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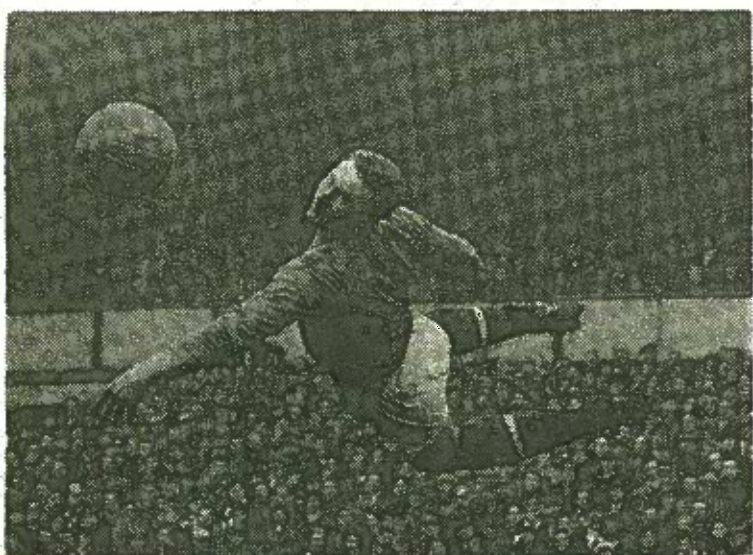
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BOLTON WIN CUP



Harry Gregg—he was bundled.

Nat Lofthouse the happy Wanderer

BOLTON W. 2 MANCHESTER U. 0
BOLTON WANDERERS are 1958 FA Cup winners. At Wembley today, they beat Manchester United and stopped that club from rounding off the incredible revival from Munich.

The final had a sensational start. Only three minutes had passed when Lofthouse put Bolton a goal ahead.

The Wembley setting, superb with the weather gloriously fine and the pitch ideal for good football.

The official attendance was 100,000 and receipts £49,706. The teams, which played as selected, received a thunderous welcome as they marched out together.

Mr. Matt Busby, Manchester United manager, sat in a chair near the entrance to the Royal box. When the Duke of Edinburgh arrived he walked over to Mr. Busby and shook him warmly by the hand.

After the teams, together with other officials, had been presented to the Duke, Lofthouse won the toss.

At once United showed their policy in quick switches. Voillet moved from inside-left to the right wing, but his centre was blocked.

A minute later Voillet popped up on the left wing, but again he failed to make progress. Stevens took a body knock, but soon carried on.

BOLTON SCORE

BOLTON'S OPENING RAID CAME FROM BIRCH ON THE RIGHT AND LOFTHOUSE WORRIED GREGG INTO CONCEDED A CORNER. HOLDEN TOOK IT, EDWARDS PASSED THE BALL INTO UNITED GOALMOUTH AND LOFTHOUSE, PAYING LITTLE HEED TO THE FACT THAT HE STILL CARRIED A SURGICAL PIN IN HIS LEFT SHOULDER, BEAT GREGG TO THE BALL AND KICKED IT INTO THE NET FOR A MAGNIFICENT GOAL AFTER THREE MINUTES.

Lofthouse jumped for joy and was overwhelmed with congratulations by his team-mates. The thoughts of Lofthouse must have gone back to the final of five years ago when he scored an even quicker goal against Blackpool in the second minute.

Lofthouse, by his swift dashes to challenge Gregg and Cope, showed that he was not troubled by his shoulder.

Gregg did well to clear when Lofthouse, certainly the man of the game, shot low and powerfully towards the corner of the net.

At one point every United player was behind his own penalty area line, so heavily did their Lancashire rivals press.

Charlton threatened momentary danger when he moved to the left and put Taylor away, but again the United move broke down. Back went Bolton and Birch, with a flashing drive, gave Gregg the chance to bring off another brilliant save.

United had their best opening in the 20th minute. Webster on the

right wing, supported by Taylor, left Voillet with a golden chance, but the inside-left drove well over the bar from 12 yards.

Gregg once had to dash out beyond his penalty area to help Cope to check the fearless Lofthouse. Then United struck a patch of their finest form. First Taylor drove in a fierce shot which Hopkinson, England's goalkeeper, tipped over the bar, and next minute Charlton smashed in a terrific left foot drive which Hopkinson parried in grand style.

United heartened their supporters by their speedy footwork, and Hennin, Higgins and Edwards, had their work cut out to give adequate support to their full-backs.

Webster and Dawson, the 18-year-old Scot, operated on each other's wings, but Bolton did not appear unduly worried by positional changes. Their close marking gave Charlton and Taylor little scope.

Bolton, inspired by Lofthouse, looked stronger in their challenges. United, to their credit, attempted to make ground by clever methods with the ball kept on the beautiful turf.

Eight minutes before the interval, Charlton made one of his characteristic dashes through the middle. He veered to the right of the posts, then let fly, but Hennin, with a fine interception which left him giddy for a few moments, headed clear for a fruitless corner.

Charlton, spearhead of United's raids, broke through again, but

Hopkinson was ready for him and played the hard ground shot after a perfectly timed dive.

United spoiled good approach work with misplaced passes at the vital moment. Even the skilful Taylor was not immune from fault.

Lofthouse and Gregg came into collision in a race for the ball, and drew cheers when they exchanged a hurried handshake.

There were tough knocks taken and given, but the match was fought in a splendid spirit.

Half-time:—

BOLTON WANDERERS ... 1
MANCHESTER UNITED ... 0

LOFTHOUSE scored the second goal for Bolton when he bundled Gregg and the ball into the net ten minutes after the interval.

Gregg, as protection for his eyes against the setting sun, wore a cap in the second half.

Hopkinson was the first goalkeeper in action, running out to pick up a loose ball, but Gregg, a few seconds afterwards, had to jump high to cut out a dangerous centre from Stevens.

Before long Lofthouse secured possession shot powerfully on the run, but slipped as he let fly, and the ball soared high over the bar. Lofthouse seemed none the worse for his fall.

Lofthouse, again in the picture,

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LOFTHOUSE
—the happy Wanderer.

WORKINGTON TRIUMPH

THE Wembley soccer final televising apparently affected the gate at the St. Helens v. Workington RL Championship semi-final. It was not over 20,000. English captain A. Prescott stood down from St. Helens' team with an ankle injury, and Delves substituted.

Workington's chance of a first-minute lead went wide with a penalty shot by SOUTHWARD, but he succeeded with a second shot in the second minute.

In the fifth minute SOUTHWARD goaled from another penalty.

Despite hot attacks by St. Helens backs Workington's defence held firm.

A rebound from a kick by Howard yielded a runaway try to SOUTHWARD, who also goaled to make Workington nine points ahead.

LARGE kicked a penalty goal for St. Helens.

Leatherbarrow broke through in brilliant style, but after pretty team work he just failed to cross.

Murphy shook Workington's defence only to miss his colleague Moses as the full-back came up in support with a clear passage.

LARGE kicked a second penalty goal for St. Helens and Terry reached the Workington line only to be thrown out again.

Half-time:—

St. Helens 2 0—4
 Workington 3 1—9

Fierce pressure by St. Helens met rugged resistance when play resumed. Van Hollenhoven finally scored a St. Helens try.

MURPHY then dropped a goal to level the scores. MURPHY later dropped another goal and then his performance with a third after Workington had given all they knew trying to keep him at bay.

St. Helens made an amazing recovery.

Apart from one great burst by Herbert, Workington were utterly overplayed for the first 30 minutes of the second half. Only their incredibly good defence kept them in the game.

In the last ten minutes, however, St. Helens began to tire and Workington then came to the attack.

Their prop-forward HERBERT broke through, showing amazing speed for a No. 8 forward and scored close in.

SOUTHWARD had no difficulty in adding the goal which gave Workington a one point victory in one of the most exciting games ever seen on St. Helens' ground.

Final:

ST. HELENS 13
 WORKINGTON 14

Amazing cricket

200-0 AGAINST THE CHAMPIONS

THE Smiths—the mighty men—Don Smith, the Sussex left-hander, and Michael Smith, Warwickshire's captain, completely mastered the attack of Surrey, the county champions, at Lord's today when opening the MCC innings.

By mid-afternoon Surrey were still searching for their first wicket and the total was way beyond 200!

Admittedly, Surrey were minus Tony Lock and Alec Bedser, but with Peter Loader and Jim Laker in the side they still had a formidable attack.

Don Smith dominated the cricket. He completed his century out of 150 in two hours, forty minutes with the help of two sixes off Laker and 13 fours.

