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Hornets go down fighting—two points give Wigan win

FRANCE BEAT WALES 16-6

HORNETS took with them to Swinton an enthusiastic following for the Cup semi-final with Wigan. Although Bill Hanson dropped out of the side which won the first three rounds, there was confidence that deputy Ken Livesey would match the spirit and form of the team.

The pitch was heavy and, with rain before the kick-off, it looked as though it would quickly churn up. Shortly before 3 p.m. the crowd was estimated at 30,000.

HORNETS: Cahill; Buxton, Jones, Short, Corsi, Chisnall, Fishwick; Livesey, Dagnall, Scholes, Parsons, Bailey, Parr.
WIGAN: Cunliffe; Boston, Ashton, Ashcroft, Sullivan; Bolton, Thomas; Barton, Sayer, McTigue, Cherrington, Collier, Evans.
 Referee: Mr. M. Coates (Leeds).

Wigan won the toss but there was little advantage as Hornets were first to go into action. There was an early free kick to Hornets and then Bailey just failed to go through an opening from Livesey's pass.

When Parsons's pass went astray in midfield, Ashton dribbled almost to the line before the ball rolled into touch. At the scrum, Fishwick was penalised and Cunliffe missed narrowly with the goal kick.

Short broke away but made the mistake of not passing to Chisnall as he reached Cunliffe.

Next, Jones went close with a long penalty kick and Chisnall and Fishwick worked a nice move from the scrum.

Wigan gained ground with strong forward work, but Sullivan could not reach the pass that came to him nor could Boston move with Corsi round his ankles.

Obstruction

Obstruction held up a Wigan raid but they kept in Hornets' half, where there was a caution for the hookers and another penalty to Wigan. Cunliffe's kick fell short and then Fishwick, Parr and Cahill ran play to midfield.

Play speeded up with a burst by Evans and runs by Corsi and Chisnall, followed by a down-the-middle break by Parsons and Bailey.

Parsons also stole the ball from an opponent but passed badly just before Jones failed with a penalty kick.

Buxton got a cheer for a touchline run. Wigan's pack tried to force Hornets back but met keen tackling. Boston had moved into the centre and he and Sullivan were checked in a combined move.

Corsi, Cahill and Short chased out of their own half before Evans caused anxiety and Boston was put into touch by Buxton.

Ashton was over the line but was brought back for a forward pass. Then CUNLIFFE kicked a penalty goal after 37 minutes.

SULLIVAN scored a try at the corner after a breakaway by Ashton. Cunliffe failed at goal.

Half-time:
HORNETS 0 0-0
WIGAN 1 1-5

Both teams wore new strips in the second half, and Hornets gained ground when Bolton lost the ball.

Bailey tried to go through the ruck and Chisnall slipped two opponents neatly before falling to a combined tackle.

From a Parsons interception, Corsi made some headway. Chisnall was injured when Ashcroft made a crash tackle. When Parsons and Bailey opened out play, Corsi had not enough room to go through.

Wigan were relying much on their forwards. Cahill made a good pick-up and run to stop a follow-up from Sullivan. Twice in a minute Wigan were spotted offside.

Hornets moved upfield but a lost

ball caused anxiety before Bailey again had to have three men to check an attempted breakaway. Again Wigan were found offside.

Scholes injured

Scholes was left lying injured after a crash run by a Wigan forward, and the movement went past him ending in Ashton being tackled by Cahill almost on the line.

Scholes was helped off and Hornets were left defending despite gallant efforts by Parsons, Livesey and Bailey. Wigan were spotting keenly and Buxton raised hopes with a dash into the Wigan quarter.

Then Fishwick broke away and CORSI dribbled his wide pass over the line and touched down for a try. Jones failed at goal.

Scholes returned in time to help deal with fierce Wigan raids in which the forwards used their full weight. Ashcroft and Sullivan spoiled a fine opening from a lost Hornets pass and Ashton was put into touch on the opposite wing, but again dangerously near the Hornets line.

Final:
HORNETS 0 1-3
WIGAN 1 1-5
 Attendance 28,597. (Receipts £6,328).

United in strange 'goal' incident

An exciting first half saw both Sheffield Wednesday and Manchester United produce splendid football, both goalkeepers making brilliant saves.

After fifteen minutes Quixall shot and the ball finished in the net. The referee, on examining the net, found a hole in it, decided that the ball had passed through it, and gave a goal-kick. Springett saved splendidly from Crowther and Webster. Five minutes before the interval SHINER gave Wednesday the lead.

Attendance: 35,000. Half-time: Sheffield Wednesday 1, Manchester United 0.

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Turner, Darlington's goalkeeper, dives but fails to stop Spurdle's shot, which gave Athletic their first goal. (See Back Page.)

WORKINGTON WINNERS WITH 1st-HALF TRIES

BIDDING for the final place they held at Wembley in 1952, Featherstone were without their scrum-half, Don Fox, for the Challenge Cup semi-final at Bradford today. The Cumbrian side made a late decision to play Andy Key on the blind side of the front row, in place of Ted Stamper.

WORKINGTON: McAvoy; Southward, O'Neill, Leatherbarrow, Wookey; Archer, Roper; Herbert, Eden, Key, Edgar, Thompson, Bee.

FEATHERSTONE R: Fennell; Smith, Pennant, Evans, Woolford; Mullaney, Marchant; Welburn, Moiser, Fearnley, Jones, Lambert, Street.
 Referee: Mr. C. H. Appleton (Warrington).

Workington opened the scoring in the 11th minute of the game after narrowly missing a try just a minute before. Wookey made a great run for the Cumbrians from his own half but was dragged into touch on the Featherstone "25." Scrum possession went to Workington and Roper broke through the cover and passed to a well-positioned Wookey. The pass was forward.

Workington stayed in the Featherstone half and scored from what appeared to be another forward pass. Edgar made a great midfield break and the ball moved out to the left flank. The doubtful pass went from O'Neill to Leatherbarrow, but the whistle did not go and the ball went on for WOOKEY to score.

Featherstone stormed into their own attack and minutes later just missed scoring. From a 20-yard scrum Marchant swung out a pass to full-back Fennell, but the cover moved in and he was held a yard short of the Workington line. When Welburn lost the ball the danger was ended.

In the 25th minute Workington scored a brilliant try that started well inside their own half. The try-maker was McAvoy, who passed man after man to make almost 50 yards. When he exchanged with WOOKEY, the winger had a comfortable run to the line. SOUTHWARD added the goal.

Showing superior football skill, writes W.D., Workington were providing all the entertainment with their continuous attacking. Featherstone got a five-minute chance to shine when they held the ball with the help of two penalties, but ideas were lacking.

Mullaney tried to open up the attack in the 35th minute and his side moved into the Workington half. Workington's defence was holding well but they infringed at a play-the-ball for FENNELL to open Featherstone's score with a goal.

Two minutes later Fennell had

another great chance to kick a goal when Roper was penalised for feeding the scrum. But from a very much easier position he kicked the ball wide.

Half-time:
FEATHERSTONE 1 0-2
WORKINGTON 1 2-8

Three minutes after the restart, Workington winger Ike Southward opened up a great scoring chance, but then made a mess of it. He snapped up an interception well inside his own half, and when faced with Featherstone full-back Fennell, kicked ahead.

A try seemed certain, but when Southward kicked at the loose ball again, 20 yards from the line, he kicked too hard and the ball ran dead before he could get to it.

Featherstone had a chance to narrow the lead several minutes later when they forced their way into the Workington quarter and were awarded a penalty. But from 20 yards, Fennell put the ball wide with his goal attempt. Heavy rain was falling and the forwards of both sides were beginning to take command of the game.

First the crowd were treated to a long spell of forward rushes by Featherstone, and then they got the chance to see the Workington pack who were just as efficient in producing the dull brand of play.

Then, in the 70th minute, the ball suddenly flew out from a midfield rush and Evans and Woolford combined to take Featherstone within 20 yards of the Workington line. They didn't get a try, but for the first time in almost 20 minutes they gave the crowd something to cheer about.

Final:—
WORKINGTON 1 2-8
FEATHERSTONE ... 1 0-2
 Attendance: 30,000 (estimated).

Hat-trick by Smith

Tottenham struck top form at once against Aston Villa today and SMITH, their dashing centre-forward, did the hat-trick with two headed goals and a third shot in the 13th, 18th and 21st minutes.

GRAND NATIONAL RESULT

1, Mr. What: 2, Tiberetta: 3, Green Drill
 (For a full report, see Page Nine)

Standard Cup sel.
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SATURDAY MAGAZINE

INCLUDING TWO LINCOLNSHIRE 'FAILURES'

Ten horses which may prove worth following up

LISTS of "horses to follow" for the flat-racing season are now appearing. These vary from six to twenty or more names, depending on the individual writer. A tedious list of, say, twenty horses often proves too much for the backers, following such lists, they often miss horses which are included in a big batch.

Ten horses make a handy list, writes The Ringer, and, though it is early to venture on this experiment, I believe there is every reason to follow Lady Cobbler, Fast and Friendly, both clever two-year-olds, and a few others I name later.

Lady Cobbler and Fast and Friendly are both trained by "Staff" Ingham, who has a promising batch of youngsters at his Headley stables.

Lady Cobbler has shown early speed in her training spins, and this is not surprising, for she is a daughter of that brilliant sprinter, The Cobbler.

Fast and Friendly, a grey son of Dentarius, is another youngster who has shown promise at home, and it will be surprising if the colt does not win a race or two.

To these I add a couple of Lincolnshire Handicap "failures"—North Light (5th) and Langton Heath (9th). The other six are: Pardonez-Moi, Artaban, Spice, Shake Up, Clarendon Boy and Sandiacre.

Kempton Park, Stockton and Warwick.

There will be jumping meetings at Sandown Park (Tuesday), Cheltenham (Wednesday), Cheltenham and Southwell (Thursday). Among the six National Hunt meetings next Saturday is the Manchester Easter meeting, which continues on the following Monday.

SPORTS TEASERS

BY THE STUDENT

GRAND NATIONAL day, so what could be better than a National quiz. Score two points for numbers one and two, and one for number three. A score of four is good going.

TEASER NUMBER ONE

Which rider of a national winner was pulled back into the saddle during the race by another jockey, just as he was falling off the horse?

TEASER NUMBER TWO

Which National winner was bred in California and at one time pulled an hotel bus in Towcester?

TEASER NUMBER THREE

How did Becher's Brook get its name and which is the biggest obstacle in the race?

Answers on Page 3

YORKS. FISH HATCHERY SUPPLIES THE WORLD

HAVE you ever seen 16,000 trout at once? Members of the United Anglers did when they visited Welham Park fish hatchery last Sunday. The fish were very small (about 2in.) and were a writhing, griggly mass of 28-day-old fry in the hatchery house.

In batches of 4,000 placed in containers of 2ft. by 1ft., they spend the earlier part of their lives in constant flowing water at an even temperature.

Mr. Tathan, a principal of the hatchery, stated that the stream that fed the farm was one of the finest in the North, flowing out of the limestone Yorkshire Wolds about a quarter of a mile from the hatchery.

Because of its short flow after coming from underground, the temperature of the water does not vary more than a couple of degrees from winter to summer, and this is of supreme importance to a fish breeder, as young trout cannot stand changes of temperature.

AFTER leaving the hatchery house, the fry are placed in breeding ponds, and around the farm were many ponds, each holding different-sized fish—all with the same principle of constantly-flowing water.

Some of the bigger trout were quite tame, approaching Mr. Tathan as he walked along the bank like a flock of hens. When food in the form of minced beef and liver, was thrown into the pond the water simply boiled and fish could be seen coming along the surface from the furthest corners, eager to reach the meal.

During the feeding a scoop of a large net resulted in a capture of 70-100 trout—fishing the easy way was the view of the visitors.

During the season, Welham Park disposes of fry and ova to many parts of the world. Eire, that land of prolific fishing, is a surprisingly big customer, while some trout now to be found near the base of Mount Killimanjaro, in Kenya, were brought up in this quiet backwater of Yorkshire.

ANGLING NOTES

by KB

THE winter trips previously organised for pike-fishing in Lincoln have now turned their attention to trout fishing. The first visited Semmerwater, but the lake was frozen and the river shallow, and only one trout was caught—by the secretary, Mr. N. Whitworth.

Tomorrow, in the hope of better sport the club again visit Semmerwater. For details get in touch with Mr. N. Whitworth, 3 Stottfield, Royton.

OUR thanks are due to Water-head Angling Club and the Libraries Committee for the fine fish show held in the lecture hall of the Central Library, Southgate Street, last Tuesday. It was a pity more people could not attend, for the films presented a varied view of fishing: blue marlin and sharks in New Zealand; 14lb. rainbow trout in the same country; pike, salmon and trout in Canada; and the NFA championship at Kirkstead (Lincolnshire) in 1956.

If the films were varied, certainly the methods of landing the captures varied. The Canadian salmon were landed by an outside in landing-nets. That fine American fisherman, Ted Trueblood, landed his pike by lifting them out by hand with his thumb and forefinger in the eye sockets.

The New Zealand method topped the lot, the beaten fish was brought into the shore and, to use the words of a close spectator at the show, was then "punctured out."

MEMBERS of the Welcome Anglers' Club are advised that the meeting previously arranged for April 4 has been postponed and will now be held on April 11.

The next adjourned licensing session for the Oldham County area, covering Royton and Chadderton, will take place at Royton Magistrates' Court on April 16.

OLYMPIC GAMES GOLF?

GOLF as part of the Olympic Games? The new world-wide amateur team championship, announced by the Royal and Ancient Golf Club, may provide the answer, said USGA secretary Joey Dey during his visit to confer with British officials at St. Andrews.

This important amateur counterpart of the Canada Cup tournament, which is mainly for professionals, will be decided at St. Andrews in October. Four-men teams from some 42 countries are to play over 72 holes by strokes, with the aggregate of the three best players of each counting.

Care has been taken to keep this biennial event clear of the Walker Cup, which is held in the odd years. But it is probable that in time it will lead to a lack of interest in the older event.

Many people feel the Walker Cup scales are so heavily weighted on the side of USA "full-time" amateur golfers that the series should be extended to include other golfing countries—on the lines of the Davis Cup in lawn tennis. The new tournament will satisfy them.

And the fact that the scoring members of each side are limited to three will give hope to smaller countries.

19th-HOLE TOPICS

ANNIVERSARY of more than ordinary importance for golfers was the diamond jubilee of the Oxford and Cambridge Golfing Society last week. It was formed on the lines of the Harlequins with the main object of playing team matches against other societies and golf clubs, but it very quickly became a big force in national and international golf.

Among its members during the past 60 years have been seven winners of the Amateur Championship, many winners of other national titles and internationals with nearly 300 appearances to their credit.

Apart from these activities the Society has made many contributions to the literary, legislative and other sides of the game.

THE master of the mashie celebrated his 87th birthday last week. John Henry Taylor, five times Open champion, was born on March 19, 1871, in Northam, North Devon, where he now lives in retirement.

In many ways he was one of the most remarkable golfers of his time. He began to play as a lad in between spells of caddying on the Royal

North Devon Links at Westward Ho. Last year he was president of that famous and aristocratic club—where as a schoolboy caddie he earned 6d. a round.

Apart from his distinguished playing career, he helped to start the Artisan Golfers' Association, the Professional Golfers' Association and the public course movement. He also founded a successful business as clubmaker and golf course designer.

J. H., remembered with affection and respect by the whole world of golf, was a wizard with the mashie—a club now known unromantically as a No. 5 iron. He could play all types of stroke with it. Any rival, seeing that club in Taylor's hands, that determined jutting chin, and that cap pulled well down over the keen experienced eyes, knew what to expect.

WOMEN golfers are usually keen students of the rules; it was therefore surprising to find several examples of ignorance during last week's foursomes at Sunningdale.

One couple received two strokes penalty after they had picked out from an unplayable lie because they played out of turn.

They did not know, apparently, that penalty strokes do not affect the order of play and that, irrespective of how many penalties are incurred, no player in a foursome is allowed to strike the ball twice in succession.

There is a great deal of haziness and misunderstanding among golfers about the rules because there are so many of them and they are not easy to memorise. We really need a short, sharp code to help golfers outside the front rank of tournament players.

South African picks up British TV

Mr. Basil Unwin, a Kroonstad (S. Africa) radio ham, claims to be the first man in the Orange Free State to have television and to receive regular reception at his home from the BBC in London.

For the last two or three years he has been picking up television frequencies very strongly. He has a set with a 21in. screen. On February 21 he received the first recognisable pictures. He said that he gets good reception after 2 p.m.

Eight national champions, including two from East Germany, one from West Germany and one from Holland, will challenge leading British riders at an international cycle meeting at Coventry on Easter Monday.

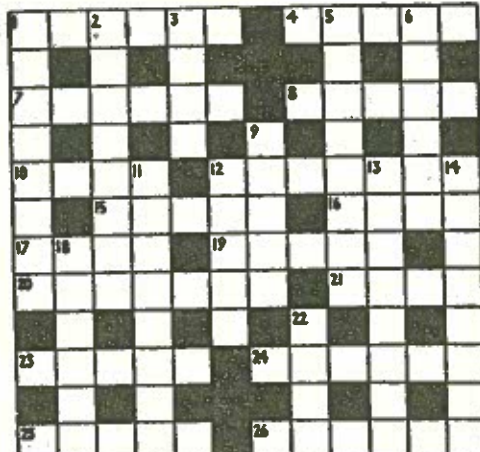
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ACROSS

- 1 Drum for the twins! (6).
- 4 Flower usually held! (5).
- 7 Flag (6).
- 8 How many up? Only twenty (5).
- 10 He lived on Mount Olympus but went back to Suez! (4).
- 12 Age (7).
- 15 Dirty money? (5).
- 16 Acoustomed (4).
- 17 Harvest (4).
- 19 Lifeless (8).
- 20 Go one better (7).
- 21 No water, please (4).
- 23 It may often be put on a clothes horse, at any rate! (5).
- 24 O a a i j heavenly! (8).
- 25 Silly creatures who stick their necks out (6).
- 26 Trembles in braces? (6).

DOWN

- 1 Eyebrow pluckers (8).
- 2 Like the Village Blacksmith? (8).
- 3 No ordinary hinge, this! (4).
- 6 Not exactly talkative (6).



- 8 Dog ate dog? No; parson! (6).
- 9 Future pointers (5).
- 11 Takes the strain (5).
- 12 What nationality has H on its flag? (5).
- 13 Star attraction for the reader (3).
- 14 She may work on paper (3).
- 15 Old card game (6).
- 22 Having plenty (4).

YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION.—Across: 3. Trapdoor. 8. Portia. 9. Proposal. 11. Dressers. 12. Stay. 13. Beret. 15. Ruler. 19. Ides. 22. Verderer. 24. Pharisee. 25. Dreads. 26. Extremes. Down: 1. Spuds. 2. Trees. 3. Tipster. 4. Race. 5. Pips. 6. Onsets. 7. Re-lays. 10. Oriel. 14. Ruses. 15. Tenders. 16. Simple. 17. Re-past. 20. Broad. 21. Brass. 22. Vice. 23. Red-e.

LISTEN to win

SOMETIMES invaluable information may be obtained simply by listening intelligently, the operative word being intelligently. Both sides were vulnerable when West dealt.



by Ewart Kempson

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

West North East South
1 No No 2
3 3 No 4

suits, therefore exactly three cards in the major suits.

If West has two hearts (knave and another) and only one spade, South won't be popular with his partner if he fineses the 10 of hearts on the second round of trumps.

At Trick 2 South should lead the king of spades, then the four of spades. As soon as West follows suit to both, he is marked with only one heart and a second round finesse is the obvious play.

If West fails to play a second spade, he is marked with two hearts, therefore no heart finesse is necessary. West will trump the second spade, but the ace of spades is still in dummy and will provide the declarer with a club discard in his own sweet time.

With the king of his partner's suit as well as an ace, North was right to raise South's strong bid and South was equally right to continue to game.

West led the king of diamonds and the declarer could see one losing diamond and two losing clubs. He took the first trick and quickly led out the king and ace of trumps. With the trump suit dividing four and one, the declarer lost four tricks to finish one down.

Listening intelligently to the bidding would have given South the clue to the correct play.

It is fair to assume that West has two five-card

OLDHAM BOYS' THREE VICTORIES

Oldham Junior Town Team 4
Prestwich and Whitefield 1

AFTER playing two matches away from home, and winning them both, the Oldham Junior Town Team was determined to make it a hat-trick of victories when it appeared before its own supporters for the first time in a return match against Prestwich and Whitefield at the Broadbent Road Playing Field last Wednesday evening.

The boys didn't disappoint, for they ran out very worthy winners by 4-1 and but for the heavy state made it an even heavier defeat for the bigger Prestwich and Whitefield side.

The way to victory was paved by the solid and determined Oldham half-back line which broke up any attacks that threatened and set in motion a sweetly moving Oldham forward line.

Ibbotson, playing a real captain's part at right-half, was the chief architect of victory and his performance could not be faulted; calm and sure in defence and enterprising in attack he made the visitors' task look an impossible one.

Clever forward line

The Oldham forward line was quick and clever and none more so than Hunter, who paved the way for the first goal from Abbott when he beat three men on the goal-line and made the centre-forward's task an easy one.

Ibbotson paved the way for goal No. 2 when he moved out to the right wing and put over a perfect centre which Henthorn, with brilliant anticipation, ran on to and nodded into the net. Half-time: Oldham 2, Prestwich and Whitefield 0.

The second half began as the first half had ended, with Oldham on the attack but, rather surprisingly, the opposition was the first to score.

A momentary lapse in the Oldham defence and a fortunate rebound left Beardsall in possession, and he gave Davidson no chance with a splendid shot.

