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UNITED WILL TRY AGAIN: 2-2

Athletic score in the 62nd minute

ATHLETIC were the visitors to bottom of the league Crewe this afternoon, and, though they had an ideal opportunity of earning some away points, the opening play in the game quickly showed that both sides had plenty of enthusiasm, but little method in attack.

CREWE ALEX.: Brown; Cheadle, McLeod; D. Jones, Barnes, Maloney; Linaker, McMorran, Pyrer, Riley, Rolfe.
ATHLETIC: Teece; Naylor, West; Hall, Muir, Melville; Phoenix, Spurdle, Smith, Neale Over.
 Referee: Mr. F. B. Stringer (Liverpool)

A foul against Over took play into Athletic's territory after they had kicked off but Hall came to the rescue. Then West and Melville combined to send play down to the Crewe end but there was no-one there to take advantage.

Over tried to send Neale down the middle but Barnes intercepted. Play was still scrappy with the lively ball playing tricks on the hard surface. But when Neale collected he sent out a good pass to Phoenix. The winger beat his man very cleverly to put the ball over.

But Smith was offside. Athletic were pressing and Brown had to come out to collect a header from Over before the first corner of the game. But it was put behind by Phoenix.

Brought down

McMorran broke away for Crewe but after he had been brought down from behind by Muir, Jones fired well over from the free-kick. A Naylor free-kick set the Athletic attack in action again but after Spurdle found Over the winger fired well wide.

Athletic gained two more un-rewarding corners and then Teece had his first work of the afternoon saving a feeble header from Tyrer.

Athletic were playing well below form with passes going astray. Even so they looked the more dangerous side. Riley left the field for treatment and Smith found Phoenix for an attempt with a left-footer.

Cheadle blocked out a Smith shot to give Athletic another corner which Brown collected at the second attempt, and then Neale and Over tricked their way through only for the winger to be ruled offside, two yards from goal. Riley tested Teece with the best shot of the game so far and at the other end Phoenix fired well over from 12 yards. A defensive blunder gave Neale a chance, but his snap-shot was blocked out.

There had been little excitement to keep the spectators warm. Athletic were playing well below their ability. Hall was settling down well however in his first senior game, and had made two particularly fine recoveries. There had been no link-up in the forward line however and a big second half improvement would be needed to get both points.

Half-time:
CREWE 0
ATHLETIC 0

Teece was soon in action saving brilliantly from Tyrer and then in rapid succession had to deal with further shots from Linaker and Jones. It had been all Crewe so far and from a free-kick on the right they gained a corner which Linaker dropped behind.

Still Athletic had not got going

and when Spurdle tried to find Smith, Barnes easily intercepted. Muir was spoken to by the referee for an incident on the right wing but the free-kick was of little value to Crewe, three forwards being off-side. Athletic could make no head-way against the wind and Brown easily collected a ball pushed through by Hall.

A foul on Spurdle took play down to the Crewe end but Smith lost control and Cheadle cleared. Riley burst through for Crewe but shot well wide and then twice in succession Over miskicked the ball completely over the side stand.

Then in the 62nd minute Athletic took a step nearer those two points with a goal that took Crewe completely by surprise.

West came upfield to feed Over and the winger pulled the ball back for NEALE to net with a great header. At the other end Muir relieved a very dangerous situation with half the Crewe side in the penalty area. Athletic were now playing with more fight, and again an offside decision robbed Over when only two yards from goal.

Final:
CREWE ALEX. 0
ATHLETIC 2

DRAW Gubbins shoots Bolton to win

BRILLIANT play by Bobby Charlton kept United in the FA Cup fight against Fulham at Villa Park today. His goals kept his side in the hunt when the polished Fulham looked potential winners.

Haynes won the toss for Fulham, and almost at once Crowther was hurt in trying to parry a right-wing move by the Londoners.

The trainer dashed on to give the ex-Villa wing-half treatment for a face injury, and he soon carried on.

A goal apiece

Fulham made early use of Dwight's speed and United retaliated by giving the fast Charlton the ball when they could. Both Bentley and Taylor, who had been on the injured list during the week, moved quite freely.

In the first ten minutes, Fulham were as good as their First Division rivals. The first stiff shot came from Chamberlain, but he was wide from 25 yards range.

CHARLTON electrified the crowd by scoring a wonderful goal for United in the 12th minute, but **STEVENS** equalised in the next minute.

Fulham sorely troubled Foulkes and his colleagues. Certainly the openings for a long time fell to Fulham. There were several casualties among the crowd and ambulance men were kept busy.

When United raised a temporary state of siege, Charlton fired in a terrific shot at Macedo, but the goalkeeper coolly held it.

Painful knock

Langley took a painful head knock in a collision, but he carried on after attention on the field.

The Manchester men gave their fervent supporters little to rave about for a long time. Fulham dictated matters and HILL scored a second goal for them seven minutes before half-time.

Langley was hurt again and was taken to the touchline for treatment. Then he was carried off by ambulance men. Lawler dropped to left back.

Depleted Fulham faltered and **CHARLTON**, with another brilliant shot, snatched a dramatic equaliser for Manchester on the point of half-time. Half-time: United 2, Fulham 2.

Langley did not come out after the interval. Dressing-room advice said that he had a bruise under the knee. Lawler remained at left-back, but within a few minutes a great shout heralded the re-appearance of the Fulham full-back. Hobbling, he went to outside-left.

Chance begging

Stapleton had been playing well. For once, the burly Dawson out-paced him on a wing run, but the Manchester centre-forward slipped in trying to centre, and the chance went begging. In the next minute, Dawson was only inches out with a fine flying header.

Langley, despite his lameness, was far from a negligible quantity. Haynes put him away and the back-cum-winger drove in a shot which Gregg was extended to save.

Fulham, for all their enforced switches, played the better football consistently. Dwight found himself with a gilt-edged opening ten yards out, but Gregg daringly threw himself at the right winger's feet and saved.

Gregg saved United once more when he fell and, with arms outstretched, grabbed a strong low drive by Chamberlain.

A quarter of an hour from the end, Macedo fisted over a swift header from Taylor. A minute later, in mid-air, Macedo grasped a stinging drive by Charlton—another masterly clearance.

Final:—
MANCHESTER UNITED ... 2
FULHAM 2
 Attendance: 69,745. Receipts: £19,560.

BLACKBURN shocked their First Division opponents with a quick goal—but then **GUBBINS** took a hand. His two in two minutes gave Bolton a lead which they clung on to with increasing determination.

Fairly firm turf and cold but breezy weather at Maine Road, promised a fast and lively game. Bolton, in red shirts, were first on the field, quickly followed by Blackburn, in black and white stripes.

Bolton attacked first and Gubbins raced through only to be given off-side.

Blackburn retaliated and Clayton came into prominence, first with a shot which went wide and then a throw-in which landed the ball in the Bolton goalmouth, only for Banks to clear.

Determined raids

After a spell of Blackburn attacking, Bolton made determined raids and Gubbins broke through on the left and squared the ball, but Leyland picked it up before Parry could get in a shot.

Blackburn played the better football and the dribbling of Douglas began to trouble Bolton. He laid on one chance for Clayton, who badly sliced his shot.

Then, in the 19th minute, a tremendous roar went up from the Blackburn supporters as McLeod sent over a corner from the left and **DOBING** headed firmly into the net.

Vernon, with a long pass, sent Douglas away again, but the Blackburn winger could not quite reach the ball before it crossed the goal line.

By comparison with Blackburn's combined moves, the Bolton attack, lacking Lofthouse, was unimpressive.

Two goals

A good chance fell to Holden when a centre landed at his feet, but he hesitated too long.

Doobing played well as leader of Blackburn's first-time attack, and went near with another header from McLeod's centre.

Within the space of a minute, the game swung dramatically, and all against the run of play. **GUBBINS**, the Bolton centre-forward, scored twice.

His first goal came when he went through unchallenged to equalise with the defence apparently waiting for an offside decision.

Then he brilliantly trapped a long

free kick by Banks and ran through a hesitant defence to score another very simple goal.

Half-time: Blackburn Rovers 1, Bolton Wanderers 2.

Blackburn attacked first on resuming, and the lively Douglas got in a shot with his left foot. Hopkinson made a fine save at full stretch.

Play continued fast and energetic but not particularly distinguished. Blackburn still impressed more in attack, but they found the Bolton defence dour in marking and attacking.

Stephenson sent Douglas away with a fine pass inside the back, but the England right winger centred too close to goal and Hopkinson fielded the ball well.

Swinging the ball

Bolton's big and powerful defenders looked much more comfortable now than they did in the first half, and increasingly their policy of swinging the ball about in attack gave them more of the game.

A terrific kick by Leyland, right to the edge of the Bolton penalty area, set Blackburn attacking again. They forced a corner, taken by Douglas, and in repelling it Hopkinson was hurt in a collision with McLeod, but he soon recovered.

Bolton began to raid more frequently and Parry forced Leyland to make a diving save. Then Gubbins hooked a shot from an acute angle just over the bar.

In this paradoxical game, Blackburn continued to play the better football, but found it increasingly difficult to make any impression on the Bolton defenders, among whom Higgins played strongly.

Bolton attacked again and Parry shot wide with a splendid chance.

Final:—
BLACKBURN R. 1
BOLTON W. 2
 Attendance 74,800; receipts £20,219.

Mercers' School, a 16th-century independent school in the City of London, is to close at the end of the summer term next year. No new boys will be admitted from now on.

Athletic Reserves GOALS, GOALS GOALS

SPEEDIER Athletic Reserves piled on the pressure against St. Annes Athletic at Boundary Park—and after 25 minutes they had scored four times.

Figuring highly in the onslaught was deposed first-team half-back Jim Thompson, whose fierce tackling and strong attacking play was a power behind the Reserves' forward line.

In the fifth minute a fine drive by Kenny Chaytor hit the bar. **FAWLEY** followed up from the wing and tapped the ball into the net.

A **JIMMY THOMPSON** pile-driver added the second. From well outside the penalty area he crashed in a hard shot that St. Annes goalkeeper Gillo could not reach. St. Annes replied when leader **JONES** glided a pass into the Reserves' net past Farmer.

Thompson was again on hand to pass to **CHAYTOR** again, who cut inside to score with a terrific shot. The home side's fourth goal came when St. Annes right-back **JACKSON** rammed the ball into his own goal.

Duffy netted, but the goal was ruled off-side. **FAWLEY** scored the fifth Reserves goal after 37 minutes.

Half-time:
 Reserves 5
 St. Annes Athletic 1

Fawley chased a long pass to the wing but his shot for goal was wide. Thompson passed to Duffy but the centre-forward, who had had a quiet game, could only get in a very tame shot. Chaytor sent out a pass to Bazley who in return passed to Fawley, but the final shot was parried.

Though they were still doing most of the attacking the Reserves had not their first-half bite. Ken Chaytor left the field to have attention for a leg injury but returned later.

Final:
 Reserves 5
 St. Anne's Ath. 1



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cer Mike Todd aboard, crashed and caught fire in New Mexico. Another plane flying overhead reported no sign of life.

THE FIRST BIG RACE ON THE FLAT IS A REAL GAMBLE

You must beat the 'Lincoln' handicapper —and the draw, too

THE Carholm Bell will be ringing again on Monday to herald the opening of still another flat-racing season, and followers of racing have not only to beat the handicapper but the long lay-off which has caused a delay in training schedules added to their difficulty.

If those problems weren't enough there is the fact that in mile events such as the Lincolnshire Handicap, which really mark the opening of the season, the draw can (and often does) ruin a horse's chance. High numbers have proved best over many years; low numbers "put yards on the course" and spoil any chance of a good position in the vital part of the race.

My early fancy was Langton Heath, which has figured prominently in the ante-post betting on the race. His trainer, Tom Griffiths, will be a lot more optimistic if rain arrives to make the going really soft, for his sturdy four-year-old revels in such conditions. He is a spring horse according to his trainer, and while he was in great heart at this period last year, he had to run on ground that varied between good and firm.

The chief reason Langton Heath was sent jumping this winter, was to get him to settle down, as his trainer says, "He takes a terrible hold." And it proved a profitable method of correction as the colt won twice in four outings.

Luckily B. Jago, the Epsom apprentice, who is to ride him on Wednesday knows how to keep him in check as he demonstrated when bringing the colt with a late run to win the Elm Stakes, over the "Lincoln" distance, at Kempton Park last November.

Langton Heath has another thing in his favour, he is by Langton Abbot, winner of the Lincoln in 1946.

My second choice is the Irish classic competitor Venus Slipper, which despite 8st. 9lb. (he carried 10-2 last week in Ireland) is sure to be right there when the placings

are declared. Third place I give to Magic Moment, a very fast grey gelding.

And if I must find a double with the Grand National, I take Sentina, with Colledge Master and my old favourite, Athenian.

The flat-racing season opens on Monday at Lincoln, and the usual surprises are likely, with so many horses lacking full preparation for this opening day. T. F. Rimell sends Easter Fable (active under National Hunt rules, for the Apprentices' Handicap Plate and Richie for the Hainton Handicap Plate. Both are likely to be concerned in the finishes for these races.

Other Lincoln fancies are: No Complaint (4 0) and Attrition (4 30).

At Liverpool on Thursday, Fire Point looks best for the Topham Trophy, Tiger Moth the Union Jack Stakes, and Harddraw Scar the Lydiate Handicap. Whetley looks good for the Liverpool Cup on Friday.

Next week's flat racing fixtures. Mon., Tues. and Wed., Lincoln; Thurs. and Fri., Liverpool; Sat., Liverpool and Hurst Park.

There will be National Hunt meetings at Plumpton and Worcester on Monday, at Fontwell on Wednesday, and at Stratford-on-Avon on Thursday.



In a fast-run "Lincoln" Diplomatic Bag must be thereabouts. The filly, previously at her best over sprint distances, has been well tried over the mile.

ANGLING NOTES Hold up first Zebra and collect prize

THE Oldham United Anglers carried out their final stocking of the season on Saturday, when 500 trout were placed in the reservoirs. Among the fish was a type of trout never seen before in the Oldham district.

It is known as a Zebra trout, and is marked with stripes not particularly like a zebra, but more like the markings on the side of a pike and has a similar colour. The fish is a cross between that hard fighting trout, the American Brook trout and an English Brown trout.

From a fish farmer's view these Zebra trout are a worthwhile proposition as they grow to 13 inches in length in two years, while a normal brown trout would take three years to reach this size.

Unfortunately, like many odd crosses between types of fish or types of animal, the new breed is sterile and can not reproduce similar specimens.

From a biological point of view the cross between an American brook trout and an English brown trout is most unusual. It is somewhat irregular as they are of different genus, the first being of the Salvelinus group and the second of the Salmo group.

One anonymous member of the United Anglers has offered a small prize to the angler who catches this unusual fish.

DURING the re-stocking of Castleshaw, not the least interested spectator was our friend the heron. According to some reports he has now found a mate and both are "living" in the Hull Brook Valley.

Although normally a protected bird—as reported in this column recently—our fish supplier informs us that the bird loses this protection when it interferes with the stock of a fish club or fish farmer.

NEXT Tuesday, March 27, the Waterhead Club is holding a free film show at the Library Lecture Hall, Southgate Street, Oldham. The films will be featuring various aspects of angling both coarse and game in this country, and in Canada—that country of magnificent rivers and lakes.

The show will commence at 7-15 p.m. and all anglers, wives and friends are welcome.

The Waterhead anglers are most grateful to the Library Committee of the Oldham Corporation for the use of the room and the facilities provided.

All anglers of the town are grateful to Mr. W. Atherton of the Waterhead Anglers, who has done most of the spade work in obtaining these films to provide interest before opening date.

THE secretary of the Diggle Private Angling Club wishes to inform members that there will be a special meeting of the club at the Hanging Gate, Diggle on March 26. The agenda includes most important business and all members are expected to attend.

Tomorrow a party of the Oldham United Anglers visit the Welham Park fish hatchery at Malton. [continued in previous column]

Amateurs have their morals . . .

19th-HOLE TOPICS

GERALD MICKLEM and Anthony Duncan, present and past British Amateur Walker Cup captains, were agreed upon the former's summing-up: "Technically correct but morally wrong," on a point of golfing law which cropped up during the Wentworth Amateur-Professional Foursomes Tournament last week.

Micklem, who was partnered by Reg Horne (Hendon) against Dickson Smith (Selkirk) and Syd Scott

(Roehampton), plated his tee shot from the short fifth tee. His ball finished half plugged in loose sand a foot below the edge of a steep grass bank of a bunker.

A special local rule permitted plugged balls to be lifted and dropped free of penalty through the green.

A referee was called in at Horne's request, and ruled that he could lift and place his ball on the bank which was too steep to permit a drop.

The referee was right. Grass-covered ground bordering, or within a "bunker" is not part of the "hazard" (definition 14 (A)).

It was an interesting point and undoubtedly Micklem and Horne received a definite advantage. Micklem seemed relieved however when his side still lost the hole.

He and Duncan agreed that had only amateurs been involved they would have "played the ball where it lay."

By winning a match in the Wentworth Foursomes using only nine clubs instead of 14, Ryder Cup golfer Harry Weetman helped the game. He proved that a full armoury is not essential to success, and those golfers who habitually use small sets of clubs know that golf played that way can be most enjoyable.

The majority of professionals when out practising take out only about half their clubs. By doing so they lighten the load, encourage experiment, and actually make it easier to use 14-club in tournaments.

One professional at Wentworth said that he uses 14 clubs in tournaments because everyone else uses the same number and he must not handicap himself.

That is one reason for dropping the limit to about ten.

Another reason is that such a reduction would make golf less expensive. The economically-minded golfer is not obliged to buy 14 clubs, but golfers, like other people, tend to "keep up with the Joneses."

A "pub crawl" through the new handbook of the Licensed Victuallers' Golfing Society shows there are 223 playing members and 183 of them according to the addresses can be located at hotels or inns.

This year's captain, Leslie Warren is miss' host at a famous Fleet street hostelry. Another member is Len Harvey, former boxing champion, who has a pub at East Sheen.

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Yorkshire. The coach will leave Hollinwood at 8-30 a.m., and will pick up at the Lark Inn, Palladium Cinema, Cross Street, and Hill Stores. K.B.

After round of 70 DAVE THOMAS 6 STROKES BEHIND

DAVE THOMAS, of Sudbury, was lying six strokes behind the leader at the halfway stage of the Open golf tournament at St. Petersburg, Florida, yesterday.

He had a one-under-par 70 for the second round — five strokes better than his opening round. Leading the field after 36 holes was Arnold Palmer, with a total of 139 (70 and 69).

Thomas was three under par going into the 16th hole, but his brassie approach slid over the green into a bunker. He lost another stroke at the next hole when he missed the green, chipped and two-putted.

Thomas sank two birdie putts of 10ft. and two others of 4ft.

Lincoln horses do well in Newmarket gallops

Lincolnshire Handicap candidates Copenhagen and Persuader were active at Newmarket this morning.

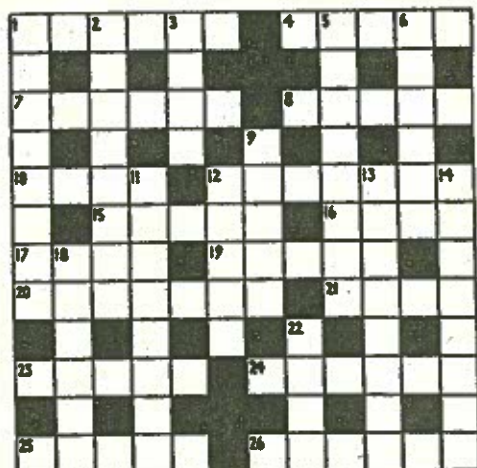
Copenhagen (J. Egan) was given a brisk five-furlong work with Earl Marshal, while Persuader (S. Clayton) galloped seven furlongs with Cour Feathers and Setting Star at a good pace, in her final "Lincolnshire" work.

Chadderton Council-owned tennis courts will open on Good Friday (April 4), and bowling greens will come into use again on April 26.

CROSSWORD No. 1428

ACROSS

- 1 Sound quality (6).
2 Basket-makers' plant (5).
3 Not at all excessive (6).
4 Inky creature (5).
5 Circus figure (4).
6 What a Parliament uses for petrol (7).
7 Big country easily smashed (5).
8 In which the poor are (4).
9 Biblical weed (4).
10 Unmistakable sign of hardness (5).
11 Gets very heated (7).
12 Garden (6).
13 Seat which has room for four? (5).
14 Wine shop (6).
15 How a big-footed person walks? (5).
16 Girl, that is, in Scotland (6).



DOWN

- 1 Violent storms (8).
2 Not even fair, might one say? (8).
3 Incautious (4).
4 Straight out of poker (6).
5 Show clearly (6).
6 One-time emperors (5).
7 Island pony (6).
8 One must be already inside to say this (6).
9 Quite unnecessary (3).
10 Creature without teeth! (8).
11 Feature of many a roof-top nowadays (6).
12 One of the beans (4).

YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION.—Across: 3. Released. 8. Wether. 9. Parisian. 11. Composed. 12. Cove. 13. Revel (rev.). 18. D-a-Red. 19. Oval. 22. Sensible. 24. Patentee. 25. Settle. 26. Draughts. Down: 1. Twice. 2. Stamp. 3. Reposed. 4. Eras. 5. Enid (rev.). 6. Sailor. 7. Dinner. 10. Refer. 14. Valet. 15. Lessee. 16. Torpid. 17. Martha. 20. Abets. 21. Weser. 22. Snug. 23. Nest.

The art of defence

WHEN you are defending a hand you should try to work out the plan in operation by the declarer and either play to encourage it—if it suits your book—or try to derail it.

Week-end bridge

Love all in the rubber game, dealer East.

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

East South West North
No 1♣ Dble Reddie
2♦ 2♥ 3♦ 6♣
West's double may be open to question, but it was prob-

ably designed as an effort at intimidation. If so, it was a dismal failure.

West led the queen of diamonds, the declarer discarded a heart from dummy and won in his own hand. The club finesse was taken immediately and the ace of clubs followed.

On a low club from dummy East deliberately played the nine of spades even though he was quite certain that it would be over-trumped, as it certainly was.

South then trumped a diamond in dummy, trumped another club (East discarding a diamond) and trumped his last diamond. The queen of spades was

led, and, when East played the two, the declarer went up with the ace in the belief that West must hold the bare king.

East's effort to derail the slam worked splendidly, and he deserves great praise for making South believe that he held only the nine and two of trumps.

But if South had been equally awake he would have taken the finesse in spades as a safety measure.

If the king of spades wins in West's hand, West can only lead a heart (which gives the declarer a free finesse) or a minor suit, which allows the declarer to trump in his own hand and discard dummy's penultimate heart. In either case South makes 12 tricks.

EWART KEMPSON

JUDO ENJOYING GREATEST BOOM

'Way of gentleness' may break your arm

JAPAN'S "way of gentleness" is advertised as a beauty treatment. But it may break your arm or someone else's collar-bone. The way of gentleness (or softness) is a literal translation of "Judo," the most famous form of Japanese wrestling. It is now enjoying its greatest boom since it was devised four centuries ago.

It teaches "gentleness" in so far as its adepts practise not to resist head-on the attack of any enemy. Instead, they must learn the science of perfectly-timed yielding, so that the enemy uses his strength to throw himself on the floor and crack his own skull.

Never has judo been so popular as it is today. Young Japanese pit themselves every night against their skilled instructors, who throw them crashing to the floor like so many cotton bobbins in a high wind. But they seldom do themselves any harm. The first lessons in judo teach them how to fall without getting hurt.

In addition, foreigners by their thousands are learning this Oriental skill, claimed to be so effective that a diminutive judo expert can send the biggest bully spinning if attacked. American servicemen are among the keenest foreign students

World championships

World judo championships will be fought out in Tokio this year. The first championship, in which nearly 20 countries competed, was held at Kodokan (Tokio) the mecca of judo in May, 1956. The second will be held in November this year in a seven-storey building to be called the International Judo Hall.

There will be in the building three 1,800 square feet gymnasia on the ground floor alone, two for women and children on the first floor, and

a stadium with seats for 1,000 spectators on the third floor.

In Japan, there are now 300,000 registered grade holders and more than 2,000 others abroad. There are ten grades. Only three persons now hold the top, tenth, grade and only five other the ninth. No foreigner is classed higher than the sixth.

Round the waist of their baggy, white judo shirts, wrestlers wear a distinguishing belt—black for grades one to five, red and white for grades six to eight, and red for the ninth and tenth grades

Studied by police

Since judo is taught as a system of self-defence and for dealing with aggressive, unruly people, it can be of great service to those enforcing the law.

Every Japanese policeman is now required to study the art. The US Air Force included judo in its courses of study after the war.

According to Mr. Takashi Uzawa, manager of the Kodokan's International Division, there is a judo population of 100,000 in the United States alone.

Britain and Commonwealth countries, including Canada, Australia, New Zealand and South Africa, were next on the list, followed by France.

In another five years, Mr. Uzawa predicted, judo would take hold of public imagination in the rest of Western Europe.

Since it was formed five years ago, the international judo federation has enlisted 31 member countries.

In Japan about 100 women visit the Kodokan every day, partly to make themselves capable of resisting attack and partly to improve their figures. The oldest practising male is 75, the youngest four.

TV THREAT TO MARBLES

WHILE tiddlywinks is being kept alive at Cambridge, the new towns around London are doing their best to preserve the ancient sport of marbles.

Londoners who have emigrated to Crawley, Sussex, are hot favourites for this year's Good Friday championships, to really practised players are hound Inn in Tinsley Green. The Crawley team, the "Telcon Terribles," won last year, and keep in training by practising every lunch hour.

Their opponents in the villages are complaining that television is ruining the game. People are growing slack, and be played outside the Grey-hard to find.