Leicester v New Zealanders

At Leicester.
NEW ZEALANDERS—First Innings
 Miller b Spencer 68
 D'Arcy lbw b Boshier 2
 Harford c Firth b Boshier 7
 Sutcliffe b Van Geloven 44
 Playle not out 24
 Reid c Revill b Lester 13
 Sparling not out 12
 Extras 4

Total (for 5 wks) ... 164

Cambridge U. v Yorkshire

At Cambridge.
YORKSHIRE—First Innings
 Stott b Dexter 18
 Taylor b Fieris 22
 Lowson b Dexter 4
 Padgett b Hurd 67
 Illingworth c Howland b Dexter 8
 Burnet c Fieris b Hurd 12
 Wardle c Wheatley b Hurd 9
 Trueman c Dexter b Hurd 18
 Binks c White b Hurd 0
 Appleyard not out 21
 Pickles c Howland b Wheatley 5
 Extras 3

Total 182

CAMBRIDGE U.—First Innings
 McLachlan not out 5
 Green not out 3
 Extra 1

Total (for no wkt) ... 9

MCC v Surrey

At Lord's.
MCC—First Innings
 M Smith not out 115
 D Smith not out 159
 Extras 4

Total (for no wkt) ... 278

Oxford U. v Gloucestershire

At Oxford.
OXFORD—1st Innings 152 all
GLOSTER—1st Innings 19-0

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SATURDAY MAGAZINE

WHERE THEY GIVE CHEESE TO THE WINNERS

Chester's racegoers help to pay the town's rates

ONE of the most pleasant, and certainly most interesting, racecourses in the country is that at Chester on the Roodee. Next Tuesday will see the opening of the annual three-day meeting there, and racegoers must regret that only one fixture each season is allotted to this pretty Cheshire course.

If the hustle and bustle, through the ancient streets may shake the inhabitants, writes The Ringer, they, at least, have the great consolation that a large slice comes off their rates through the presence each Chester week of racehorses and racegoers, for the municipality takes a good rake-off from each season's racing there.

But, very wisely, not all the profit goes to the ratepayers. The race company, founded in 1893, spent nearly £100,000 in improvements up to 1926, and this season they have done remarkably well in stepping up their total added prize money by £5,000 to £17,000.

In addition, they are also paying a runners' allowance to owners, apart from the travelling expenses paid by the Racecourse Betting Control Board.

Also the owners of the first three horses in the Cup on Wednesday will get 50lb. Cheshire cheeses (valued at £9 9s).

On the Roodee course the horse are always in view, being less than half a mile from the stands at any period of a race. The course is flat and circular, and only a few yards over a mile round.

The Chester Cup, run over two miles, two furlongs and 77 yards, on the Wednesday, was first run in 1824, when known as the Trademen's Cup.

There won't be a dozen runners for this test of stamina next week and a glance at the entrants leads one to the belief that Magnificent (with only 7st.) is well in on the handicap. The mare's stoutest rival should be Sandiacre from W. Dutton's Malton stable.

Talmud, the Irish colt (by Tulyar, which won over this course), should make amends for his defeat early this season by taking the rich Chester Vase on Tuesday. And Diplomatic Bag looks handy in the Earl of Chester Stakes on Thursday.

On Monday at Nottingham Who You, runner-up in the Lincolnshire Handicap, and Magic Moment, unplaced in that race, can renew rivalry in the Mortimer Handicap Plate.

Magic Moment (W. Elliott) is only 5lb better off for the many lengths he was behind Who You at Lincoln, but with going and distance now more to his liking he is expected to reverse placings.

Tewlox can go one better in the Ilkeston Stakes in which he has Attrition, My Pick and Paul Jones to beat. Jai Pet has a winning chance in the Standard Hill Handicap.

Lanark fancies are: Warrior (2-30) and Rock Robin (5-0).

Next week's flat racing.—Monday Nottingham and Lanark; Tuesday Wednesday and Thursday: Chester Friday: Kempton Park; Saturday Kempton, Beverley, Worcester and Hamilton Park.

The present overall population density for Oldham is 18.6 person per acre, while the average over the residential area is 64.5 person to each acre.

OLDHAM STADIUM

GREYHOUND RACING TONIGHT

At 7.15 p.m. All Races 420 yards

7-15: Starlight, Jimmy, Prince Regent, Anna's Wonder, Petite.

7-30: Denese Pet, Jinks, Fondakal, Little Lemon, That's It.

7-45: Blackie (scr.), Monarch (2), M. v. v. (2), Major King (4), Sweet After (1).

8-0: Mr. Wonderful (scr.), Nauru (C. Forever Amber (1), Sorrento (2), Secoi Course (3).

8-15: Double Dee (scr.), Lucky Bid (Rastus (6), Red Bank (7), Rajah (7).

8-30: Dragnet (scr.), Jack of Diamonds (2), Cool Evening (2), Middletonian (Magic Carpet (3).

8-45: Fonda Champion (scr.), R. Quiet Gossip (scr.), Tim (1), Gentle R. (2).

9-0: Lyn o' Dee, Cool Water, Conn Fal, Peter Pan, The Camel.

Next Meeting: THURSDAY, MAY 8

Bridge Quiz

YOU are West, the dealer, and your side has won the first game.

♠ K Q J N 9 3 2
A Q 8 5 W E 9 6 3
2 Q J 2 S A 6 3
4 1 2 2
4 1 2 2
4 1 2 2

North led the knave of clubs. How should West plan the play?

My Solution: West should play dummy's ace of clubs, lead the three of hearts and play the ace.

If the adverse trumps are divided normally (three and two), there is no problem; West merely loses two hearts and one spade. The declarer must, therefore, cater for a four-one division in trumps. Complete deal:—

♠ 10 8 7 6 4
K 9 8 7 5
J 10 9

♠ K Q J N 9 3 2
A Q 8 5 W E 9 6 3
2 Q J 2 S A 6 3
4 1 2 2
4 1 2 2

♠ A 5
J 10 7 4
10 4
K Q 8 3 2

If West finesesses the queen on the first round of hearts, North wins and leads a club to defeat the contract.

As it happens, the play of the ace drops North's king, but the declarer would still make his contract if North's lone heart were the four.

Having taken the first heart with the ace, North playing the four, the declarer crosses to dummy with a diamond to lead a second heart. This time he plays the queen unless South produces the king.

Ewart Kempson

Schoolboy chess champion

A 15-year-old Auckland grammar-school boy, J. R. Phillips, has won the New Zealand Chess Championship in Christchurch.

He has met and defeated most of the Dominion's leading chess players, and won the National Schoolboy Tournament three years running.

He started chess when eight and took part in his first tournament at ten.

ULLSWATER NOT YET AT ITS BEST

MEMBERS of the Chadderton Angling Association enjoyed a pleasant outing to Ullswater last Sunday. After the long coach journey through the industrial areas of Lancashire, the second half of the journey through Westmorland was most welcome. The members were quite overawed by the changing sunlit vistas as they rounded each bend on the tortuous Kirkstone Pass, between Windermere and Patterdale.

Because of its great size and our meagre knowledge of the surroundings, fishing the lake presented many problems. Which would be the best spot? Would ledger or float be suitable? Eventually all were settled, but sport could not be described as fast. Bites were sharp but decisive, and

to prevent cracking), insert the cork and the trap is ready for use. At the lake, fill it with water, place inside a bit of bread, tie a length of cord around the neck, sling out and await results.

The minnows, seeing the bread, circle around until they enter the funnel or dome-shaped base and swim merrily towards the free meal. Once inside they are trapped, for the outlet from the inside of the bottle is only about 3in. across, whereas their entry-point was 2½-3 inches, tapering.

These minnow traps do work most efficiently and it's amazing how the minnows swarm inside. I have seen as many as 60 minnows in one pint bottle on a lakeland tarn.

THE Central Anglers, who also visited Ullswater last Sunday, met with similar results. The best effort came from Jerry Johnson, who landed a 16 trout.

Angling Notes

required some connecting. Several anglers caught one or two trout and these were most around the 9-10 inch mark.

Although somewhat lean, the fish were in prime condition and fought really well. An odd perch and eel were among the miscellaneous catches.

FOR one angler, however, it was a great day. Young Peter Dawson, of Robinson Street, Chadderton, fishing at the mouth of a feeder stream, hooked and landed his first trout. Not bad for a lad of eight years, and what a story to tell his school friends on the following day.

ACCORDING to the locals the fishing had not reached its best and would not do so until about the end of May because of the recent coldness of the weather and water. "Come again in May and bring your strong tackle" was the advice given by one local—and try the live minnow as bait, then expect some fun.

TO obtain live minnows—Ullswater abounds with these tiny fish—a minnow trap is a most useful requisite. A cheap one can be made by obtaining a colourless glass wine bottle with a domed base.

Fill the bottle with sand and insert upright but inverted in soil. With a steel rod or chisel give the point of the dome a sharp tap and a small circle of glass about the size of a sixpence will fall into the bottle.

Empty the sand (all this was

TOPICS AT THE NINETEENTH HOLE

Locke uses No. 5 wood instead of No. 2 iron

WITHIN two hours of landing at London Airport from Johannesburg, Bobby Locke was playing golf at Farnham, Surrey. And his bag of clubs had one significant change from the set with which he won the Open championship for the fourth time at St Andrews last year.

