Fred Rimell, former champion NH jockey, and the rider was D. V. Dick—both recovered from broken necks sustained in falls while riding. The horse was Tokoroa, which unfortunately finished second in the champion Hurdle on Wednesday, otherwise it might have been a story with a happy ending.

TEASER NUMBER TWO

He lost his highest Test score record to Garfield Sobers in the recent Test at Kingston, Jamaica, and he also lost the record for the longest first-class innings when Hanif Mahommed made 337 in 16hr. 13min. at Bridgetown, Barbadoes, in the first Test of the present series between the West Indies and Pakistan.

TEASER NUMBER THREE

Birmingham in 1921-2 season. They forgot to apply for exemption from the preliminary rounds and were not allowed to take part in the competition proper.

In fairness to the official, Great Britain deserved almost every one of the penalties, and by English refereeing standards they would probably have come off even worse. But the French were far from being angels.

They were every bit as bad as the British boys, and on technical offences such as offside and minor obstructions they were much worse. But the referee took not the slightest notice.

And here's the rub. This particular referee is rated one of the best in France—and the British team liked him very much. They were delighted, in fact, when they knew he had the job. As it was the first international I had seen over there, I was astounded and then amused by the bewildering tactics of the man with the whistle.

Fighting was ignored. The referee's main job if a brawl does break out seems to be to get the ball away from the flying fists as soon as possible. If he can't, then he blows the whistle.

A shining example of this attitude came in the first-half of the Grenoble international at a scrum

by W.D.

near the halfway line. The two scrum-halves forgot the ball and started fighting. The two loose-forwards also had a slight difference that left them rolling around on the ground. But the French second-row got the ball away with a long pass.

The referee just ignored the trouble at the scrum, turned and followed the progress of the ball until he pointed for a try. By that time the four players had tired of mauling and returned to their own ranks without an official interference.

It was astounding to see how the crowd also gave the referee a hand with his job. If he was 50 yards away from an incident, the roar of the crowd was enough for him to award a penalty.

Of course, as it was a French crowd, roars of disapproval were heard only when Great Britain were the offenders.

Seeking out reasons as to why French referees are so unashamedly biased is difficult. I could not get French officials to agree that they did lean to one side, and English officials could not give much help.

"There is just no accounting for it," one official said to me. "In the main the penalties they award are quite justified. It is simply that they only penalise the English, except where they cannot possibly excuse the French team."

The official was quite sure that referees knew their job and, in some instances, interpreted the rules more clearly than the average English official.

"BUT YOU CAN BE SURE," HE ADDED, "THAT WHEN AN ENGLISH SIDE GO TO FRANCE, THEY MUST KEEP AT LEAST SEVEN POINTS IN FRONT TO HAVE ANYTHING OF A CHANCE. IF THE SCORE GETS TO WITHIN A COUPLE OF POINTS, THEN THE FRENCH WILL GET A PENALTY GOAL."

One small point in favour of French refereeing seemed to be that play was allowed to continue for longer periods. And according to a couple of my journalist friends, had it been one of several referees they knew, the Grenoble game would have gone even longer without penalty stoppages.

PIGEON NOTES

1958 racing plans

WITH the start of racing only a few weeks off, arrangements for the season are now well in hand. Oldham Federation race stages will be: Old birds—Worcester, April 26, Worcester, May 3, Cheltenham, May 10, Chippenham, May 17, Christchurch, May 24, Christchurch, May 31, St. Malo, June 14, Cheltenham, June 21, Rennes, June 28, Cheltenham, July 5 and Nantes, July 12. Young birds: Worcester, July 26, Worcester, August 2, Cheltenham, August 9, Chippenham, August 16, Christchurch, August 30 and Cheltenham (open) September 6.

Shaw and District get off a week early by staging a club race on April 19 from Stafford. I am informed that Oldham Flying Club will also send their birds along with Shaw. Fred Hopkinson will go along on the Saturday, and pick the birds up at Stafford and liberate each club separately.

Shaw also intend to have a club race from Guernsey on June 7; the birds for this race will be sent to a private liberator. Once again Old-

ham are hoping to go along with Shaw. It is obvious that both these clubs intend to have as full a season as possible.

Oldham Federation appointed a clock committee at their last meeting. This committee will now be responsible for testing all club master-timers, which have to be in at Federation headquarters at the next meeting. It was also passed that all birds competing for Federation honours have to be sent through the Federation to races.

The annual dinner and dance of the Federation has now been fixed. It will take place at Oldham Town Hall on Saturday, October 11. The Lancashire Combine have been invited to present their prizes at this function and have accepted. This will be the first occasion that the Combine has been in Oldham.

Hey Homing Society had a good attendance at their monthly meeting and it was pleasing to see all the members joining in a general discussion after the meeting. New fanciers can often learn more this way than any other. J.C.

Hornets have no reason to fear the big Wigan wolf

NOT for ten years, since the last Challenge Cup semi-final appearance, has Rugby League enthusiasm in Rochdale reached its present peak. True, there are many who fail to see that the Hornets can do what Oldham could not do in the third round. But that is not the way the team and officials, and a great many supporters, are approaching the semi-final with Wigan at Swinton on March 29.

Rochdale SS League St. Peter's cup tie success well earned

ST. PETER'S sprung a surprise in their second round Timpson Cup game by defeating St. Aidan's at Springfield by 5-2. There was no fluke about their win. Two goals down at half-time, they mastered their A Division opponents in the second half and finished much the better side. Whitworth (3), Hazeldine and Whitehead scored their goals, Hemmings and Richardson netting for St. Aidan's.

Heywood St. James entertained All Saints and it was not until the 65th minute that the game came to life. A goal then by Heywood gave them the lead, but All Saints replied with three goals in the next ten minutes. A rally by the home team brought them two goals and earned a replay. Gill scored all three goals for All Saints. Howarth (2) and Gee scoring for Heywood.

In their second round Gordon Harvey Cup game with Wardle Parish Reserves at Wardle the holders, Castlemere OB Reserves, were fortunate to share four goals. With the advantage of the wind Castlemere led 2-1 at half-time but they were completely outplayed in the second half and only poor finishing by the Wardle forwards, who could only get one goal saved them from defeat. Kershaw scored both Castlemere goals, Boothman and Gardner netting for Wardle.

League Games: A lone goal by Riley midway through the second half was sufficient to give Sacred Heart both points in their away game with Lanehead.

Milton defeated Wardle Parish by three clear goals. It was remarkable that neither side scored when playing with the wind. All Milton's goals came in the second half when facing it. Stoner (2) and Naylor were their goalscorers.

YMCA Old Boys fought back when two goals down in their away game with Castlemere Old Boys to be level at 2-2. The home team proved the stronger finishers, however, and deserved their 4-2 win. Hammond and Bellew shared Castlemere's four goals. Marriott and Taylor netting for YMCA.

St. Vincent's had only eight players for their home game with Shawforth and were beaten by a double figure score.

B Division: Whittles comfortable 8-2 home win over Buckley Hall has given them a ten-point lead and they now only require one point from their remaining four games to be assured of the championship.

Whatever hopes Facit Parish may have had of overtaking Whittles disappeared when they crashed to Outgate Baptist at Outgate. The home team completely outplayed them to win 8-2. Greenwood scored four of the winner's goals.

Millarow Parish won their home game with St. Gabriel's in the first quarter of an hour, when they established a three-goal lead. The visitors had more of the play in the second half but could only get one goal.

A draw of 1-1 was a very fair result to the Thornham St. James v. Thornham game, the visitors scoring with the wind in the first half and St. James equalising after the changeover. After sharing four goals in the first half of their home game with Newhey St. Thomas's, St. Patrick's fell away and the visitors finished good winners by 5-3.

Grand snooker recovery

Recovering brilliantly after losing the first two frames by wide margins, Jack Tench (Middleton) beat Neville Suthers (Rochdale) 3-2 in the final of the open snooker handicapped at the Phoenix Bowling Club, Heywood. Tench received a start of seven points in each frame.

We can, I suppose, all find comparisons to point to the Hornets' visions of a Wembley appearance being futile, but those are not the comparisons I want to make. They are no more a guide than was the Lancashire semi-final, in which the clubs also met in the early stages of this season.

I place more confidence in the chances of the Hornets as outsiders from some of the games in which the Central Park star-studded combination has had very little "to wag on" until the closing stages, from the current way the Hornets are playing, and from the comparison with ten years ago.

We must also bear in mind that luck plays a part in winning cups, and so far, apart from two home draws which they fully deserved after winning at Hull in the first round, the Hornets have had but little of good fortune. Their turn to have the run of the ball, or something else equally important, must come.

Recaptured spirit

The present team has gone far towards recapturing the spirit of the players who represented Hornets against Wigan at the 1948 semi-final. It would be false to claim that they have exceeded it, for never have I known such enthusiasm and rolling up of sleeves as there was when Doug Booth, Albert Fearnley, Freddie Lamb, Bill Griffith and company anticipated their chance of appearing at Wembley.

That they lost by eleven points to nil is now history in Rochdale, but what has not gone down on the records is the rough deal they had and the shadow which suddenly appeared over the team on the day of the match. For those on the inside, travelling with the official party to Swinton, some enthusiasm was lost when the players and officials spent an hour, as arranged, at a social club at Broughton.

There the players asked the directors to receive a deputation—and after a secret consultation a team change was made, obviously at the request of the team deputation. The change was well received by the crowd when the names were announced over the loud speakers at Station Road, but the shock caused by the unexpected meeting of players and officials took away some of the atmosphere of the occasion.

But the cruellest blow to the Hornets' hopes was when the referee allowed Wigan to go on and score a try from one of the most palpable knock-ons ever to remain unchecked. The ball was not just knocked-on; it was bounced and taken on the rebound by a player. If there are any gifts knocking about on March 29 it should be the

In the HORNETS' NEST by Touchjudge

Hornets' turn to be on the receiving end.

Ruling out whether Wigan are as good as they were (and they are always "not so bad") I rate the Hornets' present team infinitely better than the 1948 side as attackers, as well as being sounder all round. That does not detract from the high regard I have always had of the Hornets of ten years ago.

For the present the chief hope is that the players expected to turn out for the Cup-tie escape injuries so that for the fourth time the same combination can be fielded.

Fishwick's honour

John Fishwick's recognition by the selectors and inclusion in the second tour trial at Leeds next Wednesday, has been heartily received in Rochdale. The crowd are also pleased by the way Ferdi Corsi is settling down in the professional game. It was touch-and-go whether he kept his place in the side for the York match, but, barring accidents, he is already booked for the semi-final line-up.

It is expected that Mr. Jack Bowdler (vice-chairman) and Mr. Albert E. York (secretary) will have the job of explaining to the Rugby League why the Hornets-Wigan game was called off on February 28, 24 hours before the time for the fixture. I cannot see the League doing anything drastic even though the League chairman, Mr. Horsfall, of Halifax, visited the ground on March 1 and considered it fit for play.

Far worse things than this have happened in the Rugby League without penalty or punishment. Some Hornets' supporters can recall Wigan, without any consultation with the Hornets, cancelling a Saturday match at the Athletic Grounds so that they could play a friendly match in France.

It was against the printed rules, but the Rugby League not only allowed Wigan to get away with it, but (I was told authentically afterwards), paid the extra cost born by the Hornets for a midweek game.

Of course, there is no clash between the two clubs in the present case. Wigan took the Hornets' word that the ground was unfit and they are on the outside of any dispute there is.

Signor Giuseppe Romita, a former Socialist Minister and underground leader, who was imprisoned by the Fascists, died in Rome last night aged 71.

Rochdale Amateur League

HEYMAIN REACH CUP FINAL

Heymain Recs. entered the final of the Amateur Cup for the first time on visiting Railway Street in the semi-final last Saturday. They were successful by the odd goal of three. The game was a triumph for both defences. Heymain opened their score through Shepherd after 44 minutes and Wright put them two up a minute after the turn round. Openshaw scored for Railway Street a minute from the final whistle.

In a Charity Cup game, Rochdale Athletic defeated second division club Boots Social by 3-1. Athletic were on top throughout the first half and led 3-0 at the interval through goals by Bamford, Sinkinson and Barron. Boots came more into the picture in the second half, but could only reduce the arrears once through Whittam.

In a first division game, A. and A. Crompton's received Bay Horse, and after a very even game six goals were shared. Sugden, Ashworth and Buterworth (own goal) scored for Crompton's and White and Keisk (2) netted for Bay Horse.

Walsden, who have left their effort late, received Turner Bros. and were successful by 9-3 after having led 5-1 at half-time. Walsden dictated play from start to finish. Moir, Merrick and Whitehead scored for Turner's and Stafford (4), Freeman (3), Kelly and Rolfe scored for Walsden.

Whitworth, at home to Industry, were good winners by 6-1. Black (3), Gooding (2) and Whittle scored for Whitworth and Packwood for Industry.

Goals by Holt (2), Turner, Ormerod and Lyons enabled Todmorden YC to defeat Gravelhole by 5-2, Wilson and Mathews netting for the losers.

In the second division, champions Tudor Rose completed their league fixtures with an undefeated record when, at home, they defeated Shiloh Spinners by 6-0, Bamford (3), Hardman, Brandon and Foran scoring.

Goals by Mahoney (2), Sett and Jeffries enabled Market House to defeat Turner Bros. Reserves by 4-0.

ALL THIS THEY DID—AND MORE—ON A SHOESTRING BUDGET

THERE was pertinent comment this week on the type of opposition Rochdale will have to meet if they are in the national Third Division next season. It was also a guide to the present and permanent struggle clubs such as Rochdale are always facing.

Norwich City signed Bolton Wanderers reserve centre-forward, Terry Allcock, for £8,500 and he was to be in their side today.

The point I make is that before today's games, Norwich City were Rochdale's Southern Section equivalent—they stood fifth in the Southern Section league table. Rochdale held the same position in the Northern Section.

I have no doubt at all that Manager Harry Catterick would have jumped at the chance of getting this player who also plays inside-forward. But not a single Spotland supporter would even think of expecting Rochdale to find £8,500 for him.

Many nevertheless expect the Rochdale manager to produce results as good as Manager Archie Macauley, of Norwich City. In their respective spheres they have done just that over a programme of 34 games.

Chances ruined

All the more credit, therefore, to the Spotland manager and his team. But what about next season? There will be no separate standards then for Northern and Southern clubs. All will be in the struggle together and Rochdale's chances of success are being marred now.

The average attendance at the last three matches at Spotland is 3,944. Two clashes with Hornets have helped towards this dismal return, but that is no help to the Rochdale directors.

Inspiring support this season could have enabled Rochdale to build firmly for next season at the time when it should be done. As it is, there will be another struggle to survive the summer when only the Supporters' Club's lottery is keeping things going.

It cannot be emphasised too often that success in the Football League is comparative. Rochdale's success this season is in contrast to the failure of clubs at the bottom of the table, for I am told that only Crewe, Southport and Gateshead of the whole 92 Football League clubs have a lower average gate than Rochdale this season.

Sound signings and team management alone have put Rochdale where they stood this morning in the top flight of Northern Section clubs.

Proud record

These figures prove it. Rochdale's attendances at 19 home matches in the League total 127,820 (average 6,727); attendance at 15 away games total 139,192 (average 9,279). Average home receipts for League matches is £650; average away receipts £910.

In a season the difference in those averages means a difference of

SPOTLIGHT ON SPOTLAND by CRITIC

£6,000 in income. In other words the price of several good players.

Even so, the Spotland average attendance this season is better than usual. Last season for the first 19 home league games it was 6,591 and in 1955-6, 5,135. By the end of last season the average had dropped to 6,106 and two years ago to 4,883.

And what has the team offered to attract attention from its Rochdale public? This morning it had 14 home victories to its credit—more than any other Northern Section club and bettered only by two clubs throughout the country—Plymouth and Wolves. Only Mansfield Town, of Northern Section clubs, had scored more goals before their own supporters.

At Spotland on Tuesday evening for the Carlisle United match, was Manager Billy Moir, of Stockport, looking for forwards to strengthen the Edgeley Park attempt to get into Division Three next season.

Also at the match I noticed the former Rochdale centre-half Eric Downes, who had come over from Horwich to see the game, and Derek Andrews, who once seemed likely to make the Football League grade.

Ups and downs

Derek tells me he has had one offer from Bradford Park Avenue this season to go back into full-time play but he prefers to stay at Altrincham on a part-time basis. "No more full-timing for me," says Derek. "I have a good job with British Railways and part-time football suits me fine."

Bernard McCready remains as cheerful as ever despite having been out of the limelight for a long time. Bernard played 11 league games early in the season—the last on October 19 when Chesterfield won 4-3 at Spotland—while Jimmy Jones was recovering from a knee injury.

A part-time player, McCready is studying accountancy in Manchester and over the past couple of months has played many games in the "A" team when George Heyes has been given the second-team berth.

There are many worse goalkeepers playing regularly in League sides than Bernard McCready, yet he can say "I am very settled here. This game is full of ups and downs and you can never tell when the breaks are going to come."

Rochdale would certainly be in a happy position if they had the cover for certain other positions which they have at the moment for the vital goalkeeper's post.

LANCS. COMBINATION

DIVISION I

	P	W	L	D	F	A	Pts
Horwich RMI	29	20	3	6	78	32	4
Morecambe	28	17	4	7	55	30	4
New Brighton	28	17	7	4	62	37	3
Prescot Cables	24	17	5	2	67	32	3
Chorley	27	15	7	5	92	55	3
Rossendale Utd.	27	13	8	6	68	54	3
Accrington S. Res.	28	13	10	5	52	57	3
Wigan Ath.	23	12	6	5	59	33	2
Wigan Utd.	27	12	12	3	71	78	2
Droylsden	31	11	15	5	60	77	2
Southport	28	12	13	3	52	69	2
Lancaster	28	10	12	6	56	61	2
Netherfield	25	10	10	5	53	50	2
St. Helens	28	11	14	3	73	72	2
Pleethwood	27	9	11	7	43	50	2
Nelson	27	10	14	3	44	45	2
Marine	23	10	10	3	44	61	2
Darwen	29	8	16	5	48	78	2
Burscough	25	7	12	6	49	54	2
Bacup Borough	28	5	18	5	52	84	1
Skelmersdale	27	6	21	0	42	82	1
Crompton Recs.	27	3	20	4	35	74	1

DIVISION II

	P	W	L	D	F	A	Pts
Clitheroe	27	19	2	6	96	32	4
ATHLETIC RES.	26	17	5	4	90	37	4
Radtham	28	15	8	5	59	46	3
Earlston	26	14	5	7	85	55	3
Northern Nomads	27	15	8	4	67	47	3
Chorley Res.	25	13	5	7	68	34	3
Wigan Ath. Res.	27	12	10	5	62	45	3
Glossop	25	12	8	5	60	51	3
Lytham	25	11	7	7	59	55	3
St. Helens Town	26	12	10	4	67	44	3
Horwich RMI Res.	27	10	12	5	49	68	3
Morecambe Res.	28	8	13	7	52	61	3
Lomax	25	8	12	5	44	60	3
Leyland Motors	28	9	16	3	52	63	3
Prescot C. Res.	26	6	12	8	42	63	3
Rolls Royce	26	7	9	5	41	47	3
Great Harwood	25	4	14	7	41	80	3
Nelson Res.	26	3	14	9	44	93	3
St. Anne's	23	4	14	5	44	68	3
Darwen Res.	23	3	18	2	22	78	3

'Herman the German' started St. Helens on pathway to fame

THERE are at least two versions of the origin of the St. Helens Rugby League club, and the one most likely to be correct is that it was formed by a German who was a chemist in the local glassworks belonging to Messrs. Pilkington. The club started at some time in the 1870s, one version suggesting 1870 and the other 1875 but neither is well substantiated.

The team was started to give enjoyment to players who worked at Pilkington's. As Mr. Herman, the founder (fondly known as "Herman the German") said "It does not really matter whether you win or lose. What does matter is that you play the game and enjoy yourselves."

The club had quite a few grounds in its early years, at Little's Fields, Bishop Road Ground, Denton's Green Lane, etc. Finally in 1890 it moved to the present ground, Knowsley Road, where the first match was against Manchester Rangers under Rugby Union auspices.