But the "Tinsley Tigers" have the champion, Mr. Willie Wright. He does not overdo the television. And he has a secret weapon in the form of a hot-water bottle. It hangs round his neck on a string during the match, and he uses it to keep his hands warm.

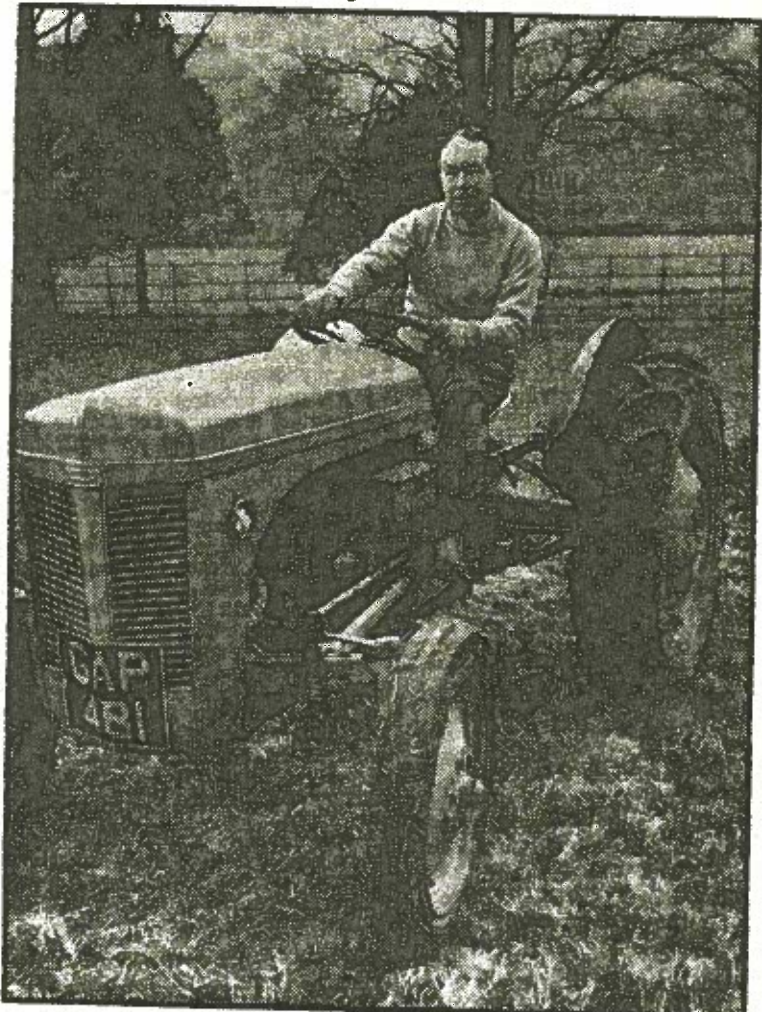
New search for hero's grave

The historical branch of the French Air Force is again trying to find the grave of First World War flying ace, Georges Guynemer, who was shot down over Flanders in 1917.

About 20 missions have sought in vain over the past 40 years for the grave of the hero.

Now another attempt is being made based on the latest information—a report by a Belgian infantryman that he saw a grave marked by a cross and a broken propeller near Poelcapelle, Belgium, in 1918. The inscription on the cross, in German, read, "Here lies the fallen French airman, Guynemer."

Sir Hartley's new 'seat'



SIR HARTLEY SHAWCROSS, one-time Attorney-General and President of the Board of Trade, may be retiring from politics but he's keeping an active interest in his estate at Friston Place, Sussex. Here he is at the wheel of a tractor.

Sir Hartley has announced he will resign his Parliamentary seat

before Easter. He has represented St. Helens, Lancashire, since 1945. Though he will not leave the Labour Party, he will take no active part in politics but will devote more time to business. Sir Hartley is legal adviser to Royal Dutch Shell and is on the board of Fords.

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THEATRE NEWS

by C. W. INGHAM

BETTY McDOWELL GOES BACK TO THE STAGE

A GIRL whose rôles have already made her Chinese, Eskimo, French, Turkish, Italian, Norwegian, American and English, with never a chance of being her native Australian, is Betty McDowell, who, in six fast-moving years, has become a veteran of more than 80 parts in films and TV.

Now it's back to the theatre for polyglot Betty. After only five days of rehearsal she is in "The Kidders" at the St. Martin's.

That makes her American again. She has tried to alter her appearance.

"I've tried and tried to get red or coppery tints in my hair," she says despondently, "but it just stays black." Clearly, she would have found it easier to play a Japanese.

She is married to Frank Cody, the electronics engineer grandson of Colonel Cody, who used to fly on box kites before planes. "That makes my husband American-Irish-English," says Betty.

They designed and built their own house on farm land near Itchenor, Sussex. A snag, according to witty Betty, is that "it is entirely surrounded by tall stinging nettles."

She and her husband are always building something. Working in the garage of their Kensington flat, they turned out a motor-boat. They now skim about Chichester harbour.

When the weather cheers up a bit they will start water-skiing again.

"Trust my husband" says Betty. "He wanted a motor-boat—so we got it. I wanted a sailing catamaran, so it came second. We'll be starting my 'cat' soon."

Possibly fortunately, Betty swims. "I've a good stroke" she says, "but it doesn't take me far. I'm a much better diver."

For the sake of those yachtsmen who stare so hard, Betty trained on Sydney beaches, is the shapely and daring brunette who curves down so gracefully into Chichester harbour.

What with her tennis and her chess and the new typewriter for breaking back into the short story business, you are left wondering how Betty ever found time to appear in four West End plays.

JUST as tricky as being a Turk or an Eskimo is the job that has gone to Ann Beach, 19, an eager-faced, elfin girl from Wales who is in her first West End part. Ann has the title role in the Emlyn Williams's "serious comedy" called "Beth," at the Apollo.

She has to play a thoroughly-spoiled problem girl of 16 who has the mentality of a child of eight. Robert Flemying, Irene Brown and Nan Munro have the grown-up parts.

Emlyn Williams will not be at the first night. He is touring Australia and New Zealand with his Dickens-Dylan Thomas entertainment. His return date is uncertain.

NEW play: Arthur Watkyn's comedy "Not In The Book," starring Wilfred Hyde White, opens at the Criterion on April 2.

PHIL BROWN, Renée Asherson and Virginia Maskell are to play leading parts in the English Stage Company's production of "The Catalyst," by Ronald Duncan, which Mr. Brown is to direct at the Art Theatre on March 25.

THE Broadway musicals, "New Girl in Town" and "West Side Story" are scheduled for London in the autumn.

JACK HYLTON and Laurence Harvey are to present jointly the new American all-Negro musical comedy, "Simply Heavenly," which the celebrated American Negro poet and author, Langston Hughes, adapted from his novel, "Simple Takes a Wife," and other "Simple" stories.

The music was written by the Negro composer, David Martin.

The show, which has its premiere at the Manchester Palace on April 15, is being directed by Laurence Harvey, making his debut as a director, and rehearsals started on Monday last.

THE Eugene O'Neill play, "The Iceman Cometh," moves from the Arts to the Winter Garden on Saturday, under the joint management of Emile Littler and Campbell Williams.

The play will be given in its

Harry Secombe for Mermaid opera

HARRY SECOMBE is to sing in opera on the stage of the Mermaid, the City of London's first new theatre for nearly 300 years.

Bernard Miles, founder and trustee of this Thames-side playhouse, broke the news last week at a "roof-warming party" held beneath the widest barrel-vault roof built in this country.

R. C. Sherriff is at present writing a new play about the City, specially for the Mermaid stage. Edith Evans, Max Bygraves, Jack Warner and the Goons have all promised to appear there.

Apart from an annual pantomime, it is intended to present six-week seasons of music-hall, Dickens seasons, neglected Elizabethan plays, French and contemporary English plays, as well as operas specially commissioned for the individual requirements of the theatre.

It is hoped that the Mermaid will open next Christmas.

entirety and there will be no changes in the cast.

The curtain will rise at 6.30 and sadwich boxes will be available during a 25-minute interval in this five-hour play.

Widow will skipper Rhine ferry

A 41-YEAR-OLD ferryman's widow, Frau Katherina Kaeufer, has qualified as the only West German woman to captain a passenger-carrying motor-boat on the Rhine.

Her husband, Johann Kaeufer, died in 1957. His new boat, the Hans Jakob, was completed a year before he died.

Frau Katherina, whose father, uncle and grandfather were all ferrymen, plans to continue the family tradition through her nine-year-old son, Peter.

Peter already loves the river and wants to follow in his father's footsteps.

When Johann died Frau Kaeufer wrote to the shipping authorities in Cologne offering herself as captain of the Hans Jakob. Two officials came to test her in practical and theoretical navigation.

The Bad Godesberg Shipping Association have made her a member—the only woman they have ever had on the rolls.



BY THE STUDENT

A SPRING DOUBLE quiz this week and no peeping at the record book! Score two points each for numbers one and two and one for number three. Four is a good score.

TEASER NUMBER ONE

He rode on the flat when 12 years of age, was champion jump jockey when 32 and by the time he was 42 had trained a winner of the National. Who is he?

TEASER NUMBER TWO

Two present-day trainers both won the National as amateur riders. Names, please.

TEASER NUMBER THREE

How many times within the past 30 years have the Lincoln and National been won by 100/1 chances, BOTH in the same year?

[Answers on page four]

Tornado blows man half a mile

An aged aboriginal, Old Albert, was blown for half a mile by a tornado which struck outback Coolbah Station, near Darwin, recently, but he escaped with no more than a severe shaking. Old Albert regained his feet when he struck a boundary fence.

The tornado almost demolished the station homestead and uprooted trees.

Flying debris frightened aborigine station hands so much they had to go to bed for several days to recover from shock. But none were seriously injured.

Lamb ousts mink

Persian lamb is more popular than mink among American women for coats, capes and jackets, according to a survey in New York.

Is film realism enough?

MICHAEL RELPH and Basil Dearden, two experts in realistic British film-making, went to Liverpool, set up cameras in the streets, and made a film about juvenile delinquents and the way the police handle them. "Violent Playground" is, I am sure, authentic down to the last dustbin. This is what happens in the daily round of keeping down juvenile crime in a big city. The production team caress each street corner and linger affectionately up and down the dreary steps of

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tenements. Is realism enough?

No, it is not. Documentary filming is one thing; entertainment is another. "Violent Playground" has its moments, a good dramatic climax of breathtaking suspense. It is, nevertheless, a minor work to "The Blue Lamp," an earlier Relph-Dearden effort. Much of the acting is self-consciously brutal. Realism? Not quite in performance.

The film, noble and honest though it is, does not stand up to a comparison with Hollywood's

Filmgoing with T E P

seamy wallowing in the dramatics of juvenile delinquency. If "The Blackboard Jungle" was an exaggeration of teenage horrors (and I do not believe that it is far from truth) then at least it was a piece of filmcraft clearly stamped with a master touch.

The trouble with the Liverpool social melodrama is that an audience sympathises with no-one in particular. The boys, it appears, are wicked through their environment. We cannot, even so, feel antagonism on their side. The detectives in charge of juvenile liaison are doing a grand job of helping the boys to find hope out of squalor. We cannot feel particularly for their problem. Cathie, the girl with brothers and sisters on the criminal track, has all the sympathy going.

Luciana wears thin low-necked dresses for her starring role in Pinewood's "Sea Fury" on location in Estartit.

Now she has been told to wear a shawl over her bare shoulders when not filming in the village, in order to calm down the local men.

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BY popular consent, Jean Carson has become Jeannie. And that is official.

When she flew out to America, she was the only girl in show-business with two names. At home in Britain, the girl who rocketed to overnight fame in "Love from Judy" was called Jean.

But in America she was called Jeannie—to avoid confusion with another Jean Carson who was in show-business there.



THERE is hardly ever a time when a child is not filming in a British film studio. Pinewood, particularly, specialises in the "child" film. There are two of them now ready for showing—"Heart of a Child," which is about a boy's love for a St. Bernard dog, and "Innocent Sinners," which concerns a London slum child who yearns for a garden, which she builds

on a bomb site.

Here is a shot from "Innocent Sinners" (which is filmed from Rumer Godden's novel "An Episode of Sparrows"), showing June Archer, the child star, telling Christopher Hey to contribute his Saturday money for plants for her garden.

This lump-in-the-throat film-going also involves Flora Robson and David Kossoff.

Pinewood takes on Tony Hancock

TONY HANCOCK, one of Britain's top television and radio comedians, has concluded arrangements to make his first starring comedy picture with the Rank Organisation at Pinewood.

The film, from an original story, will be made towards the end of the year. The producer is expected to be Peter Rogers, and the production will be directed by Gerry Thomas.

Pinewood has already handled comedians in the Hancock class—Frankie Howard, Ronald Shiner and Benny Hill among them. Only Norman Wisdom has stayed the pace as a popular screen comic at this studio.

and his audience to exchange understanding. The hooligan street loafers certainly go through the motions of the Teddy Boy element. There is no undercurrent of true viciousness to make their challenge felt.

For me the film is made up of minor joys, details I shall not forget: like the little boy-and-girl twins played by Brona and Feigal Boland in devastating Irish accents; the tenseness of mother's waiting for the release of children trapped in a classroom with an armed hoodlum, a seige to clog the throat; and that weird rock n' roll session among the gang, fiendish and abandoned like a dervish dance.

It is a tough essay into crime and it will be an attractive proposition to teenage filmgoers. The trouble is that as raw entertainment it is not tough enough.

Films are still your best fashion guide

COMING at a time when all clothes-conscious women are dithering over the drastic new fashion trends, Bill Thomas, Universal - International's top designer who has created gowns for feminine stars to wear in more than 100 pictures, declares:

"Feminine styles that are seen in films are much better guides than Paris fashions. Why? Because Paris designers strive for creations that will get a lot of momentary publicity while designers for motion pictures must create styles that will be up to date for at least three years.

"That is why women who haven't the money to indulge in the fashion whims of the day are better advised to copy from films rather than from Paris.

"Consider, for instance, the wardrobe Cyd Charisse wears in 'Twilight For the Gods.' A full year will have passed between the time the designs came off the drawing

Answers To Sports Teasers

TEASER NUMBER ONE

Fred Rimell, son of T. R. Rimell, also a trainer. He is still turning his share of winners out.

TEASER NUMBER TWO

W. P. Dutton, who trains at Malton, rode Tipperary Tim (100/1) to victory in the 1928 Grand National, and F. T. Walwyn, who trains at Lambourn, won the National on Reynoldstown in 1935, both were then amateur riders.

TEASER NUMBER THREE

Twice. In 1947, Jockey Treble (E. Mercer) won the Lincoln at 100/1 and the Irish horse, Caughoo (E. Dempsey) won the National at 100/1. In 1929, Elton (K. Robertson) won the Lincoln at 100/1 and Gregalach (R. Everett) won the National at 100/1. Nice work—if you can get it.



'POP' SINGING AND RELIGION FOR SANDS

TOMMY SANDS, the latest of the American teenage singing idols, makes his film debut in a story which, frankly, turns my stomach. In "Sing, Boy, Sing," a 20th Century-Fox Cinemascope film, Sands plays the grandson of an Evangelist preacher "whose glorious voice," says the film's publicity handout, "is exploited by an impresario and he finds himself entertaining audiences throughout the country.

"When the boy's grandfather is dying, the impresario tries to keep the news from him, not wishing to have the tour interrupted, but he finds out, flies home and promises his dying grandfather that he will 'forego sin' and devote his time to preaching the gospel.

"It is his aunt, however, who tells him how her life has been ruined by the old man's bigoted selfishness and persuades him that he should make full use of the glorious voice God has given him to give pleasure to others."

Music, naturally is the keynote and Sands sings 12 new songs, including "That's All I Want of You," "Crazy! Cause I Love You," "How About You," "Soda Pop Pop" and "Daddy Wants To Do Right."

board and the first showing of the picture.

"Then the picture will probably be showing for another two years, so that makes three years her wardrobe has to be in style.

"Women who operate on a small budget can learn a lot from films. The wardrobe Lilo Pulver wears in 'A Time to Love And A Time To Die,' is a good example. She plays a poor girl but she still has to be dressed attractively. For her I designed some simple dresses that are virtually 'timeless' because their appeal lies in good lines with no fussy details.

"All film wardrobes are specially planned to enhance the figure and personality traits of an individual rather than trying to create something startling.

"For instance, skirt lengths may be dictated annually in the market showings, but the smart woman is the one who knows the best length to flatter her best leg line.

"What would look well on Debbie Reynolds, for example, wouldn't be at all suitable for Ava Gardner.

"That's why films afford a better buying guide than Paris. Not only are the styles more lasting, but they will also be more suitable to the average woman, if she just makes sure she's the right type to wear a particular dress she has admired on the screen.

"And another thing. She sees a dress she likes and sees an actress moving around in it so she can judge it from ALL angles, not just a carefully posed one."

HOLLYWOOD FAME IN ONE YEAR

FOR a young actress who has only been in Hollywood for one year, Virginia Vincent is doing well.

She has been signed for an important role with Sophia Loren and Anthony Quinn in "The Black Orchid," a production at Paramount.

Before going to Hollywood, Virginia had starred in two Broadway

AS Detective-Sergeant Truman (Stanley Baker) leaves the Murphy's flat, he runs into the gang of thugs who are waiting for him at the bottom of the stairs. It is a scene from the new J. Arthur Rank Organisation production, "Violent Playground."

It is the story of a Liverpool fire-raising gang, made for the Rank Organisation by Michael Relph and Basil Dearden, the famous team that produced "The Blue Lamp." It stars Stanley Baker, David McCallum and Anne Heywood. Also in the cast are Peter Cushing and John Slater.

The film is being shot on location in Liverpool and at Pinewood.

STANLEY HOLLOWAY BACK IN FILMS

FEW film players can expect to make a successful screen comeback after an absence of over two years. Yet with Stanley Holloway it's different. This high professional is always in demand; he can virtually dictate his own terms of engagement.

Now, after being on Broadway and appearing in the successful "My Fair Lady" for well over two years, he returns to Britain to make a film.

He has been signed for "No Trees in the Street." The part he plays is tailor-made for the Holloway talents. He has the role of a seedy, but still salty, variety artist-turned-bookie's runner—so there's plenty of scope for his clowning.



A PORTRAIT of Sylvia Syms as Anne Wyndham, a Puritan betrothed to a Roundhead Colonel, and George Baker, who plays the title role in "The Moonraker," an Associated British production in Eastman-colour and Wide Screen, starring George Baker, Sylvia Syms, Peter Arne and Marius Goring.

plays, "Twilight Walk" and "Wedding Breakfast." She made her screen debut in "Both Ends of the Candle" and followed this with a leading part with James Cagney in "Never Steal Anything Small." In "The Black Orchid," she plays a young Italian-American, Martin Ritt directs this modern comedy-drama about Italian-American family life, and the film is now before the VistaVision cameras.

Stable opinions of runners in the 'Lincoln' Handicap

THE severe winter experienced in most parts of Great Britain played havoc with the training of racehorses, and several of the competitors due to contest next Wednesday's Lincolnshire Handicap are short of fast work. Very few stables can claim to have avoided the long hold-up due to frost and snow. So this time fitness—and the luck of the draw can have a big effect on this mile event.

Here are some of the opinions of owners, trainers and jockeys on the chances of their horses:—

Chief Barker.—Mr. Nat Cohen (owner): "Chief Barker is being ridden by D. Smith in the Lincolnshire Handicap, and I feel sure that my horse will run very well. As you know, he won the Manchester November Handicap and, according to his trials, we feel that he is a better horse today than he was then. Of course, I realise that the Lincolnshire is a lottery, but with a bit of luck we think that he will run very well indeed."

Suited by going

Nicholas Nickleby.—W. G. O'Gorman (trainer): "The horse is exceptionally well and has a reasonable handicap. With A. Breasley up, he must run well, for he will be suited by the present going. As he came from behind to win last year's Midland Cambridgeshire over a mile at Birmingham, there should be no worries about the distance."

Langton Heath.—T. Griffiths (trainer): "All I am hoping for is a good draw and soft going. My colt could not be better. When I galloped him over the Lincoln distance last weekend, he was really strong and keen. He has to be ridden for a late run, and B. Jago, who has the mount in the big race, carried out those tactics to perfection when winning on him at Kempton Park last autumn. I consider that Langton Heath has a first-rate each-way chance."

Copenhagen.—J. L. Jarvis (trainer): "He has done very well, and I am very satisfied with him. With a good draw I would give him a reasonable chance. We do not want heavy going, but all other going comes alike to him. E. Mercer will ride."

E. Mercer (jockey): "I consider him well handicapped, and, as he showed himself to be an early sort by winning in the first week of last season, I shall be disappointed if he does not run an exceptionally good race."

Been hurdling

Grand Reject.—T. H. Carey (trainer): "Grand Reject won over the straight seven furlongs of the Dewhurst Stakes course at the Newmarket Cesarewitch meeting, and, after his spell of hurdle-racing this winter he is fit. He will be ridden by D. Keith, and I think that he is nicely handicapped."

BABUR and JUST VERDICT.—Captain C. F. Eisey (trainer): "Both horses are short of work, having been held up in their preparation by the snow and frost-covered gallops. They are well enough in themselves, however, but I wish that the race was a further fortnight away."

WHIRANEK.—W. H. Carr (jockey): "He was fit and well, and seemed to have improved when I went to Warwick to ride him in a gallop. If he gives his best running I think that he will take a lot of beating."

Sure to stay

Diplomatic Bag.—H. Thomson Jones (trainer): "She is fit and well, and I am hoping for the best. I think she will stay the mile well enough, for she has shown in the past that this distance is not beyond her, but the faster the going the better it will suit her."

Dutton.—Mrs. Mary E. Vallance (owner): "I am glad to say that Dutton has wintered very well and looks very fit indeed. As you know, the weather has been very severe in Yorkshire, and he has therefore been short of work. In spite of this fact, however, he expect him to run well. His jockey will be D. W. Walker, who rode Chief Barker to win the Manchester November Handicap last year."

Melody Fair.—P. Robinson (jockey): "I have not previously ridden the colt, but, judging him on his win over a mile under 9st. 9lb. at Newmarket last autumn, he looks certain to give a good account

of himself, provided he gets some luck in the draw."

Naval Fighter.—Commander W. F. R. Segrave (owner): "My horse is fit and has satisfied his trainer. He went well in a seven-furlong gallop last Saturday, being ridden by his Lincoln jockey, M. Hayes. He blew at the end of the gallop, so there is something to work on between now and next Wednesday."

Naval Fighter and Magic Moment.—A. M. Budgett (trainer): "I saddled the winner of the Lincolnshire Handicap with Commissar in 1948, and hope that I can complete the double with either Magic Moment, who will be ridden by J. Mercer, or Naval Fighter. Both horses are fairly handicapped, and should run well. Magic Moment won three races each over six furlongs last season, and has run only once over eight furlongs, but I think he will get the Carholme Mile."

Back to Irish form

Retain.—P. Thrale (trainer): "The colt failed to reproduce his Irish form after he came to me last year, but I think he will be a better horse this season. He is in good fettle after his successes over hurdles, and if he receives a favourable draw on the Carholme, I give him a good each-way chance."

Statfold.—E. Larkin (jockey): "Statfold has not yet raced over a mile, but if the going remains on top, I see no reason why he should not do so. His initial speed may be the deciding factor, and I think that he has a good each-way chance."

River Line.—Mr. R. Ward (owner-trainer): "River Line was fifth to Babur in last year's 'Lincoln', and in the race in 1956 he was beaten only a length by Three Star II. The draw is always a big factor, but, providing the going is on the soft side, River Line is sure to be placed. J. Lynch will ride him, and as he is claiming the 5lb. apprentice allowance, River Line will have only 7st. 2lb. in the saddle. A change of stables has done him a lot of good. It looks as if this year he will get the soft going he wants, and with any luck in the draw, I fancy him to win."

Sagebush.—Mr. John Read (owner): "If my horse is drawn well, he will give a good account of himself. He will be a very fit horse on the day."

D Gunn (trainer): "E. Smith will ride Sagebush. I am quite pleased with the horse, and providing that he is well drawn he will be knocking at the door. He acts well on all going."

FINEST HOUR OF MATTHEWS

STANLEY MATTHEWS climbed the steps to Wembley Stadium's Royal Box without a sign that he had just gone through the most magnificent 22 minutes of his soccer life.

Twice before he had trodden the same stairway—concealing the disappointment he must have been feeling—to collect runners-up medals after the 1948 and 1951 Cup Finals.

But on May 2, 1953, everything was different. Matthews was about to receive from the hand of Queen Elizabeth in Coronation year the golden prize which had eluded him so long.

At last Blackpool had won the Cup. At last the master footballer—

By Jim Gaughan

surely the most loved player of our time—had realised the ambition which a little earlier had looked like being shattered for the third time.

As Stanley took his medal and smiled his modest, almost apologetic smile, there were lumps in quite a lot of throats—including mine. Then those fabulous feet, which had traced a new page of soccer history on Wembley's turf, carried him down to the waiting crowd.

Carried high

There Matthews and his captain, Harry Johnston, with the precious FA Cup between them, were hoisted

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on to strong shoulders and carried from the arena in triumph.

Reluctantly the great crowd drifted slowly away, everyone proud of having been there to see probably the greatest and most dramatic exhibition of individual wizardry ever produced on a football field.

In 1948, when he was 33, Matthews had played in his first Cup Final, and Manchester United had defeated Blackpool 4-2 in a classic match.

Three years later Blackpool had reached Wembley again, and Matthews had watched Jackie Milburn of Newcastle shatter his dreams with two of the most wonderful goals ever scored at Wembley.

After that you could have got long odds against Matthews adding a Cup-winners' medal to his collection of honours. For he was 36, an age at which many footballers think of retirement.

