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ATHLETIC IN A DOUR BATTLE

Desperate bid after Gateshead snap goal

RON FAWLEY and Ken Chaytor were both making their first appearance of the year in the Athletic side which went to Redheugh Park this afternoon to do battle for those vital league points. Gateshead, to whom the points were equally vital, made one change, bringing Ken Moffit in at left full-back in place of the injured Batty.

GATEHEAD: Gray; Ashe, Moffitt; Carolin, Trewick, Lydon; Ingham, Smith, Hogg, Kirtley, Oliver.
ATHLETIC: Teece; West, Fawley; Hobson, Murphy, Thompson; Walker, Chaytor, Duffy, Neale, Over.
Referee: Mr. E. Crawford (Doncaster).

Hobson and Thompson set the attack in motion right from the first whistle, but the left-half's final through pass ran too far for Chaytor. Then Neale got in a half shot which Gray easily fielded before Hogg broke away into Athletic's territory.

Fawley saved the situation with a timely tackle and back went Athletic to win a free-kick on the edge of the area as Neale was charged from behind. Ashe conceded a corner and from Walker's kick Gateshead cleared their lines and went straight upfield to win their first corner of the day.

Fawley again broke up the attack and Thompson came into the picture as he went through to crash a long-range effort well over the top.

HEAT TURNED ON

On the bone dry ground the ball was proving extremely difficult to control but Hobson earned applause for a 40-yard run, halted at the last minute by the efforts of three Gateshead defenders. Then it was the home side's turn to turn on the heat.

At full speed Oliver ran on to a cross pass from Hogg and with only Teece to beat he flashed the ball outside the post.

Then came another escape for the Athletic goal after a Trompson pass had gone astray. Oliver flashed the ball across the face of the goal where Teece got a hand to it, deflected it away from two waiting forwards and Fawley hooked the ball away with a spectacular overhead kick.

Athletic had not yet shown any of the past week's fiery form, and the Gateshead rearguard had stood firm when three times in succession in a heading duel Neale put the ball in the penalty area, in an effort to find a colleague.

Then Chaytor weaved a way through, but Trewick came across like an express train to cut out his short pass intended for Duffy.

At the other end Teece picked out a Kirtley header from just

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The CLL season opened in cloudy weather today. Oldham, last year's champions, were at home to Werneth, and here Frank Molyneux, captain of Oldham, is seen leading his team on to The Pollards field.

LEEDS BEATEN AT HEADINGLEY

Oldham start slowly then turn on the heat

A BIG surprise awaited the Oldham supporters who travelled to Leeds today. Bernard Ganley reported unfit, and his place at full-back was taken by Vince Nestor. It was the first time the 20-year-old Nestor had played full-back in his professional career. Leeds full-back Lendill could not get leave from the RAF, and his place was taken by Jimmy Dunn.

LEEDS: Dunn; Hemmingway, McLellan, Jones, Broughton; Brown, Stevenson; Skelton, Prior, Tomlinson, Robinson, Ward, Whitehead.
OLDHAM: Nestor; Cracknell, Ayres, Davies, Etty; Kellett, Pitchford; Jackson, Keith, Dufty, Winslade, Little, Turner.
Referee: Mr. C. F. Appleton (Warrington).

An early raid by Little put Leeds on the defensive. He took a pass just on the halfway line to force his way into the Leeds half. Then Oldham lost the ball. Leeds won the scrum and McLellan kicked through. The ball ran safely to Nestor, but as he played it McLellan booted it into touch near the Oldham "25."

Another Oldham fumble by Davies and Leeds swept on the Oldham line and in the fifth minute they scored. Stevenson took a pass, baffled the defence with a great dummy, and then swung the ball inside to BROUGHTON. The winger ran uninterrupted to the posts. JONES kicked the goal.

Oldham worked up to a thrilling reply, but with the line at their mercy they were stopped by a forward pass. The raid moved up the left wing and looked a try all the way till, 15 yards out, Little swung the ball forward to the unmarked Etty.

Out on the right Oldham worked up the same force and were awarded a penalty for obstruction. From 20 yards Cracknell tried for a goal, but the ball went wide.

Oldham had a lucky break just after a Jones kick found touch 20 yards from the line. Oldham won the scrum but Ayres muffed a pass under the posts. Etty snapped up the loose ball just on the line. The situation was kickly reversed with a great Winslade run and kick that moved Oldham from their own quarter to the Leeds "25."

Pitchford's opener

Oldham kept the ball going and just near the posts PITCHFORD took a pass to streak over. From a fairly easy position Cracknell again kicked wide.

Mighty atom Pitchford was right in at Oldham's next try. He took the ball just inside the Leeds half and ducked under the defence to send DAVIES over in the corner, via Keith and Jackson. No goal came from Cracknell.

Little opened up the line for Oldham's next try, and Pitchford made sure the side got it. He popped up with a great dummy pass and eventually sent the ball to Etty, for the winger to speed the ball back inside for JACKSON to score. CRACKNELL hit the posts, but the ball fell inside for a goal.

Just after Etty had lost the ball from a Pitchford pass, Oldham were awarded a penalty for obstruction 20 yards out. CRACKNELL, now kicking steadier, landed the goal.

In the 28th minute Leeds were penalised again. This time it was off-side, 25 yards out, and with a sure kick CRACKNELL landed another goal.

Almost immediately Oldham were on the wrong side of a penalty. McLellan kicked through but was obstructed by Turner from outside the Oldham "25." Jones tried for a good 15-yarder for touch but the kick went wide.

Oldham moved to the Leeds quarter and stayed there with Stevenson getting the ball to swing a great pass to Jones. The centre kicked and Broughton dropped the ball and it ran safely dead.

Half-time:—

LEEDS	1	1— 5
OLDHAM	3	3—15

After a roaring start Leeds ran hard up against the same Oldham that rattled Hull on Wednesday—and they had a tough time stopping them. But whenever the Leeds side—and in particular Jones—got the ball, they promptly showed their ability in attack.

Oldham could be thankful for a great pack of forwards.

Leeds restarted without out-half Brown, who was given treatment for a head injury in the first half. Inside a minute Oldham had a try disallowed. Etty broke away on the halfway line and crashed past three men to make the line. But further back the touchjudge had his flag up.

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ENGLAND RATTLE 'EM IN AT HAMPDEN

ENGLAND won the toss in the soccer international at Hampden Park today but Scotland went straight into action. However, Douglas and Charlton combined in a right-wing move which left Haddock, Scotland's substitute left-back, slithering ineffectually. Docherty and Evans came to the rescue.

A roar went up when Scotland forced a corner on the left. Hopkinson came out and missed Ewing's kick, but Billy Wright cleared as Mudie shaped to shoot.

England were not to be denied, Charlton clipped a free kick into the heart of the Scottish defence in the 25th minute and DOUGLAS rose above them all to head into the net. Younger got his fingertips to the ball, but could only assist it into the net.

The Scottish football was more hopeful than effective. Mudie had two glorious chances in quick succession, but he wasted both. First he failed to connect when Ewing left him clear in front of goal, then he sliced the ball past the post from a Murray through-pass.

KEVAN, the burly Engand centre-forward, was getting little scope to shine from Evans, but he scored a second goal after 37 minutes.

Douglas, who scored the first goal made this one. He beat a defender on the corner of the penalty-area and slipped a square pass to Kevan who hammered the ball first-time into the roof of the net.

That seemed to be the tonic Kevan needed, for a few minutes later a vicious left-foot shot by the centre-forward whistled a few inches wide of the posts.

Half-time:—

SCOTLAND	0
ENGLAND	2

Scotland looked considerably faster with the wind at their backs in the early minutes of the second half. With a free kick for hands against Billy Wright, two feet outside the penalty box, Ewing shot straight at Howe.

Evans was hurt in a collision with Kevan but carried on without attention.

Kevan was the focal point of most of England's centres, and none of the Scottish defenders was the match for him in the air.

Charlton and Kevan added further goals for England.

Final:—

SCOTLAND	0
ENGLAND	4

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Author in court: The jury was unable to reach a verdict in a case at Hertfordshire Quarter Sessions today in which Richard Pape, 41-year-old novelist, was accused of driving under the influence of drink at Watford. Jury were out for 3hrs. 20mins.

Castleton (v. Littlebro') 94 all.
Stockport (v. Rochdale) 74 all (Phadkar 7—31).
Radcliffe (v Milnrow) 192—4 dec.
Middleton (v Crompton) 126—8.
Walsden 70 all. P Wood 6—17; Coupe 5—6.
Oldham (v. Werneth) 9—0.
During chief event at Aintree this afternoon BRM retired with faulty brakes when well placed.

Southend 0, Torquay 0

BOGSIDE 4 55. Result:
Golden Jubilee II (Mr R Macmillan) 1, Whinstone Hill (Mr R Brewis) 2, Good Scout (Mr C M Craig) 3. 6 ran
4/1. 1/2 fav., 100/7.

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SPEEDY IRISH COLT FROM A CLASSIC FAMILY

Talmud goes, like Tulyar, to Chester for a Derby spin

EARLY next month on the sharp Chester course within the old walls racegoers may be watching the Derby winner performing in the Dee Stakes, a mile-and-a-half event worth more than £1,000, writes The Ringer.

For this is the race chosen for the Irish challenger Talmud, which is trained by P. J. Prendergast at Newbridge, Co. Kildare.

As a two-year-old, Talmud had only two races. In his first effort at The Curragh, he was beaten a length in a race over six furlongs, but, over the same course and distance in October, he won the National Produce Stakes.

This highly-rated Irish colt is by the Tehran stallion, Tulyar, who was sold to the Irish National Stud in February of 1953 for £250,000 before being sold again for £240,000 to Mr. A. B. Hancock on behalf of an American syndicate in 1955.

Talmud is one of the first sons of the Derby winner, Tulyar, and is also a half-brother to Nearula, the 2,000 Guineas winner of 1953, and Drum Beat, the sprinter, which is destined for the Noreen Stud at Robertstown, Cape Province, South Africa, this summer.

His dam is Respite, a mare by the useful handicapper, Flag of Truce, whose winning produce stay well.

Recently he has done a good deal of work at home. He failed at Phoenix Park, Dublin, in his first test this season in the Glendalough Stakes, over a mile and a furlong, in which he was beaten one and a quarter lengths by the smart filly, Merry Bug. His connections are still confident that he will reach classic race standard.

They attach little importance to the Phoenix Park failure as the going then was "sticky" after the rain and snow, and this may have taken the edge off the acceleration powers of this big colt.

Talmud (who is almost certain to miss the 2,000 Guineas) will run in the Dee Stakes as part of his Derby preparation. And we must not forget that Tulyar won there in the Ormonde Stakes, before lifting the Blue Riband of the turf at Epsom later.

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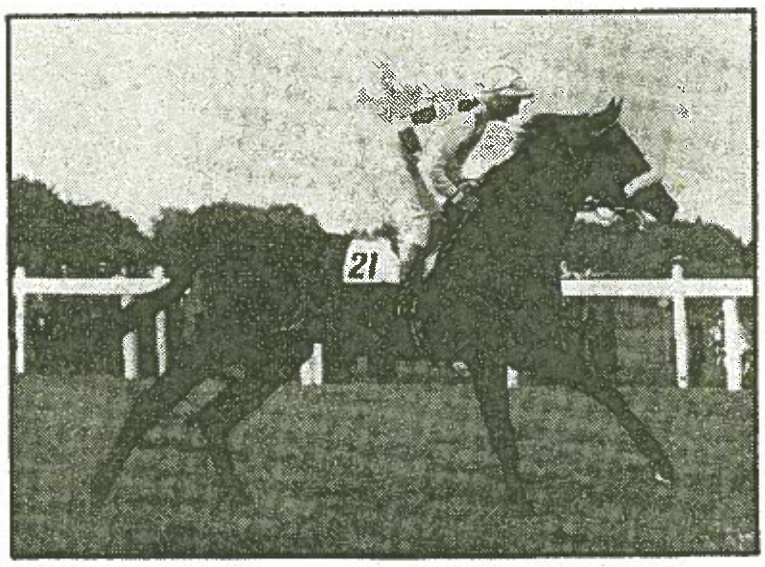
Another highly fancied Derby colt is the American-bred Bald Eagle, which demonstrated at Newmarket on Thursday his right to lead the ante-post betting on the classic races. A grand striding colt with every claim to stamina this Craven Stakes winner will take some shaking. It certainly looks as if the 2,000 Guineas will go to his wealthy American owner, Mr. H. F. Guggenheim.



Though he has won over a million pounds in stake money for his patrons, trainer Captain C. Boyd-Rochfort has yet to win the Derby, though seven years ago he came very near it with the late Mr. Woodward's American-bred Prince Simon. Now there is another American-bred colt, BALD EAGLE, owned by Mr. Harry F. Guggenheim, the US copper and nitrate millionaire, and pictured here with Harry Carr up.

Bald Eagle, which is also entered for the 2,000 Guineas and the St. Leger, is a son of the famous stallion Nasrullah. Even before he had had a racing pace gallop last year, the colt was Newmarket's "talking horse," which had so impressed the watchers on the Heath that they looked upon him as a champion in the making. He won his first run this season at Newmarket on Thursday.

Watchers differ in their stories of this race. Some say he couldn't pull out more, others assert he was easily ridden in "with hands." Well, whichever is true, it is a good point to note when a colt wins so readily at so early a day for classic candidates.

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THE tricky Alexandra Park course does not suit every horse, but one horse that will act well there on Monday is Birthday Present, in the Alexandra Handicap. He won twice over one mile five furlongs last season and in his other race over the course was beaten a short head. Galaht Homme is the obvious danger.

The spring welter should go to El Grand Capitan.

True Verdict lost the lead to Galemorin in the last 50 yards over six furlongs at Windsor earlier in the month. The five furlongs of the Middlesex Sprint Handicap gives him a great opportunity to go one better under bottom weight.

T. F. Rimmell's horse should pay to follow at Wolverhampton, and at Edinburgh High Finance is greatly fancied for the last race.

Next week's racing fixtures—Monday: Alexandra Park, Edinburgh and Wolverhampton. Tuesday: Epsom and Wolverhampton. Wednesday and Thursday: Epsom and Pontefract. Friday: Sandown Park. Saturday: Sandown Park (mixed) Ripon and Worcester.

TOPICS AT THE 19th HOLE

LOCKE MISSES U.S. AND HELPS CANCER RELIEF

OPEN champion Bobby Locke, who has had more individual successes in the United States than any other visiting professional, seems to be giving America a miss these days. What the USA circuit loses we gain, and the funds of the National Society for Cancer Relief will benefit, too, from the fact that Locke plans to spend most of the summer in this country.

He arrives from South Africa at the end of the month and will play the first of a series of matches for the Society at Cooden Beach, Sussex, on May 4.

Mrs Molly Philpott, organiser of these NSCR matches, who raised nearly £1,500 by last year's series, is looking to Locke and some of our Ryder Cup players to help her top that figure this summer.

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FEW men in any sport can have had so long and distinguished a career as Gene Sarazen. Thirty-six years after winning the US Open championship at the age of 20 he is coming here in June to meet Norman Sutton, of Exeter, for the World Senior championship.

When he won the USA Open for the first time his total for 72 holes was 288. That was the identical total with which he won the USA Senior championship recently at Dunedin, Florida.

The years have touched very lightly the smile-creased face of the sturdy Sarazen, who won our Open championship at Sandwich in 1932 and will tilt for it again at Lytham in July. He was contemporary of the Golden Twenties of Sport with Babe Ruth, Jack Dempsey, Bill Tilden and others and has outlasted them all.

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FOUR of the 59 visiting professionals in the new Amateur-Professionals golf tournament to be held at Beaconsfield on April 26 will be old friends of the members. They are Ryder Cup golfers Jimmy Adams (Royal Mid Surrey), Bill Cox (Fulwell), and Peter Alliss (Parkstone) and Bob Kenyon (Letchworth), all of whom were at some time attached to the Beaconsfield club.

The present professional there, Alex Crombie, is also in the field, together with Alliss's team-mates in the last Ryder Cup side, Harry Bradshaw, Harry Weetman, Christie O'Connor, Max Faulkner and Bernard Hunt.

Can any other club claim to have had the services of three Ryder Cup players?

OLDHAM YOBTH CLUBS FOOTBALL

UNDER-21 LEAGUE

	P	W	L	D	F	A	Pts
Chadderton	18	17	0	1	127	26	35
Failsworth LC	18	13	4	1	135	38	27
Hartford YC	16	13	3	0	97	38	26
Derker OB	17	11	6	0	100	48	22
Henshaw's OB	16	10	6	0	103	58	20
Coldhurst YC	17	7	9	1	59	67	15
Millgate LC	18	4	12	2	38	123	10
Townfield YC	16	4	12	0	45	90	8
St. Anne's YC	18	3	15	0	41	162	6
Royton ATC	18	1	16	1	21	116	3

Under-21 Supplementary League finalists: Chadderton v. Hartford at Derker. Knock-out Cup final: Chadderton v. Failsworth LC, at Boundary Park, on Thursday, May 1 (7-30 p.m.).

UNDER-18 LEAGUE

	P	W	L	D	F	A	Pts
St. Hugh's YC	8	6	1	1	51	25	13
Derker OB	7	3	2	2	29	28	8
St Cuthbert's YC	7	3	4	0	27	38	6
St. Aidan's YC	8	2	5	1	18	40	5
Millgate LC	6	2	4	0	30	24	4

UNDER-18 SUPPLEMENTARY

	P	W	L	D	F	A	Pts
St. Hugh's YC	4	3	1	0	18	16	6
Derker OB	4	1	1	2	24	22	4
St Cuthbert's YC	3	1	1	1	16	11	3
St. Aidan's YC	4	1	2	1	16	19	3
Millgate LC	3	1	2	0	6	12	2

Blank opening day at Castleshaw reservoir

THE season opened on a subdued note for the Oldham United Anglers. The long, cold winter had not improved the quality of the trout, and some lean, sloppy specimens were taken. On opening day the fish were not taking baits as widely as in some previous seasons, although some anglers caught between 20 and 30 fish.

Strinesdale appears to have fished the best. Messrs. R. Bancroft and R. Hamilton had good catches on bait, while Mr. B. Jones and Mr. D. Barratt took 40 fish between them on the spinner.

At Castleshaw some anglers actually had a blank day on opening day, a most unusual occurrence. Fly fishermen worked very hard to little avail, and have been very lucky to get a brace in four hours' fishing.

Wild fish growing

Last year a large number of month-old fed fry were placed in a pond in the Delph district and these have thrived and grown apace. They were about ¾-inch long when released and recently some were removed 5½ inches long. In all about 200 have been removed to date and placed in Castleshaw reservoir with the new stock.

There is a strong possibility that some of the delicate bites may be due to these small fish taking the bait but unable to swallow it.

From an angling point of view these fish will later give better sport than the large purchased fish: they have been brought up in similar water to that of Castleshaw, and almost since birth they have had to fend for themselves. To all intents and purposes they are wild fish.

A long, warm spell is urgently needed to bring the underwater animal life into activity and to feed the trout. Many anglers, particularly at Castleshaw have complained about the very shy bites they have been getting—just a slight movement of the bite indicator and nothing more. On striking even immediately, nothing has been felt and no connection made.

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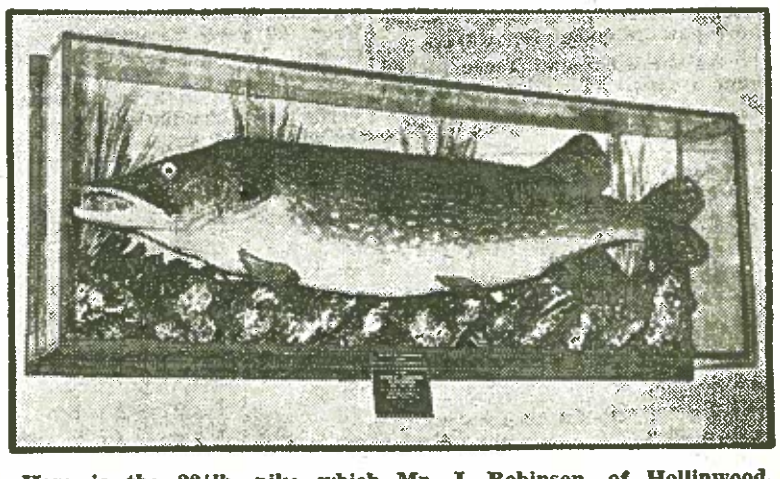
TOMORROW the Welcome Anglers are going to weed their length of the Huddersfield Canal at Greenfield. As the club are now possessors of a very efficient cutting apparatus, it is hoped to make big inroads into the weeds.

It is the duty of all members to assist in the weeding of their club waters, when good waters are so scarce locally—and likely to get scarcer.

ANGLING NOTES



Here is the 23¼lb. pike which Mr. J. Robinson, of Hollinwood, caught on October 20 last year, while spinning with a velvet spoon in a Central Anglers' outing at Tattersall. The fish is now hanging in a glass case in the Hat and Feather, at Hollinwood.

BY THE STUDENT

LET'S have a Wembley quiz this week, seeing that the Cup Final is so near. Score one point for each correct answer. If you get three—give yourself a pat on the back.

TEASER NUMBER ONE

Injuries have now robbed him of three Wembley soccer appearances. Who is he?

TEASER NUMBER TWO

Name a forward line which played without any change at all in two successful Wembley FA Cup Finals—not in successive years.

TEASER NUMBER THREE

Name a goalkeeper, a full-back and a wing-forward who played in three successful Wembley FA Finals for the same club?

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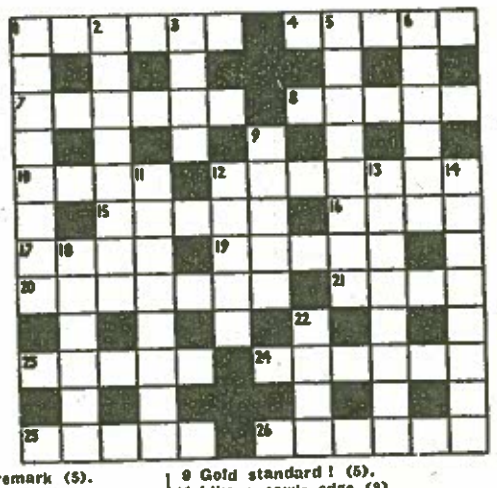

ACROSS:

1 Prevent from straying (6).
4 Cunning of the artist? (5).
7 Rubbishy rasher? (6).
8 Difficulties (5).
10 Childish trifles (4).
12 Mother grows old and does harm (7).
15 Decimals do this (5).
16 Not often met with (4).
17 A handicap to racing men (4).
19 No king, though he wears a crown (5).
20 Troops beat it in more than one sense (7).
21 Works by Shelley? (4).
23 Harmony as a whole (5).
24 Is it fired at billiards? (6).
25 Melodramatic remark (5).
26 Tied up (6).

DOWN:

1 To obtain a girl but not separately (8).
2 Nonsense in the ranks? (5, 3).
3 Lovable little fellow! (4).
5 Jumper you can't wear (8).
6 No not a tugboat (6).
9 Gold standard! (5).
11 Like a saw's edge (8).
12 Creator of D'Artagnan & Co. (5).
13 Flora's devoted attendant (8).
14 Peppered? Possibly, and salted! (8).
18 People who find hinges upsetting (6).
22 Shakespeare character (4).

YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION—Across: 3, Glimpsed. 8, Bolero. 9, Overture. 11, Very well. 12, Fern. 13, Knots. 18, Greek. 19, Eden. 22. Tentacle. 24, Pastoral. 25, People. 26, Tendered. Down: 1, Above. 2, Glory. 3, Growing. 4, Love. 5, Marl. 6, Soused. 7, Duenna. 10, Elite. 14, Order. 15, Settled. 16, Teapot. 17, Reason. 20, Scope. 21, Lever. 22, To-me. 23, Nape.

Moss superb in first 1958 event at Oulton

THE first motor-racing event of the 1958 Oulton Park season was held on Saturday last in sunny weather.

The 20th British Empire Trophy race, sponsored by the BRDC, proved to be a first-class outing for both drivers and spectators.

Stirling Moss, the reigning champion British driver, was in great form with the "works" Aston Martin, and team-mate C. A. S. Brooks. Archie Scott-Brown, the leading exponent of Lister Jaguar sports cars, was also on hand to give Stirling plenty of opposition in the early part of the race.

The event also attracted a number of foreign drivers from Sweden and Belgium. The Swedes were using the tiny, rugged Italian OSCA cars, while the Belgians chose two new Testa Rossa 250 Ferraris.

High speeds were set up in practice by Archie Scott-Brown who returned fastest lap at 1min. 50sec. and Moss 1min. 51.4sec. In the smaller—up to 2,000cc—class,

By G. P. CARR

Graham Hill in a team Lotus car put in a lap at 1min. 52.6sec., which was well above the average for the big car class.

Heat 1, for the up to 1,100cc cars, was in the nature of a Lotus benefit, with 20 cars out of a total on the grid of 27. It was not surprising that the result was Lotus in the first eight places.

Flashed into lead

At the start of Heat 2, for the up to 2,000 cc cars, it was Hill (Lotus), followed by Allison (Lotus), with Salvadori (Lotus) third. At the end of the pit straight, Allison flashed past Hill and into the lead with a tremendous burst of acceleration. By the end of the lap Allison had increased his lead to a good three seconds. Salvadori, still in third place, was unable to hold Hill. By lap five Allison led by a healthy margin, Hill second and Salvadori third.

At lap ten Hill was in at the pits for new plugs, giving second place to Salvadori, and Naylor, after a terrific effort, managed to snatch fourth place from Jones. Three minutes down, Hill restarted at last man, but soon overhauled the tail-enders, driving magnificently.

Allison, now well in the lead, slowed down slightly while team-mate Hill roared through the field, but time was against him and he finished the race sixth after a most exciting and spirted attempt to gain lost ground.

Tremendous battle

The final heat promised to be a tremendous battle between Scott-Brown and Moss. Both had won the race on two previous occasions. Scott-Brown was in pole position with Moss next to him on the grid.

At the start Scott-Brown made a magnificent getaway—Moss seemed a little slow—and with a superb burst of acceleration Scott-Brown leapt ahead to take an easy lead from Moss and Halford in second and third places.

By lap seven the last man had already been lapped by the leaders. Moss gradually turned on the heat and steadily closed the gap, and by the ninth lap was only ¾sec. behind. On the next lap they were nose to tail down the straight, Moss finally taking the lead at Knickerbrook.