For quite a while the St. Helens Recreation Club, also formed in connection with Pilkington's, was the premier club of the town in the last years of the 1880s and the Rees had fixtures with Oldham before St. Helens did.

The first home and away game between Oldham and St. Helens took place in 1894-5, the last season of the Rugby Union membership of both clubs. Each club won its home game.

They dropped out

In 1892-3 the Lancashire Senior Competition was started with the Rees in membership, finishing with fifteen points from fifteen games. For some unaccountable reason the club dropped out the following year although still playing Rugby Union football when Oldham were met twice. St. Helens were top of the Lancashire Second Competition and of their eighteen games only two were lost, two drawn and fourteen won.

The following season 1894-5 the Saints finished third with seven wins, four defeats and one draw in their twelve games in the Lancashire Senior Competition. Wigan, Salford and Leigh were suspended for professionalism thus reducing the fixture list.

With the agitation for broken-time payments culminating in the formation of the Northern Union, the club was one of the original 22 to break from the Rugby Union.

In the first year of the Northern Union the Saints had a very invidious distinction. They were mulcted of two points for a breach of the professional clause. A player had played without having worked a full week, I believe, and as such people had to have permits to play the club were the first to be penalised by loss of match points.

When the Northern League was formed by the leading fourteen clubs in 1901-2 the Saints were left out, although had the league been formed a year earlier they would have been automatically included as they were then fourth in the table.

Saints had the distinction of reaching the first Northern Union Challenge Cup final in 1896-7, when they lost to the redoubtable Batley side by a dropped goal and two tries, ten points in all, to a try, three points.

The team that represented St. Helens was: Foulkes; Doherty, Trayner, Barnes, Jacques; O'Hara, Little; T. Winstanley, Briers, W. Winstanley, Raynolds, Thompson, Dale, Rimmer, Whiteley. In those days and for some years later the Northern Union played 15-a-side.

Batley won all

Three times in the early years of the Challenge Cup Batley met the Saints and on each occasion the Gallant Youths were cup winners. To return to league football, St. Helens did so well that when the first Division was extended to eighteen clubs, they were included. When they tried out First Division football, however, they fared badly by finishing next to the bottom and were relegated to the second division.

RUGBY LEAGUE HISTORIES—No. 22 ST. HELENS by TOM WEBB

They won promotion at the first time of asking by tying with Holbeck for second place in the Second Division. A play-off was arranged although Saints had a superior scoring record (328 to 103) against Holbeck's 256 to 120.

Saints won the replay and the fifth columnists in the Holbeck club used this as an excuse for turning over to soccer, and as a result Leeds City came into being. The Holbeck Club closed down and a soccer club started in its place.

Immediately on re-entry to the First Division, the Saints' troubles restarted, and the club again finished next to the bottom, thus meriting relegation. The reorganisation of the League into one division, however, saved them from another spell in the lower sphere. A long spell of mediocrity followed with the club rarely rising much above halfway in the table and at times dropping pretty low.

One bright spell in the opening stages of the First World War saw Saints reach the final of the Challenge Cup, but a wonderful Huddersfield side defeated the club at Watersheddings in the final by the record score of 37-3. Only 8,000 spectators attended because of the weather and war conditions.

Success did not come to the club until 1926-7 when the Lancashire Cup was won for the first time. That trophy did not reappear at St. Helens until 1953-4 when Wigan were conquered at Swinton. Three times Saints have been runners-up, the last time being last year at Wigan where Oldham's forwards mastered their pack to bring the first major trophy to Watersheddings for years.

The Lancashire League title eluded the Saints up to 1929-30 and since then the Lancashire Championship has been won twice (1931-2 and 1952-3) and on both occasions the Northern League championship was won as well.

In the Northern Union Challenge Cup, later the Rugby League Challenge Cup, the club were runners-up on four occasions before finally triumphing at Wembley in 1955-6 in their third Wembley final, Halifax being their victims by 13-2.

Oldham's rivals

During the present season, Oldhamers have taken a very keen interest in the doings of St. Helens because they are the Oldham FC's chief rivals for the Lancashire and Northern League titles. In all the sixty odd years of regular fixtures between the two clubs, this season's games have been the most important because of the two clubs' superiority over the rest.

Going right back over the years, the Saints' players have had their share of individual honours and the first man that I have a note of is W. Cross who gained Lancashire County honours at Rugby Union in 1890-1, when he played against Devon, Surrey, Durham, Cumberland and Gloucester. Possibly there were earlier players gaining Rugby Union county honours, but my records of pre-Northern Union days are very scarce. As for Rugby Union internationals, St. Helens did not produce a single one.

Some of the great names associated with the club have been Billy Cross, long-serving player and captain as long ago as 1891, and the early Lancashire Northern Union players, Doherty from the North Country, Billy Briers, Tom Sudlow (who gained his first cap by deputising for Oldham's I. P. Taylor), Tom Foulkes, a great full-back. Five players wore the Westmoreland jerseys in the only game played by that county under NU rules, W. Cross (captain), J. Thompson, J. Simpson, R. Doherty and Whiteley, who came on as a substitute to replace an injured player.

Apart from "Kitty" Briers, only D. Traynor gained honours till after 1904, when three forwards, W.

[Continued on Page 11]

CHEERS!

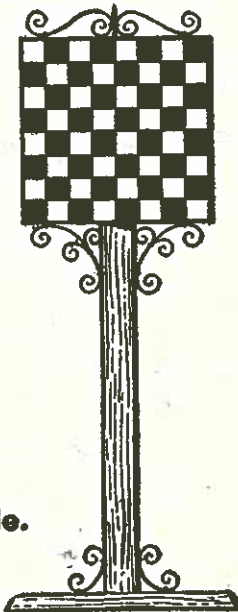


WATNEYS BROWN ALE is here- at WILSONS HOUSES

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 enjoy a glass or two tonight.

- Cheers!** It's no ordinary Brown.
- Cheers!** It's very specially brewed.
- Cheers!** It's got a strong, full bodied flavour.
- Cheers!** One glass—one sip—will tell you why . . .

More people drink Watneys than any other Brown Ale.



Try Watneys Brown at your local Wilsons House -you'll love it!

TODAY'S RACING

HURST PARK

2 0-CAMBERLEY SELLING HANDICAP HURDLE. 2 miles.
11 5 USHAMA 5yrs E Sprague 1
10 2 JIMMY RIVETT 5yrs G Slack 2
10 6 TREWS 5yrs F Winter 3
Twenty runners: Jacobina Sea Artist, Ushama, Persian, Fox, Altivo, Great Success, Guns Wanted, Trews, Monastere II, Golden Valley, Grand Central, Jimmy Rivett, Miss Popsi-Wopsi, Solidus, In Town Tonight, Square Dance II, Zelicar, Nantucket, Casalis, Vol de Nuit.
9/4 Great Success; 7 Guns Wanted; 8 Altivo, Solidus, In Town Tonight; 10 Trews; 100/7 Jacobina, USHAMA, Persian, Fox; 100/6 Golden Valley; 20 Zelicar; 25 others. 2 lengths; 4.
Total: Win £4/6/8; places £1/0/2, £4/17/6, 10/3.

2 30-GEORGE WILLIAMSON CHASE. 3 miles.
11 9 NOBLE LEGEND 8yrs D Ancil 1
11 9 O'MALLEY POINT 7yrs R Curran 2
11 1 LANCEBAY 6yrs D Nicholson 3
Nine runners: Arctus, Noble Legend, O'Malley Point, The Bell, Chateau Pavie, Le Siroco, Lancebay, Khediva, French Brave.
2 NOBLE LEGEND; 4 The Bell, Chateau Pavie; 7 O'Malley Point; 100/7 Le Siroco, French Brave; 25 others.
Total: Win £1/15/8; places 14/4, 7/2; dual forecast £2/10/8.

3 0-TRIUMPH HURDLE for four-year-olds. 2 miles.
11 4 PUNDIT H Sprague 1
11 0 HINDU PENNY D Nicholson 2
11 4 NOSTALGIA D Dick 3
Fourteen runners: Pundit, Nostalgia, Olympus, Feluma, Wheatley, Robertson, Retain, Hindu Penny, My Gem, Chastise, Cornflower Blue, Babulett, Malacca III, Ovidius.
5/2 PUNDIT; 7/2 Wheatley; 4 Nostalgia; 100/8 Feluma; 100/7 Retain; 100/6 Malacca III; 20 Olympus, My Gem; 25 others. 6 lengths; 1.
Total: Win £1/15/8; places 14/4, 7/2; dual forecast £2/10/8.

3 30-MONAVEEN CHASE. 2 miles and 275 yards.
10 6 PAS SEUL 5yrs D Ancil 1
11 5 THATAWAY 5yrs D Dick 2
11 8 LIMEVILLE 7yrs A Freeman 3
Seven runners: Limeville, Thataway, Concepcion, Chou, Overmaster, Polvron, Pas Seul.
Thataway; 100/30 Limeville; 9/2 Polvron; 5 Chou; 9 PAS SEUL; 25 others. 12 lengths; 6.
Total: Win £1/15/8; places 14/4, 7/2; dual forecast £2/10/8.

4 0-BLACK VINE HANDICAP CHASE. 3 miles.
11 6 EAGLE LODGE 5yrs A Oughton 1
10 2 MISTY NIGHT 10yrs G Slack 2
12 3 VIGOR 10yrs A Freeman 3
Nine runners: Vigor, Rendez Vous II, Eagle Lodge, Flashaway, Crown and Anchor, Upton Court, Misty Night, Trappist Boy, Cottage Choice.
Betting: 4/1, 11/2, 7/1. Flashaway (3/1) fav.
Total: Win £1/15/8; places 14/4, 7/2; dual forecast £2/10/8.

4 30-MARCH LONG DISTANCE HANDICAP HURDLE. 2 1/2 miles.
Ten runners: Red Mill, Meritorius, Pouding, Winowen, Abatos, Jai Pet, Karon's Choice, Vic Son, Black Tar, Train Bleu II.

HEREFORD

2 0-WYE HANDICAP CHASE. 2 miles.
10 11 FAIROAKS 10yrs V Speck 1
11 5 DEVON CUSTOMER 5yrs T Brookshaw 2
Thirteen runners: Tatter II, New Vale, Greek Flame, Revellie, Pronto, Price Review, Red Ember, Devon Customer, Tramway, Fair Oaks, Craiglockhart, Conker II, Noble Grass.
7/2 Pronto; 5 Devon Customer, New Vale; 8 FAIROAKS; 9 Price Review; 10 Red Ember, Tatter II; 100/3 Noble Grass; 100/7 Greek Flame, Tramway; 33 others. 3 lengths; 6.
Total: Win £2/7/8; places 13/2, 9/6, 19/2.

2 30-SELLING HANDICAP HURDLE. 2 miles.
11 1 HELVETIAN 5yrs R Akehurst 1
11 10 TROUBADOUR 5yrs F Morrissey 2
10 10 NIGHT WATCHMAN 7yrs D Leslie 3
Nineteen runners: Royal Troubadour, The Deacon, Royal Shoe, Prosody, Great Vigour, Merry Prince, Trimsleigh, Helvetian, Unfrooked, Kings Star, Phario II, Night Watchman, Unarmed, Loden Star, Catch of the Day, Haygate, Golden Rod, Duster, Wise Son.
7/2 HELVETIAN; 4 Royal Troubadour; 6 Merry Prince; 8 Night Watchman; 100/8 Trimsleigh; 100/7 Royal Shoe, Great Vigour, Unfrooked, Kings Star, Catch of the Day, Wise Son; 20 others. 2 lengths; 3.
Total: Win £13/4; places 6/4, 8/-, 8/8.

3 0-HARRY ISAACS MEMORIAL CHALLENGE CUP. 3 miles.
11 9 EL GRIEGO II 8yrs R Akehurst 1
10 9 CARRASCO 6yrs B McLernon 2
10 5 OCEAN BREEZE 11yrs E F Kelly 3
Twelve runners: Morractor, Sir John IV, El Griego II, Hot Duchess, Young Hinds, Jumbo Geste, Uncle Bones, Belljinks, Glenandri, Carrasco, Ocean Breeze, Leylann.
3 EL GRIEGO II; 5 Hot Duchess; 7 Sir John IV, Glenandri; 8 Belljinks, Morractor; 10 Jumbo Geste; 100/9 Young Hinds; 100/3 Uncle Bones, Carrasco, Leylann; 100/6 Ocean Breeze.

3 30-NOVICES' CHASE. 2 miles.
11 2 K.E. 5yrs D Leslie 1
11 10 SHARP END 10yrs T Brookshaw 2
11 10 KIRKTON-LINSEY 8yrs F Major 3
Twenty-three runners: Fort Knox, Not Available, Muston Copse, Rough Night, Sorab, Boissette, Sharp End, Drake, Solar Girl, Tiercel, Another Bob, Fairway Bill, Fairy Dell, Battalion, Gillian Hay, Falconer, Autumn Storm, Kirkton-Lindsey, King's Courage, Bronco Buster, Sunny Glen, K.E., Grand Pip.
100/20 K.E.; 4 Fort Knox; 5 Kirkton-Lindsey; 6 Falconer; 15/2 Not Available; 100/8 Muston Copse, Sunny Glen; 100/7 King's Courage; 100/6 Boissette, Sharp End; 20 others. 4 lengths; same.
Total: Win £16/8; places 6/6, 16/8, 8/-.

4 0-LANDON MEMORIAL HANDICAP HURDLE. 2 miles.
10 12 SILENUS 5yrs T Brookshaw 1
11 0 KING CONKERS 7yrs S Mellor 2
11 5 LOTORAY 5yrs T Kennelly 3
Twenty-seven runners: Easy Manner, Kite of Persia, Ickfield Street, Estelle, Set Alight, Polynesian, Balkan Catch, Lotaray, Pseudo-Tudor, Trimbleson, King Conkers, Silenus, Beavan, Raymond's Folly, Monitor, Rushley Jane, It's a Pippin, Red Alley, Diliska, War King, Ice Trick, Captain's Folly, Flamingara, Canon Star, Painted Picture, Brascos C, Sunbay.
Betting: 8/1, 10/1, 13/2 (jt. fav.).

4 30-MAIDEN HURDLE. 2 miles.
Twenty-three runners: Purple Heather, Red Bank, Atomic Light, The Digger, Princess Harry, London Rock, Floater, My Rocks, Lustleigh Lad, Scotch Flight, Mandrake, Clavioline, Scotch Frolic, Coronation Star, My Crackers, Nutcracker, Chemin de Fer, High Fashion, Airlock, Intervet, Doctor Tagh, Lovely Rose, Black Cross.

TAUNTON

2 0-CORFE SELLING HURDLE. 2 miles.
12 0 FIGHTER PILOT 5yrs B Boot 1
11 9 HAPPY SIMONE 6yrs H Greene 2
11 9 THE PLUMBER'S MATE 7yrs D Bassett 3
Dead-heat for first place.

Twelve runners: Vain Help, Biberius, Blue Baby, Marullo, Fighter Pilot, Happy Simone, The Plumber's Mate, Ridswitch, Poppy Seed, Toggle, Dainty Dish, Ardmore.
2 Biberius; 4 FIGHTER PILOT; 9/2 Poppy Seed; 6 Vain Help; 100/8 Marullo, HAPPY SIMONE; 20 Blue Baby, Ardmore; 25 others. Dead heat; 1 length.
Total: Win, 10/8 Fighter Pilot, £1/18/4 Happy Simone; places, 9/- Fighter Pilot, £1/0/6 Happy Simone; 19/6 The Plumbers Mate.

2 30-NORTON FITZWARREN HANDICAP CHASE. 2 miles and 3 furlongs.
11 4 CLAREVILLE 10yrs H T Cross 1
10 11 LOVELY MARIE 7yrs O McNally 2
10 0 NAPPERELLA 11yrs R Richards 3
Eleven runners: Toy Light, Belliquex, Common Sense, Clareville, Locksley II, Lovely Marie, Tamar Valley, Burnt Gorse, Napperella, Ship's Log, Port April.
11/4 Common Sense; 3 Belliquex; 6 CLAREVILLE; 7 Locksley; 10 Toy Light, Lovely Marie, Port April; 100/8 Tamar Valley; 100/7 Ship's Log; 20 others. 6 lengths; 8.
Total: Win £1/17/6; places 11/2, 11/6, 19/6.

3 0-SPARKFORD NOVICES' HANDICAP HURDLE. 2 miles.
11 4 WIND UP 5yrs M B James 1
10 9 WILL ROGERS 4yrs O McNally 2
11 8 DAVY'S GUARDIAN 10yrs Col W R Holman 3
Twenty-three runners: Laced In, Holme Guard, High Dyke, Cardinal Star, Mystery Mountain, Peritor, Davy's Guardian, Magic Orb, Wind Up, Herculean, Near the Wind, Columella, Chevalier Bayard, April Night, Will Rogers, Lucky Me, Clyde Pilot, Southern White, Lucky Punter, Apex, Brabant, Bill of Costs, Fair North.
6 Davy's Guardian, WIND UP, Lucky Punter, Fair North; 7 Cardinal Star, Lucky Me; 8 Will Rogers; 10 Mystery Mountain, Magic Orb, Near the Wind; 100/8 Herculean; 20 others. Head; 2 lengths.
Total: Win £1/5/0; places 9/10, 10/-, 9/6.

3 30-TAUNTON VALE HUNTERS' CHASE. 3 miles 1 furlong.
12 0 SAINT COLUMKILLE 11yrs J Daniel 1
12 0 MIDDLEGATE 7yrs C Martin 2
12 0 SPEYLOVE 5yrs R Bowen 3
Eight runners: Irish Quarter, Speylove, Saint Columkille, Oxford Hill, Dusky Ruth, Baniboy, Tranquility Bay, Middlegate.
9/4 Middlegate; 5/2 Speylove; 3 SAINT COLUMKILLE; 10 Tranquility Bay; 100/7 Irish Quarter, Oxford Hill; 20 others. 2 lengths; 8.
Total: Win £15/10; places 5/4, 4/8, 5/-; dual forecast £2/10/8.

4 0-JUVENILE HANDICAP HURDLE. 2 miles.
10 10 LAMP LIGHTER 5yrs T Molony 1
10 1 URANIUM CITY 4yrs M Rees 2
10 3 CHEZ PETER 4yrs H W Doherty 3
Twelve runners: John O' Groats, Hydrant, Rectitude, Pn Feather, Royal Estate, Lamp Lighter, Chez Peter, Uranium City, High Flight, Basic Quota, Red Warning, Aeacus.
Betting: 9/4 fav., 8/1, 11/4.

4 30-MARCH HARE NOVICE CHASE. 2 miles.
Thirteen runners: Basalt Knight, Magic Driver, Salmon Arm, Gipsy Jean, April Lad, Admiral's Path, Durham Castle, Priory Philigo, Biddy's Land, Coelacanth, Calyx, Town and Country, Fidup.

AYR

2 15-CARLUIS SELLING HURDLE. 2 miles.
10 0 ARCOPETO 7yrs P Hurley 1
10 3 KATADOR 7yrs G P Kelly 2
12 0 DUNSTAN 10yrs G Milburn 3
Fifteen runners: Topssil, Dunstan, Nriphar, Lochmaben, Bas Bie, Pious Mac, Spinstar, Bloom Again, Outrider, Merry Robert, Straight Home, Near Star, Katador, Arcopeto, Robb Adair.
5/2 Dunstan; 6 Topssil; 7 Pious Mac, Lochmaben; 8 Bloom Again, Near Star, Katador; 10 Bas Bie; 100/8 Straight Home; 100/7 ARCOPETO, Nriphar; 100/6 Outrider, Merry Robert; 20 others. 4 lengths; 2.
Total: Win £6/7/2; places £11/10, 12/10, 6/2.

2 45-ARTHUR CHALLENGE CUP. 3 miles, 3 furlongs and 55 yards.
10 0 MICHAEL O'MALLEY 10yrs N Wilkinson 1
12 7 THE CALLANT 10yrs M Batchelor 2
11 4 GREEN DRILL 8yrs G Milburn 3
Seven runners: The Callant, Bremontier, Green Drill, Free Beat, Border Road, Harding, Michael O'Malley.
3 The Callant, Bremontier; 7 MICHAEL O'MALLEY; 4 Green Drill; 8 Free Beat; 100/5 other; 100/8 Green Drill; 100/6 Border Road, Merry Robert; 20 others. 4 lengths; 2.
Total: Win £6/7/2; places £11/10, 12/10, 6/2.