The Oldham boys decided that the visitors were getting a little too close, and, with the prompting of Ibbotson and the skill of Butterworth and Gallagher on the wings, Hunter got a well-deserved goal after coming close a number of times.

Visitors penned in

The visitors were confined to their own territory for the greater part of this half. Oldham managed to score again when, after good work by Abbott, Henthorn got his second and Oldham's fourth.

There was no further score, and the final whistle brought to an end a really enjoyable and entertaining game played under conditions that were far from ideal.

After three games played in rain, mud and biting wind, it is hoped that these Oldham boys might be allowed to show us what they are really capable of on a dry day, dry ground and no wind—should such an impossible combination occur.

Oldham:—Davidson (Freehold); Earl (Alexandra), Wells (Freehold); Ibbotson, captain (Hathershaw); Herson (Alexandra), Twelves (Limeside); Butterworth (Alexandra), Hunter (Waterhead), Abbott (All Saints), Henthorn (Derker), Gallagher (Freehold).
T.M.J.

Junior schools

Champions of first four divisions

ALTHOUGH all fixtures are not yet completed, the champions of the first four divisions are now known.

In Division 1, **ALEXANDRA**, already assured of the championship, gave their worst display of the season and lost to Limeside by the only goal scored. They had previously shown their strength by defeating Hathershaw by 4-1.

Limehurst beat Werneth by 4-1, and on the frozen ground the play was remarkably good. By this win Limehurst climbed above near neighbours Limeside on goal average, leaving Werneth, the strong men of the division, at the bottom.

In Division 2, **ROUNDTORN** are the champions, but the runners-up can be any one of Derker, Clarksfield or Northmoor.

In Division 3, **ALL SAINTS'** have played three games in seven days to take the championship once again by winning all three. They accounted for Waterhead by 7-1, Westwood by 4-2 and Coldhurst by 4-1.

The runners-up should be either Moorside or Westwood, who are level on points, but Westwood have a match in hand and Westwood triumphed over Moorside by 2-1 in the match on Thursday.

In Division 4, **BIRCH HOUSE** are the new champions with a margin of three points over nearest rivals Higginshaw, who have a match still to play.

Worthy runners-up

Higginshaw beat Greenacres, last year's champions, by 4-2 in a hard-fought match played under difficult conditions and become worthy runners-up. Greenacres defeated St. Mark's by the same score, 4-2, and occupy the number three position.

In Division 5, the championship is still in doubt and seems to rest between Hathershaw II and St. Stephen's, who are level on points. Hathershaw have still two games to play and St. Stephen's one. Both have to play Bardsley, who are going to have to play Bardsley, who are going to have a big say in the destination of this year's championship.
T.M.J.

'Sugar' Ray not in hurry to fight

Mr. Harry Markson, managing director of the International Boxing Club, said last night that world middleweight champion "Sugar" Ray Robinson "does not know yet if he wants to fight again."

Mr. Markson added: "We haven't talked with Ray about a return with Carmen Basilio or about any other bout. He was exhausted after beating Basilio in Chicago and didn't want to talk of another fight then."

Robinson, who earned 225,000 dollars (about £80,300) from the Chicago fight, will receive half now and the rest over a four-year period, under a contract with the IBC.

THIRD QUARTER PUT PAID TO OLDHAM LACROSSE HOPES

ROCHDALE beat Oldham for the third successive time last Saturday on Rochdale Cricket Club ground, with a final score of 15-8. But only in the third quarter did they establish their winning lead.

The game started at a fast pace and Oldham soon showed that they intended breaking their losing run against their nearest rivals by a run through which ended in a goal. But Rochdale soon hit back and made the scores even and then went in front to 2-1.

Morton, Oldham's first home, took a badly-directed pass beautifully and from his knees shot a superb goal. Before half-time, Scragg, who has recently shown a big improvement, joined in the scoring with a hard shot and a delightfully-taken pass and turn, to put in his second.

The attack was combining reasonably well on the hard, fast surface, to which they are best suited, and at times produced touches of brilliant finishing. But the defenders

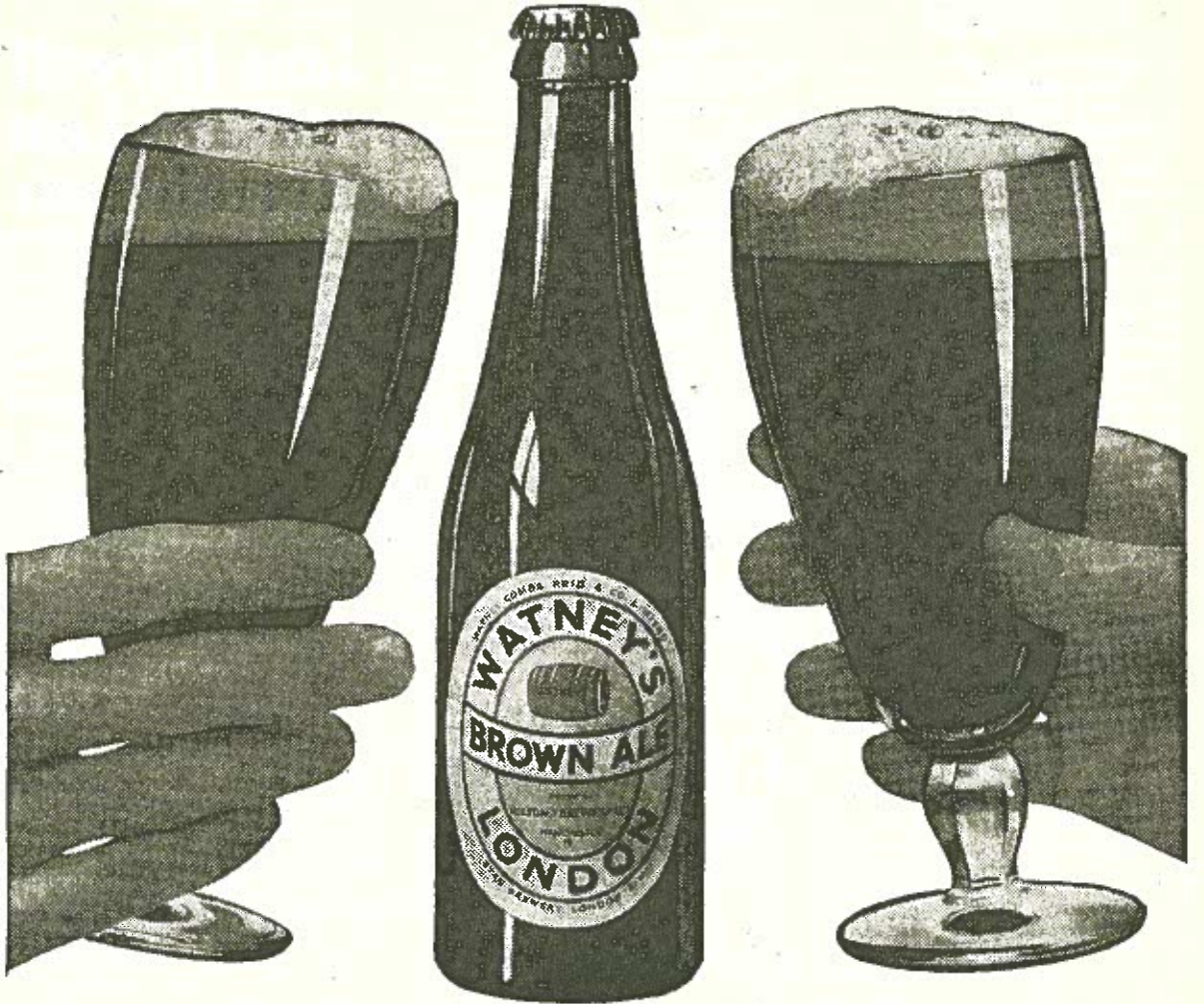
had already let in two goals from errors and were showing the trend which led to their defeat.

The third quarter opened with the so-cers six all—and Oldham soon went into a 7-6 lead. But then the defence completely failed and almost every attack by Rochdale produced a goal. Chaos reigned for the whole of this period and the attack was never supplied with the ball to relieve the pressure and allow time for re-adjustment. The final quarter was a formality in which Rochdale shot two and Oldham scored one.

Scragg (4), Schofield (2), Morton and Williamson scored Oldham's goals, with Mike Simms, a 15-year-old county schoolboy player, putting in some experienced-looking work at wing attack.

Curran (5), and Thewlis (3) were Rochdale's outstanding players, with H. Smith (2), Don Stevenson (2), Fitton, Wilson and David Stevenson making up the total.

CHEERS!

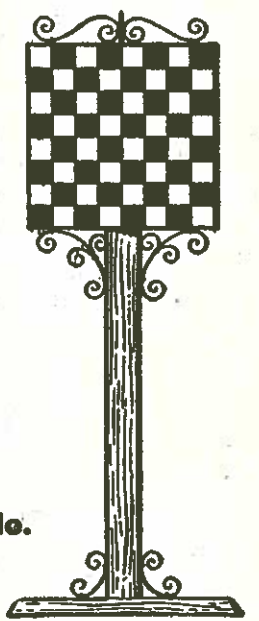


WATNEYS BROWN ALE is here- at WILSONS HOUSES

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CATHERINE BOYLE—seen here with her pet Peke—is reputed to be one of the most photogenic women in the world. She appears in "The Truth About Women," as the headstrong young wife intent upon creating an equality with her husband.

Catherine Boyle was born in Florence. She made a name for herself on the panel game "I've Got a Secret," and later took part in sketches in the Alfred Marks Show.

Soon afterwards she played a season in the Goon Show, interspersed with parts in such plays as "Dear Brutus," "The Woman in the Dressing Gown," and "Ladies in Ermine."

She made her film debut in 1956 in "Wanted On Voyage," with Ronald Shiner.

Sydney Box's Eastmancolor production of "The Truth About Women" stars Laurence Harvey, Julie Harris, Diane Cilento, Mai Zetterling and Eva Gabor, with Michael Denison, Derek Farr, Jackie Lane, Elina Labourdette, Catherine Boyle, Lisa Gastoni and Thorley Walters.

A CITIZEN of Stockton, California, visiting the ranch location set of William Wyler's production of "The Big Country," which Gregory Peck is producing for United Artists release, remarked to Charlton Heston about the star's versatility.

"From Moses in 'The Ten Commandments' to a two-gun western villain, that's a big step," said the citizen.

Heston thanked the visitor for the compliment and then added chuckling:—

"I guess one of my few claims to fame, I can do better Shakespeare than Gary Cooper and I can play a better cowboy than Sir Laurence Olivier."

THE American film and television actor, Howard McNear, has been signed to play James Stewart's publishing firm partner in Columbia's "Bell, Book and Candle," the James Stewart-Kim Novak film in Technicolor.

McNear was seen recently in "Fuzzy Pink Nightgown" and "Bundle of Joy." He is a regular on several nationally-televised programmes including the Burns and Allen Show.



WHAT'S the good of a love song . . . without a pretty girl? Frank Sinatra convinces Kim Novak that it takes two to tango where he comes from. Frankie and Kim co-star with Rita Hayworth in "Pal Joey." Torn between two women—a blonde and a redhead—Frankie has quite a problem in this amusing, tuneful adaptation of the famous Rodgers and Hart stage musical.

'South Pacific' in Todd-AO makes the grade

THE Rank Organisation, having spent thousands of pounds in rigging up a London cinema and a Manchester cinema (the Gaumont) for the first showing of Todd-AO in Britain, are putting great faith in the new medium of screening. "It will revolutionise filmgoing," says Mr. George Baker, manager of the Gaumont. "It takes films out of harness and makes a spectacle of them. It brings back to the cinema that atmosphere of having a night out, and it is another advance away from the limitations of the TV screen."

The British film industry is learning all about Todd-AO and its technical advancements—wider screen, six projectors, high definition of picture. But nobody here has seen the first Todd-AO film—"South Pacific."

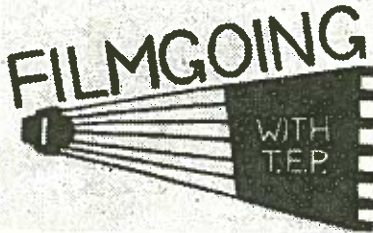
Well, after this week film folk are heaving a great sigh of relief. This giant of a film has been shown in New York and has won wide acclaim. It is, apparently, a winner.

The world premiere of "South Pacific" took place at the Criterion Theatre, New York, on Wednesday night. Rossano Brazzi, Mitzi Gaynor, John Kerr, Juanita Hall, France Nuyen, from the cast were there.

The film, distributed by 20th Century-Fox, was given an excellent reception by the Press of which these are typical reviews:

New York Herald Tribune: "A motion-picture masterpiece."

New York Times: "An enchanted evening, and a tremendously big



luxurious film, glowing with scenic detail, bursting with a grand romantic story, brimming with stereophonic songs."

Daily News: (Four stars, highest rating) "Brilliant, beautiful and promises to entertain untold millions throughout the world. Rossano Brazzi was splendid and Mitzi Gaynor talents star spangled. John Kerr is a new-born star. Juanita Hall is delightfully funny. Ray Walston great."

New York Daily Mirror: "Happy, happy film brightly packaged. The fun is warm. Should enjoy a long run."

New York World Telegram and Sun: "This titan is the big musical hit of the year." Journal American: "One of the most extravagant screen spectacles, abundant with beguiling beauty, heightened through clarity of Todd-AO, fills every inch of the huge panoramic screen with constant swirl of colour and movement."

It can be seen in Manchester and London next month—in Todd-AO—and nowhere else.

Jane Darwell and 'The Last Hurrah' men

JANE DARWELL, the endearing old-timer, who scored one of her greatest successes with John Ford in "The Grapes of Wrath," and has been associated with him in such other hit pictures as "My Darling Clementine," "Three Godfathers," and "Wagonmaster," will join him again in his Columbia production, "The Last Hurrah."

Miss Darwell, recently active in US television, will play the plum character role of Delia Boylan, the garrulous old crone who provides most of the commentary in the hilarious sequence of Knocko Minihan's wake.

Miss Darwell and Ruth Warren, as Mayor Frank Skeffington's (Spencer Tracy's) housekeeper, are virtually the only feminine character names in a cast which is otherwise composed of many of the top male character actors of Hollywood among them Pat O'Brien, Donald Crisp, Basil Rathbone, Frank McHugh, Ricardo Cortez, John Carradine, Wallace Ford, Basil Ruysdael, James Gleason, Ed Brophy, Edmund Lowe, Frank Albertson, Carleton Young and Julius Tannon.

MORINA ZOLTAH, "Miss Ceylon" in the 1955 Miss Universe contest has been signed for the feminine lead in Columbia's action drama, "Chisera."

'Stage Struck'—RKO Radio's showpiece

RKO RADIO, the Hollywood film-makers who took Diana Dors to Hollywood, have a film ready for showing which is labelled as one of their most ambitious projects in recent years. It stars, among others, that velvet-voiced little charmer from British films, Joan Greenwood. The film is "Stage Struck." It has Henry Fonda, Susan Strasberg and Herbert Marshall in Technicolor and it is about life on the stage.

Also being prepared for British screening is the latest Gina Lollobrigida film, "Anna of Brooklyn," a romantic comedy centring around the adventures of a young and very merry widow.

Filmed in Italy, in Technicolor and Technirama, the picture also stars Vittorio de Sica, Dale Robertson and Amedeo Nazzari.

Diana Dors's first all-comedy picture, "I Married a Woman," was made in Hollywood. Co-stars are Adolphe Menjou and Jessie Royce Landis, and John Wayne makes a guest appearance in Technicolor sequences. It is filmed in RKO-Scope.

Nearing completion are three productions, headed by "The Naked and the Dead," Norman Mailer's war story.

Science-fiction

The CinemaScope - WarnerColor film stars Aldo Ray, Cliff Robertson, Raymond Massey, Barbara Nichols, Lili St. Cyr, and newcomer Joey Bishop, and is being produced by Paul Gregory and directed by Raoul Walsh.

The other two are "From the Earth to the Moon," a colour and wide-screen version of Jules Verne's science-fiction novel, starring Joseph Cotton, George Sanders, Debra Paget and Don Dubbins; and "Enchanted Island," a colour and wide-screen adaptation of Herman Meville's celebrated adventure, "Typee" starring Dana Andrews, Jane Powell.

Three RKO films are already

'ROONEY' BRINGS OUT PINEWOOD'S IRISH COLONY



EVERY so often the Irish in us at Pinewood Studios comes out and we are treated to a little sentimental comedy freely sprinkled with blarney.

The team responsible for "Jacqueline," that wistful tale of a Dublin child who worshipped her Dad, has come up with another—"Rooney"—which not only ropes in the studio's Irish colony, but brings in Barry Fitzgerald from Hollywood.

Here is a scene showing Muriel Pavlow deglamourised for her part.

"You'll soon be the only spinster left in the family," says Tom (Godfrey Quigley) to Maire (Muriel Pavlow). Doreen (June Thorburn) looks on smugly.

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

John Gregson, as Rooney, stars with Muriel Pavlow and Barry Fitzgerald.

LANA TURNER REACHES THE CROSSROADS

THE film, "Peyton Place," based on Grace Metalious's best-seller, marks a turning-point in the career of Lana Turner. She plays her first mother role a woman with a past who runs a dress shop in a small New England town.

At first Lana had two minds about playing the mother of a girl of 17. But when she was reminded of how Joan Crawford, with the same producer, came through "Mildred Pierce," which won her an Academy Award, Lana hesitated no longer.

After carefully studying her script, Lana put her foot down at suggestions that the character she portrays was ageing. "She is not supposed to be prim or dowdy. She's supposed to be the most attractive woman in the town—just inhibited and frustrated—a woman who, remembering her unfortunate past, holds herself back until one man opens the gates, and then look out!"

Anyhow, Lana played the role so well that she was in the running for an Academy Award as the best actress of the year for her performance in the film. She was one of five nominated for the coveted Oscar.

"Peyton Place" takes the lid off the town's community, revealing their human frailties in stark reality.

It has won nine nominations for Academy Awards.

ROBERT MITCHUM in addition to starring in his own independent production, "Thunder Road," wrote the music for the two songs that are featured in the film.

Mitchum's last effort at song-writing was four of five years ago when he wrote a song called "Hey, Mr. Cotton Picker." The then little-known Tennessee Ernie recorded it.

CHARLTON HESTON, who has worn the regal garb of a prince of ancient Egypt before the cameras, plays one of his most dramatic scenes in William Wyler and Gregory Peck's production of "The Big Country" attired in old-fashioned long pants.

"It's quite a problem playing seriously against this underwear," declares Heston. "You know how the sight of drawers on anyone always brings laughs."

VICTOR SKUTEZKY, a British producer, is preparing "Alive and Kicking," a comedy.

He expects the picture to go into production at the end of May under the direction of Cyril Frankel, who also directed Skutezky's "It's Great To Be Young."

"Alive and Kicking" is a comedy about three old ladies—Dame Sybil Thorndyke, Estelle Winwood and Kathleen Harrison.



Lana Turner



MRS. VINCENT (Barbara Mullen) tries to comfort Lovejoy Mason (June Archer) when the little girl hears that once again her mother will not be coming to see her. Mrs. Vincent does not tell the child that Bertha Mason has departed to Canada without leaving any address.

"Innocent Sinners" is a Rank Organisation film based on the novel "Episode of Sparrows," by Rumer Godden. Starring are Flora Robson, David Kossof, with Catherine Lacey, Barbara Mullen, Susan Beaumont and Edward Chapman.

They laughed at Golden Miller, but he became wonder

HOW deeply can a horse think? Has it any real reasoning power as we humans understand it? People who spend their lives with horses will tell you that instinct plays a large part in their make-up. But some are remarkably intelligent.

One of the most intelligent I've ever known was Golden Miller. Had he not been so intelligent I'm sure he would have joined the small band of Grand National heroes who won the race twice.

Golden Miller was a lovable horse of great personality and a "character." It was this as much as his unparalleled achievements on the racecourse that made him such a terrific drawing card wherever he raced.

And yet at one time it was thought he would never become a racehorse at all.

During the 1914-18 war a British officer called at the farm of Laurence Gerahy in County Meath, leading a thoroughbred mare, Miller's Pride, and asked Gerahy

By
CAPTAIN COE

impossible. He is the only horse to win both the Gold Cup and National, and he did it in the space of 15 days.

The following year the double was attempted again, but it did not come off, in my opinion, because The Miller was too intelligent, and because of a terrific struggle he had in the 1935 Gold Cup.

Undoubtedly this Gold Cup was Golden Miller's greatest race. It was packed with an excitement that had the crowd on their feet from the start, and as an exhibition of magnificent jumping and splendid gameness it has never been surpassed.

Golden Miller, once unwanted and laughed at, was now the Glamour Boy of the Turf. Everybody wanted to see him. Before this particular Gold Cup, hundreds of people, impatient at the turnstiles, broke through the hedge, with policemen collecting their admission money.

To get a glimpse of The Miller in the parade ring the crowd flocked to take up positions before the previous race. Late comers had no

Started odds-on

Odds of 2-1 were laid on the champion to beat his four opponents. He was serene and unperturbed, as always.

Those who saw the race will never forget its sustained excitement. Southern Hero, one of the finest park chasers, set a cracking pace, and it brought the best out of them all.

The Miller seemed to sense that here was a real challenge to his pre-eminence. He never took a chance, yet never jumped "big." He was neat, clean and quick at each obstacle, and between the fences his long powerful stride kept him with the leaders.

The speed began to tell on Southern Hero, and after three miles The Miller and Thomond II stole a small advantage, with Thomond II hanging on grimly.

At the last fence Thomond II was barely a length behind the favourite, and there was a terrific struggle in the severe run-in, which is uphill.

The smaller built but lion-hearted Thomond II drew closer, and The Miller, under pressure, passed the post only three-quarters of a length in front. The time returned was a record.