As they came round again Moss led by a clear three seconds, Archie having had some trouble getting through the field. Moss had done it again! Archie now seemed to be considerably slower, finally stopping out on the circuit after a spin and retiring.

Moss gave a jubilant "thumbs up" as he past the pits and settled down to gradually lap the field and save his car for the final.

The final

The final, composed of the three fastest cars from each heat plus the next fastest finishers from all the heats, produced a mixed bag of cars ranging from the 3.8 litre Aston Martins to the 1,100c.c. Lotus cars.

A last-minute alteration to the programme and a fine gesture by Halford, saw Archie Scott-Brown back in the race again—driving Halford's Lister Jaguar.

At the end of lap one Moss was firmly in the lead from Brooks with Allison third and Scott-Brown fourth, and Allison trying desperately to pass Brooks. By the end of the next lap Allison was in second place, three seconds behind Moss with the rest dropping steadily behind Scott-Brown, in fourth place, was motoring well, but somewhat slower than hitherto, and Stacey, after a spin at Old Hall, retired with an over-revved engine.

Allison was still in second place with the Lotus but unable to make any ground on Moss who was leading by eight seconds. Finally Allison was forced to retire in lap 16 lacking oil pressure.

The race had by this time lost much of its sting. The leaders were well ahead, and in fact Moss had lapped most of them, apart from the second and third men. Five laps later, in the same order, Moss crossed the line leading by a very comfortable margin from Brooks, who led Scott-Brown by over a minute.

CHADDERTON DEFEATED AFTER 19 MATCHES

CHADDERTON, who were level with AGED at the top of Division II of the Manchester Amateur League—both teams having 49 points—were beaten 3—1 by Vernon Park Amateurs. It was Chadderton's first defeat in 19 games.

Austerlands went down 2—0 to the powerful AGED side and the league leaders now have 51 points with Chadderton second, still with 49 points.

Vernon Park Amateurs 3
Chadderton 1

The home team were by no means overawed at Chadderton's visit and the uneven ground appeared likely to favour the far superior physical strength of Vernon Park.

It was Chadderton, however, that looked the more dangerous in the first 15 minutes. A goal at that stage could have proved a decisive factor but it did not come. Vernon Park took the lead and by half-time had increased the score to 3—0.

Chadderton fought back and had several chances before GILES scored 20 minutes from time.

Vernon Park lacked nothing in determination and their hard-working goalkeeper repulsed all Chadderton attacks.

Austerlands lose to league leaders

Austerlands Institute met AGED, the Division II leaders.

The visitors playing with the wind and slope took up the attack and only strong defensive play prevented Austerlands from taking the lead.

The teams provided a big contrast in styles, the home team beating a man and then giving the ball plenty of boot, whereas the Austerlands team never gave up playing good team football and from a spectators' point of view were the more attractive team.

Mayall was unlucky after half an hour in taking a pass from Sladin to crash the ball onto the bar with the goalkeeper beaten and a little later a deflected shot struck the upright.

Austerlands were feeling the full impact of the AGED attack in the second half but Hanley in goal refused to be beaten. A powerful shot by the home team inside left was partially saved by Hanley but the ball was deflected into goal to give the home team a lucky lead.

A few minutes later a long throw-in bounced in the goalmouth and the ball was scrambled into the net. The final score was 2—0 for the league leaders.

? Sports Queries ?

OLD WHITE HART—Jock McAvoy says that Joe Rostron beat him on points over 10 rounds at the Skating Rink, Preston, in 1929. They had a return in 1930 at the Free Trade Hall, Manchester, when McAvoy won on points over 15 rounds at 11st. 2lb. In neither instance can Jock remember the month, and these bouts are not in the official record book.

TOP HOUSE—The result on September 21, 1957, was, Leeds United 2 (Meek, Baird), Bolton 1 (Parry penalty).

TAPROOM, Railway—Freddie Mills fought Bruce Woodcock in London on June 4, 1946, and lost on points over 12 rounds. Mills fought Joe Baksi in London on November 5, 1946, and was knocked out in the ninth round. Bruce Woodcock fought Joe Baksi in London on April 15, 1947, and lost, the referee stopped the fight in round seven. Woodcock fought Mills in London on June 2, 1949, for the heavy-weight title of Europe, Britain and British Empire, Mills retiring in the 14th round.

Nearly 110 places in India have been renamed since the country became independent.

Most of the changes involve a return to the Indian spelling of places whose names had become distorted by Anglicised pronunciation. Thus Cawnpore becomes Kanpur.

THEATRE NEWS by C. W. INGHAM

Not a word to say—until the end

A GIRL who speaks four languages doesn't utter a word until the end of the play she is in. She is attractive Marianne Benet (21) in "What Shall We Tell Caroline?" at the Lyric, Hammersmith.

Miss Benet was born in Madrid. She went to school in Syria, Egypt, Greece, Turkey, South Africa and Brazil. That came of having a father who was an export manager.

If you were looking for a girl who is worldly-wise you wouldn't look farther than Miss Benet. But what happens in her play?

Maurice Denham, Brenda Bruce and Michael Hordern quarrel about the facts of life they ought to give to backward, inexperienced Miss Benet.

No wonder the play's a comedy. No wonder, too, that Miss Benet's few words at the end are full of fire.

In the same Lyric bill is **"The Dock Brief."** That is about a man (Maurice Denham) who kills his wife because she laughs too much. Michael Hordern is the hard-up barrister who has to defend him.

Yes, that makes fun, too—and all in a prison cell.

The author, John Mortimer, won the glamorous international Radio Italia Prize with "The Dock Brief" and Michael Hordern gained the Guild of TV Producers' Prize when the play was screened.

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NOW switch to a girl who found the man she married because she answered an advertisement.

She is Jennifer Wright, who plays the secretary in **"Any Other Business"** at the Westminster. She is the only woman in a company of 11.

Miss Wright, wanting a holiday, saw a small advertisement that there were two vacant seats on a car tour of Spain. She booked one. A Merchant Navy officer called Tony got the other.

The tour lasted a fortnight. And a fortnight after that Jennifer and Tony were married.

"Any Other Business" suggests directors and board rooms—and is set among them. You can call the play a whodunit without a crime. Unless take-over bids come under that heading.

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ANTON DOLIN, the artistic director of London's Festival Ballet, has commissioned Paddy Stone to choreograph a new ballet for the company, to have its world premiere at the Nervi Festival, near Genoa this summer.

It is an abstract classical ballet, mounted on Latin American rhythms, by various composers, including Richard Addinsell. It will be danced by four couples, and decor and costumes are by Jack Notman, an interior decorator, who has designed a number of television productions. The title of the new ballet has not yet been decided.

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JAMES LAURIE has arranged to bring the entire production of **"Ah Quelle Folie"** from the Paris Folies Bergere to the London Winter Garden early in June.

ONE of the most extrovert singers of present popularity is Sarah Vaughan, an American who takes a song and breaks up its notations and rhythms into something quite extraordinary.

She is at present on a British tour of one-night stands which takes in 15 towns and cities.

On Thursday she gives two concerts at the Odeon Theatre, Manchester, accompanied by the Tony Kinsey Quintet (with Bill LeSage) and the Jazz Couriers (featuring Ronnie Scott and Tubby Hayes).

NEW ALTAR FOR WAGNER CHURCH

IN the Wagnerian setting of the famous Monastery of Montserrat, where Wagner was inspired for the scene of the opera "Parsifal," a new high altar has been blessed.

It is in a church which is formed of an eight-ton block of jasper-tinted stone taken from the rocks which tower over the monastery.

The new altar, at which the priest faces the congregation instead of having his back to it, was blessed by the Benedictine Abbot of Montserrat, Dom Aurelio Maria Escarre, surrounded by the 60 monks of the abbey in their white chasubles.

Five months of polishing of the new altar-stone was necessary by experts under the supervision of two Montserrat monks, one of whom was an architect before entering the Benedictine Order, and another who was formerly a decorator.

A similar block of stone has been also installed in the church to serve as a baptismal font.

No Dickens for children

It is a mistake to ask young children in the primary-school age group to read Dickens.

Speaking in Dunedin, where he was presenting readings from Dickens, the actor-author, Emlyn Williams, attributed much of the feeling that the great English novelist was dull and wearisome to the fact that Dickens had been taught to schoolchildren when they were too young.

The 14-18 age group was far more suitable, he said.

Mouse causes car crash

A mouse caused a car to crash into a telegraph pole at Jaulny, near Metz, East France. The mouse, which had settled in the glove compartment, climbed out on to the driver's arm, then dived into his sleeve, causing him to lose control of the car.

It's an easy-way auction

Week-end bridge

THE easiest department in bridge is an auction with only no-trumps bid.

Playing what is called the strong no-trump, a player should open the bidding with this call if he has an evenly balanced hand together with a guard in each suit and a point count of 16, 17 or 18. South dealt at game all:—

North: ♠ A 4 2 ♥ J 6 5 ♦ K 8 5 4 ♣ 6 4 3

West: ♠ 10 7 ♥ K Q 10 9 8 ♦ 7 3 2 ♣ 10 9 5

East: ♠ J 9 6 5 3 ♥ 7 3 2 ♦ A 6 ♣ A 8 7

South: ♠ K Q 8 ♥ A 4 ♦ Q J 10 9 ♣ K Q J 2

With all the qualifications South bid one no-trump and North at once knew that the total in points between the two hands must be 24, 25 or 26. Nine tricks will usually be made when the total is 26, so North raised to two no-trumps on his count of eight.

If South had held only 16 points, he would have passed; as it was, he continued to three no-trumps.

West led the king of hearts. South won and led the eight of spades to dummy's ace. The three of clubs came next, South's Queen winning.

The declarer now turned his attention to the diamond suit. East taking the first round. East led a heart and West rightly allowed dummy's knave to win.

Eventually East got in with a club and led his third heart, but South was already home with three spades, two hearts, three diamonds and one club.

This was one of the occasions when the combined count of 26 was insufficient for nine tricks. On the club lead from dummy at Trick 3 East should have hurried on the ace and then led a heart.

West would duck, allowing dummy to win, but East-West would now be in time to defeat the contract.

EWART KEMPSON.

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CAN YOU WRITE A FILM SCRIPT?

A £1,000 FILM SCRIPT competition, under the auspices of the Johan J. Smit Foundation of New York, is announced by the British Film Institute. Its theme: peace and international understanding.

The winning script will be the one best calculated to promote international confidence, understanding and tolerance. Mr. Smit, who has sponsored a similar competition in the Netherlands, and who intends to do the same in the United States, believes a film of this sort should reach a mass audience including young people.

The script should not be unduly gloomy or without hope, nor need it overemphasise the horrors of war. Comedy is not ruled out.

The judges, nominated by the BFI, are Anthony Asquith, Miss Mary Field, head of the Children's Film Foundation, and Michael Redgrave.

Janet Munro starts work for Walt Disney

FAME has come swiftly to Janet Munro this past year. Three years ago she was a popular juvenile actress at Oldham Coliseum. Now she is the No. 1 feminine contract star of Walt Disney of Hollywood, with a big production about to start—"Banner in the Sky," a vigorous adventure story in the line of Disney's non-cartoon output, "Davy Crockett," "Johnny Tremaine," "Old Yeller," "Treasure Island," and the rest.

Film talent scouts have been watching her progress in TV plays during the past year—"Lace On Her Petticoat," "One Of Us," "Pick-Up Girl," and others.

She made her film debut in a little supporting picture with Gordon Harker and then cornered rave notices with her first film lead in "The Young and the Guilty," in which she stars with Andrew Ray, son of comedian Ted Ray.

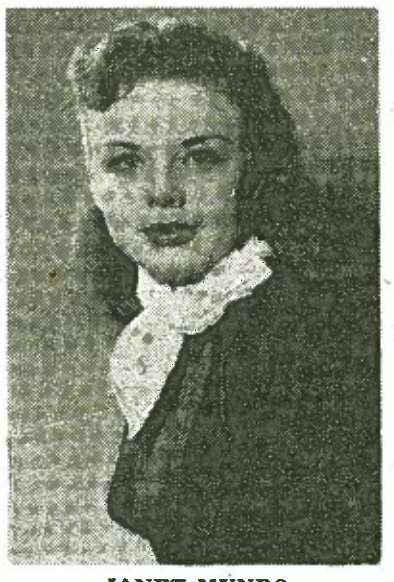
Janet is a comedian's daughter (Alex Munro). She and young Ray enact the most convincing teenage love story Britain has ever turned out, presenting a burning plea for a serious understanding of adolescent problems.

That has clinched it for Walt Disney, who is planning bigger things in his British production schedule. It was here he made "Robin Hood" and "Rob Roy" (both with Richard Todd).

Mr. William Anderson, vice-president in charge of Disney's Hollywood Studios, has arrived to set up the new film-making programme.

Already Walt Disney has signed up Janet (wife of Tony Wright, the film star) to a fat contract and also James MacArthur, the young American actor who has had a similar impact in the States that Janet has had here.

Mr. Anderson has visited Switzerland and France, fixing the locations for "Banner in the Sky," which will be filmed, first at the foot of the Matterhorn, at Zermatt, and later in Chamonix.

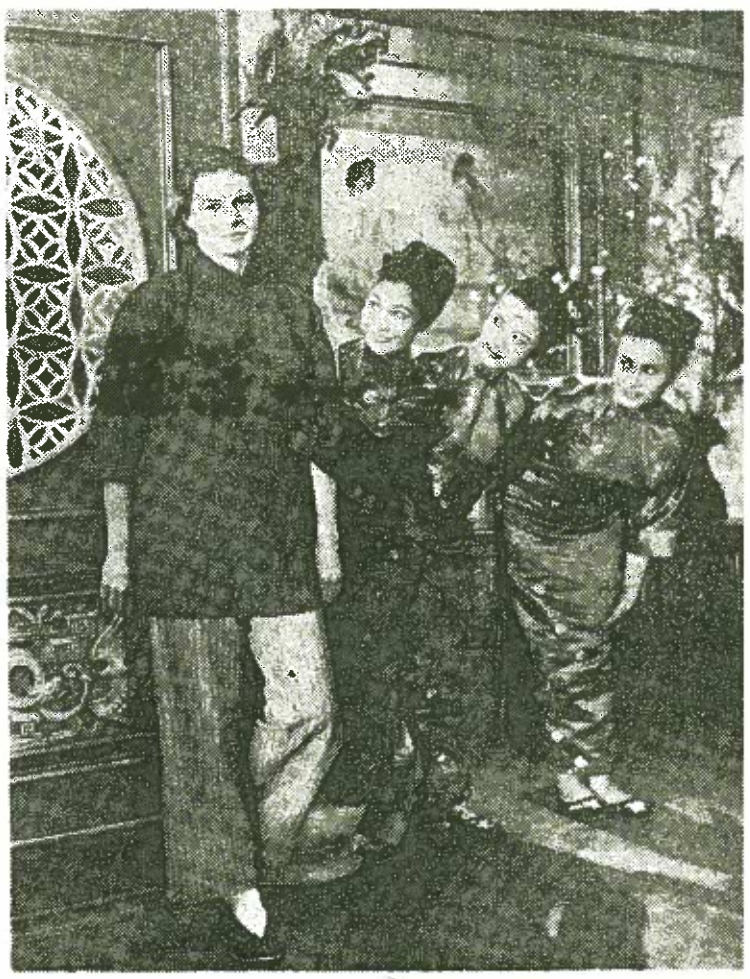


JANET MUNRO

It is intended that "Banner in the Sky" and future Disney productions in Europe will be manned by British techicians and feature British stars.

Negotiations are pending for the signing of a top British star for the part of the world-famous English mountain-climber,

COOLIE COSTUME FOR BERGMAN IN HER NEW FILM



THIS is the first picture of Ingrid Bergman in Chinese cool costume in her new film, "The Inn of the Sixth Happiness Here she is seen on the set at MGM Studios, Boreham Wood, wi three of the court ladies.

Ingrid plays the part of Gladys Aylward, an Englishwoman wl spent many years in China and eventually led 150 children on 1,000-mile march to safety during the Sino-Japanese war.

Many readers will remember Miss Aylward, having met h in Oldham when she came on a lecture tour last year.

PICTURE PARADE

Briefs from the studios

THE BOULTING BROTHERS have dropped their idea of making a film of "Under the Influence" as a starring vehicle for Ian Carmichael.

"We couldn't get the script right," explained Roy Boulting

Now the story has been acquired by Danny Kaye.

Before the Boultings had it, "Under the Influence" was going to be made by the late Sir Alexander Korda with Alec Guinness in the lead.

Then it was turned into a Broadway play. But that didn't materialise either.

Perhaps Danny Kaye will have more success.

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"**THE SHERIFF OF FRACTURED JAW,**" starring Kenneth More and Jayne Mansfield, starts filming in May on location in Spain.

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PARAMOUNT have six films for Sophia Loren. One, "**Desire Under the Elms,**" has just been shown in London. Of the rest, "**Houseboat**" (with Cary Grant) and "**Black Orchid**" (with Anthony Quinn) are ready for showing.

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SCRIPT difficulties have arisen with the Jean Simmons-Stewart Granger film, "**The Night comers**" (based on Eric Ambler's novel), and so the production, which should have started this month, is postponed until the end of the year.

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THE Welsh actor, Kenneth Griffiths is to play Hitler in Columbia's "**The Clock Without a Face,**" starring Jack Hawkins. His face will not be seen, only a back view.

'Gorgeous Grandma' works for Orson Welles

ORSON WELLES, talking of Marlene Dietrich, says: "She's still the goddess of glamour." He believes that the gorgeous grandma has no peer in show business when it comes to "that torchy manner." He proved it by giving Marlene a small part in Universal-International's "**Touch of Evil,**" in which she will appear with Charlton Heston, Janet Leigh and Welles himself.

As the scenarist, Orson wrote La Dietrich into the story as the gipsy proprietress of a low, border-town dive. As the crooked detective in the suspense thriller, he would play opposite Miss Dietrich. As the director of the film, it was up to Orson to nail Marlene for the role. The last was no problem at all. During the war Welles had sawn the glamour queen in half twice a day in a magic show for Servicemen. This split cemented their relationship! It developed into a staunch friendship. "Call me any time," Marlene told Orson when the show finally closed.

Welles waited 12 years. When the time came for "Touch of Evil," the famous curves, the sultry look and the bedroom voice were pulling down an astronomical Las Vegas salary and her picture price was almost untouchable. But, anything for Orson, just for a few of those nostalgic laughs.

Welles told Dietrich that she would play, to say the least, a tainted lady with a touch of gipsy. Marlene was excited. She hadn't done anthing like it in years. What was the wardrobe?

Marlene is as meticulous in her way as Orson is in his—and she wanted this performance to be unique. She turned down the offer of Universal-International to outfit her and set out to find a gipsy costume made of "the best odds and ends I could remember from all my pictures."

She went touring from one end of Hollywood to the other. At Paromount she found the black wig she wanted: they still had it from "Golden Earrings" with Ray Milland. She found a pair of spangled shoes at RKO, she wore them in "Rancho Notorious" with Arthur Kennedy. In a forgotten drawer in the wardrobe at Warner Brothers, the star discovered a black-and-red blouse she had worn in "Stage Fright" with Michael Wilding. Miss Dietrich ran into trouble on a tight skirt. She wanted every colour of the rainbow in this one. She could find it nowhere.

Dejectedly, Marlene returned to the studio in her limousine and told her problem to the designer Bill Thomas. "We've got the skirt right here," said Thomas, "in the old homestead." He came up with the one Miss Dietrich wore in "Destry Rides Again" with James Stewart. Marlene cut it to knee-length and it fits the same as it did in "Destry."

Marlene put them all together and the costume and the scene were a tremendous success. Orson had done it again!

Everyone applauded 'Th Beloved Brute'

THE veteran actor, Victor McLaglen, star of more films than he can remember, flew back to the United States via the North Pole this week after completing a new British film at Pinewood Studios.

"I'm 71," he said before he left, "and I have never flown over the Pole before. I have done most of the things I ever wanted to. But this is one of the things that is still outstanding."

Victor McLaglen

Victor played his last scene in "**Sea Fury**"—a tough story about rival tugboats—at Pinewood over the weekend.

When he finished something almost unprecedented happened in the studio. The unit—artists and technicians who had worked with him for three months in Spain and England—stood up and applauded. McLaglen raised an arm to quieten them.

"Thanks, folks. Thanks very much for everything," he said, trying hard to hide his emotion. Then his huge six-foot-three-inch frame ambled slowly off the set to the applause of his colleagues.

Will this be the last film that Victor McLaglen—nicknamed in Hollywood "The Beloved Brute will make?

"No," said Victor, in his d ing-room, "I don't want to re If you retire you rot. I keep on acting so long as public want me."

The public seem to want hir right. McLaglen receives an a age of a dozen film offers a From these he chooses one.

In "Sea Fury" he is a tug skipper who gets involved wi beautiful young Spanish girl. co-stars are Stanley Baker anc Italian actress Luciana Palu

When he gets back to the S Victor has two television com ments to fulfil.

"Then I'm goin' to drive ou Hot Springs in the desert—anc goin' to get warmed up. I born in England. I love Eng But, boy, it's cold over here."

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Alexander Knox fo 'Passionate Summe

THE stage and screen Alexander Knox has chosen for the important role o Pawley, the headmaster, in Passionate Summer," the new film.

His casting is the latest i impressive line-up of star n which already includes Vir McKenna, Bill Travers and Yv Mitchell.

Knox, who was born and edu in Canada, had a successful c on Broadway and in Holly before coming to England six ago to appear with London's Vic.

He liked England so much he stayed—and has built up equally-successful career, over

His films include "High Ti Noon," "The Night My Nu Came Up," "Reach For The and "Davy."

Knox has had his own produced. He has also wr successful novels.

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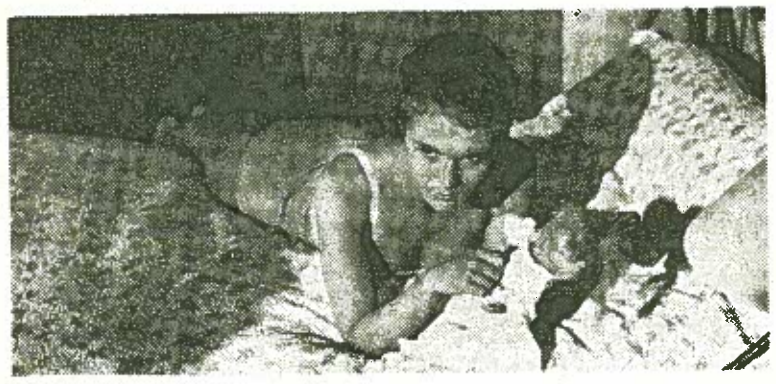
SHOOTING begins in Engla July on George Bernard Sl "**The Devil's Disciple,**" which star Kirk Douglas, Laurence and Burt Lancaster.

JEAN TRIES A WITCH'S SPELL



JEAN SEBERG sticks pins in a doll in the vain hope that they will help get rid of her father's fiancee. This dramatic scene is from "Bonjour Tristesse," starring Deborah Kerr, David Niven, Jean Seberg and Mylene Demongeot. It is based on Francoise Sagan's novel about five people looking for "kicks" on the Riviera, and it has Jean Seberg in the role of Cecile, through whose eyes the story unfolds. Adolescent, spoilt, strong-willed, Cecile proceeds, with calculated cunning, to get rid of Ann, her playboy father's fiancee. The plan backfires tragically, presenting one of the most exciting screen climaxes of the year.

CECIL PARKER FOR 'MONTY'S DOUBLE'

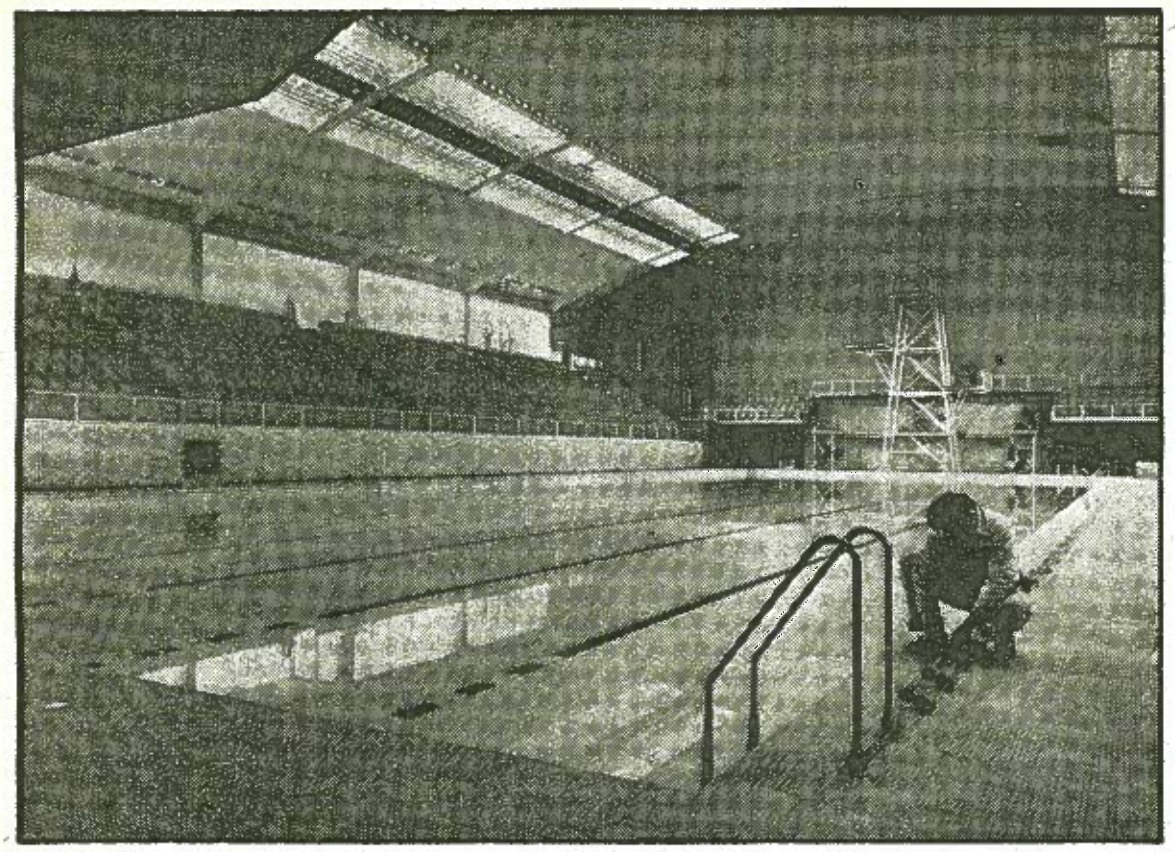
CECIL PARKER, who is recognised as one of this country's top international stars and who recently scored an outstanding success in "The Admirable Crichton," will co-star with John Mills in "**Monty's Double.**"

Parker will play Lieut.-Col. Logan, a member of M.I.5, and superior officer to Mills, who portrays the role of the man who was instrumental in instigating one of the greatest deceptions of the war.