3 15-ROSEMOUNT HANDICAP HURDLE. 2 miles.
10 6 NUTHATCH 5yrs G Milburn 1
10 9 BALA SEA 7yrs T Mallorie 2
11 5 YOUNG LOCHINVAR 6yrs S Boddy 3
Six runners: Young Lochinvar, Dark Hyacinth, Bala Sea, Nuthatch, Devon Flame, Dodge.
5/4 NUTHATCH; 100/30 Bala Sea; 5 Young Lochinvar; 6 Dodge, Dark Hyacinth; 8 Devon Flame, Neck; 1 length.
Total: Win 8/2; places 5/8, 11/10; forecast £1/6/0.

3 45-AFTON NOVICES' CHASE. 2 1/2 miles.
11 8 DONINO'S SERENADE 6yrs G Richards 1
12 6 MAINSTOWN 8yrs M Batchelor 2
11 13 KING'S MELODY 6yrs T Millar 3
Eleven runners: Mainstown, King's Melody, Royal Performance, Aldborough, Dinnetty, Royal Result, Crossfell, Sea View, Bone Idle, Donino's Serenade, Mount Royal.
5/4 Mainstown; 9/2 Royal Result; 11/2 DONINO'S SERENADE; 7 Sea View; 10 Aldborough, Mount Royal; 100/8 King's Melody; 100/7 Royal Performance; 100/6 others. 4 lengths; 6.

4 15-EGLETON AMATEUR RIDERS' HURDLE. 3 miles.
Fifteen runners: Gaterley, Merut, Sokeim John, Cartier, Lucky Willie, Blue Orb, Farzan, Candy Floss, Liac Princess, Stilly Night, Winter's Star, Harbour Mistress, King Pharaoh, Theory, Union Pacific.

Work started today on a new scoreboard at Derbyshire's county cricket ground at Derby. It is being paid for by the club's supporters' association. It will be completed in time for Derbyshire's first home match of the season, against Glamorgan on May 14.

OLDHAM CRICKETERS RECEIVE BLAZERS



Oldham CC's skipper, Frank Molyneux, shows his new blazer to Mr. Edwin Kay, assistant secretary of the Central Lancashire League, watched by professional Cec Pepper and the other Oldham players. Last night, the Mayor (Councillor Arnold Tweedale) presented the blazers to the players who brought the league championship to The Pollards last season.

SCOTLAND HELD THEIR OWN IN FIRST HALF

IN the Calcutta Cup match against Scotland at Murrayfield today England RU nearly took the lead after 10 minutes when, following a line-out offence, Currie sent a 40-yard penalty just wide of the post. Scotland more than held their own early on, and Rodd, after a line-out, made one dangerous burst at top speed. He looked like getting through but Butterfield grabbed him by the ankle 10 yards from the line.

Three Scotland raids were spoilt by offside and when the England backs tested their opposite numbers with high punts ahead, the ball was fielded safely each time and sent into touch.

Ken Scotland, gathering a kick from a mark by Allison, dashed across field and handed on to Weatherstone but Jackson tackled safely. There followed a beautiful round of passing begun by Jackson near his own line. Thompson, Phillips, Herbert and Bartlett all handled before Butterfield raced diagonally for the line, but Scotland was not to be beaten.

Half-time: No score.

RUGBY LEAGUE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
St. Helens	30	25	0	5	636	273	50
OLDHAM	28	23	1	4	565	320	47
Hull	26	21	1	8	744	323	43
Halifax	29	20	1	8	657	326	41
Warrington	31	20	0	11	517	363	40
Leigh	28	19	2	7	442	295	40
F'otherstone	30	19	1	10	477	364	39
Wigan	27	18	0	9	581	312	36
Salford	30	17	1	12	420	367	35
Wakefield	30	16	2	12	197	393	34
Widnes	27	17	0	10	422	328	34
Hunslet	28	16	1	11	435	424	33
York	27	15	2	10	454	346	32
Whitehaven	32	15	1	16	490	455	31
Leeds	30	15	1	14	547	503	31
Barrow	31	14	2	15	441	571	30
Warrington	30	14	1	15	472	420	29
Bradford N.	29	14	1	14	411	507	29
Bradford B.	30	13	2	15	428	417	28
Hull KR	32	13	2	17	395	515	28
Bramley	30	13	2	15	401	551	28
HORNETS	28	12	1	16	338	465	25
Swinton	29	9	3	17	377	451	21
Keighley	30	9	2	19	403	445	20
Batley	28	9	0	19	338	453	18
Blackpool B.	30	9	0	21	382	567	18
Castleford	31	7	1	23	393	653	13
Liverpool C	32	6	1	25	362	618	13
Dewsbury	29	5	2	22	285	735	12
Doncaster	30	3	0	27	182	718	6

THIRD NORTH

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
Scunthorpe	32	19	8	5	67	37	46
Bury	36	19	8	9	71	42	43
Accrington	33	18	7	8	66	46	43
Barrow	35	13	4	8	58	50	40
ROCHDALE	34	13	3	8	48	35	39
Bradford City	34	13	3	8	40	51	39
Mansfield	33	16	7	10	74	64	39
Hartlepool	34	14	11	9	61	56	39
Cheshire	36	18	11	11	60	57	37
Hull City	33	14	9	10	48	50	37
Halifax T.	34	13	10	11	60	69	36
Stockport	36	13	9	13	58	55	35
Tranmere	34	14	7	13	66	55	35
Carlisle	36	14	5	17	64	61	33
Wrexham	34	12	9	19	48	47	33
Workington	35	11	10	14	68	65	32
Gateshead	34	10	12	13	53	61	32
ATHLETIC	34	9	13	12	49	62	31
Derlington	33	13	3	17	55	68	29
Bradford	36	10	9	17	48	70	29
York City	33	8	15	15	49	69	28
Chester	34	9	9	16	53	58	27
Southport	33	7	5	21	38	69	19
Crewe Alex	36	6	4	26	39	75	16

Milers keep close to that 4-min mark

AT Chicago, last night, Ron Delany, Irish winner of the Olympic 1,500 metres, became the world's fastest indoor mile with a time of 4min. 3.4sec.—two-tenths of a second better than the previous best, 4min. 3.6sec., by Gunnar Nielsen, the Danish Olympic runner, in 1955.

For Delany, 23-year-old student at Villanova University, Pennsylvania, it was a great reward after many outstanding races, and marked his 23rd consecutive indoor-mile win.

Delany stayed at the back of the field of four until after halfway. He moved into the lead in the ninth lap of the 11-lap course, and ran the last quarter-mile in 58.3sec. to beat Phil Coleman (University of Chicago) by 35 yards.

In Brisbane, today, Herb Elliott, Australian four-minute miler, retained the Australian mile title when he won in 4min. 8.8sec.

Nineteen-year-old Elliott again beat Mervyn Lincoln, with T. Sullivan taking third place. A month ago, Elliott and Lincoln achieved the first four-minute miles to be run on a grass track. On that occasion, both had a time of 3min. 59.6sec., but Elliott finished inches ahead.

Before the race, Elliott said he would decline an invitation to run in Canada and the United States in May and June unless he could be accompanied by his coach, Percy Cerutti.

"Cerutti is the only person who understands my moods and can get me ready to produce my best form," Elliott said.

Elliott has been invited to run at Modesto, California, on May 31; at Vancouver on June 6; and in the United States National Athletic Championships on June 20 and 21.

Clarksfield Boys won cup tussle

The weather was bitterly cold and the Merton Avenue pitch in a very wet and heavy state for the third-year Challenge Cup-tie between Hollins and Clarksfield, but despite the severe conditions both sides played well.

After a bout of midfield play, the game swung to the Hollins "25" where it remained, despite the plucky efforts of their forwards to break out, till half-time.

Being so much on the attack and backing up well, tries just had to come. Broadbent, running very strongly, claimed four very good tries and O'Brien scored a fifth. Considering the wet ball and pitch, Wynn did extremely well to convert three. Result: Hollins 0 points, Clarksfield 21.

Results—League "C": Hollins 14, Robin Hill 3. League "B": Clarksfield 21, Hollins 0.

KERSAL WON FOR 1st TIME IN YEARS

THE most disappointing display last Saturday was that of the 1st XV, who suffered their first defeat for many years at the hands of Kersal. The surprising feature was the poor display of the forwards who, the previous week, had shown up so well against the strong St. Helens pack.

There was again evidence of the inability of the forwards to adapt themselves to the bad conditions (as at Wigan earlier in the season), and consequently the Kersal forwards were on top for most of the game. The Oldham threes, with Humble outstanding, were far superior to the visitors, but saw little of the ball, and Kersal scored eight points to Oldham's six. (Two tries by Shaw).

The "A" team won at Kersal by 20 points to nil. With the wind against them in the first half, Oldham could only score three points, but were well on top in the second half. Never-say-die Syd Heginbotham, once again showed his versatility by turning out in the centre, while Jimmy Glyn, making another of his rare appearances, scored two tries.

S. Molyneux, who returned to the side after injury, again had the misfortune to damage his knee and will miss the rest of the season. G. Humble had a good game at scrum-half, and R. Slater hooked well. A. Shaw was the best forward on the field and showed a fine turn of speed with his thrustful running.

The Extra "A" beat Simons, also by 20 points to nil. Two newcomers were prominent in this game—V. Parker in the centre and N. Thompson in the forwards. F. Beadsworth and M. Ingham combined well at half-back, and B. Cuttle, playing in the centre, had a good game. T. Field scored an excellent try.

The Colts lost at Keb Lane to St. Helens Recs 12-22. This was a scrappy game spoiled by the weather conditions. Centres B. Mathews and B. Cooke were in good form, and once again G. Hart was the best forward.

The Borough had a good win at Keb Lane, completing the double against the strong Yorkshire side, Wibsey, 14-0. E. Barrass, at scrum-half, was in excellent form, and repeatedly split the defence with his devastating breaks.

On Tuesday evening, in committee, it was good to see Borough team skipper, L. Eyre, back again after a serious illness. However, though his leadership on the field will not be seen again this season his administrative power will be very welcome again.

The first team are in for a busy weekend, for apart from today's game with Old Leodiansians, they also have a fixture at Keb Lane tomorrow with Shrewsbury. K.D.

TOP NOTE SINGER WEDS

Patricia Varley (27), the singer who has recorded the highest note in the world—one above C in altissimo—leaves with her bridegroom, Canadian test pilot Sgt. Leader Edmund Devillez, after their wedding at the RC Church of St. Anselm, in Kingsway, London.

Patricia is the only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Varley, of Whitby.



OLDHAM SENIOR SCHOOLS' SOCCER

SENIOR LEAGUE—DIVISION I									
	P	W	L	D	F	A	Pts		
Hollinwood	11	11	0	0	57	15	22		
St. Mary's	8	5	1	2	34	27	12		
Waterloo	6	5	1	0	39	4	10		
Henshaw	13	4	7	2	24	34	10		
Derker	9	4	5	0	24	30	8		
Springhead	8	4	4	0	21	35	8		
Clarksfield	11	2	7	2	19	43	6		
Hollins	10	2	7	1	12	20	5		
Uppermill	6	0	5	1	7	24	1		

SENIOR LEAGUE—DIVISION II									
	P	W	L	D	F	A	Pts		
Hollins	11	10	1	0	53	10	20		
Hollinwood 'A'	12	9	2	1	47	15	19		
Robinson Hill	11	6	3	2	38	32	14		
Derker	13	4	6	3	34	35	11		
Hollinwood 'B'	11	4	5	2	27	25	10		
Waterloo	10	4	6	0	34	35	8		
Birch House	9	2	6	1	18	49	5		
Henshaw	13	0	10	3	11	58	3		

SENIOR LEAGUE—DIVISION III									
	P	W	L	D	F	A	Pts		
Derker	14	9	4	1	59	38	19		
Hollins 'A'	11	8	1	2	66	19	15		
Henshaw 'A'	10	7	2	1	41	28	15		
Hollinwood 'A'	10	6	3	1	44	28	13		
Waterloo	12	6	5	1	61	32	13		
Uppermill	7	3	4	0	21	22	6		
Hollinwood 'B'	8	2	6	0	17	59	6		
Robinson Hill	9	2	6	0	12	42	4		
Henshaw 'B'	11	0	11	0	14	79	0		

Wilson's Brewery

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

DARTS									
	P	W	L	F	A	Pts			
Whip	25	23	2	123	52	46			
Old White Hart	25	18	7	110	65	36			
Albert	25	18	7	109	68	36			
Talbot	24	16	8	98	70	32			
Plough	25	16	9	98	77	32			
Queen's	25	16	9	89	86	32			
Royal	25	14	11	101	74	28			
Five Ways	24	11	13	83	85	22			
Halfway House	24	11	13	80	85	22			
New Inn	25	9	16	80	95	18			
Eleven Ways	25	8	17	80	95	16			
Musicians	25	4	21	59	109	12			
Duke of York	25	3	22	44	131	6			
Church	25	3	22	44	131	6			

CRIB									
	P	W	L	F	A	Pts			
Church	25	17	8	103	72	34			
Albert	25	17	8	98	82	34			
Whip	25	16	9	96	79	30			
Eleven Ways	25	15	10	97	78	30			
Five Ways	24	14	10	86	82	28			
Talbot	24	13	11	89	79	26			
Halfway House	24	13	11	88	80	26			
New Inn	25	13	12	82	93	26			
Old White Hart	25	11	14	90	85	22			
Queen's	25	11	14	83	92	22			
Plough	25	9	16	76	99	18			
Duke of York	25	8	17	81	94	16			
Royal	25	8	17	73	102	16			
Musicians	24	7	17	71	97	14			

Portsmouth and Manchester United have re-arranged their First Division match for Fratton Park on Wednesday, April 16 (kick-off 6.45).

HALF-TIME SCORES

FIRST DIVISION

Birmingham 1, Luton 0.
Burnley 0, Manchester United 0.
Chelsea 0, Blackpool 0.
Manchester City 1, Arsenal 2.
Newcastle 3, Leicester 2.
Notts Forest 1, Wolves 1.
Portsmouth 0, Aston Villa 0.
Preston 2, Leeds 0.
Sheffield Wed. 1, Bolton 0.
Tottenham 2, Sunderland 1.
West Brom 2, Everton 0.

SECOND DIVISION

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

THIRD DIVISION (North)

Accrington 1, Bradford City 1.
Bradford 2, Crewe 0.
Bury 1, Workington 0.
Carlisle 1, Wrexham 0.
Chester 0, Hull 0.
Chesterfield 1, Stockport 0.
Hartlepool 0, Rochdale 0.
Oldham A.F.C. 0, Mansfield 1.
Southport 1, Scunthorpe 1.
Tranmere 1, Halifax 0.

THIRD DIVISION (South)

Bournemouth 1, Gillingham 0.
Brentford 3, Aldershot 1.
Colchester 0, Queens Park R. 0.
Crystal Palace 0, Port Vale 0.
Northampton 0, Southampton 1.
Norwich 1, Millwall 0.
Reading 1, Brighton 0.
Shrewsbury 1, Southend 0.
Torquay 0, Plymouth 0.
Walsall 2, Exeter 0.
Walford 1, Newport 1.

SCOTTISH CUP (Fourth Round)

Clyde 1, Falkirk 1.
Hibernians 1, Third Lanark 0.
Motherwell 1, Aberdeen 0.
Queen of South 2, Rangers 2.

SCOTTISH LEAGUE (Div. I)

Airdrieonians 1, Partick Thistle 1.
Dundee 0, St. Mirren 0.
Kilmarnock 3, East Fife 0.
Raith Rovers 1, Queens Park 1.

SCOTTISH LEAGUE (Div. II)

Dunfermline 3, Albion 0.
East Stirling 1, Brechin 0.
Hamilton 1, Cowdenbeath 1.
Morton 1, Arbroath 2.
St. Johnstone 1, Berwick 0.
Stenhousemuir 0, Ayr 1.
Stirling Albion 2, Dundee United 2.
Tranraer 2, Alloa 1.

RU INTERNATIONALS

Ireland 6, Wales 0.

New ruling

Here's the RU definition of a professional

THE International Rugby Football Board, with representatives from England, Scotland, Ireland, Wales, Australia and New Zealand, have decided that the rules as to professionalism laid down by any union must include:—

- 1.—Players, whether under or over 18 years of age, who have received, directly or indirectly, payment or reward are not eligible to play in Rugby Union football.
- 2.—A player over 18 years of age who has signed a Rugby League form or who has had a trial for a professional Rugby League club, is not eligible to play Rugby Union football.
- 3.—A player under the age of 18 years should not necessarily be disqualified on the grounds of having signed a Rugby League form as an amateur or having had any connection with a Rugby League game as an amateur, provided he has not received, directly or indirectly, any payment or reward, and provided he has not had a trial for a professional Rugby League club.
- 4.—Boys still at school: If the laws of his own national union so permit, a schoolboy playing Rugby League football for his school where only Rugby League football is played, shall not be considered to be disqualified from playing Rugby Union football.
- 5.—No player who has become ineligible under the board's resolutions, can be reinstated.

The board agreed that in dealing with cases not specifically covered by the foregoing rules, the governing factor in determining amateur status is the intention of the player to seek or receive directly or indirectly, a financial gain or material advantage. Actions of a player which imply intention are sufficient for this purpose.

WAS SCAR-FACE INVOLVED IN MURDER? COINS CLUE IN HUNT FOR GUNMEN

HALF-CROWNS paid as part of a car-hire fare by a scar-faced man may be a clue in the police search continuing today for the gunmen who murdered Mr. Arthur Frederick Lee in a raid on an Islington, London, N., factory a week ago.

The raiders, one of whom shot Lee, escaped with about £120, mostly in half-crowns, in money-bags thrown at them by the firm's cashiers in an attempt to drive them off.

The scar-faced man hired a cream Ford Consul car from a South London hire firm a few days before the hold-up, and paid part of the hire fee in half-crowns a few hours after the raid.

Until the scar-faced man is found, the police will not be able to rule out the possibility that the cream car was used by the gang.

A number of men went to City Road Police Station—the headquarters of the search—during the night, but were unable to help in the inquiry.

Detectives are sifting new information received after the police appeal yesterday to boarding-house keepers. But no definite information about the gang has been received.

Detectives are also investigating the attempted £1,300 wages snatch in Eastcastle Street, Marylebone, yesterday, in which a constable was cowed.

They are today trying to trace a taxi driver who may have picked up the gang in Regent Street.

They abandoned their car near Eastcastle Street, and police have been told that four men answering their descriptions hailed a taxi in Regent Street at about the time of the raid.

IRELAND TOOK EARLY LEAD

The start of the Ireland-Wales RU international at Dublin was sensational. HENDERSON kicked a magnificent penalty goal for Ireland in the first minute from 45 yards.

The Irish forwards swept down the field and Friday threw himself at their feet to save a perilous situation. Next, Murphy and Donaldson took the ball to the Welsh line. Back it came to English who narrowly missed with a left-foot drop at goal.

Noel Murphy beat Haydn Morgan in a desperate race for a touch-down. But O'Reilly had knocked on. O'Reilly himself next covered 80 yards and won a touchdown, only to be recalled by Dr. Parkes, the Dublin-born referee. In both cases the players did not hear the whistle.

Wales became dangerous. Cyril Davies hung on too long when Nicholls was waiting for the pass, and then on the opposite wing Roberts was pulled down on the Irish line.

Friday had a chance to put Wales level when they were awarded a penalty-kick for obstruction. The distance was 40 yards and Friday sliced it to the right. Then Cliff Morgan failed with a snap drop-kick.

Mick English was proving a success in place of Kyle. A long kick of 60 yards by him led to Ireland going further ahead with a try in the left corner in the 29th minute. There was a five-yard scrum; N. Murphy kicked ahead, and O'Meara was quick enough to touch down. Henderson's place-kick fell short.

Half-time: Ireland 6, Wales 0.