The tornado of cheering was as much for Thomond II as his conqueror.

"The greatest race I have ever ridden in," said Gerry Wilson. "When I let Golden Miller go to the front, I thought: 'One of us has got to crack first.' We went a great gallop the whole distance. It's wonderful to beat another good 'un the way I did."

Unseated jockey

A fortnight later Golden Miller was sent to Aintree in quest of his second Grand National. But quite early in the proceedings he negotiated a jump in such a way as to unseat his jockey without in any way incommoding himself. The "over the top method" is, I believe, the popular description.

GOLDEN MILLER, I SHOULD ADD, NEVER ACTUALLY FELL THROUGHOUT HIS WHOLE CAREER.

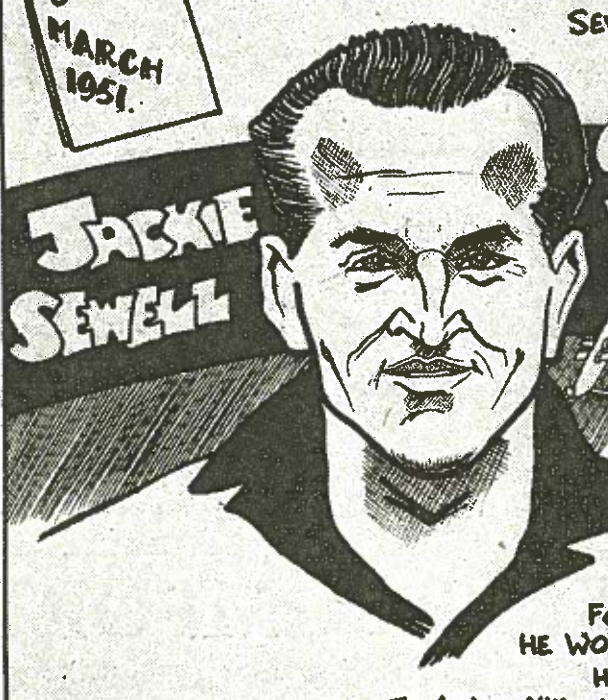
I've no doubt he reasoned with himself something along these lines: "Here, what's this? I've done this terrific job once. Surely they haven't forgotten it's only a few days since that chap Thomond II gave me one hell of a race? Game fellow, that Thomond. Why should I do it again? I know I'm Golden Miller, but... Well, after all there are limits, even for a chap like me."

The following day, on the Saturday, The Miller was saddled for the Champion Chase on the same course—and again got rid of his jockey.

A new trainer was tried and other jockeys. Golden Miller did not win another National, though he started

FACTS AND FIGURES

MARCH 1951



SEVEN YEARS AGO THIS HEAD-LINE MADE SOCCER HISTORY.

SEWELL GOES TO THE WEDNESDAY FOR £34,500

THIS WAS A RECORD FOOTBALL TRANSFER FEE UNTIL RECENTLY. (£35,000 was the fee paid by Spurs to Swansea for Cliff Jones)

SEWELL OBVIOUSLY BENEFITED BY LEAVING NOTTS COUNTY FOR WHILST WITH SHEFF WEDNESDAY HE WON SIX ENGLAND CAPS. HE WAS SUBSEQUENTLY TRANSFERRED TO ASTON VILLA WITH WHOM HE WON A CUP MEDAL (1957).

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RANDOLPH TURPIN'S 64 DAYS OF GLORY

THREE minutes—180 seconds. Less time than it takes to read this page, yet long enough for at least a score of knock-out chances to come and go in a fight. Three minutes once seemed a lifetime to me as I sat at the ringside of the Earls Court Exhibition Hall on the warm night of July 10, 1951.

Randolph Turpin, youngest of three fighting sons of a man from British Guiana who had fought for Britain and been gassed in the 1914-18 war, was still on his feet against the fabulous "Sugar" Ray Robinson.

This Robinson was the man they said was unbeatable, the man who, pound for pound, was the greatest fighter in the world at the time, a king in the ring who lived like a king and drove around in a pink Cadillac.

Here was a young British boy from a poor Leamington Spa family daring to offer defiance—and what defiance it was.

Fourteen rounds had gone by. Only one more round remained. Three minutes—three breathless minutes for the record crowd of 18,001. A world championship was within the grasp of a young man who as an amateur had made boxing history by winning five titles.

One hundred miles away an Englishwoman, nearly blind, waited with anxiety to hear how her youngest born—the baby of the family—had come through his greatest fight.

In the gaunt Exhibition Hall with its prefabricated teirs of seats, the



RAY ROBINSON.

atmosphere was electric and smoky. As the 14th round ended, there was a buzz of conversation, louder and more excited than usual. Eighteen thousand people were asking the one question—could Turpin win?

3 minutes to go

At that point as far as I was concerned he was winning. I wished the fight would end there and then—because there were three minutes to go and anything could happen in that time.

The bell sounded for the last round. Referee Eugene Henderson, the Scot and the thinning hair, made sure the boxers shook hands and then skipped out of the way to let the fighters get on with it.

Up to the 14th round the fight had gone all against expectations. Few people gave Turpin much chance of winning. The only question seemed—how long could he stand up against this fighting machine.

As the first six rounds passed by with Turpin doing most of the work we all sat back comfortably thinking it was nice and kind of Mr. Walker Smith—Robinson's real name—to allow our champion so much latitude. Any moment now we thought Robinson would turn on the heat and Turpin would be in trouble.

What was wrong?

The seventh round passed, so did the eighth, ninth and tenth and still Robinson had not shown any signs of living up to his reputation.

What was wrong? We began to sit up and take notice. Turpin was winning. The almost impossible was happening before our very eyes. There he was, still on his feet, still full of fight—and there was nothing of the superman about Robinson. He was being made to look an ordinary fighter.

Interest in the fight was now mounting with every passing minute. Turpin was winning—we were spectators of a sensational upset in boxing. The champion was losing.

The eleventh, twelfth and thirteenth rounds, each seeming longer than the one before, passed. Still Turpin was fighting well, still Robinson was unable to produce the

Sugar Ray Robinson is world middleweight champion for the fifth time—a record. No boxer has ever beaten him twice, even Carmen Basilio failing last Tuesday. Among the five men who have beaten him just once is Randolph Turpin, and L. N. BAILEY describes here his night of glory when he took the world title off Robinson.

punch that would wipe out all the points Turpin had been marking up.

It seemed the 14th round would never end, but the gong came, and so to the last round.

I felt like closing my eyes for that last round. Surely after going so far Turpin must not be the victim of one punch—one punch which would have kept the world title for Robinson.

It was hard to sit still, hard to watch Robinson now in a bad way trying to recover all that lost ground with one punch. Turpin was taking no chances; he boxed his way out of trouble.

Pandemonium broke out

Would the round never end? I kept glancing at my watch. Surely three minutes must have gone since the gong last sounded?

Finally, the bell. What a relief. A sudden hush and then as Mr. Henderson raised Turpin's hand in victory pandemonium broke out. Eighteen thousand people yelled themselves hoarse.

One trim figure dressed all in black did not join in the tumult and the shouting. Mrs. Edna Mae Robinson, a former dancer walked quietly out of the uproar in the hall to the cooler atmosphere of the corridors.

She had seen what she thought was not possible—her husband losing the world middleweight crown he had worn so well.

She was disappointed but she was confident. "Next time 'Sugar' will take him," she said to me. She was right. When they met two months later in a return at New York's Polo Grounds, Robinson beat Turpin in ten rounds.

BUT TURPIN HAD HAD HIS NIGHT — AND 64 DAYS — OF GLORY AS WORLD MIDDLE-WEIGHT CHAMPION.

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if he would care for her while he was at the front.

The officer never came back, and so the farmer kept her. For a fee of £5 he mated her with Goldcourt, a stallion of little account.

The offspring was sold in Dublin as a yearling for £105. In 1930 trainer Basil Briscoe was offered by wire "the best looking three-year-old in Ireland, price £500."

Covered in mud

"I wired back in the affirmative," wrote Briscoe later, "and in a few days a three-year-old covered in mud and with a coat on him as thick as a bear arrived at the stables at Longstowe, where I was then training.

"I had a shock when I saw him. He stood there, head low to the ground. He turned his head to greet me, and with a downcast look in his eyes seemed to say 'Well, I've arrived: I'm a disgrace to the stable, but be kind to me just the same.'"

He became something of a joke, and when Briscoe told the head lad that he had decided to name this rough animal Golden Miller, the stableman commented: "What a good name for a bad horse."

The Miller was hopeless in his first race. Later, when the trainer took him out with the Fitzwilliam Hounds, he had the worst day's hunting in his life.

But the talent was there just the same, only waiting to be discovered. The Miller sprained a tendon and, banking on the vet's opinion, Mr. Philip Carr (father of England cricket captain Arthur Carr) bought The Miller for £1,000.

Five Gold Cups

Late in the season, The Miller began to thrive, and soon Briscoe realised he had a champion in the making. Miss Dorothy Paget, always looking for a top-class chaser, paid £6,000 for The Miller and he carried her colours to the end of his racing days.

And what days they were! He earned himself a place among the immortals by winning the Cheltenham Gold Cup five times, a record that may never be equalled.

The Gold Cup is to steeplechasing roughly what the Derby is to the Flat. The cream of the jumpers meet on level terms over three and a quarter miles, and success in it once stamps a horse as a champion.

In addition, Golden Miller also won the Grand National. Now the National is a different proposition entirely. It's run over the stiffest course in the world, four and a half miles with 30 jumps. And it's a handicap, so that the weights can be adjusted to give the humblest chaser the same chance as the star.

A horse rarely attempts both, certainly not in the same year, for they are run within a fortnight of each other.

Won with 12st 7lb

The Miller was put to the test at Aintree in 1934, and scored with the big weight of 12st 2lb.

So The Miller achieved what the racing world thought was almost

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Tuesday League

LOCAL DERBY DECIDED BY SINGLE GOAL

THE local derby game between Rochdale Trades and Red Lion at Firgrove was very evenly contested. The strong wind marred good football, but both teams tried to master the lively ball. Trades benefited slightly from the wind in the first half and after four minutes Butterworth scored for them.

Lion fought hard for the equaliser, but their forwards were not on the target. Often both defences were tested, but they stood up to all attacks. On the resumption, Red Lion, playing with the wind, could not get that goal, so Rochdale Trades won by the single goal.

The Rochdale Pioneers v. Bury Co-op clash provided a good, clean sporting game. Up to half-time there was little to choose between the teams. Bury, the heavier side, gradually got on top and won by 4-1.

Middleton and Tonge beat Ashton Traders by 4-3 in a well-contested game.

IF ONLY LEAGUE GAMES WERE AS PROFITABLE!
There is certainly magic in these Cup games



Sheridan falls to beat Turner (Oldham) for the touchdown. One of Oldham's tries against Hornets last Saturday.

THIS season has proved to the Hornets without any doubt that there can be "magic in the Cup," and that goes whatever the result of this afternoon's Challenge Cup semi-final at Swinton. Among those who went to Station Road this afternoon full of enthusiasm were many who were not prepared to give credit for the early-season League wins of the team and who did plenty of grumbling when the slump came at Christmas.

Let us weigh up crowd reaction at the Athletic Grounds this season and the results will show that the League and Cup competitions have been poles apart in attracting public support. Hornets have played four Cup-ties at the Athletic Grounds (including the Law Cup match) and the average crowd has been 9,749, with average receipts £1,202. For 15 League fixtures the average crowd has been 4,816 with receipts £503, and if we exclude the Oldham match (with its 13,844 spectators and £1,567 cash) the

In the HORNETS' NEST by Touchjudge

averages have been 4,174 spectators and £429 receipts.

Hitting the top-notes

In my recollection, the difference in Cup and League support at the Athletic Grounds has never been as marked as in the present season, and latterly it has at least had the effect of assuring the players that they have a considerable weight of support behind them when they can hit the top notes.

It is no secret, however, that only a few weeks ago one of the more experienced players of the team, on the eve of a Cup draw, remarked that it was immaterial whether they were drawn at home or away—in fact, he said they played better away. In what he said there was a definite reflection on the critics among the Athletic Grounds crowds.

Had postponements not come along to interfere with the Hornets League programme, they would now be very close to the end of their season with only four Yorkshire fixtures to fulfil, three of them a Easter. Fortunately, only one game has been called off due to Cup commitments (that at Warrington) but because both teams were still concerned in the Cup competition the Hornets had no compensation to pay.

That has applied throughout the competition and whatever has come into the club coffers from Station Road today is theirs absolutely, for there was no League game on the list.

Two-division move?

Look out for the manoeuvre to enforce a two-division system of the Rugby League. I have expressed my views previously on the system which are briefly that it will be a right for the select of a First Division but pretty grim for those in the lower section. I have lost count of the number of times the two-division advocates have failed to secure their requisite two-thirds majority to bring about the change but they are sticklers if nothing else.

So now we have coming up at another attempt, the procedure which ought to be sternly challenged. The two-division scheme should stand as a straight issue and not be tied up with the fixture formula. The present formula ends next month after a two-year trial and the league committee will be asked on April 14 at a meeting: Leeds whether they wish to continue it. A two-thirds majority will be required for its continuance.

It is feared that no scheme will secure a two-thirds majority, so the event of that failing, two other schemes have been submitted, the one securing the greatest number of votes to be adopted—and one them is a scheme for two divisions each of 15 clubs. This also provides for extra fixtures within the county area of a club.

My interpretation of procedure that if no scheme secures a two-thirds majority the league should revert to the system used before the current two-year trial period. I am surprised that the two-division scheme has ever got on to the agenda in such a backhand manner. If those who attend the meeting Leeds wish to avoid tying themselves in knots they would be well advised to throw out the two-division resolution entirely on the grounds that in the form it has been presented it is out of order.

Let there be a vote on two divisions, by all means, if the club wish, but let a two-thirds majority be demanded according to the constitution.

SHAWFORTH KEEP COMFORTABLE LEAD

Shawforth had a comfortable 4-0 away win over Norden YCOB, who played the wrong type of game by keeping the ball close. In contrast, Shawforth swung the ball from wing to wing and with a 3-0 interval lead they never appeared in danger of defeat. Linger, Muldowney, Povey and Dawson scored the Shawforth goals.

Sacred Heart did well to share the points with Littleboro' Parish as they only had ten players from the start. As a matter of fact they might easily have won, as at one period in the second half they were leading 3-1. Littleboro' rallied however to draw level. Sanderson, McKendry and Lloyd scored for Littleboro' and Naven (2) and Duffy for Sacred Heart.

Lanehead offered little resistance to Wardle Parish at Wardle and were well beaten by nine goals scored by R. Gregson (3), Stafford (2), Milligan (2), Halton and James to none.

The difference between Heywood St. James and Castlemere Old Boys at Heywood was in the finishing. Castlemere had all the play in the first half but could only get two goals against one by St. James. The home team dominated the second half to score three times without reply. Taylor and Dyson shared Heywood's goals, Ayton and Mills scoring for Castlemere.

All Saints entertained Bright's

ROCHDALE SUNDAY SCHOOLS' LEAGUE

and were well beaten by 9-0. Bright's were far stronger and could probably have won by a larger margin had they gone all out for goals. Keylock (4), Wilcox and Hancock scored Bright's goals.

YMCA Old Boys had a grand home win over Milton but a five-goal margin rather flattered them. Milton deserved more than their one goal but some excellent goalkeeping by Foster in the YMCA goal, which included saving a penalty, foiled them. Marriott (4), Wilkinson and Williams scored for YMCA and B. A. Ashworth for Milton.

B DIVISION: A sound 6-1 away win over Outgate Bapts. has assured Whittles of the B Division championship. They went to the top of the table on November 23 and have remained there ever since. With three games still to play they have an 11 point lead and look like finishing with a record number of points margin.

Facit Parish have slumped badly and their 1-0 home defeat by St. Patrick's was their third successive defeat. They have now dropped to third position and unless they improve they might easily lose the runners-up position which, a month ago, did not seem possible.

Milnrow Parish moved up into second position with a confident 4-1 away win over St. Peter's,

Buckley (2), Sutcliffe and Harris scoring their goals and Whitehead netting for St. Peter's.

St. Gabriel's were fortunate to get both points from the visit of Thornham as the visitors had most of the play and should have won handsomely. Collins (3) and Donoghue scored for St. Gabriel's and Ison (2) and Lloyd for Thornham.

Buckley Hall won 4-2 at Thornham St. James's, Marshall (2), Thompson and Bell scoring their goals and Healey and Ogden netting for St. James's.

Two goals each by Whatmough and Cox gave Newhey St. Thomas's a 4-2 home win over West St. Bapts., whose goals were scored by Brierley and Slack (2). Spencer scored for Spotland Meths. in their 3-3 draw with Syke Meths., Stott (2) and Whittle scoring for Syke.

LEAGUE TABLES TO MARCH 22 (Incl.)

'A' DIVISION										
	P	W	L	D	F	A	Pts			
Shawforth	21	19	1	1	125	21	39			
Littleboro' Par.	22	16	3	3	126	36	35			
Bright's	21	16	4	1	95	47	33			
Sacred Heart	22	14	5	3	75	41	31			
Milton	22	10	8	4	85	75	24			
Castlemere OB	21	10	8	3	76	62	23			
St. Aidan's	22	9	8	5	52	62	21			
Wardle Par.	20	9	8	3	59	51	21			
Norden YCOB	21	7	7	7	72	64	21			
YMCA Old Boys	21	7	13	6	71	80	19			
Heywood St. James	21	7	13	1	49	81	15			
Lanehead	22	5	15	2	53	118	12			
St. Vincent's	21	2	19	0	22	131	4			
All Saints	22	1	21	0	32	123	2			

'B' DIVISION										
	P	W	L	D	F	A	Pts			
Whittle's	23	20	1	2	130	37	42			
Milnrow Par.	25	14	8	3	81	47	31			
Facit Par.	22	15	7	0	66	49	30			
St. Gabriel's	24	14	9	1	63	69	29			
St. Patrick's	25	13	8	2	68	57	28			
N'wh'y St. Thomas	22	12	7	3	78	67	27			
Thornham	23	10	10	3	81	60	23			
Outgate Bapts.	23	11	12	0	70	79	22			
Th'n'h'm St. James	23	9	10	4	58	45	22			
St. Peter's	23	8	13	2	65	91	18			
Spotland Meths.	22	4	12	6	46	71	14			
West St. Bapts.	24	6	16	2	50	91	14			
Syke Meths.	25	5	17	3	57	124	11			
Buckley Hall	22	5	16	1	56	102	13			

RESERVE DIVISION										
	P	W	L	D	F	A	Pts			
Shawforth	21	17	3	1	127	46	35			
St. Aidan's	20	17	3	0	131	36	34			
Littleboro' Par.	21	17	4	0	116	53	34			
Bright's	19	16	3	0	125	45	32			
Milnrow Par.	20	10	8	2	74	82	22			
Facit Par.	23	10	11	0	77	78	20			
Norden YCOB	20	8	10	2	71	90	18			
Wardle Par.	20	8	10	2	52	60	18			
Sacred Heart	21	7	12	2	57	93	16			
YMCA Old Boys	21	6	12	3	60	94	15			
Castlemere OB	17	3	13	1	47	117	7			
N'wh'y St. Thomas	21	1	16	4	26	95	6			
Lanehead	18	1	16	1	29	119	3			

Australian champion wins another race

Australia's champion racehorse, Tulloch, which may race in England next year, led all the way to beat a top-class field at Sydney.

It is planned to send Tulloch to the United States next year to run in big events there. On the way back he is to spend some months in Britain.

Still in top 12—without the aid of a cheque book

DESPITE Rochdale's high league position and the number of goals they have scored this season, there were some pointed comments made by supporters leaving Spotland last Saturday about the Rochdale attack. But they had a note differing from some I have heard in the past when the general position was not as hopeful.

It was right that though Rochdale's goal-getting ability was low against Barrow, their previous good record should be taken into account. Forwards were not condemned out of hand as so often they are. The remarks circled around the phrase "Not on form today."

The regular Spotland crowd—and only the regulars are still giving their weekly support as the five thousand gate showed—have not lost sight of the fact that Rochdale are holding their top-12 status without having bolstered up the team in the pre-March 16 deadline rush for new players.

They would note two extraordinary coincidences last Saturday. The one Rochdale goal was scored by half-back Jack Grant and the attack had one of its rare blank days. Stockport County's one goal in their defeat by Southport at home was scored by a half-back and Tranmere Rovers' one goal in their defeat at Mansfield was netted from a wing-half.

Contrast

Three forward lines and not a goal between them! But look at

the contrast. Just before the deadline for unrestricted signings, Stockport County manager Willie Moir was running round for players and spent over £5,000 taking Kelly from Doncaster Rovers and Samuels from Bradford City to Edgeley Park.

Tranmere's Peter Farrell spent a similar amount in securing the transfer of Liverpool's Tony Rowley and Stockport's Ken Finney.

Disappointing, therefore, as Rochdale followers were that the team dropped a point and the forwards failed to score, it would have been worse had the club spent £5,000 and still only got the same result.

If Manager Catterick had £5,000 at his disposal, and I know he hasn't, I should look forward to national Third Division football with greater equanimity. The club will have to rely a great deal on maintaining a Third Division place next season on some of the young blood.

"And which players are those?" rightly asks the man on the terraces. We shall not know definitely until Mr. Catterick's retained list comes out at the end of the season, but there is a guide in the players who have consistently

played in the reserve side with occasional first-team appearances.

Leading appearances in the Lancashire League team are: Jimmy Brown (22 games), Kevan Barber (20) and Brian Green (18). Then, of course, there are George Heyes and Bernard McCready (goalkeepers), Tom McGlennon and Jock Wallace (half-backs) and, waiting to come out of the Forces next season, Ray Aspden and Norman Bodell.