It is Logan who, while putting up with some of Mills's light-hearted attitude to his job, realises that he is one of his best operators.

Clifton James, who wrote the book, "I Was Monty's Double," from which the screenplay has been written by Bryan Forbes, is re-enacting his own real-life characterisation of "Monty."

"Monty's Double," is being filmed against authentic backgrounds in Gibraltar, Algeciras and Tangier. It has a featured cast headed by Marius Goring, Leslie Phillips, Patrick Allen, Bryan Forbes, Michael Hordern and Victor Beaumont.



The lane markers are prepared for use at the new Wales Empire Pool, Cardiff, which was opened by the Lord Mayor of Cardiff yesterday. The pool has been built at a cost of £600,000 for the British Empire and Commonwealth Games, to be held in Cardiff in July, and it is considered to be one of the finest pools in Europe.

WEMBLEY WIZARDS

One of finest forward lines of all time

Greatest Stories in Sport No. 12

FIVE little men in blue became soccer immortals at Wembley Stadium on March 31, 1928. Here they are:—

ALEC JACKSON, most dazzlingly brilliant outside-right of his day.

JIMMY DUNN, one of the great inside-forwards Scotland used to produce as a matter of course.

HUGH GALLACHER, temperamental master of all the skills of centre-forward play.

ALEX JAMES, the magician at inside-left who made long baggy pants his trade mark.

ALAN MORTON, a prince among left-wingers, who earned such titles as "Wee Blue Devil" and "Scourge of the English."

For nearly 30 years we have been calling these mighty atoms—only Jackson topped 5ft 6in—the "WEMBLEY WIZARDS."

They were the impish architects of the heaviest defeat ever inflicted upon an England team at Wembley—known in those days as the new home of spectacular football.

And there are those who will tell you that Scotland's superb forward play on that occasion has never been equalled since—even by the Hungarians at their peak.

STRONG ENGLAND XI

To get this soccer feat into perspective, you must remember the pre-match background. England's team was reckoned to be the strongest selected for some time.

It included four members of the Huddersfield team which had reached the 1928 Cup Final—rangy right-back Roy Goodall; brilliant centre-half Tom Wilson; that master of the close dribble Bob Kelly; and the speedy and elusive Billy Smith on the left wing.

Leading the forwards was the fabulous Dixie Dean, who in that same season scored 82 goals in all matches and smashed the League record with 60 in 35 games.

FROM 11 CLUBS

On his left was hard-shooting wily Joe Bradford, of Birmingham, and on the right wing was one of Arsenal's most deadly raiders, Joe Hulme.

There was Willis Edwards, of Leeds, an artist among wing-halves, and in goal England had the magnificent Ted Hufton, of West Ham.

Physically, the Scots were outclassed—a factor thought to be in England's favour on Wembley turf which has rarely been so rain-saturated and heavy. Moreover, it was believed that England would have an advantage in teamwork because Scotland's side was drawn from eleven different clubs.

THE SCOTS MADE NONSENSE OF THESE NOTIONS BY WINNING 5—1.

Not only did they use the conditions to shatter England's defence; they played with the precision one would expect from a team drilled together for weeks.

Each of the Scottish forwards was a craftsman in his own right, and they blended their individual skills to form an attacking unit which earned the admiration of every Englishman in the 80,000 crowd.

Dunn, Gallagher and James flicked the ball this way and that, always a split second before the more ponderous England defenders could get in their tackles. Floundering as they tried to turn and pursue the blue-shirted shadows, England's players became more and more frustrated and demoralised as the game went on.

2 GREAT WINGERS

Jackson and Morton lured opponents into hasty, lunging challenges, and glided past them as the white shirts of England got muddier and muddier.

The way these two great wingers worked together had to be seen to be believed. Jackson scored three goals, each one from a centre by Morton. Two of the goals were headed, and Jackson got his third with a swashbuckling volley of tremendous speed.

Those who saw James only in the later stages of his career with Arsenal may be surprised to learn that he scored Scotland's other two goals with cracking shots which gave Hufton no chance.

England's only response came from Kelly.

MODERN TRAGEDY

Although this was mainly the triumph of one of the finest forward lines ever fielded anywhere in the world, it would not have been possible, of course, without the co-operation of other great personalities.

Tall, willowy Jimmy Gibson, and the shorter, stockier Jimmy McMullan were classic wing-halves who gave every cultured move of their forwards elegant support.

I wonder what the Scots, without a win over England in six internationals before today, would give for just a little of the genius packed into their 1928 side?

It is one of the tragedies of modern soccer that Scotland no longer develops players to compare with the "Wembley Wizards."

OPEN TENNIS TOURNAMENTS ON DECLINE

OPEN lawn tennis tournaments in Britain are on the decline. And, simply, the reason is that players are getting younger and younger.

Entries at Roehampton recently and at the Cumberland (Hampstead) tournament last week were predominantly teenage.

A tennis player is generally considered to be in his or her prime during the late 20s. Yet tournament players of such an age are now comparatively rare. What then has happened to the missing generation?

Because they are working or looking after families, they are unable to compete in tournaments still run on the pre-war basis of all-day Monday to Saturday play.

Only one player, Miss Billie Woodgate of Middlesex, was allowed to play her matches at Roehampton in the evening after her day's work.

This shows how reluctant tournament committees are to face up to today's problems. Tournament tennis will become a purely juvenile institution if working men and women continue to be squeezed out by the impossible hours of play that are arranged.

Our girls help in revival of women's world-class tennis

SOME of Britain's younger women tennis players, advancing into near-world class, have helped to revive international women's tennis since 'Little Mo' Connolly and Doris Hart retired.

By GEOFF PAISH

Ann Haydon won her first hard-court tournament this season at Tally Ho, Birmingham, at Easter. Her opponent in the final was Miss Catt, a very intelligent little pliayer from Sussex, whose smooth strokes and fast footwork had already enabled her to beat the Wightman Cup player, Anne Shilcock.

But Miss Catt found Ann Haydon too steady in a crisis, and lost at Birmingham after nearly winning the first set. On this form, Ann Haydon will be a strong contender at the British Hard-Court Championships at Bournemouth next week (April 21 to 26).

Ann's strength has been her dour determination, added to a wealth of match experience which she has learnt playing table tennis. Her weakness used to be her speed about the court, but last year she seemed to have remedied this, and in any case, it is not such a handicap on slow, hard courts.

Like nearly all left-handers, she has a powerful forehand drive, but tends to be defensive on her backhand. Her winter tennis was very restricted because of her table tennis matches. But she did play in the Scandinavian Covered Courts Championships, without winning.

Uncertain for Christine

Christine Truman has also started her British season, but she will find it hard to live up to the high promise of last year. Her Wimbledon play was one of the highlights of the year, and in her match against Shirley Bloomer, she showed she has a match-winning forehand drive.

So far she hasn't realised the full potential of this shot. Her trainers seem to have overlooked it, trying to improve the rest of her game.

On the fast wood courts of Queen's Club, she could have generated enough pace to beat all but the world's best. Yet she only narrowly dodged defeat by Mme. Seghers, who can no longer claim to be a leading French player. And in the final, she won only four games against Anne Shilcock.

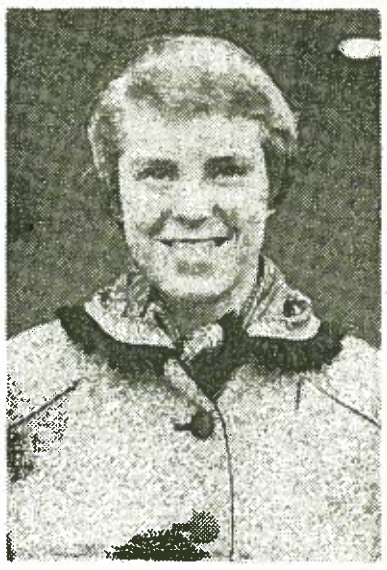
This season looks like being uncertain for Christine. I hope more defeats will not make her play defensively, neglecting her forehand drive. But it would be too much to expect her to win at Bournemouth.

Two fitter Angelas

I'm particularly looking forward to seeing Angela Mortimer return to top form. Last year she was far from fit, and to build up her strength she spent the winter playing in Australia, where she won the national championships and a string of other tournaments.

SHE PLAYED WEEK AFTER WEEK IN SINGLES AND DOUBLES—SURE PROOF THAT SHE IS FULLY FIT AGAIN.

Angela Buxton is another player hoping to make a comeback this year. She was Wimbledon runner-up in 1956, but then a wrist injury forced her to give up playing, and although she has won since, it is too early to see if her wrist will stand up to continuous matchplay. I doubt if even her fierce determination will make her a serious challenge at Bournemouth.



ANNE HAYDON

Last year's women's final was between Shirley Bloomer, the winner, and Pat Ward. Both will be playing again, but neither has played enough recently for her chances to be estimated.

Shirley has been playing in the South African championships, but conditions in Johannesburg are vastly different from Bournemouth, and her rather disappointing form cannot be taken as a guide. She may, however, find greater opposition this year from players already mentioned.

Italian newcomer

Among the men, all of Britain's Davis Cup contenders will be keen to oppose the overseas challenge, led this year by Merlo (Italy), a newcomer to Bournemouth, and Budge Patty, the 1956 winner.

Merlo, a two-handed player, is one of the finest hard-court stars in Europe. He is a tireless retriever who tries to give his opponent no pace at all, but uses short-angled shots to run him from one side of the court to the other.

Merlo's European record is so good that he could well win this year's Bournemouth title. One thing is certain: while he is playing, tennis becomes a spectacle of rally play, which is better to watch than a series of big serves and winning volleys. So I predict a very entertaining week at Bournemouth.

MANCHESTER TENNIS PLAYER MAY BECOME YOUNGEST PRO

ONE of Britain's promising young tennis players, 18-year-old Charles Applewhaite, of Manchester, is in two frames of mind. He may shortly have to decide whether to continue playing as an amateur, or turn professional, in which case he would become the youngest in the country.

Charles is the son of Major Reg. Applewhaite, who died last year. Major Applewhaite was coach at the Northern Club, Didsbury, and was one of the best-know coaches in Britain. The Oldham Tennis League ran coaching courses on occasions under his guidance.

Since the major's death, Mrs. Applewhaite has been carrying on his work in Manchester, hoping that her son will follow in his father's footsteps. But Charles, playing in a London tournament recently, said:—

"I really don't know what to do. I would like to stay an amateur for a few more years, and enjoy myself, but I may have to make the decision and turn pro."

So far, no one has taken over Charles's coaching. "At the moment, it isn't necessary," he said. "Nothing has seriously happened to my game, and the small faults I have been able to iron out myself."

Answers To Sports Teasers

TEASER NUMBER ONE

Allan Brown, Scottish international forward now with Luton. He missed two Cup Finals at Wembley and an international match there—England v. Scotland. Now he has had to cry off from today's international match against England, at Hampden Park.

TEASER NUMBER TWO

Butler, Jack, Smith (J. R.), Smith (Joe), and Vizard, for Bolton Wanderers, 1923 and 1926.

TEASER NUMBER THREE

Pym (goalkeeper); Howarth (full-back) and Butler (outside-right) for Bolton Wanderers, in 1923, 1926 and 1929 — and on the winning side every time.

Lew Hoad, Ken Rosewall, Tony Trabert, and Pancho Segura have entered for the Slazenger Professional Lawn Tennis Tournament at Eastbourne on August 11-16.

How long will 'fourth' last?

IF WHAT THEY SAY IS TRUE —NOT LONG

ARE the 44 First and Second Division clubs, the full members of the Football League compared with the Third Division associate members, planning the demise of many of their poorer brethren ?

This thought comes from conversations I have had in recent weeks with officials of a number of clubs during the spate of mid-week games.

Currently being said in club circles is that when the Fourth Division starts next season, at least

SPOTLIGHT ON SPOTLAND by CRITIC

half-a-dozen clubs will have such a struggle to survive that within two or three seasons they will pass out of existence or drop into non-league football.

At the same time, the raising of players' wages, the extra travelling money, and the inability of clubs without big football pools or high average gates to maintain the strength of their sides by the purchase of able players, will have so undermined many of the other present Northern and Southern Section clubs that these, too, will decide the struggle is not worth while.

Monopoly

This would virtually do away with the Fourth Division and leave three national divisions. But it does not stop there, if what I have heard discussed happens.

It is being said that the ultimate object of the premier clubs in the country is to eventually reduce the Football League to around 30 of the best and wealthier clubs playing in the big centres.

Then there would be a reduced fixture list, ample scope for playing continental clubs and a virtual monopoly for the big centres of population for Football League matches.

Those adherents of the smaller league clubs such as Rochdale would then still be able to see Football League games. But they would have to go to Bolton or Manchester for them and they would find that admission prices were not still 2s.

It has often been asked: "Why is the price for a Third Division game the same as for the First Division ?"

The reason is because the big clubs insist that their smaller competitors charge the same price so that there will be no additional incentive to watch Football League games on the less fashionable grounds.

Scared

The big clubs have their eyes on the supporters who watch football at Rochdale, Accrington, Oldham, Stockport and similar places.

When the annual meeting of the Football League comes along shortly, I gather there will be strong opposition to next season's Third and Fourth Division teams having four-up and four-down even though it will not apply higher up the League.

Why? Apart from the possibility that the big clubs are scared of accepting the principle, it would add interest to the games in the lower divisions. And that is something that must not be done.

Sentiment has long since departed from relations between the "haves" and the "have-nots" in soccer and the introduction of pools by many smaller clubs has done a lot to widen the gap further between the full members of the League and associate members.

Missing

Where do Rochdale stand now in this top-12 struggle? This afternoon's game against Bradford could have made matters much easier and I hope it has.

Otherwise the outlook is bleak for before today, Rochdale needed three points at least for safety.

Last week I estimated the figure at 48 points but in view of the results during the past week, 47 points plus the goal average ought to be sufficient.

The annual inter-league game between the Rochdale Sunday Schools League and the Oldham Sunday Schools League was played at Wardle Parish last Saturday and ended in a draw, 1—1.

After a goal-less first half, during which Rochdale hit the crossbar three times, to twice by Oldham, Bakes put Oldham in front with a splendid goal in the 74th minute.

After Ashworth had seen what appeared a certain goal-scoring header saved on the line, he levelled the score five minutes from the end, when he hit a low centre past the Oldham goalie from close range. Taken on the whole, a draw was a very fair result.

ROCHDALE team (above).—Back row: B. Lumb, K. Gregson, D. Heap, B. Ashworth, G. J. Ruddy, G. Smith. Front row: R. Linger, C. Whitelegge, E. W. Bentley (captain), E. Mills, S. Rawstron.

Something should certainly have accrued from the York and Chester matches. Both of these teams are among the poorer sides in the section yet Rochdale failed to get a goal in 180 minutes' play against them.

They had the opportunities even though the attack has been a pale shadow of what it was earlier. At Chester I was very disappointed by the lack of a will-to-win which seems to pervade the attack. Everybody seemed to be doing his best yet there was a vital spark missing.

Again and again McGuigan drove deep into the Chester defence with pugnacious dribbles and showed what could be done when some purpose was put into the play, but the forwards, to put it mildly, were asleep in front of the posts.

Passes from behind were often made to look ill-directed and poor because a Chester defender moved quickly to the ball, whereas the Rochdale forward waited for it.

Three away games remain and Rochdale must be determined to keep on their toes throughout. Chester was the seventh game in succession Rochdale had played without recording a win and the goal tally has been so dismal as to be almost unbelievable when one looks at the record earlier in the season.

There was one notable point about the Chester match. Last week I wrote that a team having a bad run needed the "breaks" and that referees' decisions often came into the reckoning.

At Oldham on Tuesday night, Naylor netted and the goal was disallowed because an Oldham forward was standing in a offside position.

At Chester on Wednesday, Mason shot through a crowd of advancing Rochdale defenders and netted because Jimmy Jones was unsighted.

Right in the centre of the posts a couple of yards from the goal-line and many yards offside stood Chester leader Jepson, but the referee allowed the goal to stand.

RIVALS FIGHT FOR POINTS

MIDDLETON'S home game with **Rochdale Trades** was very entertaining, as both teams were all out for points for the runners-up position in the league. They played very good football and were evenly matched.

At the kick-off the strong wind was against copybook football. After 30 minutes, however, the wind dropped and Trade's forwards became very dangerous, while Middleton were slow at shooting.

Finnigan scored for Trades with a grand goal which had Fisher, in goal, well beaten. This was the only score in the first half.

After the interval, Middleton put on the pressure but the Trades defence was equal to all attacks.

As the game progressed, Trades were faster on the ball and fully deserved their victory. Flemming and Williams were outstanding for the Trades and Subbachus and Hudson for Middleton.

Oldham Industrial maintained their improved form with a comfortable victory over **Ashton Traders** by 4—1. Murphy and Smith were the pick of Ashton and Barratt and Eckersall were outstanding for Oldham.

Tuesday fixture: Oldham Industrial v. Middleton and Tonge (Stacey).

Shawforth may sweep the board

AS a result of their 2—1 home win over Bright's on Monday evening, Shawforth have retained the Rochdale Sunday School League championship.

With two games still to play they cannot now be overtaken. As they have already won the Coronation Cup and are in the semi-final of the Timpson Cup they have an excellent chance of winning all three trophies.

With Bright's losing on Monday and only drawing with Milton on Saturday, Littleboro' Parish maintain their position as runners-up with a point advantage over Bright's.

With Whittle's already having won the championship, chief interest has been centred in who would accompany them into "A" Division next season.

Two months ago, Facit Parish appeared certain of being the team but four defeats in their last six games coupled with five successive wins by Newhey St. Thomas's including their 5—4 away victory over Facit last Saturday, has thrown the runners-up position wide open.

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ROYTON JUNIORS RFC play their Lancashire Junior Cup final at Wilderspool, W next Saturday, and the secretary, Mr. G. Taylor, Bull's Head, Heyside, will arrange (by Thursday) for would-be supporters. Royton team.—Back row: Worrall, Turner, Marr, Butterworth, Lomas. Middle: Spencer, A. Reed, Webb, Burke, Churm. Front: Read.

BERT RALPH IS RISING HIGH AS TRY SCORER

HORNETS took more than their share of knocks from Easter until last Saturday and the result was that, at Liverpool last Tuesday evening, they met the first defeat since the Challenge Cup semi-final—but the team turned out had only six members of the cup thirteen. It is hoped that the position has altered considerably for the fixture at Leeds next Wednesday and the final home game against Wigan next Saturday.

An official expressed confidence during this week that at Headingley the Hornets will field the Cup team with only two alterations—Bill Hanson for Ken Livesey and Bert Ralph for Ferdi Corsi.

In the HORNETS' NEST by Touchjudge

The club are still reticent about the Corsi business and will neither confirm nor deny that the condition of his permit to enter the country preclude his earning money by playing football after he had left Italy as a student.

The fact is that Corsi has not appeared on either team sheet since the semi-final and is not on the injured list. Supporters hope that the affair is no more than a temporary hold-up. They want to see Ferdi in action again.

In the meantime Bert Ralph has filled the breach with a remarkable success, scoring half a dozen tries since he returned at Easter, and there is a posibility that he will become another of the few Hornet to score twenty or more tries in a season. Ray Buxton became the seventh a fortnight ago, and Ralph, who scored his nineteenth at Liverpool, would have made his total 21 with the least bit of luck. Once he had the ball knocked out of his hands as he was trying to touch down, and again the ball rolled out of play a split second before he reached it with a dive.

Gaps in defence

As far as defence was concerned at Knotty Ash we were back to the bad old days. Gaps were left in midfield by what seemed a team of strangers, and the only ones who reached anything like normal form for the whole game were Jim Parr, Bert Ralph and Bill Sheridan.

Liverpool City have repeatedly lost players to other clubs to keep the financial position stable, and if Shields, the second-row forward, who played his first game on Tuesday night, can always show this form I believe he will soon be on the move. Hornets directors had the chance of seeing him first—and they are slow if they have not made a note of him to mention at the next board meeting.

When Geoff Kelly takes his benefit on Tuesday, May 6 (kick-off 7 30) there will be a real gathering of the clans at the Athletic Grounds. Geoff has been able to pick a team from volunteers among his former colleagues. Early on the list was Doug Booth. Then at Liverpool I was able to pass on to Geoff the information that Derrick Schofield and Albert Fearnley both wanted to know the date of the match so that they could turn out.

Occasion like these stir the memory. Lined up with the benefit team is Benny Mark who signed for the Hornets in 1945. He was one of the Barrow youngsters without whom the club would have been unable to raise a team for the greater part of the first season after the war.

The names of Doug Booth and Albert Fearnley can never be mentioned without thoughts wandering back to the Challenge Cup semi-final of 1948 and the enormous spirit of the pack in which they played. This looks like being a rewarding effort for Geoff, who deserves every penny that supporters contribute. There is no question at all that he has won friends among the players of most clubs in the league.

Oldham Junior Rugby League

St. Anne's just got the verdict over Royton team

AS expected, the important league fixture between St. Anne's and Royton was a real smasher. With the lead changing hands several times the result was in doubt until five minutes from time, when Leach scored his try to make the result safe for the Saints.

The tackling on both sides was good and first one side and then the other would take play into their opponents' "25" only to be driven back. The tries that were scored came from good passing movements which could have beaten any defence.

To show the tightness of the game the scoring went as follows: Webb a penalty goal for Royton; Crick a try in the corner for St. Anne's; Webb a penalty goal for Royton; Barratt a try and Jones a goal for St. Anne's; Cooke a try and Webb a goal for Royton. This brought the half-time score to 9 points to 8 in favour of Royton.

In the second half the keenness continued and from a brilliant passing movement A. Read went over for a try to which Webb added the goal points. At this point it looked as if Royton were going to put up a big score but back came St. Anne's with some wonderful football. A neat passing bout and Foy shot through to score a great try to which Jones added the goal points. Minutes later Jones landed a penalty goal to bring the score 15—14 in St. Anne's favour. Then came the surprise of the game. Before the Royton boy had even got set for the kick-off after the penalty goal, Leach gathered the ball and ran through the Royton side to score near the post. Jones added the goal points and St Anne's had won a great game.

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Although this was Royton's first league defeat they have seldom played a better game. Their forwards were well-led by Butterworth and Spencer while in the backs, Webb and Cooke stood out. St. Anne's back division were just a shade faster with Birgin, Paterson, Foy and Jones prominent, and in the forwards none played better than Leach.

Spotland Rangers, the Rochdale club, have had to play all their home fixtures on their opponents' ground during the past season and last Saturday they played their home fixture against Higginshaw at Higginshaw. With both sides having an eye on a place in the top four a keen game was witnessed. The Higginshaw half-back combination of Haughton and Lennigan was the driving force behind this Higginshaw victory. Lennigan (2), Haughton and Turner scored tries for Higginshaw with four goals from Cheetham brought their total to 20 points against 10 scored by Spotland Rangers. Maddock and Hollis scored tries and Hilton (2) goals scored for the Rangers.

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St. Mary's received a set-back to their place in the top four with a defeat at Smallbridge. The first half was very even and at half-time the score stood at five points each. In the second half Smallbridge opened up and ran in four grand tries. St. Mary's also had their chances but neglected to use their backs. For Smallbridge tries were scored by Clegg (2), Whitehead, Lord and Hirst, Walker getting three goals. St. Mary's replied with tries by Cassidy (2) and Sheard with two goals by Entwistle. A very near call, but Smallbridge won 21—13.

For their home fixture with Saddleworth Rangers Waterhead had to field a weakened side, yet they made the Rangers fight all the way for their 22—7 victory. Although the score was clear-cut it was the breakaway tries of Evans, Yates and Leaming that made the gap. Most of Saddleworth's six tries came from individual efforts. For Waterhead Bowden was a great leader and received good support from Walsh, Dennie and Farrar while for the Rangers Leaming, Yates, Boote and Bamford were outstanding.

On Tuesday at Bower Lane Ferranti entertained Royton in a rearranged fixture. Each side played a fast, open game. A feature was the dual between A. Read, who had a strong forceful game on the Royton wing, and Wood, the Ferranti full-back. Countless times Read was sent racing for the line and although he scored three tries, he would easily have doubled this total but for the fine tackles made by Wood

In the early stages Ferranti held the strong Royton team and for the first 15 minutes the score stood at 3—2, A. Read having scored a try and Attersall a goal for Ferranti. However, the might of the Royton pack, with the hooking combination of Flynn and Marre and the strong, speedy running of Butterworth and Turner, began to tell. Butterworth scored a fine try after a length of the field movement. Another Butterworth try and two conversions by Flynn made the half-time score 13—2.

Although Royton steadily increased their lead in the second half with tries by A. Read (2), J. Read and Burke and a goal by Flynn, yet the game never lost its interest as Ferranti, with some fine efforts, contributed to exciting end-to-end movements. Sutton did cross under the posts for a well-deserved try for Ferranti. Attersall added the goal points. The final score was 27—7 in favour of Royton. For Ferranti Cooke, Attersall, Close and Wood were outstanding, and in the strong Royton side A. Read and Butterworth provided the highlights.

Fixtures for next week:—
Monday (kick-off 6-15): St. Anne's v. Saddleworth Rangers (R. L. Thomas); St. Mary's v. Higginshaw (T Keane); Spotland Rangers v. RTR (J. Heap).
Wednesday (kick-off 6-15): Saddleworth Rangers v. Royton (S. Shepherd).
Thursday (kick-off 6-15): Higginshaw v. St. Anne's (H. S. Dyson); St. Mary's v. Spotland Rangers (R. Smith); Smallbridge v. RTR (W Slater).
Saturday (kick-off 3 p.m.): St. Anne's v. Higginshaw; Saddleworth Rangers v. Smallbridge; St. Mary's v. RTR; Ferranti v. Waterhead.

Continuation rugby

GREENACRES GOT THE BALL —AND KEPT IT

OLDHAM CENTENARY SHIELD
Greenacres 20 pts., St. Mary's 3

This was a much better game than the score suggests. Greenacres had constant possession of the ball from the set scrum, St. Mary's being without their regular hooker.