His last chance?

But in 1953 Blackpool and Matthews, now 38, were at Wembley for the third time in six years. Surely this was the maestro's last chance.

The now or never day started badly for Stanley. He had strained his back in training and could still feel the pain. So he had an injection before leaving his hotel for the ground.

Matthews had scarcely touched the ball when Nat Lofthouse struck a tremendous blow for Bolton with a hard-hit long shot which skidded out of George Farm's grip into the net.

But with 20 minutes gone things were running in Blackpool's favour. Bolton left-half Eric Bell was hurt and playing on the left-wing with Harold Hassall in his place, and non-stop Stanley Mortensen had equalised.

Such was the spirit of Bolton, however, that before half-time Billy Moir had headed them into the lead again. And after 55 minutes the gallant Bell rose to head a third goal from Doug Holden's centre.

The one man

With a 3-1 lead and only 35 minutes to go Bolton looked set for victory. But suddenly every Blackpool player and particularly tiny Ernie Taylor—who had helped Newcastle defeat them two years before—seemed to realise that the one man who could save them was Matthews.

Pass after pass was stroked out to the wonder man. And he res-

ponded with a bewildering variety of magical moves which began to tear the weakened left flank of Bolton's defence to ribbons.

Somehow they survived until the 68th minute. Then Matthews brought the ball up to courageous Ralph Banks once again, inviting him to tackle.

You could see Banks setting his teeth, trying to decide which way his tormentor would go this time. He guessed wrong and Matthews swept by on the outside to aim his centre at the far top corner of the Bolton goal.

Stan Hanson got his fingers to the ball, but Mortensen was there to force it into the net—and Blackpool were back in the game with a chance.

The systematic torture of the heroic Bolton defence went on, Matthews's amazing footwork seeming to get faster and more dazzling than ever as the minutes ticked by.

Everyone marvelled

Even ghastly misses by Jackie Mudie and Bill Perry when Matthews made perfect openings brought no grimace or gesture of disappointment from this amazing man who now had 100,000 people marvelling at his skill.

I began to feel sorry for the great-hearted Bolton men. The never-ending chase of a relentless shadow was draining the strength from their legs.

It was Mortensen, however, who made the score 3-3 with only three minutes to go, crashing home a free-kick from the edge of the penalty area.

Now the stage was set for Matthews's supreme bid for victory, which came in the last seconds of the extra time referee E. M. Griffiths had allowed for stoppages.

For the last time Banks crouched in Matthews's path. For the last time Stanley left him floundering and headed for the bye-line as Malcolm Barrass and Hassall tried vainly to head him off.

Then he pulled the ball back so sweetly to the open space in front of goal and, as he slipped to a sitting position, watched Perry hit the winning goal.

If it is possible to point to the peak moment of Matthews's astonishing career I think this was it.

THANKS FOR THE MEMORY, STANLEY. I NEVER EXPECT TO SEE THE LIKE OF THIS AGAIN.

Delany wins his 24th indoor mile

Ronnie Delany, Irish holder of the Olympic 1,500-metre title, won his 24th successive indoor mile race at the Knights of Columbus championship meeting last night in Cleveland, Ohio.

He clocked 4min. 12.7sec., much slower than the 4min. 3.4sec. with which he set a world indoor record for the distance in Chicago last week.

PIGEON NOTES

Second feed now!

I WAS talking to Billy Brookes (Denton) on the phone last weekend; he tells me he is now feeling much better after his accident, but it will be some time yet before he is 100 per cent fit. He is hoping to pair some of his birds together this weekend.

Now that the weather is showing signs of improvement, nearly all fanciers have got their birds mated and sitting, so I would like to remind anyone who is still only feeding once a day, that it is necessary for the second feed to be given. It is also time to be looking to the old birds' training; it is only five weeks before the first race. It is best to try to pick the best days for training tosses, and to see that there is not too much east wind.

I hear that a Shaw member is being inconvenienced by a pylon having been erected near his loft, and that the wires go right over it. If he gets in touch with the appropriate authority, I believe there is every possible chance that they will cork the wires for him.

Last Friday evening, Oldham Flying Club were invited to St. Stephens Parish Church to give a talk on pigeons and pigeon racing.

Ernie Kay opened the meeting by explaining the organisation and the running of clubs. Henry Travis then gave an account of how a loft should be managed, and Wilf Shore finished by explaining all about racing and clocks.

After this, questions were asked and answered, but these had to be cut short because of the time. This is the first lecture I have heard of being given in Oldham; it may be the forerunner of more to come.

Last weekend I went mapping some loft locations and one was Wilf Greenwood's new loft. This impressed me very much. It is well laid-out inside, and is situated in a very open space. If he does not get his birds to finish well in races I shall be surprised. At one new member's loft at which I called in Hey, I found he had some second-round youngsters nearly ready to move. No lack of keenness here.

Hey Homing Society will hold their monthly meeting on the last Monday in March, so that it does not clash with the Easter holidays. If any member or club secretary has any news which can be used in these notes, I should be very pleased to hear from them.

J.C.

Rochdale Amateurs Walsden's worthy win over Athletic

WALSDEN qualified for the Amateur Cup final when, at home, they were successful by 4-1 over Rochdale Athletic. A keen and hard struggle took place, with the home team the better side on the day's play. Athletic opened the score after 17 minutes through Bamford, but Walsden equalised through Freeman, to share two goals at half-time. In the second half Walsden got right on top and gave the visiting defence a rough time, to add three goals without reply. Walsden's second-half scorers were Kelly, Walker and Cordingley.

Walsden will now meet Heymain Recs. in the final on Good Friday morning on Mandale Park.

In the Charity Cup preliminary round, Gravelhole entertained Railway Street, and six goals were shared. Railway Street opened the score after 10 minutes, and at half-time led 2-0. Immediately on the resumption the visitors again increased their lead. From this point Gravelhole came right back into the picture, and fought back so well that with ten minutes left for play they had scored three times to draw level. Despite efforts by both sides for the winner, it did not mature. Brindle (2) and Mathews scored for Gravelhole, and Lomax (2) and Booth netted for Railway Street.

First division leaders Heymain Recs. entered the semi-final when, at home, they defeated second division champions Tudor Rose by the odd goal of three. Despite atrocious conditions, both teams played good football, with Heymain lasting out the longer. Smith and Jones scored for Heymain, and Hardman netted for Tudor Rose.

Boots Social visited Turner Bros. in a second division game, and were successful 7-3. Turner's, with a little more accurate finishing, might have made a much closer game of it. Taylor, Drummond and Decourcy scored for Turner's, and Scully and Etechells (three each) and Fitton netted for Boots.

Rochdale Athletic entered the final of the Reserve Cup when, at home, they defeated Whitworth by 3-1. Leonard, Thompson and Lecombe (two each), Lythgoe and Bamford netted for Athletic, and Hoy (2) and McCaffrey for Whitworth.

At next week's meeting the draw will be made for the Charity Cup semi-finals.

Friendly result: Fine Spinners (Shaw) 2, A. and A. Crompton 1.

In the Hornets' Nest

There'll be plenty of support at Station Road

Rochdale Sunday School League POVEY HITS FOUR IN CUPHOLDER'S EASY WIN

ALL SAINTS' won their second round Timpson Cup replay with Heywood St. James's by the comfortable margin of four goals. They deserved their win being the better team, and once they had taken the lead, never appeared in danger of losing it. Gill (2), Handley and Lythgoe scored.

Shawforth, the cupholders, entered the third round with a sound win over Bright's although the margin of five goals flattered them. Bright's were the better team in the opening stages but could not turn their advantage into goals whereas Shawforth took their chances. Povey was outstanding, scoring four of Shawforth's goals, Bentley getting the other.

Milnrow Parish staged a fine recovery in their second round game with Thornham at Slattocks and only just failed to force a replay. A goal down at half-time and then losing 3-0 they dominated the closing stages but could get only two goals. Lloyd, Crowther and Ison scored for Thornham, and Buckley and Butterworth for Milnrow.

Littleborough Parish defeated Newhey St. Thomas's at Newhey by six goals scored by Shackleton (2), Sutcliffe (2), Halliday and Lloyd to none in a game which never reached a high standard.

YMCA Old Boys proved too good for their old rivals Castlemere Old Boys and while they won by only the odd goal of five they were definitely the better team. Sharrocks, Heaton and Williams scored their goals, Bellew getting both Castlemere goals.

Wardle Parish won a close game with Norden YCOB at Wardle, the deciding goal coming in the closing minutes to give them a lucky win. Whalley and Halton scored their two goals, Smith replying for Norden.

Whittle's had an easy win over Buckley Hall and the "B" Division leaders enter the third round with every prospect of reaching the semi-final. Hobbs (4), Lunt (4), Whittaker, Jones and Ogden hit their goals, Jeffreys and Lally scoring for Buckley Hall.

Sacred Heart had a 6-2 home win over St. Aidan's, Golding (4), Watson and Duffy scoring for them and Richardson and Gardiner replying for St. Aidan's.

St. Patrick's defeated Syke Methodists by six goals scored by Kershaw (3), Simpson, Broadbent and Nyland, without reply.

West St. Baptists lost at home to St. Peter's by a margin of two goals, Brierley (2) and Sheridan scoring for them and Hazeldine (2), Whitworth, Rigby and Carr for St. Peter's.

The following team has been selected for the Inter-league game with the Oldham and District Sunday Schools' League on Wardle Parish ground (dress in St. James's School, Wardle, on Saturday, April 12, kick-off 3.0 p.m.): D. Heap (Norden YCOB); S. Rawstron (Shawforth); G. J. Ruddy (Bright's); J. McKendry (Littleborough Parish); K. Gregson (Wardle Parish); E. Mills (Castlemere OB); R. Linger (Shawforth); B. Lumb (Shawforth); B. Ashworth (Milton); G. Smith (Norden YCOB); E. W. Bentley (capt., Shawforth).

Reserves (in attendance): goal, J. Thompson (Littleborough Parish); full-back, B. Hartley (Shawforth); half-back, C. Whitelegge (Milton); forward, N. Woolfenden (Bright's).

"A" DIVISION

Team	P	W	L	D	F	A	Pts
Shawforth	20	18	1	1	121	21	37
Littleboro' Par.	21	16	3	2	123	33	34
Bright's	20	15	4	1	89	47	31
Sacred Heart	21	14	5	2	72	38	30
Milton	21	10	7	4	84	69	24
Castlemere OB	20	10	7	3	74	58	23
St. Aidan's	22	9	8	5	52	62	23
Norden YCOB	20	7	6	7	72	60	21
Wardle Par.	19	8	8	3	50	51	19
YMCA Old Boys	23	7	13	3	65	79	17
Heyw'd St. James	20	6	13	1	45	79	13
Lanehead	21	5	14	2	53	109	12
St. Vincent's	21	2	19	0	22	131	4
All Saints	21	1	20	0	32	117	2

"B" DIVISION

Team	P	W	L	D	F	A	Pts
Whittle's	22	19	1	2	124	36	40
Facit Par.	21	15	6	0	66	48	30
Milnrow Par.	24	13	8	3	77	46	29
St. Gabriel's	23	13	9	1	79	66	27
St. Patrick's	22	12	8	2	67	57	26
N'wh'y St. Thomas	21	11	7	3	74	65	25
Thornham	22	10	9	3	73	56	23
Culgate Bapts.	22	11	11	0	69	73	22
Th'n'hm St. Thomas	22	9	9	4	56	41	22
St. Peter's	23	8	12	2	64	87	18
West St. Bapts.	23	6	15	2	48	87	14
Spotland Meths.	21	4	12	5	43	68	13
Syke Meths.	24	5	17	2	54	121	12
Buckley Hall	21	4	16	1	52	100	9

THE HORNETS set their sights further than Water-sheddings this afternoon. Big as was the event everything that has been done since March 8, when York were defeated in the third round, has been part of the build-up for next Saturday's appearance in the Challenge Cup semi-final at Swinton.

In very short time the club's allocation of tickets was cleared out and the team will have the biggest following for many years when they trot out at Station Road. There will be no haphazard gathering of players just before the match. They and officials are to meet in Rochdale next Saturday morning and have lunch together, later leaving as one party for the semi-final.

Training during next week will follow the pattern before the York game. All the players will report at the Athletic Grounds on Tuesday evening and they will have a daylight training session on Thursday afternoon. Everything possible is being done in an effort to have Bill Hanson fit again. Although there were a few more knocks and bruises after the battle in the snow and mud last Saturday, Bill's injury was by far the most serious.

He was a near-scorer in the first movement of the game in supporting a Ferdi Corsi dash, but

Tuesday League RED LION NOW SHOOT TO TOP

RED LION had a very easy 10-3 victory over Oldham Industrial and now go to the top of the league table.

The game between Middleton and Tonge v. Rochdale Pioneers at Middleton was very clean and entertaining, both teams playing good football. Middleton were the victors by 3-1. The pick of the Middleton team were Sinkinson, Adams and Elliott and outstanding for Pioneers were Barratt and Johnson.

The game between Ashton and Bury Co-op was a very sporting game. Bury, who were the better team from the kick-off, took the points, winning 8-5.

Next fixtures: Rochdale Trades v. Red Lion (Stacey); Rochdale Pioneers v. Bury Co-op (Kershaw); Ashton Traders v. Middleton and Tonge (Harrison).

instead of finishing over the Swinton line he ended over the touchline with an ankle injury. In the circumstances the Hornets performed well to chalk up an overdue home League win—the first since last November, when Warrington were beaten at the Athletic Grounds.

The old argument about the Hornets being better on dry grounds has cropped up again, but the real truth is that heavy grounds in the main only help the stopping teams. There is, however, plenty to hope for from the Hornets when they find firm conditions underfoot again. There is an increasing versatility about their attack, and they may not have scored very many tries but some they have gained since the beginning of February have been the kind any team would be proud to score.

Remember, when February dawned there was not much to cheer up officials or supporters. The inspiration, I feel certain, came from that magnificent try with which Norman Short won the away match against Hull Kingston in the last stages. It was similar in many ways to the "blinder" which shook York. Since the win at Hull Kingston the Hornets have played a though they meant it and have got rid of that acute fed-up feeling which was evident in many of the younger players.

This despondency certainly existed. I had full confirmation of it in a chat with an official of the club this week. He himself contrasted the present "on-their-toes" feeling of the Hornets with the "I don't want-to-play-there" and "I don't care-if-I-play-at-all" attitudes which followed the Christmas reverses.

The threat to go to Wembley has caused the customary revival of interest from outside in the player who have travelled so far and who has impressed me most in the information which has been gained confirmed in the youth of some of the backs—players who have year of experience behind them because they won a first-team place in their teens.

Norman Short, Les Jones and Ray Buxton, three members of the threequarter line, plus Ferdi Corsi who has the youth but not the experience, are capable of becoming a permanent section of the team for at least five years.

Buxton, by the way, claims 1 tries this season. That's well behind the club record of Jack William who scored 30 in 1934-5 but it's the best since that season by Hornets player. The post-war record was held by Peter Oldroyd who scored 15 tries six years ago. Les Jones scored 94 goals but is 26 behind that tally this time. With ten more matches including today's (eleven if they make Wembley) he requires just over three goals a match to hit 100. Walter Gowers did it 24 years ago. For the last six matches Jones has averaged three a match.

If the Rugby League agree to Hornets will play their postponed game with Wigan at the Athletic Grounds on Saturday, April 26, as visit Leeds the previous Wednesday.

CIU DARTS

The draw for the individual darts championship of the Oldham Federation of Working Men's Clubs was made last Sunday. The following matches (301 v. finish on a double) are to be played next Thursday:—

- At Chadderton Band Club: J. Hart v. Jones, J. Stirrup v. R. Fish, P. Le v. B. Simpson, T. A. Dowd v. R. Beatt
 - At AEO: A. Wild v. H. Waser, Atterley v. J. Lees, S. Mills v. O. W. R. Howarth v. R. Holmes.
 - At Nimble Nook: C. Holt v. W. Spence, J. Davenport v. A. Collier, C. Daniels v. Eastwood, H. Hollingworth v. Tracey.
 - At RAOB: J. P. Lee v. E. Hodkin, W. Purkiss v. J. Holt, H. Barnes v. Evans, W. Birtles v. H. Longshaw.
- Each section must be played through to find the ultimate winner (striking-out time 8-30 p.m.). Winners' names to be sent to Mr. F. Wild, 100 Melbourne Street, Chadderton.

THAT ODD-MAN-OUT SNAG IS

STILL THERE

SPOTLIGHT ON SPOTLAND by CRITIC

THE Spotland problem referred to in this column a month ago continues to arise. Six forwards all good enough for a place in the Northern Section side and all fit, so one has to be disappointed. It cropped up at Hartlepool last Saturday, when the line which had operated in the previous four games, producing seven points and seven goals, was changed.

Eddie Moran was fit and, after Manager Catterick had inspected the Victoria Ground pitch three-quarters of an hour before the game, he decided to put Moran in. Dave Pearson stood down.

The decision to alter a winning combination must have been a difficult one to take for the Rochdale manager. But in my view it was correct.

As I said a month ago, Moran on form is a "must." On the skiddy, treacherous surface of the Hartlepool pitch his ball control was invaluable. The result was three goals from the Rochdale attack for the first time away from home since September 21 when Stockport County were beaten 3-0 at Edgeley Park.

Dull patches

For today's game at Spotland against Barrow—another top-12 team—Manager Catterick did it again. His chosen team this time had Dave Pearson at outside-right and Jock Lockhart is the man to stand down.

Obviously this move was dictated purely by current form. For some weeks the thrust on the wings has not satisfied Mr. Catterick and the inclusion of Pearson at outside-right was

obviously designed to provide this power.

The success or otherwise of the move depends on what Pearson has done this afternoon. The unusual feature of the move is that Lockhart loses his place for the second time this season despite having 11 goals to his credit from the wing—something few Northern Section flank men can boast of.

The ex-Southend player, however, has had a number of dull patches in what, for him, has been a good season, and no doubt if Pearson is not a roaring success as a winger, Lockhart will be back as soon as he regains his normal form.

Tommy McGlennon, who gave good service early in the season at wing-half, was back again at Hartlepool to take his share of the credit for a fine win. It is surprising to note from the records that the last time the former Blackpool player appeared at left-half in the first team was on September 25 when Scunthorpe United won 4-1 at Spotland.

Police help

Since then he has made four first-team appearances—three at outside-left and one at left full-back (at Wrexham). Always a keen player and always trying hard to use the ball accurately, it was not long last Saturday before he reached the pace of League football again. He is a good standby and an excellent player to have around.

on average than many other successful Northern Section sides—only five in last Saturday's team were beyond the 30 mark—the half-time score in Rochdale's last four games has been 0-0.

Yet, three have been won and one drawn, despite the fact that two of them were on the grounds of Chesterfield and Hartlepool—clubs who do not give points away easily. Eight goals have been scored, all in the second half, in these four matches, which seems to indicate that Rochdale are staying the pace better than their opponents.

April is going to be a severe time for the club as regards completing the fixture-lists. There are nine first-team games and the reserves have four Lancashire League matches to make up in addition to their ordinary fixtures.

They are due also to play a two-legged affair for the Supplementary Cup. The Reserves won their section and will probably have to meet Blackpool "A" to determine who has the Cup.

My appeal for better support to give the club a fair chance of success in the national Third Division has been backed by the Soccer Supporters' Club this week. The position of the team this morning, fourth in the table, was decisive evidence of their ability to produce the goods.

So often in the past Rochdale's lukewarm sporting public has said "Give us a team and we will support it." The gate at the Barrow match today stands as a test by the public as to whether or not they are prepared to support a winning team.

The acid test

Recent matches tend to show exactly the opposite. Apart from the fact that the team is no older

Schools' Rugby League-Cup double for Clarksfield

Hollins 6, Higginshaw 5
WITH a wet ground and slippery ball, both these League "A" teams made handling errors in trying to play open rugby. There was little to choose between them, both of which were understrength due to town-team commitments.

Butterworth worked hard for Higginshaw, and Evans's strong running threatened the Hollins line. Hollins were the first to score when poor tackling allowed a forward to crash over. After another forward had increased their lead 6-0 early in the second half, Higginshaw fought back and went over for a try in the corner. Evans converted with a good, long kick.

Hollins 20, Higginshaw
In this League "C" game, Higginshaw were forced to field a below-strength team and seemed to be put off by the hard ground which made tackling difficult. Once Hollins had scored they went from strength to strength and ran out easy winners.

Clarksfield 33, Hollins 0
For this League "D" game, the Manor Flatts ground was in good condition and the Clarksfield side took full advantage of it to open out the game and run a depleted Hollins team off their feet.

In contrast to their previous meeting, when Hollins tackled like lions and their heavyweight forwards pounded on, Hollins offered only token resistance, and only Barry Egan, at scrum-half, fought to the end.

For Clarksfield, loose-forward Smallwood registered 17 points in a team in which every player did his job.

By this win, Clarksfield added the League Championship to the Challenge Cup to complete the double.

Luton tell FA: 'We want our players'

Luton Town FC have informed the Football Association that if their arrangements for a close-season tour are confirmed, they will need the services of Bob Morton and Gordon Turner, both of whom have been invited to tour Nigeria and Ghana with an FA party.

Luton have stated they do not want to play on the Continent with a depleted team. Although the final details have not yet been arranged the Town's tour will probably be of Western Germany.

OLDHAM JUNIOR RUGBY LEAGUE INTER-TOWN SIDES IN BOTH FINALS

FOR the second successive year the Oldham Junior League side have reached the final of the Lancashire Inter-Town Cup Competition, both open age and intermediate. The league's intermediate side defeated St. Helens away on March 1 and last Saturday at Bower Lane, Hollinwood, the open-age team beat St. Helens open-agers by 18 points to 3.

Following the midweek snow and a schoolboys' match in the morning, the ground was in very good condition for this semi-final. Oldham were soon on the attack and Flynn failed with two attempts at goal from favourable positions. From midfield play, Lomas broke through the Saints' defence and sent Lennigan racing away to score under the post. Flynn added the goal points. Some midfield play followed, with first one side and then the other getting into their opponents' "25" only to be driven back.

The tackling by both sides was good. Oldham were making all the play, but close on half-time the Saints made a raid on Oldham's line, and in an attempt to clear his line an Oldham defender put in a poor clearance kick and St. Helens scored a try near the post. The goal kick failed and at half-time Oldham were leading by 5 points to 3.

The second half opened with Oldham scoring a try after four minutes' play. Worrall broke through the Saints' "25" and sent Bamford over near the post. Flynn

The Lions' roar was loud in early days

SWINTON FOOTBALL CLUB in its Rugby Union days was one of the strongest clubs in the country in the playing sense, and it was certainly the leading Lancashire club for a few years.

Started in 1867—and the authority for this is a note which appeared in the Swinton Parish Magazine of that year—the club played a mixed kind of football as so many clubs did at that time.

Association football, rugby football, even a seven-a-side game, and a cross between soccer and rugby, were all played but in 1871, the club became affiliated to the Rugby Union.

Typical of sport in the 1860s and 70s, the football club was an offshoot of a cricket club.

The club became known as the Swinton and Pendlebury Football Club, but the latter part of the title was soon dropped. By the time the club first met Oldham in 1877, it was known as Swinton and had been known by that name for around four or five seasons.

From 1875 to 1878, or thereabouts, Swinton were undefeated and in 1878, the famous Manchester club were defeated at Whalley Range—evidence of the power of The Lions.

Oldham sprang a great surprise in the first game with Swinton, forcing a draw and giving The Lions a great scare. A month later on the Oldham ground, the Swinton club won by a goal to nil.

The club became known as The Lions quite early in their career through their connection with the White Lion and the Golden Lion hotels for changing purposes, and after they moved to the Bull's Head, they remained The Lions, as they do to this day.

Swinton took over Lancs

Swinton was closely connected with the foundation of the Lancashire County Union which effectively curbed the power of the Manchester club. Oldham and Rochdale Hornets were represented along with Swinton on the first committee of the Union in 1881.

Some great names were associated with the club during this period and E. Beswick a threequarter, and C. Horley a forward, were selected for the first county game after the new committee took over.

Others were the four Farr brothers of whom H. J. otherwise 'Buck', was perhaps the best known, Longshaw, Ogden, the Dornings, Barker, S. Roberts, J. Marsh and Joe Mills and the outstanding player of the club, Jim Valentine.

added the goal points. The home forwards were backing up very well and made the way for Oldham's third try. From a scrum ten yards from the Saints' line Oldham gained possession and O'Brien slipped round the blind side to score near the post and Flynn again added the extra points.

With only minutes left to play, Oldham scored again. When a Saints' defender lost the ball over his own line, Pickering pounced on the ball to score in the corner, bringing the final score to 18 points to 3 in favour of the Oldham League.

All the Oldham forwards played well, with Lomas, Worrall and Bamford outstanding. The half-back combination of Read and O'Brien worked well and set their three-quarters moving at every chance, the wingers being dangerous when in possession.

In the final, Oldham will now meet Warrington League at Warrington on a date to be arranged. The only league fixture played last Saturday was at Smallbridge where, after a great game, the result was a draw of 18 points each.

Fixtures for next Saturday (kick-off 3 p.m.). Oldham Standard Cup semi-final: Royton v. St. Anne's (H. Shaw).
League: Waterhead v. St. Mary's (S. Shepherd); Spotland Rangers v. Ferranti (W. Slater); Saddleworth Rangers v. RTR (H. S. Dyson); St. Anne's v. Swinton Methodists (H. Fitton); Strinesdale v. Swinton Juniors (R. Smith); Greenacres v. Longworthy Juniors (R. Bunting).

RL CLUB HISTORIES No. 23: SWINTON by TOM WEBB

Edward Beswick was a great threequarter and he first appeared for Lancashire County when they played Cheshire in November, 1879. This was a great honour, for the Manchester club took it upon itself to pick the county teams so that any recognition was well earned.