Neither must we forget Frank Lord, who, at 22, is fast recovering from the second break to his right leg. Frank is running and doing all sorts of exercises at the moment and it should not be long before he is kicking a ball again.

How he will fare in match play when he gets back to it depends only on one thing—the soundness of the leg—the spirit of the player could not be bettered.

Thus of young and promising material at Spotland I have named ten men, seven of whom already have first-team experience. In addition, there are other youngsters who have done well this season, such as inside-forwards Spencer and Floyd and utility forward Duff.

It is worth noting that in the two games Wallace has played for the reserve side, no goals have been conceded and Brian Green has been at left full-back in each of them. Green may eventually establish himself at a first-team man at Spotland.

Despite the possibility of producing Third Division players from these younger men, there will also be a need for three or four ex-

SPOTLIGHT ON SPOTLAND by CRITIC

perienced players next season if the transfer list contains the names of some of the present full-time professionals.

Team building is a difficult business. "I went for a Cheshire League player the other day," Mr. Catterick told me, "not to put straight into the first team, but a player I considered had a future, and I was asked £1,500. I put his value myself at less than half that figure."

Have Rochdale, I wonder, realised that next season they will be the only members of the Football League who have a reserve side in the Lancashire League?

At the moment they share the distinction with Barrow. But Barrow are one of the 18 clubs who will be members of the new North Central League which will come into existence immediately if the Football Association gives its blessing at a meeting in May.

Present Northern Section clubs who will also run reserve sides in this league are Darlington, Carlisle, Hartlepool, Workington, Hull City, Bradford, Bradford City, York City, Stockport County Accrington Stanley, Barrow and Halifax Town.

Of these, only half are in the top-12 of the Northern Section at present.

Parkin wanted to go so he paid his own fee

WAKEFIELD TRINITY FOOTBALL CLUB was formed in 1873, by members of the Young Men's Society in connection with the Holy Trinity Church in that city. Up to 1878-9, the club was confined to church members, but just before the inception of the Yorkshire Challenge Cup the restriction on outsiders was removed. Oliver Bennett was the secretary of the Young Men's Society and he was elected as the first captain, a position he held for five seasons.

He played in the backs, and in the first game the side was a man short, playing 14 against Wakefield's 15, at Eastmoor. The team on that day was: Stones, Bennett, Waite, McConnell, Verritt, Wood, Grace, Whitehead, Best, Langton, Atkinson, Spink, Hayley and Whitehead.

The ground at Heath Common was their first home, and as there were no goal-posts, coats were used to mark the goals.

Wakefield moved to Belle Vue in 1879, after a ground on the Borough market and another opposite the present ground had been used. The first ground at Belle Vue was the

YSC, but as it happened—possibly because of Trinity's lead—the leading members of the YSC joined the second division.

In the second year in membership of the second division, Trinity were top and gained promotion to the senior section. Not till 1910, did the club take part in the top-four play-off and on that occasion they came to Watersheddings only to lose 12-6.

The following season they came to Oldham in the semi-final of the play-off, and on this occasion lost by 15-12.

At the outbreak of the First World War, Trinity closed down and let their players join Dewsbury, who were dubbed "Dewsbury Trinity" by the sports writers of the day. The club resumed for one year in the next season, and then shut down again.

NEVER CHAMPIONS

Years of mediocrity in the league followed, and not until 1943-4 did the club achieve success. In that year Trinity topped the War Emergency League, but lost to Dewsbury in the semi-final.

Runners-up in the following year, the club again lost interest in the semi-final of the play-off, and again on the resumption of full-scale operations, in 1945-6, the club lost in the semi-final after finishing third.

Like their great local rivals Leeds, Wakefield Trinity have never won the championship of the Northern League. This year for a spell they appeared to have a sporting

chance, but fell away after an encouraging start, including forcing a home draw with our local favourites earlier in the season.

In the Rugby League Challenge Cup, Trinity have fared a little better, and twice, when the cup was known as the Northern Union Challenge Cup, reached the final, defeating Hull in the 1909 final, but losing to the same club five years later.

The cup-winning team was composed of: Metcalfe; Bennett, Lynch, Sidwell, Simpson; Slater (captain), Newbold; Taylor, Anton, Crosland, Kershaw, Walton and Beaumont. Eleven of these players were born in Yorkshire, and four or five gained Yorkshire caps.

By the next cup final, Jonathon Parkin had become one of the club's stars, and it was felt in the city that if he had been partnered by Newbold in the cup final, instead of young Millican, Trinity might have won.

WEMBLEY WIN

Not until the first full season after the Second World War did Trinity reach Wembley, and then, thanks to Billy Stott's wizardry, the club returned to the "Merrie City" with the cup.

Billy had played for Belle Vue Rangers, and while in the district he was employed as a fitter at A. V. Roe's, Newton Heath. Later he joined Oldham, but the war interfered with his services to the club, and he went for quite a small transfer fee to Trinity.

He transformed the club, and by his excellent leadership took the club to the final, defeating Huddersfield in both legs of the first round, Halifax, Workington Town and Hunslet before scoring ten of the thirteen points recorded by Trinity, who just beat Wigan by the odd point.

His last-minute goal won the Cup for the club and the Lance Todd Trophy for himself.

Three times the Yorkshire League title has been won by Wakefield and the Yorkshire Cup has been won six times. In 1934, Leeds met Trinity three times in the final before gaining the trophy.

In all, the club has appeared in 12 Yorkshire Cup finals plus replays, and has won six and lost six. Possibly the greatest Trinitarian



FERRANTI'S RFC, beaten semi-finalists in the Oldham Standard Cup.—Back row: Byron, Close, Gilbert, Costigan, Hunt, Howarth. Front: Brown, Preston, Cooke, Attersall, Wood, Fletcher, Barker.

Oldham Junior Rugby League Ferranti couldn't hold 'Higgi'

Rochdale Amateur League GRAVELHOLE MADE SURE IN THE SECOND CUP GAME

GRAVELHOLE, at the second attempt, made sure of entering the first round of the Charity Cup competition when they won 5-2 on visiting Railway Street in their preliminary-round replay. Gravelhole went on attack from the start and opened the score after six minutes through Brown. Further goals in the tenth and fifteenth minutes through Wildman and Trippier gave them a 3-0 lead at half-time. On the resumption, Johnson reduced Gravelhole's lead but two further goals by Wilson and Wildman gave them a 5-1 lead. In the closing minutes Booth scored for Railway Street to complete the scoring.

Walsden seem to be carrying all before them at the moment. They entered the second round when entertaining Whitworth AFC and winning 7-2. Walsden opened the score after 12 minutes but two goals by Whitworth gave them an odd-goal-of-three lead at the interval. After seven minutes' play in the

second half Walsden drew level. Lapses then by the Whitworth goalie allowed Walsden to score three goals in four minutes and then they added two further goals in the last ten minutes. While leading 2-1 Whitworth were awarded two penalties which they failed to convert. Scorers for Walsden were Freeman (3), Cordingley (2), Barker and Walker. Whittle scored both Whitworth's goals.

In a first division game Heymain retained their lead at the head of affairs. They visited Turner Bros. and were successful by 4-0. Turner's surprised the leaders by their approach work and with a little more accuracy they would have made a closer game of it. Wright and Jepson (two each) netted for the winners.

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SCHOOLBOY PLAN

Among the leading scorers, Freddie Smart scored 30 tries in 1931-2, and this was the record until Dennis Boocker, the Australian, broke it 22 years later.

Boocker scored well over 100 tries for the club; and Sam Lee, with 111 goals in the last season before the last war, set up a record. Leslie Hirst was next to get a century of goals.

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THE first of the semi-finals for the Oldham Standard Cup was played last Saturday at Royton Junction where Higginshaw entertained Ferranti and once again Higginshaw will be taking the field at Watersheddings on Good Friday morning when the final will be played.

Although defeated by 30 points to two Ferranti never gave up trying; they continued to play the open game and so kept the game interesting.

Loose-forward Robinson, and Lenigan, at out-half, dominated the midfield play for Higginshaw by getting passing movements going and bringing their speedy three-quarters into play at every chance. Cooke, the mainspring of the Ferranti side, played a great game at centre, but his side lacked penetration power.

Higginshaw scored five tries playing down the slope during the second half. Turner (2), Mellor (2), Ward (2) and T. Robinson (2) were the try scorers for Higginshaw, and Cheetham landed three goals. Attersall landed a penalty goal for Ferranti.

In the intermediate section St. Annes and Strinesdale met at Broadbent Moss in the area final of the County Intermediate Cup.

This game should have been a real classic but with petty tricks and too much talking by both sides, it resulted in a tough cup-tie. Three players received marching orders from the referee.

Leech ran in three tries and, along with O'Connell, who landed three goals, was the outstanding player of the day. Taylor scored St. Anne's other try to bring their total to 18 points against a Patterson penalty goal for Strinesdale, whose best players were Mills and Patterson.

Nobody wins!

ALTHOUGH ST. ANNE'S WON THIS GAME LAST SATURDAY, THEY WILL NOT GO INTO THE FIRST ROUND PROPER AS STRINESDALE LODGED A PROTEST. IT WAS FOUND THAT BOTH SIDES PLAYED OVER-AGE PLAYERS IN THIS MATCH. THE LEAGUE'S EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE HAVE STRUCK BOTH CLUBS OUT OF THE COMPETITION.

In the league championship, Smallbridge turned up at Greenfield to take on Saddleworth Rangers short of players and paid the penalty. Saddleworth won by 27 points to two.

Fixtures for next weekend are:— Good Friday: Oldham Standard Cup final at Watersheddings (kick-off 11 a.m.), Higginshaw v. Royton or St. Anne's.

Saturday (kick-off 3 p.m.): Ferranti v. Royton (H. Fitton); St. Mary's v. RTR (T. Keane); Waterhead v. Higginshaw (T. Holt); Spotland Rangers v. Saddleworth Rangers (R. Bunting); St. Anne's v. Smallbridge (W. Slater); Swinton Meths. v. Strinesdale.

Dave Jenkins, 21-year-old world figure-skating champion, retained his United States title at Minneapolis yesterday with a total of 718.32 points.

RL CLUB HISTORIES No. 24: WAKEFIELD by TOM WEBB

one in use for the early rounds of the Yorkshire Challenge Cup in 1879, when Trinity won for the first time.

In that year Trinity wore knee breeches and the stockings came up to the knees. Thirteen of the 15 players in the final sported moustaches.

The first game on the Belle Vue ground was played on April 4, 1879, when Birch, a well-known Rusholme club, were the visitors.

Some of the leading players in the early Rugby Union days included Baron Kilner—who was a sturdy scrummager, and very speedy for 40 yards—and Herbert Hutchinson.

Kilner, when near the line, used to put his head down and sped for the line, where his weight and impetus often carried him over. In 1883, he scored 26 tries—a great performance for a forward.

Hutchinson, a clever half-back, played in six final Yorkshire Cup-ties for Trinity, and wore the same shirt on every occasion. Its faded condition made him conspicuous on the field of play.

THE BOYCOTT

Kilner and Herbert Fallas—a dodgy threequarter with great skill at kicking—both gained international honours under the Rugby Union rules. C. E. Bartram was perhaps their most famous player in those far off days and was a genius at finding loopholes in the rules to give the advantage to his side.

AFTER A TRY HAD BEEN SCORED IN AN UNFAVOURABLE POSITION, FOR INSTANCE HE WOULD PICK UP THE BALL AND TAKE A DROP AT GOAL. HE WAS SELECTED FOR A NORTH VERSUS SOUTH GAME.

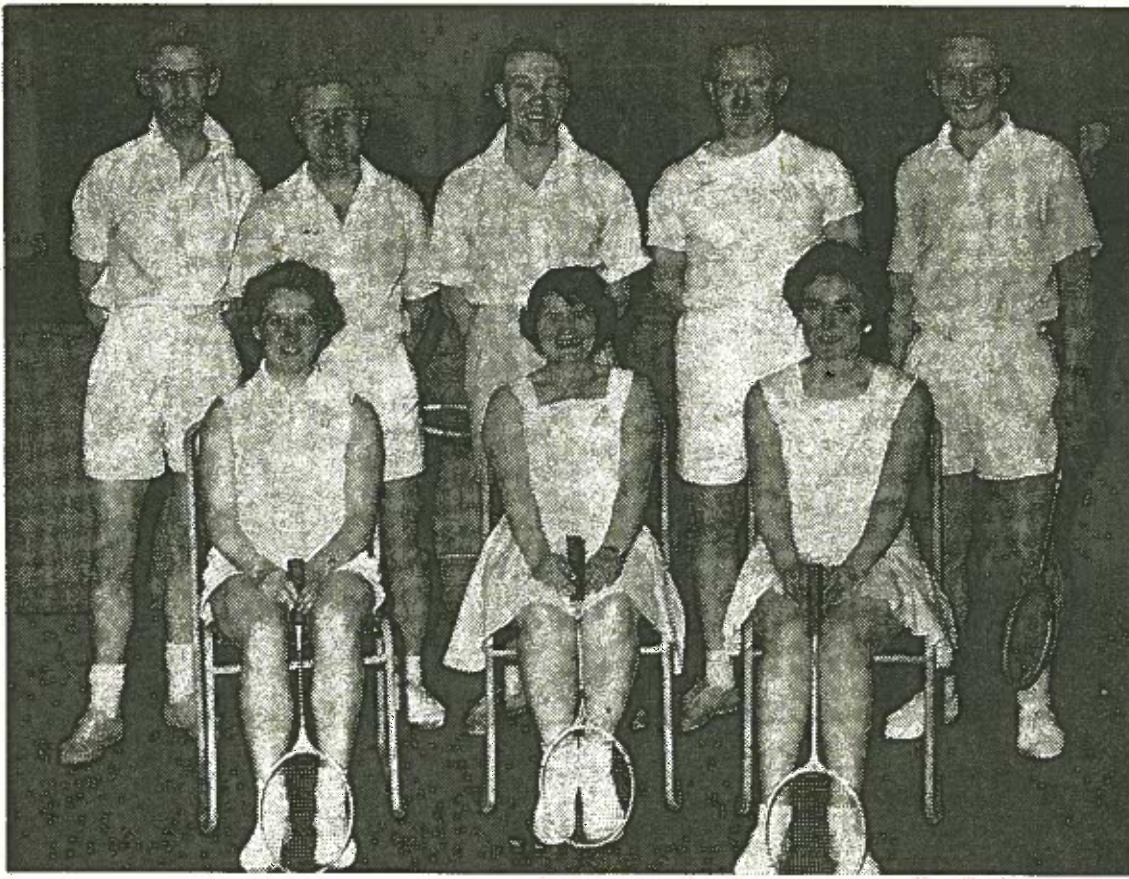
When the breakaway from the Rugby Union was the cause of the start of the Northern Union, Trinity was one of the original clubs. During the existence of the Yorkshire Senior Competition in the last three years with the Rugby Union, Trinity had been members but had been bottom of the table twice.

An indifferent spell in the first few years of the Northern Union led to the club being left out of the Northern League in its first year.

Compelled to play in the Yorkshire Senior Competition, the club along with the rest of their competition, boycotted the clubs in the Northern League, except in the case of Northern Union Challenge Cup-ties.

As only Leeds and Trinity in the YSC were running "A" teams, it was found extremely difficult to build up a fixture list for the second string.

Trinity had such a difficult time during this year that the club decided to join the proposed second division in the following year. To that end they resigned from the



Oldham Badminton League individual handicap finalists.—Back row: R. Langton, J. B. Ollerenshaw, H. Lawton, J. Kay, D. Weaver. Front: Miss B. Bailey, Mrs. N. Lawton, Miss A. Connolly.

Badminton veterans clean up handicap events

THE Oldham and District Badminton League individual handicap finals were held at Derker School last night and proved a triumph for league veterans Harry and Nellie Lawton. They won the mixed doubles; Nellie, playing with Avis Connolly, captured the women's doubles; Harry, playing with Jim Kay, won the men's doubles.

In the women's doubles, N. Lawton and A. Connolly (rec. 8), in beating M. Thorpe and J. Ellidge (owe 7), played much better than their handicap, both picking up Miss Thorpe's heavy smashes comfortably.

In the first game, neither Miss Thorpe nor Mrs. Ellidge could find their true form and let their opponents reach 13 before they had scored two points. They eventually lost 15—3. The second game went little better for the losers, and N. Lawton and A. Connolly ran out easy winners, 15—3.

The result of the men's doubles—H. Lawton and J. Kay (owe 12) v. J. B. Ollerenshaw and D. C. Weaver (rec. 3)—was in doubt until the last few points of the third game. The first went fairly comfortably to Ollerenshaw and Weaver (15—4), whose retrieving of Lawton's and Kay's drops and smashes were excellent.

In the second game, which Lawton and Kay won 15—11, both pairs went flat-out—smash, return; smash, return—but eventually in the long rallies, experience told, with Lawton shrewdly breaking up fast returns by beautiful little drop shots.

The third game produced more exhausting rallies, with Lawton's net play and Kay's good placing of the shuttle reducing the arrears quickly. It looked as if Ollerenshaw and Weaver were finished, but they came back to score point for point up to 10—all. Lawton and Kay's greater experience then came to their aid again and they won 15—10.

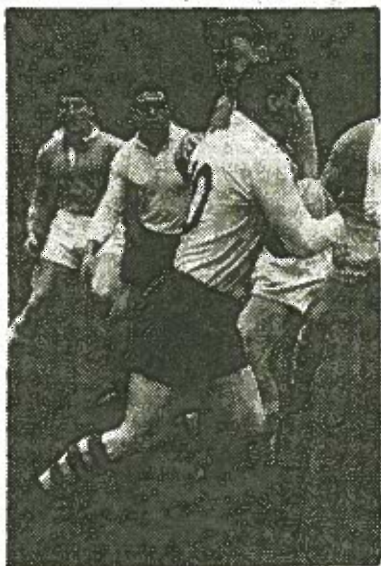
In the mixed doubles, R. Langton and B. Bailey (rec. 10) were no match for Mr. and Mrs. Lawton (owe 5). Although they won the first game 15—6, they were well and truly beaten in the second and third, 15—11, 15—10, only scoring one point in the two games.

Won cup medal in 1893

Joe Butcher, believed to be the youngest player ever to gain an FA Cup medal, has died in hospital in Derby, aged 83.

Butcher was only 18 when he played centre-forward for Wolves against Everton in the 1893 final at Fallowfield, the first final to be played outside London. Wolves won 1—0.

VINES'S LEG NOW OUT OF PLASTER



DON VINES will probably start training again next week. The leg he injured in the cup-tie against Wigan three weeks ago has now been taken out of plaster, and today Vines called on the club specialist.

"I should know on Monday if I can start training again," Don said yesterday. "I have still got a slight limp, but I feel as if I could have a run-out."

Oldham have a tough Easter programme which includes games against Wigan and Huddersfield, but even if Vines does start training again next week it is doubtful if he would be fit enough to play over the holidays.

Three quick goals beat Austerlands

Austerlands Institute were hopeful of keeping up their winning ways in the Manchester Amateur League (Division II) on Saturday last, when they visited Humphrey Park at Urmston, but under excellent conditions they lost 4—2.

Playing with the wind the visitors had most of the game in the early stages and were unlucky not to take the lead as the crossbar was struck on three occasions. Hesitation in front of goal also lost a number of scoring chances, and the interval arrived with no score.

Ten minutes later Austerlands went ahead with a goal from Frew from a perfect cross by Scholes on the left wing. But a great change came over the game after 20 minutes, when the home team scored three quick goals to give them a 3—1 lead.

A further goal was scored direct from a corner to give the home team a commanding 4—1 lead. Austerlands fought hard in the last 10 minutes to save the game, but an injury to Alberts (centre-half) soon after half-time had upset the team. Mayall found the net five minutes from time to make it 4—2.

? Sports Queries ?

TOP YARD.—In the first round of the RL Cup, played on February 9, 1957, Whitehaven beat St. Helens 9—8.

F.H. (Abbeyhills).—In 1955 the Derby was run at Epsom on May 25.

MOORSIDE.—Yes, a neutral linesman can and does flag for handling of the ball, but most of the Football League linesmen usually receive an instruction from the referee to leave decisions in the penalty area to the referee unless he consults them. The flagging for handling offences by club linesmen, however, is hardly desirable.

GOLDEN EAGLE.—A soccer pitch shall be rectangular, its length being not more than 130 yards nor less than 100 yards, and its breadth not more than 100 yards nor less than 50 yards. In international matches, the length shall be not more than 120 yards nor less than 110 yards and the breadth not more than 80 yards nor less than 70 yards. Boundary Park (111 yards long, 74 yards wide), therefore, would qualify for an international match, but the venue of the FA Cup semi-finals are decided by the FA Cup committee.

HALF-TIME SCORES

FIRST DIVISION

Birmingham 2, Everton 0.
Burnley 1, Blackpool 1.
Chelsea 0, Sunderland 0.
Manchester City 1, Leeds Utd. 0.
Newcastle 2, Luton 1.
Notts Forest 0, Bolton 0.
Portsmouth 4, Arsenal 1.
Preston 1, Leicester 0.
Sheffield Wed. 1, Manchester Utd. 0.
Spurs 4, Aston Villa 1.
West Bromwich 0, Wolves 1.

SECOND DIVISION

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

THIRD DIVISION (South)

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

THIRD DIVISION (North)

Athletic 1, Darlington 1.
Accrington 2, Mansfield 1.
Barrow 0, Scunthorpe 0.
Bury 4, Gateshead 0.
Carlisle 1, Rochdale 0.
Chester 2, Workington 0.
Chesterfield 0, Bradford City 1.
Halifax 1, Bradford 0.
Hartlepool 1, Stockport 1.
Southport 0, Crewe 0.
Tranmere 1, Hull 1.
York 1, Wrexham 1.