Greenacres gave away numerous penalties at play-the-ball but St. Mary's had no player capable of taking advantage of their opportunities. Both Royals (Greenacres) and Littleford (St. Mary's), the respective full-backs, played well, catching the ball cleanly and going up with the backs to open out the game.

Lennigan was a strong out-half for Greenacres, and St. Mary's efforts to tackle him round the neck only assisted him to go through the middle. Tries for Greenacres were scored by A. Smith (2), B. Smith (2), Lennigan and Murray, while Ashton kicked a goal. St. Mary's try was scored by McNeeney.

Outstanding for Greenacres were Lennigan, Royals and Murray. St. Mary's best were Littleford, Robinson and Cunningham.

There will be a meeting on Wednesday at eight at headquarters, when the dates will be fixed for the outstanding semi-final and three finals.

Match for Saturday, April 26: League championship semi-final.—Greenacres v. St. Anne's, Watersheddings, kick-off 1 15 p.m., players meet 12 30 p.m.

This match is a curtain raiser to the Oldham v. Workington League match.

Newcastle United FC have undertaken a three-match tour of Rumania between May 15 and 31.

One of youngest members of the Rugby League

WHITEHAVEN is one of the youngest clubs in the Rugby League, but it was formed in an area where Rugby League football has been played since the Northern Union days. In fact, two Whitehaven clubs—Town and Recreation—came into the Northern Union a few years after its inception.

Club histories 26: Whitehaven by Tom Webb

Whitehaven Town did not last very long, but Whitehaven Recs. played for a number of years, eventually going over to soccer for a spell.

The game still functioned in the villages and small towns of West Cumberland, where odd county games succeeded in maintaining interest. The visits of New Zealand and Australian tourists, plus an odd England v. Wales game, kept the game alive in spite of having no senior clubs in the county for many years.

About the end of the second world war it was decided to start a senior Rugby League side at Workington, and when normal football was resumed after the war, Workington Town RL club was an instantaneous success.

Kells Welfare

This encouraged the Whitehaven enthusiasts, and Kells Welfare club literally set the ball rolling for a new senior club for Whitehaven.

Tom Meageen, who had been the first chairman of Workington Town (he relinquished the post on the grounds of ill health) was the first chairman of the new club. He was a keen sportsman—interested in greyhound racing (as one of the principal shareholders in the Workington Stadium), hound trailing and motor-cycle racing. He was famous as an owner of Lakeland terriers.

The Supporter's Club was quickly formed and the first chairman was also a well-known sportsman, Tom Stewart. He had, as a boy of 15, played soccer for Parton but transferred to St. Bees RU club and then in succession to the Rugby League clubs at Egremont, Kells and Hensingham.

An outstanding loose-forward, he had represented England Amateurs against France and played 14 times for Cumberland in the Amateur County RL Championship. He held five Cumberland RL Cup winners' medals and three Cumberland League championship medals.

14 votes to 11

WHITEHAVEN WERE EVENTUALLY ACCEPTED INTO MEMBERSHIP OF THE NORTHERN LEAGUE BY 14 VOTES TO 11.

Among the leading members of the administration were G. W. Moore, the first honorary secretary, who had done much good work in junior RL circles in the county, Ned Hodgson (Oldham, Broughton Rangers and Cumberland County player), Hugh Gibson (local businessman), T. S. Heys (vice-chairman to Tom Meageen), George Plummer (honorary adviser) and the other directors, L. Lowes, C. Laws, J. Nicholson, G. Martin, T. Dixon and H. Moffatt.

Jack Kitching was appointed manager-coach. Jack had been a member of the Bradford Northern club which had dominated the post-war period.

A very astute move by the management of the club was to sign Stanley Brogden who, at his best, was one of the leading players in the world. He was most useful in helping to acclimatise some of the younger players to senior football.

Tommy Cornelius, Joe Flanagan and Cliff Carter (Leeds) were engaged, along with Tom Greenwood (Salford) and Trevor Petcher (Barrow). Five amateur internationals were signed—J. Fearon, S. Fearon, W. Southward, J. Ackerley and J. Graham—all associated with junior clubs in the county, along with other promising juniors in Bowness, Dover, McKeown, Varty and Barker. McKeown is still with the club, having given long and loyal service.

Won very first match

Whitehaven had been allocated fixtures with nine clubs in Lancashire and nine in Yorkshire and was not included in the Lancashire League in the first season. The club was also refused inclusion in the Lancashire Cup for the season.

At last, the day all Whitehaven had been waiting for arrived, and the first game with Hull took place on August 21, 1948. Whitehaven won 5—0, Birkett scoring a try and Flanagan a goal. This form was not maintained and Whitehaven finished third from the bottom with six wins and two draws from 36 games.

In the Challenge Cup, Keighley were met, and after a drawn game with no score, the second leg was lost at Keighley by 19—9.

The "A" team was entered in the Cumberland League but, as an economy, was abandoned after a few games until the second season, when it joined the Lancashire Combination.

In spite of such an unpromising start it was the "A" team which won the first honours for the club. In 1955-6 it won the Lancashire Combination Shield, which is run on the knock-out principle.

The club made a little headway each year until it reached the halfway stage in the League table, and it is now slightly better than average.

Semi-finalists last year

In the Cup competitions there was no progress until 1952-3, when Rylands Recreation, the Warrington junior club, were met and defeated 16—0 at home, although the juniors had forced a draw, 9—9, on the Warrington ground.

Following the tough struggle to beat the junior club, Halifax were surprised and defeated by 7—5, but Barrow knocked the Cumbrians out of the Challenge Cup in the third round by 10—2 at Whitehaven.

Last year, of course, the club surprised everyone by reaching the semi-final of the Challenge Cup, which was a great achievement for such a young club.

Neville Emery, an Australian, became player-coach in 1955 and a new players' fund administered by him resulted in the signing of Lowden, Robinson and Nixon. Lowden was transferred earlier this season to Salford at a high fee.

Always overshadowed by Workington Town, Whitehaven become an integral part of Cumberland Rugby League, and there is no doubt that in the future it will become one of the leading clubs in the game.

First of all, the club must learn to win away from home. At home it is well-nigh unbeatable, but the position is reversed for away games. As soon as the club wins a fair number of away games it will reach the top four, and once that is done, Workington Town will no longer be the leading club in Cumberland.

SCHOOL RUGBY LEAGUE TABLES

LEAGUE 'A' (14-15 years)

	P	W	L	D	Pts
Hollins	5	5	0	0	10
Clarksfield	6	5	1	0	10
Higginshaw	6	3	3	0	6
St. Anselm's	4	2	2	0	4
Hathershaw	4	0	4	0	0
Hollinwood	5	0	5	0	0

LEAGUE 'B' (13 to 14 years)

	P	W	L	D	Pts
Clarksfield	6	6	0	0	12
Higginshaw	6	4	2	0	8
Hollins	4	2	2	0	4
St. Anselm's	4	2	2	0	4
Hollinwood	4	2	2	0	4
Robin Hill	6	0	6	0	0

LEAGUE 'C' (12 to 13 years)

	P	W	L	D	Pts
St. Anselm's	6	6	0	0	12
Hollins	7	6	0	0	12
Clarksfield	6	4	2	0	8
Robin Hill	5	1	4	0	2
Hollinwood	4	0	4	0	0
Higginshaw	5	0	5	0	0

LEAGUE 'D' (11 to 12 years)

	P	W	L	D	Pts
Clarksfield	3	3	0	0	6
Hollins	2	0	1	1	1
St. Anselm's	2	0	1	1	1

TODAY'S RACING

NEWBURY

2 0—ST. ANN'S STAKES for two-year-olds. 5 furlongs.
8 10 QUEEN'S GLEN ..... G Starkey 1
8 10 SANS SOUCI ..... E Mercer 2
8 10 GAME LADY ..... L Piggott 3
Twenty runners: Port Rock, Dutch Doll, Queen's Glen, Betty Martin, Skilugs, Undefended, Alpine Dance, Necessary, Coral Court, Pale Sapphire, Ten Martinis, Pearls of Wisdom, Game Lady, Rhythm Queen, Revs Sunny Queen, Sans Souci, Tagarigua, Wynrosa, Netherton Firs.
6/4 Sans Souci; 100/30 Wynrosa; 9/2 Game Lady; 10 Betty Martin, Alpine Dance; 100/8 QUEEN'S GLEN; 100/6 Skilugs, Pale Sapphire; 25 others. Neck; 1 length.
Tote: Win £1/8/0; places 8/8, 6/6, 8/-.

2 30—THATCHAM SELLING HANDICAP. 2 miles.
7 9 IN TOWN TONIGHT 5yrs ... T Carter †
7 8 PETITPAR 4yrs ..... D Smith †
7 6 PHOENIX PARK 5yrs ... M Hayes 3
†Dead-heat for first place.
Fourteen runners: King's Love, Fair Legend Bing Buoy, Lotherton Chimes, Fe Shaing, Lunaire, In Town Tonight, Petitpar, Paula Terry, Speaker, Sun Pilot, Phoenix Park, Sun Monarch, Shaken Pink.
3 Fair Legend; 11/2 Lotherton Chimes; 6 Paula Terry; 13/2 Lunaire; 9 PETITPAR; 10 King's Love; 100/9 Fe Shaing; 100/8 Speaker, Phoenix Park; 100/6 Sun Monarch, IN TOWN TONIGHT; 20 others. Dead heat; 2 lengths.
Tote: Win, £3/6/8 In Town Tonight, 15/4 Peteitpar; places, £1/11/2 In Town Tonight, 11/8 Petitpar, 16/4 Phoenix Park.

3 0—NEWBURY SPRING CUP. 1 mile.
8 2 NICHOLAS NICKLEBY 7yrs ..... J Mercer 1
9 0 ROSE ARGENT 4yrs ..... J Purtell 2
7 10 ROSE KNIGHT 6yrs ..... D Smith 3
Seventeen runners: Bellborough, Rose Argent, Loppylugs, Sunstart, Pundit, Empire Way, Aorangi, Nicholas Nickleby, Magic Moment, Precious Heather, Rose Knight, Master Nicky, Mustapha, Abbot's Bench, Scottish Sands, Rogerio, Doctor Tadgh.
7/2 Pundit; 6 Precious Heather; 7 NICHOLAS NICKLEBY; 8 Empire Way; 10 Aorangi, Master Nicky; 100/7 Bellborough, Rose Argent; Sunstart, Rose Knight; 100/6 Magic Moment, Abbots Bench; 20 Loppylugs; 25 others. ½ length; ¾.
Tote: Win £1/9/6; places 10/6, £1/1/10, £1/6/2.

3 30—FRED DARLING STAKES for three-year-olds. 7 furlongs.
8 4 NICARIA ..... J Mercer 1
9 0 ALPINE BLOOM ..... E Mercer 2
8 4 BACCHANALIA ..... D Smith 3
Eleven runners: Magnosca, Alpine Bloom, Darlene, Sibell, Nicaria, Lady Carina, Bacchanalia, Spring Morning, Giordana, Summoned, Petty France.
10/11 Alpine Bloom; 6 Darlene; 13/2 Bacchanalia; 10 Magnósca, Sibell; 20 Petty France; 25 NICARIA and others. ½ length; 3.
Tote: Win £7/6/10; places £1/4/0, 6/2, 13/2.

4 0—JOHN PORTER STAKES. 1½ miles.
9 1 DOUTELLE 4yrs ..... W H Carr 1
9 1 COURT HARWELL 4yrs ... E Smith 2
9 5 CHINA ROCK 5yrs ..... J Purtell 3
Four runners: China Rock, Doutelle, Court Harwell, Super Snipe.
5/6 DOUTELLE; 9/4 Super Snipe; 6 Court Harwell; 10 China Rock. 3 lengths; short head.
Tote: Win 7/6; forecast £1/12/10.

4 30—MANTON STAKES for two-year-olds. 5 furlongs.
Eighteen runners: Robson's Choice, Novillero, Determinist, Tally Valanciel, Li Kin, Gold Catch, Nathanya's Pride, Cashel, Dicky Bird, Total Dawn, Big Score, Levade, La Mignonne, Bridge of Clyde, Colonsay, Hindu Slipper, Tuppenny Toll.

BOGSIDE

2 15—REDBURN HANDICAP HURDLE. 2 miles.
10 10 SURPRISING 5yrs ... L Jackson, Jnr 1
10 6 PICK AND CHOOSE 7yrs...H J East 2
11 6 SHAM FIGHT 6yrs ..... N Boston 3
Fifteen runners: d'Angelo, Sham Fight, Young Lochinvar, Topsail, Carmen IV, Bala Sea, Surprising, Dark Hyacinth, Profit from Print, Pick and Choose, Reckless Robert, Devon Flame, Golden Rebel, Bold Buccleuch, Cassata.
7/2 Devon Flame; 11/2 Reckless Robert, Bala Sea; 7 Young Lochinvar; 10 D'Angelo Sham Fight, Carmen IV; 100/8 Topsail, Dark Hyacinth, Profit from Print, Pick and Croose; 20 SURPRISING. ½ length; 3.
Tote: Win £5/11/10; places £1/15/10, 16/6, £1/16/10.

3 45—CUNINGHAME SELLING PLATE for two-year-olds. 5 furlongs.
8 2 AUTOLYCUS ..... J Seagrave 1
8 2 FAIRWORTH ..... I Telfer 2
8 2 HECKLEY GEM ..... N McIntosh 3
Six runners: Nigarda, Wireaway, Autolycus, Heckley Gem, Gaga, Fairworth.
Evens Nigarda; 13/8 AUTOLYCUS; 7 Wireaway, Gaga; 100/8 Heckley Gem; 20 Fair Worth. 12 lengths; 1½.
Tote: Win 13/8; places 6/2, £1/4/10; forecast £3/6/4.

3 25—SCOTTISH GRAND NATIONAL HANDICAP CHASE. 3 miles & about seven furlongs.
11 10 GAME FIELD 8yrs ..... T Boddy 1
9 13 TIGER WILLIAM 10yrs...S McComb 2
11 4 GLORIOUS TWELFTH 9yrs ..... F Winter 3
Fourteen runners: Spud Tamson, Wynburgh, Game Field, Scottish Sea, Glorious Twelfth, Green Drill, Arnicus, Michael O'Malley, Sultry Cruise, Turmoil, Tiger William, Pendle Lady, Court Card, Kandy Cub.
4 Wyndburgh; 7 Scotish Sea; 8 Spud Tamson; 9 GAME FIELD, Glorious Twelfth; 10 Green Drill; 100/8 Michael O'Malley; 100/6 Arnicus, Turmoil; 20 Sultry Cruise, Kandy Cub; 25 Tiger William; 33 others. 8 lengths; neck.
Tote: Win £2/8/10; places 15/10, £1/12/8, 10/10.

4 0—STEWARDS' STAKES. 1 mile.
7 1 PRIDE OF MORELANDS 3yrs ..... A Woods 1
7 4 GRACIOUS WELCOME 3ys...B Henry 2
7 8 STORY OF TINA 3yrs ...J Hamilton 3
Eleven runners: Mythical Moss, Golden Cipher, Honey Fur, Border Toast, Story of Tina, Gracious Welcome, Gledhill Win, Loyal Gael True Cottage, Grecian Queen, Pride of Morelands.
7/4 Mythical Moss; 7/2 Gracious Welcome; 4 Golden Cipher; 5 PRIDE OF MORELANDS; 10 Border Toast, Story of Tina; 100/7 Honey Fur, Gledhill Win; 20 others. 1½ lengths; short head.

4 30 — BOGSIDE HANDICAP PLATE. 1½ miles.
Eight runners: Soudox, Precipitus, Northmayne, Charlie Proper, Domenico Fuoco, Greystown Margipe, Raes Gill.

THIRSK

2 15—WHITE MARE PLATE for two-year-olds. 5 furlongs.
8 10 LAMBING TIME ..... D Morris 1
8 10 COMAYNE ..... A Harrison 2
8 10 INDESCRIBABLE ..... M J Murray 3
Twelve runners: Ocarienne, Lambing Time, Dacare, Indescribable, Lindsay, Martynia, Sweet Victory, Gay Fun, Syre Princess, Tudor Fashion, Comayne, Craster.
13/8 Ocarienne; 5/2 Comayne; 9/2 Syre Princess; 100/7 Martynia; 100/6 Dacare; 20 Lindsay; 25 LAMBING TIME and others. ¾ length; head.
An objection by the stewards to the winner was overruled.
Tote: Win £2/12/10; places 16/6, 6/10, £1/16/10.

2 45—THIRSK CLASSIC TRIAL STAKES for three-year-olds. 1 mile.
9 0 PALL MALL ..... W Rickaby 1
9 0 PLEIADES ..... R Fawdon 2
9 0 PHEIDIPPIDES ..... E Hide 3
Five runners: Pall Mall, Pheidippides, Pleiades, Peterkin, Petticorn.
2 Pheidippides, Pleiades; 100/30 PALL MALL; 8 Petticorn; 10 Peterkin. 1 lgth.; 3.
Tote: Win 12/4; forecast £2/4/10.

3 15—BYLAND HANDICAP PLATE. 6 furlongs.
7 7 LINE SHOOTER 4yrs ..... D Lynch 1
8 1 ANTON 5yrs ..... W Bentley 2
9 5 BECKFOOT 7yrs ..... E Britt 3
Eighteen runners: Roman Vale, Beckfoot, Newton, Castle Irwell, Flying William, Anton, Dutton, Dusty Dan, Golt Stock, Rydon Bridge, High Tide III, Line Shooter, William Falls My Pal, Gillylees, Pardine, Best Intentions, Danny B.
3 William Falls; 4 LINE SHOOTER; 7 High Tide III; 10 Dutton; 100/8 Flying William; 100/6 Anton, Gillylees Danny B; 20 others. ½ length; 3.
Tote: Win £1/3/2; places 10/2, 19/6, £1/2/10.

3 45—THORMANBY SELLING PLATE for two-year-olds. 5 furlongs.
8 9 MAGGIORE ..... E Britt 1
8 9 COVITA ..... J Etherington 2
8 9 JACQUELINE MARY ..... T Kelsey 3
Nine runners: Light of the Highway, Jacqueline Mary, Fair Cosmo, Golden Smile, Maggiore, Golden Lyric, Miss Nelson, Covita, Kenjamp.
10/11 MAGGIORE; 11/4 Light of the Highway; 100/8 Coveta, Fair Cosmo; 100/7 Kenjamp; 100/6 Golden Lyric; 33 others. 10 lengths; 1.
Tote: Win 6/6; places 4/8, 11/-, 14/10; dual forecast £2/4/6.

4 15—BIRDFORTH HANDICAP PLATE for three-year-olds. 1 mile.
Seventeen runners: Too Slow, Moment Supreme, Report, Abbot's Star, Royal Painter, Sunsque, Grey Border, La Turbie, Colindin, Light or the Road, Cobblers Sing, Honeycomb Rock, Irish Antics, Manby, Swanland Prince, Jane Rose, Bibi Mah.

4 45—GORMIRE HANDICAAP PLATE. 1½ miles.
Seventeen runners: French Beige, No Comment, Penitent, Great Rock, Corner Garth, Mosstrooper, Voila Tout, Ground Bar, Sayajirao Star, Grand Stand, Beddington, Soonario, Birikan Burn, Grosgrain, Rhodes, Swifty, Calais.

WARWICK

2 15—ALCESTER APPRENTICE PLATE. 7 furlongs.
7 0 HOWARD CARTER 4yrs ... P Russell 1
6 9 REMEMBER ME 10yrs ... T H Jones 2
7 3 BOLSHIE 7yrs ..... P Wright 3
Thirteen runners: Conker's Score, Chou Chin Chow, Silver Sovereign, Misconception, Percy's Spur, Ballysandle, Bolshie, Fulminate, King's Fell, Howard Carter, Nae Drappie, Amoret, Remember Me.
5/2 Conker's Score; 4 Misconception; 5 Nae Drappie; 7 Silver Sovereign, Ballysandle; 10 Chou Chin Chow, Fulminate, Amoret; 100/8 HOWARD CARTER, King's Fell; 100/7 others. 4 lengths; ½.
Tote: Win £7/11/8; places £2/8/8, £1/10/4, £1/7/4.

2 45—GROVE PARK SELLING PLATE for two-year-olds. 5 furlongs.
8 11 VALERIE ELLEN ..... D Keith 1
9 4 SANTA PAULA ..... W Snaith 2
9 0 ROUTINE ..... T Masters 3
Six runners: Santa Paula, Routine, White Pond, Migrancy, Valerie Ellen, Timeous.
2/9 Santa Paula; 7 Timeous; 10 VALERIE ELLEN, Routine, Migrancy; 20 White Pond. 1 length; 1½.
Tote: Win £6/16/6; places 8/8, 4/2; forecast £6/13/0.

3 15—LEAMINGTON PLATE for three-year-olds. 1 mile.
8 7 TOO SAUCY ..... T Masters 1
9 0 BUCAMA ..... W Smith 2
7 11 BELLA FLORA ..... A C Rawlinson 3
Nine runners: Grand Jury, Bucama, Black Rage, Dashtang, Too Saucy, Campion, Bella Flora, Lux Barnardi, Solga.
Evens Bucama; 7/2 Campion; 5 TOO SAUCY; 8 Black Rage; 9 Bella Flora; 100/7 Dashtang, Grand Jury; 33 others. ½ length; 5.
Tote: Win 18/10; places 6/-, 5/2, 9/10; dual forecast £1/4/0.

3 45—WARWICK HANDICAP. 1½ miles and 52 yards
8 10 TURK'S BLOOD 7yrs ..... F Durr 1
7 4 CALEDONIAN MARKET 4yrs ..... P Boothman 2
9 0 MIDWEST 6yrs ..... B Swift 3
Six runners: Mid West, Turk's Blood, Swiftholme, Burway, Caledonian Market, Ritchie.
11/8 Mid West; 5/2 Caledonian Market; 5 Swiftholme; 8 TURK'S BLOOD; 100/8 others. ½ length; neck.
Tote: Win £1/7/0; places 13/6, 8/4; forecast £12/19/8.

4 15—HATTON PLATE. 1½ miles and 170 yards.
Seven runners: Astrid Slipper, Quel Diable, Brooksby Boy, Highway, Pat's Boy, Umbrian Nanon.

4 45—KINETON STAKES for two-year-olds. 5 furlongs.
Two runners: Pandee, Annulment.

Wakefield give tries away to Hunslet

Two tries were presented to Hunslet in the first two minutes, a pass by Traill was intercepted by STOCKDILL who scored. In the 19th minute, the same player intercepted a pass by Kelly to score his second try.

LANGTON kicked a penalty goal for Hunslet and added the goals to the two tries. Half-time: Wakefield 0 pts., Hunslet 12.

EDITORS' PRESIDENT WARNS CONFERENCE . . .

Certain people would like Press muzzled

AN anti-Press climate is "being fostered by people interested in not having the public too well informed," said Mr. Leonard Crisp, giving his presidential address to the spring conference of the Guild of British Newspaper Editors, at Leamington today.

These people had "their own brand of hooey to put over or wish to conceal something which may be to their disadvantage.

"Then there are people who like to think comfortable thoughts about things in general, who are affronted that newspapers should present a different picture.

"The Press holds up a mirror to them, and they do not like the face they see in it.

"I sometimes wonder how people managed for their news before the invention of print. Perhaps they had access to that well at the bottom of which truth is said to dwell.

"But I rather fancy that for the most part they had to rely on the turgid stream of hearsay, wayside ditches of gossip, dirty pools of slander, to which they probably added their own contribution of misunderstanding.

"These contaminated places exist today," said Mr. Crisp. "It is the task of the Press to mark out the plague spots and head people off from them."

One great enemy

Newspapers have on great enemy, "Dame Rumour," who still spreads her lies about so unceasingly that she keeps us ever on her track, checking and correcting and finding the facts.

"I am sure the public do not realise, certainly those who say 'You cannot believe what you read in the papers' do not realise the pains and efforts taken by newspapers to get at the facts, the organisation in a newspaper office for checking and re-checking, reading and revising, to get the thing right."

The public, Mr. Crisp concluded, did not sufficiently appreciate how seldom a newspaper was wrong, in spite of those who thought they knew better.

A. Breasley hurt when horse fell

The start of the St. Anne's Stakes at Newbury this afternoon was delayed by an accident in the parade ring to A. Breasley, who was thrown from Fine Feathers II. Breasley suffered a mouth injury, and was unfit to ride Fine Feathers II, who was withdrawn without coming under starters orders.

Sir Gordon Richards, trainer of Fine Feathers II, visited Breasley in the ambulance room and said, "He has cut his mouth and is suffering from a bit of shock. He will not ride again today, but should be all right to fulfil his engagements on Monday.

The filly fell over after Breasley had mounted her and while she was on the floor one of her hooves cut his mouth."

Luton Town to tour in Western Germany

Luton Town FC are to make a short tour of Western Germany immediately the season ends. They will leave by sea on April 29 and return either on May 10 or May 11.

Six private cars are being taken to provide transport for the party while in Germany.

Alec Bedser, the England medium-fast bowler and Surrey vice-captain, is ill in bed with influenza and so had to miss the first Surrey trial match which started at The Oval today.

WEATHER FORECAST

Tomorrow: Sunny periods; warm.
Further Outlook: Probably mainly dry but a little cooler with scattered showers.

LOCAL TEMPERATURES
24 hours from 10-0 a.m. yesterday
Maximum 53 deg. at 9-30 a.m.
Minimum 43 deg., 10-0 a.m. yesterday

Today's Reading
10-0 a.m. 52 deg. 3-0 p.m. 53 deg.
Barometer at 10-0 a.m. 30.1in., rising

LIGHTING-UP TIME
7-46 p.m. to 5-30 a.m.

DUKE DRIVES TO BADMINTON

The Duke of Edinburgh, who had driven himself from Windsor Castle in his drop-head coupe, joined the Queen shortly after mid-day today at Badminton House for the last day of the British Horse Society's trials.

The Queen watched the judging of the pony classes from a window.

Miss Sheila Willcox, of Lytham St. Anne's, riding her dun gelding High and Mighty started the final phase of trials this afternoon with 78.2 bonus points—over 50 points ahead of Miss Anneli Drummond-Hay, of Seggieden, Perthshire, riding Pluto.

Miss Willcox's lead means that she can knock down five obstacles or have three refusals and still win.

Unofficially, Miss Willcox has won Badminton Horse Trials. Miss Willcox won last year on High and Mighty, and is first person to complete double.

Ireland and France level in RU clash

Warm fine weather provided ideal conditions for the France-Ireland international rugby union match today in Paris.