FIREMEN REVIVE DYING CHILD

A TWO-YEAR-OLD Royton child who stopped breathing for 15 minutes yesterday, was said to be "a little better, but still rather poorly," in Oldham and District General Hospital this morning.

The child, Sandra Woodhead, was taken ill at her home in Houghton Street, Royton, and as she lay gasping in her mother's arms the child stopped breathing.

Mrs. Edith Woodhead tried to revive her, but suddenly Sandra went limp. In a panic, Mrs. Woodhead dashed to the fire station.

A fire crew grabbed oxygen cylinders and raced back to the house. Then Leading Fireman Dick Sisson knelt beside the silent girl and with the help of Fireman Jack Reddick, attempted to revive her. Other firemen placed an oxygen mask on the child's face.

Fireman Sisson said afterwards, "The child was not breathing and her face was white."

Then 15 minutes later, Sandra's eyelids flickered and she drew a forced breath. She was carried to a waiting ambulance where ambulance men helped her to keep breathing. A hospital official said, "The firemen did a wonderful job. But for their action the child would not be alive now."

PLAYER SIGNS ON FOR A NEW CLUB AT 3 am

AT 3.15 a.m. today Mr. Bill Anderson, the Lincoln City manager, signed Ron Harbertson, the Darlington centre-forward. After the transfer had been completed, Mr. Anderson and Harbertson climbed a 10ft. wall on the Darlington ground and "broke in" to the dressing-room to get the player's boots.

Then they left for the cross-country trip to Liverpool where Harbertson led Lincoln's attack today. The fee is about £5,000.

Mr. Anderson yesterday signed Billy Coxon, the Norwich outside-left before dashing North late last night to Darlington.

Harbertson, who previously played for Bradford City, Newcastle, Grimsby and the North Eastern League club, Ashington, has scored 22 goals this season.

Jackie Henderson, Portsmouth's Scottish international forward, today signed for Wolverhampton Wanderers. He was included in the Wolves' reserve side at outside-left against Sheffield Wednesday at Molineux today.

Harper well ahead on last day of rally

ON the final day of the Royal Automobile Club's rally, which called for 1,800 miles of hard driving over snow covered and icy roads in England, Scotland and Wales, Peter Harper, the 36-year-old garage proprietor from Letchworth, Hertfordshire, who has won the reputation in recent years of being Britain's most consistent rally driver—seemed certain to win his first major rally.

The rally ends with today's manoeuvring test on the promenade at Hastings.

The leading competitors were: Harper, 652.1 points; Gouldbourn, 1,028.7; Gold 1,076.1; Miss Pat Moss, 1,168.5; Wadham (of Denmead, Hampshire, 1,507.3, and Corbishley (of Macclesfield) 1,665.2.

Harper leads in a team of Sunbeam Rapier. Battling for second place are two members with C. Corbishley's Standard team, which looks like taking the team prize—R. A. Gouldbourn, of Newcastle, Staffordshire, and T. A. Gold, of Stoke-on-Trent.

Girls' great effort

One of the most remarkable achievements of the rally has been the performance of two 23-year-old girls, Pat Moss, sister of Stirling Moss, and Ann Wisdom. Driving a Morris Minor, they are fourth in the general classification and leaders by a wide margin in the women's section.

The RAC Rally, which counts towards the international rally championship, is known as the "Rally of the Tests." So far there have been 19 tests, of manoeuvring, hill climbing, braking and speed.

This morning Harper was in an almost unassailable position. "In order to lose," said one organiser, "it would seem that his silence would have to fall off at the start of this last test, he would have to go into a skid and knock down all the pylons on the course and then back through a pile of sandbags into the sea. It seems very unlikely."

The last manoeuvring test consisted of driving to one side of a line of pylons stretched down the middle of the promenade, reversing back the other side, doing a sharp turn in and out of a bay in the promenade wall and then braking.

OLDHAM TORY CLUBS' SNOOKER AND WHIST

FINAL TABLES

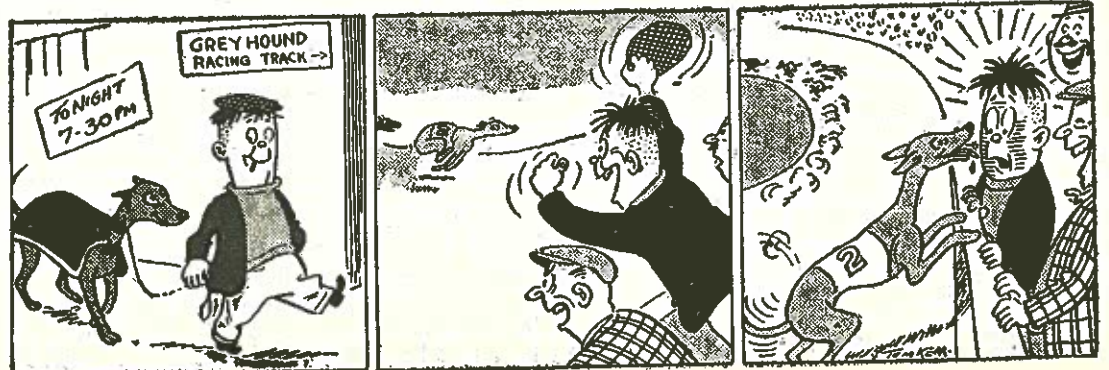
SNOOKER				
	P	W	L	Pts
North Chadderton	16	15	1	30
Marlborough	16	11	5	26
Moorside 'B'	16	10	6	20
Moorside 'A'	16	10	6	20
St. Paul's	16	8	8	16
Westwood 'A'	16	6	10	12
Shaw Road	16	4	12	8
St. James's	16	3	13	6
Moorside 'A'	16	3	13	6
Westwood 'B'	16	3	13	6

WHIST				
	P	W	L	Pts
North Chadderton	14	11	3	22
St. James's	14	10	4	20
Marlborough	14	8	6	16
Moorside 'A'	14	8	6	16
Moorside 'B'	14	6	8	12
Westwood	14	6	8	12
Shaw Road	14	3	11	6
St. Paul's	14	3	11	6

The knock-out finals will be played at North Chadderton Conservative Club next Thursday: Moorside 'A' (rec 50) v. Shaw Road (rec. 55) at snooker, and North Chadderton v. St. Paul's at whist.

BOBBY DAZZLER ...

By Tom Kerr



With the Oldham Amateurs Haggate 'A' look certain champions

TWO more clubs have entered the last eight of the Challenge Cup Competition. Gladstone shared six goals with Druids Lads the first time they met, but in last week's replay they had a 9-1 victory. Spinners were defeated at home by Fernhurst, but the clash between Buckley and Taylors and Strinesdale ended all square, with two goals each. Buckleys now face a journey to Strinesdale.

Haggate "A" avenged their cup defeat by Roundthorn the previous Saturday when they met again in a league match. Haggate "A" won by the odd goal in five. With an unbeaten league record they look certain champions—six points clear of all the others.

CHALLENGE CUP REPLAYS

Gladstone 9, Druid Lads 4
Druids were only 2-1 down against Gladstone in the first half, but afterwards the Fallsworth side really struck form. Although the visitors added three more goals Gladstone notched a further seven. The play of inside-forwards and the wing-men was really the turning point, the Druids defence being caught out of position by the long pass. Outstanding in this respect were the Gallier brothers who, with centre-forward Hill, hit 2 goals each. Cooper added three goals. Druids scorers were: Costello, Wolstencroft, F. Cooney and Price.

Buckley & Taylors 2, Strinesdale 2
The home team dominated the first half of this cup-tie but the Dale scored first after 10 minutes' play. Buckleys had a 2-1 lead by the interval, with goals by Brown and Spencer, some dare-devil goalkeeping by Phipps preventing a much bigger lead. With the wind behind them in the second period, Strinesdale got right on top and gave the home defence a severe battering, Marshall and Stott showing up well in repelling the Strinesdale forwards. Phipps, however, made some gallant saves during several breakaways. Strinesdale equalised in the final stages to earn a deserved replay. Jones and Wrigley were the Dale goal scorers.

Spinners 1, Fernhurst 2
Fernhurst fielded a weakened team for this cup clash but their football was superior to Spinners in all departments and they were well-deserved victors. Hughes and Young were their scorers. Booth netted the Spinners' goal. The clever goalkeeping of Mallieu was the main reason for the narrow Fernhurst victory. He had an outstanding match.

LEAGUE MATCHES

Roundthorn 2, Haggate "A" 3
Roundthorn went ahead after five minutes with a goal by Chadderton, but fighting back, Haggate equalised after half an hour, inside forward

Moore scoring. The conditions were against good football. Soon after the interval Chadderton again put Roundthorn in front. Wilson brought the scores level with a shot that the Roundthorn goalie allowed to slip through his grasp. The home side turned on the pressure, but when the Haggate forwards broke away Aspin snatched the winner. Praise to both teams for a good game under trying conditions.

J. Clares 1, Phoenix 5

The best display from Phoenix so far, especially in the second half, when, with the score 1-1, they struck with devastating effect to score four times without reply. Clares faced the bitter wind during this period and occasional snow was on their faces, but Phoenix, with clever interchanging of positions, would have won no matter what the conditions might have been. Their scorers were: Willis (2), Swindles, Heginbottom and Halffield. Clegg scored for J. Clares.

Dronsfilds 10, Haggate "B" 3

Haggate were never a match for this Dronsfild side, who played throughout with only ten men. With a nine-goal interval lead, they eased up in the second period, and Haggate scored three times. Centre-forward Taylor hit a clever hat-trick, as also did outside-left Heap. Abbey scored twice, and Macauley and Sellers one each. Foxcroft, Cooper and Pollitt hit one goal each for Haggate.

Delph 2, J. Chadwick's 1

Delph gained a narrow 2-1 victory over J. Chadwick's on the latter's ground. Wilson and Lawton scored for Delph and Costello for Chadwick's.

DIVISION I					
	P	W	D	L	Pts
Haggate "A"	15	14	1	0	29
Roundthorn	15	11	1	3	23
Ivy United	15	9	2	4	20
Delph	15	8	2	5	18
Buckley & Taylors	13	8	0	5	16
Spinners	15	5	2	8	12
Fernhurst	15	4	1	10	9
J. Clares	10	3	1	6	7
Phoenix	12	2	2	8	6
Chadwick's "A"	12	2	2	8	6
Greenfield Mill	13	0	0	13	0

DIVISION II					
	P	W	D	L	Pts
Dronsfild	16	10	4	2	24
Strinesdale	14	10	1	3	21
J. Stott's	16	9	3	4	21
Roundthorn Res.	13	9	2	2	20
Gladstone	16	5	2	9	12
Greenfield Amts.	11	5	1	5	11
NW Gas Board	13	5	1	7	11
Druids Lads	15	3	3	9	9
Denshaw	14	3	2	9	8
Haggate "B"	14	3	0	11	6

BOB GURNEY, the former Sunderland centre-forward and Darlington manager, who is now in business in the North-East, still maintains his interest in football. In his spare time he does some scouting for Leeds United, who are, of course, managed by Raich Carter, who was a Roker Park clubmate of Gurney in pre-war days.

ROUND THE THIRD NORTH

SOUTH EAST LANCASHIRE LEAGUE Marsden keep slipping after strong challenge

A FEW weeks ago it appeared that Marsden, last year's chief trophy winners, would at least take the runners-up cup across the border, if none of the other trophies. Now, however, even this consolation prize is fast slipping from their grasp. Saturday's slip at home to A & A Crompton's was yet another nail in their coffin.

Urmston took full advantage of this surprise by inflicting a 7-3 defeat on A & A Crompton's neighbours, Osram. Four matches behind, Urmston need only five points to catch Marsden and push them into third place. Although it is possible for Urmston to catch Chloride, it is very unlikely, despite the good form of the Chassen Road team, for Chloride show no sign of defeat even without Corfield and Cheadle in the team.

Last Saturday saw them beat CWS (Radcliffe) to enter the semi-final of the League Shield. They meet Bardsley on April 12 on Ashton National's ground, and this match will be a Moore Cup final rehearsal.

Austerlands' big win in blizzard

Austerlands Institute had their biggest home win of the season when they beat ICI, Blackley, 6-0 in the Manchester Amateur League (Division II) last Saturday. Winning the toss the home team played with the wind and snow at their backs. The visitors defended strongly for 25 minutes, but Roy Arundale opened the account with a goal shot from the touchline which sailed into the net with the keeper beaten.

Alberts, the centre-half, scored a second with a long shot from the half-way line and G. Mayall scored a brilliant opportunist goal just before half-time to give the home team a 3-0 lead.

The second half started with a blizzard raging, but the teams pluckily carried on. Austerlands, in fact, played much better as a team against the wind and soon increased their lead with a goal by Smethurst, who cut in from the wing and beat the goalkeeper as he came out to meet him.

Sladin next went through the defence and calmly placed the ball into the net. With 10 minutes to play, it appeared that the game would be abandoned, as it was impossible to see across the ground for snow, but the referee and the players were determined to finish the match, and in the closing minutes, Ken Frost, brought into the team at the last moment for the injured Wolsenholme, scored with a hard, low shot.

Both games will be worth watching. Of all the league teams Bardsley seem the likeliest candidates to knock Chloride off their perch. Not that the Oldham side are the team they were in 1955-6 far from it, but they love a challenge and do not accept defeat easily.

Outstanding players last Saturday were J. Reade (Urmston), Nightingale (Block Lane) and Cooper and Broadhurst (CWS Radcliffe). Johnny Reade scored four of his side's seven against Osram but not until the Shaw side had gone into a 2-nil lead. This is Osram's now famous first-half spurt. Let's hope it will not be long before the learn to last the full 90 minutes.

Block Lane paid a visit to Dukinfield Victoria and shared points in a goalless match, thanks to a fine display by goalkeeper Nightingale who brought off some marvellous saves. Dukinfield kept Block Lane in their own half for long periods, and were unlucky to find the Block Lane defenders in such good form. Credit in this match must also go to referee, R. A. Armstrong, one of the younger school who did an excellent job.

Although CWS (Radcliffe) were beaten 3-0 by Chloride, the Radcliffe side nearly caused a shock result. Shannon, in a welcome return to the Cifton side, put them one up after 25 minutes, but it was not until the 83rd minute that Shannon added a second and five minutes later that Watkins put the issue beyond doubt. Much of the credit for the CWS fine display is due to the good form of centre-half D. Cooper and goalkeeper J. Broadhurst.

Point of interest: Corfield (Chloride) has played for four different teams in successive matches. Chloride, Manchester County, Oldham Athletic, and South East Lancashire League. Where next?

	P	W	D	L	Pts
Chloride Res.	19	19	0	0	38
Marsden	23	15	3	5	33
Urmston	19	13	2	4	28
Dukinfield St. Mary	22	12	4	6	28
Prestwich Boro'	22	11	4	7	26
Bardsley	23	11	3	9	25
English Steel	24	11	3	10	25
Heys	22	10	3	9	23
Dukinfield Victoria	25	8	7	10	23
Block Lane	23	10	2	11	22
Robinson's Res.	20	9	3	8	21
Ashton National	24	8	2	14	18
A. & A. Crompton's	23	6	4	13	16
CWS (Radcliffe)	18	6	1	11	13
Osram	24	3	4	17	10
Avro	25	2	3	20	7

Dave Thomas is 6 strokes behind

Dave Thomas (Sudbury) remained among the leading 12 players as he started the third round of the Pensacola open golf tournament today in Florida.

He had a second round 72 for a total of 141—six strokes behind Ryder Cup player Doug Ford (New York), who led with 135.

Peter Thomson (Australia), former British Open champion, was well back with 147.

Oldham Sunday Schools League

Emmanuel snatched last-minute point

St. Aidan's 6, Eaves Lane Meths. 2
ST. AIDAN'S hit the crossbar twice in the opening minutes and led 2-1 at half-time. Eaves Lane fought back to equalise but the effort was too much and they were eventually outplayed by a team whose strength in attack lay in their wings on a very muddy pitch.

Scorers.—St. Aidan's: Murphy (2), Crowther (2), O'Brien, Entwistle; Eaves Lane: R. Simms, Hirst.

Watersheddings M. 1, St. Mark's 0
St. Mark's, who had had to face the elements in the first half, had used up nearly all their stamina after the interval. In a game which had to be curtailed to 60 minutes, Watersheddings scored the only goal of the game through Hampshire.

Emmanuel PC 3, Edge Lane M. 3
Emmanuel opened the scoring after eight minutes and for a time were on top. Edge Lane equalised and from then on had a slight advantage, scoring a second goal after 30 minutes. Emmanuel equalised seven minutes later.

In the second half, play was fast and exciting. After 70 minutes Edge Lane went into the lead and held it until the last minute when Emmanuel snatched the equaliser. A first-class match. Scorers.—

Emmanuel PC: Hill, Wood, Crouchley; Edge Lane: Byron (2), Bakes.

Cowhill Meths. 2, Glodwick Meths. 4
A well-earned two points by lowly-placed Glodwick Meths. Scorers.—Cowhill Meths.: Broome (2); Glodwick Meths.: Overens (2), Henthorne, Jones.

Millgate Meths. 2

Washbrook Meths. 4
Playing with the wind, Washbrook were soon on the attack and with two goals in the first three minutes looked set for a big score, but Millgate in a breakaway reduced the arrears. Washbrook continued to force the pace and added two more goals before half-time. In the second half Millgate had enough chances to get on level terms but could score only once. Scorers.—Millgate: Cropper, Thompson; Washbrook: Hanson (2) O'Connor, Fennell.

Westwood Moravians 7

St. John's, H'w'd, 2
St. John's turned out only nine players, but in the first half, with the wind and ground in their favour, overcame the disadvantage. Within two minutes they had taken a two-goal lead. Just before half-time Westwood scored twice to get on level terms. Westwood made full use of the conditions in the second half and scored five more goals. St.

John's always tried hard and none better than Clegg, their goalkeeper. Scorers: Westwood, Young (3), Mills (3), Heath; St. John's, Smith, Hunt.

Second Division

St. John's Res. 3, Roundthorn M. 4

The visitors soon settled down and scored within 10 minutes. They scored a second but the home team cut the margin with a penalty. After half-time, St. John's with the snow and wind in their favour, still couldn't make any headway against a hard-tackling defence. Roundthorn went further ahead after a goalmouth scramble. St. John's scored again and in the closing minute hit another. Scorers: St. John's, Stock (2), Hague; Roundthorn, Steele (2), Brierley, Duxbury.

Edge Lane Res. 4, St. Hugh's 5

High winds and snow made conditions almost impossible but both teams tried hard. St. Hugh's, with the wind behind them, made good use of it, getting a good lead up to half-time. The second half was a different story with Edge Lane doing most of the attacking but just failing to press home. Scorers: Edge Lane Res., Webb (2), Allan, Berry; St. Hugh's, Gaunt (2), Newman (2), Gardner.

Christ Church 0, Hollinw'd Congs 10
This, up to half-time could have

been anybody's game. Hollinwood having only a two-goal lead, one of them a lucky one. The second half was a different story and Hollinwood went through to score at will. Christ Church gave up early on and made a farce of the game. Scorers: Hollinwood, Lever (4), Angus (2), Hopwood (3), Stewart.

St. Stephen's 3, St. Aidan's "B" 2

St. Stephen's, playing down the slope with the wind in the first half, took advantage and led 7-2 at half-time. In the second half St. Aidan's failed to follow suit and St. Stephen's increased their lead. Scorers: St. Stephen's, Birchall (2), Wright (2), Hoyle, Jeffreys, Elcock, Hartley; St. Aidan's, Egerton, Cadwallader.

Ashton Rd. Congs. 1, Cowhill Res. 1

Wooden Spoonists Cowhill Res. well deserved their point particularly as they were away from home. Scorers: Ashton Rd., Rhodes; Cowhill Res., Raynor.

Springhead Congs. 3

George St. Meths. 0

The two top clubs came nearer together, Springhead being only one point behind George St., and it looks as though there is going to be a real fight for the championship. Scorers: Springhead, Mallieu (2), Humphries.

Mansfield's 10 goals in last two games

IF Tony Rowley, Tranmere's new recruit from Liverpool, can show the same scoring form for the Prenton Park club as he did with his former team, the Rovers will have every reason to be satisfied.