DELIBERATE POISONING'

THE jury has retired this afternoon in the trial at Leeds Assizes of Mrs. Mary Elizabeth Wilson, 66-year-old widow, of Rectory Road, Windy Nook, Felling-on-Tyne, who has pleaded not guilty to murdering her second and third husbands by phosphorus poisoning.

She is charged with murdering Oliver James Leonard (75), retired house agent, of Collingwood Street, Hebburn-on-Tyne, and Ernest George Lawrence Wilson (76), retired engineer, of Rectory Road, Windy Nook.

Today, Mr. Geoffrey Veale, QC, prosecuting, gave his final address to the jury of nine men and three women. Mr. Justice Hinchliffe was to follow.

Addressing the jury this morning, Mr. Veale said that any complications in the case, they might think, were complications introduced by the defence in an attempt to blur their vision of what was the true picture.

He asked the jury if there was anything in the case at all about which they could say that there was really any room for doubt.

"If it is not proved that these two old men were killed by phosphorus poisoning, this case falls," he said.

'PLAIN AS A PIKESTAFF'

"It was suggested to you yesterday that these issues were complicated. They are as simple and plain as a pikestaff. At one time it appeared to be suggested that Dr. Barclay and Dr. Curry were mistaken when they said they had actually found phosphorus in the organs that were analysed.

"I am not clear whether this is still suggested, but if we take Mr. Macintosh, the witness called by the defence, it is at least clear that there are tests for phosphorus that do not fail, and that the highest that he put it was this.—That although tests for phosphorus show indubitably that phosphorus is there, it may be that if the particular organ being analysed is giving off a gas called phosphene, that may falsify a conclusion as to the total amount of phosphorus recovered.

"It doesn't show that phosphorus is not there... Let us suppose it was not three or four milligrammes found. Let us suppose it was two or three.

Does it matter? Dr. Price says that if you find phosphorus at all a fatal dose has been ingested. Phosphorus in both bodies, and how did it get there?

It is not an everyday substance, something you could find or easily eat by accident. Rat poison. Beetle poison. Dr. Camps couldn't suggest any way that phosphorus

could get into the body but there are such things as phosphorus pills. "To get a fatal dose you would have to take 150 pills or thereabouts."

Commenting that these pills were sold in little bottles, he asked "Was any little bottle found in either of these houses so far as we know?"

He said bran of the same size as used in beetle poison, had been found in both bodies.

It had been suggested that this bran came from brown bread.

"If it did, is it not astonishing that the bran from that brown bread happened to be, all of it, of the exact size as found in beetle poison?"

Mr. Veale said of the symptoms displayed by the two men were all consistent with phosphorus poisoning.

'A HORRIBLE PICTURE'

Mr. Veale's address to the jury lasted 45 minutes. In his closing remarks he said that the "jig-saw puzzle is now fitted together and showing a horrible picture. Two men both married this woman: both die in about a fortnight. No doctor is called to them in the relevant time before their death." The evidence showed that this was a case of deliberate poisoning.

Mr. Justice Hinchliffe then began his summing-up.

Masked bandits grab £400

MR. HARRY NICHOLSON ROSE (56), director of a Hammer-smith, London, window cleaning company, was robbed of £400 by two masked bandits early today.

The two men went up behind Mr. Rose just as he left home, and as he turned one of them aimed a blow at him with an iron bar partially concealed in newspapers.

Evading the attack, Mr. Rose fell, dropping a brief case and holdall containing the money.

The bandits immediately snatched them up and ran to a small green van waiting with its engine running and another man at the wheel.

The van then drove off at a high speed.

Watchman gagged

Two men bound and gagged an elderly night watchman and stole a safe from a block of luxury flats at Richmond, Surrey, in a second incident today.

The watchman, Mr. Robert Thompson (66), was preparing to stoke up the boilers at Lichfield Court, on the main Sheen Road, when the men struck him from behind, gagged him with a scarf, and tied his hands behind his back.

Then, taking his keys, they let themselves into the head porter's office where they stole the safe. It contained little of value.

After 45 minutes the watchman, bleeding from facial cuts, managed to get to the porter's flat and rang the bell with his hands still tied. The porter freed him and called the police.

Jayne Mansfield to visit Britain

Film star Jayne Mansfield will leave for England on April 26, to make the film "Sheriff of Fractured Jaw," she said at Hollywood today, as she sought court permission to take her daughter, eight-

Under terms of her divorce from Paul Mansfield, a public relations man, on January 4, 1957, Miss Mansfield, now married to Mickey Hargitay, agreed not to remove the child from California without a court order or Mr. Mansfield's consent.

A judge will now hear Miss Mansfield and her former husband on the matter.

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USA tennis circus may go to Russia

Lawn tennis promoter Jack Kramer said in Louisville, Kentucky, last night, that he might take his professional team to Russia.

Famous USAF band to lead Carnival procession

The colourful 42-strong United States Third Air Force Band, famous for their original musical repertoire and novel marching routines, is coming to Oldham on Carnival Day.

And the Carnival Committee are searching for coach transport to bring the bandsmen to Oldham from Burtonwood and to take them back.

Said a committee spokesman today, "We'll need probably two coaches to bring the bandsmen to Oldham and run them back to Burtonwood. We're hoping for offers of help with transport."

On arrival in Oldham the band will go to the Drill Hall for lunch and will later be received—probably at the Town Hall—by Colonel George C. Stephenson, Commanding Officer of the 40/41st Royal Tank Regiment, TA.

The band, famous for their immaculate appearance and musicianship, will head the Carnival Parade from Werneth Park to Alexandra Park, and it is hoped that they will give a performance of their intricate drill formations, fast stepping and hesitation marches.

Under the direction of Chief Warrant Officer Richard C. Daugherty they have made a name for themselves as first-rate entertainers.

They have played before the Queen, other members of the Royal Family, Sir Winston Churchill and President Eisenhower. They have also played at numerous concerts and football games and have appeared on television.

Twice they have taken part in the White City Searchlight Tattoo and the Woolwich Tattoo. The band appears by permission of Major General Ernest Moore, Third Air Force Commander.

'Scrap the MCC tour' mutterings

TEST DATES DISPUTE MAKES AUSSIES ANGRY

THE year-long disagreement between the MCC and the Australian Cricket Board of Control over the Test fixtures for the coming tour of Australia is no nearer an end, the Melbourne Herald reported today.

Commenting on a report from London that the MCC had not altered its objection to the Australian proposal to play three Tests between December 31 and January 30, the Herald said: "Most members of the Australian board are sick and tired of the haggling over the tour."

"ALREADY THEIR HAVE BEEN MUTTERS FROM SOME MEMBERS, 'SCRAP THE TOUR. WE SHOULD NOT KNUCKLE-UNDER JUST TO PLEASE THE MCC.'"

The chairman of the Australian Board of Control, Mr. W. J. Dowling, said the news that the MCC would not change its attitude was "disappointing."

"It is only logical that the host country—with a full knowledge of local conditions and desires—should have the final say."

Ireland's Mr. What wins Grand National by 30 lengths

2 0—LIVERPOOL HURDLE. 2 miles. 1 furlong. 12 5 TOKOROA 7yrs D V Dick 1 10 9 RATHINREE 8yrs P Taaffe 2 10 2 ROBERTA 6yrs G Robinson 3

2 30—HYLTON PLATE. 6 furlongs. 9 7 GRASS COURT 6yrs G Littlewood 1 9 7 PHAETON 5yrs E Larkin 2 6 12 MISCONCEPTION 9yrs D East 3

3 15—GRAND NATIONAL CHASE. About 4 miles and 856 yards. 10 0 MR WHAT 8yrs A R Freeman 1 10 6 TIBERTTA 10yrs G Slack 2 10 10 GREEN DRILL 8yrs G Milburn 3

3 40—STAR AND GARTER STAKES for two-year-olds. 5 furlongs. 9 0 PERSIAN FLIGHT P O'Leary 1 8 11 LOVE TO ALL Gifford 2 9 0 RICKY JOE W H Carr 3

Wheel rolls back, hits boy

While playing with an old bicycle wheel in Elm Road, Limeside, on Friday afternoon, two boys let the wheel roll into the roadway. Seconds later it was violently returned and it hit a seven-year-old boy in the mouth.

As the wheel rolled into the road it was hit by a passing motor-cycle which was unable to avoid it. The wheel was flung up by the motor-cycle and it hit the boy in the face.

The boy, Philip Norman Murphy, of Elm Road, Limeside, was taken to Oldham Royal Infirmary with mouth and teeth injuries, but was allowed to go home after treatment. The motor-cyclist, Mr. Jack Moorhouse, of Victoria Street, Shaw, was uninjured.

3 50—CONARD HANDICAP. 1 mile. 7 10 FERNET BRANCA 6yrs E Larkin 1 7 10 ELLWOOD 5yrs L C Parkes 2 7 10 BEE OFF 4yrs E Hide 3

4 15—EARL OF SEFTON'S PLATE for three-year-olds. 1 mile. Fourteen runners: Gladwyn, Hard and Soft, Championship, Blackfoot, Colindin, Serra, Guy's Mount, Pinky, Final Test, Seadon, Hassan, Perplexity, Fina, Winston's Way.

4 30—PICCADILLY HANDICAP. 6 furlongs. 9 1 TUDOR JINKS 8yrs R Fwdon 1 8 1 ANXIOUS LADY 5yrs W Swath 2 9 7 DRUM BEAT 5yrs L Piggott 3

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ANOTHER Irish horse today won the Grand National over Aintree's 30 fences. This time it was the curiously named Mr. T. J. Taafe, ridden by the English jockey A. R. Freeman for Mr. What, whose stable is at Rathcoole, near Dublin. The winner had thirty lengths to spare at the finish.

He was followed home by Tiberetta, a ten-year-old mare, trained by George Slack, and the third was Green Drill, trained in Northumberland and ridden by George Milburn, with the 6-1 favourite Wyndburgh, trained in Scotland, fourth.

Only seven of the 31 competitors finished the course. Mr. What had been well backed by the general public in the ante-post betting at odds of as low as 100/6. Today he started at 18/1, whereas the second and third horses were 28/1 chances.

The dividend for the Racecourse Betting Control Board's spring double, comprising Babur in the Lincolnshire Handicap, and Mr. What in the Grand National, was £131 13s.

Green Drill led Hart Royal, Goosander, The Crofter, Wise Child, Sydney Jones and Athenian were the first to show, but, at the second, Green Drill went on from Goosander and Sydney Jones.

Longmead came down at the second fence, and, at the third, Green Drill jumped just ahead of Goosander, with Athenian and Sydney Jones well up. The runners then disappeared into the mist.

They reappeared again, coming on to the racecourse first time round, and Goosander was showing the way to Athenian, Green Drill and The Crofter. Passing the stands the first time, having completed a full circuit, Goosander continued to show the way to Athenian, Green Drill, Tiberetta, Neverly Say When, Mr. What, The Crofter, Eagle Lodge, Wynburgh, ESB, Pippykin, Sydney Jones, Southerntown, Colledge Master, Hart Royal, Wise Child, Moston Lane, Springsilver and Holly Bank.

When the horses reappeared out of the mist, three fences from home, Mr. What was seen to be four lengths clear of Tiberetta, Green Drill, Wynburgh, Goosander and ESB.

Two fences out, Mr. What had begun to increase his lead and though he blundered badly at the last fence, he recovered in brilliant style and, running on well, won completely unchallenged.

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RUGBY LEAGUE

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THIRD NORTH

Table with columns: P, W, D, L, F, A, Pt. Rows include Scunthorpe, Bury, Accrington, Hull City, Rochdale, Bradford C, Mansfield, Barrow, Chesterfield, Tranmere, Halifax T, Hartlepool, Stockport, Carlisle, Wrexham, Gateshead, Workington, Athletic, Bradford, Chester, Darlington, York City, Southport, Crewe Alex.

COLLIDED WITH EXPRESS AT CROSSING

A 40-year-old farm worker was taken to Scarborough Hospital suffering from shock, a cut above the right eye and the loss of a finger after the Land Rover he was driving had been in collision with an express train between Malton and Scarborough today.

The man, Mr. Bert Arksey, employed by Mr. A. Whitty, of West Farm, Knapton, near Malton, was taking milk from the farm to the main road.

His vehicle was badly damaged, and its engine was found in a field near by. Damage was also done to the engine of the train—the 8-7 a.m. express from Scarborough to York—and another engine was sent from Malton.

When first seen after the crash, Mr. Arksey was standing, but he afterwards collapsed. It was not known whether he threw himself out of the Land Rover or was thrown out.

The collision delayed the train for 58 minutes, a British Railways spokesman said.

The delay meant that some passengers missed the 9 21 excursion train from York to Aintree, so they travelled to Liverpool by the 10 10 train from York and, on arrival, were met by taxis chartered by British Railways to take them to the Grand National.

The engine driver and fireman were treated for shock and a fresh crew took over, the spokesman added. A tractor cleared the track.

Honresfield open to public on Sunday

Honresfield, the large detached house on Blackstone Edge Road, Littleborough, which has been given by a Littleborough businessman for conversion into a Leonard Cheshire Home, will be open to the public on Sunday from 2-30 p.m. to 5 p.m. for inspection.

Members of the Leonard Cheshire Homes Advisory Committee will be on duty to show visitors round. The house will be open every subsequent Sunday until further notice.

Members of the Royton and Chadderton Round Table and their wives (Ladies' Circuit) are sponsoring the work of converting the home.

Gonzales in the lead

Pancho Gonzales, world professional lawn tennis champion, battled three hours to beat Lew Hoad (Australia) 10-8, 2-6, 9-7, at Cincinnati, Ohio, yesterday. Gonzales now leads 25-22 in their 100-match series.

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Their last chance PAKISTAN DO WELL IN TEST

AT Port of Spain, Trinidad, Pakistan, are 139 runs ahead of West Indies with six first-innings wickets in hand and are in a good position as they entered the fourth day of the fifth and final Test today.

Pakistan, who have made 407 for four in reply to West Indies' 268, are indebted mainly to Wazir Mohammad, who batted six hours 43 minutes for 189. He figured in two century stands, putting on 169 with Saeed Ahmad (97) for the third wicket, and 154 with his brother, Hanif Mohammad (54 not out) for the fourth wicket.

West Indies, who have won the rubber, were without pace bowler Roy Gilchrist (sprained ankle) yesterday.

West Indies: First innings 268 (Smith 86, Weekes 51; Fazal Mahmood 6-84). Pakistan 407-4.

Ranked boxer loses

Gil Turner (Philadelphia), ranked American welterweight, was optpointed by Mickey Crawford (Michigan) over ten rounds in New York last night. It was Turner's first fight since he was beaten by Vince Martinez (New Jersey) in an eliminator for the world title

ROUND THE THIRD DIVISION NORTH

New full-backs aid Gateshead defence

GATESHEAD'S goalless draw at York on Monday meant that the opposition had not scored against them in three matches. This represents the Gateshead rearguard's best performance of the season, particularly considering that they had conceded nine in their three previous engagements.

defence

With Batty and Armour Ashe, signed from Accrington at the end of November, in partnership, Gateshead are better served at full-back than for a longtime past.

WHILE the visit of Crewe to Haig Avenue this afternoon was expected to provide Southport with

their third successive victory—something they have not previously achieved this season—the Cheshire side were not without some hope of success.

When they were at Southport in the next-to-last match of last season, Crewe won there by the only goal, to record their only away victory of the season.

THE visit of Bradford City to Chesterfield's ground this afternoon will have meant a reunion for the Yorkshire club's right-back, Tommy Flockett.

Signed during the past summer, Flockett has enjoyed much better fortune than Douglas Kelly, the man who made the journey in the opposite direction in an exchange deal.

Whereas Flockett has so far played in all Bradford City's League and Cup engagements this winter, Kelly has been restricted to a single appearance in the Chesterfield senior side, at Southport at the end of September.

WHAT a sorry plight Bradford would be in were it not for Alvan Williams. The burly Welshman, signed as a centre-half from Wrexham during the past summer, switched to the attack at the end of November, and was soon the side's leading scorer.

After missing three games through injury, Williams returned to centre-forward a fortnight ago, and has netted three times in his last two matches. Those goals brought his total for the season to 16, well over a quarter of the 52 credited to the team in all.

FOLLOWING his five goals against York City last month, Chester centre-forward Barry Jepson went five games without scoring, but he was back to form with two last Saturday.

BURY'S defeat at Wrexham last Saturday meant that they had taken only one point from the last 10 at stake in away games, and have virtually lost their promotion chance.

Rugby Union Notes

All set for the Easter tour of Devon: A party of 35

FINAL arrangements have now been completed for the much-awaited Easter tour to Devon, which promises to be one of the best on record. This year some 25 players and officials will make the trip.

was that at Keb Lane, between the "A" team and Metrovick "A." Metrovick brought in several "old heads" to match the youthful home side, including a scrum-half playing in his thirtieth season. The game was a ding-dong struggle throughout, played in a fine spirit. Metrovick led 9-8 at half-time, but the pace began to tell in the second half and eventually Oldham ran out winners 18-11. B. Lord was the outstanding player with his strong running and intelligent play. G. Perry, promoted from the Colts, also had a good game in the centre. G. Wood again hooked well.

The Borough lost to Sedgley Park 14-3 in a rather robust game. The Borough, however, have the distinction of being the first team to cross the Sedgley home line. N. Bradbury being the try scorer. J. Buckley was a good forward, T. Fallows having a fine game on the wing.

The Extra "A" beat Sedgley Park at Keb Lane 11-0. This was another good game, which produced plenty of open rugby. Centres J. Barlow and K. Potter played well, and B. Radikin was the best of a good pack. K.D.

Americans smoked a record 409,000 million cigarettes last year, an increase of 4.1 per cent over 1956, the Agricultural Department reported at Washington.

Headquarters, as two years ago, will be in Torquay. The party leaves by coach on Thursday evening, the first game being at Wellington on Friday. Saturday there is a fixture with the strong Tiverton side (a second XV will also play Tiverton Colts). On Easter Monday the first team play Plymouth, while a second game had been fixed against Plymouth Jesters.

The final game, on Tuesday, is at Exmouth, who always provide stout opposition, especially at the end of such a strenuous weekend.

Last Saturday the first team beat Metrovick by 8 points to 6. Oldham were well on top throughout the match, but the Metrovick cover defence was as good as any encountered this season. Also bad finishing, and wild passing did not make matters any better, and the only scores came from tries by G. Brierley and J. Humble, E. Barrass converting the latter.

Perhaps the best game of the day

With the Oldham Amateurs BRAVO, GREENFIELD! A POINT AT LAST AND A WELL-DESERVED ONE

IN the quarter-finals of the Challenge Cup, Phoenix and J. Stott's won 8-0 and 3-1 respectively. Fernhurst were held to a 2-2 draw by Strinesdale and the game between Denshaw and the cup favourites Roundthorn, was postponed owing to the state of the Denshaw ground.

Only two league games were played, but it was an important event for Greenfield Mill—their 4-4 draw with Spinners gained them their first point of the season! Roundthorn Reserves had an easy victory at Druids to raise them to second position in the table, two points behind the leaders, Dronsfeld's with two games in hand.

J. Clares 0, Phoenix 8. In a good, clean, well-fought game Phoenix were always well on top, their forwards interchanging positions in such a bewildering manner that the home defence was constantly drawn out of position. Holmes in the Clare goal was outstanding and he alone, with perhaps full-back Carr, prevented a much greater score.

Seddon, the Phoenix outside-left, scored four and Buckley and Hadfield two each. Although Gibson and Willis, the other two forwards, did not get on the score sheet they had an equal share in the goals. Praise to J. Clares for their sportsmanship throughout this match.

Gladstone 1, J. Stott's 3. An evenly-fought game with J. Stott's just about deserving their victory. A severe test of stamina for both teams, but it was the superiority at wing-half which sealed the issue. The Stott's trio, Lofthouse, Buckley and Shepherd, were in command, breaking up the Gladstone attacks and creating openings for their forwards. The goals came from Holmes, Bailey and Wood for the winners, Cooper scoring the one in reply for Gladstone.

A great achievement by J. Stott's entering the semi-final, and they will not be easily defeated, with their strong, well-balanced side.

Fernhurst 2, Strinesdale 2. If the 'Dale forwards had taken

their chances a replay would not have been necessary. Chance after chance was missed and it seemed that the 2-1 lead Fernhurst had, would carry them through, but with the minutes running out, the Strinesdale outside-left managed to make good several earlier mistakes by equalising, following a clever through pass by inside-forward Curtis.

Fernhurst led 1-0 at the interval but 'Dale were level straight from the kick-off with a goal by winger Derbyshire. Then with 20 minutes of the second period gone, Needham, attempting to clear a high volley in his goalmouth, sliced the ball wide of Phipps, who seemed to have the original shot covered—an unfortunate accident.

FIRST DIVISION

Greenfield P.M. 4, Spinners 4. The first point for Greenfield Mill this season, and well deserved if only for such a gallant fight back after early reverses. After 16 minutes Spinners were in front from a penalty, and they added number two with a second spot-kick a few minutes later — both handling infringements.

Greenfield fought back and reduced the arrears with a goal by centre-forward Mills, but Spinners replied with a thunderbolt from Lincoln. Greenfield returned to the attack and Morris got their second goal. Spinners scored again to bring it to 4-2, but Greenfield managed a third from wing-half Eccles, and, with virtually the last kick of the match Spinners goalkeeper allowed a weak effort from Morris to pass under him, and Greenfield had broken their duck! All four Spinners goals came from inside-left Lincoln.