The game decides whether France or Ireland finishes at the bottom of the table. England clinched the championship last month.

Ireland went ahead in 20th minute with penalty goal by HENDERSON from right in front of the posts.

LABAZUY put France on level terms in the 35th minute when Ireland were penalised for a scrum infringement.

Whitehaven fully extended

Liverpool kept Whitehaven fully extended. They were quick on the ball and good opportunitists, but Whitehaven had star artists in Banks and Bright.

BRIGHT, ROBINSON and SMITH scored triees for Whitehaven and McKEOWN kicked three goals. City kept in the game with a HALTON try and three goals by TWISS. Half-time: Whitehaven 15 pts., Liverpool 9.

He wrote songs for Geo. Robey

RUPERT HAZELL, comedian, music-hall entertainer and script writer, who wrote many of George Robey's songs, died in London yesterday. He was 72.

In 1918, George Robey, attending a charity show at the Coliseum, heard a new song that "brought down the house." He asked who wrote it, and was introduced to Mr. Hazell, then a sergeant in uniform standing in the wings.

"Can you write a song for me?" he asked. Mr. Hazell hurried to his dressing room, and before the show was over he had provided one of Robey's most famous songs, "I Mean Ter Say. . . ."

Oldham and District S.S. and Institutes Billiards League

FINAL LEAGUE TABLES

FIRST DIVISION

	P	W	L	D	Pts
Bardsley	22	17	5	0	34
St. Stephen's	22	14	8	0	28
OICS, Greenwood St.	22	14	8	0	28
Deaf Inst.	22	13	9	0	26
Waterhead	22	12	10	0	24
Heyside	22	11	11	0	22
Queen Street	22	11	11	0	22
St. Mark's	22	11	11	0	22
OICS, King St.	22	10	12	0	20
Healds Green	22	9	13	0	18
Westwood	22	7	15	0	14
Greenacres	22	3	19	0	6

SECOND DIVISION

	P	W	L	D	Pts
Healds Green	24	20	4	0	40
St. Ambrose	24	18	6	0	36
Chamber Mill	24	17	7	0	34
Bardsley	24	15	9	0	30
OICS, Greenwood St.	24	15	9	0	30
Waterhead	24	15	9	0	30
Greenacres	24	14	10	0	28
Deaf Inst.	24	13	11	0	26
Shore Edge	24	9	15	0	18
St. Stephen's	24	9	15	0	18
St. John's Werneth	24	7	17	0	14
St. Mark's	24	3	21	0	6
Honeywell Lane	24	1	23	0	2

THIRD DIVISION

	P	W	L	D	Pts
Healds Green	24	17	7	0	34
Chamber Mill	24	16	8	0	32
Deaf Inst.	24	15	9	0	30
St. Ambrose	24	13	11	0	26
Greenacres	24	11	13	0	22
OICS, Greenwood St.	24	11	13	0	22
Bardsley	24	1	23	0	2

WHIST LEAGUE

	P	W	L	D	Pts
Bardsley	12	10	2	0	20
Queen Street	12	9	3	0	18
St. Stephen's	12	7	5	0	14
Westwood	12	6	6	0	12
Waterhead	12	5	7	0	10
OICS, Greenwood St.	12	4	8	0	8
Greenacres	12	1	11	0	2

...**Knock-out Competition.** — Winners: Waterhead; runners-up Healds Green.

Highest breaks. — First Division: C. Heginbottom (St. Stephen's) 75, T. Greaves (St. Mark's) 75. Second Division: F. Dale (Healds Green) 47. Third Division: D. Taylor (OICS, Greenwood St.) 34. Knock-out Competition: F. Mellor (Healds Green) 50.

Individual Handicap: The final between F. Hanson (Waterhead) and S. Dunkerley (OICS, King St.) will take place at Westwood Moravians Institute on Monday, April 21, at 8 p.m.

The annual presentation of prizes will be held at the Deaf Institute on Saturday, May 24, at 7-15 p.m. Tickets will be forwarded to representatives within the next few days.

ENGLISHMAN'S CHESS DEFEAT

PETER CLARKE (26), the Essex and England player, today had a good chance of becoming the first Englishman to win the main event at the International Chess Congress at Bognor Regis, Susses, since it started six years ago.

The tenth and last day's play began this morning. Of the 48 players, Clarke shared the lead with a Yugoslav. Two Yugoslavs and a New Zealand player were half a point behind.

But today, the Yugoslav champion, Boris Ivkov beat Clarke in 29 moves to take the lead with seven and a half points to Clarke's seven.

The Spanish champion, Roman Toran, (six points) was playing Yugoslav Nikolai Karaklajic (seven points).

Another important game, was between the Yugoslav player Dragutin Dimc, and R. G. Wade, of New Zealand. Both have six and a half points.

Mr. James Jones (66), of Bradbury Street, Ashton, collapsed and died on a bus in Thompson Lane, Chadderton on Friday. He was employed by A. V. Roe's as a tool fitter and was returning from work The facts have been reported to the Coroner.

HALF-TIME SCORES

INTERNATIONAL

Scotland 0, England 2.

FIRST DIVISION

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

SECOND DIVISION

Barnsley 0, Cardiff 0.
Blackburn 1, Leyton Orient 1.
Bristol Rovers 1, Huddersfield 1.
Derby 0, Grimsby 0.
Fulham 0, Bristol City 4.
Ipswich 0, Charlton 3.
Lincoln 0, Rotherham 0.
Notts County 0, Doncaster 4.
Sheffield Untd. 2, Middlesbrough 1.
Swansea 3, Stoke 1.
West Ham 0, Liverpool 1.

THIRD DIVISION (North)

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

THIRD DIVISION (South)

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

PM's GOODBYE TO ADENAUER

Attitude to great problems similar

BOTH Dr. Konrad Adenauer, 82-year-old West German Chancellor, and Mr. Harold Macmillan spoke of the unity achieved in their talks in London during the last three days, when they said farewell at Northolt Airport today.

The Prime Minister said: "We have reached some very important decisions among ourselves, and have found that our attitude to all the great problems of the day is similar.

We agreed on our main policies, on our attitude to Russia, to disarmament and how we shall handle the Summit Talks when they come off. We have agreed on European free trade, and on how to deal with the economic problems that lie before us.

Mr. Macmillan spoke of the genuine welcome given to Dr. Adenauer not merely by politicians, statesmen and Press, but by the people. This showed that the two countries were determined to work together in the future in amity and friendship.

'COME AGAIN SOON'

Mr. Macmillan ended by saying: "We wish you well. Come again soon."

Dr. Adenauer said he felt the difficulties of the free trade area would be overcome and they should not take a too tragic view of the matter.

He spoke of the cordial atmosphere of his visit to London and the desirability of these talks being held in the future. He said: 'This shall be my motto: 'Farewell and I hope to see you again."

After the speeches the two leaders walked to the Lufthansa aircraft which was taking Dr. Adenauer and his two Ministers to Bonn. Mr. Macmillan stood on the tarmac waving farewell

Princess Margaret

Night flight across Atlantic

PRINCESS MARGARET is due to take off from London Airport at 8 30 tonight on a night flight across the Atlantic, bound for the Carribean.

There she is to make an 11,000-mile tour including visite to Georgetown, British Guiana; Jamaica; British Honduras; and Nassau, Bahamas; and is to open the first Parliament of the West Indian Federation at Port of Spain, Trinidad.

The Royal plane, a long-range BOAC Britannia 312, is due to arrive at Gander, Newfoundland, at 2 a.m. local time tomorrow, and after a 70-minute stop will fly on to Trinidad, where it is due to land at 10 a.m.

The Britannia 312 has four Bristol Proteus 755 propeller turbine engines, the total power at take-off is equivalent to about 130 London buses.

Princess Margaret is the first member of the British Royal Family to fly in this type of aircraft. Her plane is commanded by Capt. Donald Anderson, with a crew of eleven.

They will bring her home on May 7.

The Queen, the Queen Mother, and members of the Government will be at the airport tonight to say farewell to the Princess.

TEN weeks after the tragic crash which cost the lives of eight members of his team, Manchester United manager Matt Busby arrived at his Manchester home last night from Munich, where he has been recovering from injuries received in the air disaster.

With him in this picture are his wife, Jean, and daughter, Sheena. Matt still walks on crutches, but he hopes he will be able to lead United on to the field when they meet Bolton Wanderers in the FA Cup final at Wembley on May 3.

Glasgow is swamped by gay soccer enthusiasts

THOUSANDS of soccer fans arrived in Glasgow today in more than 80 special trains and hundreds of special coaches from all over Britain, for the international match between Scotland and England at Hampden Stadium, where a crowd of about 130,000 is expected.

The first wave of happy England supporters arrived before dawn and after breakfast thousands of them swooped on the city gazing at shop windows. There was a threat of rain.

A few people travelled North without tickets for the match, but there was little hope of buying any in Glasgow. Offers of more than a £1 for 3s. 6d. terrace tickets were being refused.

POLICE WERE WATCHING AT THE TURNSTILES FOR 70 STOLEN TICKETS FROM A SCOTTISH FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION OFFICIAL'S CAR LAST WEEK.

To cope with the "invasion," Glasgow corporation and the City police force have been making plans since the beginning of the year. About 200 constables were controlling traffic and another 500 were going on duty in or around Hampden Stadium to keep the crowds moving.

No one without a ticket was being allowed to wait outside the ground.

In the Connaught Club lawn tennis hard court tournament today the women's singles final was won by Miss C. C. Truman (Essex), the holder, who beat Miss A. E. Haydon (Warwickshire), 6—3, 8—6.

GOLD MEDAL FOR STREET LAMP

A HIGH award in the eleventh Milan Trienalle, held last year, and one of the most important industrial design exhibitions in the world, has been gained by a British entrant.

Mr. Richard Stevens, 34-year-old chief designer of a lighting company, has been informed that he has been awarded a gold medal.

He won it for a piece of street-lighting equipment—a plastic and aluminium lantern used in main-road sodium lighting all over Britain.

Mr. Stevens, of Whyteleafe, Surrey, said: "It is rather ironic, in view of the controversy about street-lighting design, that my award should be for this type of design."

DEATHS

ARNOLD.—On April 18 (suddenly), at his home, 6 Alderson Street, Hiram, in his 70th year, the beloved husband of Ada and dear father of Edith and Jack. Inquiries O.I.C.S. Ltd. (MAIn 2807).

HINCHLIFFE.—On April 18, 1958, at 74 Blackshaw Lane, Royton, Winifred, aged 58 years, the dearly loved wife of Wilfred Hinchliffe and beloved mother of Wilfred. Service and interment at Royton Cemetery on Tuesday, April 22, at 1-0 p.m. Inquiries Mr. H. Snaden, Royton Co-operative Society (Tel. EASt 0364).

AT BLOCK LANE . . .
OLDHAM LADIES
v.
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SUNDAY, APRIL 20, 1958
Kick-off 3-15 p.m.

Officer killed in crash

An Army officer was killed and two soldiers received multiple injuries when the vehicle in which they were travelling collided with a heavy lorry and trailer on the main London-West of England road, near Andover, shortly before midnight.

The officer, Captain David John Bennett, 10th Royal Hussars, stationed at Tidworth, was killed instantly.

ENGINEER ON MURDER CHARGE

Jackine Gerard de Souza (39), engineer, of Hugon Road, Fulham, SW, was charged at Walham Green Police Station this afternoon with the murder of William Haynes, and is appearing at West London Court later today.

Haynes was found battered to death in a house in Hugon Road shortly after midnight. He was a lodger at the house, and had head injuries.

RAIL UNIONS TO HAVE TALKS WITH PREMIER

LEADERS of two railway unions today welcomed the Prime Minister's decision to meet union and British Transport Commission representatves about the wage dispute on Tuesday.

Mr. S. F. Greene, general secretary of the National Union of Railwaymen, said: "Naturally we are pleased that the Prime Minister can afford the time to be able to see us. I think it shows that he appreciates that the BTC and the unions have a problem to solve. I sincerely hope that arising from the discussions we will be able to find some solution to it."

Mr. A. Hallworth, general secretary of the Associated Society of Locomotive Engineers and Firemen, said: "The fact we are seeing the Prime Minister shows the importance he attaches to the matter. We are glad to have the opportunity of speaking to him about the problem."

The idea of a top-level approach was first mooted by the unions, and Sir Brian Robertson, BTC chairman, agreed.

The Chancellor of the Exchequer and the Minister of Transport will also be present at the meeting.

Man stabbed

Birmingham police were today searching for an attacker who stabbed a 23-year-old Irishman last night.

The man, John McNally, lodging in Princess Road, Edgbaston, was taken to hospital with a wound below his shoulder blade. Today he was said to be fairly comfortable.

Theft from Townsend's car: fingerprints are found

POLICE are working on several clues in their investigation into the theft of money and property from Group Captain Peter Townsend's car in Paris yesterday.

Among them are fingerprints, a tyre lever found near the car and believed to have been left behind by the thief, and a blood-stained handkerchief which led the police to believe the thief cut himself in breaking the car's window to get at the property.

A Paris magistrate today opened quiry into the theft. The 42-year-old Group Captain reported to police that a thief had stolen from his car 400,000 francs (about £333) worth of travellers' cheques, two suitcases, cameras and private papers.

The Group Captain was on his way to Brussels after a motoring holiday in Spain and Southern France with his two sons.

Police said Group Captain Townsend told them that in one of his missing suitcases were three large envelopes containing business mail and private letters, which he described as "very important."

Other missing items included Dr. Albert Schweitzer's latest book, autographed by the author, and a map of the Sahara Desert.

omb blast ear home Governor

BOMB thrown by Cypriot terrorists during the night exploded 100 yards from the nt of the Governor, Sir Hugh

bomb, aimed at an electric ormer, caused slight damage. ke up the Governor and was over most parts of Nicosia, away. It was the day's 20th incident on the island.

er explosions destroyed a -built police station and a station and damaged an army ouse, injuring two soldiers and riot civilian.

ly today a water pumphouse recked in the fourth explosion hours at the £10 million cant which houses the British East headquarters at Epissouth-west Cyprus.

Kouklia, in West Cyprus, early a bomb exploded at a disused station, causing extensive ge but no casualties.

ampaign to "break the deadn Cyprus" is to be launched ay by the Movement for al Freedom.

y are urging the Government spend negotiations with the and Turkish Governments, invite Cypriot representato London immediately for about the future of the island basis of self-determination. will be lobbied on May 14, n Sunday, May 18, there is a "Justice for Cyprus" stration in Trafalgar Square.

BABY DIES IN BLAZE

ER a midnight blaze at Dundee, an eight-week-old was found dead in his pram. aby was Duncan Smith, son and Mrs. James Smith, of hill Road. He had been ated by smoke.

Smith and the baby's 16-old brother, John, were to hospital suffering from The fire broke out while Smith was washing in the nette of her home in a three-Council tenement. She heard her child shout, and rushed e living-room to find it full ke.

husband picked up John, but ple were unable to reach the n his pram at the fireside. rmchair and pram and most furniture in the room were ed.

nen and police later found by dead.

lore troops y to Aden

British troops were flown den today from Kenya to ent an advance guard which last night.

's arrivals were men of the attalion, the York and Lanegiment, who were flown to earlier this week from the strategic reserve in Britain. al sources emphasised they n sent to Aden purely as a ionary measure.

day's party flew in, men of fs were searching for two Arabs whose arrest was yesterday on charges of contact with foreign powers ing to cause trouble in the rotectorate.

opship to land sick man

merican troopship, Upshur, ons, is to call at Plymouth to land a man reported to ally ill with a stomach com-

een's birthday on Monday

QUEEN is celebrating her 32nd birthday on Monday at indsor Castle, where, with the Duke of Edinburgh, she will be residence. As is customary on Royal birthdays, the Queen has engagements, and it will be a quiet family day with the Duke vall and Princess Anne.

sages of congratulation from overseas and from the UK are arriving at the Court post office at the Castle.

gs will be flying on public buildings, and at noon in Hyde Park g's Troop, Royal Horse Artillery, fires a Royal salute of 41 At 1 p.m. at the Tower the 1st Regiment Honourable Artillery y (RHA) fires a Royal salute of 62 guns. Naval saluting ships re batteries are also firing Royal gun salutes.

The Oldham Sunday School League team drew 1—1 with their counterparts in Rochdale last Saturday. A short report is given under the Rochdale team photograph on Page Six. Oldham team.—Back row: S. Kenworthy, D. Lewis, D. Saggerson, F. Kilroy, H. Robinson, B. Bakes. Front: J. Heath, A. Woods, A. Else, R. Byron, G. Perrin.

Whittaker Cup

Oldham boys share it with Chadderton

ONE good attack v. one good defence—result a logical but unsatisfactory 2—2 draw.

That was the picture on Thursday night when Oldham Boys played Chadderton Boys in the annual Whittaker Cup match in the misty gloom of an almost deserted, but noisy, Boundary Park.

Chadderton Boys had the good attack. Their forward line showed more cohesion, and knew where they were going. Whenever the ball was put through to start an attack, the entire forward line was up there with it, interchanging passes and seeking a way through an almost impregnable Oldham defence.

Although they scored first, Chadderton trailed 2—1 behind for most of the game, and equalised only near full-time after a tremendous spell of constant attacking which finally broke the close-spotting, shadow-covering Oldham defence.

It had to come

Kingpin of the Oldham defence was goalkeeper Greenwood, who saved his team time and again with some great saves and almost uncanny anticipation.

As was expected, both Oldham goals were scored by opportunist methods—never was the whole forward line functioning together.

After centre-forward Widdop had put Chadderton ahead in the tenth minute with a fine shot from 15 yards out which gave the goalkeeper no chance, Oldham came back with a goal which was almost the same. This time it was inside-right Whatmough who scored from 15 yards after going through on his own.

Five minutes before half-time, Oldham went ahead against the run of play when inside-left Dearden, who had a good game, put the ball through the middle of a disorganised Chadderton defence (full-back Scott was almost in the Oldham penalty area and inside-right Hampson was the only defender, on the half-way line) for Sanderford to run on to and score with a good shot.

Throughout the second half, Chadderton battled hard to get level, and spent almost the entire half in the Oldham area. The goal that had to come came in the gathering darkness when Widdop scored again after a goalmouth scrimmage.

Extra time was played but the teams had to come off because of the bad light. Both teams will hold the trophy for six months. The Cup was presented by the Mayor of Oldham, Councillor A. Tweedale.

Pharaoh's record beaten

At Pretoria last night, Fanie du Plessis, the South African champion, broke the British Empire discus record with a throw of 180ft. 1in., beating the 178ft. ½in. by Mark Pharaoh, the Manchester athlete.

Oldham Sunday Schools League

ST. THOMAS'S HIT GLODWICK FOR 7

Glodwick Meths. 0, St. Thomas's 7

THIS was a very one-sided game. **Glodwick** could only field 10 men and were no match for **St. Thomas's.** Bad finishing kept the score down. St. Thomas's played as a team and skilfully used the ball. With the extra man they got through time and time again. Glodwick had their chances but lacked a marksman. They missed a penalty in the first five minutes. Scorers for St. Thomas's were Lees, Whittaker, Atkin, Togg (2), Davey (2).

St. John's 4, Edge Lane 2

Edge Lane were very much weakened owing to four of their players playing for the inter-league team. **St. John's** were the better side throughout and deserved their victory. They played better football and were stronger as a team. Scorers: St. John's, D Batham (2), A Batham, Bird; Edge Lane, Kenworthy, Brogan.

Cowhill 5, Eaves Lane 3

This was a very good game with **Cowhill** the slightly better team. Good football was played on the hard, bumpy ground, but Cowhill's shooting was better. This was a fair result to a good, hard fought match. Scorers: Cowhill, Broome (2), Braddock (3); Eaves Lane, R. Simms, W Simms (2).

Christ Church 1, St. Stephens 1.

Both defences were on top in this game. It was very keenly fought, with some very good football from both sides. It was a very entertaining game enjoyed by all the spectators. Scorers: Christ Church: Butterworth; St. Stephen's: Hartley.

Evening fixtures for next week:—

Monday: St. Aidan's v. Edge Lane Res. (H. Tiffney); Roundthorn v. Christ Church (R. Mellor); Millgate Meths. v. St. Thomas's (L. Jones); Edge Lane Meths. v. Glodwick Meths. (J. Pettigrew).

Wednesday: Edge Lane Meths. v. Millgate Meths. (H. Tiffney); Springhead Congs. v. Edge Lane Res. (R. Mellor); Cowhill Meths. v. St. Thomas's (J. Fletcher); St. John's v. Eaves Lane (R. Kibble).

Thursday: St. Aidan's v. Glodwick Meths. (R. Mellor); Edge Lane Res. v. Ashton Road Congs. (R. Firth).

Friday: Millgate Meths. v. St. Mark's (J. Fletcher).

SECOND DIVISION

Saddleworth Church 6, Ashton Rd. 2.

The ground was too hard and bumpy for good football and it was a game for the big kicker. **Saddleworth** deserved their victory but not by so wide a margin. There was no score at the interval but five minutes afterwards Saddleworth scored twice and never looked like losing after that. Scorers: Saddleworth—Cope (2), Stott, Jones (3). Ashton Rd.—Slate, Travis.

George St. 5, Edge Lane Res. 4.

Edge Lane had only 10 men but they gave a good account of themselves. **George St.** led by three goals at half-time because the Edge Lane defenders kept leaving it to the next man—and three times there was no next man. In the second half, Edge Lane played better football and quickly made it 3—3, but George St. made it four from the penalty spot. Edge Lane equalised and then there was a real fight for the winner. George St. got it and when the end came it was the end of a very sporting encounter. Scorers: George St. Giblin, Moffatt (2), Probert (2). Edge Lane Dennis (2), Grinrod.

St. John's, Holl. 1, Springhead Congs. 5.

As the score suggests, **Springhead** won rather easily. They took command right at the start and never lost their grip on the game. Scorers: St. John's Timmins. Springhead Schofield, Cooper, Neal (3).

With the Oldham Amateurs

Champion, Haggate! a title hat-trick

CONGRATULATIONS, Haggate, First Division champions once again—their third consecutive title win. An away victory over Ivy United assures them of top place this season—a brilliant achievement by this consistent Royton club.

Since the league was refounded in 1954, they have consistently been among the honours and this season, six of their players were in the representative side for the Inter-league game.

Roundthorn become firmer favourites to carry away the Challenge Cup by overwhelming Strinesdale 11—0 in their semi-final. Their opponents in the final, to be played at Boundary Park, by permission of the Oldham Athletic directors, will be J. Stott's, who defeated Phoenix 6—3.

A notable performance by Stott's to reach this cup final, and their confidence and team spirit is sufficient to carry away the trophy—a stern battle is assured. The game takes place on Wednesday, April 30, kick-off 6 45 p.m.

Roundthorn 11, Strinesdale 0.

Strinesdale never recovered from a three-goal blitz which hit them early on and Roundthorn were able to coast to victory. The Roundthorn forwards toyed with the 'Dale defence in the second half and it became a question of how many they would notch. Centre-forward Adams and outside-left Mills collected hat-tricks among the four goals they each scored, Cartwright hit two, and Smith one. Prime, the only forward not on the score sheet, must have considered this his off-day.

Strinesdale will want to forget this match. They were never in the hunt. Bowers at centre-half played a hero's part trying to inspire his side, but apart from Jones and Needham there was no support for his efforts.

Phoenix 3, J. Stott's 6.

Phoenix opened the scoring after 15 minutes with a goal from Hegginbottom. Stott's were slow in settling down and Phoenix might have increased their lead on several occasions. A smart equalising goal by Holmes was the vital factor, and Stott's began to show their mettle, adding two further goals from Holmes again and Hibbert, to change over 3—1 in the lead.

Phoenix narrowed the lead with a goal by Willis soon after the resumption, but Stott's continued the better side and goals from Wood, Bailey and Hibbert put the issue beyond doubt. Buckley added a third goal for Phoenix near the end. No glamour team this Stott's side, but a strong combination in defence and attack, just the team to upset Roundthorn in the final.

LEAGUE GAMES

Ivy United 1, Haggate "A" 5.

Haggate were soon on the attack and Greaves got an early goal, Buckley adding number two a few minutes later. Wilson escaped the firm grip of Frank Beswick, the Ivy pivot, and hit a third goal just before the interval.

Burns reduced the arrears for Ivy with a fine burst down the middle just after resuming, but Haggate returned to the attack and goals from Buckley and Moores assured the points and the league championship. Outstanding for Ivy were Barrow and F. Beswick.

Fernhurst 2, Buckley & Taylor 3

Buckley's turned round at half-time leading 3—0 but each goal came as the result of defensive blunders. First, goalkeeper Winterbottom allowed a weak effort pass between his legs; then a shot was deflected into the net when the goalkeeper had it covered. Their cup was filled to the brim when the goalie, kicking out, saw the ball hit a Buckley forward and rebound into the net.

Fernhurst came out fighting in the second half, and the visitors were forced to defend desperately for long periods. Aided by luck and poor shooting, they managed to restrict the Fernhurst attack to two goals. Scores: Fernhurst: Kershaw, Shepherd; Buckley-Taylor: Spencer, Catlow, Ogden.

Roundthorn Res. 4, Haggate B 3.

Fielding a weakened team Haggate were soon struggling and were fortunate to be only one goal down by half-time, a goal scored by Coldman. He scored again following good work by Shaw. Then Urmson got a third goal after his first effort had been parried by the keeper. Fletcher notched number four heading home from a corner, but Haggate scored twice near the end through Pollit and Cooper and close on time Turner got a third.

Denshaw 4, NW Gas Board 4.

This was evenly fought throughout with first one team on top and then the other. Gas Board led 2—0 at the end of 45 minutes, but Denshaw were level a few minutes afterwards. The gasmen scored again, and this, too, was equalised. Once again the visitors got in front, but with the time running out the home side equalised, Beswick completing his "hat-trick." Lloyd was the scorer of the other Denshaw goal, and Ingham, Coward and Wilks (2) were the Gas Board scorers.

J. Clare's 1, J. Chadwick's 2.

Clare's should have won this by half-time, but chances were squandered. They led by a goal from Schofield, but Chadwick's equalised through Bell and snatched the winner when Mills put the finishing touch to good work by Powell and Barrett. A scrappy game, with only Holmes for Clare's and Bell for Chadwick's, outstanding.