He has discarded his No. 2 iron and substituted a No. 5 wood. This is a small-headed spoon with so much loft that it can be used for high approach shots and is of great value in playing a full approach to a well-guarded green.

"It is of little use in a head wind," Locke says, "but I think it is going to be the most popular club in the bag for everyone. The No. 2 iron, never an easy club to use, is on the way out. The No. 5 wood is the answer."

BRITAIN'S budding champions, the under-18 boy golfers who competed against the professionals at Moor Park (Hertfordshire) recently, were highly praised by several of the Ryder Cup players taking part.

Max Faulkner, the former Open champion, was surprised by the all-round efficiency of 15-year-old Richard Langridge, an English boy international. "What a player and a fighter," said Faulkner, who had failed to concede three-holes start, and was beaten by one hole after being one up with four holes to play.

Dai Rees and Ken Bousfield, the only pair to win their foursome game in the last Ryder Cup match, frequently praised their 17-year-old rivals, Michael Hoyle (Manchester) and Gordon Hyde (Holt), who won by one hole.

IF Bridget Jackson, of Handsworth, can maintain the brilliant golf she displayed against France at Wentworth recently she stands an excellent chance of gaining a place in the British Isles Curtis Cup team to meet America in the United States in August.

Miss Jackson, who narrowly missed playing in the side which beat America in the last match at

Princess, Sandwich, in 1956, has been advised to wear spectacles. "I used to wear them for reading only," said Miss Jackson, "but since I have been playing in them, the line to the hole is more distinct."

Powerfully built, Miss Jackson, a former English champion, has plenty of experience in big-time golf, and the way she crushed the French Open champion, Martine Paul, by eight and six, without losing a hole, would have impressed any selector.

BEFORE playing at Moor Park last week in the Spalding Golf tournament New Zealand amateur P. J. Charles asked if there was any penalty for having a practice putt after holing out. He was assured there was not.

He has just finished a playing tour in America where in most of the tournaments they have such a penalty. There is no rule of golf imposing this, though the practising of putts after holing out is officially discouraged.

Another New Zealander in the Spalding tournament was I. B. Crompton, who played cricket for his country here in 1931.

THE first birthday of the "Twenty-Four Society" and the 50th of its founder, Mr. Charlie Martin, a Leytonstone builder, has just been celebrated. Formed from Sunday morning "regulars" at Hainault Forest club, the Society is limited to 24 members.

Some of them are also members of the local flying club and competitions are often held on Continental courses. Trips this year are being planned to Spa in Belgium, Luxembourg and Italy.

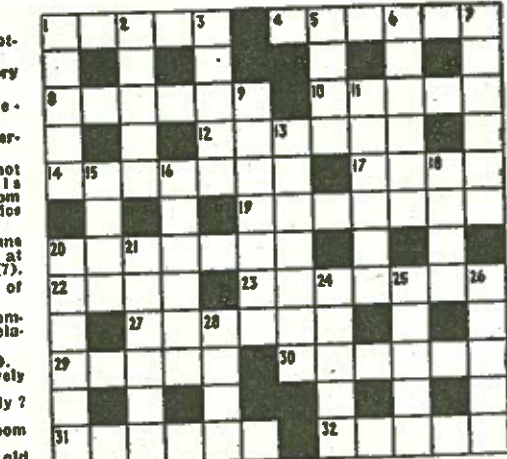
Mr. Martin is more than founder. He is president, secretary and handicapper and discharges the duties of the last office with disconcerting firmness.

"I make it very difficult for anyone to win twice," he says. "I pulled one chap four shots for an exceptionally good score and he said it wasn't legal. I told him it would establish a precedent."

CROSSWORD No. 1463

ACROSS

- 1 Wooden foot-wear (5).
- 4 Bit of trippery (6).
- 8 Not wide-awake (6).
- 10 Birds in Inverness (5).
- 12 One cannot obtain this licence from the Post Office (6).
- 14 Lack of tune in a record at the outset (7).
- 17 The valley of Eden (4).
- 18 Sort of Communist relations (7).
- 20 Shortage (7).
- 22 Act offensively (4).
- 23 D r u n k e n l y ? Never (7).
- 27 Church room (6).
- 28 Not wise old birds (5).
- 30 John on the roof? (6).
- 31 Prepared to lay eggs? (6).
- 32 They're striped but are not NCOs (5).



DOWN

- 1 Actively supported? (5).
- 2 Wish happiness to (5).
- 3 Act and rhythm (5).
- 5 Encourage to beat, possibly (4).
- 6 Cavalry surgeon? (6).
- 7 Tied up and bogged (6).
- 9 White rose adherent (7).

SOLUTION.—Across: 3 Operetta. 8 Iris. 9 Edges out. 11 Repulsed. 13 Bevy. 15 Good turn. 18 Ensuring. 19 Test. 21 Possible. 25 Alliance. 26 Step (rev.). 27 Pressing. Down: 1 Liar. 2 Limp. 4 Pods. 5 Reed. 6 These. 7 Aptly. 9 Elate. 10 Gears. 13 Elope. 14 Venal. 16 Union. 17 Nurse. 19 Tramp. 20 Solve. 21 Pass. 22 Scan. 23 Butt. 24 Espy.

Move to drop Olympic water polo no surprise

PIGEON NOTES

Fine start to season from Worcester

IN the first Federation race of the season from Worcester last Saturday, the birds were liberated at 11.45 a.m., with a West wind giving them a little help. The first arrivals completed the fly in a little over two hours.

Reports all round seemed to indicate a very satisfactory race and returns were almost 100 per cent. Harry Orr has started off the season very well. In the trial race from Stafford he had the winner and repeated the performance last Saturday.

I have heard reports of birds entering local lofts with rubber race rings on but not being wing stamped. I would not like to think that this was being allowed to happen in this area as it is a rule that all birds should be wing stamped before being allowed to race.

All clubs should ensure that this is being carried out. It also helps to speed up the return of any bird lost in racing.

Now that racing is under way I would be very pleased to hear of any outstanding performance by any fancier or particular bird.

J.C.

Oldham Federation.—Worcester race (birds 1017, liberation 11.45): Thomas and Son (Shaw) 1281.4, Jas. Brierley (Oldham) 1280, Thomas and Son (Shaw) 1272, H. Orr (Hey) 1271, C. Newton (Denton) 1265, A. Fern and Son (Denton) 1262, Carter and Son (Hollinwood) 1258, W. Brooks 1256, Cordwell and Son 1254, Carter and Son 1253, T. Chadderton 1249, A. Lancashire 1244, J. Williams 1244, R. Denton 1240, G. Williams 1236, S. Stubbs 1235, W. Brown 1234, J. Platt 1233.

Hey Homing Society.—Worcester race (birds 134): H. Orr (AC) 1271, W. Brown (DE) 1234, H. Orr (2 birds) 1232, W. Greenwood 1204, W. Brooks 1186, T. Platt 1179, Buckley and Taylor (B) 1170, W. Charnley 1163, N. Buckley 1153, Kenworthy Bros. 1153, E. Robertson 1138, H. Winterbottom 1136, A. Flowers 1009, B. G. Battye 1003, C. Bamford and Son 961, F. Mulligan (F) 936, H. M. Cain and Son 866, H. Tither no time, W. Ashton no time.

Homing results

West Oldham Flying Club.—Homing Stafford race result: I. Taylor 1373 (A), F. Bloor and Son 1370 B.C.D.E., J. Schofield and Sons 1363, N. Finney 1360, J. Leigh 1358, J. Robinson 1317, W. Smith 1291, E. Peel 1281, Scaddon and Son 1196.

Hollinwood Homing Society.—Worcester race (217 birds): Carter and Son 1258 (P), Cordwell and Son 1254 (AB), Carter and Son 1253, T. Chadderton 1249, T. Williams 1244 (C.D.), G. Smith 1236, Bloor and Son 1230, Mills and Son 1223, F. Saunders 1197, E. Fogerty and Son 1195, E. Meylan 1193, Neild and Brown 1186, C. Tarron 2-17-5, A. Harrison 1164, Brown Junior 1146, F. Bradbury 1129, Bull and Son 1121, Schofield and Sons 1078, Brown, Senior 1075, Palmer and Son 1058, F. Maddocks 957.

Oldham Flying Club.—Worcester race: Jas. Brierley 1280 (A.B.C.D. Pools), H. Orr 1273, W. Brown 1233.8, H. Orr 1233.3, J. Holt 1207, Kay and Adams 1172, Buckley Bros. 1161, H. Orr 1158, E. Pool, Nescior and Bryskowski 1109, W. Cook 1088, G. Keate 1063, H. Travis 1058, Shore Bros. 1036, F. Murgatroyd 1028, F. Howarth 1011, Joe Brierley 855.