Druids Lads 0, Roundthorn Res. 8. The visitors were on top throughout and led 4-0 at half-time despite many efforts from the Druids forwards to make a match of it. When they had chances they fired wide or over the top, giving Roundthorn's keeper an easy day. Roundthorn added another after changing over, but were never really extended in the second half and won handsomely.

OLDHAM SUNDAY SCHOOLS LEAGUE ST. JOHN'S SNAP SHOOTING PAID GOOD DIVIDENDS

Glodwick Meths. 1, Edge Lane Meths. 3

IF Glodwick had taken their chances in the second half, they could easily have taken a point from the league leaders. Just before half-time, Pringle, the home team centre-half, was unfortunate to sustain a nose injury but he was still the star of the home defence.

For the last 15 minutes Glodwick, 2-1 down, pressed hard for a goal but just before the final whistle, Edge Lane made the issue safe. Glodwick are to be commended on a fine performance.

Glodwick: Joe... The... Meths. 2

Westwood Mor. 3, Watersheddings Meths. 1

There was little to choose between these two sides in the first half and each scored once. Westwood were well on top but they managed to score only two more goals. Scorers.—Westwood: Heath, Taylor, Young.

Cowhill Meths. 3, Wash... Meths. 2

The... Meths. 2

Birchall and Johnson; Hollinwood, Angus.

George Street Meths. 5, Saddleworth Church 2

Both sides made many mistakes on the bumpy ground. Passes went astray and big kicking was the order of the day. Saddleworth took the lead, but George Street equalised before the interval.

Saddleworth lost their goalkeeper, and this was too much of a handicap and they fell steadily behind, but only in the last ten minutes did they finally crack. Scorers: George Street, Hough (2), Crowther, Moffatt, Giblin; Saddleworth, Shaw, Galloway.

St. John's Res. 2, St. Hugh's 4. St. John's fielded ten men, and within a few minutes disaster struck them when they lost another player through injury, but the nine men put up a grand show and were the first to score.

The handicap, however, was too great, and St. Hugh's got on top to score three before half-time. In the second half St. Hugh's took things easily, but St. John's did not let them have matters their own way. Lees, in goal for St. John's, had a grand game. Scorers: St. John's, Timmins, Parkinson; St. Hugh's, Gardner (2), Gaunt, Rogers.

Christ Church 3, Cowhill Res. 1. The fight not to be bottom club in the division was quite a keen one, in the end Christ Church proved prior. Scorers: Christ Church, Robson, Butterworth; Cowhill, Gregory.

Thomas's, Lees, 3

Roundthorn Meths. 6. Roundthorn, waiting for any slips in league leaders, gained two points with this away win. St. Thomas's, Lever, P. N. Mayall; Roundthorn, (2), Mills (2), Farrand, (2).

South East Lancashire League Boundary Park will stage the league cup decider

THE SE Lancs. League Cup final clash between Bardsley and all-conquering Chloride Recreation will take place on Oldham Athletic's ground on Tuesday evening, April 29. As these two clubs meet in the League Shield semi-final on April 12 on the Ashton National ground, the Boundary Park meeting will be a revenge match. Whatever the outcome of the earlier match the cup final will be one worth seeing, no quarter being asked or given. While the Oldham side are "at home" Chloride players are no strangers to Boundary Park, for several have appeared in Athletic's reserve side this season—and no doubt Ted Goodier will be an interested spectator.

The final of the shield will take place on Ashton United ground on Saturday, April 26 (kick-off 7 p.m.) but the two teams will not be known until after the semi-finals on April 12.

Bardsley will have to improve on last Saturday's performance if they are to make anything against Chloride, for on Saturday they lost 1-0 to Dukinfield Victoria, who were very pleased with this win after playing second fiddle for so long in the encounters between the two clubs which go back many years into Ashton Amateur League days. Bardsley should have had the game won in the first half when they had many chances, all of which were missed by a below-par forward line. After the interval Dukinfield improved and gained a rather lucky goal when, in saving a shot from D. Spragg, goalkeeper Prince carried the ball over the line.

They're at it again! Ostram led CWS (Radcliffe) 1-0 at half-time and finally lost 4-3. Both sides tried to play good football despite the bad conditions. B. Derbyshire was again in scoring form for Ostram, netting two goals,

while J. Robinson added the third, which was apparent at the league trials, however, was his inability to fall back and help his defence. Is this one of Ostram's troubles? For CWS (Radcliffe) league wing-half Derbyshire has the making of an excellent inside-forward. A fault and captain Linacre scored twice and is coming more into the attack each week to add punch to their forward line. McGill also netted twice.

Marsden's J. Pennington returned to the side after a long absence, and this proved unlucky for English Steel, who found Marsden on one of their good days. Pennington got a hat-trick, while inside-left Maloney fed him, and still found time to score twice himself. Marsden's other scoring effort came from T. Galvin, giving the Yorkshire side a 6-1 win, for Harrop proved the only "Steel" sharp enough to pierce the winner's defences.

It goes without saying that Chloride won. This was their 21st league win of the season and their victims were Dukinfield St. Mary, who lost 5-1. It was a strange-looking Chloride side due to county calls and injuries, but it seems that replacements are always ready and willing at Clifton. Secret of their success? "Positional play is most important" is Manager Horton's motto. Yes! even before football ability.

Table with 5 columns: Team, P, W, D, L, Pts. Rows include Chloride Recs, Marsden, Urnston, Dukinfield St. Mary, Prestwich Boro, English Steel, Dukinfield Victoria, Bardsley, Heys, Robinson's Rec, Block Lanc, Ashton National, A. & A. Crompton, CWS (Radcliffe), Ostram, Avro.

Won cup medal in 1893

Joe Butcher, believed to be the youngest player ever to gain an FA Cup medal, has died in hospital in Derby, aged 83.

Butcher was only 18 when he played centre-forward for Wolves against Everton in the 1893 final at Fallowfield, the first final to be played outside London. Wolves won 1-0.

Advertisement for 'NO LIMIT' featuring 'WANTED: RUNNER, after Good man. to look Office. connection, Office. Chadderton for the right man.' Includes contact info for 'OLD and NEW AGENTS' and 'WATSON'S'.

goal between them: But...

A grand climax to Green Final Snooker

THE third and most successful Green Final Team Snooker Handicap was concluded at Unity Hall this week, and in a great climax, the two back-mark teams reached the final and staged a match that will long be remembered.

Land's End Club, Middleton, won the shield by beating Oldham's scratch team, Equitable, who included star players Jack Rainford, Bill Lees and Fred Adams.

Equitable had been leading two frames to one, but were one behind on aggregate. Unhappily, Bill Lees, whose brilliant play had helped Equitable through the quarter and semi-finals, lost his form in that last vital frame and he was heavily beaten by Bill Taylor, an old rival in competitive snooker.

So Land's End retained the Green Final shield. This time it was their "A" team that won it; last year it was their "B" team. Both times, however, Fred Dyson was captain, and he was only too delighted to receive the trophy for a second time. Mr. Charles Hughes, of F. Merrall's Ltd., who had put up a new table for the final stages, presented all the prizes.

Last night, on the same table, Joe Davis wound up the snooker gala week with an exhibition. The evening started with a stimulating session of billiards with Geoff Lockwood, noted for his snooker play but hitherto an unknown quantity as a billiard player.

Breaks of 40 and 38 by Davis were more than matched with a 29 and a 91 which put Lockwood well ahead, but then Joe used the whole table in compiling a masterly 199 to end the session.

It was noticeable, however, that he was not satisfied the way the balls were running, and they still ran awkwardly in the four snooker frames he played, and unfortunately his form was not quite good enough to counteract it.

Off 28, Lockwood beat him 96-47, finishing off by clearing the table for a 36 break (all except the last black). Davis had made a 22 break in this frame, but against Harry Kent (Royton Lib.) he scored a fine 54 break which gave him the frame 86-38.

Against Fred Adams, he could not get going at all, but he won 72-50, and with the help of two 20 breaks in the last frame he beat John Cooke (Westwood Lib.) 62-52.

Handicap scores

Equitable (3) 349, Westwood Liberals (1) 204 (Equitable names first): F Adams (scr.) 65, J Cooke (18) 58, F Rainford (10) 67, F Scarfe (25) 75, W Lees (scr.) 112, S Cooke (20) 28, J Rainford (scr.) 105, H Buxton (28) 43.
Land's End (4) 243, Royton Liberals (0) 212 (Land's End names first): F Dyson (12) 61, G Wild (16) 59, G Lockwood (owe 5) 63, H Kent (12) 46, R Berry (14) 66, F Buckley (7) 63, W Taylor (scr.) 53, A Oldham 44.

FINAL

Land's End (3) 261, Equitable (2) 218: F Dyson 70, F Adams 71, G Lockwood 85, F Rainford 40, R Berry 40, J Rainford 83, W Taylor 66, W Lees 24.



Mr. Charles Hughes presents Fred Dyson (left) with the Green Final Snooker Handicap shield. Other members of the victorious Land's End team (left to right) are G. Lockwood, R. Hilton, R. Berry and W. Taylor.

Jack Rainford seems fated

JACK RAINFORD seems to be destined not to win any of the big local handicaps. Playing Geoff Lockwood last Monday night in the final of the Rhodes Reading Room snooker handicap, it was the worst of luck that prevented him from winning it.

The first four frames went alternately to each player, with Rainford winning the first. But the last frame provided the highlight of the match. Lockwood jumped into the lead with three small breaks, but Rainford doggedly stuck to his task and eventually narrowed the margin to 39-37 with five reds left on the table.

Then, potting four reds, two blacks, pink and green, he led 64-39, but made a bad attempt at a safety shot on the last red and Lockwood, with brilliant positional play, potted all the balls up to the pink, missing it from a fairly easy position.

He was fortunate in snookering Rainford behind the black, with the pink over the top pocket. Calmly and deliberately Rainford played a cushion-first pot off the top cushion and got it—a winning stroke, as he thought.

To his dismay and sympathetic murmurs from the spectators, the cue-ball trickled down the bottom pocket (see diagram). Lockwood missed potting the pink off its spot, but left Rainford a difficult cut into the top pocket. Rainford missed it, leaving an easy pot into the middle pocket for Lockwood to win the match.

RUNNER-UP AGAIN

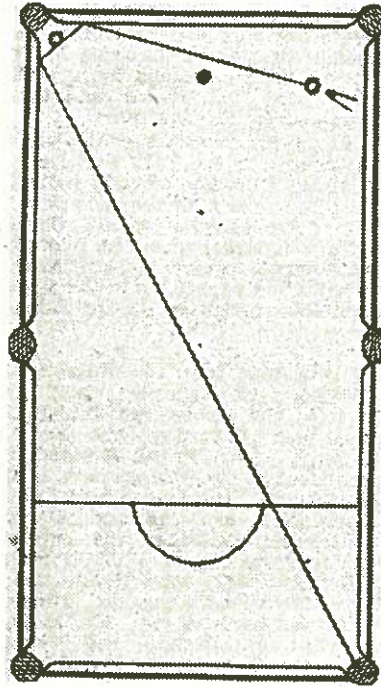
IT was unfortunate that Ronnie Gross had to lose the vital frame in the semi-final of the English Amateur Snooker Championship against J. Fitzmaurice by one of the most controversial decisions a snooker referee has to make—a push stroke and the simultaneous hit.

As in most strokes of this sort, the decision is a matter of conjecture, and my own policy is that if there is any doubt, the striker gets the benefit.

Even so, when a referee gives his decision, his word is final. There should be no recriminations by either players or spectators because these two fouls are open to the utmost controversy among even the top-grade referees.

ONE new English amateur snooker champion, Marcus Owen (Walthamstow), fulfilled the promise he showed when he won the London area, and by defeating J. Fitzmaurice 11 frames to eight in the final of the competition proper he proved himself a worthy champion.

Brother of that prolific century-maker, Gary Owen, he has come on leaps and bounds since coming out of the Forces. With youth on his side, he should make a name in the snooker world. F.M.



Japs' Davis Cup victory

Japan gained a winning 3-0 lead over Thailand by taking the doubles match today in the first round Eastern Zone Davis Cup tie in Tokio. Japan, who won the opening singles matches yesterday, will meet the Philippines in the second round.

Warrington's bigger boys beat Oldham

THE Oldham Schools' team was beaten by a much bigger and stronger Warrington side at Wilderspool on Wednesday evening. The Warrington backs were bigger than the Oldham forwards, so it is not difficult to understand the home side's victory by 47pts to two. What the score does not convey, however, is the tremendous fight the Oldham boys put up in the first half when they played with great courage.

After half-time the battering they had taken began to tell and the Warrington forwards ran riot. Hollingworth, a prop who is a miniature Harry Bath, supported by forward Hill and scrum-half Arber, repeatedly pierced the Oldham defence. Arber was one of the biggest boys on the field and his great pace and swerve gave him four particularly good tries.

Strangely enough, Warrington scored eight tries, all near the posts, before the converted one, trying five kickers in the process.

In a League "A" match, Clarksfield beat Hathershaw 20 to 0 on a Greenacres ground which was hard, dry and somewhat ridged, while a strong, cold wind chilled the fingers. After a bout of midfield play,

Chadderton Snooker Cycle Club lost by 223 points

FAILSWORTH CYCLE were soundly thrashed at home in their Chadderton Snooker League match on Monday with Avro's. They lost all five frames and finished with a deficit of 223 points, which must be the heaviest defeat they have ever suffered. The most outstanding winner for Avro's was W. G. Scott, who beat B. Campbell by 70.

Shaw Road Cons. entertained the league leaders, Land's End, and were well behind after two frames. H. Bradley and J. Harrison knocked 41 off the deficit, but R. Berry won the last frame to gain Land's End the match points.

Nimble Nook retained the runners-up position, winning by 66 at Springbank. Taking the first, second and fourth frames they had an unassailable lead of 76.

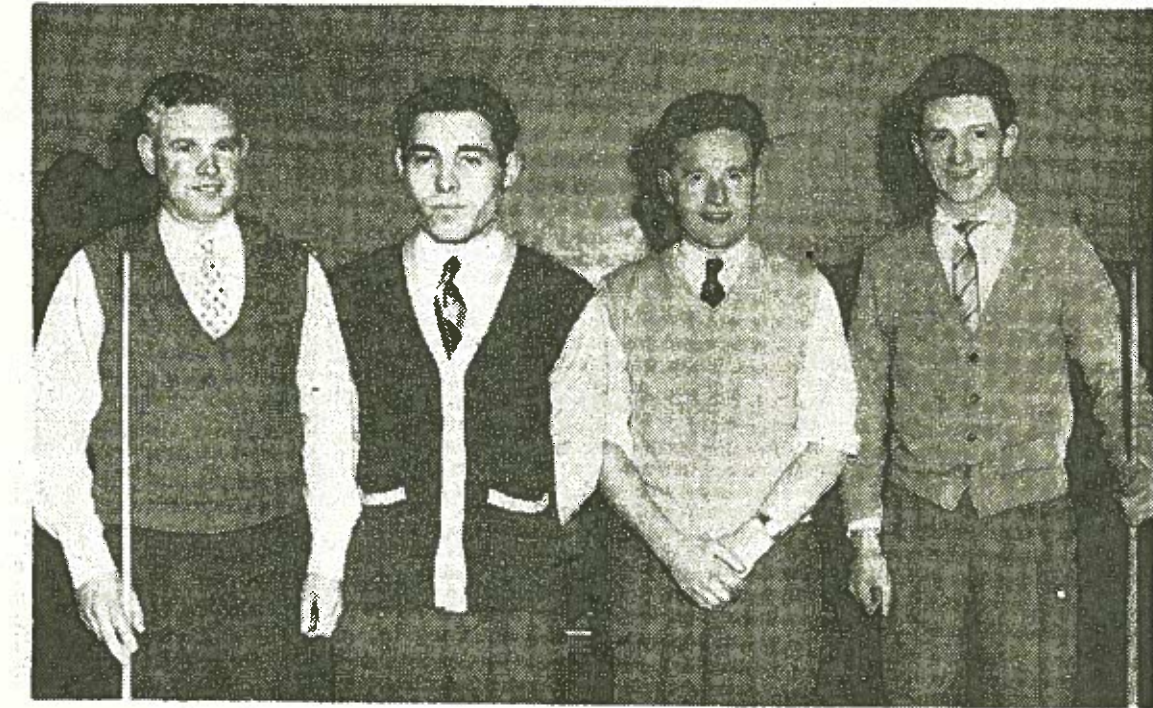
In the local derby between Chadderton Reform and N. Chadd. Cons., the Tories won the first three frames to build up a lead of 121, and although losing the last two frames, they got home by the wide margin of 79.

The win of Chadderton Cot over Chadderton Band was the result of two good wins by J. Wilson (28) in the first frame, and T. Nicholls (55) in the last frame, thus gaining two useful points in their challenge for league honours.

Hollinwood Cons. had only one winner—T. Whiteley (38)—at Beanweb, who won the match by 105 points. North Chadderton Social and Platt's had three close frames, but wins by S. Wilberton (48) and F. Hardacre (33) gained victory for Platt's.

Scorecards

Springbank 349, Nimble Nook 415. Springbank scores first: A. Jeffreys 68, J. Brierley 85, J. Shaw 65, J. Bell 88, H. Davies 64, H. Hargreaves 61, W. Bland 64, J. Brooks 106, S. Bolton 85, O. Horton 75.
Whist: Springbank 56, Nimble Nook 43, Royton Cons. 300, Westwood Libs. 392.
Royton scores first: N. Porter 72, S. Cooke 74, W. Burgess 66, J. Cooke 60, J. Mullin 49, H. Wilkinson 106, H. Foster 64, H. Buxton 71, T. Whittaker 49, T. Parkinson 81.
Whist: Royton 55, Westwood 45.
Chadderton Reform 323, Chadderton Cons. 402. Reform scores first: T. Coleman 74, T. Kinder 76, T. Hulme 38, F. Collier 105, N. Hilton 35, A. Beard 85, H. Clegg 88, F. Miller 62, E. Leach 80, R. A. Jones 74.
Whist: Reform 48, Cons. 45.
Shaw Road Cons. 305, Land's End Club 347. Shaw Road scores first: G. Woodcock 47, F. Dyson 95, J. Carrigan 44, W. Taylor 76, H. Bradley 89, S. Pope 69, J. Harrison 63, A. Kelly 42, H. Hardman 62, R. Berry 65.
Whist: Shaw Road 45, Land's End 47.
Chadderton CBC 382, Chadderton Band 323. Chadderton CBC scores first: J. Wilson 84, W. Birtles 56, J. Whittaker 66, F. Scarfe 65, A. Whiteley 59, A. Wild 81, H. Howarth 75, R. Earnshaw 78, T. Nicholls 98, J. Meredith 43.
Whist: CBC 46, Band 47.
Beanweb 332, Hollinwood Cons. 267. Beanweb scores first: G. Richardson 74, A. Fawcett 51, E. Clarke 102, F. Knapper 42, F. Rainford 48, T. Whiteley 66, F. Adams 52, S. Lockett 33, R. W. Lord 56, J. Whittaker 55.
Whist: Beanweb 48, Hollinwood Cons. 43.
North Chadderton Social 335, Platt's 410. North Chadderton scores first: J. Doyle 73, H. Howarth 70, T. Bell 43, S. Willerton 91, R. Walker 94, G. Bolton 86, D. Bell 52, F. Hardacre 85, S. Crossley 73, T. Midgley 78.
Whist: North Chadderton 58, Platt's 50.
Failsworth Cycle 186, Avro 409. Failsworth scores first: S. Osborne 47, R. Power 61, B. Campbell 34, W. G. Scott 104, N. Moreton 20, J. Sladen 64, E. Hall 40, R. Irving 85, F. Kennedy 45, K. Beesley 75.



EQUITABLE, runners-up in the Green Final Snooker Handicap.—W. Lees, J. Rainford, F. Rainford, F. Adams.

Marsland crossed twice for tries for Clarksfield. Just on half-time, Shaw scored for Wynn to convert. Hathershaw, although doing a good sporting best, could not match their opponents in the second half, especially as they were a man down. Cross, Wynn and Ward added further tries. Again poor goalkicking cost them many further points.

Next town team fixture: Swinton v Oldham, on Monday, away. W.H.

600 skiers break legs

Six hundred skiers have broken their legs so far this winter on the snow slopes of Zakopane, Poland's most popular winter resort.

The local hospital expects the figure to be 800 before the season is over. Most of the victims are women. The hospital is so overcrowded that patients are now being put in the corridors.

Easter soccer trips: United's FA Cup team problems

CONTINUATION RUGBY LEAGUE SEMI-FINALS

MARSDEN AFC will be South-East Lancashire League ambassadors to the Continent this Easter. They are leaving Ringway next Saturday morning to fly to Belgium for a four-day tour which will include two games to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the club.

Their opponents on Easter Sunday will be Royal Wallonia Sporting Club, Mettet, and on Easter Monday, the Saint Gerard Club, Mettet.

ROUNDTHORN AMATEURS, members of the Oldham Amateur League, are taking their two teams to Staffordshire on Easter Saturday. Their opponents

No prizes are offered for your ideas, but send them in to the Sports Editor.

STRINESDALE play St. Anne's in the Continuation Rugby League Howell Cup semi-final next Saturday, at Watersheddings as a curtain raiser (1.15 p.m.) to the Oldham v. Wigan match. The teams will dress under the stands and must report by 12.30 p.m. A collection will be taken for league funds.

The first of the league championship semi-finals will be played on Saturday, April 12, as a curtain-raiser to Oldham v. Hunslet match.

	LEAGUE TABLE				F.	A.	Pts.
	P.	W.	D.	L.			
Strinesdale	8	7	1	0	224	20	15
Greenacres	8	5	1	2	143	60	11
St. Anne's & St. Patrick's	8	2	0	6	64	132	4
St. Mary's	8	1	0	7	21	240	2

LEADING teams and drivers were this week being invited to nominate their entries for the Aintree International 200-mile event of the car race meeting at the Liverpool circuit on April 19. This will be the first race of the new Grand Prix distance staged in Great Britain this year, and the only appearance of Formula I racing machines in the North of England during the season.