FIRST DIVISION

	P	W	D	L	Pts
Haggate 'A'	19	17	1	1	35
Roundthorn	15	11	1	3	23
Ivy United	18	10	2	6	22
Buckley & Taylor's	16	10	0	6	20
Spinners	16	8	3	5	19
Delph	18	8	3	7	19
J. Chadwick's	17	5	2	10	12
Fernhurst	17	5	1	11	11
J. Clare	15	4	1	10	9
Phoenix	11	3	1	6	7
Greenfield Mill	17	0	1	16	1

SECOND DIVISION

	P	W	D	L	Pts
Dronsfield's	17	11	4	2	26
Roundthorn Res.	16	11	2	3	24
Strinesdale	15	11	1	3	23
J. Stott's	17	9	3	5	21
NW Gas Board	15	6	2	7	14
Gladstone	17	6	2	9	14
Greenfield Amts.	13	5	1	7	11
Haggate 'B'	17	5	0	12	10
Denshaw	16	3	3	10	9
Druids Lads	17	3	2	12	8

South East Lancashire League

Chloride and Urmston meet in Shield final at Ashton

AS a result of the SE Lancashire League Shield semi-finals, Chloride will meet Urmston in the final on Ashton United's ground on Saturday evening, April 26.

Both semi-finals were close affairs. At Droylsden, Urmston beat Prestwich Borough 2—1, but the Borough were unlucky to lose, for they played the better football throughout. Poor finishing and some bad luck robbed Borough of a well-deserved equaliser, particularly in the closing minutes, when Urmston kicked the ball off the line three times in as many minutes.

It was left to full-back Jones to show the Prestwich side how to score. For Urmston it was Whitelegg and Irwin who scored the winning goals, while Mooney was literally a tower of strength at centre-half. The former professionals, W. Hogan (Manchester City) and Abrahams (Winsford), added the touch of class to a typically tough semi-final.

Bardsley always give Chloride a hard game, and, although the Clifton side won 2—0, the match augurs well for the forthcoming Cup final on Boundary Park on Tuesday, April 29, when both clubs meet again. Bardsley have two main faults, they are slow to settle down and the forwards lack a goal-scorer. This Chloride know, hence their all-out attack from the whistle. A 30-yard shot from A. Daley caught Prince unawares, and they were one up after 30 seconds. A few minutes later Daley made it 2—0 from a penalty. Then Bardsley steadied down, and from then until the final whistle they kept Chloride defence busy, but the lack of marksmen in front of goal let them down.

In the League programme, A. and A. Crompton's gained their first win for some time when they beat Dukinfield St. Mary's 4—2. In a close match Crompton's had the edge on their opponents in front of goal and took their chances better. F. Bolton and K. Mayall each scored twice, and McManus and Hodgin replied. Crompton's have not lived up to their promise of last season, when they were challenging the leaders. No doubt they will be all out next season to prove that it was not just beginners' luck.

AVRO lost 3—0 to Ashton National, and the Chaderton side will really have to make some changes for next season. Seven points from 29 games is not very encouraging for the many promising young players in the team.

	P	W	D	L	Pts
Chloride Rec.	22	22	0	0	44
Marsden	27	19	3	5	41
Urmston	25	18	2	5	38
Prestwich Borough	26	14	4	8	32
Dukinfield St. Mary	26	13	4	9	30
Robinson's Rec.	26	13	3	10	29
English Steel	27	13	3	11	29
Dukinfield Victoria	29	10	7	12	27
Bardsley	25	11	3	11	25
Heys	27	11	3	13	25
Block Lane	26	11	2	13	24
Ashton National	28	10	3	15	23
CWS (Radcliffe)	24	10	2	12	22
A. & A. Crompton's	28	7	4	17	18
Osram	26	3	4	19	10
Avro	29	2	3	24	7

WOMEN'S CIRCULAR DARTS LEAGUE

FINAL TABLE

	P	W	L	F	A	Pts
Bank Top Tavern	24	18	6	96	72	36
Junction (R)	24	16	8	95	73	32
Spotted Cow	24	15	9	92	76	30
Queen's Hotel	24	14	10	91	77	28
Musicians	24	14	10	87	81	28
White Hart	24	14	10	83	85	28
Junction (M)	24	13	11	91	77	26
Greaves	24	12	12	84	84	24
Spinners	24	11	13	88	80	22
Old Bent Hall	24	11	13	80	88	22
Bull's Head	24	10	14	78	90	20
Radcliffe	24	8	16	73	95	16
Gardeners	24	4	20	59	109	8

LORD NELSON AND COT WIN ONE FINAL EACH

THE final of the Centenary Darts League knock-out challenge cup was played at the Salisbury Hotel, Mumps, on Wednesday when the Lord Nelson beat Hollinwood Garden Club 4-2.

The Nelson won the first two games, the Cot the next two, but Arthur Brooks won the match for the Lord Nelson with excellent darting in the sixth game to beat Joe Davenport in 17 arrows, scoring 140, 100, 87, 81, 45 and 16, double 16.

W. Smith (Nelson) clashed with W. Eastwood, whose darts were not at all suitable for the board. Durig the game he had no less than seven darts fall out.

He got a ton and a 78, but Smith, with two tons, two 60's and two 45's, won in 24 arrows, notching 4, 14 and double 16, to run out on 50.

W. Haughton (Nelson) then beat Ben Simpson in 23 arrows, notching 140 and two 60's on the way. Simpson's best was a 97, 85 and 80, and he needed 109 as Haughton, wanting 35, hit 19 and double eight.

Dowd, Holt fight back

T. Dowd (Cot) beat W. Swindells in 32 arrows. Swindells got a ton, 70 and 66, but it wasn't good enough for Dowd scored 92, 60, 60, 100 and finished with double 15.

C. Holt (Cot) beat W. Cox in 25 arrows with a ton and two 81s on the way, and Cox needed 90 as Holt finished with double 18.

Jimmy Brown regained the lead for Nelson by beating G. Evans in 33 arrows. He hit 139, 100 and a 60, but used nine arrows to get double two. Evans still needed 54.

Then came the sixth and deciding game in which Arthur Brooks won in 17 arrows with his opponent needing 222.

The Nelson thus became the first holders of the new challenge cup, but Hollinwood Garden Club gained their revenge the same evening by beating the Lord Nelson 4—3 to win the top-four play-off.

J. Ormston A. Brooks

ORMSTON AND BROOKS MEET IN THE FINAL

Johnny Ormston and Arthur Brooks meet in the final of the Centenary Darts League individual knock-out, to be played at the league's presentation social at Hollinwood Garden Club next Wednesday. They beat Jimmy Brown and Talt Holt respectively in the semi-finals.

Ormston won his first two games against Brown. The first was an excellent affair with Ormston setting off with scores of 85, 100 and 95. He reached double 18 after 21 arrows, but with two successive throws of 100 and 77, Brown put himself on double two. Ormston, however, needed only two arrows to get his double.

In the second game, and when Brown had hard lines in failing on double 16, and Ormston put himself two up—23 arrows again. A series of low scores by Ormston in the third game allowed Brown to win in 26 arrows, leaving Ormston wanting 155, and when Ormston failed to finish on double nine in the fourth game, Brown squared the match (26 arrows).

Ormston found his touch again in the fifth game and was on double 16 with scores of 85, 85, 100, 41, 45, 81 and 32. Brown was trailing, but scores of 137 and 79 left him on double 19. He never had a throw at it, though, for Ormston got his double first arrow.

Talt Holt started off well enough against Arthur Brooks, but then the Lord Nelson thrower took command and won three games in a row. The fourth game cost Holt the match, perhaps, for he started with a 26, but then threw three tons in his next four visits and still found himself behind. Brooks did allow Holt a shot at the double, but the Hollinwood Garden player failed and Brooks won in 25 arrows.

All four players had thrown consistently all evening, for the least number of arrows was 21 and the most 26 in the nine games played.

Dr. Frederick Melville, Medical Officer of Health for Bebington, Cheshire, said today that there was no change in the condition of Terence Levell—two years old today—who is in the isolation hospital at New Ferry with Asian smallpox.

Junior Schools' Football

Draw promises thrilling cup matches

THE Stanley Stretch Trophy and Davies Cup competitions are now in their final stages and although these are restricted to Oldham schools some interesting matches should be seen. The draw is as follows:—

Stanley Stretch Trophy
Semi-finals
Hathershaw or Freeh'd v Alexandra
Werneth v St. Patricks
Davies Cup
Final
St. Stephen's or Waterhead v Birch House.

The date and place of the finals will be announced as soon as final arrangements are completed.

In the **Clayton Cup competition**, Oldham was hoping to occupy all four semi-final position to make sure of the return of the trophy to the town, but East Crompton eliminated Freehold in the third round and made that impossible.

With another splendid performance they knocked out Northmoor and enter the final. There is some consolation for Oldham however, for Alexandra and Hathershaw meet in the other semi-final and make certain of a place for an Oldham team in the final.

Either of these teams are quite capable of bringing the trophy back to Oldham after its two year absence in the county.

T.M.J.

Aussies regret a match omission

The omission of a West Australian Country side from the MCC's programme for the 1958-9 tour is a big blow to West Australian country cricketers. A team had already been selected for the match.

Since World War II, MCC teams have started their tours with a country match in West Australia. Mr. Frank Bryant, a West Australian Cricket Association selector, described the dropping of the match as "most disappointing."

The MCC are scheduled to begin their match against West Australia on October 17.

Chadderton Snooker League

Nimble Nook lost 2 vital points

NIMBLE NOOK, in their match at Platts, lost two vital points in the race for league honours. The first frame saw S. Willerton give the home team a flying start, winning by 58; then the Nook took a hand, winning through J. Brierley, 30, and H. Hargreaves, 20, only to see G. Bolton run away with the last frame winning by 39 to give Platts the match points.

Chadderton Cot, in defeating Chadderton Cons. at home, came back with an outside chance for the league championship, though only winning two frames by J. Whittaker and T. Nichols, they proved too much for the Cons, although E. Haslam had a win by 48. The Cot finished the match with a lead of 45 points.

Lands End travelled to Beanweb and took the match points which may gain them their third league championship. They won all frames with F. Dyson (capt.) being the best winner by 38. Lands End won the match with a 20 point margin.

Chadderton Reform, at home to Chadderton Social, had no difficulty in winning this match. Wins from T. Cobman, 32, H. Clegg, 38, and N. Hilton, 4, built up a useful lead, although A. Broome, Socials' only winner, by 20, did not alter the winning run of the home team. E. Leach won by 34 for the home team in the last frame.

Springhead, away to Chadderton Band, soon found themselves in difficulties, losing the first three frames and being 82 behind. Then came H. Davies with a good win for the Bank by 48, leaving them 34 behind. W. Bland found this too many, winning by 4, and leaving Band winners by 30.

Failsworth Cycle had Royton Cons. has visitors and got off with a win by their captain, N. Moreton, 37. In the fourth frame, E. Hall, 27, won and the other three frames were evenly fought out with the black ball decider in each case. Two went to the home team, leaving H. Foster the Con's. lone winner.

Shaw Road Cons. travelled down to Failsworth for their match with Avro's and broke off with wins from J. Heap, 5, and J. Carrington, 23. But the home team came into form through R. Power, 17, W. Scott, 26, and A. Basley, 43, to win.

The match between Westwood Libs. and Hollinwood Cons. is not to hand.

Platt's SC 440, Nimble Nook 387. Platt's scores first: S Willerton 120, J Bell 62; J Hardacre 58, J Brierley 88; H Howarth 82, H Hargreaves 102; T Midgley 77, J Brookes 71; G Bolton 103, O Haughton 64.
Whist: Platt's 45, Nimble Nook 52.

Beanweb 238, Lands End 358. Beanweb scores first: G Richardson 44, R Berry 65; F Adams 42, F Dyson 80; E Clarke 70, S Pope 87; J Rainford 46, G Lockwood 70; G Rushworth 36, W Taylor 56.
Whist: Beanweb 28, Lands End 60.

Chadderton NCBC 374, North Chadderton Cons. 329. Chadderton NCBC scores first: J Whittaker 98, T Kinder 42; J Wilson 66, F Collier 80; T Nicholls 99, R Jones 35; A Whiteley 42, E Haslam 90; H Howarth 69, A Beard 82.
Whist: Chadderton 33, N. Chadderton 60.

Chadderton Band 408, Springbank 378. Chadderton scores first: W Birtles 85, S Bolton 62; R Earnshaw 98, A Jefferies 54; F Scarfe 86, J Shaw 71; J Meredith 58, H Davies 106; A Wild 81, W Bland 85.
Whist: Chadderton 44, Springbank 49.

Chadderton Reform 399, Chadderton Social 311. Reform scores first: T Coleman 80, J Doyle 48; H Clegg 91, H Linyard 53; N Hilton 84, B Walker 80; T Hulme 58, A Broome 78; E Leach 86, G Steeple 52.
Whist: Reform 46, Social 35.

Avro 402, Shaw Road Cons. 344. Avro scores first: J Sladen 64, J Heap 69; D Leary 58, J Carrighan 81; R Power 83, D Harrison 66; W G Scott 94, G Woodcock 68; K Beesley 103, H Hardman 60.
Whist: Avro 53, Shaw Road 56.

Failsworth Cycle 315, Royton Cons. 249. Cycle Club scores first: N Moreton 72, J Porter 35; S Osborne 66, H Wright 65; B Campbell 50, H Foster 52; E Hall 75, T Whittaker 48; S Dalton 52, A Horsfall 49.

SNOOKER

	P	W	D	L	Pts
Land's End	27	21	1	5	43
Nimble Nook	27	19	0	8	38
Chadderton CBC	27	18	0	9	36
Beanweb	26	16	0	10	32
Chadderton Reform	27	16	0	11	32
Chadderton Band	27	15	0	12	30
Platt's	27	15	0	12	30
Avro	26	14	0	12	28
Westwood Libs.	27	14	0	13	28
Springbank	27	13	0	14	26
Royton Cons.	27	12	1	14	25
Chadderton Cons.	27	12	0	15	24
Hollinwood Cons.	27	10	0	17	20
Failsworth Cycle	27	9	0	18	18
Chadderton Social	27	5	0	22	10
Shaw Road Cons.	27	5	0	22	10

WHIST

	P	W	D	L	Pts
Chadderton Cons.	25	18	0	7	36
Land's End	25	17	1	7	35
Beanweb	25	16	2	7	34
Chadderton CBC	25	16	0	9	32
Shaw Road Cons.	25	16	0	9	32
Springbank	25	15	1	9	31
Chadderton Reform	25	15	1	9	31
Chadderton Band	25	14	0	11	28
Nimble Nook	25	14	0	11	28
Avro	24	9	1	14	19
Royton Cons.	25	9	0	15	18
Hollinwood Cons.	25	8	0	17	16
Platt's	25	7	0	18	14
Chadderton Social	26	7	0	19	14

LANCS COMBINATION

DIVISION I

	P	W	L	D	F	A	Pts
Horwich RMI	35	23	5	7	88	39	53
Prescot Cables	31	20	5	6	87	41	46
Accrington Res.	36	20	11	5	81	64	45
New Brighton	33	19	8	6	71	45	44
Morecambe	35	17	9	9	58	41	43
Wigan Ath.	33	17	8	8	82	51	42
Chorley	32	18	9	5	107	64	41
Rossendale Utd.	35	16	11	8	88	77	40
Netherfield	34	14	12	8	65	61	36
Ashton Utd.	36	15	16	5	84	92	35
Sth. Liverpool	37	14	18	5	88	86	33
Marine	32	14	13	5	56	81	33
Lancaster City	35	13	16	6	63	72	32
Southport Res.	36	14	18	4	62	90	32
Nelson	34	13	16	5	53	56	31
Droylsden	37	12	18	7	69	88	31
Darwen	37	12	20	5	63	90	29
Burscough	31	11	15	6	67	64	28
Fleetwood	35	9	17	9	51	67	27
Skelmersdale	35	11	21	3	59	88	25
Bacup Boro'	34	7	20	7	62	92	21
Crompton's Rec.	36	4	27	5	45	100	13

LANCS. COMBINATION (Div. II)

	P	W	L	D	F	A	Pts
Clitheroe	33	23	4	6	113	41	52
ATHLETIC RES	32	22	6	4	119	42	48
Padiham	34	19	8	7	77	57	45
Earlestown	33	17	6	10	106	72	44
North'n Nomads	35	18	11	6	80	56	42
Lytham	32	17	7	8	77	61	42
Chorley Res.	30	16	7	7	87	42	39
Wigan Ath. Res.	34	16	11	7	92	53	39
St. Helens Town	33	14	12	7	78	59	35
Glossop	30	14	10	6	71	62	34
Horwich Res.	33	14	13	6	67	76	34
Morecambe Res.	35	12	16	7	66	82	31
Lomax	32	10	14	8	60	82	28
Leyland Motors	34	11	19	4	66	95	26
Prescot C. Res.	32	7	17	8	53	77	22
Great Harwood	33	6	18	9	53	102	21
Rolls Royce	26	7	13	6	47	66	20
Nelson Res.	34	5	19	10	55	120	20
St. Anne's Ath.	31	5	20	6	53	96	16
Darwen Res.	30	3	25	2	27	106	8

Archie Moore matched

Archie Moore, world light-heavyweight boxing champion, has agreed to meet Willi Besmanoff, of Germany, in a ten-round non-title bout at Louisville, Kentucky, on May 2.

Why cannot Charity event be revived?

IN my last notes for this season I would like to remind all enthusiasts of the game that we are still missing locally the top-class snooker that the Oldham Charity Handicap used to provide.

League snooker has reached a higher standard, and the Centenary Handicap provides some outstanding

By FRED MAYALL

matches along with the Green Final Team Handicap. Yet the bringing together of 16 or 32 of the best amateurs in the Manchester area guarantees some really top-class snooker.

I am sure that although the season may seem overful to some players, one or even two of these events could be staged, and with the proper organisation some good cause could benefit from the proceeds.

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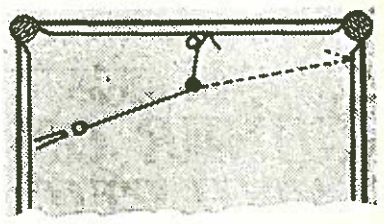
IT seems ridiculous that a handicap that was successfully run from 1922 to 1954, first at billiards and then after the war at snooker, should be allowed to die because of the whim of one or two persons.

IF THEY CANNOT FIND THE TIME REQUIRED TO DO IT, THEY SHOULD RELINQUISH THE CUP AND THE NAME, AND LET SOMEONE ELSE CARRY ON WITH THE JOB.

I only hope that in the summer months some move will be made to recreate this old-established event, if only to satisfy the



innumerable inquiries I get every year concerning it.

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IN the Shaw Billiard League knock-out, GEC shook Crompton Cricket Club last Wednesday when they beat them four games out of the six and obtained a lead of 104 in the first leg. This, together with the 40 start they receive in each leg, puts them 184 in front when they play the second leg at Osram on Monday next.

The Chadderton League knock-out final is one leg only and it is to be played at Chadderton Reform Club on April 30. The finalists are Failsworth Cycle and Platt's.

The Oldham Social Club League have already fixed the date of their presentation of prizes, which will be at Waterhead Social club on May 2.

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WITH the large number of players still playing billiards, and more particularly young players, it is surprising that top-of-the-table play is not use, or even learned to any great extent. Not only is it one of the fastest methods of scoring but it is also very good practice for the red-black technique that helps to build the big breaks at snooker.

In the diagram is an ideal top-of-the-table position, and the cannon as shown sets up a pot red to be followed by a similar cannon from the other side of the table. This sequence is continued by the professionals with very little variation in the position of the object white.

Clarksfield confidence won the day

In the Oldham Schools Rugby League ("A" Section) match between Clarksfield and Hollinwood, the ground was extremely heavy and it required great efforts to make any progress towards the line.

The two teams were fairly evenly matched, eventually the greater confidence of the Clarksfield team brought tries by Ward, Banks and Wynn, Marsden converting two, Cullen, with a penalty kick, replied for Hollinwood.

Greeting from the Rotary Club of Gottenburg, Sweden, came to the Rotary Club of Oldham on Monday, through Mr. G. Dawson, who recently visited Sweden.

SUCCESSFUL EASTER RU TOUR

OLDHAM Rugby Union had one of their most successful tours to the West Country, when at Easter they played four first-team games, a colts' game and an "A"-team game, and won all six games.

Perhaps he most pleasing victory was that against Wellington on Good Friday in defeating the home side by three tries (9 pts) to nil. Oldham produced some brilliant open rugby—the best attacking rugby seen from an Oldham side for many years.

The following day, Tiverton were beaten 12-8. This was a game in which Oldham conceded far too many penalties, and had Tiverton possessed a goal kicker, Oldham might well have lost.

As a prelude to this game, a team comprised of colts and older tourists played a Tiverton "A" team in an enjoyable game which Oldham won with a try by veteran S. Hegginbotham.

On Easter Monday, what promised to be the easiest game of the tour against Plymouth OPO turned out to be an extremely hard game, against a side which had improved tremendously since the last visit two years ago. Eventually Oldham won 12-6, tries being scored by Gartside, Humble and a pushover try, credited to Purcell who also kicked a penalty goal.

An "A" team played Plymouth Jesters and won 13-0. The younger members of the side all played well, and Tweedy scored an excellent try. The final game of the tour was against old rivals, Exmouth. This was another hard game, and Oldham did well to win 5-3 at the end of such a strenuous tour.

Altogeher, both from the playing and social (especially at Tiverton) point of view it was a highly successful tour. The 6 games stretched the organisation to its maximum, though it did provide games for the younger tourists, who were a credit to the party.

However, the strenuous tour took its full toll of injuries, and all sides fielded last Saturday were weakened. Perhaps the most seriously affected was the first team, who faced the strong Old Leodiensians side at Leeds, and went down 33—0.

Oldham were further hampered by having Barrass injured and off the field for most of the first half. The forwards all tried hard, and Gallier and Stevenson were outstanding, but there was some woeful tackling by the midfield backs.

The "A" team lost a hard-fought game at Keb Lane against Old Leodiensians "A" by 3—6. Oldham took the lead in the first half, but the visitors improved in the second half, and with Oldham suffering several injuries the visitors were completely on top.

The Extra "A" beat Simons at Keb Lane 33—5, the combination of M. Ingham and N. Platt at half-back doing much to open out the game. E. Taylor played well in the centre, and B. Walker was the pick of the pack.

On Sunday a side was entered for the Bowden "Sevens." However, owing to injuries and some slack organisation it was not possible to field the best side. The seven players who did turn out played extremely well, beating Bowden 5—0 in the first round, but losing 18—0 to the strong Manchester side, who eventually reached the semi-final. Happily, a little more thought is being put into the side for the Manchester "Sevens" next week, and four sides have been selected for training on Tuesday. K.D.

Soccer in Belgium: on county cricket trail: still a champion wrestler

The Empire State Cup, presented by a Birkenhead-born American citizen, Mr. Ira C. Harrison, for competition between Manchester City and Heart of Midlothian. The teams will play in an anniversary match in New York on May 25, and the winners will retain the trophy.

Mr. Harrison, who played in his youth for Manchester United, Newcastle United and Sheffield Wednesday, has presented the cup to mark the silver jubilee of the American Soccer League.

The Empire State Cup was made by the Birmingham firm responsible for the FA Cup.

MIRROR OF SPORT

IT is not too late to mention the Easter activities of two South-East Lancashire League clubs, Chloride Recs (Clifton) and Marsden (near Huddersfield). Marsden, to celebrate their 50th year, flew to Belgium and played two matches. The first, against Royal Wallonia, they drew, the second, against St. Gerrard, they won (despite the celebrations of the night before). During the whole trip the Yorkshire team were the subject of welcome ceremonies, presenations, national anthems, dinners and dances.

Points of interest were that the Belgians were paid to win or draw; players were the subject of transfer fees; admission to the games was approximately 4s. 6d.; and substitutes were many and often, much to Marsden's bewilderment.

Chloride's visit to the Isle of Man was pleasant and easy. They beat Peel 3—0 and Onchan 7—2, while the second and third teams joined to beat St. Mary's 14—2. The players' verdict of the island's football was that the standard was well below that of the South-East Lancashire League, particularly with regard to keeping the ball on the ground. The grounds, however, received unstinted praise, and the Clifton team will be back next year.

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THREE local cricketers may be following in the footsteps of other Oldham players in the Lancashire County side, when they report to Old Trafford next week for trials.

The young players are Royton's opening bowler, STEWART ANDERSON, who has already had outings with the Old Trafford second team, DEREK MEYNELL, Werneth's promising right-hand bat, and Crompton's wicket-keeper, BRIAN DERBYSHIRE.

Derbyshire has also had an invitation to have trials at the Worcestershire nets, but he is waiting for the outcome of next Monday's trials at Old Trafford before making a decision.

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OLDHAMER Herbie Hall (Bolton United Harriers), the British featherweight wrestling champion for the past six years, again won a championship at Wigan last Saturday by winning the lightweight title.

His brother, Harold Hall, won the light-heavyweight title. He, too, is a member of the Bolton UH.

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LAST year's Oldham Rugby Union skipper, Ron Gallier, was captain of the No. 1 Police District side which lost 9—8 to the Metropolitan Police in the final of the Police Cup at Derby recently. He has been honoured by being chosen as the "Sportsman of the Week" for the Police Review.

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ON Monday Austerlands Institute held a supper and social, arranged as a "send-off" for Jim Hilton, the popular soccer captain of the 2nd XI and former Somerset County Cricketer.

The 1st XI captain (G. Wolstenholme) spoke very highly of the sportsmanship of Jim Hilton, and on behalf of all the players and the club wished him the best of luck during the coming cricket season in Scotland. A souvenir was presented to the player.

During the evening a silver medal was presented to all the members of the 2nd XI who defeated South Shore Athletic Club at Blackpool on Good Friday.

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FOR the first time in the history of the Amateur Swimming Association, a professional, Mr. R. Scholey (Accrington) has been appointed as coach to England's team for the British Empire Games in Cardiff in July.

Mr. Scholey trains England triple champion, Miss Diana Wilkinson, and is the first professional ever to be accredited to an English team. He will work under the manager, Mr. A. C. Price, who was in charge of British teams in Moscow (1955) and in the last Olympic Games (1956).

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DEATH of Manchester bantamweight Jackie Tiller, who had been in a coma for 293 days, is certain once again to rouse those who would ban boxing. Yet this is the first professional ring fatality in this country since Bobby Callaghan, the 21-year-old Walworth welter, died in November, 1954, after a fight at Leyton.

This is surely proof that the British Boxing Board of Control have made boxing much safer. In recent years a professional who has taken too much punishment or has lost four fights in a row has been summoned by the Board for investigation and examination.