Answers To Sports Teasers

TEASER NUMBER ONE

Tom Johnson, transferred from Leyton Orient to Blackburn Rovers. No wonder his new club won promotion—and to think, he used to play for Athletic!

TEASER NUMBER TWO

They had, after last Saturday's match, 104 goals for and 100 against—it's never been done before in the 70 years' history of the Football League.

TEASER NUMBER THREE

Tom Johnson, Blackburn Rovers, with 42 goals. It is 29 years since a Scot topped the English League scoring list—and that's a long time, isn't it.

IF the International Olympic Committee accepts the recommendation of its American president, Avery Brundage, water polo may come out of the Olympics after a stay of 50 years.

In an attempt to reduce the heavy Olympic programme and streamline the Games, Mr. Brundage has recommended that a number of events of minor international water polo is among them.

This is a big blow to the sport, although it is not altogether a surprise move, for who can deny the lack of interest in the game today even at international level. It was too much to expect that after the miserable displays given by the majority of teams at Melbourne and Garmians and Russians that water polo would be allowed to retain its place in future meetings for much longer.

All hope for keeping polo in this great festival have not been lost, Britain has already lodged a strong protest with FINA and other nations are almost certain to follow this lead and oppose the move. No decision has yet been reached on whether to keep water polo and before this step is taken the International Swimming Federation will be allowed to express its opinion.

While Britain's governing body must rightly serve the interests of our polo community and object, I think that the American president's suggestion for its elimination is a wise one, water polo is without doubt the toughest game in the world to play and on occasions it can be among the dirtiest.

Diana again

The North should be well represented at Blackpool when the English Empire Games trials take place on May 31. Diana Wilkinson has already cleared her first hurdles at both the 110 and 220 yards; her 66.9sec. a fortnight ago in the international with Germany at Cardiff was 1.1sec. inside the Empire sprint target of 68sec., but falls nine-tenths of a second short of the European figure of 66sec.

Only four Europeans, Diana included, managed to return under this time last year. Over the longer course Diana's 2min. 27.5sec. in the final time trials at Loughborough, which unofficially reduced Elspeth Ferguson's British 220-yard record by half a second, is the fastest recorded in this country and good enough to take her to Cardiff and Budapest, as no set time for this distance has been issued for either competition.

Neil McKechnie is the only one in this area at the moment capable of returning the necessary times in the corresponding men's events. His 59.1sec. for 110 yards in the German match is nine-tenths of a second better than the Empire standard of 1min., although it misses the European qualifying time by a mere tenth of a second.

The Wallacey boy's time for 220 yards is uncertain, as to my knowledge he has done no training at this distance or had any competition experience so far this season. In winning the national 220 yards at Blackpool last September, his 2min. 12sec. is three seconds faster than the Empire mark, and no set standard exists for the European championships. It's my guess that Neil, with his limited training, will turn his back on this and concentrate on the sprints.

Slow times

Not since Daphne Wilkinson, of Woolwich, hit peak form in 1952-53 has Britain had a good woman distance swimmer, which probably accounts for the slow times of 5min. 30sec. Empire and 5min. 25sec. European qualifying figures in the quarter-mile. Surprisingly enough there are only about two women in Britain, perhaps three at the outside, who can return under 5min. 30sec for the 440yds.

Elspeth Ferguson, from York, whose 5min. 18.6sec. recently came near to being a record and was the second fastest time ever recorded in Britain, seems set for trips to Cardiff and Budapest without much of a challenge.

Elspeth's chances of success in these championships are not high,

however, for five swimmer in Europe alone are credited with under 5min. 10sec.

by PETER OKELL

Northern attack

Tommy Walker, Accrington, and national breaststroke champion Brian Day, Sheffield, will head the Northern attack on this stroke. Day's best time for 220yds this season is 2min. 49.1sec. against the Empire 2min. 50sec. This is well wide of the European 2mn. 45sec.

Tommy Walker has not taken part in any competitions so far this year, his best performance in 1957 was 2min. 48.3sec. for Britain in the Yugoslavia international.

Dorothy Wilson, Blackburn, and Avis Garnett, Stockport, who will be our main hopes in the women's breaststroke, will have to improve considerably on last season's long course displays to gain places on the Empire team or even win through to the trials at Blackpool.

In the nationals, Dorothy clocked 3min. 6.7sec. and the Stockport girl 3min. 2.9sec. compared to the Empire 3min. 2sec.

More recently Dorothy Wilson's 3min. 10sec. in the Germany international leaves her with about three weeks to remove eight seconds off her time. This is asking a lot, but if Dorothy and Avis, whose form is so far unknown, take part in the Northern Counties Trials at Preston on May 11, they will be assisted by a 33½ yard bath.

Stiff tasks

These breaststroke targets are the stiffest of all, in fact Christine Gosden, Croyden, was the only Empire swimmer to do a long course time under the Empire figure last year, and was 13sec. off the European 2min. 55sec. Dutch world record holder, Ada Den Maan, alone was able to beat this.

Southport all-rounder Haydn Rigby has already beaten the Empire backstroke mark of 70sec., with a 69.9 swim at Cardiff. He still has to get under the European 67sec. Rigby's all-round ability should earn him a place on the English and British sides for he is among the fastest sprint and middle distance freestylers in this country and is always worth including on a side as a second freestyle choice and to strengthen team events.

Once again we have to go north-east to find a diver to carry to the Northern flag. Charmian Welsh, Durham, resumes her long standing battle with Ann Long, Ilford; although it will not really be a battle as both girls seem certain to take their places on the team—Ann taking care of the highboard and Charmian the springboard events.

How pathetic that from the whole of the North we are only able to produce one challenger for National titles and British team players. Do not blame the divers, but the leagues and their officials who refuse to organise competitions and never fail to dig out the excuse that facilities and enthusiasm are non-existent.

Pathetic

They are. Take as an example this area. One-metre championships could be organised at a number of places, Rochdale, Middleton, Urmston, or even the privately owned University Pool.

Look what happened when the Northern Diving Club sounded a certain association on this question a short time ago. The officials edged off the subject and one well-known and respected figure told delegates, "Diving is a thing we have to put up with at national time."

Crompton captured the handsome Rayner Shield at Stalybridge on Tuesday, after staging a terrific duel with the Stockport team who returned the same time of 1min. 49.5sec., with the lesser known Gorton side third, nine-tenths of a second behind.

Lowermoor, who held this men's 4 x 50yds. freestyle team trophy from its inception in 1956, just failed to qualify for the final. They swam without Brian Lord (on a police course at Preston). The record of 1min. 42.9sec. set up two years ago remained unbeaten, and stays with the Lowermoor team.

THEATRE NEWS

by C. W. INGHAM

Early start for 'My Fair Lady' opening

THE fabulous American musical "My Fair Lady" created a precedent on Wednesday's opening night at Drury Lane. It started at 7 o'clock. Such an early hour for such an important first night has never been heard of. The reason given was "to give the critics more time to write their notices." Such a show needs special consideration in writing.

The early start also helped to get the audience into their seats. People at big first nights get so excited they just won't stop talking in the foyer and corridors. You'd think they'd be aching to see the curtain rise. But that isn't so.

Of course, "My Fair Lady" isn't just a play. It's a Great Theatre Event: merely to be there carries a distinction. More than 60,000 wanted seats for the opening.

Remember "Oklahoma?" That's the only comparable attraction since the war. And it made £1,224,500 at Drury Lane, with nothing like the advance ballyhoo for "My Fair Lady."

That "Oklahoma" first night back in 1947, was really something. You could feel a shivery, anticipatory thrill before you even saw Drury Lane.

On Wednesday they had special police unravelling traffic, hundreds watching in the streets, TV lights glaring, the lot...

Yes, I think they were right to make it 7 o'clock.

You may be wanting seats for "My Fair Lady" and wondering if you'll ever get in.

Here is this week's position: apart from a few matinee tickets, Drury Lane is sold out until June. All the front stalls and dress circle have gone until December.

But you can get into the balcony in June and July for 5s.—and there's a fair amount of room in all the cheaper places in August.

After that, it's wait till next year—or the active black market.

The play may be Shaw in a suit made of Stars and Stripes, but it is full of representatives of the Commonwealth.

In the cast of 53 there are people from South Africa, Australia, New Zealand, Rhodesia, Tasmania, England, Scotland and Wales.

There is also Margaret Halstan who, at 78, is the senior member of the company. She is playing the Queen of Transylvania, a part taken from the film of Pygmalion.

And then there's Zena Dare, now 71. She has chosen to make her farewell appearances in "My Fair Lady." Well, there it is—a play bristling



"MY FAIR LADY," the musical version of Shaw's "Pygmalion," opened in London this week. On a pre-London tour is "Half in Earnest," a musical version of Oscar Wilde's "The Importance of Being Earnest."

Here are Brian Reece and Pamela Jordan in a duet from the production, which has an excerpt showing on Granada's Chelsea at Eight, next Tuesday.

with good points. But you can bet all the tea in China that you will hear somebody say next week: "Yes, I was there, but frankly old man..." You find them everywhere.