Until he was overtaken by Billy Liddell last Saturday, Rowley was Liverpool's top scorer with 17 goals in 24 League and Cup games. In all, he has netted 38 times in 70 first-team appearances for the Merseysiders.

AFTER a spell of indifferent form, Mansfield Town, visitors to Boundary Park today, have regained their earlier form. The most noticeable improvement has been in their attack which, before this afternoon, had scored 10 goals in its two most recent games, after netting only six times in five previous matches.

Five of those 10 goals have come from inside-left Ken Griffiths and outside-left Charlie Mitten, the club's player-manager.

TWO of the most successful switches made by Wrexham's manager, Mr. Jack Love, in the short time he has been at The Racecourse, have been those involving Tommy Bannan and Barry Smith.

Bannan, after filling both inside-forward positions, was moved to centre-forward a fortnight ago, and has netted three times in two games. Smith, normally a centre-forward, has now taken over at outside-left from David Jones.

TWO of the men who have had much to do with Accrington's recent spell of success are centre-forward George Stewart and inside-right Jimmy Mulkerin, both members of the Scottish contingent at Peel Park.

They have provided much of the striking power of late, Stewart having averaged a goal a game in his last 11 outings, and Mulkerin having averaged one for seven games.

JUST as Darlington's hour of Cup glory departed, so also has the proud record held by centre-half Ron Greener. The former Newcastle player recently lost his place through injury after a run of 132 consecutive appearances—a fine feat for a player in such a testing position in what is probably the most strenuous division of the League.

IT is 34 years this month since four penalties were awarded inside five minutes in a match between Crewe Alexandra and Bradford. Three of them were missed, and the game ended in a 1-1 draw.

ALTHOUGH well into the veteran stage, Bury's Tom Daniel is still a very useful servant of the Gigg Lane club, and has recently been leading the first-team attack. During his stay with Bury, Daniel has appeared in a number of different positions, and has done well in them all.

4-0 WIN FOR CHADDERTON

IN the Manchester Amateur League (Division II) Chadderton beat W. H. Smith's 4-0. Smith's, in fourth place in the League table fielded their strongest side. The home side started in great style and Chadderton appeared to be in great difficulties in the first ten minutes. Gradually the visitors came into the game and against the run of play scored a great goal when from a cross by Ken Isherwood young Jim Hughes volleyed home in great style.

Chadderton were rapidly gaining in confidence and dictating the play. Half-time W. H. Smith's 0, Chadderton 1.

The second half showed Chadderton in great form and playing wonderful football. Further goals came to Chadderton from Ken Isherwood, Ward, and a penalty by Norman Isherwood.

Even when four goals down W. H. Smith's were playing determined football and making this a great game. Chadderton, however, showed great teamwork both in defence and attack and certainly on this form appeared to have no weaknesses.

LAND'S END AND ROYTON LIBERALS IN SEMI-FINAL

LAND'S END "A" and Royton Liberals "A" have reached the semi-finals of the Green Final Snooker Handicap. Land's End had an easy 3-1 victory over Crompton Conservatives on Wednesday, but over at Royton there was a much closer match. Royton won 3-1 against Fallsworth St. John's, but were actually two points behind on aggregate at the end.

Fred Dyson (12) gave Land's End a good start at home to Crompton Conservatives by winning the first frame against Jim Naylor (22) by 74-47. An early fluke pink and an unlucky foul on the black by Naylor gave Dyson a lead he never lost.

With his customary methodical mixture of sound potting and intelligent safety play, Dyson kept taking a red and a colour to lead 55-39 on the colours and 67-47 on the black. Naylor, trying to cut the lead, had hard luck with a double on the black. It hit the angle and came back over the top sack to leave an easy pot for Dyson.

Lee came from behind

R. Lee (Crompton, off 20) got away first in the second frame, but R. Berry (14) scored 6, 11 and 8 to take the lead. Back came Lee with a 13 break, but later he left Berry on for an equivalent break and found himself behind 46-61.

Both players now indulged in a bout of snookering on the last red. Naylor was the most successful and he cut his deficit to four when it came to the colours. But a foul on the blue, with a resultant free ball put Berry on top again and with two more snookers he led 79-60. Naylor, however, eventually cleared the last four colours to win 82-79.

This was to be the last of Crompton's good fortunes, for nothing would go right for J. V. Cooper (25) against G. Lockwood (owe 5), and the former Yorkshire champion, with breaks of 12, 14 and 19, had no trouble in winning 86-46.

With Land's End 64 ahead, Bill Taylor (scr.) went to the table to enjoy himself in the last frame, and he treated the spectators to some smooth potting. He was soon off the mark with an immaculate 39 break, and an 11 and an 18 helped him past the century mark against W. Dawson (28), who lost 106-45. The aggregate score thus read: Land's End 345, Crompton Cons. 220.

Buckley hero in narrow win

At Royton Liberal Club there was tension right up to the end of the last frame when Fred Buckley, for Royton, made a brilliant last-minute recovery to clear the blue, pink and black to win the frame and match by 74-69. The final scores were: Royton 246, Fallsworth 248. Fallsworth had only just failed to qualify for the semi-finals for the second year in succession.

G. Wild (16) opposed K. Deaville in the first frame but found the balls running against him. He conceded no less than four fouls and often left a ball on. This was fatal against a sound team player like Ken Deaville, who went after every point possible and won 86-35.

The second frame saw the order of things reversed. H. Starling (22) potted seven reds without a colour, and H. Kent (12) made useful breaks for Royton of 6, 7, 11 and 10 to gain a lead of 53-29, eventually winning 64-40.

Mental battle

In the third frame there was a keen mental battle between Fred Goodwin (18) and Harold Rushworth (15). There were some fine pots, with Goodwin leading 28-26, 36-34, 43-41 before he began to shake Rushworth off.

He led 60-47 but fouled the pink and again Rushworth was within striking distance. But he left the pink on, and Goodwin on his next visit to the table also potted the black to win 73-53. Royton had now cut the points lead to seven and held a 2-1 frames lead.

Fred Buckley (7), against E. Bradley (18), had the right temperament to overcome simple setbacks. He conceded a six to give Bradley a good start off and fouled again when using the long



CROMPTON CONSERVATIVE CLUB, one of three billiard teams that reached the quarter-finals of the Green Final Snooker Handicap. —J. V. Cooper, R. Lee, W. Dawson, J. Naylor.

SNOOKER PROBLEMS Gross now meets Brittle

AT the recent referees' examination locally, there were three problems that most of the candidates had difficulty with, and I will try to clarify them this week. The main one was when a ball was found to be wrongly spotted after a number of scoring strokes had been made. For example, a player pots a red and then a pink, and this ball is spotted on the blue spot without any protest by either player. The striker carries on, pots another red,

By FRED MAYALL

black, then red and blue, but on potting this ball his opponent notices the pink was on the wrong spot and claims a foul.

The position is that up to the blue the player had scored 16. The blue is not counted, as it was a foul stroke, but the other strokes preceding it were condoned because they were not claimed. Therefore, 16 is put on the board and the penalty for the foul stroke is put on the opponent's score.

In this instance, the points forfeited must be the highest numerical value of the balls concerned in the foul—i.e., six points for the wrongly-spotted pink.

THE second one concerned the player who, instead of striking the cueball with the cue, addresses and strikes another ball in mistake. This carries the highest penalty of seven points, irrespective of which ball is struck.

THE third one concerned a player snookered after a foul stroke. He nominates green, the ball "on" being red. Playing to hit green, he miscues, misses green and pots red. This is a foul stroke as a player MUST hit the ball he nominates FIRST.

If he does this and then pots the red it would be a legitimate stroke.

LAND'S END "A" and Royton Liberal "A" have reached the semi-finals of the Green Final Team Snooker Handicap. Next Thursday, Shaw British Legion have as visitors the Equitable team, and on Tuesday Westwood Liberal "A" play Oldham Central Conservative Club at Westwood to decide who meets in the other semi-final.

cue. Bradley, playing steadily for Fallsworth, got three sixes and a seven, to lead 58-38.

Two clever snookers and the yellow and green kept Buckley in the game, but Bradley needed only colour to win the frame. However, Buckley sneaked the brown, and when Bradley had hard luck in leaving the blue, Buckley jumped in and cleared the table to win the frame 74-69, thus giving Royton a 3-1 victory.

Next week's quarter-finals. —Tuesday: Westwood Liberals "A" v. Central Conservative Club. Thursday: Shaw British Legion v. Equitable.

The semi-finals and final will be staged once again at the Unity Hall in the week beginning March 24, and the playing conditions will be up to the standard enjoyed by the professionals, ably provided by Mr. C. Hughes and Son of F. Merrall's, High Street Manchester.

It augurs well for the future of this handicap that again three of the teams that primarily play billiards reached the last eight, and out of 71 teams, only one has complained of the marks they have received.

RON GROSS, having won five frames to two against A. Burdett (Nottingham), is the sole Northern representative left in the English Amateur Snooker Championship. He now plays H. Brittle (Sheffield) in the quarter-final on March 19, so it is up to him to avenge Stan Haslam's (5-3) and Austin Whiteside's (5-2) defeat.

If he does so he must be considered firm favourite to win the championship for the second time, as such star players as Marcus Owen, Ray Reardon and Geoff Thompson are in the other half of the competition.

CIU SNOOKER

The draw for the Oldham Federation of Working Men's Clubs individual snooker handicap second round is as follows:

AT NIMBLE NOOK on March 19 (7-45 p.m., striking-out time 8-30 p.m.): J. Keating (20) v. S. Howe (20); M. Jones (30) v. H. Wild (15); F. Hague (15) v. F. Hartman (20).

AT CHADDERTON BAND on March 19 (8-30 striking-out): H. Barnes (20) v. H. Smith (25); J. Brookes (20) v. H. Hargreaves (17); O. Orton (15) v. H. Barrett (scr.).

AT AEC CLUB on March 19: J. Jackson (20) v. B. Shaw (12); F. Giles (25) v. A. Collier (20); R. Tyndall (15) v. J. Houghton (20).

The following players have byes: E. Hallsworth, J. Milner, B. Hodkin, A. Fletcher. All results to be handed in to the secretary, F. C. Wild, by Friday, March 21.

There is a delegate meeting tomorrow at Chadderton Band Club (11-30 a.m.) when the draws for the individual darts championship will be made.

PULMAN PLAYING WELL

THERE is little doubt now who will take over the illustrious mantle of the great Joe Davis in years to come, writes R.M. John Pulman is the name—a tall, bespectacled, serious young man who is in the process of proving his worth at the Houldsworth Hall, Manchester, where he is playing Joe Davis in the last heat of the News of the World tournament.

Receiving 10 points in each frame, Pulman has jumped into a 14-10 frames lead, and looks very capable of pushing Joe out of second place.

In the first frame—with 24, 63, 22 breaks—he leaped into an impregnable 119-0 lead, and Joe formally sank all the colours.

Pulman made a 28 break in the second frame, but what a lucky one. Midway through he slammed a straight black at the top pocket; it

CHADDERTON SNOOKER LEAGUE Jeffries' turn to gain Springbank a victory

THE closest match in the Chadderton Snooker League last Monday was at North Chadderton Social Club. After two close frames, D. Bell and T. Bell put the home side 30 ahead, but A. Jeffries won the last frame by 34 to give Springbank a four-point win.

Chadderton Cot dropped two more points, this time at Nimble Nook. After the first two frames they were 55 behind, and a fourth-frame victory by H. Hargreaves (25) enabled Nook to finish 52 points ahead.

Land's End kept their lead at the top of the table by defeating Fallsworth Cycle on their own table by the margin of 161 points. The feature of this match was the low scoring of the home team.

In the local derby between Chadderton Reform and Chadderton Band only 16 points separated both teams. The first frame went to the visitors through W. Birtles by 19, but the next three went to Reform with wins from H. Clegg (22), N. Hilton (41) and T. Coleman (3), which gave them an impregnable lead.

Easy for Beanweb

Beanweb, at home to Royton Cons., had no great difficulty in gaining the match points, winning three of the five frames through G. Richardson (18), J. Rainford (28) and F. Adams (42).

Platt's had Chadderton Cons. as their opponents and got off to a flying start in the first frame with a 58-point win by H. Howarth. The next two frames went to the Cons. to bring the margin down to 20, but G. Bolton put the match beyond doubt in the last frame.

North Chadderton Social 330, Springbank 334. North Chadderton scores first: J. Doyle 54, J. Ashton 43; E. Walker 70, S. Bolton 86; D. Bell 76, W. Bland 54; T. Bell 82, H. McNally 69; G. Steeples 48, A. Jeffries 82.

Whist: N. Chadderton 54, Springbank 55. Beanweb 362, Royton Cons. 297. Beanweb scores first: G. Richardson 81, N. Porter 63; E. Clarke 58, H. Wright 62; J. Rainford 76, T. Whitaker 48; F. Adams 93, W. Burgess 51; G. Rushworth 54, H. Foster 73.

Whist: Beanweb 56, Royton Cons. 32. Chadderton Reform 380, Chadderton Band Club 364. Reform scores first: T. Hulme 67, W. Birtles 86; H. Clegg 94, S. Mills 72; N. Hilton 106, F. Scarfe 65; T. Coleman 63, J. Meredith 60; J. Flynn 50, R. Earnshaw 81.

Whist: Reform 48, Band Club 60. Cycling Club 174, Lands End 332. Cycling Club scores first: N. Moreton 15, G. Lockwood 67; S. Osborne 40, R. Berry 72; B. Campbell 21, W. Taylor 53; F. Kennedy 64, F. Dyson 68; S. Dalton 31, S. Pope 72.

Nimble Nook 393, Chadderton CBC 341. Nimble Nook scores first: J. Bell 92, A. Whiteley 49; J. Brierley 83, J. Cartwright 71; J. Jackson 73, J. Whitaker 89; H. Hargreaves 87, T. Nicholls 42; J. Brookes 58, H. Howarth 70.

Whist: Nimble Nook 48, Chadderton 36. Platt's SC 400, Chadderton Cons. 335. Platt's scores first: H. Howarth 117, T. Kinder 59; T. Midgley 68, R. Jones 86; J. Hardacre 57, E. Haslam 77; H. Partington 70, F. Collier 70; G. Bolton 88, A. Leard 43.

Whist: Platt's 47, Chadderton 51.

Set-back for the Empire champion

Tony Anthony (US) stopped Yvon Durelle (Canada), British Empire light-heavyweight champion, in the seventh round of a scheduled ten-round fight last night in New York. The referee intervened less than a minute after the round started.

This may affect Durelle's chances of an early tilt at Archie Moore's world title, for Moore beat Anthony in seven rounds in September.

Durelle and Anthony, who boxed a ten-round draw in June, both went down in a gruelling fight. Anthony took a count of nine in the first round, and Durelle was down for a short count at the end of the sixth.

AUSTIN DIDN'T SHOW FORM OF 1st ROUND

BARELY accepting what few scoring chances he was offered, the Manchester area qualifier, Austin Whiteside, was beaten 5-2 by Harold Brittle (Rotherham) in the second round of the English Amateur Snooker Championship at Burroughes Hall, London, on Thursday.

Only in the last frame did Whiteside show anything like the form he revealed in his first-round win over London's Tommy Gordon, and then he was pipped on the black after Brittle had countered a break of 46 with a succession of well-laid snookers.

Brittle took the first frame 69-38 but lost the second 61-67, despite a clever 30 break. He won the third 67-33 and had runs of 33 and 21 in a fourth-frame margin of 98-12.

Whiteside was successful 54-42 in the first frame of the evening session, but Brittle settled the match with scores of 75-26 and 77-76.

Title-holder Ron Gross (Farnworth, formerly Middlesex) had breaks of 35, 32, 28, 25, 23 (twice) and 21 in a 5-2 second-round victory over Alfred Birdett (Nottingham), whose top runs were 54, 40 and 21.

Scores were (Gross first): 85-45, 83-42, 60-49, 28-71, 77-36, 42-68 and 56-47. Gross meets Brittle in the quarter-finals next Wednesday.

ST. HELENS

[Continued from Page 7]

Prescott, F. Lee and J. F. Mavity represented Lancashire.

A generation later and we saw the wizardry of Alf Ellaby, who scored five hundred or so tries in his career. He was contemporary with George Lewis, a centre from Wales.

Saints have not gone in for many Colonials, but their first, Jim Turtill, who came over with the first New Zealand tourists was a most able full-back, but he lost his life on active service in World War One. Hutt, Hall and Hardgrave came over from New Zealand in 1929-30, but not until Van Vollenhoven did the Saints show similar enterprise.

The great work of the Supporters' Club must be recognised and they have helped the club to reach the top and to stay there. The club became a limited liability company in 1937 with a capital of £5,000. Since then it has become more and more progressive and new plans for another covered stand are going well ahead. The playing pitch is among the best in the League.

The Bishop of Rochester played a long time ago for St. Helens when his father was Bishop of Liverpool. As C. M. Chavasse, he was also an Olympic runner. Others like Jack Arkwright, Fred Roffey, Alf Frodsham, Ben Halpenny, Albert Fildes, Stanley McCormack come readily to mind, but I think the present St. Helens stars will need some beating.

Alan Prescott, Duggie Greenall, Austin Rhodes, Tom van Vollenhoven, Vin Karallus, Briggs and company of today's side are artists of the game.

Sporting queries

WHITE HART INN. — Stanley Matthews was born at Hanley, Stoke, in February, 1915. His height is 5ft. 9in., and he weighs 11st.

ROSE TAVERN. — Gene Tunney did not win the world light heavyweight title. He won the American light heavyweight title on points over 12 rounds against Battling Levinsky on January 13, 1922. He lost that title to Harry Grebb on points over 15 rounds on May 24, 1922. He regained it on points over 15 rounds from Harry Grebb on February 23, 1923, and relinquished it to fight Jack Dempsey for the world heavyweight title. He beat Dempsey on September 23, 1926.

HATHERSHAW WIN COUNTY NETBALL TROPHY



HATHERSHAW TECHNICAL HIGH SCHOOL have won the second team section of the Lancashire County Netball Association Grammar Schools' tournament. They beat Stand GS 7-3, Layton Hill GS 7-1, Larkhill Convent 6-3 and Blackpool Town GS 9-1 to reach the semi-final, in which they beat Bury Convent 10-8. In the final they thrashed Notre Dame (Wigan) 9-1. The team is trained and coached by the Cheshire county player, Miss S. Kretschmer. Back row: M. Gill, M. Warburton, S. Dalton, J. Varley. Front: N. Richardson, A. Byron, M. Humble (capt.), V. Lee, M. Haslop.

SPORTS CORRESPONDENCE

Passing was bad

TO say that my wife and I were disappointed at the result of last Saturday's RL Cup-tie is an understatement. We got the result at 1.40 p.m. (our time) by calling the Canadian Press Office in New York City. You know the old saying, "Where do we go from here?" Well, we go right on and win the Rugby League Championship again. Forget the past: what is done can't be undone.

We continue to get the Green Final and Weekly Chronicle through the kindness of Mr. Edgar Brown, of 476 Manchester Road, Hollinwood, and we enjoy them immensely. May we say in passing that we do hope that our near neighbours, Rochdale Hornets, go on and win the Rugby League Challenge Cup. And we hope Athletic have a better turn of luck for the remainder of the season.

THOMAS BARRETT.
1993 East 29th Street,
Brooklyn 29,
New York, USA.

New faces needed

AFTER the shock defeat of Oldham on Saturday, may I express my surprise at the Oldham team who, in the second half, never kicked for touch. Cunliffe certainly showed them how.

It is goodbye to Wembley for another year, and now is the time for the Oldham committee to satisfy some of the "A"-team lads.

I would play Carruthers, as he certainly deserves his place in the first team. Also we are in need of a good out-half. Why not Edwards, who is fast and could make those bursts from the scrum? Oldham also need a speedier attacking winger urgently.

WEMBLEY NEXT YEAR.

I HAVE never seen a more demoralised team display than Oldham's against Wigan last Saturday. Admittedly the injury to Davies disrupted the three-quarter line for most of the game but it is no excuse for the rest of the players receiving the ball and then sending out a great pass to a cherry-and-white man.