Callaghan was the ninth professional to die after contests in British rings since the war—nine in nine years. A fatality free period of 3½ years between the deaths of Callaghan and Tiller shows how effective are the present safeguards.

Amateur boxing, too, has now been made as safe as many other vigorous sports. Amateurs have every knockout and injury entered on medical cards and are often given enforced rest periods.

Referee JOHN V. SHERLOCK will be the man in charge of the Cup final between Manchester United and Bolton Wanderers at Wembley on May 3. He refereed the 1952 FA Amateur Cup final between Walthamstow Avenue and Leyton, and last year's semi-final between Manchester United and Birmingham City.

Mr. Sherlock, who was born in Sheffield, lives in the Isle of Man and is the managing director of hotels in the Isle of Man and in Ireland.

127 entries for Amateur golf title

A formidable field of 127, which includes most of the country's top players, will bid for the English Amateur Golf Championship at Walton Heath, Surrey, on April 28-May 3.

Arthur Walker, of South Africa, winner last year, had already signified his intention of not defending. Another absentee is Britain's Walker Cup captain Gerald Micklem, twice English champion.

Past winners in the field include the Bentley brothers, Harry and Arnold, from Hesketh, Alan Thirlwell (Gosforth) who succeeded in 1954 and 1955, and Guy Wolstenholme (Kirby Muxloe), the winner two years ago.

Waterman returns his Lonsdale belt

Peter Waterman, who retired as British and European welterweight champion on Wednesday, has returned his Lonsdale Belt to the Boxing Board of Control.

Waterman won it when he became British titleholder in 1956 and defended his title only once—against retired from boxing after being Frank Johnson in the same year.

An Oldham doctor has sent a letter to the Oldham Executive Council in which "with great pleasure I tender my resignation from the Health Service." He has 280 patients.

ROUND THE 3rd NORTH

THE former England full-back, Eddie Shimwell, will guest for the Birmingham League club, Burton Albion, in their friendly match against Charlton Athletic at Burton on May 1. Shimwell, now with Oldham Athletic after service with Sheffield United and Blackpool was offered the player-managership of Burton earlier this season, but negotiations broke down.

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LACK of scoring power has prevented Bradford City making a strong challenge for promotion. Some idea of the problem which Manager Peter Jackson has been unable to solve is shown by the fact that Les Samuels is still equal highest marksman, despite having been transferred to Stockport County early last month.

Samuels's last League game for the City was on December 28 and he netted 10 times in twenty League and Cup outings for the club, a total only recently equalised by centre-forward Bill Marshall.

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THE scoring feats of Carlisle centre-forward Alf Ackerman have tended to overshadow the performances of other members of the attack. For instance, Ron Tulloch has recently been finding the net with just the same facility as the South African.

Tulloch, who joined Carlisle from Southend during the close-season, scored his fifth goal in four games against Barrow last Monday. At present he is second highest marksman with 14 goals.

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RIGHT-BACK Ronnie Hughes has been something of a lucky mascot for Chester this season. Not only is he the last remaining ever-present in the Sealand Road club's senior side, he is also the man who takes penalty kicks awarded to the team.

Hughes has scored four goals from such awards so far, and on each occasion he has either saved a point or won the game for his club.

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THE injury sustained by Michael Priest, Halifax Town's recent recruit from Sheffield United, has opened the way for the recall of Clive Baker at inside-left.

Baker started the season at centre-forward, and then lost his place after scoring twice in the first five games. He subsequently made only an occasional appearance in the senior side, filling the right-half and outside-right positions, as well as leading the attack, prior to his return to duty earlier this month.

A party of students from the Imperial Defence College is to pay a visit to Failsworth Hats Ltd., Failsworth, next week.

Letter to the Editor

CHEER ON ATHLETIC

I APPEAL to all football fans, both soccer and rugby, to support Oldham Athletic next Tuesday in their match against Chester. Two points from this game could mean keeping in the Third Division.

Anyone who was at the Hull City match must have warmed to the Latics as they played with such fire and determination, even when all their luck was right out.

This match was proof that vocal support can give a team the will to win and make them fight for every ball. The roar which followed the equaliser amply rewarded Spurdle for a tireless display.

A good attendance and some more hearty cheering on Tuesday will encourage the players to produce the fighting spirit they are capable of, and if the game is as good as last Tuesday's, everyone is assured of a first-class evening's entertainment.

A. C. BULL

The repair work to the pavements in Copsterhill Road is part of this year's programme and was included in the estimates.

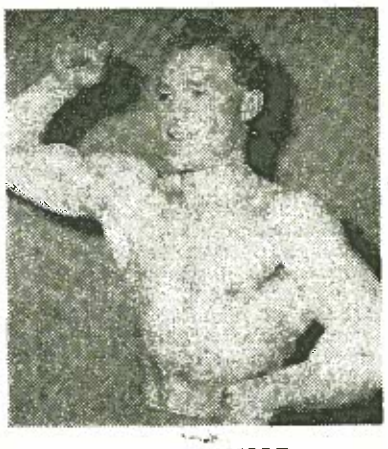
WEIGHT-LIFTING PETER PAN

LAST Sunday's Open Day at Wrigley's Gym, Chadderton, was well-attended by both dyed-in-the-wool weightlifting fans, and others who were seeing the iron game for the first time.

The match between lifting's Peter Pan, 46-year-old Fred Craighill, and the champion of the future, Peter Charge (Stockport) was quite a show. Charge came in 25lb. the heavier, and was called upon to give an agreed handicap of 100lb. to Craighill, who weighed 10st. 2lb.

From the start the Stockport boy set about the local as if he was intent on winning the match by a good margin, and by the time the curl lift had been finished, the handicap had been reduced to 75lb. Charge made 145lb. to Craighill's 120lb.

The bench press saw another 40lb. knocked off, and things seemed to be going well for the younger man, who made a good 240lb. to Fred's 200lb. on this lift. It was on the deep-knee bend that Craighill showed his power, and he fairly went to town, beating Peter by 10lb. —310 to 300.



TERRY ARNOLD

The veteran made things certain by some fine lifting on the dead lift, making lifts of 420 and 440 with his first two attempts, Charge lifted a very good 450 for his final attempt, but the match was won and Fred had still one attempt to go. He tried 510lb. but failed, although he was a good winner by 35lb.

Charge has asked that he should be allowed to meet Craighill in a return match in the near future. Details—Craighill: Cury, 120; bench press, 200; DKB, 310; dead lift, 440; allowance, 100; total 1170lb Charge: 145, 240, 300, 450; total 1135lb. Craighill won by 35lb.

The "Mr. Chadderton" contest brought an entry of eight very fine physiques, including six from Stockport, three of whom proved outstanding. The winner by a good margin was 6ft.-plus Terry Arnold, who packs a 48-inch chest and 16-inch arms.

The runner-up prize went to another boy from Stockport, Fred Bickley, who was until recently in a sanitorium suffering from TB. He has made a sensational recovery and his return to physique contests should be most successful.

It was the third place that gave the judges (Frank Robinson—"Mr. Oldham"; Arthur McCune—"Mr. Chadderton"; and Harold Wrigley—"Mr. Pennines") trouble. After a discussion they placed the terrific 16-year-old Peter Shelmadine third, and local boy Barry Roberts fourth.

CROWD WRONG TO GIVE WAY TO TEMPER

Kellett, on the ground behind Little and Pitchford, watches Davies pass to Etty when tackled by Hamblin—a perfect instance of how Oldham built up their attacks against Hull on Wednesday.

THE headlines screamed the news on Wednesday morning. "Angry scenes at Boundary Park—Referee pelted by irate crowd." Athletic's fight for Third Division survival was in the news, but was it really welcome publicity?

BOUNDARY PARK NOTES By A.G.W.

I KNOW THAT ANY PUBLICITY IS REGARDED AS GOOD PUBLICITY, BUT DID THE CROWD'S CONDUCT AT TUESDAY'S GAME WITH HULL CITY REFLECT ANY CREDIT ON THE CLUB?

Never before in the history of Oldham Athletic have there been scenes to compare with those of Tuesday, when Referee Hugh Gerrard fled for the safety of the dressing-room with a howling mob at his heels.

It was a shameful incident, and one that may well bring strict disciplinary action against the club. Not for one minute am I condoning the decisions made during the game by the referee—they may well cost Athletic dearly—the supporters should be thoroughly ashamed of throwing orange peel and apple cores.

Rarely given praise

Tempers were running high but, the supporters could have taken notice of the conduct on the field. It was a rough game, but there was no deliberate dirty work from either side, even in the game's most emotional moments.

By all means the crowd should show its disapproval of unfair treatment on the field, but vocal encouragement is what Athletic need badly in these closing games of the season. The roar which greeted Spurdle's equalising goal on Tuesday must have stirred the heart of every player.

That is the support that Athletic want and not the disgraceful mob rule which on Tuesday evening reduced Mr. Gerrard to a very miserable man. Remember, Mr. Gerrard and his many colleagues make this game of football possible.

They receive very little financial reward for their labours, and rarely receive praise from a football crowd. On the field they can only be in one place at any one time and must stick by their decisions.

Sometimes they are wrong, but how much more often are we the watchers also proved wrong over some incident during a game?

The referee will always do his best, and sometimes, as on Tuesday, that best will not be good enough. It is not for the crowd to try and take the law into their own hands, however. A report is always made on the referee's performance, and appropriate action is taken by the qualified authorities.

Was it right to reward Mr. Gerrard's many hours of pleasure that he has given to football with a storm of abuse and missiles?

TO THE SUPPORTERS, I WOULD ASK FOR AN APOLOGY IN THE ONLY WAY POSSIBLE—BY GIVING THE TEAM WHOLE-HEARTED SUPPORT, WITHOUT THE BRICKBATS, FOR THE REST OF THE SEASON.

Upsetting injuries

Injuries to Naylor and Spurdle have really upset the apple-cart—just as the team was settling down for what seemed a triumphant run-in.

On Thursday Manager Goodier was wrestling with the full-back problem—a real teaser after Muir's disappointing trial run in that position for the Reserves on Wednesday.

To brighten the gloom, however, trainer Jimmy Kelly reported that Naylor's injury was responding to treatment, and there is an outside chance that he will be fit in time for Chester's visit on Tuesday.

There can be no doubt either that Athletic are throwing everything into these last few games—and, as Manager Goodier says, "treating them all like cup-ties."

For today's game at Gateshead original plans to travel by coach on Saturday morning were scrapped and the team were taken up to Darlington on Friday so that there would be no after effects from the journey during the vital game.

The overnight stay will mean a big difference in the expense for the trip, but if this will help to maintain Third Division status it will be worth every penny.

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Whole pitch is to be ripped up and treated

ON May 6—just three days after the last match—the playing pitch at Watersheddings will be ripped up. The year before last it was a small section in the middle of the field that got the treatment, and last year it was the area between the 25-yard lines. This time IT IS THE WHOLE FIELD.

W.D.'s *Weekly survey on topics at* Watersheddings

The club will not have to pay for the whole job. The firm that did last season's work will put it right and Oldham will pay the extra cost of the area between the 25-yard lines and the dead ball lines.

It was the Turf Research establishment at Bingley—long-standing experts on sports grounds—who were brought in by Oldham midway through the season and who said the whole job would have to be started again.

Simply, they said that there was too much soil on the ground and not enough cinder. Oldham had another chat with their contractors and this latest move was decided.

Hopeful Oldham say that the work will be completed and the seed sewn 21 days after the job has been started—which means a complete rest for the pitch of about 10 weeks. "There is, of course, the weather to be considered," said an official.

And the additional cost to Oldham? "We do not know yet," I was told. "We should have some idea by the middle of next week."

Workmen were digging holes behind the posts at the Watersheddings Street end this week—but it was only to test the strength of the ground in readiness for the new covered accommodation. While the pitch gets its grass in summer, the terraces at that end of the ground will get a posh new cover erected over them.

"The firm doing the job is standing by," was the official comment from Watersheddings, "and we are quite confident that the covered accommodation will be ready for next season."

Noon still unhappy

Secretary Bert Summerscales appealed to me yesterday: "Will you please forget Johnson," he said. "There is nothing at all doing at St. Helens for this winger."

But if Oldham can forget about Johnson, they should not forget their troubled centre, John Noon. I can assure them that he has still got something very much on his mind—a transfer to another club.

"Because the club refused me a transfer, they seem to think that is that, but as far as I am concerned I still want a move," he told me. "I will do something about it at the start of next season."

Farewell to Morgan

John was telling me about his unsuccessful debut at full-back the other week: "I have never played there before in my life," he admitted, "and I know that my positioning was bad."

That makes sense to me, and if Oldham really want to make Noon a full-back, it is going to take them just a little longer than half of one game. Perseverance might also solve the transfer problem.

The Rugby League Queen, Mrs. Rita Collier, has a date on Monday to present the former Oldham winger Dennis Morgan with a fountain pen. Dennis returns to Australia late on Monday night and the pen comes from all the friends he has made during his stay in this country.

Dennis goes to Australia to avoid National Service—due after spending two years in this country. He has already done his stint in Australia and does not feel like another spell.

With the fountain pen goes a cheque from Blackpool Borough that Dennis can use if he wants to return to his club after the "danger" period has passed. "I am almost certain to use it," Dennis told me.

The man who recommended Dennis to Oldham was the Regent Hotel, proprietor, Mr. Jim Parkinson, one-time chairman of the Oldham club. He is staging the farewell on Monday night.

No 'jinx corner'

Quote of the week goes to never-say-die John Etty, Oldham's toiling wingman. This week I talked about the "jinx corner" where John has missed four tries in recent games. I asked him if he thought there was a voodoo on that particular corner whenever he tried to score there.

"No, I don't think there is any jinx on me in that corner. I scored tries there last season and I'll be scoring them there again next season," he said.

Lancashire League

That Lancashire League is the big talking point—unless, of course, Oldham lost at Leeds today. The Yorkshire club are in the Lancashire section this season and to have a chance of retaining the trophy, Oldham must at least have drawn today.

With 28 games played St. Helens have got 48 points and Oldham from 26 games have got 46 points. One victory will pull Oldham level but the Saints have a superior goal average.

If Oldham have won today then St. Helens will have to wait until next Saturday when Oldham play the all-important game against Workington.

Neale leaps high as Duffy watches. Both these Athletic forwards landed in the back of the Hull City net, just failing to score.

RUGBY LEAGUE

	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Pt
OLDHAM	36	31	1	4	767	396	63
St. Helens	37	31	0	6	811	332	62
Hull	38	27	2	9	920	431	56
Workington	35	26	2	7	626	340	54
Halifax	36	24	2	10	797	397	50
Wigan	35	24	0	11	755	402	48
Wakefield	36	22	2	12	708	439	46
Leigh	36	23	0	13	583	425	46
Widnes	36	22	0	14	569	418	44
F'therstone	35	20	1	14	505	450	41
Hunslet	36	20	1	15	568	550	41
York	35	17	3	15	561	446	37
Warrington	36	18	1	17	594	496	37
Salford	38	18	1	19	471	542	37
Hull KR	38	17	2	19	477	580	36
Leeds	36	17	1	18	625	623	35
HORNETS	35	17	1	17	433	548	35
Whitehaven	37	16	1	20	542	565	33
Huddersf'ld	36	16	1	19	476	645	33
Bradford N.	35	15	2	18	517	516	32
Barrow	36	15	2	19	538	658	32
Keighley	36	14	2	20	543	493	30
Bramley	37	14	2	21	464	707	30
Swinton	36	12	3	21	487	543	27
Blackpool B	36	11	0	25	518	698	22
Batley	36	10	0	26	419	675	20
Liverpool C.	37	9	1	27	428	711	19
Castleford	37	7	1	29	432	870	15

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DIVISION 3 North

	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Pt
Scunthorpe	40	25	8	7	76	41	58
Accrington	42	23	9	10	78	53	55
Bury	43	22	9	12	87	55	53
Bradford City	41	18	14	9	61	45	50
Mansfield	42	20	8	14	91	82	48
Hull City	43	17	14	12	73	64	48
Chesterfield	42	17	13	12	68	67	47
ROCHDALE	42	19	6	17	77	61	44
Halifax T	42	17	10	15	73	68	44
Carlisle	43	19	5	19	79	72	43
Gateshead	43	14	15	14	66	71	43
Tranmere	42	16	10	16	77	68	42
Stockport	43	16	10	17	70	65	42
Hartlepools	43	15	12	16	70	71	42
ATHLETIC	42	13	16	13	66	79	42
Barrow	42	13	15	14	63	63	41
Wrexham	42	15	11	16	58	61	41
Workington	42	13	12	17	65	74	38
Darlington	41	15	6	20	70	81	36
York City	41	13	11	17	56	75	37
Chester	42	12	13	17	66	68	37
Bradford	44	12	10	22	63	91	34
Southport	43	11	6	26	49	82	28
Crewe Alex.	42	7	5	30	44	89	19

The incident which led to Athletic's disallowed goal in the fading light at Boundary Park on Tuesday. Hull goalkeeper Bly punched the ball off Duffy's head, but when Naylor lobbed a shot straight back into the empty net, the Athletic centre-forward was ruled off-side.

Chronicle photographs

Sports letter

Directors' reply

THE directors of Oldham Athletic Football Club do not intend to enter into controversial correspondence with **anonymous** writers to the Press.

The directors, however, will be only too pleased to meet any writer who has constructive ideas that may be practically applied for the benefit of the club and football for the Oldham public.

On behalf of the Directors,

F. BUCKLEY

Secretary,
Oldham Athletic AFC.

Dragoljub Misic of Nis, Yugoslavia, wanted to be remembered as a wine connoisseur when he died.

In his will, he ordered his three sons to pour a barrel of about 11 gallons of wine over his grave every year on the anniversary of his death.

The ceremony has been faithfully carried out every year for nine years. By now, about 100 gallons of wine have gone into the grave.

WHAT DID PUT THE SKIDS ON WATERMAN?

Lightweight boxer JOHNNY SIMMONS began his ring career in early youth. But proud father Johnny seems eager for his infant son, Terry, to make an even earlier start, as he helps him on with a pair of miniature gloves at their home in Paddington, London.

The baby, born three months ago, is held by Johnny's wife, Gladys. The tiny boxing gloves were presented to Johnny while he was serving in the RAF. Simmons, who is in demand by promoters, is fast gaining a reputation as a knock-out specialist.

PETER WATERMAN has retired, and his followers and critics alike have been busy trying to trace the course and cause of his decline. It was a decline which transformed him from a "classy" world prospect, a fine boxer-puncher, into the standing target to which he was reduced by Dave Charnley, a lightweight, last Tuesday.

On his 21st birthday, Waterman was on top of the world. His present from Jack Solomons was a contract to fight the champion, Wally Thom, for the British welterweight title.

Then perhaps fate took a hand. The fight was postponed because of an injury to Thom, and Waterman met the former world champion, Kid Gavilan, instead on February 7, 1956.

Many people consider that on that night Waterman lost some of his gloss and never got it back.

What a night it was. After a tremendous fight Waterman got a decision that produced much argument. Gavilan's manager protested furiously and controversy raged loud and long.

Too much, too soon ?

There had to be a return and it took place some weeks later. This time Gavilan took no chances and punished Waterman considerably to win a verdict with which nobody disagreed.

Was Waterman ever as good again after these two fights? I don't think so, and many good judges agree.

Waterman himself cannot account for his slide though he admits: "I may have done too much, too soon."

He was ABA champion at the age of 17, and the youngest boxer at the 1952 Olympics. He subscribes to the view that a boxer has only so much to give and perhaps persistent weight-making also has something to do with it.

He went out like a champion—beaten but still on his feet. When his skill left him, tremendous courage kept him going.

In 47 fights he was never knocked out and Charnley was the only man to stop him. And he had the intelligence to know when his time had come although the decision to retire cost him upwards of £5,000. He goes out with a typical remark: "I don't want to take anyone's money for a second-best performance."

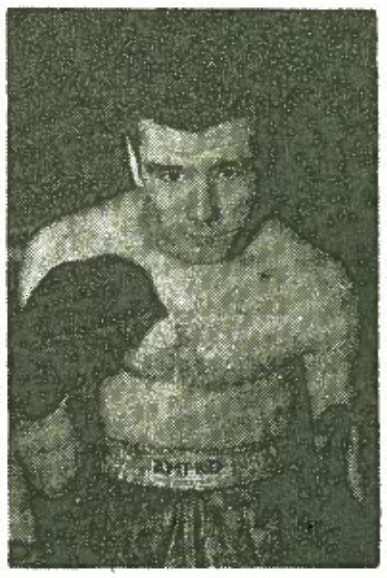
Next 'Golden Boy' ?

Next in line as a prospective "Golden Boy" is Terry Spinks, 20 years old and with all the glitter that Waterman had at the same age.

He stepped up among the top bantams last Tuesday via Eric Brett (Retford), whom he beat in one of the classiest fights seen in London since the war.

Brett may yet be a trouble to Spinks. He is only 19 and a wonderfully sporting and skilful little man. It was Brett who turned professional at the age of 16—then grew a moustache to make himself look fiercer.

The moustache has gone, but Brett is still fierce enough to satisfy most of his opponents.



PETER WATERMAN

It's opportunity day for Joe Bygraves, of Birkenhead, at Leicester, on Monday. He meets that extremely popular American, Willie Pastrano, a man who brings more boxing class to the Leicester spectators than they have seen for many a year.

Anyone who beats Pastrano, the world's No. 4, is in the money and anyone who fails to beat him does not get hurt much in the process.

Bygraves is good enough to bring the best out of the American, though he may wish he had not.

The former Empire champion, however, is a good puncher and the English climate is in his favour. Pastrano, from Miami Beach, in the sub-tropics, simply cannot stand it.

Mr. John Horner, for 19 years general secretary of the Fire Brigades' Union, has been returned unopposed for a further term. He was nominated by 154 branches.

John and Mike battled out a great race

THE Manchester YMCA annual road relay, held from William Hulme's Grammar School, Alexandra Park, provided some keen racing over the 3½rd-mile course which had to be covered six times in relay fashion.

Sale Harriers, who fielded four teams, always looked like winning and did so in a time of 2hr. 44min. 34sec., with Macclesfield Harriers second in 1hr. 45min., 33sec., closely followed by East Cheshire Harriers in 1hr. 45min. 44sec.

Indeed, the two latter clubs had a ding-dong struggle over the last leg—our old friend Johnny Wild starting off with a slight lead over Mike Corcoran.

The two Northern Cross-Country champions, senior and junior, will begin to clash very much, for Corcoran will be a senior for future cross-country championships, and the Macclesfield harrier struck the first blow by giving Wild a small start and beating him.

The local club, Royton Harriers and Athletic Club, with a weak team owing to absentees, did well to finish twelfth, out of the 21 teams who started, and 14 who finished.

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Gordon Pritchard was the fastest in a time of 17min. 59sec., comparing with the fastest time in the race—Mike Corcoran, who took 16min. 14sec. to create a record. This beat the previous best by Johnny Wild last year, who did 16min. 17sec.

Royton Harriers team was completed by Edwin Toft, Bill Giles, Jack Johnson, Peter Lomas and Stuart Lowe.

The Northern Counties Athletic Association, Manchester District Coaching and Development Committee are anxious to stimulate competition in field events, a form of athletics much neglected in the North, and to that end are holding meetings as follows:—April 24: Sale Harriers, throws, May 1, YMCA, Princess Road, jumps.

May 8: East Cheshire Harriers, Denton, throws, May 15. Salford Harriers, The Crescent, jumps, May 22; Manchester, The Firs, throws, and May 29: M. and D. Lads' Club, Wilbraham Road, jumps.

Anyone interested may visit Royton Harriers headquarters, Hillside Avenue, Monday or Wednesday evenings in April, or Tuesdays or Thursdays in May for further details. C.T.

RUGBY LEAGUE ABC

MYLER *(Widnes)*

Frank Myler looks like being a strong candidate for the highest honours in the game in the very near future. A Widnes boy, he began his sporting life as a second-row forward with St. Helens, but when he was allowed to go back to play for his town team, he was sitched to half-back with the most successful results.

Speedy, strong and resolute, he is able to punch openings in the tightest of defences, and it is seldom he is found wanting, even against the most formidable attackers. Considered by many to be very unfortunate not to get a chance to show his worth in a tour trial, Widnes supporters reckon he is certain to start his climb to honours with a place in next season's county side.

O'NEILL *(Workington)*

When Workington lost Paskins on his return to Australia, and Gibson to Whitehaven, there was left an almost crippling gap in the centre, but in stepped young John O'Neill, a tall, fast-moving youngster, who has settled into the position in rapid time.

Last season he was almost unknown and is shown as having scored only one try for the Cumbrians. This season he will be appearing at Wembley and is an important unit in the Workington attacking plan, having scored almost 20 tries. He has a grand positional sense, and when a colleague makes a break which takes everybody by surprise, usually the first man to recover and move forward in support is O'Neill.

PALMER *(Halifax)*

Captain of Halifax, Geoff Palmer is a convert from Rugby Union: he played for Rosslyn Park and Middlesex. Big, strong and speedy, he has proved himself to be a free-scoring centre, and his handling is first-rate. Never afraid to draw the defensive attention on to himself, he is an ideal partner for a winger and his capture marks one of the best bargains Halifax have made in their reconstruction programme.

Palmer appeared in the first of the four trials, but an injury prevented him from reproducing his normal club form and he was passed over. Still only 23, his best days are yet to come.

F. Myler (top), O'Neill and Palmer.

MEMORY CORNER

TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO

April 22, 1933, brought Brentford one step nearer to their ambition to top the Southern Section of the Third Division. They won 2—1 at Brighton, and the Bees eventually finished four points ahead of Exeter City, and thus took the title for the first time in their history. Holliday hit 36 out of the 90 League goals. Brentford scored seven against Cardiff, two sixes against another Welsh side, Newport County, and five at Clapton (now Leyton) Orient, as well as figuring in a fantastic 5—5 draw at Luton.

TEN YEARS AGO

The representative match between the Football League and the League of Ireland, at Preston on April 14, 1948, saw their home side playing at inside-left, and Liverpool centre-forward Albert Stubbins. win 4—0. The goals were shared by Jack Rowley, of Manchester United, One of the Stubbins's two was from a penalty, but he also failed to convert two further spot-kicks. One of them was saved, and when the other hit the bar Stubbins lashed the rebound into the net in exasperation.

At right-half in the Football League team that day was the present Liverpool manager, Phil Taylor. Only three are still playing in first-class football—goalkeeper Ted Ditchburn (Tottenham) and Joe Walton and Tom Finney (Preston).