PAUL ROGERS, who recently returned from an American and Australian tour to rejoin the Old Vic, and Anna Massey, who is leaving the cast of "Dear Delinquent," at the Aldwych, have been engaged by Henry Sherek to play the leading parts in the new T. S. Eliot play, "The Elder Statesman," which is to have its premiere at this year's Edinburgh Festival on August 25.

SARAH MARSHAL, daughter of Edna Best and Herbert Marshall, is to appear with Conrad Janis in "The Velvet Shotgun," a play by Christopher Taylor, which is to be presented at the Arts, Cambridge, on May 19, before going to London.

OLDHAM LAWN TENNIS LEAGUE

The Oldham Lawn Tennis League season opened this week and next week's fixtures are:—

TUESDAY, MAY 6

Division I.—Spa v. Saddleworth; Clarksfield v. Werneth; Fearnlea "B" v. Fearnlea "A"; Belgrave v. Longsight.

Division II.—Longsight "B" v. West End; Saddleworth "B" v. Westwood; Werneth "B" v. Spa "B."

Division III.—Manor v. Fails-worth; Greenacres v. Belgrave "B"; St. Mark's v. Clarksfield "B"; Grotton "B" v. St. Luke's.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 7

Division I.—Werneth v. Fearnlea "B."

Division II.—Fearnlea "C" v. Grotton "A" (to count as May 6); West End v. Werneth "B."

Division III.—Subsidiary Preliminary: St. Mark's v. Manor.

THURSDAY, May 8

Division I.—Saddleworth v. Belgrave; Fearnlea "A" v. Spa; Longsight v. Clarksfield.

Division II.—Grotton "A" v. Longsight "B"; Westwood v. Fearnlea "C"; Spa "B" v. Saddleworth "B."

Division III.—Fails-worth v. St. Luke's; St. Mark's v. Grotton "B"; Clarksfield "B" v. Greenacres; Belgrave "B" v. Dunwood.

Continuation Rugby

GREENACRES WERE WORTHY WINNERS

League championship semi-final. Greenacres 19 points, St. Anne's 0.

GREENACRES were worthy winners of this game, being more experienced than St. Anne's and having a much heavier pack. St. Anne's defended well in the early stages but were worn down by the sustained attacks of Greenacres.

Lennigan, the Greenacres scrum-half, made numerous openings for his backs and was the outstanding player of the game. Open play brought tries to Greenacres by Smith (2), Whitehead (2), and Lennigan. Lennigan and Smith each scored a goal.

For St. Anne's, Noon was a forceful forward and McLean a nippy scrum-half.

Greenacres now go forward to their third final, having already reached the finals of the Howell Cup and the Oldham Centenary Shield.

The final of the Howell Cup is being played on the ground of the Ferranti club at Bower Lane, Hollinwood, tomorrow kick-off 3 p.m. The teams concerned are Greenacres v. Strinesdale.

There is no charge for admission and this should be a grand game. Both teams play the best type of rugby. Strinesdale are unbeaten in the league and Greenacres have lost only five points.

LEAGUE TABLE

	P.	W.	D.	L.	Pts.
Strinesdale	8	7	1	0	15
Greenacres	8	5	1	2	11
St. Anne's	8	2	0	6	4
St. Mary's	8	1	0	7	2



HE is repeatedly in the top position in fan magazine popularity polls—Tab Hunter, who, last year, was picked as the favourite new star in the Audience Awards Poll.

Here he is pictured with the French actress, Etchika Choureau, in his latest film, "Hell Bent For Glory," a more important picture than either of his two most recent offerings, "The Burning Hills" and "The Girl He Left Behind."

It was directed by William Wellman, a veteran director whose past successes include the memorable "Battleground" and "The High and the Mighty."

"Hell Bent For Glory" concerns a group of Americans all eager to help France fight Germany in the early years of the First World War. They join the Lafayette Escadrille whose pilots' expectancy of life was not put at more than a few weeks. Many died in the "stringbags" that passed for aircraft in those days. But in the brief lulls between fighting the boys, for none of them were much more, went on leave.

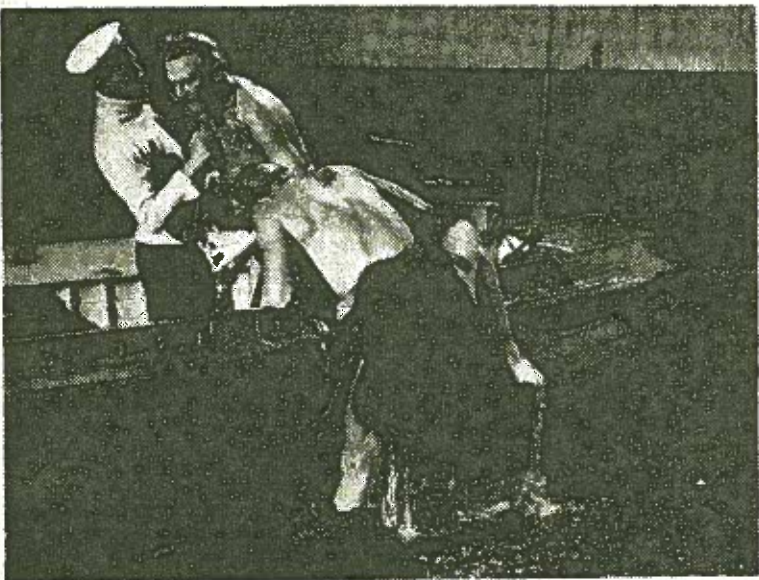
Tab Hunter plays one of these Americans who falls in love with a French girl, Etchika Choureau. Against a background of impending disaster is played out a love story that is both tender and sincere. All ends well, as it always does, but in the interim there is much that is memorable.

CORAL BROWNE IN 'AUNTIE MAME'

FORREST TUCKER (remember him in Warner Bros. "The Abominable Snowman" with Peter Cushing?) returns to Hollywood to star with Rosalind Russell in "Auntie Mame" film adaptation of the Broadway hit adapted from the best-seller by Patrick Dennis.

Morton De Costa, who directed the Broadway production, directs this picture, too. Tucker will play Beauregard Burnside, the Southern gentleman who marries Auntie Mame.

Also, Coral Browne, one of the leading lights of the Old Vic, will appear in the picture. This marks her Hollywood debut although she has previously been seen on the New York stage with the Old Vic. She will play a key role—that of Rosalind Russell's sister, Vera.



THEY have been underwater, silent, murderous, blowing up the enemy in the quiet of the night. Morgan (Alec McOwen, of TV drama fame) helps Commander Crabb (Laurence Harvey) off with his gear, as Knowles (Michael Craig) climbs aboard. It is a thrilling sequence from "The Silent Enemy," the film version of frogman Crabb's war career.

'Look Back In Anger' is due for filming

TESTING was in progress this week at Associated British Elstree Studios to find a young actor to play the much-publicised role of Jimmy Porter in the film version of John Osborne's controversial play, "Look Back in Anger." For at the weekend, in the face of intense international competition, J. R. Wallis, in charge of studio operations, concluded negotiations by which Associated British Elstree have acquired the screen rights to this play, which sparked off the "angry young man" cult when it first opened in London's Royal Court Theatre in May, 1956.

Since then it has been back to the West End for three separate runs (the last one ending in November), and is currently drawing packed houses on Broadway where the New York Drama Critics' Circle recently voted it "Best Foreign Play Produced on Broadway During 1957."

Artists already tested for the part include the Associated-British contract artist John Fraser, who combines film work with Shakespearean acting at the Old Vic and pop song recording, Tim Seely, David McCallum and the author himself, John Osborne.

The role of Mrs. Jimmy Porter may be played by Mary Ure (Mrs. John Osborne) who is now doing the part in New York.

Tony Richardson, who directed the play at the Royal Court and later in New York, will direct the film.

Filmgoing with T E P

MICHAEL CRAIG STARTS ANOTHER AFRICAN FILM

ONLY weeks after returning home from South Africa where he starred with Belinda Lee in "Nor the Moon by Night," Michael Craig is off to Africa again—North Africa this time—for the leading role in "Sea of Sand," a story about the desert.

Michael, still bearing his South African tan, leaves this month.

He was away four months on "Nor the Moon by Night." This time it will be seven weeks.

Michael, who is married with a three-year-old son, Stephen, has just moved into a new house at Wimbledon and has been acting as general handyman helping to get the house straight.

What does Mrs. Craig think of Michael going away again so soon?

"With the new house to pay for," says Michael, "the money I shall earn is necessary. Without this new film it would be difficult. We can't have it both ways. My wife agrees."

GEORGE MINTER's next production, to go before the cameras in two or three months, is "The Rough and the Smooth." It is based on Robin Maugham's novel about an honourable young doctor ensnared by a not-too-honourable girl.