Once or twice it could be a blunder but six times at least was a very poor show on Oldham's part. Instead of training next time, Griff Jenkins ought to take the team to an eye specialist to see if they can differentiate between Red and Blue.

On the credit side for Oldham I name Ayres as the outstanding back; Pitchford tried hard, as did Vines; Eddy had not much chance owing to Davies being injured; but as for the rest of Oldham's team they were putrid.

All credit to Wigan's forceful forwards, who burst through the middle time and time again. Praise, too, for Cunliffe, who made some lovely kick-throughs for touch. The handling of the ball by Wigan, and the grand backing up was a treat to watch. At times it looked like the Oldham way of backing up.

UTTERLY DISAPPOINTED.

No good reserves

THIS is not a letter of sour grapes, but one of warning. The way the Oldham committee have run the club this year, it is time a limited company was formed.

There have been jaunts here and there but no signings—not one the whole year. Oldham have not got a first-class reserve forward, full-back, winger, out-half and scrum-half.

This Oldham committee is using the same policy that ruined Boundary Park. Surely the club is wealthy enough to carry four first-class reserves.

I would like to thank the team for the grand football we have had during the past four or five seasons, but wake up committee before the crowds go. We want a first-class forward, winger, stand-off and full-back.

MEMBER No. 267.

Pleading poverty

FOR the last 40 years I have been a regular supporter of Oldham Athletic, and I have never known them to do anything but plead poverty.

In the early days after the First World War they never bought anyone of note. They relied on other clubs to let them have the has-beens, but unfortunately they were coming to the end of their days as footballers. But as long as they pulled us out of the rut, the directors were content to sit back.

And what happened to the younger players whom they got for almost a signing-on fee? When the right club came along with the right cheque, they were soon transferred, with the old parrot cry to the public, "Well, he wanted to go to better himself."

I can name a few of those boys: Bert Gray, Frank Moss, Ted Taylor, Sammy Wynne, Reg Freeman, Jimmy Naylor, Billy Porter, Leslie Adam, Ted Goodier, J. Dyson, F. Hargreaves, S. Littlewood, F. S. Blair, Charlie Jones, Freddy Worral, and a good few more. What happened to the money?

Now Athletic are living the same way, along with the all-out efforts of the Supporters' Club, who are doing a grand job. How do the directors think such clubs as Crewe, Halifax, Southport, Rochdale and others are doing—clubs without half the support of Oldham Athletic? You don't hear these clubs keep moaning every week.

FED UP.

American racehorse tops £321,000 in prizes

The four-year-old Round Table, winner of over 900,000 dollars (about £321,300), won the eight-and-a-half furlong challenge purse at Gulfstream Park racecourse, Miami, yesterday.

Round Table recently won the Santa Anita Handicap, which made him only the fourth horse to win over 900,000 dollars in total prize money. The others are Nashua, Citation, and Stymie.

Mirage filmed

A mirage of a non-existent lake fringed with rushes has been filmed by Soviet and Chinese photographers in the Jungaria Desert in North-West China.

Johnston's career: works soccer: bowls referees

CENTRE-FORWARDS are a paying proposition for Leyton Orient. In under four years they have sold three for a total of roughly £50,000—and that figure, apart from less than £6,000 paid to Newport County for Tom Johnston, latest to leave the club, represents clear profit.

The other two, Dennis Pacey and Vic Groves, were amateurs, and so cost only the £10 signing-on fee when they became Orient professionals. Johnston went to Blackburn Rovers for about £15,000; Pacey went to Millwall in October, 1954, soon after Orient had turned down a £12,000 bid by Manchester City; and when Groves and full-back Stan Charlton were transferred to Arsenal a year later it

Table tennis champion



Sixteen-year-old JACKIE LYNN KOEHNKE (pronounced "conker") from Chicago, changes from Western cowgirl clothes into table-tennis dress. She has come to Europe to take part in the English Junior Table Tennis Championships at Wembley from March 24 to 29. She was also competing in the Cheshire Junior Open at Birkenhead yesterday and today and is in the French Junior Championships at Tours on March 22 and 23.

Although still at Glenbard High School, Jackie Lynn (as she is known professionally) is a popular star of American television and radio as a singer with a guitar. She is the younger sister of Sharon Koehnke, a finalist in the English Junior Table Tennis Championships of 1952.

MIRROR OF SPORT

was estimated that £23,000 of the money involved was for chief target Groves.

★ ★ ★
Thirty-year-old Tommy Johnston, the League's leading goalscorer this season, was an Oldham Athletic player for a short time. He was signed by Mr. George Hardwick from Darlington on February 28, 1952. He played five games in Athletic's first team in the Third Division North and scored three goals. He made several second-team appearances.

He was transferred to Norwich City on June 16, 1952, for a reported fee of £500. He was transferred to Newport County for a reported fee of £3,000 and later Newport transferred him to Leyton Orient at a higher fee still. The latest reported fee is one of £15,000 when he was transferred to Blackburn Rovers on March 7, 1953.

★ ★ ★
THE workshop knock-out football competition season is here again and organisers are busy filling in the draw sheets. On April 2, on the ground adjoining Crompton Cricket Club, the Wright Charity Cup competition is due to open.

All amateur and workshop teams within a radius of six miles of Shaw Town Hall are eligible for entry in this competition—and they can be sure that the proceeds will go to a good cause. In the past this competition has handed a large sum of money to old folk's organisations—between £60 and £70 the record for one season alone.

Good changing facilities are offered in Crompton Cricket Club pavilion, and the competition, which has the approval of the Manchester County FA, comes to a close with a presentation dance.

The organisers say that interest, particularly from supporters, has been falling away. This is a sad fact and it would be a pity to see the cup, originally donated by Councillor Joseph Wright, father of Mr. Norman Wright, the competition president, gathering dust on the shelf.

★ ★ ★
AT the recent Lancashire County Amateur Bowls Referees' Association meeting at St. Helens, Chadderton Referees' Society added to its list of qualified county referees: Messrs. R. Clough (Hollinwood) and J. Smith (Royton) were successful in passing their examinations.

The Society, which now has eight members wearing the county badge, is ambitious and would welcome more members.

Quotes from the meeting: (1) all open competitions must be affiliated to LABA; (2) a professional bowler is one who bowls for a living; and (3) an objection to a mark MUST be made before the first bowl is sent.

The Chadderton Society recommended that the county should be divided into two parts based on Manchester and Preston, so that the amateur bowler could be catered for and the county fully represented. This was well received and will most likely become operative from the half-yearly meeting in October.

★ ★ ★
SEVEN more goals will give Peter Harris, the Portsmouth and England outside-right, a place in soccer history. He is that close to the 34-year-old record for goals scored in League football by a winger.

Harris has a career total of 178, all in First Division soccer and all for Portsmouth, his only club. The record was set by Welsh international Billy Meredith, who netted 184 goals for the two Manchester clubs, City and United, between 1894 and 1924.

If Harris can bring it off, his feat will be more remarkable than Meredith's because he has been playing First Division football in only the 12 post-war seasons, whereas Meredith was in the game 30 years and took part in more than 1,000 first-class matches.

Meredith has one record neither Harris nor anyone else is likely to beat. He played his last game for Manchester City against Brighton in February, 1924, when 49—to become the oldest player ever to appear in the FA Cup Competition.

★ ★ ★
A STAND-IN for South-paws. That's the hobby of Joe Lucy, former British lightweight champion and now a prosperous publican who runs a gym over his bar in the Old Kent Road. When a fighter is in trouble for wrong-way-round sparring partners, Lucy, still training two days a week, is ready to take off his jacket and step into the ring.

Recently he has given work-outs to Alex Buxton and Eddie Wright. But he's supposed to deal gently with Wright, who is Mrs. Lucy's brother. You shouldn't try to tan the hide off your brother-in-law.



TOM JOHNSTON



ARTHUR BOOTH, captain of Ashton CC, who scored 915 runs in Central Lancashire League cricket last season, has been presented with a framed action photograph of himself. It will be hung in the Ashton club pavilion.

Making the presentation at the annual meeting on Monday, the club chairman, Mr. S. S. Fletcher, said that but for a break in the weather late in the season Booth would have reached his 1,000 runs.

OLDHAM NEED NEW BLOOD



Davies goes down between Ashton and Boston but slings a pass out to his wing partner, Eddy. Cup-tie scene at Watersheddings.

And a poor reserve is better than unfit star

WIGAN didn't just knock Oldham out of the Challenge Cup on Saturday: they snapped them back to reality. Oldham's administrators have been resting too easily on reputations. In 80 devastating minutes Wigan altered everything.

It is no use mincing words on the subject of replacements. Oldham do want talent and they want it quickly if they are to hold their present enviable position in the code.

Changes in the first team cannot be delayed much longer. I need not go into the weaknesses, I feel they are obvious, but Oldham should get to work now instead of delaying until not just a couple but a handful of replacements are wanted.

Talent is scarce and ready-made players almost impossible to obtain. Yet by concentrated and continuous effort, the right kind of player can be found.

In some respects Oldham need not move out of their own pavilion to find an answer to their troubles. But it means the placing of faith in reserves—not a strong point at Watersheddings.

Familiar names like McKEOWN, CARRUTHERS, NOON, EDWARDS O'BRIEN, JONES, LAVERTY have all at one time or another appeared on the first-team sheet. Almost without exception, however, juggling with recognised first-teamers has been tried first.

I know that officials at Watersheddings feel that some replacements are needed in the first team, and I also know that the handful of officials who advise the team manager are loathe to make any sweeping changes.

Daley's position

A move in the right direction has been made this week. Twenty-year-old out-half Alan Kellett went into today's team on ability. He could stay there, I am told.

Gallant Frank Daley understands. He knows he is in the veteran stage and is ready to hand over to a man better than himself.

I do not think Daley's attitude is an isolated one at Watersheddings. Players are aware when their days are numbered. Obviously they don't complain to the club that they are getting beyond first-class rugby. They expect to be told in a practical manner.

The club are running into a vital stage in the season. Facing them are the Lancashire League and League Championship trophies. With luck the present first-team combination can bring them to Oldham again, but as a combination I do not think they will bring them back next season.

Oldham must go on the search for new talent and they must start to look seriously at their reserves. Next season new and regular faces will be needed in the first team, and if luck runs the wrong way, they may well need some help before this season ends.

SURVEY FROM WATERSHEDDINGS

By W.D.

Oldham's system of taking on junior trialists is in need of more attention. I doubt if any club in the League has signed so many players for trials with so few results.

Oldham in fact have developed the surprising knack of discovering young players for other clubs. The amateur game still provides the bulk of professional players and somewhere in that side of the code there are still players in the class of Mick Sullivan and Alan Davies.

They may not look ready-made but WITH CARE AND INDIVIDUAL COACHING they could become Oldham's future stars. The care and coaching are important.

One last point I make—and it is one that has occurred to several readers—is the advisability of playing fit men. I think Oldham have by this time proved beyond doubt that an injured star is worse than a poor reserve.

Panic moves are not necessary at Watersheddings, and I hope that I have not given that impression. Wigan, though, told me on Saturday that Oldham needed some new blood. The message, I am sure, was also received by the people who matter.

'A'-team fixtures

The "A" team makes news this week. Oldham have agreed to let the Lancashire County secretary arrange games any way he likes next season. The practice is for "A" teams to oppose each other on the same days as their first teams.

In a questionnaire the secretary is asking all Lancashire clubs if they are agreeable to leaving the fixture formula to him. He points out that it will mean more games for "A" teams.

That is very good, and so is Oldham's idea to issue programmes for reserve games next season. They will be a single-sheet and will cost 1d.

Australian boxer is acting as substitute

Neville Rowe (Australia) will take the place of Jack Whittaker (Warwick), who is suffering from hand injury, against Ron Redrupp (West Ham) over an eight-round cruiserweight contest at Leyton, London, on Monday.

Will new signings help in escaping relegation?

MANAGER GOODIER has spent the greater part of this week on the phone, calling his scouts, and other club managers—all with one aim in view—the signing of somebody new.

Then, shortly after lunchtime yesterday, the announcement came that two players were to be signed and put in the side to meet Mansfield—Stan Smith, Crewe centre-forward, and Les Melville, Bournemouth left-half.

Smith, who is 25, began his footballing career with Port Vale, and has occupied most front-line positions. He has been regular leader at Crewe this season, and has scored eight goals.

Les Melville, a six-footer who lives in Stockport, was formerly with Everton before joining Bournemouth. He was placed on the transfer list at his own request.

He, too, has made a number of first-team appearances this season, and was a regular member of the side last season.

Tempo quickened

The tempo of Athletic's hunt for new blood had quickened on Thursday, when on two occasions a deal was almost clinched—and twice it was called off.

These negotiations, if completed, will bring a third player to Boundary Park on, I believe, a player-exchange basis. No further



Athletic's defence was hard-pressed at Workington when two new forwards from Barrow—Armstrong (second from left) and Gordon—put new fire into Workington's attack. In this incident the danger for Oldham is averted by West passing back to his goalkeeper, Teece, while harassed by Robson (right).

Photo by Ivor Nicholas, Cockermouth

Is the League going to consider the bottom 12 clubs as relegation probabilities? In practice, only the bottom club will have to apply for re-election—but the other eleven are going down into a lower division.

If the League committee do decide that these clubs come under the relegation heading, then it seems most unlikely that Third Division clubs will be able to play any new men after today.

With 12 clubs in the bottom half struggle and four fighting for promotion to Division II, every game will be classed as either a promotion-relegation struggle. I am surprised, in fact, that the League have not yet come out with a statement on this point.

On a technical note, it has been pointed out to me that the transfer market is actually open until midnight on Sunday, yet everyone has said the ban goes up at midnight tonight.

Very true. The reason is that under a Football Association rule it is illegal to sign a player on a Sunday, or even to induce a player to sign on that day.

This year then, clubs have lost a valuable 24 hours in which to snatch a late signing.

Bad start

Last week, I ended this column with a hope that Athletic's remaining 13 games would not prove unlucky.

Unfortunately they had a bad start with the 4-2 defeat at Workington, and, with only 12 games remaining, the fight is really on.

From these games Athletic must now collect about 18 points to be safe—a steep task indeed.

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

move will be made until this evening—after the game with Mansfield.

No names have been mentioned but my guess would be that either West or Neale will figure in the deal, as both have aroused the interest of a number of clubs in the past few weeks.

If all the deals go through, then Athletic will be completing the League programme with a new look side. If it will help the club fight clear of relegation all well and good—but we must now just wait and see.

Interesting

This season the closing-down of the transfer market on March 16 has raised an interesting point as far as Third Division clubs are concerned.

The Football League ruling on the matter is that after this date, clubs may only sign and play new men with the permission of the Management Committee.

An application to field a new player must be sent off each week, and the committee will only allow him to play if neither of the two sides concerned are in the promotion-relegation struggles.

Hence the problem raised this season in the Third Division.



A Wigan player is heavily tackled but has managed to let the ball out to a team-mate. Cup-tie scene at Watersheddings.

A touch of spring in the boxing air

Royton Harriers

Perkins won in tight finish: Pirie 19th

THE English National Cross-country Championships at Arrowe Park, Birkenhead, were favoured with a fine day but the cold wind was biting and the terrain though dry, deceptive, for ground conditions were heavy and demanding. The senior race, the chief event of the meeting, was alive right to the last 100 yards.

After an early excursion to the front by Gordon Pirie and Alec Perkins, the holder, F. D. Sando, M. W. Firth, B. Heatley, P. B. Driver, all strove for mastery and at 5 miles it was Sando Firth and the surprise of the meeting, Fred Norris, Olympic runner, now showing splendid form in his late 30s.

At 7½ miles it was Sando, Firth, Norris and Perkins, all close together, anybody's race and in a close finish A. F. Perkins, Ilford, was the winner covering the 9 miles 48min. 51sec. followed by F. D. Sando 48min. 56sec. and M. W. Firth 48min. 58sec.

Gordon Pirie finished 19th, just behind Johnny Wild, with Derek Ibbotson right out of form at 212. The Southern champion, Stan Eldon, failed to reach the course in time to compete and Gerry North had to drop out with cramp.

Third time lucky

No doubt about the two other races, Yorkshire were supreme, M. Harrop winning the Youth title with a few yards, but clearly the master.

The most spectacular winner was third-time-lucky Alan Cocking, (Bramley Harriers), who, wearing his same No. 77 which brought him victory as a Youth Champion at Arrowe Park four years ago, also proved a winning number to add to the English Junior title. His time for the 6-mile course was 33min. 5sec., a minute in front of his nearest rivals at least 400 yards away.

To crown his wonderful performance he has been selected to run for England, joining a select band of juniors, few in number to earn this distinction.

The local club, Royton Harriers and Athletic Club, competed in Youth and Senior races, and the experience gained will be of benefit to the runners concerned.

Team and other results were:

Results

SENIOR (9 miles): 1. A. F. Perkins (Ilford AC), 48min. 51sec.; 2. F. D. Sando (Aylesford Paper Mills), 48.56; 3. M. W. Firth (South London), 48.58; 4. B. Heatley (Coventry Godiva), 49.2; 5. J. Merriman (Watford), 49.5; 6. M. R. Maynard (Hemel Hill), 49.18; 7. F. Norris (Bolton United), 49.24; 8. P. B. Driver (South London), 49.37; 9. J. McLaren (Victoria Park, Scotland), 49.38; 10. K. F. Caulder (Surrey AC), 49.41; 11. A. J. Weekes-Pearson (Blackheath), 49.46; 12. G. Rhodes (North Staffs), 49.49; 13. P. Wilkinson (Derby and County), 49.55; 14. E. Kirkup (Rotherham), 49.58; 15. A. V. Lewis (Woodford Green), 50.00; 16. A. J. Llewellyn (Walton AC), 50.10; 17. M. Hyman (Portsmouth), 50.18; 18. J. Wild (East Cheshire), 50.30; 19. D. J. Pirie (South London), 50.36; 20. J. Russell (Victoria Park, Scotland), 50.37.

Team: 1. South London (3, 8, 19, 40, 65, 74), 212 points; 2. Thames Valley (30, 31, 33, 63, 60, 108), 320; 3. Derby and County (13, 21, 47, 76, 81, 99), 337; 4. Sheffield United, 349; 5. Victoria Park, 372; 6. Coventry Godiva, 470.

JUNIOR (6 miles): 1. A. Cocking (Bramley), 33.5; 2. R. Campbell (Essex Beagles), 34.2; 3. M. J. Corcoran (Macclesfield), 34.15; 4. B. B. Craig (Blackpool and Fylde), 34.19; 5. E. Major (Woodford Green), 34.24; 6. R. Barlow (Wallasey), 34.27; 7. J. Wright (Clydesdale), 34.28; 8. S. R. Langridge (South London), 34.30; 9. D. G. Shelley (Stone), 34.31; 10. D. Spencer (Barrow AC), 34.44.

Teams: 1. Derby and County (11, 31, 34, 46, 122); 2. Woodford Green (5, 19, 55, 70, 149); 3. Bramley (1, 20, 43, 116), 180; 4. Surrey AC, 5; RAPC, 212; 6. Shaftsbury, 230.

YOUTHS (3 miles): 1. M. Harrop (Halifax), 16.58; 2. W. C. Cornell (Chelmsford AC), 17.2; 3. H. Bunyan (Stevenage), 17.5; 4. I. Brotherton (Evesham), 17.8; 5. K. Somers (Westbury), 17.11; 6. J. Catto (Thurrock), 17.12; 7. A. R. Patten (Shaftsbury), 17.13; 8. B. A. Trowse (Ruislip - Northwood), 17.15; 9. M. Herriott (Sparkhill), 17.22; 10. D. Robinson (Dartford), 17.24.

Teams: 1. Walton AC (13, 15, 23, 30), 86; 2. Shaftsbury (7, 26, 29, 43), 106; 3. Halifax (1, 24, 41, 45), 111; 4. Birchfield, 116; 5. Bramley, 204; 6. Surrey AC, 237.

C.T.

Hungary exports factories

Albania has ordered two more Hungarian-made canning factories and discussions are being held for the delivery of a modern bakery, a slaughter house, a silo, a vegetable oil works and refrigeration units.