He played for the North against the South in 1881, and in that year represented England against both Ireland and Scotland.

C. H. Horley did not gain international honours for England until 1885, when he played against Ireland. J. H. Marsh, a member of the club, played for Lancashire and eventually in 1892, for England. S. Roberts played against Wales and Ireland in 1887.

The fourth player to gain international honours under Rugby Union rules was the celebrated Jim Valentine, who made four appearances for England, between 1890 and 1896.

He was debarred from further caps because Swinton changed over to the Northern Union a year after its formation.

He was granted an international cap for the first time in 1888, when England had no games, having suspended its international fixtures. An England XVI was selected and the men received caps. In 1890-1, when Lancashire won the county championship, Valentine scored 16 tries for the county.

More honours came Valentine's way under the Northern Union, and although over 30 years of age, he not only played for Lancashire but captained it. He was killed by lightning at Barmouth on July 25, 1904.

Rugby . . . then soccer

Jim Valentine's young brother, Bob, also played as a threequarter for Swinton and he, too, gained Lancashire honours in Northern Union football. But he turned to soccer and became a professional with a leading Lancashire club.

While with Swinton, he was unable to get to an important match in time, so the club chartered a special train to make sure he was there in time.

Dai Davies, of Swinton, also transferred to soccer and was a popular goalkeeper with Bolton Wanderers.

During the Northern Union period Swinton won the Challenge Cup once only but later appeared in four finals and won two of them. In their first success in 1900, the team was Chorley; Lewis, Messer, Bob Valentine, Hampson; D. Davies, Morgan; J. Valentine, Pollitt, Vigors, Evans, Preston, Harris, Murphy and Jones.

Ten of the players gained Lancashire county caps around the same period.

Twice the club finished as runners-up in the Lancashire Senior Competition, 1898 and 1901, on each occasion running second to Oldham. Not until the 1920s did the club achieve any further successes.

Fame on the way

The shape of things to come was evident in 1922-3, when Swinton took part in the top-four play-off for the first time. Huddersfield won the semi-final game.

Two years later the Lions topped the Northern League but lost the play-off final to Hull Kingston Rovers at Rochdale.

Again in the following season the club was defeated in the semi-final of the top-four play-off and the championship was finally won in 1926-7, after finishing second to St. Helens Recs. The following year the championship was retained when Featherstone Rovers were beaten 11-0 at Watersheddings.

In 1932-3, Salford won the league by defeating the Blues at Wigan by 15-5 but two years later Swinton won the title by defeating Warrington at Central Park. In another three years Swinton again con-

tested the championship but lost the semi-final to Leeds.

The Lancashire League, during the period of war emergency, was won in 1939-40, but Bradford Northern, the Yorkshire winners, won the play-off.

During this period the Lancashire League championship was won on four occasions and the Lancashire Challenge Cup on another three occasions.

In 1927-8, the club accomplished the great feat of winning all four cups—the third club to achieve this. Hunslet and Huddersfield were the other two.

The team in the cup final was Young; F. Evans, Halsall, J. Evans, Brockbank; Atkinson, E. Rees; Strong, Blewer, Morris, Hodgson, Cracknell, Beswick.

It was all for a song

It was 1924, before a Swinton player went on a tour of Australasia and Frank Evans was the first to be honoured. Jack Evans, Bryn Evans and Billo Rees went on the 1928 tour.

Bryn Evans, J. Wright, Martin Hodgson and Frank Butters went in 1932, and Hodgson and Tom Armit in 1936. Frank Osmond was the next to tour in 1950.

The club has had many international and county players and a host of good officials, including John Scholes, J. C. Robertson, Sam Jones and his son Vic, the present secretary, Bennett Manson and others have acted as administrators, referees and club officials.

The great move from the old Chorley Road ground to the Station Road enclosure, has provided the club with an excellent stadium, capable of staging the big matches of the game.

The great rivalry between Oldham and Swinton goes back 80 years and probably its peak was reached at the time the parody, "Pity the team in blue, lads," was written. Jim Valentine and Harry Varley were immortalised in song.

The present Swinton side has fared badly this season except for a flash in the pan at Christmas when Oldham and Featherstone were beaten. Our traditional Good Friday game this year should be a day of reckoning.

S. African boxer matched with Empire champion

Joe N'Gidi, holder of the South African non-European welterweight and middleweight boxing titles, is to be matched with Australian George Barnes, the Empire welterweight champion.

N'Gidi, who is expected to arrive in Australia from London within three weeks, recently outpointed Attu Clottey, of Ghana, at Harringay arena.

Rugby Union Notes Sunday game provided better display of the open game

OLDHAM'S first team had two games over the weekend, both at Keb Lane. On Saturday they lost to a strong Old Leodensians side by 18 points to 3. After being 12 points down at the interval the home side improved in the second half, and though they could only score a try through Williams, they showed more promise. The game with Shrewsbury on Sunday was better, and produced more open rugby. R. Stevenson, brought into the front-row for this game, played well, and has kept his place for today's game at Metrovick.

The "A" team won at Leeds to Old Leodensians "A" 10-3. This was an excellent game, spoilt somewhat by bad refereeing. Against the wind in the first half, Oldham were hard pressed to hold the home side. However, in the second half they scored tries through Lord, and A. Shaw, R. Stevenson converting them both. B. Lord had a good game in the centre, and Platt, in an unusual position on the wing, played well. A. Shaw was the best of the for-

Ashton Legane MOSSLEY WOOL WON REPLAY

MOSSLEY WOOL sprang a surprise by beating Stamford Villa 4-0 in a replayed cup-tie in the Ashton League last Saturday. They played better football on the heavy ground.

Hurst Nook beat Lees by 4-2. This was a game of two phases, Lees being on top in the first half and leading 2-0 at half-time. Hurst, however, had the second half all their own way.

English Steel lost at home 6-4 to Patreloux, but Hyde Lads Club, who are now playing very well, won at Denton Nomads 9-1. Denton British Railway took their usual defeat, Ashton St. Mary's beating them 10-3. Hurst Central had an easy win at Ashton National by 6-1.

Uppermill were engaged in the Huddersfield Cup and beat Emley United 4-2 to reach the semi-final.

Shaw Billiards Whist and Darts

(Up to and including March 14)

BILLIARDS					
	P	W	D	L	Pts
Shaw Church	24	20	0	4	40
Royton Cons.	24	19	0	5	38
Shaw Road Cons.	24	19	0	5	38
Milne Street	24	18	0	6	36
Crompton Labour	24	17	0	7	34
Crompton Cricket	24	14	0	10	28
Royton Oddfellows	24	13	0	11	26
A. & A. Crompton's	24	12	0	12	24
Shaw Legion	24	12	0	12	24
Osram GEC	24	11	0	13	22
United Irish	24	10	0	14	20
Crompton Cons.	24	10	0	14	20
Heyside Cons.	24	10	0	14	20
Shaw Comrades	24	9	0	15	18
St. Joseph's	24	8	0	16	16
Royton Textiles	24	8	0	16	16
Highest break: R. Holden (Milne St.) 80 unfinished.					

WHIST					
	P	W	D	L	Pts
Crompton Labour	24	19	0	5	38
Royton Oddfellows	24	17	0	7	34
*Crompton Cricket	23	16	0	8	32
Crompton Cons.	24	15	1	8	31
Shaw Legion	24	14	1	9	29
*United Irish	23	14	1	8	29
Milne Street	24	13	1	11	25
Royton Cons.	24	12	1	11	25
Heyside Cons.	24	11	2	11	24
Osram GEC	24	11	2	11	24
Shaw Road Cons.	24	11	1	12	23
St. Joseph's	24	7	3	14	17
Royton Textiles	24	7	0	17	14
A. & A. Crompton's	24	6	1	17	13
Shaw Church	24	5	2	17	12
Shaw Comrades	24	6	0	18	12
*United Irish v. Crompton Cricket not to hand.					

DARTS					
	P	W	D	L	Pts
Royton Oddfellows	24	20	0	4	40
Royton Cons.	24	19	0	5	38
Shaw Church	24	17	0	7	34
Crompton Labour	24	13	0	11	26
Shaw Comrades	24	13	0	11	26
A. & A. Crompton's	24	12	0	12	24
Crompton Cricket	24	12	0	12	24
Crompton Cons.	24	11	0	13	22
Heyside Cons.	24	11	0	13	22
Osram GEC	24	11	0	13	22
Royton Textiles	24	11	0	13	22
Shaw Legion	24	11	0	13	22
Shaw Road Cons.	24	11	0	13	22
Milne Street	24	8	0	16	16
St. Joseph's	24	7	0	17	14
United Irish	24	5	0	19	10
Monkhouse Cue.—Leading positions: Royton Cons. 101 points, Royton Oddfellows 100, Crompton Labour 98, Shaw Church 86.					

wards, and G. Wood hooked with his usual skill. The Borough team lost to BICC Prescot 6-5. This was a hard fought game which had a tendency to become over-robust. Prescot led 6-nil at half-time, and in the second half Oldham scored a try by P. Arthurs, converted by E. Barras. E. Taylor, on the wing, was in good form, and F. Catling was outstanding in defence. The Extra "A" lost at Keb Lane 26-nil to a strong BICC (Prescot) side. The outstanding player was S. Carter, whose defence at full-back in the first half was first class. In the second half, he took up his normal position in the forwards, where he also played with greater determination. B. Radikin was also a good forward. The Oldham threes hardly had a decent move all the match, and there was far too much kicking in the centre. The forwards also were penalised far too frequently for off-side. Finally, the Colts lost to Broughton Park Colts 51-nil. K.D.

Flat Racing on Monday

The 1958 flat-racing season begins on Monday at Lincoln, where the first big betting race of the season, the Lincolnshire Handicap, will be run on Wednesday.

This is followed by the world's biggest steeplechase, the Grand National, at Liverpool on Saturday, and from then onwards flat-racing gets into full swing, with big races following each other at regular intervals until the season ends with the Manchester November Handicap on Saturday, November 15.

There will be at least 1,700 two-year-olds coming in for flat-racing for the first time. Altogether, over 4,500 horses will be contesting 2,400 races worth over £1,300,000 in prize money.

TODAY'S RESULTS

SANDOWN

3 0—PAST AND PRESENT HANDICAP CHASE. 2 miles and 25 yards.
11 9 THANATOS 5yrs Lt-Col W R Holman 1
10 8 PROVIDENT 11yrs Mr J Lawrence 2
12 7 PEZZAN 10yrs Mr G Kinderley 3
Six runners: Fezzan, Thanatos, Carnelian, Provident, Square Shooter, Corn Sack.
5/4 THANATOS; 4 Carnelian; 5 Provident, Fezzan; 20 others. 2 lengths; 4.
Tote: Win 8/2; places 5/10, 6/6; forecast 11/2/6.

2 30—LINE HANDICAP HURDLE. 2 miles.
10 8 TWO ROYALS 7yrs J Gilbert 1
11 3 NETHERDALE 10yrs G Laidlaw 2
10 5 SIAMOIS 7yrs F Winter 3
Four runners: Lollono, Siamois, Two Royals, Netherdale.
5/4 TWO ROYALS, Siamois; 5 Lollono II; 100/8 Netherdale. 1 length, 11h.
Tote: Win 10/4; forecast 14/5/4.

3 10—IMPERIAL CUP. 2 miles.
10 5 FLAMING EAST 9yrs Mr J Lawrence 1
11 12 APPROVAL 12yrs D Leslie 2
12 4 CAMUGLIANO 8yrs R Emery 3
Twenty-three runners: Camugliano, Rosati, Approval, Felthound, Peggy Jones, Winning Hit, Easy Manner, Hilarion, Mariner's Dance, Specific, Owen's Image, Farmer's Boy, Pounding, Grey Magic, Look, Beau Chevalet, Fire-Floot, Tagori, Flaming East, Jal Pet, Much Improved, Glamorgan, Marduk.
13/2 Farmer's Boy; 8 Felthound, Pounding; 9 Jal Pet; 100/9 FLAMING EAST; 100/8 Specific; 100/7 Rosati, Hilarion, Mariner's Dance, Much Improved; 100/6 Approval; 20 Camugliano, Peggy Jones, Owen's Image, Beau Chevalet; 33 others. 2 lengths; head.
Tote: Win 11/16/2; places 13/4, 11/17/4; 12/0/2.

3 40—SANDOWN OPEN HANDICAP CHASE. 3 miles and 125 yards.
12 7 LOCHROE 10yrs A Freeman 1
11 3 TAXIDERMIST 8yrs P G Madden 2
11 4 CANNONIE LEE 8yrs D V Dick 3
Six runners: Lochroe, Cannonie Lee, Taxidermist, Beau Sejour, Fairy Drum, Red Tavern.
7/4 LOCHROE; 3 Cannonie Lee; 5 Beau Sejour; 7 Red Tavern; 10 Taxidermist; 100/7 Fairy Drum. 1 1/2 lengths, same.
4 10—LILAC OPEN HANDICAP HURDLE. 2 miles.
Ten runners: Staghound, Silver Reynard, Gads Hill, Friars Park, Lotoray, Aria, Corner House, Incredible, Audition, Pollution.
Tote: Win 8/4; places 6/8, 12/8; forecast 11/19/10.

CHEPSTOW

2 0—CHEPSTOW NOVICES' HURDLE. 2 miles.
11 7 GAME RIGHTS 5yrs S Boddy 1
11 9 CHASEWAY 5yrs P Whittle 2
11 9 SANDY SANDS 7yrs Mr P Jones 3
Twenty runners: Chaseway, Kite of Persia, Sandy Sands, Archavon, Hlpargo, Big Shot, Foxhill, Red May, Lever's Double, Two Vees, Alexandretta, Superman, Polux, My Rocks, Shaken Pink, Game Rights, Irish Chief, Sturdy Scot, Mandrake, Ceremony.
5/4 GAME RIGHTS; 4 Alexandretta; 8 Chaseway, Ceremony; 10 Sandy Sands; 100/8 Red May, Superman, Sturdy Scot; 100/7 Shaken Pink; 20 others. Neck; 5 lengths.

2 30—CRICK HURDLE for four-year-olds. 2 miles.
11 0 ICANOPIT T Brookshaw 1
11 0 TOUGH GUY Mr P Jones 2
11 0 BAZOO F Whittle 3
Twenty runners: Bazoo, My Crackers, Nutcracker, Pointer, Chemin de Fer, Southern Comfort, Bangalore, Avrilette, Beau Esprit, So Easy, Ring Road, Susan Ann, Shee Pays, Lumaire, Icanopit, Kingston Lad, Interrex, Tarakee, Tough Guy, Cocksure.
5/2 ICANOPIT; 3 My Crackers; 6 Chemin de Fer; 8 Banzoo; 10 Southern Comfort, Interrex; 100/8 Nutcracker, Beau Esprit, Tough Guy; 20 others. 2 lengths, 3.

3 0—GLAMORGAN HANDICAP CHASE. 2 1/2 miles.
10 10 DEVON CUSTOMER 6yrs T Brookshaw 1
11 7 BALKAN CATCH 10yrs Mr. D Oseman 2
10 11 SOLFERETTE 7yrs M Pumfrey 3
Nine runners: Tommy Long, Balkan Catch, The Cruel Sea, Solferette, Devon Customer, Torrent IV, Padleigh, Fair-oaks, Dominic's Fact.
5/4 The Cruel Sea; 3 DEVON CUSTOMER; 5 Fair-oaks; 7 Balkan Catch, Padleigh; 10 Solferette; 100/8 Torrent IV; 100/7 others.

3 30—CLEARWELL NOVICES' CHASE. 2 miles.
11 10 HINDHEAD 7yrs P Pickford 1
11 10 ENNIS BOY 7yrs J A Bullock 2
11 10 BROOK ACRE 7yrs P Cowley 3
Ten runners: Rough Night, Hindhead, Devil Fish, Bob Scot, Sharp End, Brook Acre, Loddon Bridge, Battalion, Ennis Boy, BP Super.
5/4 HINDHEAD; 4 Sharp End; 9/2 Brook Acre; 8 Ennis Boy; 10 Devil Fish; 100/8 Bob Scot; 100/7 Rough Night; 20 others. 5 lengths; 2.

4 0—LONG DISTANCE HANDICAP HURDLE. 2 1/2 miles.
10 8 ASCENSION 10yrs Mr T Biddlecombe 1
10 12 PEARL WHITE 7yrs Mr P Jones 2
10 4 OWDONABIT 8yrs D Weedon 3
Thirteen runners: Abatos, Seminole, Pearl White, Ascension, Mill Hill, Chief Gossip, Bonnie Bracken, Owdonabit, Fair Columbia, Sir Knight, Star Inn, Wee McGregor, Purple Heather.
7/2 Wee McGregor; 9/2 Suminole; 5 Chief Gossip; 7 Owdonabit, Star Inn; 8 ASCENSION; 10 Pearl White; 100/8 Abatos, Bonnie Bracken; 25 others. 3 lengths, 2.

4 30—TREDGAR HUNTERS' CHASE. 3 miles.
Five runners: Niaga, Sleigh Run, Martin Peerson, Porte Bonheur, Stoney Bridge.

NEWCASTLE

2 30—MINNOW NOVICES' HURDLE (Div. I). 2 miles and about 60 yards.
11 3 RASSELAS 10yrs Mr G Macmillan 1
11 1 NEASHAM HAWA 5yrs T Mallorie 2
11 1 ABERFLOUR 5yrs B Wilkinson 3
Twenty-one runners: Epic Lyric, Peerless Record, Rasselas, Yanina, Brown May, Candy Floss, Bob Sawyer, David's Tudor, Village School, Barty's Abbot, Flodden's Frolic, Drooping Willow, Bold Buccleugh, Aberlour, Dancing Turn, Sirod Neasham Hawa, Royal Chimes, Little Peter II, Eildon Fairy, Dogar.
9/2 Peerless Record, RASSELAS, Dogar; 100/8 Brown May, Bold Buccleugh, Neasham Hawa, Royal Chimes; 20 Yana, David's Tudor, Drooping Willow, Dancing Turn; 25 others. 4 lengths; 6.
Tote: Win 13/6; places 7/6, 18/4, 11/17/..

3 0—STICKLEBACK CHASE. 2 1/2 miles.
12 0 HURRY HOME 10yrs M Batchelor 1
11 6 MOUNT ROYAL 5yrs G Milburn 2
12 0 BORDER BANDIT 7yrs S Hayhurst 3
Nine runners: Sea View, Dollar Way, Scelopon, Border Bandit, Hurry Home, Royal Result, Miss Fearless, Mystic Lure, Mount Royal.
5/2 HURRY HOME; 3 Border Bandit; 4 Scelopon; 10 Sea View, Mount Royal; 100/8 Dollar Way, Royal Result; 20 others.
Tote: Win 8/2; places 5/4, 13/6, 6/6; dual forecast 16/5/10.

3 30—CHUB HANDICAP HURDLE. 3 miles and about 10 yards.
12 6 GLORIOUS DAY 11yrs Mr C Scott 1
11 2 WHY TELL 8yrs J Boddy 2
10 4 ISLE OF SKYE 7yrs M C Straker 3
Fourteen runners: Glorious Day, Hayton Argosy, The Boss Man, Waver Lad, Carmen IV, Merry Highness, Free Beat, Herdlaw, Why Tell, Saucy Model, Pearly Sea, Isle of Skye, Idle Turn, White Rent.
4 Waver Lad, Carmen IV, Why Tell; 6 Pearly Sea; 7 Isle of Skye; 10 The Boss Man; 100/8 Merry Highness, Free Beat; 100/7 Saucy Model; 20 GLORIOUS DAY and others. Neck, 2 lengths.
Tote: Win 116/18/10; places 13/8/4, 8/8, 11/4.

4 0—PIKE NURSERY CHASE. 3 miles and about 10 yards.
12 3 SURPRISE PACKET 9yrs Mr T Johnson 1
12 3 WHINSTONE HILL 9yrs Mr R Brevis 2
12 3 J'ARRIVE 5yrs Mr W A Stephenson 3
Eleven runners: Whinstone Hill, Persian Hunt, Happy Mint, Sunrise Packet, J'Arrive, Telemark, Harmodius, Ohms Law, Royal Fanfare, Bradford King, Sammy for Short.
2 Whinstone Hill 9/4 SURPRISE PACKET; 9/2 J'Arrive; 8 Ohms Law; 100/8 Harmodius; 100/6 Happymint; 20 Persian Hunt; 33 others. 2 lengths; 3.

4 30—TROUT HANDICAP CHASE. 2 miles and about 120 yards.
Ten runners: Dove, Cole, Highland Bard, Dondrosa, Nore Buoy, Empire Stadium, Gourbi, Candie Ends, Bellanta, Friars Heel, Happy Link.

UTTOXETER

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After overnight frost, the stewards inspected the course and put racing back until 2 30 instead of 2 o'clock.
2 0: SEA CASH 1, Barden 2, Windy Torrent 1, Inquisitive Dan 1. 17 ran. 3/1, 100/8, 100/8 Windy Torrent, 15/2 Inquisitive. Dead-heat for third place.
2 30 (run at 3 0): GUINEA FEATHER 1, Fair Boy 2, Fair Rebuff 3. 12 ran. 8/1, 33/1, 33/1. Jimuru (10/11) fav.
3 0: PRINCE 1, Misty Vision 2, Gambrius 3. 15 ran. 10/1, 7/2 fav., 15/2.
3 30: ROYAL GEORGE 1, Highland Lover 2, Grullac 3. Eight ran. 5/1, 10/1, 7/2. Copper Cable (5/2) fav.

C. Holman, F. Armstrong's apprentice has been engaged to ride Who You in the Lincolnshire Handicap.

Village blaze: 16 die

Sixteen people were killed in a fire last night in Karkour Village, Lower Egypt. The fire started when a petrol stove exploded and was spread by pigeons which caught fire and carried it from rooftop to rooftop.

Quiet weekend for Queen then . . .

State visit to Holland

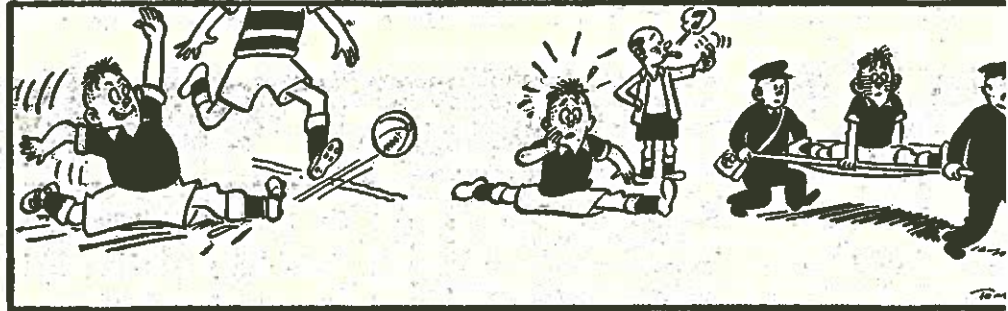
THE QUEEN and the Duke of Edinburgh are spending the weekend quietly at Windsor Castle before their first official overseas visit of the year.

The Queen and the Duke sail from Harwich on Monday evening in the Royal yacht Britannia to begin their three-day State visit to the Netherlands. Earlier in the day they leave London by train for Chelmsford to begin a five-hour visit to the county of Essex.

They will lunch in Chelmsford and, after visiting Colchester and Harwich, are to embark at Parkston Quay in the Royal yacht to sail to Holland.

BOBBY DAZZLER . . .

By Tom K



'I hit son with axe': mother remanded on murder charge

DETECTIVE-INSPECTOR JOHN PATTISON said at Stratford, East London, today, that a woman accused of murdering her 16-year-old son had told him that she emptied a bottle of sleeping-tablets in his tea and, when he got sleepy, hit him with an axe.

Mrs. Lilian Myra Giles (52), of Roll Gardens, Ilford (Essex), was remanded in custody until March 31 charged with the murder of Derek Ronald Giles at their home on Thursday.

Mrs. Giles was assisted into the dock by two women police officers, whose arms she held throughout the hearing. Inspector Pattison said that on Thursday night, with Detective Sergeant Mahoney, he found Derek dead in a rear ground-floor room. Mrs. Giles said to him: "I made up my mind to kill him this morning. I have been a wicked woman."

Will God forgive me?

Inspector Pattison said that after being cautioned Mrs. Giles stated: "He came home from school for his lunch at 12.30. I emptied a bottle of sleeping tablets into the tea beforehand. I gave him a cup and told him to drink it. He said it tasted like poison. I told him it was a tonic. "When he got sleepy over his meal, I got the axe and kept hitting him with it. He did not die for a long time. Do you think God will forgive me?"

She made a statement which would be produced later.

Forest expect to sign Irish amateur star

John Crossan, Ireland amateur international, arrived in Nottingham today for talks with Forest officials. He is expected to sign for the club on Monday, and put an end to a transfer chase which has lasted six months.

Arsenal, Sunderland and Sheffield United are among the clubs who have been chasing the Derry City inside-forward.

Luck of the draw

The 360 prizes at last night's Rochdale Press Ball included a season ticket for Rochdale Hornets for 1958-9 season. It was won by—Mr. Albert B. Yorke, the secretary of Rochdale Hornets!

The season ticket for Rochdale FC's games at Spotland was won by the wife of an Oldham sports journalist.

DOMINIC TESSA FI NEW YC

DOMINIC ELWES, the former Tes runaway British lovers in Miami from Cuba; less earlier this week, New York.

The couple had been the luxury penthouse Miami hotel, offered by the owner.

Since their arrival, deluged with offers of jobs, accommodation, pathetic Americans learned of their flight where Miss Kennel obtained a court order them from marrying permission.