Briefs from the studios

THE ex-child actor Jackie Coogan, on the set of Paramount's "The Space Children" said: "Let actors like Cary Grant and Errol Flynn look to their waists. I don't have to bother. I'm 190lb. and couldn't be busier in films and television if I tried. No exercise—no worry. I'm a character actor, but it took me 40 years to discover the fact!"

IN "The Extra Edge," the French actress Martine Carol plays a German officer's French widow with whom two men fall in love. Her co-stars are Jeff Chandler and Jack Palance.

PETER FINCH, the British stage and screen actor, is starring opposite Audrey Hepburn in Warner's "The Nun's Story," as Dr. Fortunati, chief physician at a hospital in the Belgian Congo staffed by an order of Roman Catholic nursing sisters.

THEY have changed the title of the new Jack Hawkins film from "The Two-Headed Spy" to "The Clock Without a Face." It is an espionage drama set in Nazi Germany during the Second World War, with Hawkins as a British agent in the German High Command.

'The Army Game' for filming

"THE ARMY GAME," ITV's comedy show which now tops the popularity poll, is to be filmed by Hammer Films, who made "The Curse of Frankenstein," "The Abominable Snowman," and other horrors.

Michael Medwin, Bernard Bresslaw, Alfie Bass and Geoffrey Sumner, with guest artists, will be in the film version, which will be produced from a script by Sid Colin, co-author of the original TV series.

Shooting begins at Bray in June.

THE British actor, Stephen Boyd, a Fox contract artist, has won the highly-coveted role of Messala in MGM's "Ben Hur," which goes before the cameras in Rome this month.

He will co-star with Charlton Heston, "Ben Hur," biggest MGM production ever, will be shot in the Camera 65 process.

MICHAEL ANDERSON has been signed to direct "Letter From Peking" for Warner's. Anderson directed last year's Academy Award-winning production, "Around the World in Eighty Days." "Letter From Peking" is one of the major properties on Warner Brothers' 1958 big-picture schedule.

Full week of love for Jack Hawkins

ROMANCE is holding sway at the Elstree Studios, where the production for Columbia Pictures, "The Clock Without a Face" is being made. Jack Hawkins and the Hollywood beauty, Gia Scala, are playing their love scenes. It is taking them a week to do so, too.

But they're love scenes with a difference. Both are espionage agents, working for Britain in Germany during the war—Jack Hawkins as a senior Army offi-

cer, Gia Scala as a sultry radio songstress whose numbers contain secret codes for the listening British authorities.

"At first," Jack explains, "we have to keep at arm's length because neither realises the other is an agent. Romance could spell catastrophe. When we do learn the truth, we have to play out a romance within a romance—a pretence violent love-affair to fool Security officers who might

BOB MONKHOUSE
AND FILM BRIDE
SHIRLEY EATON



THE comedian Bob Monkhouse, regularly in matrimonial hot water on radio and TV, begins another bout of married life—this time for his film, "Carry On, Sergeant," at Pinewood Studios. His film bride is Shirley Eaton. The film also stars William Hartnell, of TV's "The Army Game," and Oldham's Dora Bryan.

THE NEW SMILEY MAKES THE GRADE

THAT lovable rascal, Smiley, returns to the screen in "Smiley Gets a Gun," a British CinemaScope film continuing the adventures of that Australian child from "Smiley."

This time Smiley is played by a freckled, fair-haired 10-year-old charmer, Keith Calvert, discovered by the producer-director Anthony Kimmins in Australia, where the film was made.

The first Smiley was played by Colin Petersen who is now at school in England.

All those who watched Keith acting in the film confidently predict he will become Kimmins's greatest find. He is completely uninhibited. The boy has a natural ability and he may well become one of the most-loved juvenile stars ever to be seen on the screen.

Under the tuition of Verena Kimmins, Tony's attractive daughter, young Keith seldom fluffed a line throughout the whole production.

Dame Sybil Thorndike and Chips Rafferty have other leading roles in this story about the efforts of a naturally mischievous little boy to curb his spirits and earn himself a sporting gun promised him by the local police sergeant if he can prove himself to be responsible.

The little fellow has to face tough opposition from his young enemy, Fred Jackson, and from his own father who has laid odds against him winning through.

ANOTHER Swedish gift to Hollywood is lovely Ingrid Goude (pictured here), who is under contract to Universal-International.

Twenty-year-old Ingrid is being kept busy in the studios. Her latest films are "The Big Beat," "Once Upon a Horse," and "Never Steal Anything Small."

Off duty she likes skiing, swimming, sailing and dancing. Ingrid was born at Sandviken, Sweden.

JOHN WAYNE'S new film for Howard Hawks Production has had a title change from "Bull By The Tail" to "R/o Bravo."

wonder why we are meeting. Our own more tender romance develops behind this facade."


One of the strangest love stories of all times is part of one of the strangest and most exciting spy stories ever told, the amazing tale of a patriot who loves his country so much that he spends most of his life out of it to gain the confidence of the Germans.

The film co-stars Alexander Knox and Felix Aylmer.

CUP FINAL SPECIAL

FACTS AND FACTS.

THE ONLY MAN TO APPEAR IN FIVE WEMBLEY CUP FINALS!



JOE HULME

THAT RECORD IS THE EXCLUSIVE PROPERTY OF EX-ENGLAND WINGER Joe Hulme.

HE MADE FOUR OF THOSE HISTORIC APPEARANCES AS AN Arsenal PLAYER, NAMELY 1927, 1930, 1932 AND 1936.

HIS LAST CUP FINAL APPEARANCE WAS WITH Huddersfield Town IN 1938.

YET OF THOSE FIVE WEMBLEY VISITS, JOE WAS ONLY ON THE WINNING SIDE ON TWO OCCASIONS. BOTH OF THESE WERE WITH Arsenal IN 1930 AND 1936, WHEN THE FAMOUS GUNNERS DEFEATED—

Huddersfield Town 2-0, AND Sheffield United 1-0 RESPECTIVELY!

SPIKE/SS.

ONE OF ENGLAND'S GREATEST PLAYERS—AND MANAGERS

A GROCER'S assistant who wanted to be a journalist and became instead one of England's greatest footballers and most successful managers. That sums up the life of Stanley Cullis since he left school. His story is one of the most remarkable in sport.

It is a tale of success with a difference. Unlike other youngsters the Cullis boy did not dream of soccer stardom. He was a studious lad and much of his spare time after his duties in the grocery store was devoted to improving his knowledge.

Esperanto, French, shorthand and book-keeping were the subjects he studied during his three visits to night school every week.

Oh yes, he liked to play soccer, too. But in those days he regarded it as a relaxation after his more important activities.

Then something happened to change the course of Cullis's life. Bolton Wanderers became interested in the young amateur who was playing at inside-right for his home town club Ellesmere Port.

This got to the ears of Stanley's father, a Wolverhampton man who had moved to the Cheshire town some years earlier. Mr. Cullis was quite aware of his son's soccer potential and he made up his mind that if Stanley was going to be a professional footballer he would start with Wolves—not Bolton.

LETTER FOR MAJOR

So one day in 1934 the famous Major Frank Buckley, then manager of Wolves, found among his letters one from Mr. Cullis. He thought his boy had the makings of a footballer. Would the Major please give him a trial.

Such requests were not rare and Major Buckley had known many fathers to be wrong about the soccer ability of their sons. But something about this letter—maybe because it came from an exiled Wolves supporter—persuaded the great man to summon young Stanley to Molineux.

"It was one of those chances that came off," said Major Buckley later. "As soon as the player set foot on the pitch I knew he had something."

How right he was. For as the years went by, Cullis proved to be different from the rest.

If he was surprised to find himself signing his name on a professional form, he didn't show it. He accepted the sudden turn of events with the coolness and assurance which were to be Cullis trade-marks on the football fields of Britain and beyond.

And he applied himself with immense determination to the task of becoming one of the top men in football.

IGNORED ROMANCE

Even then, however, he continued to find time for those text-books. And he turned his back on romance. Cullis had this to say about marriage soon after he became an England player:

To wind up the football season here is a tribute to

STAN CULLIS by Jim Gaughan

The last in the present series of 'Greatest Stories in Sport'

"I've no right to marry at present. A careless kick might put me out of football for life. Fear of the future is always with a young footballer's wife.

"No thanks. Until I've saved enough or become a manager I'll travel alone."

He did travel alone for three more years. Then romance caught up with him when he was stationed with an Army unit in the South. On July 5, 1941, Miss Winifred Weldon, of Sunningdale, became Mrs. Stanley Cullis at Sunningdale Church.

PACKED UP AT 32

All Major Buckley prophesied for Cullis at the start of his career 24 years ago has been achieved. At 17 he was skipper of Wolves "A" side. At 18 he led the reserves. And at 19 he was captain of the League team.

At that time Major Buckley called Cullis into his office and told him "If you keep your head one day you'll be captain of England."