The "200" is the oldest-long-distance race in England, having first been staged at Brooklands 37 years ago. It was revived at Aintree in 1954, and held again in 1956, and on both occasions the gruelling high-speed test of car and driver was won by Stirling Moss.

Moss, the reigning champion and favourite for the 1958 world championship title, has already indicated that he will try for the hat-trick. He will drive the Formula I Cooper-Climax machine which he piloted to astounding victory against formidable Italian opposition in the Argentine Grand Prix at Buenos Aires in January.

TWO members of Oldham and Werneth Lacrosse Club took part in the Lancashire Junior Cup final on Saturday—but not as players. Mr. Frank Holland, the president of the Oldham club, is also president of the Lancashire County Lacrosse Association, and after the match he presented the cup and winners' badges to William Hulme GS team. Mr. John Hirst, also of the Oldham club, was the referee.

Presenting the cup, Mr. Holland recalled that Oldham and Werneth last won the cup in 1932, and he was then a member of the successful team. The winners' badge he then received is now one of the most treasured memories of his lacrosse days.

AMONG the entries for that classic sports car event, the British Empire Trophy Race, to be run at Oulton Park, Cheshire, on April 12, are two 1½-litre Italian OSCAs by the Swedish drivers, Jon Fast and Sture Nottorp.

Belgium's top racing stable, the



RADCLIFFE INN, ROYTON, runners-up in the Oldham Women's Circular Darts League knockout.—J. Westhead, A. Haslop, H. Wrighton, A. Harrison (captain), A. Harrison, Jr., I. Lyndon, H. Barnes.

Mr. Cheetham's dream came true at last

JOE DAVIS visited Crompton and Royton Golf Club on Tuesday night and made a dream come true for the captain, Mr. Stanley Cheetham. Along with thousands of other players, long-time snooker enthusiast Cheetham—he has his own table—has cherished a desire to beat the fabulous Joe.

And on Tuesday he did it—by a handsome margin. The captain of the four-man team which played a frame of snooker each against Davis, Mr. Cheetham was the last to play.

Before, Joe had beaten Dr. Orr 108—50 (all the team were receiving 35) with a 38 and a 27 break; had beaten veteran Harold Longworth 112—44, including 64 and 33 breaks; had beaten president Syd Garside 107—44 with 21, 22 and 64 breaks.

Then came the last frame, and right from the word go, Stanley showed that he was on top of his form. Not adding up any big breaks, he was potting steadily and accurately, and almost as important, he was leaving Joe with little or nothing on. Joe managed one 32 break, and was then never seen again.

Laugh of the evening

Once on the colours, the captain cut loose with some beautiful pots and strolled home an easy 88—48 winner.

"Mr. Davis will now entertain you with some of his world-famous trick shots," said the MC. "I think you'd better get Stanley to show you some of his," said Joe, wryly.

Before the snooker exhibition, Joe played half an hour of billiards with Fred Dunkerley and in that time amassed 67, 72, and an immaculate 147 break.

The laugh of the evening came from Dr. Orr. "Members may be

wondering why I am wearing dinner dress," he said. "I have not missed a dinner date. Mr. Fred Davis, who is now touring in Canada, was asked to play an exhibition wearing a sweater with the words 'Joe's Joint' on the back. He refused, because, of course, dinner dress is the only dress to play snooker in." Dr. Orr played his first shot, missed, and took off his jacket. His dress front was revealed as a towel, and underneath was a vivid salmon pink sweater. Emblazoned on the back were the words — JOE'S JOINT.

GOLDEN MILLER

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for two more. But he was successful in races elsewhere.

He jumped his last fence at Newbury in February, 1939, and spent the rest of his days at Miss Paget's Elsenham stud farm in Hertfordshire. A constant companion there was insurance, who won the Champion Hurdle twice in the Paget colours.

The Miller also made friends with Esme, the old brown cow. They would often race together round the fields, and sometimes Esme would win though, between you and me, I don't think The Miller was always trying.

In retirement

The happy days in retirement of popular Irishman since St. Patrick, somebody once called him—lasted over 15 years. It was only 14 months ago that, because of age (he was 30) Golden Miller was "put down," as they say in racing.

Now he is with Manifesto, Cloister, Jerry M, Poethlyn in that twilight Valhalla where the mighty ones rest.

I can imagine the Miller, tossing his handsome head and delicately pawing the ground as horses do when amused saying to Manifesto: "So you are the chap who competed in eight Grand Nationals, and were actually persuaded to win the race twice, and run into third place three times!"

My dear fellow, what possessed you? Why didn't you use your head? You certainly were taken for a ride!"

Some people might not agree with me that Golden Miller worked it all out like this. That my angle on the situation is too fanciful.

But, Glamour Boy, you know I'm right don't you? You know you could have won the Grand National had you not felt so strongly on the subject? I don't blame you one bit.

And, old friend, before I sign off, thanks a million for the Grand National you did win—I backed you at 8—1 and cheered you home like mad.

Thanks, too, for that wonderful record of five Cheltenham Gold Cups . . . for the memories, the thrills and tremendous pleasure your superb jumping gave so many people on so many occasions.

I doubt very much whether we'll see another like you in my time. My salutations, Glamour Boy.

MIRROR OF SPORT

will be Stoke RC football club, who also have two teams. The first team is in the Fenton League, and the second team is in the North Staffordshire Alliance.

The club has quite a reputation and again this season both teams lead their respective leagues. Roundthorn will have plenty of support having hired two coaches to take their supporters. The party will have an early lunch at a Newcastle-under-Lyme hotel, before moving on to the fine Roe Lane ground at Westlands.

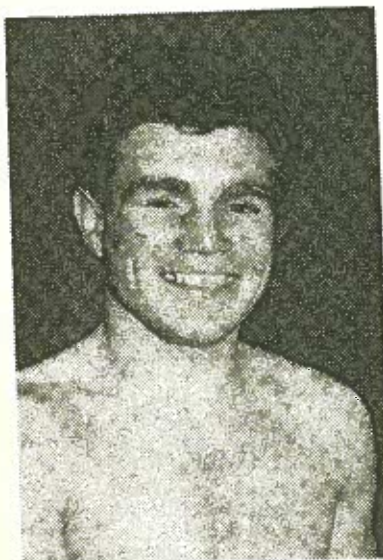
After the games, the home club will entertain their guests to tea in Stoke, with a dance to follow.

Last year Roundthorn went to Blackpool for their Easter games, and the year before saw them in Belgium. Teams for Stoke—1st XI: Smith; Riley, Nield; Ashworth, Cordwell, Ashworth; Cartwright, Prime, Chadderton, Adams, Mills. 2nd XI: Ankers; Nield, Piggott; Minton Flynn, Chadwick; Fletcher, Shaw, Clarke, Urmsom, Coldman. Coaches will leave Roundthorn Road 10 a.m., Gaumont 10.10 and Werneth Fire Station 10.15.

ONE of the after-match scenes at Highbury Stadium on Wednesday saw the Manchester United contingent of Denis Viollet, Albert Scanlon, Ken Morgans and Mark Pearson willingly signing Fulham fans' autograph books, although they had taken no part in the semi-final replay.

Seeing it all reminded one that acting-manager Jimmy Murphy will have some headaches on settling his team for the Wembley final. Will Morgans or Scanlon be fit? Will Viollet be tempted to ignore the doctors' advice and not play again until next season?

Without doubt, with three such players, United's Wembley team would be greatly strengthened, but who to leave out would be a nerve-racking question even for a fit Matt Bushby, never mind his deputy.



JOHNNY BUTTERWORTH, the Rochdale lightweight, who announced his retirement from the ring in October, 1956, will make a return on April 11, at Bolton.

IT'S THE OLD 8-20 AGAIN

AN Oldham Federation delegates' meeting was held on Thursday evening with a good attendance. A letter was read by the secretary from British Railways, stating that due to the Manchester to Rochdale line being converted to diesels, it would not be possible for them to connect a van to this type of train, making it possible for Federation birds to depart at a later time from Oldham for the Lancashire Combine races. The birds will have to go on the 8.20 p.m. goods train as in previous years.

Club master-timers were brought in for checking and the clock committee decided to get on with the job at once.

At the end of last season, a few fanciers whose lofts are in the west of Oldham, decided to attempt to form a new club. They held a meeting of all interested fanciers at the Dusty Miller, on Railway Road, last October, which resulted in the formation of the West Oldham Flying Club. Most of the members

PIGEON NOTES

are from the outer areas of the Oldham, Shaw and Hollinwood clubs, and include some very old fanciers such as Norman Finney, Jack Holt and Scaddon and Son.

At present, the club have got 12 flying members. Jack Robinson is president and Ivor Taylor a very energetic secretary. So far the club have spent about £45 on new equipment which includes eight new racing panniers and a new ringer. It is intended that they shall be conveyed by the South Lancashire Federation as far as the coast, and to have a separate liberation, and then go with Oldham Federation for the Channel races and to the Cheltenham Races in between combine races.

I have heard this week of a member who has found several youngsters dead in the nest. This is understandable with the weather

being so cold. I believe it to be a great advantage if a storm lamp is left in the loft at night. It allows the parent birds to come down for a drink and feed the youngsters before dawn, and keeps the frost out. Another thing which this fancier may have done to help would have been to put a little box with corn into each cage where the old birds were feeding youngsters.

I should imagine that all fanciers are now looking to their training baskets. If any are in need of repair, it is best to get them done now. There are plenty of skip-makers who will do them, and the expense will not be great. It is also best if you can put your name and address on a metal plate and fasten it permanently onto the basket, so that if the label comes off while away on a training toss you will still get your basket back.

Shaw Homing Society have been testing their members' clocks this last week, and are washing and seeing to their baskets on Easter Monday morning, at 11 a.m. —J.C.

3 CLUBS IN RUNNING FOR CHAMPIONSHIP

HURST NOOK made sure of an Ashton League cup replay against Stamford Villa. They were on top all the game, to win 6-2. The shock of the day was the defeat of the leaders, Hurst Central, by Ashton St. Mary's, 4-2. This now puts Hurst Central, Hurst Nook and Uppermill in the running for the championship—for all three clubs have to play one another.

Uppermill beat the improved Mossley Wool team 5-3, Harrison, the Uppermill centre-forward, returning to form with a hat-trick. Lees beat Denton Nomades 3-1.

Lees and Uppermill meet on Mossley AFC's ground on Good Friday morning in the final of the White Cup.

Hyde Lads Club continued their run of success by beating Mossley Amateurs 3-0. English Steel won the local derby with Ashton National 2-1, and Pattrielouex won at Denton British Railways 6-1. Great credit must be given to the Railwaymen, who turn up every Saturday and have yet to gain their first win.

Australian sprinter has surprise defeat

Gary Bromhead, of Sydney, scored a shock win over the national sprint champion Hector Hogan over 100 yards on the Olympic Park, Melbourne, today. He hopes that his victory will gain him a place in the Australian team for the British Empire Games at Cardiff.

Bromhead snatched victory from Hogan by inches. Both were clocked at 9.8sec.

No wonder forgotten men have those 'A team blues'

ASSUMING that the true strength of any team lies in its reserves, then Oldham are in for a rough ride in the Rugby League. If results matter—and you may be sure that they do—Oldham's reserves are weak.

It is hard to believe that behind a senior side the calibre of Oldham, lies a reserve team that out of 20 games this season, has managed to win only eight.

I think there are several reasons for the "A" team blues—but all of them can be bracketed together

under the title of official complacency.

Before any kind of analysis can be attempted, it is necessary to say that in these successful times the poor old reserves have gone deeper and deeper into neglect. They are the gang that almost everyone at Watersheddings takes for granted.

RESPONSIBLE FOR THE SUCCESS ENJOYED AT OLDHAM TODAY.

But what of the present situation? Oldham just didn't suddenly stop getting raw material. Being top of the League has its advantages—it makes a club the popular spot for ambitious youngsters.

Take John O'Brien and John Edwards. Two years ago they were

by W. D.

It paid off

I do not know of one single occasion when manager Griff Jenkins has coached the "A" team. Nor am I aware of any occasion when he has deserted the first team on a Saturday to watch the reserves.

The bitter truth is that too many officials at Oldham know their reserves only by the names they see on the team-sheets or in the newspaper.

There was a time when this was far from the case at Watersheddings. Then Oldham were building up a club and every youngster mattered. Officials knew playing potential—because they wanted to know it.

THAT NURSING PAID OFF ALL RIGHT. IT GAVE OLDHAM ALAN DAVIES, KEN JACKSON, FRANK PITCHFORD, TERRY O'GRADY—TO MENTION JUST SOME OF THE LADS DIRECTLY

rated the club's most promising pair. They are still waiting to show that promise, but current managerial judgment of them is: "Not enough speed."

They are both still young, they both have a lot of talent and enthusiasm. Cannot a little more speed be coaxed into them?

They come—and go

I fear there are too many players suffering a none-too-happy fate at Oldham, and I fear that the club is going to suffer.

The method of dealing with trialists closes on near chaos. Most of them just come—and go again. Occasionally, when they have not had enough, they come back for some more.

On one occasion, a trialist half-back was played in the "A"-team pack. Surely not the tactics of a top-of-the-league club?

Oldham's trialists must be getting close to the 100 mark and the season isn't over yet. And how many have been signed? Not a solitary one.

The departure list is not quite the same. I have already named Oldham's trialists who have signed for other clubs, and to them can be added forwards of the calibre of Alan Jarman (to Halifax) and Reg Bailey (Rochdale).

It would seem that Oldham could really afford to let them go when as recently as Tuesday night they had to play half-back Frank Daley in the second row of the pack.

Give them a chance

Oldham are going to have to get down quickly to the old spirit that not only brought new faces to Watersheddings, but nursed them to stardom. Or Oldham are going to face a crisis.

Immediate action is necessary in the method of bringing trialists to the club. Their flow must be regulated, their care first-class.

Trialists should not be used merely as stop-gaps in the "A" team. They have been decent enough to sign for trials—they deserve to get them in their best position.

Oldham now need forwards and backs. Had their policy of nine years ago been persisted with, they would have them. Apart from a couple of positions the situation is not too desperate—but it soon will be.

When next season starts, centre Alan Davies, scrum-half Frank Pitchford and forwards Ken Jackson, Sid Little and Derek Turner will still be on tour. Reserves will be needed to cover for them and I don't think Oldham have enough.

Add to the tourists other players who—yes, I've got to say it—are getting a little beyond top-of-the-league rugby.

How about Leeds trip?

Today, officials are out chasing Hunslet winger Ron Colin. If they like him they will talk terms with Hunslet, but I am told that if Hunslet talk at all it will be for a figure around £4,000. And Oldham cannot buy many players at that price.

To add to the club's worries, Vin Nestor got a top grading at his medical examination this week. This means that plasterer Vin can expect notice from the War Office any time now.

The kick-off at Watersheddings for the game against Huddersfield will be 5-30 p.m. on Easter Monday and not 7 p.m. as stated in the fixture list. The game against Hull on Wednesday, April 16, will start at 6 p.m.



Eddy just manages to score despite a tackle by Bailey—one of the Oldham winger's two tries at Watersheddings last Saturday.

ARE THE TWO NEW PLAYERS OF ANY VALUE?

A FORTNIGHT ago, Manager Ted Goodier beat the transfer deadline, with minutes to spare, to bring Les Melville and Stan Smith to Boundary Park. Each has played two games for the club, and now I ask, "Have the captures been of any value to Athletic?"

Looking at the results of these two games, it seems they have. The points were shared with Mansfield and two points taken from Crewe last week. But have the two men really answered Athletic's need?

The one position in the side which needed strengthening was inside-forward, and the only way in which the new captures have helped this is that Melville has reduced the need for Peter Neale to be switched to left-half in emergencies.

Again, of course, money dictated the signings, and though no actual figure has been released, I doubt if even a £1,000 sum was paid for the two men together.

For that kind of money Athletic could not get the man they needed, and it is for that reason that I wonder if the club will benefit from taking two new men on to the wage bill.

Events may prove me wrong but from what I have seen in the two games they have played, neither Smith nor Melville are any better players than those already on his books.

In fact, in the team which met Darlington this afternoon Melville was left out and Jimmy Thompson was recalled.

Neale's position

Thompson has been having a lean spell recently, but a couple of games with the Reserves could well have proved the tonic he needed. Certainly Jimmy is a better player on the dry grounds—a surprising fact for a wing-half of his build—and now the better weather is coming along, Melville will have to produce better form to recapture the left-half berth.

One can argue that Neale should also be considered as a left-half. Many supporters say he is wasted at inside-forward and misses too many chances. But his goals at Crewe last Saturday marked the third occasion this season that he has bagged a "couple" in one game.

He is now leading goal-scorer, and that should be reason enough for keeping him in the forwards for the time being.

Turning to Stan Smith, the marksman from Crewe, events may again

prove me wrong, but so far I do not rate him any better than Gerry Duffy. At Crewe last week, a supporter said to me, "Duffy would have been better in the middle today," and I tend to agree.

Smith needs support

Smith was playing on the ground he, should have known so well against players he knows even better but did little to suggest he will answer Athletic's goal-scoring need. In fairness, I must add that Smith is a hard-working forward who will try and make the half-chance into a goal.

I asked a colleague at Crewe how he had played in the Gresty Road side and was told he had always shown promise, and with

By A. G. W.

more support, might have had twice as many goals. As it was, his seven goals there this season made him the club's leading goalscorer.

Support will also be the key to Smith's success in Athletic's attack, and the Easter games will be the testing time.

He hopes that both Melville and Smith will prove valuable acquisitions to the club, and that once again, Manager Goodier has man-

aged to do the impossible by finding two valuable players with little or no money in his pocket.

I understand Duffy has now been offered accommodation in Oldham, and no doubt the club would still be willing to offer him full-time terms if he moves from his Cheshire home. The decision can make all the difference to Duffy's playing career.

Phoenix not available

There was sad news about Peter Phoenix this week. On Thursday he joined the Army, but hopes that he would be released for some of the important end of season games were dashed yesterday.

A letter from his Commanding Officer suggested it would be unlikely that he could be released at all during his training period—the all-important weeks when Athletic need him most.

A great deal will now depend on the fitness of Tommy Walker who has been out of the game for five weeks. His experience and ability could be a great asset, but his doctor has so far forbidden him to turn out.

This week Athletic had to turn down a request from the Lancaster Club to take a team to the county town for a benefit game.



Nestor (right) sends Cracknell in for a try past Bailey and Corsi (Hornets). One of Oldham's five tries at Watersheddings last Saturday. Chronicle photographs

I know Athletic would have been more than willing to send a team there, but next Thursday evening, the date set aside for the game is out of the question.

OVERWORKED HSOB DEFENCE

Old Xaverians beat Oldham HSOB 2-0 in a Lancashire and Cheshire League (Division II) game last Saturday. Oldham dictated play early in the game, but the finishing by the forwards was poor. The best efforts during this attacking spell were shots by Gooseman and Bradbury which went just over the bar.

The Xaverians' defence now began to break up the Oldham attacks and prompt their own forwards. From one of their moves the inside-left was allowed to control a bouncing ball and get in a hook shot which struck an Oldham defender on its way into the net.

The second half began with Xaverians keeping play in the Oldham half. From a corner-kick they obtained their second goal, the ball not being headed clear. The ball bounced and was forced into the net by the Xaverians' centre-forward.

Play remained in the Oldham half except for a few breakaways. Xaverians deserved their win as they were faster on the ball. Putman and Connolly stood out in an overworked Oldham defence.

CIU SNOOKER

Oldham and District Federation of Working Men's Clubs' individual snooker championship:—

At RAOB Club next Thursday: E Hallsworth (10) v. H Wild (15); J Jackson (20) v. W Birtles (15); S Mills (25) v. F Hague (15).

At Nimble Nook next Thursday: A Collier (20) v. H Hargreaves (17); J Keating (20) v. A. Fletcher (20).

At AEC next Thursday: H Barrett (scr.) v. J Milner (25); H Barnes (20) v. R Tyndall (15); B Hodkin (22) v. J Whittaker (25).

Striking-out time 8-30 p.m. Results of all games to be handed in to the secretary, Mr. F. Wild, 100 Melbourne Street, Chadderton, by next Saturday.

Benny is a bumper for the BBC

TWELVE MILLION sets were tuned in to the last Benny Hill show. There is another one tonight, and the BBC can expect another bumper audience.

Who are the other people setting up tonight as a rival? The late Humphrey Bogart, Channel Nine's Saturday evening schedule appears to be in an experimental stage, and the film show has been brought forward this week to the key time of 8.15.

"The Big Sleep" is framed on a Raymond Chandler story about an ex-bootlegger who turns private detective and takes on a blackmail job which proves to be a very tough assignment indeed.

It is a film which must be taken right from the start if the somewhat tangled plot is to be understood. The Kinematograph Weekly—known for its vivid comments—said at the time of issue that it was "a veritable Bogart beanfeast—or perhaps bloodbath is a more appropriate term." Lauren Bacall is in it, too.

BACK to Benny. He has been very busy writing the script for tonight's show. He apparently trusts himself more than hired writers and this is one side of his work which he takes very seriously.

"I don't spend much time on

Tonight...

- BBC**
- 6 0: News.
 - 6 5: Six-Five Special.
 - 7 0: Wells Fargo.
 - 7 25: News.
 - 7 30: Dixon of Dock Green.
 - 8 15: Benny Hill Show.
 - 9 15: Playhouse.
 - 10 30: Sports Special.
 - 11 0: News.
 - 11 15: War in the Air.