The couple yesterday their intention of going to stay with friends Cuba.

Mr. Emille Fournie ages the Miami Beach they have been staying changed their minds moment and decided York.

Mr. Elwes's father Elwes, the portrait painter New York.

French police gangster gun battle

Gangsters and police pistols and sub-machine fought a running battle streets and across the village, near Aix. Police said one gangster killed, one was wounded other taken prisoner.

A burglar-alarm early today when it broke into the Peyrolle Police surrounded the

The gang of about tried to shoot their way 20 minutes they took and split up to make a the village.

Police said the merger a well-known Marseilles Barricades have been roads, police with tra scouring the country.

Charity co

Seats are still available tomorrow night's charity the Empire Theatre, Athletic Supporters' says Mr. Hugh McGowan compere the show, "Oldham bill." Joan I tops this bill will be pianist, fellow-Oldham Broadbent, from the J

Other artists appear tenor John Graham, Eastham, with Tony Doreen Chadwick, Trafford District Prize Band heard on stage.

Both the Lord-Marchester and the Mayo have promised to attend. Proceeds are in aid of Chester United Air Disaster Fund.

Gonzales win

Pancho Gonzales (U.S.) Hoad's lead to one match continued their 100 fessional lawn tennis Arkansas last night. 6-4 6-3, and has matches to the Austr

Sir Frank welcomes Lord Hailsham

WHEN Lord Hailsham, QC, Chairman of the Conservative Party, arrived in Manchester today, he was met by Sir Frank Lord, OBE, JP, Lord Hailsham addressed the North Western Provincial Area Conservative Council annual meeting at the Midland Hotel.

Sir Frank, who is hon. treasurer of the council, and Mr. A. N. Banks, North-West Central Office agent, welcomed Lord Hailsham at London Road station.

The party proceeded to the Midland Hotel where Lord Hailsham lunched with officers of the North-West Area Council, after which he addressed the meeting.

The shiver goes on: warmer next week

MORE sleet, more snow and more unseasonably low temperatures are forecast for the weekend, after a night of frost in many areas.

But, the Air Ministry's forecasters say it is likely to become warmer next week.

According to reports reaching the Air Ministry, the coldest place in Britain last night was Cardington, Bedfordshire, with 12 degrees of frost: many other places had figures in the lower 20's.

Today temperatures were expected to reach the 40's in most places. It will be cold in the North tomorrow after night frost, but slightly warmer in the South.

There was a light snowfall in Newcastle-on-Tyne today after another freezing night.

Icy patches made road conditions difficult throughout the North-East.

Trans-Atlantic air services into London today were delayed by snowstorms and gales in the United States. Some airliners were held up many hours in New York, and airlines reported delays of up to ten hours in flight arrivals at London.

Two planes from New York scheduled to land yesterday were expected to touch down today.

Labour Exchange blaze

Police are investigating the cause of a fire which damaged the Croydon Employment Exchange at Sydenham Road, Croydon (Surrey) early today. The fire started in an office in which money is usually kept.

THEY FACE JUDGES TONIGHT

Eight will be chosen to compete for Queen title

EIGHTEEN pretty girls, and who knows, one of them may become Oldham's 1958 Carnival Queen.

These are the second heat winners who will appear at the dance at the Princess Ballroom tonight. From them eight finalists to go forward to the Carnival Dance on April 11 will be selected.

Judging the competition tonight will be the same judges as were at the first heat dance a month ago. They are: Mr. Stanley Ogborn (president of Oldham Round Table), Miss Doris Pickering (one of the MCs at the Princess Ballroom), Mr. J. Barnes (manager of the Princess), Mrs. Beatrice Howard, who has judged at past Carnival Dances, and Miss Linda Dyson (Oldham Evening Chronicle).

This year's Carnival Queen will be chosen by a panel of TV celebrities. She will be given a free modelling course by the Maxine Clare Agency, run by Oldham's Mayoress (Mrs. A. Tweedale), £25 in cash, a new outfit and accessories and free hair-styling and make-up.

The runners-up in the competition will each receive £5 and a new outfit.

The Carnival Queen will also have the opportunity of entering the Carnival Queen of Great Britain contest, at which two Oldham contestants have been successful in the past; Eileen Summerscales is the reigning queen and Pat Jackson was queen two years ago.

There is still time for pretty girls to enter the Carnival Queen Competition which will be running for another two weeks. Head and shoulder photographs should be sent to:

CARNIVAL QUEEN COMPETITION.
OLDHAM CHRONICLE,
UNION STREET,
OLDHAM.

LANCS COMBINATION

DIVISION I									
	P	W	L	D	F	A	Pts		
Horwich RMI.....	29	20	3	6	78	32	46		
Morecambe.....	28	17	4	7	55	30	41		
New Brighton.....	28	17	7	4	62	37	38		
Prescot Cables.....	24	17	5	2	67	32	36		
Chorley.....	27	15	7	5	92	55	35		
Accrington S. Res.....	30	15	10	5	67	58	35		
Rossendale Utd.....	28	13	9	6	71	58	32		
Wigan Athletic.....	25	13	7	5	65	38	31		
Droylsden.....	32	12	15	5	65	78	29		
Ashton Utd.....	28	12	13	3	72	80	27		
Southport Res.....	29	12	14	3	53	74	27		
Lancaster City.....	28	10	12	6	56	61	26		
South Liverpool.....	26	11	15	3	75	77	25		
Netherfield.....	26	10	12	7	44	53	25		
Fleetwood.....	28	9	12	7	43	52	25		
Marine.....	24	11	10	3	46	62	25		
Nelson.....	27	10	14	3	44	45	23		
Darwen.....	30	9	16	5	51	79	23		
Burscough.....	25	7	13	6	49	64	20		
Bacup Borough.....	28	5	18	5	52	84	15		
Crompton's Rescs.....	28	4	20	4	39	77	12		
Skelmersdale.....	27	6	21	0	42	82	12		
DIVISION II									
	P	W	L	D	F	A	Pts		
Clitheroe.....	28	19	3	6	97	34	44		
ATHLETIC RES.....	27	18	5	4	92	38	40		
Padiham.....	29	16	8	5	62	48	37		
Earlestown.....	27	14	5	8	87	57	36		
Northern Nomads.....	28	16	8	4	69	47	36		
Chorley Res.....	26	14	5	7	73	36	35		
Wigan Ath. Res.....	28	13	10	5	72	45	31		
Lytham.....	26	11	7	8	61	57	30		
St. Helens Town.....	27	12	10	5	68	45	29		
Glossop.....	25	12	8	5	60	51	29		
Horwich RMI Res.....	28	14	12	5	53	70	27		
Morecambe Res.....	29	9	13	7	55	61	25		
Leyland Motors.....	29	10	16	3	59	84	23		
Lomax.....	26	8	13	5	46	67	21		
Prescot C. Res.....	27	6	13	8	44	66	20		
Rolls Royce.....	23	7	11	5	43	54	19		
Nelson Res.....	27	3	14	10	45	94	16		
Great Harwood.....	26	4	15	7	41	83	15		
St. Anne's Ath.....	24	4	15	5	46	70	13		
Darwen Res.....	24	3	19	2	22	88	8		

Whale factory ship record

The 15,303-ton British whale factory ship, Balaena, has arrived at Capetown on its way home from the Antarctic with a cargo of 149,700 barrels of oil, which put Britain at the top of the list of the whale-catching fleets this season.



Irene Newton

Evelyn Richards

Phyllis Wrigley

Vera Marshall

Patricia Gaunt

Ann Radcliffe



Margaret Poole

Barbara Eastwood

Josephine Waugh

Vera Mooney

Margaret Ratcliffe

Rita Margaret Whyatt



Elizabeth Halliwell

Edna Bell

Maureen Tonge



Kathleen Ryder

Andrey Brierley

Shirley Howarth

HALF-TIME SCORES

FA CUP (Semi-finals)

Blackburn 1, Bolton 2.
 Manchester Utd. 2, Fulham 2.

FIRST DIVISION

Arsenal 1, Sheffield Wednesday 0.
 Blackpool 2, Birmingham 2.
 Everton 0, Portsmouth 1.
 Leeds 1, Burnley 0.
 Leicester 0, Chelsea 1.
 Luton 0, Tottenham 0.
 Sunderland 0, West Brom 0.
 Wolves 2, Manchester City 1.

SECOND DIVISION

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

THIRD DIVISION (North)

Bradford City 1, Bradford 0.
 Crewe Alex. 0, Oldham 0.
 Darlington 1, Chester 1.
 Gateshead 0, Chesterfield 0.
 Halifax 1, York 1.
 Hull 3, Carlisle 0.
 Mansfield 3, Tranmere 1.
 Rochdale 1, Barrow 0.
 Scunthorpe 1, Accrington 0.
 Stockport 0, Southport 1.
 Workington 1, Hartlepool 0.
 Wrexham 2, Bury 0.

THIRD DIVISION (South)

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

SCOTTISH LEAGUE (Div. I)

Aberdeen 1, Raith Rovers 1.
 Celtic 2, Airdrieonians 1.
 East Fife 0, Rangers 0.
 Falkirk 0, Hearts 3.
 Hibernian 0, Queen of South 2.
 Motherwell 0, Clyde 1.
 Partick Thistle 0, Kilmarnock 0.
 Queens Park 1, Dundee 5.
 St. Mirren 2, Third Lanark 0.

SCOTTISH LEAGUE (Div. II)

Albion 0, St. Johnstone 0.
 Alloa 1, Morton 0.
 Arbroath 2, Stirling Albion 1.
 Ayr 2, Montrose 1.
 Berwick 3, Forfar 1.
 Brechin 1, Stranraer 1.
 Cowdenbeath 2, East Stirling 0.
 Dumbarton 4, Stenhousemuir 1.
 Dundee Utd. 1, Hamilton 0.

OTHER MATCHES

Millwall 0, Rotherham 2.

One dead, 3 saved in hotel blaze

A WOMAN resident, Mrs. Margaret Broadbent, died in a fire early today at a residential hotel in Craven Hill Gardens, Paddington, London, W. A resident of the hotel and a fireman were injured.

Three people were rescued from upper floors by firemen using an escape ladder. Firemen wearing breathing apparatus searched the building to make sure that no other residents were trapped.

The dead woman was found by firemen in a room on the ground floor at the front of the hotel. It is believed she had been overcome by smoke and fumes.

One man jumped from a fourth-floor window on to a balcony of the floor below, and was assisted by firemen down the staircase of the hotel.

Another man was brought down from a second-floor window by fire-escape, and four other residents were taken by firemen down a smoke-filled staircase from the third floor.

The fire had apparently started on the ground floor, to which firemen confined the damage. Much of the building was badly affected by smoke.

One fireman and a resident of the hotel received treatment for minor cuts.

Few signs of fire

The hotel, The Southcliffe, today showed few external signs of the fire, except the front room in which the woman resident died. She was aged 43.

Mrs. Susanna Barrett, wife of the hotel's proprietor, said she and her husband and their two children, Kevin, eight, and Karen, five, were asleep in a first-floor flat when they were awakened by the sound of the front door bell, followed by banging on their own door by the hotel's chef, Mr. Bill Davis, who sleeps on and grabbed Karen and put a the top floor.

"He told us the place was alight blanket over her head. He carried her to safety across the balcony to the house next door. I carried Kevin out of the house," said Mrs. Barrett.

Lottery buys home for children

The Federation of Rhodesia will have its first home for ineducable children in April. It is the St. Francis Home in Famaona, Bulawayo, built to house 80 children, at a cost of £81,000.

The trustees of the Southern Rhodesia state lottery agreed several years ago to provide £30,000 for the home. The Women's Voluntary Services raised £37,000. The hostel will be maintained and controlled by the Federal Ministry of Health.

CLL puts up subs to £20

BUT WOOD CUP SHARE-OUT WILL BE BIGGER AND BETTER

CENTRAL LANCASHIRE LEAGUE clubs will have to dig down again soon—the annual subscription to the League was increased last night from £5 5s. to £20 for each club.

But a further alteration in the league rules gives the clubs chance of a bigger and better share-out of Wood Cup receipts.

The proceeds of the earlier rounds of the Wood Cup will, in future, be divided equally between the two clubs concerned in each tie; no 5 per cent to the League as in the past.

And all clubs—in addition to the finalists—will get something from the Wood Cup final, because the proceeds will be shared three ways: one-third each to the two finalists and one-third to be split between the remaining 12 clubs. Previously, the share-out was one-third each to the finalists and one-third to the League.

It is hoped to make the League's financial position secure without being dependent on a "bumper" Wood Cup final. The increased subscription will bring in £280 a year.

Only Walsden offered any resistance to Heywood's proposal at the special meeting last night. They argued that £20 was "a bit steep" after a special levy of £10 10s. from each club had been called for only a few months ago.

Hardy Russians

Some of the inmates of a centre for the study of centenarians in Georgia, Southern Russia, have started cutting new teeth after their 100th birthdays, Moscow Radio reported. The radio said all the centenarians at the centre were engaged in physical labour and some worked on farms.

Phoenix coasted home in Cup

STRINESDALE and Phoenix entered the quarter-finals of the Challenge Cup with victories against Buckley and Taylors, and Ivy United respectively. The Dale just won their match with a goal in the last minutes of extra-time, but Phoenix coasted home 5-2.

Haggate registered a double victory in the league, the senior side easily at Delph and the reserve "B" team defeating Greenfield Amateurs 5-4 at home.

J. Chadwick's gained their biggest victory with a 7-1 win against Greenfield P.M.

SECOND ROUND CHALLENGE CUP REPLAYS

Strinesdale 5, Buckley & Taylor's 4.
The ground was several inches deep in snow for this game but Buckley's soon mastered the conditions and had scored two goals in the first 15 minutes through Spencer and Jump. Dale hit back and Rayner and Miller equalised. Just before the interval, Jones gave Strinesdale the lead but this was short-lived, Spencer and then Brown putting Buckley's in front again.

They held this lead until five minutes from time when Derbyshire crossed a perfect centre and Jones headed home. Extra-time followed with both sides struggling for the vital goal. Jones completed his hat-trick with five minutes remaining of the first period. This was his 33rd goal of the season. Strinesdale's defence held out to keep a hard-won victory.

HAGGATE SLAM IN A BAKER'S DOZEN

Phoenix 5, Ivy United 2.
In a good clean game, Phoenix were worthy winners on a heavy ground which made ball control difficult. The home side made most use of the long-swinging pass, while Ivy strove to play their usual short-passing game.

Inside-left Bramhall had a good match for Ivy and scored both goals, and Frank Beswick at centre-half, while playing well, was perhaps a little below his usual sound form. The Phoenix forwards interchanged positions cleverly to draw the Ivy defence out of position. Scorers were Buckley (2), Hadfield, Willis and Haines.

LEAGUE GAMES

Delph 3, Haggate "A" 13.

The slope at Delph caused the Haggate team no worry and playing "up the hill" they were six goals in the lead by half-time and in the second-half overran the Delph defence to add another seven—despite good work by Chorley, the Delph pivot. Inside-right Greaves netted five of these goals, Wilson (3), Moores (2), Harris, Buckley and Aspin one each; Haigh (F.), Wilson and Haigh (E.) scored for Delph.

Greenfield P.M. 1, J. Chadwick's 7.
The best win of the season for

Chadwick's, who were always on top in a good clean game. Powell, the visitors' inside-left, had an outstanding match and scored three goals, Bell, Barrett, Hamer and Metcalfe added the others. Lone scorer for Greenfield was Wilde, with centre-half Wolfenden and wing-half Eccles having a good match.

Haggate "B" 5, Greenfield Am. 4.
Haggate achieved their first double of the season in this game which they were rather fortunate to win. One they have to thank for their victory was centre-half David who was a tower of strength and quick to turn defence into attack. Greenfield had rather more of the game but they often failed when near goal. Scorers for Haggate: Stansfield (2), Cooper, David and Foxcroft; for Greenfield, Cochrane (2), Taylor and Dodds.

Spinners 6, J. Clare 1.

The game opened evenly but Clare's went ahead through a hit back and led 2-1 at half-time. penalty scored by Barnes. Spinners in the second period, Spinners soon went further ahead, and at times outplayed the visitors. Warhurst was outstanding in the Clare goal, and repeatedly made brilliant saves. Carr and Whittle were also in good form. Booth hit a hat-trick and Wild (2) and Hutchins scored for Spinners.

CIRCULAR DARTS

	P	W	L	F	A	Pts
Unity Hall	20	17	3	98	42	34
Miners	20	15	5	81	49	30
Coldhurst	20	14	6	32	48	28
Railway	19	14	5	31	57	28
Weavers	19	13	6	70	63	26
Waterhead	19	10	9	58	82	16
Phoenix	20	7	13	61	79	14
Canteen	19	6	13	56	77	12
Hope	19	5	14	55	78	10
Clarence	19	4	15	49	84	8
St. James's	20	4	16	45	95	8

CRIB

	P	W	L	F	A	Pts
Waterhead	19	14	5	80	53	28
Railway	19	12	7	80	53	24
Bank Top	19	12	7	76	57	24
Weavers	19	12	7	76	57	24
Miners	20	12	8	78	62	24
Unity Hall	20	10	10	69	71	20
Canteen	19	9	10	66	67	18
Hope	20	9	11	81	59	18
Phoenix	20	7	13	61	79	14
Coldhurst	20	7	13	57	83	14
St. James's	20	7	13	57	83	14
Clarence	19	3	17	31	102	4

Results for March 5: Canteen 1 (3), Unity Hall 6 (4), Phoenix 4 (7), Clarence 3 (0), Railway 6 (3), Hope 1 (4); Coldhurst 7 (6), St. James's 0 (1); Weavers 5 (5), Bank Top 1 (2).

March 12: Coldhurst 2 (2), Canteen 5 (5), Clarence 3 (2), Miners 4 (5); Hope 8 (3), Phoenix 4 (4); Bank Top 3 (6), Waterhead 4 (1); St. James's 3 (2), Weavers 4 (5).

Women's darts league

	P	W	L	F	A	Pts
Bank Top	20	15	5	80	60	30
Spotted Cow	21	12	9	82	65	26
Junction (R)	20	12	8	76	57	24
Musicians	20	12	8	72	68	24
White Hart	21	11	9	73	74	24
Junction (M)	21	11	8	74	69	22
Queen's	20	11	9	76	65	22
Greaves Arms	20	10	10	68	72	20
Bent Hall	21	9	12	70	77	18
Spinners	20	8	12	73	67	16
Bull's Head	21	7	12	60	73	14
Radcliffe	20	6	14	57	83	12
Gardeners	19	4	15	48	85	8

South East Lancashire League Games are still hard to win

MANY leagues introduce fancy schemes to keep matches alive towards the end of the season, but look at last Saturday's results in the S.E. Lancashire League. Although most problems are solved, hard games were the order of the day and five of the seven games were won by the odd goal.

Take the Prestwich v. Robinson's match (result 3-2 for the Rochdale side after a grand game of swaying fortunes), Briggs and Davenport scored for Prestwich but centre-half Kevin Gibbons was their outstanding player. His opposite number in the Robinson's side also had a fine match. This was young B. Ford, deputy for Howard who played for Manchester City after turning down several offers. Williams (2) and Bamford scored the winning goals, but we must mention a faithful League player of many years standing in outside-left W. Connolly.

Two Prestwich players on the move are Chappell (who has been on trial at Maine Road) and McAlinden. They are now to try their luck by the seaside with Southport. Secretary Holt is a busy man these days. Luckily Mrs. Holt is football-minded and a good worker for the Borough.

Bardsley village is upset because I did not mention their team in my report: two weeks ago. This week they didn't play. They should have gone to Osram, but the Shaw team had many tons of sand tipped on the pitch on Wednesday ready to be

* Round the Third North Clubs *

CHEADLE PLAYER SOON IN SOUTHPORT'S FIRST TEAM

OUTSIDE-LEFT Tony Lee, whose goal against Darlington on Wednesday evening put the Haig Avenue club on the way to their second away win of the season, has had a quick rise to Northern Section football.

A few weeks ago Lee—the fifth amateur to play for Southport this winter—was with Cheadle Rovers in the Manchester League. After making only one appearance in Southport's reserve team he was called upon to make his senior debut on Wednesday.

RON WALDOCK, the Scunthorpe inside-forward, began the season in excellent scoring form, with six goals in his first five games. Now he is doing even better, and is helping the Lincolnshire club to look more like the Section champions with each match.

Waldock's goal against Southport last Saturday brought his total to eight in his last six outings, and to 21 for the season.

CARLISLE UNITED must now be extremely glad that Alf Ackerman, their South African centre-forward, decided against joining Blackburn Rovers, when the Second Division club made an offer for his services a few weeks ago.

Ackerman, after failing to score for three weeks, came back to his best with a hat-trick (his fourth of the season) against Wrexham last Saturday.

That brought his total to date to 30 League and three Cup goals—six more than the Section's next highest marksmen, George Stewart (Accrington) and Keith Williams (Tranmere), who have both scored 27 times.

TWO players who make quick returns to their former grounds today are Oldham Athletic's new centre-forward Stan Smith and Hartlepool's United winger, Norman Mitchell.

Smith plays against his old club, Crewe, at Gresty Road, and Mitchell makes the trip to Borough ark, Workington, where he last played in the third round Cup-tie against Manchester United on January 4.

WHAT a contrast is provided by the two Bradford clubs in players used this season. The City, near the top all along, have introduced six debutants, three from other clubs and three from their own ranks.

At Park Avenue, no fewer than 15 newcomers have made their bow this winter, 13 of them from other League clubs.

Junior Schools' Football

Roundthorn put paid to close rivals

IN Division Two, St. Patrick's entertained Northmoor at Red Flats and sadly missed their captain and leading goalscorer O'Neill when they went down by the only goal of the match, scored for Northmoor by Whitehead.

Northmoor were well worth the points, being quicker to the ball and more direct in their play. Bancroft, for Northmoor, and Chadderton, for St. Patrick's, shone in their respective goals, and Whitworth, for the winners, and Fitzsimons, for the Saints, both had good games.

Catching up on cancelled games, Northmoor also played Fitton Hill at home and were easy winners by 6-0. Fitton Hill were easily held by the Northmoor defence in which Backhouse was outstanding. Although they scored three times in each half it might well have been more but for the valiant efforts of the Fitton Hill keeper.

Roundthorn fully justified their top-of-the-table position when they defeated second in the table Derker at Sugar Meadows. Derker, having more of the midfield play than Roundthorn, could not force home their advantage in front of goal and it was Bowden, the man of the match, who opened Roundthorn's account from the penalty spot.

In the second half of this match, played in a biting wind on a sea of mud, Slack made sure for Roundthorn when he put in a shot to make the final score Roundthorn 2, Derker 0.

Their first point

In Division 4, Beever nearly left it too late before collecting their first point of the season, but gained a just reward for patience and perseverance when they drew 1-1 with Birch House. With Chadderton for Beever and Johnson for Birch House getting the goals, it was a fair indication of the even nature of the match, played in a heavy snow-storm.

Birch House improved on this performance when they visited and defeated St. Andrew's by 8-0. Heap (4), Broadbent (2) and Chadwick (2) were the scorers in a win that takes them to the top of the table.

Next Wednesday evening the Oldham Junior Town Team plays its return match with Prestwich and Whitefield at the Broadbent Road playing field at Derker. The kick-off is at 5.30 p.m., and Oldham is represented by the same team that defeated Prestwich and Whitefield at Agecroft.

The team is: Davidson (Freehold), Earl (Alexandra), Wells (Freehold), Ibbotson, captain (Hathershaw), Herton (Alexandra), Twelves (Limeside), Butterworth (Alexandra), Hunter (Waterhead), Abbott (All Saints), Henthorn (Derker), and Gallagher (Freehold). Reserves: France (Limehurst), Gartside (Werneth), Broadbent (Birch House), and Tomkinson (St. Stephen's).

Clayton Cup

Determined efforts are being made to make up for the effects of the bad weather which resulted in so many matches being postponed and as a result of Northmoor's defeat of Limeside, and Freehold's 5-0 victory over Moorside in second-round matches, Oldham now has six teams in the last eight.

Oldham is already certain of two teams in the semi-final and with a little luck it is possible for the town to provide all four semi-finalists to make sure of the return of the Clayton Cup to Oldham after two years away.

Second Round result: Yew Tree 1, East Crompton 2.

The semi-final draw now reads: Alexandra (Oldham) v. Hathershaw (Oldham) or SS. Aidan v. Hathershaw (Oldham) or SS. Aidan v. Oswald or Denton Lane; Northmoor (Oldham) or Derker Oldham v. East Crompton or Freehold (Oldham). T.M.J.

OLDHAM SUNDAY SCHOOLS' LEAGUE Eaves Lane narrowed the margin in great rally

DIVISION I

St. Thomas' 4, Eaves Lane Meths. 3.

THE visitors, with only 10 players, were at a great disadvantage on a heavy ground. St. Thomas' scored twice before Eaves Lane managed to reply. After half-time, St. Thomas' went on to lead 4-1. Eaves Lane put up a grand fight and narrowed the margin to 4-3, one goal resulting from a penalty. Scorers: St. Thomas': Atkin, Giles, Roebuck and Davey; Eaves Lane: R. Simms, Mitchell and Baker.

Washbrook Meths. 4, Emmanuel PC 4.

Played on a real mud heap, this game proved to be quite an exciting and well fought match, and the result was a fair reflection of the play. Scorers: Washbrook: Carter, Shepherd, Hanson and Fennel. Emmanuel PC: Woods (2), Crouchley and Hill.

Edge Lane Meths. 8, Cowhill Meths. 0.

Cowhill could only field 10 players against Edge Lane but they provided two of the outstanding players in Torrence (goalkeeper) and A. Wynn (outside-right). Scorers: Edge Lane: C. Kenworthy (2), S. Kenworthy (2), Byron (2) and Bakes.