Stanley was capped in 1938 and a year later led England for the first time in Rumania.

After 31 matches for England Cullis decided to get out of the game while still at the top—as he had always said he would.

He played his last League game early in 1947 when he was only 32 and a few weeks afterwards became Wolves assistant manager. Less than a year later he succeeded Ted Vizard as manager.

DRIVING FORCE

All the football world knows the achievements of Wolves since then—two League championships, an FA Cup triumph, and a series of thrilling victories over the best sides the Continent could send to Molineux.

You can detect the driving force of Cullis in the aggressive football played by his team. He has some-

Plans to set up a tourist city at the Pyramids were examined by Sayed Kamal Eddin Hussein, Minister of Education, with a visiting German expert who is Professor of Architecture at the Berlin University.

A new museum at which Egyptian antiquities will be displayed is to be built at the tourist city.



STAN CULLIS

thing of a reputation for blistering his players when they fail to reach the standard he expects of them.

There have been occasions when his bluntness and near-fanaticism have upset people in high places. But there is no doubt about his being one of the most brilliant managers of our time.

As a player he produced a blend of fighting spirit, and artistry unmatched by any Englishman since his retirement.

"THE LAST OF THE GREAT ATTACKING CENTRE-HALVES," CHARLES BUCHAN HAS CALLED HIM. AND I CAN'T DO BETTER THAN THAT.

LOCAL JUNIOR SINGLES

The Oldham Lawn Tennis League this season is running a junior singles tournament for boys and girls living in Oldham, Saddleworth, Lees, Crompton, Royton, Chadderton, Failsworth and Limehurst, or for any registered member of the league whose age does not exceed 18 years on August 1.

The entrance fee of 2s. 6d. should be sent with the application form (right) to the league secretary, Mr. K. Shuttleworth, 4 Jowett Street, Watersheddings, on or before the first post on May 12. The semi-finals and the final will be played at Alexandra Park during the week ending July 26.

The usual mixed doubles tournament is also being run (entrance fee 5s. a couple, or 3s. for couples under 18) and the closing date for sending in the application is also May 12.

DAVIS CUP HEADACHES

THE British Hard-Court Championships, first of the most important European tournaments, proved the most interesting meeting at Bournemouth since the war. It began in a blaze of bright sunshine, and ended with a brilliant British victory. And the upsets of form which some of the matches produced may give the Davis Cup selectors some severe headaches before they sort out the pairings for the match against Brazil.

Highlight of the tournament was the success of Bill Knight, ranked No. 4 in Britain. After two easy rounds he defeated, in successive matches, former Wimbledon champion Budge Patty, Roger Becker, and the Italian Giuseppe Merlo.

Knight was not generally expected to win any of these matches—a fact which might have been a help to him. It is less of a strain mentally to go into a match knowing that to lose would be no disgrace. I recall being in the same happy position in 1954 when I defeated the top-seeded Dane, Kurt Nielson, in the semi-final.

The young Northampton left-hander seemed to grow in stature with every match. Against Patty he gave an exhibition of rugged power against the deft thrusts of the more cultured American. Patty's volleying was not as consistent as it has been in the past, but Knight's courage in going for winners was tremendous. This enabled him to make many offensive shots in situations that a less courageous player would have tackled defensively.

Rivalry with Becker

Although Patty is still possibly a better player than Becker, it was the latter who proved Knight's hardest opponent. Knight was desperately keen to win, for he knew defeat would inevitably mean that Becker would regain his place as a singles player in Britain's Davis Cup team.

This showed up clearly in the early stages of the match, when Becker looked the more polished player. But Knight's determination never wavered, and he fought his way out of trouble until his own delicate touch and confidence returned. Then his greater stamina gave him stronger finishing power.

In the other half of the draw, the little Italian wizard Merlo reached the final against a succession of young British players. Derbyshire's Tony Pickard put up his greatest performance to date and kept Merlo on court for more than three hours. But although Pickard's steadiness and patience were a revelation, he was unable to outmanoeuvre his opponent.

Bobby Wilson was the next victim. His attempts to bring Merlo to the net with drop shots met with little success. And his general play was disappointing for one who should have been proving that his Davis Cup defeats last year would not be repeated.

Hit through Merlo

In the semi-final, Michael Davies, Britain's No. 1, fell into the same trap as Pickard. He was reduced to a player with no plan, merely playing to Merlo's tune—despite

On court with GEOFF PAISH

pre-match ideas of using various surprise tactics to try to upset the unorthodox Italian.

What, then, was the answer that Knight found and which had eluded all the others? Simply that Merlo could be hit through. In the heavy damp conditions which followed several hours of rain, Knight's fierce top-spin forehand drive was a matchwinner. In drier, warmer conditions he might not have been able to keep the ball in court at such pace.

Fierce serving and volleying backed up this great forehand power, and his sliced backhand proved a deadly contrast to his topped forehand. The relentless variation in spin broke down his opponent's steadiness.

THIS WAS KNIGHT'S FINEST VICTORY. IT GIVES HIM AN INDISPUTABLE CLAIM TO BE BRITAIN'S BEST HARD-COURT PLAYER. AND NO PLAYER IN THE WORLD WILL BE ABLE TO REGARD HIM LIGHTLY AS AN OPPONENT ON THIS SURFACE.

Tried to avoid defeat

In the women's singles, Shirley Bloomer again proved that she is best on hard courts, although her defensive tactics only just prevailed against Christine Truman in the semi-final.

Both players seemed to be more concerned to avoid defeat than to win. Shirley used the short ball to bring Christine into the forecourt and then tossed up lobs. Many of these were short, but Christine lacked either the courage or the strength to go for a winning smash. And more often than not, the long rally that ensued ended in a Truman error.

There were many other good matches, and it was only after one of the best of these that Sonia Cox (New Zealand) was beaten by Sheila Armstrong. This young player made a great impression with her rather unorthodox slices on both wings. She can count herself unlucky to have met defeat so early in the tournament.

Little Mimi Arnold, from America, put up a tremendous fight against Angela Mortimer, and certainly proved that Angela has recovered her full fitness in a match of the longest rallies of the week.

It was perhaps a pity that Jaroslav Drobny did not defend his title at Bournemouth. For he, above all—has proved the most difficult others—including even Lew Hoad player to beat on English hard courts.

Junior Singles Application Form

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Oldham and Ashton Cricket League

CHAMPIONS WON WELL AT HOPE

THE Oldham and Ashton Cricket League started last Saturday. The champions, St. Mark's, opened with a good win at Hope, and challengers Shaw St. Paul's won easily at Glodwick Meths.

FIRST DIVISION

Hope 29, St. Mark's 31—3

Hope batted first, and top scorer was Dick Broadbent with 8. H. Jones took four for 9, D. Lees four for 15. For St. Mark's R. Dyson hit 14 not out.

Glodwick 73, Shaw St. Paul's 74—5
Glodwick's best were R. Pringle (21), A. Pringle (18) and P. Pearce (14). T. Taylor took six for 16. For Shaw, R. Billington scored 28 n.o. and T. Taylor 16.

Macedonia 92, Ferranti 80

In this good scoring game, Fails-worth batted first, J. Everett (20), A. Batham (17), C. Taylor (14), J. Shore (13) and D. Batham (10) all did well. L. Smith took four for 16 and P. Davies four for 22. For Ferranti, D. Woolley made 23, J. Bradbury 19 and G. Bailey 13. J. Shore had four for 17.

Springhead 53—4, Shore Edge 51

Shore Edge's best was A. Everitt (16) against some good bowling from H. Manning (five for 11). For Springhead, F. Fenton hit 29.

Smith St. 55—3, Queen St. 54

Queen St. batted first and H. Clarke (19), A. Jacks (10) were best. T. Broadbent four for 21. For Smith St., J. Fox hit 27 and D. Poole 18 (H. Clarke, three for 17).

St. Matthew's 39, Greenacres 49

St. Matthew's batted first and A. Worrall scored 31, J. Crothers 19 and F. Greenwood 10 (R. Barker, three for 19). For Greenacres, R. Barker (16) got no support against J. Tomlinson (seven for 23) and W. Mellor (three for 16).

SECOND DIVISION

Ferranti 75, Macedonia 162—9 dec.
In the huge Fails-worth score, N. Watts (39), R. Brown (22), G. Bacon (21), G. Whitehead (19), D. Tison (15) and E. Akin (14) all did well. For Ferranti F. Harding and W. Booth scored 23 each and W. Holt 10 (G. Bacon four for 17).

Shaw St. Paul's 45, Glodwick 46—3.
Shaw batted first but only P. Sutcliffe (14) raised double figures. D. George took three for 10. For Glodwick, D. Else scored 29 n.o. and F. Brock 10 n.o.

St. Mark's 31, Hope 41.

Hope batted first—J. Hibbert 19, H. Meadowcroft 15, K. Stock four for 18. St. Mark's fared badly against J. Crossley (six for 9) and H. Holbert (three for 16).