TWELVE MONTHS AGO

April 24, 1957, was a day to remember for supporters of Northern Section Crewe Alexandra, still struggling on against tremendous odds. On that afternoon they recorded their first away victory since Christmas Day, 1954, nearly 2½ years previously. In between they had played 55 League games on opponents' grounds, drawing 10 and losing the remainder, with 39 goals for and no fewer than 163 against. Their long overdue victory was recorded at Southport, the vital goal being scored by left-winger Harold Mosby direct from a corner in the first minute of the game.

3rd NORTH PLAYERS

Lawson McMorran Pearson

LAWSON *(Bury)*

Although earlier this season Norman Lawson had two senior outings at left-back, he is really a winger, and he was recalled to outside-left last month.

Born in Durham, Lawson joined Bury from Hednesford in the summer of 1955. Early the following season he made his debut on the left wing, while still an amateur, signing professional forms a few days later.

He afterwards setled down as a regular member of the senior side, making 24 League appearances.

Last winter, following the acquisition of the more experienced Norman Lockhart, he played less frequently, and this term was also kept in the background until his recent restoration to the team.

McMORRAN *(Crewe)*

In recent weeks Crewe's new manager, Mr. Billy Cook, has relied mainly on young players. A few of the team, however, have had a great deal of experience, among them the former Irish international Eddie McMorran. Signed from Doncaster Rovers last November, McMorran has so far played in both inside-forward position and as leader of the attack for Crewe.

A native of Larne, McMorran began his long career with Belfast Celtic, and then came to this country to join Manchester City. He subsequently had spells in the service of Leds United and Barnsley before joining Doncaster in 1953. McMorran scored a goal in his first game for Crewe, and has continued to find the net as consistently as any other member of the attack.

PEARSON *(Chester)*

The Chester attack has been scoring more freely than earlier in the season. Among the reasons for the improvement has been the acquisition of Stan Pearson from Bury towards the end of October.

Best-known for his many years of great service to Manchester United, Salford-born Pearson originally joined the Old Trafford staff before the war. On the resumption of football in 1946, he was established, and two years later won the first of several England international caps.

Pearson moved to Bury in 1954, and despite the step into the Second Division, continued to play so well that he was chosen for the FA tour of the West Indies the following year. Although equally proficient in either inside-forward position, he has so far played exclusively at inside-left for Chester.

Sunday night 'recital' by Liberace

DAVID NIXON reaches another milestone in his career tonight. He is to be featured in his own Saturday show, "Saturday Magic," on BBC television.

But it is not the first of a series and may well be his last television appearance apart from "What's My Line?" before he goes to Blackpool to make his debut as the star in a show there.

David can safely conclude that he has arrived.

With him this evening will be Petula Clark and Reg Varney. Reg has been his co-star in previous summer season engagements and he is joining him at Blackpool too.

"I have never claimed to be a comic in the accepted sense," says David, "but I find that working with Reg Varney enables me to make the most of what comedy talent I possess."

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THE most overworked history in the world must be that of the American West. It is the subject of yet another television series for British audiences — beginning tonight on ABC Television.

The show is called "Maverick," lasts an hour and will be shown each week. We already have "Gun Law," "Wyatt Earp," "Wagon Train" and "Wells Fargo." Is it not piling it on?

But in America the Western seems to be the most viable of all types of show.

This is not the only new thing on Channel Nine tonight. The first of a fortnightly run of star variety shows brings in Frankie Howerd.

He will be accompanied by the Kaye Sisters, Joe Loss and his orchestra and a group of formation jive dancers from Glasgow.

Stirling Moss will be racing not merely at Aintree but from Aintree this evening to be at ABC's Birmingham studios in time to take part in the second "Before Midnight" programme.

He joins the regular team of Dick Emery, Donald Houston, Benny Lee and Rosemary Squires. A clip from the film "Satchmo the Great" will also be shown.

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TONIGHT'S ageing films are:

ABC: God is my co-pilot (Dennis Morgan, Raymond Massey, Andrea King).

BBC: The Lady Says No (Joan Caulfield, David Niven).

Henrik Ibsen again provides the material for ABC's drama tomorrow night, and drama chief Dennic Vance will launch British television's first three drama repertory players.

Dennis set out to build up a repertory company native to television, so that he could draw on this group over the years.

He now has a nucleus, and viewers can see Niel McCallub, Mary Peach and Patricia Henegan in "The Rat Wife," which is an adapted version of Ibsen's "Little Eyolf."

None of these three is a TV debutant but they are the first trio of Mr. Vance's company.

Neil McCallum and Pat Henegan were together in "Murder Story." Mary Peach will be appearing in her third Ibsen play for ABC. Tomorrow's play has a sort of Pied Piper theme.

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ANOTHER "great," Somerset Maugham, is the author of tomorrow's BBC play. It is "The Land of Promise," which opens in Edwardian England and switches to Canada.

A Canadian actor has flown over to play the lead in this play. He is Cecil Linder, who made an impact

on British audiences as the "talker-down" in that memorable play, "Flight Into Danger," which the BBC got from Canada. Adrienne Corri is to co-star with him.

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The big name at the Palladium tomorrow is Liberace, who is making a personal appearance.

A treat for cricket fans tomorrow is the appearance of the Rev. David Sheppard as guest of the week in ABC's "Sunday Break."

Horsewoman Pat Smythe and Sheila Wilcox, both of whom have written books, will be appearing in "The Bookman."

Tonight . .

BBC

6 0: News. Weather.
6 5: Five Special.
7 0: Wells Fargo.
7 25: News.
7 30: The Money Man.
8 0: Saturday Magic.
9 0: The Lady Says No (film).
10 20: Sports Special.
10 50: News.
11 5: The Borneo Story.

ABC

5 40: Sports Results and News.
6 0: The Jack Jackson Show.
6 30: Highway Patrol.
7 0: Maverick.
8 0: African Patrol.
8 30: The Frankie Howerd Show.
8 55: News.
9 0: God is My Co-pilot.
10 45: Before Midnight.
11 30: Epilogue.

HOME 434m.

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: Toast of the Town.
9 0: News.
9 15: Treble Chance (play).
10 45: Lighten Our Darkness.
11 0: News.

LIGHT 1,500m.

6 0: Motor Racing.
6 5: Guitar Club.
6 35: Just Jazz.
7 0: Radio Newsreel.
7 24: Football.
7 30: Saturday Night on the Light
10 0: The Ball of the Year.
10 30: News.
10 40: Jack Payne Record Show.
11 15: Saturday Night Serenade.
11 55: News.

THIRD 464m.

6 15: World of Books.
6 45: Record Review.
7 30: Symphony Orchestra.
9 0: Research.
9 45: Poems by William Empson.
10 0: Beethoven.
10 40: Talk.

LUXEMBURG 208m.

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

AFN 344m.

6 0: News followed by Music in the Air.
7 0: News.
7 5: Grand Ole Opry.
7 30: Saturday Night Country Style.
7 55: Johnny Lee Wills.
8 0: Bandstand, USA.
8 30: Operation Entertainment.
8 55: Sports Detective.
9 0: Music Views from Hollywood.
9 30: News.
9 35: Fiesta.
10 0: Sports Night Cap.
10 5: America's Popular Music.
11 0: News.
11 5: Late Request Show.
12 0: News.

Tomorrow . . .

BBC

1 0: O Sul I Sul.
1 5: Cefndir.
2 0: I Married Joan.
2 25: News Review.
3 0: Brussels Exhibition.
3 45: Badminton Horse Trials.
4 15: Brains Trust.
5 0: Children.
7 0: Meeting Point.
7 25: News. Weather.
7 35: The Thin Man.
8 0: What's My Line ?
8 30: The Land of Promise, with Adrienne Corri, Cecil Linder and William Squire.
10 0: Music For You.
10 45: News.
10 55: Weather. Epilogue.

ABC

11 15: Church.
12 15: Close Down.
2 30: The Book Man.
3 0: The Film Show.
4 35: Time Out for Peggy.
5 5: The New Adventures of Robin Hood.
5 35: What's In Store.
5 55: Tell The People.
6 9: News.
6 15: The Sunday Break.
7 0: About Religion.
7 25: News
7 30: Martin Kane Private Investigator.
8 0: Sunday Night at the London Palladium.
9 0: The Killing Stones.
9 30: News.
9 35: Armchair Theatre.
10 50: Top Numbers.
11 30: Epilogue and Close Down.

HOME 434m.

7 50: First Day of the Week.
8 0: News.
8 10: Programmes.
8 18: British Melody.
9 0: News.
9 10: Home for the Day.
9 45: Service.
10 30: Music Magazine.
11 25: Concert Records.
12 10: Critics.
1 0: News.
1 10: Countrys Questions.
1 40: Operatic Records.
2 0: Gardeners.
2 30: Symphony Concert.
3 30: Talk.
3 45: Symphony Concert (Part II)
4 15: Can I Help You ?
4 30: Music Hall.
5 0: Children.
6 0: News.
6 15: Radio Newsreel.
6 45: Grand Hotel.
7 30: Letter from America.
7 45: Way of Life.
8 25: Good Cause.
8 30: Coningsby (play).
9 0: News.
9 15: Fifty-One Society.
10 0: Ethel Smith.
10 50: Epilogue.
11 0: News.
11 6: Close Down.

LIGHT 1,500m.

9 0: Silver Chords.
9 30: Liberace.
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: Charlie Chester.
2 45: Movie-go-Round.
3 30: Melody Hour.
4 30: Hound of he Baskervilles.
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: Hymns.
9 0: Follow the Stars.
10 0: Semprini Serenade.
10 30: News.
10 40: Records.
11 30: Rendezvous.
11 50: End of the Day.
11 55: News.
12 0: Close Down.

THIRD 464m.

5 0: Die Frau Ohne Schatten.
9 20. Gilfillan's Heyday.
10 5: Music for Gamba and Harpsichord.
10 25: The Horns of the Dilemma.

LUXEMBURG 208m.

7 0: Requests.
7 30: Winifred Atwell Show.
8 0: Stringing Along.
8 30: Calling the Stars.
9 0: Roxy Time.
9 15: Sinatra.
9 30: Cream of the Pops.
10 0: Record Rendezvous.
10 30: Humphrey Lyttelton Show.
11 0: Top Twenty.

AFN 344m.

7 0: Biography in Sound.
7 55: Scrapbook.
8 0: News.
8 5: People Are Funny.
8 30: CBS Radio Workshop.
8 55: World Fair Report.
9 0: Howard Barlow.
9 30: Playhouse of Favourites.
10 0: Mitch Miller.
10 30: News and Sports.
10 45: Strange.
11 0: Portraits in Music.
11 45: Who's Your Girl.
12 0: Philadelphia Orchestra.
12 55: This Thing Called Life.
1 0: News.

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Stonehenge face-lift

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The stone, one of the uprights of the trilithon, has lain for many years flat and half-buried on the ground. Today a 60-ton crane moved into position and 12 slings were put round the stone. It was lifted out of the hole, and placed about 6 feet away on the ground.

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RESULTS

LEEDS ..... 1 3—11
OLDHAM ..... 4 6—26

ROCHDALE 1
BRADFORD 2

FIRST DIVISION

Arsenal 0, Burnley 0
Aston Villa 2, Sheffield W. 0.
Blackpool 2, West Bromwich 0.
Bolton 1, Newcastle 1.
Leeds 0, Chelsea 0
Leicester 1, Tottenham Hotspur 3.
Luton 2, Portsmouth 1.
Manchester Utd. 0, Birmingham 2.
Sunderland 3, Notts Forest 0
Wolverhampton 2, Preston NE 0.

SECOND DIVISION

Blackburn 4, Leyton Orient 1
Bristol Rovers 1, Huddersfield 1.
Derby 1, Grimsby 0
Ipswich 1, Charlton 4
Lincoln 2, Rotherham 0
Notts County 0, Doncaster 5
Sheffield Utd. 3, Middlesbrough 2
West Ham 1, Liverpool 1.

THIRD DIVISION (North)

Bradford City 5, Chester 0.
Mansfield 6, Bury 4
Halifax 3, Hartlepools 0
Hull 1, Chesterfield 0
Stockport 2, Tranmere 1

THIRD DIVISION (South)

Swindon 1, Shrewsbury 0.
Q.P.R. 4, Crystal Palace 2.

INTERNATIONAL

Scotland 0, England 4.

RUGBY LEAGUE

Barrow 12, Wigan 25
Batley 11, Keighley 22.
Blackpool B. 4, Workington T. 19
Featherstone R. 35, Dewsbury 20
Huddersfield 39, Doncaster 7
Leigh 28, Widnes 9.
St. Helens 31, Halifax 4.
Swinton 17, Warrington 14
Wakefield Trinity 8, Hunslet 20.
Whitehaven 17, Liverpool City 14
York 26, Bradford N. 13

CHORLEY WENT ALL OUT TO CURB RESERVES

THE top form Athletic Reserves forward line, with 23 goals in the last four games, had university student John Dazley back at inside forward against Chorley Reserves at Boundary Park.

Trialist winger Allen cut in and gave a neat pass to Cotton. But the inside forward hesitated and his shot curled over the bar.

The visitors were doing plenty of attacking, and when Rogers, the Chorley inside forward, raced through, only Booth's last-minute tackle stopped a goal.

Former Athletic player King—at wing-half for Chorley—tried with several good shots but could not get a goal.

Bazley figured in an attacking move but his shot on the run crashed wide. Warnock, the Chorley goalkeeper did well to tip away a Cotton drive.

Then Warnock had to dive full-length to stop a Bazley shot. Chorley looked set on stopping Reserves taking the lead.

Final:

Reserves 2
Chorley Res. 0

Billy Meredith, the Welsh Wizard, dead

The death took place at Withington today of Billy Meredith, the former Welsh winger and former Manchester City star. He was 81.

Meredith's wnig wizardry could be likened to that of Stan Matthews oday. He gained his first international cap in 1895 and his last in 1920.

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Rochdale go out for equaliser aginst Bradford

ROCHDALE, who had not won a game for seven matches, desperately needed two points against Bradford to keep in the top twelve. Spencer reported fit, so he partnered Tom McGlennon on the left wing. Bradford's outside-right, Arnold Kendall, was playing against his old team-mates.

ROCHDALE: Jones; Ferguson, McCulloch; Grant, Glover, McGuigan; Lockhart, Wainwright, Dailey, Spencer, McGlennon.
BRADFORD: Minshull; Suddards, Bates; Dean, Batty, Robinson; Kendall, Atkinson, Buchanan, Booth, Bailey.
Referee: Mr. F. H. Gerrard (Halifax).

After a couple of near misses Rochdale found themselves one down inside five minutes. In the very first minute Rochdale were almost one up when McGlennon beat the field and put over a good centre. Lockhart was there to meet it but his shot from three yards out, booked for the back of the net, hit Bates in the ear and was cleared.

Rochdale came again and Batty was just in time to rob Dailey of the ball as the Rochdale centre-forward prepared to shoot. Then came disaster when BOOTH was sent through by Batty. He was completely unmarked and though Jones smothered his first shot he got in a second, this time into the net.

Back came Rochdale and Wainwright kicked high over the bar when well placed and Minshull made a daring and successful save when Lockhart made a brave bid for an equaliser.

Between times Bradford were dangerous with Bailey putting in a centre which passed across the face of the goal, Booth missing one centre and then hitting the crossbar with a 20-yard drive.

Hard at it

Rochdale were still going hard at it for an equaliser. And they deserved one. Lockhart had a good shot saved by Minshull, and then Minshull was there to deal with a header from the winger. Dailey—injured when fouled by Batty—came back with a shot which Minshull saved. There was not much action at the other end but Bradford were dangerous when they did come Rochdale way.

Towards half-time Rochdale set up the long attack but Bradford, penned in their own penalty area, blocked all roads to goal.

Half-time:

ROCHDALE 0
BRADFORD 1

Rochdale should have been level straight after the change-over, for Lockhart got the better of Batty and lobbed the ball over the head of Minshull who had come out. Bates ran back and flicked the ball from off the goal line as it trickled towards an equaliser. Cruel luck came Rochdale's day in the next minute when BUCHANAN beat Glover in the air and pushed the ball past Jones into the net.

This second goal had knocked all the football out of Rochdale, and they looked less likely to score now than ever before. Their forward endeavours were ragged in the extreme, and Bradford almost got a third, but Bailey missed.

Midway through the second half Wainwright tried a header. The ball would certainly have finished i the et, but Bates tried to make another save, this time with his hands. FERGUSON scored from the spot.

The lid was off at last and Rochdale were playing as if they meant business. Wainwright made one good but unsuccessful effort before McGuigan walked through the Bradford defence and his shot seemed a certain equaliser until it veered away inches wide of the post.

Final:

ROCHDALE 1
BRADFORD 2

OLDHAM RUGBY

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In the 43rd minute Oldham scored. Winslade gathered a long pass from the right Keith then took the ball and fed Kellett for the out-half to send PITCHFORD over. Cracknell missed the goal.

From the kick-out Leeds scored. Winslade failed to gather the ball and Tomlinson took it. He passed on to ROBINSON, who touched down near the corner. Jones just missed kicking the goal.

Winslade tried to do something similar with a break that sent Jackson into the Leeds quarter, but the pass given from a tackle was forward.

Another mistake near the line robbed Oldham of a try a minute later. Etty got the ball 20 yards out and threw himself at the defence, but in a tackle he dropped a pass. As Pitchford strode in for the ball, it beat him to touch.

Yet another try was denied Oldham. After holding a Leeds attack, they laid one on themselves. Pitchford was in the move and so was Kellett, but the final pass to Duffy was forward.

With Brown back on the field, Leeds scored again. In quick time they won the scrum and moved up-field. TOMLINSON took a pass and went over in Oldham's left-hand corner. Jones was wide at goal.

Leeds got the inspiration they needed from that try and threw themselves into Oldham's defence. Linking up, Dunn took a pass from McLellan, and Oldham did well to get him on the "25" yard line.

Then Oldham narrowly missed a try. Kellett made a glorious break from his own half but was caught by Hemmingway just five yards from the line. He lost the ball and Leeds flashed up the left to make the Oldham quarter before Prior lost the ball to give the lead for an Oldham try.

KELLETT TOOK THE BALL FROM A PLAY-THE-BALL SECONDS LATER AND FED WINSLADE. IN CAME NESTOR ON THE OLDHAM "25" AND HE WENT THE LENGTH OF THE FIELD TO SCORE A MAGNIFICENT TRY IN THE CORNER. CRACKNELL FAILED TO KICK THE GOAL.

Final:—

LEEDS ..... 1 3—11
OLDHAM ..... 4 6—26

Late scorers: TURNER try, CRACKNELL goal for Oldham
Attendance: 21,000; receipts £2,129.

UNITED STRUGGLE

BIRMINGHAM played much the better football. They were inspired by a brilliant goal in the second minute by right-wing HOOPER. He dribbled 50 yards through a slow United defence to give goalkeeper Gregg no chance with a hard drive.

Gregg then had to make a daring save from Murphy. Goodwin hit the Birmingham crossbar with a free-kick.

After 26 minutes, Green deceived goalkeeper Gregg with a dipping shot from the left wing. United were certainly struggling.

The chairman of the Birmingham City Supporters' Club presented a cheque for £141 for the Munich disaster fund to the Lord Mayor of Manchester before the game. Half-time: United 0, Birmingham 2.

WERNETH ARE IN TROUBPE AGAINST PEPPER, LAWTON

A FOURTH-WICKET stand of 39 by Denis Heywood and Derek Meynell saved Werneth from a first-match collapse in the derby clash with CLL champions Oldham at The Pollards. For after the pair had patiently taken Werneth's score from a perilous 19 for three wickets to 58 for four, the visitors lost further quick wickets.

Thirteen was unlucky for Werneth because they lost their first wicket at this total, when Maurice Buckley failed to get over a late cut and edged a catch to gully, where Acton took a juggling catch.

Then, when Cec Pepper, the Oldham pro, came into the attack, Werneth's luck turned from bad to worse. He quickly had Chandu Borde, the Werneth professional, caught behind the wicket for three. Eric Mellor, the Oldham 'keeper, took a second catch a few minutes later to dismiss Alf Alker, who celebrated his return to the Werneth side with an unwelcome duck.

One over from Pepper helped Werneth to increase the rate of scoring as Heywood and Meynell gained confidence. But immediately the score had passed the 50 mark, Heywood's sheet-anchor nnigs ended with a running catch by Roebuck off Lawton's bowling. The Werneth captain had scored 24.

Four runs later, Meynell played on to Lawton after scoring 23 valuable runs. Then Ian Mercer was lbw to Pepper to make Werneth 62 for six.

WERNETH

Heywood c Roebuck b Lawton	24
Buckley c Acton b Fletcher	7
Borde c Mellor b Pepper	3
Alker c Mellor b Fletcher	0
Meynell b Lawton	23
Mercer lbw b Pepper	2
Parker not out	4
Langton run out	21
Kirkman b Pepper	0
Broomhead b Lawton	0
Roscoe b Pepper	0
Extras	3
Total	87

Crowd have to wait to see Gilchrist

TTHERE were no beginning-of-season fireworks at Glebe Street this afternoon. Winning the toss, Crompton skipper Harry Jackson put Middleton in to bat—and so postponed for an hour or two the eagerly awaited debut of the West Indian whirlwind, Roy Gilchrist.

Instead, the "awkward squad" of left-handed Jim Hyde and right-hande Denis Taylor took over, and in just half an hour scored 14 cautious runs.

Then Taylor, who had never looked as solid as Hyde, snicked a rising ball from fast bowler Peter Fielding, and was taken by Worcestershire and Lancashire trialist stumper, Brian Derbyshire.

Undeterred, Jimmy Hyde and Harry McDougall plodded on with methodical and painstaking care. Pint-sized Hanif Mohammed was brought on to bowl and showed the crowd some accurate and hostile off-spinning.

After the partnership had added 40 runs, Hanif took his first League wicket. The ball came quickly off the wicket, turned and shot under Harry McDougall's bat to bowl him for a hard-earned 10.

MIDDLETON

Hyde b Hanif Mohammed	41
Taylor c Derbyshire b Fielding	3
McDougall b Hanif Mohammed	10
Fawkes not out	8
Barlow c Beardsall b Ayasarathy	17
Collinge not out	0
Extras	5
Total (for 4 wkts)	84

ATHLETIC

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under the bar, and Athletic went away with their best run so far. Walker initiated it by finding Duffy unmarked on the right, but when Neale bustled through to reach the cross he was judged to have fouled the home centre-half.

For Gateshead, Kirtley was proving a lively customer and Teece could only parry his next drive but West was there to boot the ball to safety.

Neale and Over made a good run down the left wing but the outside man pushed the final pass to Duffy instead of shooting—and the centre-forward was ruled offside.

Another determined Athletic raid saw Walker flick the ball into the middle from Duffy's pass but Over could only get a fist to it and the referee was on hand to spot the infringement.

Carolin then saved a difficult situation by conceding a corner when harassed by Chaytor and Duffy.

Then just one minute before the interval came a real surprise for Athletic. SMITH seized a loose ball midfield and ran unchallenged to crash it into the roof of the net over Teece's head.

Half-time:

GATESHEAD 1
ATHLETIC 0

The Gateshead goal had really been a surprise packet to Athletic who had otherwise shared the honours of the first half. Again Eddie Murphy was proving a tower of strength in the middle, keeping a tight rein on the lively Hogg and frequently moving to the flanks to help his full backs. Athletic had not shown the fire they are capable of but the forwards had given the Gateshead rearguard enough to think about.

After a five-minute interval Teece was forced to come out and save at Kirtley's feet and then Athletic went away with Neale mis-hitting a Chaytor pass outside the post.

Then came a let-off for Gateshead when Chaytor chased a long Over pass and from an almost impossible angle screwed the ball back against the bar with Gray beaten.

Duffy darted in for the rebound but the Gateshead keeper had recovered and collected from the centre-forward's feet. Athletic were pushing hard for the equaliser but when Over threw himself at a Walker cross the ball flew yards wide.

Murphy broke up another strong Gateshead bid. Then Duffy went away on the left, but was brought down by Ashe.

Neale threw himself bodily in an attempt to reach Thompson's kick, but the ball ran dead without any player touching it.

Athletic then appealed for a penalty after a handling incident in the area, but the official over-ruled the claim without hesitation.

Athletic were still trying, Chaytor getting in a shot from outside the area which gave Gray little trouble.

Attendance 6,346.

GATESHEAD 1
ATHLETIC 0

FIRST DIVISION

Everton 2, Manchester 5

SECOND DIVISION

Barnsley 1, Cardiff 1
Fulham 3, Bristol City 4.
Swansea 4, Stoke 1.

THIRD DIVISION (North)

Crewe 0. Carlisle 0.
Darlington 3, Barrow 0.
Scunthorpe 1, York 2.
Workington 0, Accrington 1.
Wrexham 1, Southport 0.

THIRD DIVISION (South)

Aldershot 1, Coventry 1.
Brighton 1, Brentford 1.
Exeter 1, Watford 2.
Gillingham 1, Northampton 2.
Millwall 0, Reading 0.
Newport 1, Norwich 0.
Plymouth 2, Walsall 1.
Port Vale 2, Bournemouth 3.
Southampton 3, Colchester 2.

WARWICK 4 15. Result:
Highway (F Durr) 1, Quel Diable (P Tulk) 2, Brooksby Boy (B Swift) 3. 7 ran.
100/8, 9/2, 8/1.
Astrid Slipper 4/9 fav.

THIRSK 4 15. Result:
Royal Painter (G Littlewood) 1, Colindin (B Mooney) 2, Sunsque (E Hide) 3. 17 ran.
4/1, 7/1, 100/6.
Bibi Mahi 7/2 fav.

NEWBURY 4 30. Result:
Colonsay (E Mercer) 1, Tuppenny Toll (C Weller) 2, La Mignonne (G Starkey) 3. 18 ran
7/1, 20/1, 4/1.
Robson's Choice 13/8 fav.

BOGSIDE 4 30. Result:
Margipe (P Concannon) 1, Precipitus (B Henry) 2, Domenico Fuoco (E Larkin) 3. 8 ran.
6/1, Evens fav., 8/1.

WARWICK 4 45. Result:
Pandee (P Robinson) 1, Annulment (M Kent) 2. Only 2 ran.
6/100 Pandee.

THIRSK 4 45. Result:
Great Rock (Don Morris) 1, Rhodes (P Povall) 2, Corner Garth (J Sime) 3. 17 ran.
25/1, 25/1, 5/1.
Penitent 4/1 fav.

Chess Congress.—Wade (New