St. John's, Hollinwood 2, St. Aidan's 5.

St. John's were a man short and did well to be only a goal behind, 2-3 at half-time. Later, St. Aidan's settled down and played some grand football. They only managed, however, to add a further two goals, due mainly to Clegg, the home goalkeeper. St. Aidan's display could have resulted in a much higher score but for him. Scorers: St. John's, Holl.: Stock and Batham. St. Aidan's: Entwistle (2), O'Brien (2) and Little.

DIVISION 2

Cowhill Meths. Res. 1, Edge Lane Res. 0.

This game was so one-sided that it was almost half-time before the Edge Lane keeper kicked the ball. Edge Lane commanded the game for all but five minutes at the end. Batchelor, in goal for Cowhill, was brilliant, but Edge Lane missed many chances. They only fielded 10 players in the second half. A break-away five minutes from time enabled Gregory to score the winner.

Roundthorn Meths. 2, St. Stephen's 0

Roundthorn deserved their win for their forcefulness in attack, particularly in the first half when there was no score, although the St. Stephen's goal had some narrow escapes. The first goal was scored 30 seconds after the resumption. Although the visitors put on pressure they never looked really

dangerous. Scorers: Roundthorn: Hilditch and Steele.

St. Mark's 1, Westwood Mor. 7.

St. Mark's depleted side was never a match for Westwood, who won as easily as the score suggests, gaining ample revenge for an earlier defeat. Scorers: St. Mark's—Maden; Westwood Moravians—Heath (2), Young (2), Jackson, Taylor, 1 "own goal."

Glodwick Meths. 3, Watersheddings Methodists 3.

Both teams deserve praise for a fine sporting performance under bad conditions. A draw was a fair result, but if Glodwick had fielded 11 players they may have been able to force a win. Scorers: Glodwick—Overens, Henthorne and Pearce; Watersheddings—Rushworth, Hampshire and Rushworth.

Northmoor Methodists 1, Millgate Methodists 9.

Play started on a surface of snow and water and after 30 minutes it was like polo playing. Millgate maintained a high standard of play and by half-time they were leading 7-0. Northmoor just could not hold them. In the second half Millgate were still well on top and notched a further two goals before they too became waterlogged. Both teams had spent their energy and the final whistle was a welcome relief. Scorers: Northmoor—Fox; Millgate—Cropper (2), Wells (2), Crabtree (2), Hinchcliffe, Thompson and Donahue.

Hollinwood Congregationals 8, St. John's Reserves 2.

A good sporting game. From the start there was no doubt as to who was going to win. Hollinwood were one up within two minutes of the kick-off and added 4 more before half-time. In the first half, the Congregationals' goalke was little more than a spectator. The second half was different, with St. John's well in the game, scoring two quick goals. Just when it seemed there might be a revival, a silly mistake let in Hollinwood Congregationals again and from then on St. John's never had a look in. Scorers: Hollinwood Congregationals—Hopwood (4), Stewart (3) and Angus. St. John's—Ashton (2).

St. Hugh's 6, Christ Church 1.

This game, played under conditions which marred good football, resulted in a well-earned win for St. Hugh's. They played much better than a hesitant Christ Church in the first half and led by 3-1 at the interval. Christ Church defended well in the second half, but St. Hugh's added a further 3 goals in the last quarter. Scorers: St. Hugh's—Gaunt (2), Gardner (2), Lomas and Barnett, Christ Church—Bethel.

Remarkable running GIRL SETS UP 220-yd RECORD

MARLENE MATTHEWS, Australian Olympic runner, broke the women's world 220-yard record in Sydney today, with a time of 23.4 sec.

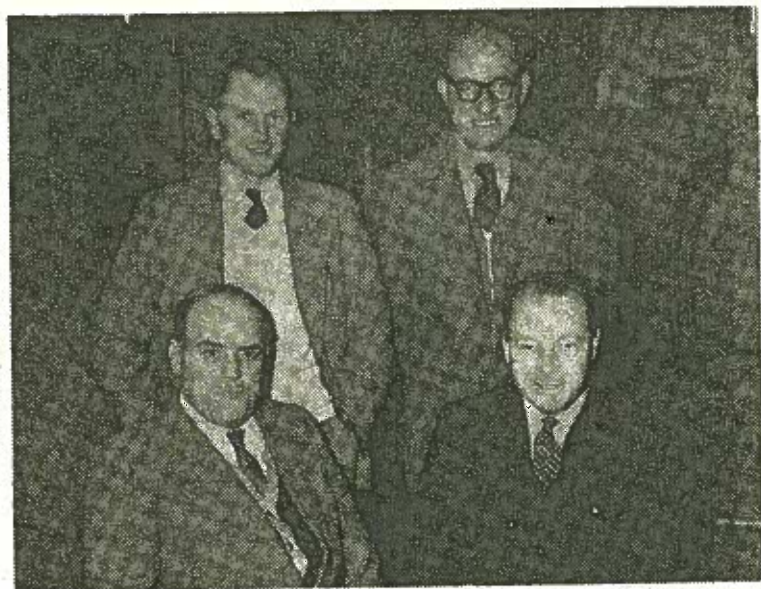
The official world record is 23.6 sec. by Maria Itkina (Soviet Union) at Kiev in 1956. A time of 23.5sec. by Betty Cuthbert, of Australia, in Sydney a fortnight ago, is awaiting ratification.

It was the second world record set up by Miss Matthews within three days. On Thursday she established new figures when winning the Australian women's 100-yard title.

Miss Matthews (23) is assured of a place in Australia's team for the Empire Games in Cardiff in July. She and Miss Betty Cuthbert, triple Olympic champion, will present a formidable challenge.

In the 80-metre hurdles, Nancy Throver equalled the world record of 10.6sec. held by Zenta Gastl, of Germany, but officials ruled that she received slight wind assistance, and the record was not allowed.

Green Final Handicap down to last stage



Oldham Central Conservative Club, beaten in the quarter-finals each time the Green Final Snooker Handicap has been run.—Back row: H. Swailes and S. Heywood. Front: W. Mawdsley and S. Woolley.

THE quarter-finals of the Green Final Snooker Handicap were completed this week and the final stages will be played off next week in the Unity Hall assembly room. **Tuesday, March 25 (not Thursday, March 27): EQUITABLE v. WESTWOOD LIBERALS. Wednesday, March 26: LAND'S END v. ROYTON LIBERALS.**

The final will be played on Thursday, March 27, and selected players from the semi-final teams will have the honour of playing against Joe Davis at Unity Hall on Friday, March 28.

BILL LEES SAVED TEAM

EQUITABLE, the only team in the handicap with three scratch players, were sound favourites to beat Shaw British Legion in the quarter-finals, but they had something of a struggle. N. Taylor (Shaw), playing F. Adams in the first frame, added three sixes and a red to his 25 start while Adams, who was having difficulty on the slow table, only scored 12 in six visits.

Then with the black and pink lying safe on the cushion, Adams managed to get 13 off the blue. On the green the score stood at 51-26 and Adams, potting each colour separately, made it a black-ball draw. Taylor, however, was the eventual winner, 58-51.

E. Ashworth, playing J. Rainford, gave the balls plenty of stick and soon had Rainford in difficulties, the table again upsetting the scratch player. With two reds on, the Shaw man was leading 59-20. Earning four from a snooker, Rainford potted a red and a pink, but his opponent potted the other red to lead 60-31.

Rainford laid a number of snookers but eventually had to pot the blue, pink and black to make it another black-ball draw. On respotting the black, Ashworth was very close in an attempt to double it into the left-hand bottom pocket at his first stroke, but two strokes later, Rainford potted it to win 73-66.

The third frame was a repetition of the first two, N. Kirkman, off his start, keeping in front of F. Rainford all through the frame. Behind 51-37 on the brown, Rainford had a chance to win but he missed it and Ashworth potted all the colours bar the pink, to win 67-43.

Bill Lees then played a really brilliant game, for Equitable were 24 points behind on the match and had to give the last Legion player, E. Wyers, another 22 points start.

Lees saw Wyers get the first two reds, then a smashing fluke from

which he got the green. Then Lees, who has the best of temperaments, never put a foot wrong. He scored 6, 14, 24, 4 and 4 on the reds, 9 for the yellow, green and brown, and finally blue, pink and black, while his opponent, who never had a chance, scored one.

Final score was Lees 79, Wyers 29, and Equitable had won the match on aggregate by 26 points.

Scores (Legion names first): N. Taylor 58, F. Adams 51; E. Ashworth 66, J. Rainford 73; N. Kirkman 67, F. Rainford 43; E. Wyers 29, W. Lees 79. Shaw Legion 220, Equitable 246.

Game decided on black ball in last frame

THE quarter-final between Westwood Liberals and Oldham Central Conservatives provided some average snooker, interspersed with flashes of brilliance, plus a really thrilling Westwood victory on the black ball in the final frame.

In the first frame, J. Cook (Westwood) was outpotted by S. Woolley. With the Conservative player missing his colours and giving 12 points away in fouls, the score stood at 46-38 on the last red. But he sank this, together with the black and all the colours up to the pink, and on his next visit to the table he potted pink and black to win 81-38.

F. Scarfe (Westwood) turned the tables in the second frame. H. Swailes tried to win by tactical play, but Scarfe led 53-34 on the yellow and potting all the colours bar brown and black, won 69-45. W. Mawdsley (Conservatives), playing boldly, looked like making it a third-frame win for his team, and only consistently steady potting enabled S. Cooke to jump into a 63-40 lead on the last red.

Missing this altogether, Cooke left Mawdsley a free ball from which he scored six, but then missed the yellow completely. Cook eventually took all the colours bar the black, and although giving a foul on the blue, won 87-62.

Tactical move

With Westwood now six points in the lead, T. Parkinson, the captain, decided to send H. Buxton, the player with the highest mark, to the table. Syd Heywood was thus 21 points behind on the board and had to win by seven to win the match.

Buxton got in first with a good 12 break only to see Heywood reply with 8, 10, 9 and 3. Then a fluke brought Buxton another 4. With the score 44-37, Heywood, playing with a high bridge at a difficult ball, left a red over the top pocket from which Buxton got six points. Later, Heywood potted a single red, then the last three reds, two greens and yellow twice to make the score 50-51 on the green.

Buxton potted this with the half-butt, then missed an easy brown. Heywood, potting brown and blue, only had to pot pink and Buxton could only draw on aggregate. But in trying to get on the black, he missed it. Then Buxton, after potting pink, missed an easy black, but after two or three safety strokes in an electric atmosphere, he potted it to put Westwood into the semi-final.

Scores (Westwood names first): J. Cooke (18) 38, S. Woolley (22) 81; F. Scarfe (28) 69, H. Swailes (15) 45; S. Cooke (20) 87, W. Mawdsley (15) 62; H. Buxton (28) 66, S. Heywood (7) 60. Westwood Liberals (3) 260, Central Cons. (1) 248.

FEAST OF SNOOKER

WHAT a feast of snooker there will be at the assembly room at Unity Hall next week. On Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday the semi-finals and final of the Green Final Snooker Handicap will be played, and the teams who have reached the final stages should provide some keen matchplay snooker.

There is also the possibility of some big breaks, with such players as Bill Taylor, Geoff Lockwood, Fred

Under ideal conditions

expecting both professional and amateurs hitting their top form, with a good possibility of Joe adding one more century break to his list which at present stands at over 630.

RON GROSS went a stage further in his attempt to keep his title as English amateur snooker champion, when he beat H. Brittle on Wednesday by 5 frames to 4. He is playing K. Andrews in the semi-final this afternoon and tonight over 11 frames. The final is played on Monday and Tuesday over 21 frames. Brittle is the player who knocked out first Stan Haslam and then Austin Whiteside, and it was only after a terrific struggle that Gross eventually beat him. (See report below).

ON Wednesday Jack Rainford beat Eric Hall in the semi-final of the Rhodes Reading Room Handicap, and he plays another local player, Geoff Lockwood, in the final on Monday night, over five frames.

In one of the quarter-finals of the Green Final Snooker Handicap, two incidents occurred that caused some confusion about procedure. The first one was when one of the players, using the half-butt, asked the referee how far he was off the cue-ball when he was striking.

The referee quite rightly ignored the request, as this would be advising the player, which he is not allowed to do.

The second one was when one of the players in the last frame wanted to know how the score stood in relation to the match, and various spectators started to give him the information. This was all wrong. In the first place, the onus is on the player, when he is given the frame score, to work the aggregate out for himself. He may, if he has any doubt, consult his captain if it is a team handicap.



JOE DAVIS is at Royton Golf Club on Tuesday and Unity Hall, Oldham, on Friday.

Fred Winter's mount in the Grand National

C. Magnier, the Clonmel, Co. Tipperary, trainer, has engaged Fred Winter to ride Springsilver in the Grand National.

Top Twenty will run in the Topham Trophy Handicap 'Chase at Liverpool on Thursday, and if all goes well he takes his chance in the Grand National.

GROSS HAD TO WIN 3 LAST FRAMES TO REACH SEMI-FINAL

LANCASHIRE'S remaining hope for the English amateur snooker championship, Ronnie Gross, of Farnworth, the holder, has reached the semi-finals. But what a struggle he had to beat Harold Brittle (Rotherham) at

Burroughes Hall, London, on Wednesday.

After winning the first frame he lost four of the next five, and it took a superb combination of brilliant potting and dour safety play to win him the last three frames for a 5-4 victory.

A 44 break earned Gross a first-frame margin of 68-39, but Brittle replied with scores of 87-49, 72-51 and 66-31 to lead 3-1 at the interval.

Gross won frame five 61-42, but Brittle countered with 69-50 before runs of 20, 31 and 34 helped the Farnworth man to winning margins of 71-16, 62-40 and 75-45 respectively.

Brittle, who had beaten Austin Whiteside 5-3 in the previous round, proved himself a much tougher opponent than expected and, like Gross, he was content to score a few points and then play safe rather than go for the bigger breaks. His top runs were 28, 27, 25 (twice) and 21.

Gross today was playing K. Andrews (Waiton-on-Thames), who beat J. Fitzmaurice (Birmingham) on Thursday.

Mr. Donald Campbell, holder of the world water speed record, said in Manchester last night that he would probably make an attempt to raise the record on Coniston Water in May.

By FRED MAYALL

Adams, Jack Rainford, Bill Lees and Fred Buckley showing their cueman-ship.

Then on the Friday night the maestro himself, Joe Davis, gives an exhibition of billiards and snooker, I would advise any player who wants to improve his game to go along, and instead of watching the balls go down, concentrate on Joe's compact cue action, the bridges he uses for various strokes, his stance, etc.

With the ideal playing conditions provided by F. Merrall & Co., I am

Centenary darts

	P. W. L.	F. A.	Pt.
Lord Nelson	20 19 1	110 30	38
HCGSC	20 19 1	104 36	38
Radcliffe	20 14 6	78 62	28
Featherfall "B"	19 12 7	68 65	24
NC Ladies	19 8 11	58 76	16
Mess House	20 7 13	63 77	16
Spinners	19 7 12	60 73	14
Central Labour	19 5 14	60 73	10
Salisbury	20 5 15	46 94	10
Moorside "A"	20 4 16	50 90	8

Schofield's weekly prize.—Week 24: J. Ormston, 180. Least arrows: J. Ormston, 15. Most wins: J. Ormston, 19.

A meeting will be held next Monday, March 24, at the Mess House. All delegates please attend.

92, died after fire

Mrs. Eleanor Lewis (92) died in hospital early today after a fire at her home in Birkbeck Road, Acton, London W.

COT DROP FURTHER BEHIND

NIMBLE NOOK, lying second in the Chadderton Snooker League, were nearly surprised at home on Monday by Hollinwood Cons. Opening with two winners, J. Bell and H. Hargreaves by 34, they found themselves four behind after four frames, but J. Jackson, with some good snooker, defeated J. Whittaker by 22 to give Nook the points.

Chadderton Cot dropped further behind the race for league honours, being defeated at home by Beanweb, whose best winners were G. Richardson (26) in the first frame, and E. Clarke (24) in the last frame.

Land's End had no trouble in beating North Chadderton Social by a big margin, and Springbank won all five frames against Shaw Road Cons.

Royton Cons. won only one frame at Chadderton Band, and Platt's only won their match against Falls-worth Cycle on the last frame, because the visitors had no player to put to the table.

The results are not yet to hand of Chadderton Reform v. Westwood Libs. and Chadderton Cons. v. Avro.

CHADDERTON SNOOKER LEAGUE

Platts' SC 386, Fallsworth Cycle 273.
Platt's scores first: H. Howarth 75, N. Moreton 62; J. Hardacre 43, B. Campbell 72; G. Bolton 54, S. Osbourne 69; T. Midgley 77, F. Kennedy 50; N. Partington 147, — 0.
Whist: Platt's 60, Fallsworth 0.
Nimble Nook 374, Hollinwood Cons. 336.
Nimble Nook scores first: J. Bell 85, A. Fawcett 65; H. Hargreaves 85, E. Lockett 71; I. Brookes 62, E. Whitham 80; J. Brierley 60, F. Knapper 80; J. Jackson 82, J. Whittaker 60.
Whist: Nimble Nook 53, Hollinwood 43.
Chadderton CBC 313, Beanweb 348.
Chadderton scores first: T. Nicholls 58, J. Richardson 84; A. Whiteley 58, F. Adams 64; J. Whittaker 77, F. Rainford 66; J. Wilson 68, J. Rainford 58; H. Howarth 52, E. Clarke 76.
Whist: Chadderton 47, Beanweb 43.
Chadderton Band 402, Royton Cons. 318.
Chadderton scores first: A. Wild 84, N. Porter 62; R. Earnshaw 107, H. Wright 46; F. Scarfe 64; T. Whittaker 80; J. Meredith 65, H. Foster 54; J. Whittaker 82, W. Burgess 76.
Whist: Chadderton 49, Royton 36.
Spring Bank 422, Shaw Road Cons. 343.
Spring Bank scores first: A. Jefferys 89, J. Carrigan 64; J. Shaw 84, J. Harrison 77; J. Ashton 87, G. Woodcock 61; S. Bolton 66, H. Hardman 61; W. Bland 96, J. Heap 80.
Whist: Spring Bank 52, Shaw Road 43.
Land's End 367, North Chadderton Social 260.
Land's End scores first: F. Dyson 61, J. Doyle 43; R. Berry 77, T. Bell 65; W. Taylor

74. A. Broome 36; S. Pope 70, R. Walker 91; G. Lockwood 85, G. Steple 35.

Whist: Land's End 45, N. Chadderton 39.

SNOOKER					
	P	W	D	L	Pts
Land's End	23	18	1	4	37
Nimble Nook	24	17	0	7	34
Chadderton CBC	24	15	0	9	30
Beanweb	23	14	0	9	28
Chadderton Reform	23	14	0	9	28
Springbank	24	13	0	11	26
Chadderton Band	24	13	0	11	26
Royton Cons.	24	12	1	11	25
Platt's	24	12	0	12	24
Westwood Libs.	23	11	0	11	22
Chadderton Cons.	23	10	0	13	20
Hollinwood Cons.	21	10	0	11	20
Avro	21	8	0	13	16
Fallsworth Cycle	24	8	0	16	16
Chadderton Social	24	5	0	19	10
Shaw Road Cons.	24	5	0	19	10

WHIST					
	P	W	D	L	Pts
Chadderton Cons.	21	15	0	6	30
Chadderton CBC	22	15	0	7	30
Beanweb	21	14	1	6	28
Shaw Road Cons.	22	14	0	8	28
Land's End	21	13	1	7	27
Nimble Nook	21	13	0	8	26
Springbank	22	13	0	9	26
Chadderton Reform	22	12	1	9	26
Chadderton Band	22	12	0	10	24
Royton Cons.	23	8	0	15	16
Avro	20	7	1	12	15
Platt's	22	7	0	15	14
Hollinwood Cons.	19	7	0	12	14
Chadderton Social	23	6	0	17	12
Westwood Libs.	21	4	0	17	8

CHADDERTON'S FOUR TEAMS DO WELL

Amateur-pro golf: Joyce's progress

CHADDERTON AFC started the season with four teams with some trepidation, but they have no regrets. The Colts team in the Middleton Youth League have reached the semi-finals of both the Wallace and Catlow Cups and finished runners-up in the League. The under-21 Youth XI, in their first season in the Oldham Youth League, won the league without losing a game and play Hartford Youth Club in the knock-out semi-final. They have also qualified to play in the semi-final of the Supplementary Cup.

The Reserves team in the Reserves Division of the Manchester Amateur League are in the following position:—

	P. W. D. L.	Pts.
Hulme L.	20 16 0 4	32
Bredbury St. M. ...	19 14 1 4	29
Chadderton	18 14 0 4	28

The senior team, after gaining promotion to the second division of the Manchester Amateur League and finishing fourth last season are having a great struggle with the formidable Gorton team, AGED. The present league positions are:—

	P. W. D. L.	Pts.
AGED	25 22 1 2	45
Chadderton	24 20 2 2	42

Thirty-two games have to be played, and Chadderton meet AGED at Broadway today. Since losing 4-0 to AGED at Gorton on November 16, Chadderton have gone 14 League games without defeat, having won 12 and drawn 2.

IN an inter-Alliance golf fixture, the West Riding beat Manchester and District by 13½ to 10½ to retain the trophy they first won at Romiley two seasons ago.

In the top foursomes, the Crompton and Royton professional, Jack Wilshire, teamed up with Gordon Whitehead (Swinton Park), but they were beaten by the seasoned campaigners, M. Lee (Crosland Heath) and John Fallon, the Huddersfield pro. The Yorkshire pair were the more consistent in a cut-and-thrust game.

J. Hawkard (Rochdale) was also taking part in the match and he won his foursomes in partnership with J. T. S. Brockley, the Swinton Park pro, but was beaten 4 and 3 in the singles. Jack Wilshire, however, was one of the Manchester team's singles winners, beating R. Weldon (Bradley Hall) two up.

The week before, Wilshire had been appearing with Gordon Whitehead in the amateur-pro tournament at Wentworth, but they had the misfortune to meet Pennink and J. R. M. Jacobs in the first round. They were only beaten on the last green.

OLDHAM sportsmen will remember Walter Joyce, who played inside-forward in his school team and for the Oldham Schoolboys and at centre-half for Lancashire County Schoolboys against Birmingham at Villa Park in 1952.

MIRROR OF SPORT

Walter, now 20, has been in the RAF in Nicosia for the past two seasons, and as an inside-forward has had much to do with the success of his team. It is reported that he has made quite a name for himself on the island not only as a soccer player but in cricket, table tennis, and swimming.

Walter is registered with Burnley, who he joined as a member of the ground staff before leaving to do his National Service. He will be demobbed next month and has proved that he has completely recovered from the broken pelvis he sustained at Burnley.

TEN years ago in the Green Final a paragraph commenting on a nine-year-old Oldham schoolboy cricketer Ian Dyson, stated: "If Ian was in Australia he would be earmarked for first-class cricket."

Today, Ian is doing his National Service in Australia and has created interest in a number of Australian cricket enthusiasts by his recent performances as a bowler and batsman. He has recently taken six for 17, seven for 29, five for 11, and has scored over 50 in four or five consecutive innings.

Ian has made steady progress since being captain of Couthill Grammar School team. He afterwards played for Werneth Juniors and Werneth 2nd and hopes on his return to play for Werneth 1st XI.

MEMBERS of Refuge Street Methodist Church, Shaw, since the closing of their church, have become worshippers at St. Paul's Methodist Church, Rochdale Road. They will be holding their annual Sportsmen's Service tomorrow evening when several well-known sporting personalities will be there.

The former Athletic centre-half, Archie Whyte, and Mrs. Whyte will be soloists, and an interesting feature of the service will be the saying of a prayer for the late Bert Whalley (who lost his life in the Munich air disaster). Bert was the first speaker at the first Sportsmen's Service ever held in the Refuge Street Church, and Mrs. Whyte was the first soloist. Bert's favourite hymn will also be sung.

Others taking part in the service are Tommy Walker, Bryn Goldswain, Bill Spurdle, Bert Trautmann, Jack Dyson, Jimmy Thompson, Wilf Hobson, Ted West and Eddie Murphy.

MRS. R. W. LORD, of 271 Frederick Street, Oldham, has made history by being the first-ever woman to be elected as president of the Central Lancashire Swimming Association. For several years Mrs. Lord has been secretary of the Association, and it is a fit-



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

ting honour in return for her interest and hard work on behalf of swimming, not only with the Association but with Robin Hill Swimming Club as well.

She is also a shift leader in the ambulance section of the Civil Defence, and is well-known for other social work in Oldham.

"SUGAR" RAY ROBINSON, one of the greatest fighters the world has ever seen, says he is planning to visit England again soon. The message comes from his burly manager, George Gainford, from his New York training camp.



The plan is dependent upon Robinson regaining the world middleweight championship from Carmen Basilio when they meet in Chicago next Tuesday. Robinson is the only fighter in the world who has four times regained a world title—and this will be his fifth attempt. Robinson says his ambition is to retire as world middleweight champion. But Gainford adds: "Don't misconstrue that into meaning he is contemplating retirement. No such thing is in our mind."

JIMMY GREAVES has a great chance of beating a Chelsea scoring record in the first season of top-class football.

And the prospect pleases no one more than Jimmy Thompson, former Chelsea centre-forward who found Greaves and several other Chelsea

starlets. In 1927-8, his first season with Chelsea, Thompson scored 25 goals in 30 League matches.

"I hope young Jimmy beats me," Thompson said after Greaves had brought his total to 22 goals in 27 League games by scoring against Blackpool on Saturday.

With eight League games left after today Greaves can do even better than that. He can beat Tommy Lawton, whose 26 goals in 1946-7 made him Chelsea's highest scorer in a First Division season. And this 18-year-old made his First Division debut only seven months ago.