SPRING may be a little late this year, but Britain's boxing champions are emulating the crocuses all the same. There never was such impending activity among our title-holders.

Six out of the eight have contests lined up for the period between March 27 and April 21. Two of those are involved in Empire championship fights.

What a healthy state of affairs. It hardly looked possible this time last year when boxing was in the toils of the tax—promoters had to pass on one-third of their takings, and consequently found other uses for their money.

In chronological order the champions are thus engaged:—

March 27, at Liverpool, Pat McAteer defends his Empire middle-weight title against the Liverpool Nigerian Dick Tiger, a small man with a big punch, who already has a draw with McAteer to his credit.

Whoever comes out on top, this will be a home win, for with McAteer coming from Birkenhead, here is one of those fascinating Merseyside local derbies which generate such heat in Liverpool Stadium.

Remember Adams!

March 31, the British flyweight champion, Frankie Jones, from Scotland, meets Gerry Parker, of Beeston, at Newcastle.

It looks easy for Jones until Parker's last performance is taken into account. He got off the floor twice to beat Len Reece—and Reece came within a second of beating Jones for the British title last autumn.

April 2, at Paisley Ice Rink—Peter Keenan defends the British Empire bantamweight title against Graham Van der Walt of South Africa.

Those who say that Keenan must win should remember the cold we caught the last time a Scot put up his Empire title against a South African.



PAT McATEER
Defends Empire title on March 27.



PETER KEENAN
Defends Empire title on April 2.

That was Frankie Jones against Dennis Adams last October, and Adams hadn't a chance, but he knocked Jones out in three rounds. Keenan must keep his chin tucked in.

Fierce tussle

Contests between two British champions at different weights are rare but always interesting. Bruce Woodcock and Freddie Mills had two tremendous battles for the British heavyweight title when Mills was at his cruiserweight peak.

Randolph Turpin stopped Don Cockell in 1952 to rob him of the British and Empire light-heavyweight championships.

Now Dave Charnley, lightweight, and Peter Waterman, welterweight, are matched over ten rounds at Harringay on April 15. No titles are at stake, but if anyone thinks the battle will be any the less fierce because of that, then he doesn't know Charnley or Waterman.

Finally to Turpin, his lustre a little dimmed these days, but still holder of the British light-heavyweight title.

At the end of last year the Board of Control vetoed his proposed fight against the American heavyweight, Willie Pastrano. At Leicester on April 21, Turpin will be meeting Pastrano—but not in the ring. The American fights Joe Bygraves, former Empire heavyweight champion.

Turpin for once has a minor role—he takes on Eddie Wright, of Stepney, and it may be a rehearsal for a future British title fight.

The use of a former shop as a joiner's workshop was not approved by Oldham Corporation Plans Sub-committee on Wednesday.

MEMORY CORNER

TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO

The results of the semi-finals of the FA Cup, played on March 18, 1933, ensured that for the fourth time in the history of the competition there would be an all-Lancashire final. Second Division West Ham United had carried the banner of the South in an attempt to emulate the feat of West Bromwich Albion, who had won the Cup and promotion two years before. The Hammers, however, went down 2-1 to Everton at Wolverhampton, while Manchester City defeated Derby County 3-2 at Huddersfield.

In the final Everton won 3-0, through goals by Stein, Dunn and Dean. The game was watched from behind one of the goals by the late Frank Swift, who 12 months later was himself playing for Manchester City when they beat Portsmouth at Wembley.

TEN YEARS AGO

Semi-finals again held the stage on March 13, 1948, and at Villa Park another Second Division side, Tottenham Hotspur, were a goal in front of Blackpool with only a few minutes left for play. Then Stan Mortensen, playing one of his many brilliant games for the Lancashire side, scored the equaliser, and went on to complete a hat-trick in extra time, to give his great friend Stanley Matthews his first chance of a Cup winners' medal.

In the other semi-final, at Hillsborough, Stan Pearson netted three times for Manchester United in their victory over Derby County. The final, one of the best of all time, ended in a 4-2 win for United.

TWELVE MONTHS AGO

March 16 last year something of a red-letter day for Oldham Athletic supporters, who were at last able to cheer a goal from their club's centre-forward. Not since Dave Pearson had netted against Halifax in the first round of the Cup, on November 17, had any centre-forward scored for Athletic. The changes had been rung in vain, until, at the eighteenth attempt, the ice was broken by Don Travis in a 2-2 draw at Bradford. In between 17 goals had been added to Oldham's total, but not one by the leader of the attack.

RUGBY LEAGUE ABC

S. OWEN (Leigh)

Welshman Stan Owen was introduced to Rugby League because he impressed Leigh representatives while playing in the Services. He quickly settled down to become a leading prop-forward, and he is now in line for selection for a place in the touring team to Australia. His big chance came recently when he played in his first Test game against France because Oldham's Ken Jackson was injured.

Owen has no superior for strength, courage and determination and no matter what the conditions he is a decided acquisition. It is difficult to fault his defence, and when circumstances demand, he is always willing to allow faster men to take over the attack.

R. PARKER (Wakefield)

Until this season, when he was transferred to Wakefield Trinity, Reg Parker had played all his professional Rugby with Barrow. A tall, rangy forward, extremely mobile and difficult to tackle, he was a member of the Barrow pack which won the Challenge Cup at Wembley in 1955 and created a big surprise last season when he ousted Frank Barton from the team for the Wembley game with Leeds.

Because of his height (Parker is well over 6ft.) it was not always easy to find a corresponding player to match him in the second row, with the result that his inclusion was criticised on the grounds that the pack lost balance. With or without balance, Parker was a wonderful servant to Barrow.

J. ROYLE (Barrow)

When Barrow began their pack reconstruction last season they turned to Royle, a forward who had always impressed in games against them, and succeeded in signing this Widnes front-row forward for the bargain fee of £650, after he had played successful trial games for them.

Royle had earlier been given permission to go to Oldham to play trials at Watersheddings, but sickness intervened and the trials were never completed. Strong and sturdy, he is ideally built for his front-row task, and as he gathers experience he will be increasingly useful.



Stan Owen (top), Reg Parker and Jim Royle.

THIRD NORTH PLAYERS



W. MOORE



M. PRIEST



W. RUTHERFORD

MOORE (Hartlepool)

After maintaining a determined challenge to the leaders in the first half of the season, Hartlepool United have been slipping down the table of late. Once again, however, their defence, after a few unexpected lapses, is performing with its usual standard of efficiency.

For a considerable time, Watty Moore has been among the most consistent. A local product from West Hartlepool, Moore has spent the whole of his professional career in the service of the club, which he joined at the end of the war. He made his first-team debut in the 1948-9 season, becoming a regular the following winter. Up to the end of last season Moore had made 334 League appearances.

PRIEST (Halifax)

Halifax Town have been playing with much greater confidence and success of late, following a spell of indifferent form a few months ago. The better work of the forwards has coincided with the acquisition of Michael Priest from Sheffield United in the middle of January. Four days after joining Halifax, Priest celebrated his debut for his new club with a goal and has subsequently done much to increase the striking power of the attack.

Born at Clay Cross, Derbyshire, Priest joined Sheffield United's professional staff, after a spell as an amateur, in February, 1954, and made his only two first-team appearances, both at centre-forward, last winter. So far he has played exclusively at inside-left for Halifax.

RUTHERFORD (Darlington)

With the exception of the game at Carlisle a fortnight ago, the Darlington rearguard has been considerably more sound of late. Among those who have played their parts in this improvement, and in helping the Feethams club on its Cup run, was Bill Rutherford, a 6ft Scot from the Bellshill district of Glasgow.

After experience with Stirling Albion, Rutherford was signed by Darlington in the summer of 1952. In his first season with the club he played regularly at left-half, though he has subsequently alternated between both wing-half positions, and has also had an occasional game at inside-forward.

20m-year-old oyster bed

Research workers have discovered a 20,000,000-year-old oyster bed during excavations in Duisburg Harbour in the Ruhr.

According to the German Scientific Information Service, the oysters, with mussels and pieces of coral, were found in a pit about 66 feet deep, and recovered with the help of a diving bell. They belong to a period when the North Sea covered most of the Lower Rhine area.

A similar find was made some time ago near Uendingen on the Rhine at a depth of about 560 feet. The age of the beds was established through measuring the radioactive content of granite from the same period.

Dennis Price returns to BBC drama

TWO new recording stars—John Cairney and Sammy San—are featured in the *Ted Ray Show* on BBC television tonight. John is the singer and Sammy San the guitarist on their records, but they are both actors really.

John Cairney studied drama at Glasgow and was with the Bristol Old Vic. Then he got into film and television work and appeared in the film "Windom's Way." While he was working on this, he met Sammy who encouraged him to sing. Then the two of them began to compose their own songs.

"We liked them, but I was surprised that anyone else should," said John. But a music publishing firm liked them well enough to buy 13 of them outright. A recording company put them under contract and they were in the BBC's "Off the Record" in January with their disc "Two Strangers—A Certain Girl."

Terry Hall, the Oldham ventriloquist, is also in the show. Needless to say, Lenny the Lion is, too.

THE BBC is doing live drama after variety tonight. The play is "Design for Murder," a contem-

porary thriller set in an empty theatre. The author, Alex Atkinson, describes it as a "good, old-fashioned whodunit with psychological twists but, I hope, full of puzzles and entertainment." Dennis Price appears in the production, making his first BBC drama appearance for three years.

MANY viewers saw Ray Bolger, the American dancer, last Sunday in the Palladium Show. He will be remembered by cinemagoers as the Scarecrow in "The Wizard of Oz."

Tonight his name is the by-line on the Saturday variety show.

The film tonight is "Contraband," which recalls the time when Britain was undergoing submarine blockade in the war. Conrad Veidt and Valerie Hobson are the stars.

Recent cordial exchanges between the cities of Manchester and music give extra point to the ABC play, "The One Who Came Back," tomorrow. For this play dips deep into the tough question of what our attitude should be towards those who were our enemies.

It is about a Luftwaffe pilot who returns to a British village which he helped to devastate and he has to endure the sight of the distress still lingering on from the raid.

John Nelson Burton, who adapted the play from a script by Peter Hayes, had a big problem to figure out. "I had to ask myself that most fundamental of all questions," he said. "Is any race (the German race in particular) naturally cruel,

or is their behaviour the product of outside circumstances?"

Burton concludes that it would destroy faith in human nature to conclude that any race would be inherently cruel, and attributes the German behaviour to historical stresses and the appalling pressure of propaganda.

Anton Diffring, who has just returned from Hollywood—where he has made the pilot film of a new Frankenstein TV series—plays the part of the Luftwaffe pilot.

BACK to the 18th century goes the BBC for the penultimate play in the "World Theatre" series tomorrow. It is putting on "The Clandestine Marriage," by David Garrick and George Colman the elder.

"This gusty piece," says the BBC, "harks back to the vigour and the wit but not the coarseness of Restoration comedy." So viewers need not expect to be shocked.

It was at Drury Lane in 1766 that an audience first laughed at this comedy about matrimonial affairs. The central figure, a city merchant of wealth, has two daughters. One is about to marry into the nobility but the other is already secretly married—horror of horrors—to a nobody, albeit a pleasant nobody.

There is a family link in real life in the cast because Esmond Knight, who plays the merchant, has his daughter Rosalind playing his daughter in the play. These two played as Mr. and Miss Squeers in "Nicholas Nickleby."

Tonight..

BBC TELEVISION

- 6 0: News.
- 6 5: Six-Five Special from Paris.
- 7 0: Wells Fargo.
- 7 25: News.
- 7 30: Dixon of Dock Green.
- 8 0: Ted Ray Show.
- 9 0: Design for Murder (play), with Dennis Price, Maxine Audley, Patrick Allen, Andre van Gysegheem.
- 10 0: Sports Special.
- 11 0: News.
- 11 15: War in the Air.

ABC TELEVISION

- 6 0: Jack Jackson.
- 6 25: Flash Gordon.
- 6 45: Highway Patrol.
- 7 15: The Man Who Sold Death.
- 7 45: Wrestling.
- 8 30: Saturday Spectacular.
- 9 30: OSS.
- 10 0: News.
- 10 5: Contraband (film).
- 11 45: Epilogue.

NORTH—434 metres

- 6 0: News.
- 6 15: News of the North.
- 6 25: Sport Spotlight.
- 6 45: Those Were the Days.
- 7 15: The Week in Westminster.
- 7 30: In Town Tonight.
- 8 0: Variety Playhouse.
- 9 0: News.
- 9 15: The Long Reach (play).
- 10 45: Lighten Our Darkness.
- 11 0: News.

LIGHT: 1,500 and 247 metres

- 6 0: Guitar Club.
- 6 30: Just Jazz.
- 7 0: Radio Newsreel.
- 7 24: Football.
- 7 30: Saturday Night on the Light.
- 10 30: News.
- 10 40: RAC British Rally.
- 10 50: Jack Payne Record Show.
- 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 40: Socialism in one Country.
- 9 0: Concert (Part 2).
- 9 50: The Architecture of Perfection.
- 10 10: Webber.

AFN: 344 metres

- 6 0: News. Music in the Air.
- 7 0: News.
- 7 5: Grand Ole Opry.
- 7 30: Saturday Night Country Style.
- 7 55: Johnny Lee Willis.
- 8 0: Bandstand USA.
- 8 30: Operation Entertainment.
- 8 55: Sports Detective.
- 9 0: Music Views from Hollywood.
- 9 30: News.
- 9 35: Dance Date.
- 10 0: Sports Night Cap.
- 11 0: News.
- 11 5: Late Request Show.
- 12 0: News.

LUXEMBURG: 208 metres

- 6 0: Barry Alldis.
- 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: Record Round-up.

BBC

- 1 0: O Sul I Sul.
- 1 10: Ymryson Areithio.
- 2 15: Gardening Club.
- 2 45: News Review.
- 3 15: Eurovision Song Contest.
- 4 15: Brains Trust.
- 5 0: Children.
- 7 0: Meeting Point.
- 7 25: News.
- 7 35: The Thin Man.
- 8 0: What's My Line?
- 8 30: The Clandestine Marriage with Hermione Baddeley Esmond Knight, Doreen Aris, Geoffrey Bayldon.
- 10 0: Monitor.
- 10 45: News.
- 10 55: Weather; Epilogue.

ABC

- 11 15: Church.
- 2 30: The Book Man.
- 3 0: Private Life of Don Juan (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.
- 6 15: Sunday Break.
- 7 0: Living Your Life.
- 7 25: News.
- 7 30: Martin Kane, Private Investigator.
- 8 0: Sunday Night at the London Palladium.
- 9 0: M Squad.
- 9 30: News.
- 9 35: The One Who Came Back (play).
- 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: Service.
- 10 30: Music Magazine.
- 11 20: International Concert Hall.
- 12 10: The Critics.
- 12 55: Weather.
- 1 0: News.
- 1 10: The Naturalist.
- 1 40: Change Partners.
- 2 0: Gardeners' Question Time.
- 2 30: Concert, Part I.
- 2 56: Talk.
- 3 17: Concert, Part 2.
- 4 15: Can I Help You?
- 4 30: Talking About Music.
- 5 0: Children.
- 5 50: Money Matters.
- 5 55: Weather.
- 6 0: News.
- 6 15: Radio Newsreel.
- 6 45: Grand Hotel.
- 7 30: Letter from America.
- 7 45: The Way of Life.
- 8 25: Appeal.
- 8 30: Wives and Daughters.
- 9 0: News.

BBC

- 9 15: Fifty-One Society.
- 10 0: Mozart, Brahms and Ibert.
- 10 50: Epilogue.
- 11 0: News.

LIGHT — 1,500 metres.

- 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: Down Your Way.
- 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: The End Of The Day.
- 11 55: News.

THIRD — 464, 194 metres.

- 5 0: Table-Talk (play).
- 6 35: The Strauss-Hofmannsthal Correspondence.
- 6 50: Arabella, Act 1.
- 7 50: Prospect.
- 8 10: Arabella, Act 2.
- 9 0: The Illiad.
- 9 20: Arabella, Act 3.
- 10 10: Joint Consultation Overheard.

LUXEMBURG — 208 metres

- 6 0: Beaver Club.
- 6 15: Tommy Trinder.
- 6 45: Accordion Time.
- 7 0: Big Ben Banjo Band.
- 7 30: Winifred Atwell Show.
- 8 0: Hughie Green.
- 8 30: Michael Miles.
- 9 0: Roxy Time.
- 9 15: Ella and Louis.
- 9 30: Cream of the Pops.
- 10 0: Record Rendezvous.
- 10 30: Humphrey Lyttelton.
- 11 0: Top Twenty.

AFN — 344 metres

- 6 0: Biography in Sound.
- 6 55: Scrapbook.
- 7 0: News.
- 7 5: People Are Funny.
- 7 30: CBS Radio Workshop.
- 7 55: World Fair Report.
- 8 0: Howard Barlow Presents.
- 8 30: European Storybook.
- 9 0: Mitch Miller.
- 9 30: News and Sports.
- 9 45: Cool Man's Mother Goose.
- 10 0: Magic of Music.
- 10 25: One for the Book.
- 10 30: Westward Look.
- 11 0: Philadelphia Symphony Orchestra.
- 11 55: The Thing Called Life.

To the Members of the Oldham Repertory Theatre Club

Telephone: **MAIn 2829**

THE 'REP'

Evenings at 7-10
Matinees: Tuesdays at 2-30
Saturdays at 4-0

in the **COLISEUM THEATRE, Oldham**

Week Commencing **MONDAY, March 17**

TOLKA ROW

By **LAURA LAVERTY**

Members and Guests Only. Usual Prices. Matinees: Tue., 2/-, and Sat., 2/6.

Next Week, Mon., Mar. 24
CORNELIA
by Gordon Daviot

IN MEMORIAM

SMITH—In loving memory of a dear Mother, died March 15, 1955.
From Sons Bert and Leonard, and Daughter Annie and Family.
—134 Roundthorn Road.
—11 Martin Avenue.

LOST in Royton, a **CORGI DOG**; sandy colour with four white paws; answers to name of Flip. Finder please return to E. Hopkinson, 26 Oldham Rd., Royton. Reward.

WRIGHT CHARITY CUP—Entries invited from Football Clubs and Workshop Teams within a six-mile radius of Shaw Town Hall. Entrance fee £1 plus 5/- insurance. Closing date and draw, March 31, 1958.—Apply Secretary, 37 Market St., Shaw.

THE TALBOT, Bloom Street
Saturday Evenings—**PETER** on the Accordion
March 17—Come to our **IRISH NIGHT** in a Wilson's House

FARMER'S BOY, HUDDERSFIELD ROAD
SATURDAY: GILBERT LOBBRAINE
ALICE on the Keys

BEETHOVEN M. & S. CLUB
SUNDAY MARCH 16
Members Please Note
ONCE AGAIN — GRAND CONCERT
Artiste **ROY NEWTON**

Holiday Accommodation

DOUGLAS
CROSSLEY, 8 Mona St. Tel. 3804. U.C.
High T.B.S. 12/6 June & Sept.

RHYL—Board-res. Apartments; bed and breakfast. Reasonable terms. Close sea. Well recommended.—Mrs. Culwick, 26 Grange Road, Rhyll.

SCARBOROUGH—Leeway Hotel, 71 Queens Parade. Full sea views of Bay. From 17/6 per day full board.

SOUTHSEA—Close to sea. Good food. H. & C. Children welcomed. From 5/6s.—Scott, 19 Castle Road.

1947 Morris 10, Series "M"; record engine.—FAI 3741.
MAY Our Tokens Help Every Record Customer choose a Mother's Day Gift at 64 Egerton Street.

YOUNG Man with Bookkeeping and Clerical Experience Wanted.—Write, stating age, qualifications and experience, Hirst, Kidd and Rennie Ltd., Union St., Oldham.

LOCKWOOD C.C. Huddersfield League Div. 'A', require Cricket Professional, Season 1958. Bowler preferred. Terms to Sec., 68 Gramfield Road, Crosland Moor, Huddersfield.

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

Hobson's choice for Soviet voters

Russians go to the polls tomorrow to elect 1,364 candidates for both Houses of the Supreme Soviet—the Russian Parliament.

Election day has been declared a public holiday which will be marked by concerts on radio and television.