- ABC**
- 5 38: Rugby League Results.
 - 5 40: Sports Results and News.
 - 6 0: Jack Jackson Show.
 - 6 25: Son of Zorro.
 - 6 45: Highway Patrol.
 - 7 15: Restless Gun.
 - 7 45: Wrestling.
 - 8 15: The Big Sleep (film).
 - 10 25: News.
 - 10 30: Saturday Spectacular.
 - 11 15: M Squad.
 - 11 45: Epilogue.

- HOME—434 metres**
- 6 0: News.
 - 6 15: News of the North.
 - 6 25: Sport Spotlight.
 - 7 0: Those Were the Days.
 - 7 15: The Week in Westminster.
 - 7 30: In Town Tonight.
 - 8 0: Variety Playhouse.
 - 9 0: News.
 - 9 15: Change of Heart (play).
 - 10 45: Lighten Our Darkness.
 - 11 0: News.

- LIGHT—1,500 and 247 metres**
- 5 0: Sports Report.
 - 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—464 and 194 metres**
- 6 30: World of Books.
 - 7 0: Record Review.
 - 8 0: Orchestral Concert.
 - 8 40: The Music of Time.
 - 9 0: Orchestral Concert—Part II.
 - 9 45: Research.
 - 10 25: English and Scottish Popular Ballads.

- LUXEMBURG—208 metres**
- 6 0: Barry Aldis.
 - 7 0: Rhythm on the Range.
 - 7 30: Intrigue.
 - 8 0: Jamboree.
 - 10 0: Irish Requests.
 - 10 30: Spin with the Stars.
 - 11 0: Bringing Christ to the Nations.
 - 11 30: Record Round-up.

- AFN**
- 6 0: News.
 - 7 0: News.
 - 7 5: Grand Ole Opry.
 - 7 30: Saturday Night Country Style.
 - 7 55: John 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.
 - 12 5: Sign Off.

rehearsals," he says, "and I certainly don't practice my characterisations in front of a mirror. That side of my work seems to come naturally. But no comic can hope for a high standard of performance without good material to work on."

You can bet that anyone who does a regular series on TV will be watching this show keenly tonight—to see whether they're the next to be gayed by the ace satirist of the home screen.

Edna Savage is one of his guests tonight.

To follow there is a North Country play, "My Flesh, My Blood." It is set in a Lancashire town and it is about a stern father who expects his family to conform to his austere standards. A daughter rebels just once and tragic events follow.

The name of the family in this play is Crompton. Perhaps some people feel it should be Shaw.

Wilfrid Lawson plays the part of the father, and Andree Melly is the girl who rebels.

IT'S Eugene O'Neill or nothing for those who want to watch television drama tomorrow evening. On Channel Two, the BBC is due to complete the long play, "Strange Interlude" and ABC is putting on "The Emperor Jones," by the same playwright.

Those who saw the first part of "Strange Interlude" will want to stay with it. It was brilliantly done and the ultimate fate of the strange girl, Nina Leeds (brilliantly

played by Diane Cilento), is something which will keep viewers with the BBC.

"The Emperor Jones" is a different kind of play altogether. It is about an escaped convict—a negro—who sets himself up as king of a small native country in the West Indies.

He is supported in his rule by a Cockney trader, and then he is driven out by a rival tribe. He flees through the jungle which strips him of all vestige of power.

It was naturally a problem to find a man to play the central role. But the answer soon came when an ABC man spotted 6ft. 4in. Kenneth Spencer singing in an occasional TV appearance.

Spencer was seen by the ABC drama chief, Dennis Vance, the next day, and signed up. Born in Los Angeles, Spencer is a very busy singer and a bachelor of music to boot. He was once understudy to Paul Robson, who created the part of Emperor Jones in New York and London.

THOR HEYERDAHL, author of "The Kon-Tiki Expedition," is a guest in that urbane and lively literary programme "The Bookman," on ABC television tomorrow afternoon. He has written a new book with the strange title "Aku-Aku," and he will be talking about it. Critic Maurice Richardson, of the Observer, will discuss crime books with Michael Innes.

Richard Hearne was to have been star of the "Palladium Show" tomorrow, but a change has been necessary and the principal turns will be James Melton, an American variety tenor, and the pipes and drums of the Black Watch Regiment.

Tomorrow

- 8 25: Good Cause.
- 8 30: Wives and Daughters (serial).
- 9 0: News.
- 9 15: Piano.
- 10 0: Critics.
- 10 50: Epilogue.
- 11 0: News.
- 11 6: Close down.

- LIGHT — 1,500m., 247m.**
- 9 0: Silver Chords.
 - 9 30: Campoll.
 - 9 45: Archers.
 - 10 30: What Do You Know?
 - 11 0: Have a Go.
 - 11 30: Service.
 - 12 0: Family Favourites.
 - 1 15: Billy Cotton.
 - 1 45: Life with the Lyons.
 - 2 15: Ted Ray.
 - 2 45: Movie-go-round.
 - 3 30: Melody Hour.
 - 4 30: Britannia News (serial).
 - 5 0: Down Your Way.
 - 6 0: Sing It Again.
 - 6 30: Sam Costa.
 - 7 0: Take It From Here.
 - 7 30: News.
 - 7 35: Ternent Hour.
 - 8 30: Sunday Half Hour.
 - 9 0: Follow the Stars.
 - 10 0: Semprini.
 - 10 30: News.
 - 10 40: Records.
 - 11 30: Piano.
 - 11 50: End of the Day.
 - 11 55: News.

- THIRD — 464m., 194m.**
- 5 0: Brahms.
 - 8 5: Die Walkure.
 - 9 20: Beware of Strangers.
 - 9 55: Italian Music.
- 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: Stringing Along.
 - 8 30: Take Your Pick.
 - 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.

- AFN**
- 6 0: Biography in Sound.
 - 6 55: Scrapbook.
 - 7 0: News.
 - 7 5: People Are Funny.
 - 7 30: CBS Radio Workshop.
 - 7 55: World Fair Report.
 - 8 0: Howard Barlow Presents.
 - 8 30: European Storybook.
 - 9 0: Mitch Miller.
 - 9 30: News and Sports.
 - 9 45: Strange.
 - 10 0: Portraits in Music.
 - 10 45: Who's Your Girl?
 - 11 0: Philadelphia Symphony Orchestra.
 - 11 55: This Thing Called Life.
 - 12 0: News.

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Criminal 'earns' £69 a week
 A young man "of excellent character" earned £A69 a week in a six-month career in crime, police told a court at Sydney. William Clinton Bryant (21), of Hurstville, Sydney, described as a prominent member of a local Rugby Union club was jailed for three years for 66 shop-and-house robberies involving £A1,600.

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DARLINGTON	2
CARLISLE	1
ROCHDALE	0

FIRST DIVISION

Birmingham 2, Everton 1
Burnley 2, Blackpool 1
Chelsea 0, Sunderland 0
Manchester City 1, Leeds 0
Newcastle 3, Luton 2
Notts Forest 0, Bolton 0
Portsmouth 5, Arsenal 4
Preston NE 4, Leicester 1
Sheffield Wed. 1, Manchester U. 0
Tottenham 6, Aston Villa 2
West Brom. 0, Wolverhampton 3

SECOND DIVISION

Bristol City 1, Sheffield U. 4
Huddersfield 0, Fulham 3
Middlesbrough 3, Notts County 1
Rotherham 5, Swansea 2

THIRD DIVISION (South)

Bournemouth 4, Newport 3
Colchester 1, Brighton 2
Northampton 7, Millwall 2
Norwich 0, Southampton 2
Reading 0, Swindon 4
Walsall 3, Port Vale 0
Watford 3, Gillingham 0.

THIRD DIVISION (North)

Accrington 4, Mansfield 1
Barrow 0, Scunthorpe 1
Bury 4, Gateshead 1
Halifax 2, Bradford 0
Hartlepool 1, Stockport 2
Southport 2, Crewe 0
York 1, Wrexham 2.

SCOTTISH LEAGUE (Div. I)

Clyde 5, Aberdeen 1
Hearts 4, Raith 1
Kilmarnock 1, Falkirk 1
Queen of the South 1, Partick T. 3
Third Lanark 1, Hibernian 1

SCOTTISH LEAGUE (Div. II)

Hamilton 4, Ayr 5
Montrose 1, Berwick 2
Stenhousemuir 0, Dunfermline 2
Stranraer 4, Albion 0.

RL CHALLENGE CUP (Semi-Finals)

Workington 8, Featherstone 2

RUGBY LEAGUE

Bramley 4, Hunslet 14
Castleford 11, Widnes 30
Hull 28, Bradford N. 11
St. Helens 25, Blackpool Borough 11
Wakefield Trinity 48, Doncaster 13
Warrington 13, Leeds 28.
York 5, Halifax 5

RU INTERNATIONAL

Wales 6, France 16.

Leeds surprised 'Wires'

The lead changed hands constantly at Wilderspool, where Leeds went ahead with a try by BROUGHTON which JONES converted.

Warrington struck back almost immediately with tries by FRASER and EDWARDS.

Both sides were playing wonderfully open football under difficult conditions and another delightful movement by Leeds saw HEMINGWAY score in the corner.

Five minutes later Warrington were ahead again with a try by ARNOLD which FRASER converted, but just on half-time PRATT put Leeds in front again with a try converted by JONES.

Attendance 7,000. Half-time: Warrington 17pts., Leeds 13.

Rain-drenched postmen at suburban Burwood, Melbourne, can retreat to their new £23,000 post office for a "dry-off." The post office includes in its feature a special drying-room.

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ALAN HALL, who made his debut last week, appeared for the first time before home supporters in an Athletic side which was selected at Boundary Park this afternoon. Darlington made a late switch of their full-backs, Henderson and Lyske. Slight drizzle was falling, but the pitch appeared to be in good condition.

ATHLETIC: Teece; Naylor, West; Hall, Muir, Thompson; Bazley, Spurdle, Smith, Neale, Over.
DARLINGTON: Turner; Henderson, Lyske; Furphy, Greener, Rutherford; Morton, Milner, Carr, Bell, Lancaster.
Referee: Mr E. R. Hill (Chester).

Wing-halves Hall and Thompson were soon in action, breaking up two early Darlington raids. Then Naylor was penalised for a sliding tackle which uprooted Lancaster.

Athletic were penned in their own half, and after a bad slip by Muir a quick pass from Bell found Milner, but the inside-left's first-time shot curled upwards to smack against the underside of the bar and rebound into safety.

It was a quick let-off for Athletic, who were playing without any idea, and when they did get away, Over was easily robbed by Furphy.

It had been mainly Darlington, however, and it was no surprise when after seven minutes they took the lead. Morton made the run down the right to put over a cross which Teece could only beat out to the waiting Carr.

The centre-forward hesitated and his shot was blocked, but this time LANCASTER ran in to blast the ball into the net.

Spurdle equalises

Spurdle tricked his way through to test Turner with a left-foot shot in Athletic's first real raid, but the Darlington keeper collected at the second attempt.

In the 15th minute, however, it was SPURDLE who put Athletic back on level terms with an opportunist goal from the edge of the area.

Bazley had collected a cross from the left but Spurdle, running in through the centre at full speed, took the ball from his own winger and hammered it into the corner.

Another Darlington raid threatened danger until Carr was brought back for offside, and then Spurdle sent out a pass to Over, who cut inside but shot well wide.

Back came Athletic with a three-pronged move featuring Bazley, Spurdle and Neale, which earned them two corners in succession, but the visitors went away, and it was West who had to come across to blot out a promising move between Morton and Carr.

Neale was next brought back for barging in the Darlington area, but Athletic kept up the assault, with Thompson dropping over a perfect centre, which was narrowly headed wide by the enthusiastic Neale.

Spurdle hammered in a free-kick after a foul on Neale, but Turner competently fielded the drive.

At the other end there were one or two anxious moments for the defence when Darlington won two corners, but the danger was cleared.

Another escape

Turner was forced to come out and punch clear a Thompson free kick, and then at the other end there was another escape for Athletic as Teece dived but misjudged a Carr shot.

The ball struck his knee and West, on the spur of the moment, wafted the ball into the stand for a corner.

Then seconds before the interval there was a confident appeal for a penalty by Athletic as Spurdle was tripped as he tricked his way through the middle but the official waved play on.

Half-time:

ATHLETIC	1
DARLINGTON	1

This had been a far from confident display by Athletic so far and a big improvement was called for if they were to get the two points—as they must. Darlington certainly deserved to be on equal terms. They had adapted themselves well to the conditions and their early pressure which left Athletic floundering, had brought them their quick goal reward.

It was Darlington who again went away with a rush, with Milner unable to stop himself as he burst through carrying the ball over the dead-ball line.

Muir was forced to concede a corner, however, in the next raid and then at last Athletic got under way, with Neale jostling the ball out of Turner's hands.

It left Smith with an empty net staring him in the face, but Greener made a remarkable recovery and got his boot to the centre-forward's shot to turn it just behind.

Then Neale fed Over, but the winger was blocked out. Turner was in action, however, in the next minute as he cut out a Bazley cross and from the keeper's clearance Carr broke away by himself and Teece turned the leader's drive round the upright.

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Athletic piling it on

It was a lone Darlington raid and back went Athletic with Turner again dropping the ball at Neale's feet.

The inside left's shot struck the prostrate keeper, however, and flew clear.

Athletic were now piling it on and again Greener saved his keeper after he had failed to gather a centre cum shot from Smith.

Athletic were still tending to hold the ball too long in the area but in the 59th minute SPURDLE came through to show them what to do. Bazley had dribbled in from the wing, hesitating before shooting and again his inside man whipped the ball off his toes to hammer it home in the corner.

Athletic should have made it three within a minute as Smith was put through by Over and with only the keeper to beat crashed the ball outside.

It was a costly error for Athletic, for in the 66th minute Darlington were on level terms. They gained a corner on the right and straight from the flag-kick BELL headed in with Teece out of his goal.

Back came Athletic with Over darting through on the right but he couldn't hold the ball and it ran behind. Again it was Over who made the bid for Athletic as he got his head to a Bazley cross but Turner was there to save the day with a brilliant full-length dive.

Final:—

ATHLETIC	2
DARLINGTON	2

Attendance 4,769.

Hogan Bassey 'very fit'

Hogan Bassey (Nigeria) has completed heavy work-outs in training for his world featherweight title defence against Ricardo Moreno (Mexico) at Los Angeles on Tuesday. "He's very fit," said his manager, George Biddles.

ROCHDALE PUT UP A GRIM FIGHT

ROCHDALE were without Eddie Wainwright at Carlisle this afternoon, when they were hoping to extend their unbeaten run, which had now gone to six games. Jock Lockhart, dropped a week ago, returned, with Dave Pearson moving inside. Carlisle made four changes from the team that lost at Hull.

CARLISLE UNTD: Fairley; Fletcher, Kenny; Johnston, Lackenby, Thompson; McKenna, Broadis, Ackerman, Tulloch, Cruikshank.

ROCHDALE: Jones; Ferguson, McCulloch; Grant, Glover, McGuigan, Lockhart; Pearson, Dailey, Moran, Vizard.
Referee: Mr. S. Blenkinsop (South Shields).

Rochdale started with Pearson at inside-left and Moran at inside-right on a slippery pitch.

Carlisle, with the assistance of a strong wind, had the bulk of the play in the opening exchanges, but could not produce a shot.

For three minutes play was held up while a dog was taken off the field.

Rochdale immediately got going in attack only to find Moran's final pass to Vizard going too far.

Jones was brought into action to hold a low drive by McKenna after Ackerman had made the opening.

In 12 minutes Carlisle took the lead. Broadis did the spade-work, and after inter-passing between Ackerman and Tulloch who had gone on to the right wing, ACKERMAN rammed the inside-forward's centre into the net.

Rochdale were prominent with some good attacking football after this, and Vizard was continually in action. Fairley fisted one of his centre's nearly half the length of the field and a second low centre from the outside-left was headed out by Lackenby.

Still another low centre came from Vizard but Lockhart completely miskicked in attempting a close-range shot.

Jones handled the ball safely when called upon to take a high corner kick and a shot from Ackerman which was deflected by a Rochdale defender.

Carlisle, on top at this period, wasted good openings when first Cruikshank and then McKenna centred behind in good positions.

Broadis went close with a terrific 25-yard drive, and in further Carlisle pressure Ferguson stopped Ackerman at close range, and Ferguson just got his foot in the way in time to stop Cruikshank taking a shot from 10 yards.

Rochdale's attacks while looking good were just failing to come off. Twice Pearson was inches offside but a third occasion in the 41st minute saw the referee wave play on and from ten yards the Rochdale man had a perfect opening. He lobbed the ball over the bar.

Carlisle again put on pressure but Jones was not extended.

Half-time:—

CARLISLE UNTD	1
ROCHDALE	0

With the wind behind them Rochdale dominated the first 15 minutes pressure a header by Pearson was fisted out by Fairley into a crowd of players, but no Rochdale man could get to it.

In 52 minutes Dailey opened the Carlisle defence wide with a pass to Lockhart, which sent him clean through. The winger crossed to the far post, but Pearson, who had merely to run the ball into the net, went in himself and left the ball out.

For a spell after this there was panic in the Carlisle defence but Rochdale could not take advantage of it and nobody was shooting.

A handling by Fletcher presented Vizard with a clear path to goal. Finally McGuigan got in a drive but it was held comfortably by Fairley.

Half-time: Burnley 1, Blackpool 1.

Carlisle gradually got back into the game but Ackerman, Tulloch and McKenna in turn shot wide with reasonably good chances.

Rochdale, however, were still having the best of the matter but they could not make anything of Carlisle's offside game and four times in as many minutes they were stopped in this way.

On another occasion Kenny handed to prevent Dailey going clean away. Rochdale's best chance in a ten-minute spell came when Fairley raced out and fly-kicked from Dailey's feet.

Final:—

CARLISLE	1
ROCHDALE	0

LYTHAM SCORE THEN GET LUCKY ESCAPE

RESERVES launched three quick raids before Lytham replied. In the last of these, M. Scott did well to save from Duffy.

Then it was Lytham's turn. Hollingworth broke through twice on the left, and it was from the second of his perfect centres that SEYMOUR put Lytham ahead in the fifth minute.

Lytham were coming into the game more, but they had a remarkable escape in the 22nd minute. Duffy shot a ball which bounced back to his feet from Scott's chest.

The keeper fell and Duffy shot over him, only to see Atkinson clear off the empty line. The heavy going underfoot was spoiling the game.

Half-time:—

Lytham	1
Athletic Reserves	0

Mossley lag in cup game

Hyde United took the lead in the 20th minute of their Manchester Intermediate Cup semi-final. MEGSON, the former Mossley player, scored with a header from left-winger Smith's centre.

Mossley looked dangerous in break-aways but lacked finish in front of goal. But Quigley carved a way through after 30 minutes for HUGHES to head the equaliser.

In the 44th minute, SMITH headed Hyde back into the lead once more.

Half-time: Hyde United 2, Mossley 1.

Matthews off—but Blackpool open up

After Durie (Blackpool) had missed narrowly with a header, Shackleton, the Burnley leader, broke through, but with Farm advancing to meet him he shot wide.

Blackpool had another close call when two defenders were lucky to get their feet to a battery of shots.

Though Blackpool, without Matthews, lacked much of their striking power, they took the lead through PERRY. Burnley pressure brought an equaliser ten minutes later, McILROY scoring with a header.

Half-time: Burnley 1, Blackpool 1.

Widow trial: Mrs. Wilson found guilty on both charges. Sentenced to death.
HURST PARK 4 10. Result:
The Little Topper (J Lynch) 1
Persian Highlight (R Reader) 2
Mazurka (G Ramshaw) 3
8/1, 9/4 fav., 7/2. 12 ran.
LIVERPOOL 4 15. Result:
Pinky (P Robinson) 1
Guy's Mount (D Johnstone) 2
Glendawn (D Smith) 3
7/4 fav., 9/1, 5/1. 14 ran.
HURST PARK 4 40. Result:
Cangway (E Mercer) 1
Sartorius (J Mercer) 2
Grecian Granite (P Tulke) 3
5/1, 100/7, 20/1. 15 ran.
Bardoni and I Love Lucy 4/1 j.f.s
LIVERPOOL 4 40. Result:
Swiftly (D Smith) 1
Superfluous (A Breasley) 2
Saucy Model (G Littlewood) 3
6/1, 2/5 fav., 10/1. 8 ran.

SECOND DIVISION
Cardiff 4, Blackburn 3
Charlton 2, Bristol R. 3
Doncaster 1, Derby 2.
Grimsby 2, Barnsley 1.
Leyton Orient 1, Lincoln 0
Stoke 1, West Ham 4
Liverpool v. Ipswich—Kick-off 5.15.

THIRD DIVISION (South)
Brentford 4, Southend 2.
Coventry 1, Plymouth 1.
Crystal Palace 2, Exeter 0.
Shrewsbury 5, Aldershot 0.
Torquay 3, Queens Pk. Rangers 1

THIRD DIVISION (North)
Chester 4, Workington 3.
Chesterfield 0, Bradford City 1
Tranmere 4, Hull 4.
SCOTTISH LEAGUE (Div. I)
Dundee 5, Celtic 3.
East Fife 1, St. Mirren 2.
Rangers 2, Motherwell 2
Stirling Albion 3, Brechin 2.

SCOTTISH LEAGUE (Div. II)
Cowdenbeath 2, Alloa 4.
East Strathgairne 1, Arbroath 2.
Morton 3, Dundee United 2.
AMATEUR INTERNATIONAL
St. Johnstone 2, Dumbarton 3.
England 2, Scotland 3.
Correction:
Shrewsbury 5, Aldershot 1.
Amateur R.L.—
Lancashire 3 8-30
Cumbria 1 0-2