The all-time Chelsea record still stands to the name of Bob Whittingham, who hit 30 goals in 1910-11, when they were in the Second Division. Even this will not be safe from Greaves for very long.

MIKE DAVIES, who beat the world's No. 3 lawn tennis player, Sven Davidson, to break a seven years' overseas domination of the British covered courts title, is now off to the Riviera in search of early season match play.

Others taking in this tennis circuit in the sun are Roger Becker, Bill Knight, Reg Bennett and one girl, Miss Sheila Armstrong.

Davies is Britain's best hope of a world-beater since the days he used to hitch-hike to tournaments. He had to get on or get out. There was little LTA cossetting for this Welsh lad.

In that late night final at Queen's Club last Saturday—which benefited TV but not the paying spectators—Davies showed a control over his strokes and turbulent temperament which could bring this country and him a major tennis title this summer.

SO the Football League selectors consider there is no centre-forward among their 92 clubs worthy to fill the place of Manchester United's Tommy Taylor, who died in the Munich air crash.

That is the staggering conclusion from their choice of West Bromwich inside-left Derek Kevan to lead the League's team against the Scottish League at Newcastle on Wednesday week.

The side is supposed to show us the outline of the England team for the World Cup battles in Sweden next June. And gives the brush-off to five centre-forwards like Ronnie Allen (West Bromwich), Jim Murray (Wolves), Brian Clough (Middlesbrough) and Bobby Smith (Spurs).

The job goes instead to the man who failed to establish himself in the England side in his normal position. Have they forgotten Kevan's poor performance at centre-forward for Young England against Bulgaria at Stamford Bridge last September?

Top-4 final: Prince beat White House

IN the top-four final of the Shaw Road Darts League on Tuesday, the White House, winners of the league and the knock-out Challenge Cups, were beaten by the Prince of Wales (4-2) for the third time this season.

The Prince were playing in their own pub and in the first game, H. Bedford beat J. Lennigan (White House) in 30 arrows. Both had doubled nine, and both hit the return double with their 26th arrow. Lennigan missed centre on his next visit, and Bedford, second thrower, hit it with his 30th dart to win.

L. Hanley (Prince) lost to J. Buckley in 38 arrows. Buckley doubled three and Hanley four, but afterwards they walked it. Buckley went round faster and got game shot while Hanley was throwing for 18.

J. Cavanagh gave White House a 2-1 lead by beating R. Bedford in 39 arrows. He should have won in easier fashion, for he doubled nine and was on the return with his 19th arrow. Despite Cavanagh using 18 to get the double and three for the centre, Bedford had only reached 18.

Jim Tarpey squared the match when he beat J. Bradley in 20 arrows. He doubled one and was on eight after six arrows. He singled eight and nine but got double ten with his 15th dart. Bradley was trying hard to double nine when Tarpey went out.

C. Crossley restored the lead for the Prince by beating J. Newton in 32 arrows. Newton doubled one but afterwards walked it. Crossley doubled 10 with his 29th dart and hit return double one and centre with 31st and 32nd.

A. Wells won the sixth game and the match for the Prince, when he beat B. Russell in 31 arrows. He doubled two and six on the way and was on bull after 20 arrows. He could have slipped up by taking 11 darts to get the centre, but Russell who had dallied on 8, 9 and 10 failed to double any of them and had to walk it.

The presentation of prizes will be made by Ken Jackson, the Great Britain Rugby League forward, at the league's annual social at the Spinners Arms, Shaw Road, next Wednesday.

Hollinwood darts

Last Tuesday's results in the Hollinwood Darts League (crib in brackets):

White Hart (5) 5, Oxford (2) 2; Yew Tree (7) 7, Struggler (0) 0; New Moston (2) 3, Royal Oak (5) 4; Ferranti (1) 5, Colliers (6) 2; Bowling Green (0) 1; Commercial (7) 6; Greaves v. Failsforth CC result not to hand.

FULL-COURSE TRIALS FOR THE BOAT RACE



The Cambridge University crew for the 104th Boat Race against Oxford on April 5, rowed a full-course trial in the fast time of 18 minutes 50 seconds on Wednesday. In worse conditions the day after, Oxford had the impressive time of 19 minutes 7 seconds.



Turner, receiving from Jackson, races clear from his own line during Whitehaven pressure in the match against Oldham last Saturday. The two home forwards in the picture are Hynicka (left) and McAlone.

Photo: Nichlosa, Cockermouth

Players' losses of form have not helped selectors

IT'S almost over: the suspense, the haggling, the anxieties, the lobbying is nearing an end. Some time tonight a dozen men will emerge from a Leeds hotel having exercised their judgment. Their reputations as talent-spotters will hang on the 26 men they have chosen to tour Australasia in Great Britain's jerseys.

Tomorrow, the living-rooms around the North, the pubs, the park benches, will be alive with verdicts. Will those 26 lucky fellows be the right ones for everybody who follows the code?

If the state of minds of the selectors is any guide, then the fans will be split tomorrow. I have spoken to several members of that vital committee over the past few

weeks; I have probed for some kind of guide to what is going to happen; I have sought their important opinions; I have wasted my time.

In a month I have watched around a dozen players—certainly for down under—fall from grace. I have watched ticks, crosses and question marks go against names. It has been a rare experience.

CHARLIE WINSLADE, the big lad from Oldham, for instance was to be the best uncapped second-row forward. They were sure he was the power at Watersheddings; they booked him for the tour.

But tonight Charlie's reputation stands on an 80-minute trial at Headingley last Wednesday, and it isn't very good. Will the selectors allow one game to cloud over two years of consistently good rugby?

3 scrum-halves idea

The way they have said LEWIS JONES would not go on the tour has fascinated me. At first, almost all the committee said it, but tonight a goodly portion of them will vote for him. Enough, I wonder?

BILLY BOSTON, the rugby giant from South Wales, the unstoppable

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scoring machine stationed at Wigan, could not be left out two months ago. But what about the feeling at Leeds tonight?

Workington's HARRY ARCHER turned up from nowhere on Wednesday and upset an international idea that was hatched over cups of French coffee and equally inspiring French beer.

There would be three scrum-halves and one out-half—DAVID BOLTON, of Wigan. But that Archer display was too good to be ignored. Now what?

It could be that the rugby jury will take three scrum-halves anyway, and Archer and Bolton as well. Maybe the trial game isn't so vivid in the mind tonight; maybe Archer has been pulled down a vital peg; maybe the trio of scrum-halves is due to be cut to a couple right now.

And there just has to be a surprise. I wonder which dark horse will come galloping up on the rails to shake us all? I don't feel like making any more guesses myself. But if you are really keen, it could make an exciting parlour game tonight. Have a try yourself at picking 26 players and let your friends do the same, all by themselves.

Then compare your teams. I bet that none of your party will agree, which should give you some idea about what is going on behind those closed Leeds doors.

Moat is determined

It was a quiet return to town for Rowley Moat, but make no mistake, the £2,000 out-half is still determined to make the grade at Oldham—so that he can get away from the club.

"I am determined to get my transfer, but I know that nobody will buy me unless I prove my worth. I intend getting into the first team at Watersheddings on merit."

With Alan Kellett out of the forces and playing great stuff, the chances of Rowley becoming Oldham's out-half look dim. But Moat deserves a break, and I hope he gets it.

Oldham churches had a busy day today—marrying rugby players. This morning the promising local trialist forward, Cliff Tickle, was wedded to Yvonne Woodward, and just after lunch, Oldham's one-time full-back, John Sperring, was married to Glenys James.

This afternoon Roger Duffy, Oldham's latest Rugby Union forward, got married to Stella Tolan, daughter of the well-known rugby personality, Tommy Tolan. Roger only came to the town at the beginning of the season.

Next few matches will decide Athletic's fate

THE question mark still hangs over Boundary Park. Although few give Athletic a chance of reaching the top 12 before the end of the season, the club itself is still hopeful.

This week Manager Ted Goodier said: "We are still in with a chance, but I will make no bones about it, it's away points we need."

Skipper Ian Muir spoke for the players when he also said: "The enthusiasm is still there, and if

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today's visit to Crewe has proved successful, we have two home games to look forward to."

As I said earlier in the week, Athletic can still make it, but to do so they must have collected both points in this afternoon's game at Gresty Road. A win, whether at home or away, has been too long awaited.

Next week, Athletic entertain Darlington at Boundary Park and this should mean two points in view of the North-East team's recent fluctuating form. On Tuesday lowly Southport took both points at Darlington.

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No doubt Darlington are missing their crack leader Ron Harberston, transferred to Lincoln just before the deadline. Certainly it is a move which enhances Athletic's chances in the clubs' two forthcoming meetings.

After the Darlington game at Boundary Park, Athletic plunge into the hectic Easter spell of three games in four days.

It could be a happy Easter for them, Bradford are the visitors on Good Friday—a side which Athletic have soundly beaten once already.

The following day's trip to Hull City is likely to prove a much more



STAN SMITH, Athletic's new centre-forward.

League Three North

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
Bury	37	20	8	9	77	42	48
Scunthorpe	33	20	8	5	69	38	48
Accrington	34	18	8	8	67	48	44
ROCHDALE	35	19	3	13	73	52	41
Chesterfield	35	15	11	9	63	57	41
Bradford City	35	13	14	8	50	40	40
Barrow	35	13	14	8	58	50	40
Mansfield	34	16	8	10	75	65	40
Hull City	35	14	11	10	49	51	39
Tramere	36	16	8	13	68	55	38
Hartlepool	36	13	11	12	61	60	37
Halifax T	35	13	10	12	60	61	36
Carlisle U.	37	15	5	17	68	61	35
Stockport	36	13	9	14	59	55	35
Wrexham	35	12	9	14	48	51	33
Gateshead	35	10	12	13	53	61	32
Workington	36	11	10	15	58	68	32
ATHLETIC	35	9	14	12	50	63	32
Bradford	37	11	9	17	51	71	31
Darlington	34	13	3	18	56	70	29
Chester	35	9	10	16	54	59	28
York City	33	10	8	15	49	69	28
Southport	35	8	5	22	41	72	21
Crewe Alex	36	6	4	26	40	78	16

exacting task, but the team will be looking confidently to Easter Monday's return clash with Bradford.

Over this period it will be important to have a settled team free of injuries—a matter in the lap of the football gods. But at least Athletic's reserve position is healthier now than at any other time during the season.

The signing of Les Melville and Stan Smith has swelled the playing strength, and in the Reserve side today were Murphy, Farmer, Thompson, Hobson, Walker, Duffy, Bazley and Fawley—all qualified first-teamers.

After the Easter programme there are six games left. Four of them at home (Wrexham, Chester, Rochdale and Hull) look hopeful, and Darlington and Gateshead are the away trips.

The odds are much longer now on Athletic beating the Fourth Division drop, but I feel it will still be a few weeks before the final verdict is known.

Once again the National Service bogey has reared its head at Boundary Park, with this time Peter Phoenix the unfortunate victim. Here is a youngster on whom the club have been placing a lot of faith being snatched away at a vital moment.

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Enough has already been written about National Service marring youngsters' footballing careers, and it can only be hoped that Phoenix will eventually find himself at a camp where he will have ample training facilities.

Manager Goodier has already written to his training base asking for the lad's release at weekends, and a reply is still awaited.

It is next season that the loss will be greatest, however. With Athletic travelling hundreds of miles up and down the country it is unlikely that he will be in the party. Peter joins the Forces next Thurs-

MITTEN'S MANSFIELD DRAW WITH GOODIER'S MEN!

TWO-THIRDS OF THE PLAY! ALL THE BAD LUCK THAT WAS ABOUT COMING THEIR WAY! A GOAL DOWN! YES! THAT WAS THE DISMAL PICTURE AT HALF-TIME IN OLDHAM ATHLETIC'S GAME WITH Mansfield Town AT Boundary Park.

WELL! I ASK YOU! IT WAS ENOUGH TO TURN Manager Ted Goodier's GREEN TIT'FER TWO SHADES DARKER WITH ENVY, AS HE WATCHED RIVAL MANAGER Charlie Mitten GETTING ALL THE BREAKS.

SPEAKING OF BREAKS, Billy Spurdle ALMOST RUINED A PERFECTLY GOOD NET WHEN HE DESERVEDLY GAVE OLDHAM THE EQUALISER IN THE 54th MINUTE.

I LIKED THE INDUSTRY AND DISTRIBUTION OF NEW BOY Stan Smith. — AND IN FACT CONSIDERING THE ARCTIC CONDITIONS THE PLAYERS AS A WHOLE, DID VERY WELL. BELIEVE ME IT WAS SO COLD I'LL SWEAR TO SEEING A POLAR BEAR POP UP AND ASK MANAGER GOODIER FOR A TRIAL!

day, and if he is unable to gain release for Saturday's game, I can see Manager Goodier having a problem. Tommy Walker is back in training but it is doubtful whether he will be fit enough to play in this game.

That will mean another switch in the team with possibly Bazley coming in at inside-forward and Spurdle returning to the wing. Satisfactory, perhaps, but for this last vital spell Athletic must rely on a settled line-up.

Like the first team, both the Reserves and 3rd XI still have a number of postponed matches to play off, and most of these have now been provisionally arranged. They are as follows:—

April 16.—Reserves v Lytham (home, 5 45 p.m.).

April 24.—Reserves v Glossop (home, 6 30 p.m.).

April 28.—Reserves v Lomax (away).

May 1.—Reserves v Prescott (away).

March 25.—3rd XI v Barrow (at Boundary Park, 3 p.m.).

April 4.—3rd XI v Bury (at Mossley, 3 p.m.).

April 7.—3rd XI v Bolton (at Mossley, 3 p.m.).

April 12.—3rd XI v Manchester City (at Mossley, 3 p.m.).

April 19.—3rd XI v Everton (at Boundary Park, 10 45 a.m.).

April 23.—3rd XI v Manchester City (at Boundary Park, 6 30 p.m.).

The Manchester Senior Cup final game has yet to be arranged. Athletic's opponents are not yet known.

LETTER TO THE SPORTS EDITOR

Why not play Eddie Murphy?

NOW that we know just what playing strength Athletic have to draw on for the rest of the season, I would like to suggest the following team be given an extended run for a number of matches. At the same time it could prove whether nine out of ten spectators are right: that we have a centre-half on the books who is young enough to build a team around, and who last season was recognised as

one of the best in the division—Eddie Murphy. It seems strange to me that certain players seem fated at Boundary Park. Last season it was Worthington; this season it has been Gaynor and Murphy.

I think the following team should be given a long trial: Teece; Naylor, West; Hall, Murphy, Thompson (or Melville); Phoenix, Spurdle, Smith, Bazley, Over.

STILL HOPEFUL.

Gordon wins and smashes all records

ROYTON HARRIERS AND ATHLETIC CLUB had a busy day last Saturday for they staged three races. All three were championship events, the first being The East Lancs Wing Air Training Corps race, with Royton Harriers stewarding the course—a chilly job even with Track Suits—and also providing officials to augment the A.T.C.

Twelve ran with two complete teams, and individuals and four squadrons were represented.

The winner, W. Fleming, of 1969 Squadron, Ramsbottom, was small, but he outclassed the opposition to win with ease over a three-mile course in 25min. 5sec., followed by E. F. Morgan (26min. 36sec) 1855 Royton Squadron, and V. Hambleton 1471 Squadron Horwich, third in 27min.

The Royton team scored 17 points, S. Howell, B. L. Shaw, and B. Cullen finishing fourth, fifth and sixth. The winner and team progress and can compete in the Western Region Championships to be held at Cosford, Wolverhampton.

Raring to go

Second race for the Crosland Cup decided the Boys' Championship for the local club, and over a two-mile course, Frank Green surprised everyone by decisively beating Anthony Dalton, with Geoffrey Fisher third.

By this time it was 4 p.m., and the Seniors were raring to go for their nine-mile jaunt for the Club Championship, the highest honour and most difficult to achieve. Ten started but the holder was unable to compete, Albert Walker having to put the calls of business first.

The favourite was Gordon Pritchard, a runner in form, and from the word go, he was in the lead bent on running the opposition into the ground, and accomplishing something never done before by a Royton Harrier, namely winning every cross-country championship trophy.

He succeeded not only in winning the Taylor Cup, but also took the first prize for the Sealed Handicap run in conjunction. He covered the three-lap nine-mile course in 58min. 21sec.

Gordon has had a wonderful season, won all three handicaps—this in itself is probably a record—and with it the Redford Trophy for the second time, and in addition to the Club Championship Trophy, the

3rd NORTH PLAYERS



B. SMITH

G. THOMPSON

D. WATSON

B. SMITH (Wrexham)

Although he started his career with Leeds United, it was not until his transfer to Bradford, in the summer of 1955, that Barry Smith really began to make a name for himself. In his first season at Bradford, Smith gave some hint of the scoring potential which really became evident last winter, when he netted 28 times in 43 League matches, more than three times as many as the club's next highest marksman.

Smith, a native of Bradford, left his home town for Wrexham during the past close season, and after a long spell as leader of the attack has recently been moved to outside-left, where he has had previous experience with his two former clubs.

G. THOMPSON (Carlisle)

Now playing for his fifth League club, Carlisle United's goalkeeper, George Thompson, had spells with Chesterfield and Scunthorpe before joining Preston North End in 1952. Two years later he played for them against West Bromwich Albion in the Cup final.

When Manchester City found themselves without an experienced custodian after the injury to Bert

CAN HOGAN 'KID' K O. TERROR?

RUGBY LEAGUE ABC

SOUTHWARD (Workington)

Still in his early twenties, Ike Southward has been one of Workington's big discoveries of recent years. Not only does he lead the way as club's leading goal-scorer, but he is top try-scorer as well, a decidedly useful winger to have around. His best feat to date was the scoring of 33 points in a game against Blackpool Borough, a total made up of seven tries and six goals.

Even if he were not a goalkicker, Southward, one of the fastest wingers in the game, would be a formidable candidate for a touring place but because he is a goalkicker as well, he is regarded as one of the certainties.

THOMPSON (Warrington)

What a stir it caused in both rugby worlds—Union and League—when Robin Thompson, skipper of the British Lions team which toured South Africa, decided to turn professional for Warrington. He collected a fee in the region of £3,000.

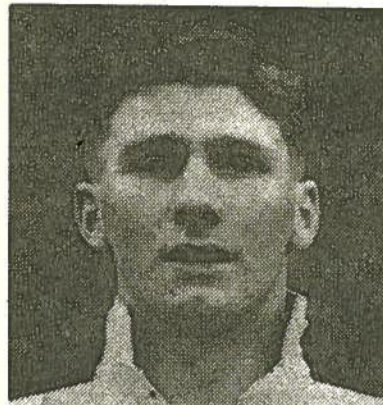
He took to the professional code with a zest that suggested he was going right to the top of the tree, but just when he was running into form he was unlucky with injuries and ill health which retarded progress. Nobody is more disappointed than Thompson that he is playing below form, but surely it is a passing phase.

WINSLADE (Oldham)

A big and strong second-row Welsh forward, Charlie Winslade played for Maesteg before turning professional about eight years ago. His partnership with Sid Little has given Oldham one of the best second rows in the League over the past few seasons.

Although he has not hit the honours as often as Little, Winslade is a Welsh international and the tour team selectors have paid tribute to his ability by naming him for the trials.

Winslade is never found wanting, no matter which course the game takes, for when opposition packs are battling to get on top, Winslade's strength and courage are always to the fore, and it is his uncanny anticipation that so often puts him on the spot where he is most needed.



Southward (top), Thompson, and Winslade.

ANGLER HOOKS A TURTLE

A keen angler trying to catch fish in a reservoir on Hongkong island, had an unique "fight" against a 14-pound fresh-water turtle.

Mr. F. Poulson, an electrician, said he was using half-cooked taro-root (yam) as bait when he hooked the turtle, which measured about 20 by 14 inches. He said he played it for about an hour before bringing it near enough to use his net.

The turtle did not suffer much in the "fight" and was very much alive when landed.

To a Correspondent

Tap Room, Bardsley.—The Chamber Colliery Recreation Club on Oak Road was opened in 1925 with a licensed bar.

MEMORY CORNER

TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO

March 25, 1933, was a sorry day for Charlton Athletic, then languishing at the foot of the Second Division. They were beaten 4-1 before their own supporters at the Valley by Millwall—their 18th defeat in 33 games. Eventually, Charlton suffered relegation, finishing at the bottom with 31 points, three fewer than their companions in distress, Chesterfield, who won 5-2 at Charlton on the last day of the season, but were still unable to save themselves.

It was at the end of that season that Charlton appointed Mr. Jimmy Seed as their manager. Now, 25 years later, he is manager of Millwall, the winners of the game at the Valley recalled above.

TEN YEARS AGO

Merseyside football matches on Grand National day generally start late to give racegoers the chance to see them. On March 20, 1948, the punters streamed back from Aintree to watch Liverpool, in danger of relegation, entertain Blackpool, shortly afterwards to figure as Cup finalists.

Latecomers missed a surprise in the first few minutes, when Stanley Matthews was fouled, only to have his penalty kick saved by Cyril Sidlow, Liverpool's Welsh international goalkeeper. Later on Jack Balmer, the home side's inside-right, also failed to convert a spot-kick, but two goals by centre-forward Albert Stubbins gave the Anfielders two precious points and kept them in the First Division.

TWELVE MONTHS AGO

After a run of 226 consecutive appearances for Northampton Town in the Southern Section, left-winger Tommy Fowler was omitted from the team which met lowly Walsall on March 16, 1957. The Cobblers lost that match 3-2, and as a result Fowler was reinstated the following week. Had it not been for Army service Fowler might never have become a Northampton player. Once an amateur with Everton, he was posted to Northampton, carried on his soccer there, and has in all made well over 400 appearances for the Cobblers in the post-war period.

Hammer-fisted Mexican will be tough nut

WHAT tremendous horizons are opened to a man who has the talents to win a world boxing championship. Take Hogan "Kid" Bassey for instance. Five years ago, Bassey was an almost unknown Nigerian who came to Britain and settled down in Liverpool to try his luck.

Now he is in a luxurious training camp with a bunch of sparring partners near Los Angeles, preparing to defend his world feather-weight title against Ricardo Moreno, a hammerfisted Mexican, at Wrigley's Field, on April 1.

If anyone had told Bassey five years ago that he would one day be a feted visitor to New York and Hollywood, he would modestly have disagreed. But there he is and win, lose or draw against Moreno, the little Nigerian will be the richer by £25,000 when it is all over.

Some joke!

This is not his first trip to the States. He went there last year to fight Miguel Berrios in a final eliminator in Washington. Some Americans treated his mission as something of a joke—no British fighter from a corner of Africa was going to upset Berrios.

But Bassey did. And now he is back as world champion free, we hope, from some of the embarrassments he suffered last time—such as being asked to pose in a loin-cloth and waving a spear.

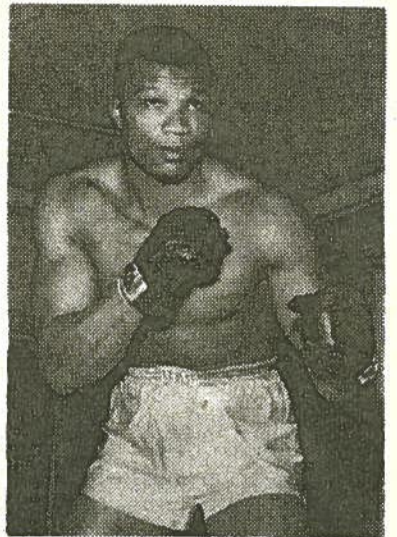
Judging by his record, Moreno must be one of the hardest punchers, pound for pound, in the world. His record of knockouts is formidable and the big Mexican population in California is going to be out in force on the night of the fight, to see Bassey's downfall.

Patterson here

There will probably be a large number of disappointed Mexicans around Los Angeles that night. Hagon Bassey, M.B.E., considers he won the title for God, Nigeria and Hogan Bassey, in that order, and he will be a dedicated fighter in defence of it.

In return for lending Bassey to America, we have a 12-day lease on the world heavyweight champion, Floyd Patterson, who, with his manager, trainer and two sparring partners, arrived on Friday. He is here for exhibitions in London, Preston and Leeds and, no doubt, a string of personal appearances.

We welcome Patterson for what he is—a good heavyweight champion and the first to come here for many years. We look forward to his performances, but here's hoping we are allowed to forget that there is a disagreement existing between Patterson's manager, Cus D'Amato, and the International Boxing Club. That is strictly American business and there is no reason why we should be burdened with it here.



Texas heavyweight CLEVE-LAND WILLIAMS shapes up to the punchbag during training for his match with Britain's Dick Richardson at Empress Hall next Tuesday.

Austerlands win MAYALL SCORED A HAT-TRICK

IN contrast to the wintry scenes at Austerlands last Saturday, the conditions at Cheadle, where the Manchester Amateur League (Div. II) game with Henry Simons was played, were almost springlike, with the ground in perfect condition.

In the early stages, the Austerlands half-backs were inclined to overkick, and the rugged home defence kept the eager visiting forwards at bay. But G. Mayall, prompted by A. Mayall, opened the scoring after 20 minutes, and added a second soon after.

The visitors were the better side and appeared to have the game well in hand, but following an injury to Yewdall, Simons reduced the lead with a neat header from the inside-left. The Austerlands forwards were not to be denied, and further goals were added by H. Sladin and P. Smethurst to give the team a 4-1 lead at half-time.

With the wind behind them, the home team came more into the game in the second half, and their approach work was very good, but they made the mistake of making one pass too many in front of goal. With Hanley very safe in goal, the Simons team never looked as if they would save the game.