Second twins in two years

Mrs. Joan Hickson, daughter of Dr. Sidney Scott, of Woodbridge Road, Ipswich, has given birth to her second pair of twin daughters in two years. The new twins were born on Thursday in Cardiff, where Mr. and Mrs. Hickson live.

Fifteen mobile policemen were killed and five others wounded when Algerian insurgents ambushed their lorry near Medea, south of Algiers, yesterday, military quarters at Algiers said today.
Of the 15 dead, 12 were Moslems.

HENRY SHAW MONEY LENT

With or without security **£2 Upwards**
Estab. 72 years Tel. MAIn 1825
1 FIRTH ST. 11 CLEGG ST.

PAVILION, LEES

SUN. (4 days) Frankie Vaughan
THESE DANGEROUS YEARS (A)
Also Bill Elliott in *Calling Homicide* (A)
Last complete show at 7-15
THUR., FRI., SAT. Ian Carmichael
LUCKY JIM (U)
Jim Davis in *The Last Stagecoach West* (U) CinemaScope L.C.S. 7-15

EMPIRE

SUNDAY (open at 5-0)
John Ireland Dorothy Malone
SECURITY RISK (A)
The Bowery Boys
HIGH SOCIETY (U)
MONDAY, Open Daily 1-30, ALL WEEK
JOEL McCREA
BARBARA STANWYCK

TROOPER HOOK

(A) Screened 3-24, 6-10, 8-56

KIERON MOORE JANE GRIFFITHS

THREE SUNDAYS TO LIVE

(U) Screened 2-0, 4-46, 7-32

GAUMONT-OLDHAM

SUN. Rock Hudson Barbara Rush
TAZA, SON OF COCHISE (U) Tech.
Gene Nelson Mona Freeman
DIAL 999 (A)

MONDAY Cont. 1-40 ALL WEEK
The Rank Organisation presents
PETER FINCH MARY URE
Natasha Parry Robert Fleming
Michael Hordern Gregoire Aslan

WINDOM'S WAY

(U) Screened 2-0, 5-15, 8-30
Also **STRANGERS' MEETING (A)**
Screened 3-50, 7-5 L.C.P. 7-5

Grosvenor

SUNDAY for SEVEN DAYS ONLY
Rod Steiger, Sarith Montiel, Brian Keith
Blazing Action Fiery Romance
Lusty Adventure

RUN OF THE ARROW

(U) RKO-Scope, Tech., Sun. 5-35, 8-33
Weekdays 3-3, 6-1, 8-59

Also, for the first time,
The Famous Abbey Players
in a comedy as Irish as the Blarney Stone
itself—
CAPTAIN TIM
(U) Sun. 7-0 only. Wkdays 1-30, 4-28, 7-26
L.C.P. 7-20

ODEON

SUN. Jeff Chandler Marilyn Maxwell
Anthony Quinn in EAST OF SUMATRA
(U) Technicolor
Richard Conte Rona Anderson
LITTLE RED MONKEY (A)

MONDAY Cont. 1-0 ALL WEEK
Tyrone Power Marlene Dietrich
Charles Laughton

WITNESS FOR THE PROSECUTION

(U) at 1-15, 4-50, 8-25
George Montgomery
Gun Duel in Durango
(U) at 3-10, 6-45
Last complete programme 6-45

Money to Lend

LOANS ADVANCED
£3 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 MAIn 2682
THE Stanley Advance Co. (Stockport) Ltd.
1, HARTLEY ST., OLDHAM
(off 145, Manchester St)
Loans from £5 Upwards

Est. 1877 H. T. MAIn 1783
Greenwood Ltd.
20 GREAVES ST.
near Town Hall, OLDHAM
LOANS FROM £3

Lockhart goal after tough tussle

RESULTS

WHITEHAVEN	4	1-11
OLDHAM	2	3-13
HORNETS	3	1-9
SWINTON	1	1-5

FIRST DIVISION

Burnley 3, Manchester United 0.
Chelsea 1, Blackpool 4
Manchester City 2, Arsenal 4
Newcastle 5, Leicester 3
Notts Forest 1, Wolverhampton 4
Portsmouth 1, Aston Villa 0
Preston NE 3, Leeds 0
Sheffield Wednesday 1, Bolton 0.
Tottenham 0, Sunderland 1.
West Bromwich 4, Everton 0.

SECOND DIVISION

Bristol City 1, Ipswich 0
Huddersfield 3, West Ham 1.
Middlesbrough 4, Bristol R. 3.
Rotherham 4, Barnsley 1.

THIRD DIVISION (North)

Accrington 2, Bradford City 2
Bradford 3, Crewe 1
Bury 3, Workington 0.
Carlisle 4, Wrexham 0
Hartlepool 1, Rochdale 3
Southport 1, Scunthorpe 2.
York v. Darlington—Postponed.

THIRD DIVISION (South)

Bournemouth 2, Gillingham 1.
Coventry 1, Queen's Park R. 1.
Colchester 1, Swindon 3.
Northampton 1, Southampton 3.
Norwich 1, Millwall 1.
Reading 1, Brighton 1.
Walsall 3, Exeter 0
Watford 2, Newport 2.

Scottish Cup—Fourth Round

Clyde 2, Falkirk 1
Hibernian 3, Third Lanark 2
Motherwell 2, Aberdeen 1.
Queen of the South 3, Rangers 4.

SCOTTISH LEAGUE (Div. I)

Airdrie 4, Partick Thistle 1
Dundee 0, St. Mirren 0.
Kilmarnock 4, East Fife 0.
Raith 3, Queens Park 1.

SCOTTISH LEAGUE (Div. II)

Dunfermline 8, Albion 1.
East Stirling 1, Brechin 1.
Forfar v. Dumbarton—Postponed
Hamilton 3, Cowdenbeath 2.
Morton 1, Arbroath 3.
St. Johnstone 4, Berwick 0
Stenhousemuir 0, Ayr 1.
Stranraer 2, Alloa 1.

FA Amateur Cup—Semi-finals

Crook Town 0, Ilford 1.

Youth International

RUGBY LEAGUE

Batley 12, Salford 10
Blackpool B. 2, Wigan 13.
Bradford N. 5, Warrington 19
Bramley 3, Keighley 15
Halifax 21, Featherstone 0
Huddersfield 7, Hull KR 8.
Hull 22, St. Helens 11
Hunslet 4, Wakefield Trinity 9.
Leigh 12, Barrow 8.
Liverpool C. 29, Dewsbury 2.
Widnes 10, Workington T. 11
York 21, Doncaster 8

RU INTERNATIONALS

Ireland 6, Wales 9
Scotland 3, England 3.

Blackpool B. v Wigan

Both sides shone in the opening minutes. For Wigan, Cherrington went near to a try before CUNLIFFE put them in front with a penalty goal after 13 minutes. Two minutes later Blackpool were on terms with a penalty goal by FEARIS.

It was attractive open football afterwards, with the strong Wigan side never dictating the terms. Wigan resumed their lead with another penalty by CUNLIFFE. Half-time: Blackpool 2, Wigan 4.

JIM McGUIGAN was a late flu casualty and Tom McGlennon came into the side at Hartlepool today. Eddie Moran also returned, and Dave Pearson was the man to stand down. Snow had been removed from the pitch and stuck behind the goal-line.

HARTLEPOOL: Dyson; Waugh, R. Thompson; Newton, Moore, Stamper, Mitchell, P. Thompson, Johnson, McGuigan, T. Hartnett.
ROCHDALE: Jones; Ferguson, McCulloch; Grant, Glover, McGlennon; Lockhart, Wainwright, Dailey, Moran, Vizard. Referee: Mr. A. W. Luty (Leeds).

Rochdale played in red and found the surface treacherous with its slippery skin of mud.

Mitchell, Pool's new signing from Workington yesterday, was soon in action, and a right-wing attack brought a corner from which Rochdale made a quick breakaway. Moore held Dailey off, however, to pass back to Dyson.

Jones had to save from Harnett following another corner kick. Dyson was first in action, punching out a Ferguson free kick but Pools were quickly attacking again. Full-back Thompson came through to centre but McCulloch cleared, and then from another Mitchell corner Peter Thompson headed narrowly over the bar.

Jones made a great save at the feet of Johnson. In Rochdale's best raid so far Dailey just failed to reach Lockhart's centre in front of goal.

So far, 'Pools had had much more of the play, but Rochdale were defending strongly. Jones distinguished himself with a glorious save from P. Thompson, who was clean through, and held on when Johnson dashed in for the loose ball. 'Pools pressure was getting terrific, until a run by Vizard relieved it. In this raid, after a Wainwright shot had been deflected inches off the side, Rochdale nearly took the lead. Wainwright's header was headed off the goal-line by R. Thompson. Then Dailey shot off the side with a great chance.

In 37 minutes, Vizard's shot beat Dyson, but hit Newton on the legs and when Wainwright was clean through, Dyson's dive blocked the shot. Jones saved grandly from Hartnett and then from P. Thompson as 'Pools hit back.

Glover was injured, but resumed after attention.

Half-time:—
HARTLEPOOL 0
ROCHDALE 0

Pools had a grand chance of taking the lead in the first minute of the second half when Harnett burst past Ferguson. The winger blazed wildly off the side.

Then Rochdale had a chance as Vizard pulled a pass back from the by-line but Moore sized up the position quicker than Moran and cleared. Grant made a timely intervention when Pools looked dangerous again and a foul on Dyson by Wainwright brought relief after Rochdale had forced a corner.

Vizard spoiled a good Rochdale move by delaying his final pass but when he crossed in the 56th minute **LOCKHART** put Rochdale ahead with a left-foot shot from three yards.

Rochdale were back again with a Wainwright-Lockhart move and Moore was fortunate to intercept Wainwright's final pass for Dailey. Then Lockhart centred just too high for Vizard. Rochdale ran round 'Pools for five minutes, and it culminated in a second goal after 62 minutes.

Ferguson came through and centred for **DAILEY** to net with a well-placed header.

A brief 'Pools raid ended in Jones saving from Mitchell, but Rochdale were soon raiding again. When a series of free-kicks put Rochdale under pressure, Grant stopped McGuigan shooting at close range.

MUNICH CO-PILOT DIED TODAY

Captain K. Rayment, the co-pilot of the plane which crashed while carrying the Manchester United players, died today in Munich hospital.

Matt Busby, Manchester United's manager, got out of his hospital bed for the first time yesterday, and Johnny Berry, United's winger, took his first steps, states a medical bulletin issued today.

Berry's improvement during the past week is described as "remarkable."

RESERVES GET SNAP GOAL

CLITHEROE were without Flatley, their star outside-left for the visit of Athletic Reserves. He had injured himself in training. Early play was fairly even but after Oldham had gained three successive corners, Clitheroe came more into the game.

In a strong Oldham attack a lively shot by Chaymator was smartly pulled down by Wallace. Farmer pulled off three brilliant saves as Clitheroe forwards attacked strongly. After 25 minutes **CROSSLEY**, who had often been dangerous, scored for the Reserves in a breakaway move.

Towards the interval Crossley drew Wallace out of his goal but hit the side of the net. Half-time:

Clitheroe 0
Reserves 1

MOSSLEY SNAP UP EARLY GOAL

A TREMENDOUS save at full stretch by Batty from G. Davies marked the end of a smart attack by Wellington. Then Mossley, skilfully generalised by Eddie Quigley, shocked the championship-hunting Wellington with a snap goal.

Hesitancy by Wellington defenders enabled Willis to put a grand pass forward for **WRIGHT** easily to beat the advancing Richards.

Wellington did the bulk of the later attacking but their finishing was poor. Several good openings created by Haines went begging.

One particularly fine centre should have led to an equaliser but Taylor on the six-yard mark lifted the ball straight into Batty's arms.

Half-time
Wellington 0
Mossley 1

Judy Grinham's record beaten

The world 100-metre backstroke record, held by Britain's Olympic champion, Judy Grinham, was broken today by Phillipa Gould, 17-year-old New Zealand swimming star.

Miss Gould, swimming in a 110-yard event at the Olympic Pool in Auckland, broke both the world 110-yard and 100-metres backstroke records clocking 1min. 12.5sec.

Printed and published by **HIRST, KIDD & RENNIE, LTD.**, at their Printing Works, Union Street, Oldham (Tel. MAIN 3841). London Office: 134 Fleet Street.

HORNETS SNATCH LATE VICTORY

TOUR trialists John Fishwick (Hornets) and Parkinson (Swinton) were in opposition in the match at the Athletic Grounds this afternoon, when Hornets fielded their cup-tie thirteen.

Mr. F. Ridgeway, of Oldham, visited the ground during the morning, and on his advice it was declared fit. Up to the kick-off, however, the groundsmen was out forking the pitch, which had many pools of water. Half of the area was snow-covered.

HORNETS: Cahill; Buxton, Jones, Short, Corsi; Chisnall, Fishwick; Scholes, Dagnall, Hanson, Parsons, Bailey, Parr.
SWINTON: Gowers; Mather, Critchley, Parkinson, Doughty; Blan, Cartwright; Thompson, T. Roberts, Lamb, Smith, Norburn, Hope.
Referee: Mr. F. Smith (Barrow).

Despite wretched ground conditions, both sides tried to pass the ball quickly and Corsi, after running well, got a pass to Hanson, who was tackled inside the visitors' quarter. The forward was left lying injured over the touchline, and as he was receiving attention Swinton raided on the right.

When the ball moved across field, Hornets were penalised, but Gowers was well off the mark with the goal kick.

Hanson was now shifted off the field and Swinton continued to hold their attacking position. When Blan kicked through, Mather and Critchley over-ran the ball to waste a good scoring chance.

Hornets moved to mid-field with passing by Parsons, Chisnall and Fishwick, and when Swinton retaliated Corsi brought off a prompt tackle of Mather.

Les Jones goal

Parson made a break, but lacked close support as he was checked by Gowers, and when Parr found a gap he kicked direct to touch instead of passing out to Corsi.

After 22 minutes, **LES JONES** kicked a splendid penalty goal out of the mud and Hanson returned at this stage.

Cahill was hampered over the home line and Parsons and Scholes put in hard work to push Swinton back. Ten minutes from half-time, **KEN GOWERS** levelled the scores with a kick directly in front of the posts.

Doughty nipped between Hornets passing, and from a kick ahead prevented Cahill from clearing. Then, with Buxton over the Swinton line, he was recalled for a forward pass, hotly disputed by the crowd.

At the other end, Mather got to within inches of scoring from Blan's breakaway.

MATHER scored at the corner after a burst by Norburn. Gowers failed at goal.

Half-time:—
HORNETS 1 0-2
SWINTON 1 1-5

Hornets resumed without Hanson, who had damaged a knee ligament. Swinton's forwards were prominent in the loose before Short and Bailey combined to reach the visitors' quarter. They could not get much further in face of spotting and off-side tactics.

Another effort by Short had plenty of power, but he had to get the ball hurriedly to Corsi, who was forced into touch.

For a time, the attack was kept up, but although they had the ball twice in succession from scrums they were well covered. Again, Norburn was prominent with an interception, but Cahill and Fishwick closed in on him before he could find support.

Play became heated and Hornets seemed unable, especially with a man short, to overcome Swinton's spotting. Parsons and Parr led a raid and Bailey, Jones and Fishwick raised one of the best combined efforts during an attack which had the crowd roaring.

With Jones and Buxton running in line, they could not take a pass which went in their direction. Corsi, on the other wing, could not hold a high pass from Cahill.

When Swinton were penalised, Jones had to go yards back to find a place to kick, and he missed the goal.

Then Jones flashed away, gave to Cahill, who passed to **BUXTON** to score. **JONES** goal.

Attendance: 4,953; receipts £502. **JONES** penalty for Hornets.

Final:
HORNETS 3 1-9
SWINTON 1 1-5

BIG SHOCK FOR THE 'A' TEAM

TRANSFER-listed Rowley Moat made a strong bid for recognition at Watersheddings this afternoon. In Oldham "A's" match with Whitehaven "A." Moat was here, there and everywhere in an effort to get the Oldham attack moving on the slippery, snow-covered ground.

Moat made a great solo run from his own "25" to the Whitehaven "25" before his kick ahead was charged down. Then Moat blundered badly.

In the 35th minute he sent out a bad pass which was seized on by left-winger **STEPHENSON** who dribbled his way to the line and scored, **ROGERS** goal.

Earlier Oldham "A" had gone ahead in the tenth minutes when a Nestor-Edwards-O'Brien move ended in a fine try near the posts. Ogden missed the goal and he was relieved by **LLOYD**, who kicked a 25-yard penalty goal in the 25th minute.

Half-time:
Oldham "A" 1 1-5
Whitehaven "A" 1 1-5

Oldham "A" were no longer trying to play open football—and they never looked like scoring another try. Whitehaven scored three incredible tries after the interval in the same incredible fashion.

Three minutes after the restart Rogers dribbled his way right down the wing, and none of Oldham's defenders made any attempt to drop on the ball in the face of the advancing Whitehaven pack.

ROGERS kicked the ball over the line and dropped on the ball for a try. He missed the goal. Ten minutes later came another try in exactly the same way scored by the same player. This time **R. MORGAN** kicked the goal.

A more orthodox Whitehaven try followed when **MULLINDER** dashed over in the corner. Morgan missed at goal.

And then came the third of the shock tries when **BYERS** kicked the ball over the line and dropped on it. Morgan again missed at goal.

Final:
Oldham "A" 1 1-5
Whitehaven "A" 2 5-19

Wolves find Forest defence tough

In a terrifically fast start, Deeley had the ball in the Nottingham net only for the goal to be disallowed for offside.

Wolves did most of the pressing, but Forest, with a re-arranged attack, fought back well.

Following good play by Slater **BROADBENT** scored a great goal for the Wolves, but two minutes later **BAILY** equalised.

Murray had a good chance to put Wolves ahead again but Thompson made a fine save from close range. Wolves pressed strongly but found the home defence sound.

Half-time: Forest 1, Wolves 1.

FINAL SCORES

ATHLETIC 1
MANSFIELD 1
HARTLEPOOL 1
ROCHDALE 3
Late scorers: Hartlepool: P. Thompson (83 mins.). Rochdale: Moran (80 mins.). Attendance: 5,552.

FIRST DIVISION

Birmingham 1, Luton 1.
SECOND DIVISION
Cardiff 2, Notts County 0.
Charlton 1, Swansea 1.
Doncaster 1, Fulham 6.
Grimsby 1, Sheffield United 3.
Leyton Orient 1, Derby 1.
Liverpool 1, Lincoln 0.
Stoke 2, Blackburn 4.

THIRD DIVISION (North)

Chester 1, Hull 1.
Chesterfield 2, Stockport 1.
Tranmere 2, Halifax 0.

THIRD DIVISION (South)

Brentford 4, Aldershot 2.
Crystal Palace 1, Port Vale 0.
Shrewsbury 1, Southend 1.
Torquay 0, Plymouth 2.

SCOTTISH LEAGUE (Div. II)

Stirling Albion 5, Dundee Utd. 3.
FA AMATEUR CUP (Semi-finals)
Woking 1, Barnet 1

RAC Rally—Official result:

Harper 1, Goulddown 2, Gold 3, Pat Moss 4. Team prize: Standards.

HURST PARK 4 30.

Result:
Pounding (F Winter) 1,
Karen's Choice (D Nicholson) 2,
Red Mill (J Lindley) 3.
11/4 fav., 100/7, 4/1. 10 ran.

TAUNTON 4 30.

Result:
Basalt Knight (W Williams) 1,
Town and Country (J Foster) 2,
Admiral's Path (Mr J Ramtree) 3.
4/1, 6/1, 6/1. 13 ran.

Durham Castle 2/1 fav.

HEREFORD 4 30.

Result:
Floater (P Major) 1,
My Crackers (T Shone) 2,
Chemin de Fer (V Speck) 3.
9/4 f.f., 100/8, 9/4 f.f. 23 ran.

AYR 4 15.

Result:
Union Pacific (Mr G Macmillan) 1
Tarzan (Mr R Meggison) 2
Merut (Mr J Barclay) 3
10/1, 15/2, 100/8. 15 ran.

AYR 4 45.

Result:
Lancelot (G Milburn) 1.