The game got rather rough in the second half and E. Scholes, Austerlands' left-winger, was off the field for a time injured. Hanley played a captain's part in calming tempers down, and Austerlands went on to win comfortably 5-1, Mayall completing his hat-trick five minutes before time.

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Taylor Cup, he will most likely win an attendance prize given to the runners who attend the most runs.

Gordon joined the club at 12 years of age on March 1, 1947, and has created a record by being Boys' Champion, 1949, to win the Crosland Cup; Youths' Champion, 1951-52, to win the Law Swallow Trophy; Redford Trophy winner 1953 and 1957 and now Taylor Cup winner and Club Champion 1958.

With the limelight so firmly focussed upon the winner, Stuart Lowe finished second in 62min. 53sec., and although a long way behind, this new member in his first season has made steady progress.

With a little more polish and experience Stuart will continue to improve, and that goes for the third to finish, Leon Ashton, who covered the gruelling course in 64min. 18sec. Both runners, following in the footsteps of Gordon, took the sealed handicap prizes of second and third respectively.

Sam Crosland, who first joined the club on October 30, 1926, competed and finished the course—49 years old and still going strong. He sets an example of fitness for members half his age, which if followed would decrease the present-day tendency for athletes to be injury prone.

The Diamond Jubilee presentation of prizes and trophies will be made next Saturday after tea by Life Member Mr. William Austin at the Co-op Hall, Royton. O.T.

Diane Cilento in key role of BBC play

ACCIDENTS sometimes guide people's careers. Noberti, the comic who appears in the Charlie Chester Show on BBC tonight, might have been just another circus performer if the wind had not blown his hat off one day.

The hat disappeared up a drain-pipe. Noberti's uncle—Grock, the famous clown—was watching as he followed the hat up the pipe. Then Grock suggested he might have stumbled on a new idea for an act. A narrow cylinder was produced as a substitute for a drainpipe and Noberti, who is a stocky man—has baffled audiences ever since by his knack of worming through some very comical situations in this way.

At last the BBC comes, tomorrow, to the last play in the long World Theatre project. But the series does not end properly until

Tonight..

- BBC TELEVISION**
- 6 0: News.
 - 6 5: Six-Five Special.
 - 7 0: Wells Fargo.
 - 7 25: News.
 - 7 30: Dixon of Dock Green.
 - 8 0: Charlie Chester Show.
 - 9 0: Easy Living (film).
 - 10 15: Sports Special.
 - 10 45: News.
 - 11 0: War in the Air.
- ABC TELEVISION**
- 6 0: The Jack Jackson Show.
 - 6 25: ABC's Cliffhanger.
 - 6 45: Highway Patrol.
 - 7 15: The Restless Gun.
 - 7 45: Amateur Boxing.
 - 8 15: Bid for Fame.
 - 8 45: News from ITN.
 - 9 0: M Squad.
 - 9 20: Great Movies of Our Time.
 - 11 15: The Florian Zabach Show.
 - 11 45: The Epilogue and Close Down.

- NORTH 434m.**
- 6 0: News.
 - 6 15: News of the North.
 - 6 25: Sport Spotlight.
 - 7 0: Band Contest.
 - 7 15: The Week in Westminster.
 - 7 30: In Town Tonight.
 - 8 0: Variety Playhouse.
 - 9 0: News.
 - 9 15: Much in Evidence (play).
 - 10 45: Lighten Our Darkness.
 - 11 0: News.
- LIGHT 1,500m., 247m.**
- 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: Jack Payne Record Show.
 - 11 15: Edmundo Ros.
 - 11 55: News.

- THIRD 464m.**
- 6 30: World of Books.
 - 7 0: Record Review.
 - 8 0: Orchestral Concert.
 - 8 50: The Mystique of Government.
 - 9 10: Concert.
 - 9 45: English and Scottish Ballads
 - 10 20: The Day Stalin Died.
- LUXEMBURG 208m.**
- 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.

- AFN 344m.**
- 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 Wills.
 - 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.
 - 10 5: America's Popular Music.
 - 11 0: News.
 - 11 5: Late Request Show.
 - 12 0: News.

Carillon for Arnhem

A carillon of 47 bells from Holland has arrived at the site of the Brussels World Fair. The best carillon players from Belgium and the Netherlands will give concerts during the six months of the fair, which opens on April 17.

After the fair is over the bells will be mounted in the church at Arnhem.

next week. Why? Because this last production—Eugene O'Neill's "Strange Interlude"—is too long to dispose of all in one go. It is a nine-act play, and so two Sunday evenings will be devoted to it.

"Gigantic, tumultuous and ruthless" are the words which have been applied to this play. It is a story of a conflict between a woman and three men in her life, her husband, her lover, and a novelist friend.

Diane Cilento plays the key role. It will be the first professional appearance by this 24-year-old Australian actress since the birth of her daughter, Giovanna, in Brisbane last December.

She is married to an Italian journalist at present serving in the Italian army and Diane flew from Rome with Giovanna for rehearsals for this production.

The part of the lower will be played by William Sylvester, who has made a big name for himself on the other Channel.

TONIGHT'S the night when ABC's talent show, "Bid for Fame," is switched from Sunday to fill in that key spot in the evening schedule.

If you are staying up late, there is a programme featuring Florian Zabach... the handsome violinist

- BBC**
- 1 0: O Sul I Sul.
 - 1 5: Cefndir.
 - 2 0: Gardening Club.
 - 2 30: News Review.
 - 2 55: Football: Austria v. Italy.
 - 3 45: The Rio Grande.
 - 4 20: Brains Trust.
 - 5 0: Children.
 - 6 10: The Prince of Glory.
 - 7 0: Meeting Point.
 - 7 25: News.
 - 7 35: The Thin Man.
 - 8 0: What's My Line?
 - 8 30: Television World Theatre: Strange Interlude.
 - 10 0: Music for You.
 - 10 45: News.
 - 10 55: Weather, Epilogue.
- ABC**
- 11 15: Church.
 - 2 30: The Book Man.
 - 3 0: Salute John Citizen (film).
 - 4 50: The Adventures of Noddy.
 - 5 5: Hawkeye.
 - 5 35: What's In Store.
 - 5 55: Tell the People.
 - 6 9: News.
 - 6 15: The 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: Killing Stones.
 - 9 30: News.
 - 9 35: A Man's Woman.
 - 10 50: Top Numbers.
 - 11 30: Epilogue.

- NORTH 434m.**
- 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: Your Concert Choice.
 - 12 10: The Critics.
 - 12 55: Weather.
 - 1 0: News.
 - 1 10: Portrait of Three Cities.
 - 1 40: Change Partners.
 - 2 0: Gardeners' Question Time.
 - 2 30: Concert, Part 1.
 - 3 11: Talk.
 - 3 31: Concert, Part 2.
 - 4 15: Can I Help You?
 - 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 Good Shepherd.
 - 8 25: Appeal.
 - 8 30: Wives and Daughters.

- THIRD 464m.**
- 5 0: Puncher Martin.
 - 6 30: Bach: St. Matthew Passion.
 - 8 0: How to Live in Anarchy.
 - 8 20: St. Matthew Passion, Part 2.
 - 10 20: The Iliad.
- LUXEMBURG 208m.**
- 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 Lyttleton Show.
 - 11 0: Top Twenty.

virtuoso, who is a rage among the bobby-soxers in America.

FROM the leader of a lynching party to a quiet, romantic role—that is the transition which comes the way of Irish actor Eddie Byrne who will play a leading part in the ABC play, "A Man's Woman" tomorrow.

Viewers might remember him as the rabble-rouser in "Tragedy in a Temporary Town." Now he is booked to play the part of a quiet man—who falls in love with Janette Scott.

Janette will be making her first ITV appearance and occupying her most adult role to date. She plays the part of a girl who has been living in Dublin with a young IRA gunman (played by John Cairney).

When he flees from the police she goes to his country home for refuge. There she meets the stolid quiet man and his younger brother and enchants them both.

Eddie Byrne is quite tickled with this role. "I can hardly wait for my love scenes with this gorgeous creature," he says. "I have a splendid romantic scene with Janette in a ruined castle by moonlight."

John Cairney (the gunman) is a "pop" singer, too. His first LP record is about to be released.

MONICA DICKENS, the author, will be in "The Book Man" studio tomorrow—only 24 hours after her arrival from America. She will have with her the manuscript of her new novel, "Man Overboard."

Monica, who is a great-granddaughter of the great Charles, has written many books. Now, of course, she is also Mrs. Roy Stratton, and she has two small daughters. Naomi Mitchison, who has just written a book about Ghana, will also be in the programme.

Tomorrow

- 9 0: News.
 - 9 15: The March Retreat.
 - 10 0: Lude Sing Cuccu.
 - 10 50: Epilogue.
 - 11 0: News.
- LIGHT 1,500m., 247m.**
- 9 0: The 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 434m.**
- 5 0: Puncher Martin.
 - 6 30: Bach: St. Matthew Passion.
 - 8 0: How to Live in Anarchy.
 - 8 20: St. Matthew Passion, Part 2.
 - 10 20: The Iliad.
- LUXEMBURG 208m.**
- 6 0: Beaver Club.
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 - 9 15: Ella and Louis.
 - 9 30: Cream of the Pops.
 - 10 0: Record Rendezvous.
 - 10 30: Humphrey Lyttleton Show.
 - 11 0: Top Twenty.

- AFN 344m.**
- 6 0: Biography in Sound.
 - 6 55: Scrapbook.
 - 7 0: News.
 - 7 5: People Are Funny.
 - 7 30: C.B.S. 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: This Thing Called Life.
 - 12 0: News.

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Last complete programme at 6-40

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Leo Genn Jean Tierney
PERSONAL AFFAIR (A) 5-0, 7-38
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Farley Granger Alida Valli
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(English dialogue) the story of a woman's passionate betrayal (A) at 3-8, 5-55, 8-42
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(U) at 2-0 4-47, 7-34 (a thrilling story of Australian bushrangers)
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No sting in the Hornets, so Oldham has 27-0 win

RESULTS

CREWE ALEX.	0
ATHLETIC	2
ROCHDALE	1
BARROW	1
OLDHAM	6 5-27
HORNETS	0 0-0

FA CUP (Semi-finals)
 Blackburn 1, Bolton 2.
 Manchester United 2, Fulham 2

FIRST DIVISION

Arsenal 1, Sheffield Wed. 0
 Blackpool 4, Birmingham 2
 Everton 4, Portsmouth 2
 Leeds 1, Burnley 0.
 Leicester 3, Chelsea 2.
 Luton 0, Tottenham 0.
 Sunderland 2, WBA 0.
 Wolverhampton 3, Man/cr City 3.

SECOND DIVISION

Bristol Rovers 4, Leyton Orient 0
 Derby 1, Charlton 3.
 Ipswich 3, Cardiff 1.
 Lincoln 2, Middlesbrough 3.
 Notts County 0, Liverpool 2.
 Sheffield Utd. 3, Stoke 0.
 West Ham 2, Grimsby 0.

THIRD DIVISION (North)

Bradford City 2, Bradford 1.
 Halifax 2, York 1.
 Hull 4, Carlisle 0.
 Mansfield 4, Tranmere 1.
 Stockport 1, Southport 2.

THIRD DIVISION (South)

Aldershot 0, Bournemouth 0.
 Queen's PR 1, Northampton 0.
 Southampton 4, Torquay 2.
 Swindon 2, Walsall 3.

SCOTTISH LEAGUE (Div. I)

Aberdeen 3, Raith 2
 Celtic 4, Airdrie 2.
 East Fife 0, Rangers 1,
 Falkirk 0, Hearts 4.
 Hibernian 1, Queen of the South 2.
 Motherwell 1, Clyde 1.
 Partick Thistle 2, Kilmarnock 0.
 Queen's Park 2, Dundee 7
 St. Mirren 2, Third Lanark 2.

SCOTTISH LEAGUE (Div. II)

Albion 2, St. Johnstone 1.
 Alloa 4, Morton 1
 Arbroath 3, Stirling Albion 2.
 Ayr 2, Montrose 1.
 Berwick 4, Forfar 5.
 Brechin 2, Stranraer 1.
 Cowdenbeath 6, East Stirling 0.
 Dumfries 6, Stenhousemuir 1
 Dundee United 3, Hamilton 0.

RUGBY LEAGUE

Barrow 62, Liverpool C. 3.
 Dewsbury 5, Hull 5.
 Doncaster 9, Bramley 8.
 Featherstone R. 3, Warrington 22
 Hull KR 25, Salford 2.
 Hunslet 45, Castleford 13.
 Keighley 33, Batley 9.
 St. Helens 14, Widnes 7
 Swinton 52, Leeds 9
 Workington T. 11, Leigh 7.
 York 6, Huddersfield 9.
 Wigan 20, Halifax 8

Stan Eldon wins

Stan Eldon (England) won the individual title in the international cross-country race at Cardiff today in 46min. 29sec. He just won from A. Mimoun (France) and F. Sand (England). England won the team title from France.

As two men were leaving the pit at Ackworth Colliery, near Pontefract, last night, after completing the afternoon shift they fell 240 feet down the pit shaft and were killed. The men were Peter Gardner (22) pony driver, of Pontefract, and Alfred Chivers (36) collier, of Featherstone.

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ROCHDALE HORNETS had four of their regular players absent with injuries for the game at Watersheddings today. Lawrenson replaced Short in the left-centre, and Sheridan took Fishwick's place at scrum-half. Gill took over for Dagnall at hooker, and Horrocks for Parr at loose-forward. Oldham played Vin Nestor in the right centre, and preferred Ian Carruthers to Jack Keith as hooker.

OLDHAM: Ganley; Cracknell, Nestor, Ayres, ETTY; Kellett, Pitchford; Jackson, Carruthers, McKeown, Winslade, Little, Turner.

HORNETS: Cahill; Buxton, Jones, Lawrenson, Corsi; Chisnall, Sheridan; Livesey, Gill, Scholes, Parsons, Bailey, Horrocks.

Referee: Mr. G. Wilson (Dewsbury).
 Ian Carruthers won an early scrum to put Oldham on the attack. Cracknell tried to find a way through on the right.

Hornets won a scrum and Hornets won the scrum and Bailey sent Parsons on a dangerous run through Oldham's defence. Lawrenson joined in to keep up the pressure but the ball was fumbled on the home "25."

A penalty, when Rochdale hooker, Gill had his feet up at a scrum, gave the initiative back to Oldham and Ganley found touch well inside the Rochdale half.

Carruthers won the scrum and Oldham almost scored. Pitchford made a great break through the middle and brought in Ayres. With Nestor handy Ayres went down in possession.

In the sixth minute Rochdale were again penalised and from 20 yards GANLEY opened Oldham's score with a goal.

Rochdale held possession for a spell and tried hard to break away from their own half. Chisnall fumbled the ball when it looked that they might do so.

A scrum followed at which Chisnall's partner, Sheridan, was penalised for feeding. Intent on a tour place, GANLEY showed his ability with another penalty goal.

Just a minute later Rochdale were penalised again. This time it was for off-side, but despite a good kick from 55 yards, Ganley was just short in an attempt to add another goal.

A great Pitchford run in the 20th minute almost ended in a try. Using the blind side of a scrum he ripped through the cover before he was stopped a few yards from the line.

Another miss for Oldham came two minutes later. This time Ayres after charging through the defence had ETTY alongside but failed to put in a try-scoring pass.

A grand try

Kellett laid on Oldham's first try in the 22nd minute. He beat two men and lobbed out the ball to Cracknell. Inside went the pass to Nestor and back out it came for CRACKNELL to race home. From the touchline GANLEY kicked a brilliant goal.

Now it was Rochdale's turn to attack. Scholes sent Bailey away in the Oldham half, but the former Oldham forward was brought down at the first opposition.

It was Kellett and Pitchford who showed the way to beat defences in the 28th minute. Kellett flashed straight through the Rochdale cover and Pitchford took the ball from him to keep the attack on the move. Out went the pass to Ayres and on to ETTY for a great try. Five yards in from touch GANLEY added another great goal.

Three minutes later Oldham had a try disallowed. Kellett led the attack again and Dennis Ayres joined him to send Jackson racing away. The forward was brought down short of the line and then penalised for putting the ball over after being tackled.

Rochdale came near to scoring

themselves when Chisnall took a pass to run into the Oldham's half. Looking for support he mistook Pitchford for one of his own side and passed to him with Rochdale in a good position.

Half-time:—
OLDHAM 4 2-14
HORNETS 0 0-0

Without a doubt, this had been Oldham's first half. Hornets had their attacking moments, but they lacked the power that Oldham produced. With selectors meeting later today to choose the Australasian touring side, Ganley was making a strong claim with some great goal-kicking.

Hornets made a deep kick soon after the re-start but it failed to find touch. Cracknell took the ball and tried a crossfield run, but Lawrenson got him without any trouble.

Oldham moved into the Hornets' half, but were soon sent back to their own side of the field when Cracknell fumbled a Cahill kick through.

A Bailey blunder put Oldham in a dangerous mood two minutes later. He tried a late pass, but the ball went to an ever-vigilant Pitchford. Away went the scrum-half to feed Turner a pass that took him to the Hornets' "25."

Ganley's fifth goal

In the 45th minute Hornets were awarded a penalty but obstruction on their part give one to Oldham and from 20 yards, GANLEY landed his fifth goal.

Ganley almost scored a try six minutes later. Pitchford took an Ayres pass to send the full-back away. Cahill got to Ganley but the ball went out only for ETTY to fumble with the line at his mercy.

Hornets took possession and twice Bailey tried in vain to make ground. Oldham got the ball and promptly had a try disallowed. Nestor made a great run down the right and after dummieing a pass he swung the ball out for Cracknell to run to the posts. But when Oldham's winger looked round the referee was signalling that the pass had gone forward.

In the 63rd minute and, after more Oldham pressure, they scored again. A move down the right had just failed and the ball came over to the left. ETTY took a Ganley pass and kicked through for TURNER to dive on the ball over the line. GANLEY kicked the goal.

AFTER THIS TRY LES JONES WAS LED FROM THE FIELD WITH AN INJURED KNEE.

JOHN ETTY went over for Oldham a minute later. The pass came from Ayres after Winslade and McKeown had combined to bring the ball from midfield. With a touchline kick Ganley sent the ball wide of the posts.

OLDHAM FORWARD SID LITTLE LEFT THE FIELD WITH WHAT APPEARED TO BE AN EYE INJURY.

Then came a brilliant try from PITCHFORD. In a thrilling 20-yard sprint he rounded several men to romp over in the right-hand corner. Again Ganley was short with his goal-kick.

Final:—
OLDHAM 6 5-27
HORNETS 0 0-0
 Attendance: 10,000 approx.

GRANT GOAL—AND THRILLING SAVES

ROCHDALE, with five matches with only one point dropped, meant to keep their good record against Barrow. They had McGuigan back in action after his attack of flu, and Dave Pearson came in on the wing in place of Lockhart, who was rested for the first time this season.

ROCHDALE: Jones; Ferguson, McCulloch; Grant, Glover, McGuigan; Pearson, Wainwright, Dailey, Moran, Vizard.

BARROW: Lowery; Laird, Jackson; King, Wilson, Keen; Coole, McIlvenny; Purdon, Birch, Ormond.

Referee: Mr. A. Holland (Barnsley).
 The Pearson-Wainwright wing was soon in action stirring up trouble among the Barrow defenders. Wainwright put a clever pass through for his wingman, but Pearson shot wide as he was harried by Wilson.

Barrow played dainty football and in a ten-minute spell looked really dangerous. Twice Jim McGuigan had to put his best foot forward as a defender.

First McGuigan robbed McIlvenny in the penalty area then steered to safety a centre from Purdon after the South African had beaten Ferguson and Glover.

At last the Rochdale forwards began to settle down. But there was not a lot of punch in their attacks until Colin Vizard volleyed a corner from Pearson. The shot seemed to be in all the way until it hit Laird on the head and cannoned to safety.

The Barrow full-back was "out cold" for two minutes.

Constant Rochdale attacks at last produced a goal. The ball ran loose from a corner, and JACK GRANT smacked it home first time through a crowd of players.

Towards half-time Rochdale got well on top, but there were no more really troublesome shots from them. Their forwards could not get the better of a hard-tackling Barrow defence and it was at the other end that the fireworks almost came.

Hurt in collision

Jones risked his life in going to meet a through pass intended for Coole. The wingman and the goalkeeper collided but Jones came out with the ball. He had to receive attention for an injured face before the game could go on.

On the other wing Ormond and Grant were fighting for possession. Grant thought the ball was going out of play and left it, but Ormond had other ideas and went on towards goal.

His centre found Coole and McIlvenny on the spot, but Glover, joined by McGuigan, saved the situation for the moment. They could not clear the ball, and there was a goalmouth scramble which could well have gone the wrong way for Rochdale.

Birch finally got the ball into the net, but it was no goal for he had gone offside.

Half-time:—
ROCHDALE 1
BARROW 0

It was Barrow who called the tune in the second half, except for a centre from Vizard which Pearson fumbled because of hesitation.

Rochdale had their backs to the ball. But with the defence covering brilliantly, Jones had not a lot to do.

A dangerous situation was created when Ferguson fouled Ormond on the edge of the penalty area but Vizard who had raced back to help his hard-pressed colleagues cleared he free-kick.

Both Purdon and Birch tried shots but were off the target, and in one isolated Rochdale raid Dailey was

brought down outside the penalty area by Wilson.

Barrow quickly switched the attack and Jones made a wonderful save at the feet of McIlvenny who had draced through on his own.

Having survived a storm of Barrow pressure Rochdale got down to some attacking of their own. Dailey set the pace with a shot from 30 yards. The ball just missed the angle of the post and crossbar and sailed harmlessly by.

More Rochdale pressure but Vizard wasted a great chance.

Final:—
ROCHDALE 1
BARROW 1
 PURDON 85 minutes.

At Rochdale 'A' TEAMS HAVE CLOSE BATTLE

OLDHAM "A" took the lead against Hornets "A" at Rochdale after 17 minutes with a penalty goal by JONES. Otherwise it was all Hornets, the visitors' line having a series of remarkable escapes before McNALLY and then SMITH crossed for unimproved tries just before the interval.

It was amazing how the Hornets failed to score before this. The worst miss was when Taylor was over the line, but lost the ball. In a rare Oldham "A" raid Edwards knocked-on when well placed.

Half-time:—
Hornets "A" 0 2-6
Oldham "A" 1 0-2

There was more zest in the play of Oldham "A" after the interval and, following a home penalty goal by RICHARDSON, MOAT burst clear and went in at the posts for a try which JONES improved.

After 15 minutes Jones, from his own half, made the running for an unimproved try by NEEDHAM, which put Oldham two points up. Hornets "A" threw away further chances before SMITH crossed for a try, Richardson failing at goal.

Final:—
Hornets "A" 1 3-11
Oldham "A" 2 2-10

Wolves v City Two own-goals in first half

Less than a minute after the start City were given a gift goal, STUART pushing the ball through his own goal with an attempted back-pass. Wolves were shaken by this reserve and had a fumbling spell before settling down almost to dominate the game.

City, in breakaways, had two chances, but McAdams missed both. EWING levelled the scores when he put through his own goal in the 35th minute, and two minutes later Deeley failed with a penalty for Wolves. Deeley, however, made amends two minutes before the interval when he headed Wolves into the lead. Half-time: Wolves 2, City 1.

DOORMAN and full-time Usherette required. Apply Manager, Odeon Theatre.

CREWE 0
ATHLETIC 2
 Neale for Athletic in 89th minute.
SECOND DIVISION
 Barnsley 2, Huddersfield 3
 Swansea 4, Doncaster 3.
THIRD DIVISION (North)
 Darlington 2, Chester 3.
 Gateshead 3, Chesterfield 0.
 Scunthorpe 1, Accrington 0.
 Workington 1, Hartlepool 0.
 Wrexham 2, Bury 0.
THIRD DIVISION (South)
 Brighton 3, Crystal Palace 2.
 Exeter 1, Reading 1
 Gillingham 1, Shrewsbury 3.
 Millwall 0, Rotherham 2.
 Newport 1, Brentford 2.
 Plymouth 0, Norwich 1.
 Port Vale 2, Colchester 0.
 Southend 2, Watford 1.

Manchester United v Fulham replay Wednesday at Highbury.
UTTOXETER 4 0. Result:
 Red Holly 1, Cornish Approach 2,
 Comus 3. 2/1 fav., 4/1, 7/1.
 9 ran.
SANDOWN 4 10. Result:
 Stagbound (F Winter) 1
 Corner House (J Beasty) 2
 Friarspark (Mr G Kindersley) 3
 11/8 fav., 13/2, 6/1. 10 ran.
NEWCASTLE 4 30. Result:
 Nore Buoy (L McMorrow) 1
 Gourbi (Mr C H Bell) 2
 Dove Cote (M Batchelor) 3
 6/1, 3/1 7/4 fav. 10 ran.
CHEPSTOW 4 30. Result:
 Sleigh Run (Mr T Crew) 1
 Stoney Bridge (Mr W Thomas) 2
 Porte Bonheur (Mr N Parry) 3
 5/1, 7/2, 7/2. 5 ran.
SANDOWN 4 40. Result:
 Airgun (Col C R Spencer) 1
 Snowhill Jim (Lt-Col Weldon) 2
 Waking (Capt A W C Pearn) 3
 6/1, 9/4 fav. 7/1. 17 ran.

Rugby Union: Army 3, R.A.F. 3.
 Royton 16, Wigan St. Patrick's 7.
NEWCASTLE 5 0. Result:
 Hardraw Scar (B Wilkinson) 1,
 Worthy Abbeys (M Batchelor) 2,
 Coronation Penny (J Boddy) 3.
 11/10 fav., 5/2, 8/1. 12 ran
UTTOXETER 4 30. Result:
 Flying Saint 1, Stem Christie 2,
 Tied Cottage II 3. 3/1, 15/8

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