St. Matthew's 73, Greenacres 56.

Best for St. Matthew's were N. Wales (19), M. Gelder (15), G. Collier (12) and C. Wales (12). S. Minshull took four for 13, and G. Reynolds four for 22. For Greenacres, J. Wibberley made 19 and E. Coates 10. N. Wales took five for 15, D. Radcliffe four for 11.

Queen Street 49, Smith Street 60.
Smith Street batted first and D. Joy (26) was in good form against B. Grundy (five for 13) and F. Smith (three for 24). For Queen Street, B. Grundy (36), and C. Chapman (9) got no support against R. Hampton (three for 12) and B. Garlick (four for 29).

Shore Edge 37, Springhead 33.

In this low-scoring game only two batsmen raised double figures, E. Midgley (Shore Edge) 10 and W. Buckley 13 for Springhead. G. Bardsley had four for 12, C. Carsberg six for 13, and G. Carroll three for 13.

Oldham boys team for first match

The following boys will represent Oldham Schools' Cricket Association in their opening match of the season against Oldham III at the Pollards on Monday evening at 6-30 p.m.

David Booth (Counthill), Allan Hall (Counthill), William Dearden (Hollinwood), Leonard Parr (Hollinwood), Malcolm Campbell (Hollinwood), Brian Castleton (Hollins), Frank Ogden (Derker), David Garnett (Derker), Peter Jackson (Robin Hill), W.K., David Wilding (Robin Hill). Reserves: Stephen Wildgoose (Derker), Victor Smith (Hollinwood).

The town team captain is Allan Hall.

Resounding early wins carried club through



Up goes Duffy (Athletic), but Rochdale's centre-half, Glover, managed to clear this corner-kick at Boundary Park last Saturday in the goal-less draw.

ROCHDALE SUNDAY SCHOOLS LEAGUE LITTLEBOROUGH PARISH ARE RUNNERS-UP

LITTLEBOROUGH PARISH made sure of the runners-up position in "A" Division by beating Norden YCOB at Norden last Saturday. They followed this with a home win over Wardle Parish on Monday night and have actually finished with a four-point advantage over the third team in the table, Sacred Heart. Littleborough's game with Wardle completed the league games for the season.

Last Saturday night's Timpson Cup final between Shawforth, the holders, and Wardle Parish on Rochdale AFC ground ended in a draw and was to be replayed on Bright's ground last night.

This is the third season in succession that the original game has been drawn. When Shawforth took the lead through Muldowney midway through the second half they looked sure of retaining the cup as they were well on top and had the advantage of the wind and rain at their backs. Wardle had almost given it up when a breakaway two minutes from the end caught the Shawforth defence spreadeagled and Halton had a simple task in scoring the equalizer.

The Gordon Harvey Cup final on Whittle's ground on Wednesday evening was in direct contrast to Saturday's Timpson Cup final, Littleborough Parish Reserves opening the scoring in the third minute and dominating the game. They eventually defeated Norden YCOB Reserves 7—0. The younger Norden team were no match for their more experienced opponents. Littleborough's goals were scored by their two full-backs M. Crossley and B. Crossley and all the forwards, Emmerson, Rawlinson, Tooth, Stott and Tattersall.

The Sportmanship Cup has been won by Milnrow Parish and the Aggregate Cup is retained by Shawforth whose first team have won the league championship and their Reserve team finished runners-up in the Reserve division.

As Shawforth have already won the Coronation Cup a win in the replayed Timpson Cup final would

give them the treble of league championships; Timpson and Coronation Cup winners and they would share with Heywood St. James's the distinction of being the only two clubs in the league's history to perform this feat.

FINAL LEAGUE TABLES

A DIVISION										
	P	W	L	D	F	A	Pts			
Shawforth	24	22	1	1	123	27	45			
Littleboro' Par.	24	18	3	3	126	42	39			
Sacred Heart	24	16	5	3	86	46	35			
Bright's	24	15	6	3	96	56	33			
St. Aidan's	24	10	8	6	54	63	26			
Milton	24	9	9	6	81	87	24			
Norden YCOB	24	8	9	7	76	77	23			
Wardle Par.	24	8	12	4	72	76	20			
YMCA Old Boys	24	7	14	3	66	80	17			
Heywood St. James	24	6	15	3	43	91	15			
Langhead	24	4	17	3	51	127	11			
All Saints	24	2	22	0	32	128	4			

B DIVISION										
	P	W	L	D	F	A	Pts			
Whittle's	26	22	2	2	138	43	46			
Facit Par.	26	17	8	1	79	57	35			
N'wh'y St Thomas	26	15	7	4	92	74	34			
St. Gabriel's	26	16	9	1	89	73	33			
Milnrow Par.	26	14	9	3	82	49	31			
St. Patrick's	26	14	10	2	77	68	30			
Thornham	26	13	10	3	106	64	29			
Th'nham St James	26	11	14	1	68	82	26			
Cutgate Bapts.	26	11	15	0	75	92	22			
St. Peter's	26	9	15	2	71	108	20			
West St. Bapts.	26	7	17	2	55	95	16			
Buckley Hall	26	7	18	1	70	116	15			
Spotland Meths.	26	4	16	6	53	97	14			
Syke Meths.	26	5	18	3	59	127	13			

RESERVE DIVISION										
	P	W	L	D	F	A	Pts			
St. Aidan's	22	19	3	0	138	40	38			
Shawforth	22	18	3	1	130	48	37			
Littleboro' Par.	22	18	4	0	120	35	36			
Bright's	22	17	5	0	127	61	34			
Milnrow Par.	22	10	9	3	72	89	23			
Facit Par.	22	10	10	2	74	86	20			
Norden YCOB	22	8	12	2	68	102	18			
Wardle Par.	22	7	12	3	55	75	17			
YMCA Old Boys	22	7	12	3	63	95	17			
Sacred Heart	22	6	14	2	57	100	14			
Castlemere OB	22	3	18	1	53	166	7			
N'wh'y St Thomas	22	0	19	3	21	114	3			



Neale (Athletic) and Jones, Rochdale's goalkeeper, leap to a fruitless corner at Boundary Park last Saturday.

ROCHDALE'S campaign is virtually summed up in looking at the results of the first and last games. The season started with an exhilarating 4—2 win at Mansfield; it ended with a depressing 4—1 defeat at Halifax.

Rochdale, in fact, gained national Third Division status by their form in the first half of the season—during 1957. And that is fitting, for 1957 was the club's Jubilee Year.

There were many sceptics at the start when the club's ability to make the top-12 was discussed. As late as March 15 it looked very much as if the sceptics were going to have to eat their words, for on that date Rochdale moved into fourth position in the table. But the rot set in and not one of the last 11 games was won.

It was remarkable, as the tension built up over that period when six away games had to be played in the last seven, how Rochdale continually seemed to be wanting the odd point to put things right.

The vital one proved to be that obtained at Boundary Park. And so in the end 46 points proved sufficient. Last season 48 points left Rochdale in 13th position!

Resounding wins with many goals to spare were the highlights of the season, and few will forget those centre-forward sharp-shooting performances which gave Jim Dailey five against Hartlepool United in a 7—0 win, and Dave Pearson four in a 5—1 defeat of Halifax Town. What happened to the team in the last 11 matches it is difficult to say.

Was it the high average age of the team showing its effect when it came to playing two games a week at the conclusion of a strenuous season? Figures disprove this assumption, although it is firmly held.

Old brigade held firm

A glance at the scores shows that the defence with a higher average age than the attack in any match—and not taking the goal-keeping position into consideration—was the section which finally carried the club over the last obstacle to national Third Division status.

The five points Rochdale obtained out of the last 22 fought for were all obtained with draws, and in those five draws the defence conceded only two goals. Obviously, the attack only scored twice.

The true fact seems to be that a combination of off-form finishing and gradually lowered confidence reduced Rochdale's match-winning attack to a dithering shadow of its former self.

In addition, of course, was the absence through injury or illness of Moran, Vizard and Pearson from many of the matches, and the bad luck which always dogs teams having a bad time.

Call for new blood

The nerve-racking finish, however, should not cause supporters to ignore what went on before. That must have been good, or the team could never have stood such

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a long losing run and still reached the top-12.

Next season, however, there will have to be new blood infused into the team, or Rochdale will be taking a quick dive down to the Fourth Division. I know what the team needs; so do supporters, and (though the latter might be surprised) so do Harry Catterick and the Rochdale directors. Where does the money come from to do it, however?

Better home 'gates'

All games except friendly matches are included in these tables:—

Season	Total home Att'n'd'ces	Total gross receipts	Average home att'n'd'ce
*1949-50	200,295	£14,981	9,104
1953-54	121,791	£11,520	5,908
1954-55	185,192	£15,555	6,356
1955-56	127,389	£12,047	4,718
1956-57	146,560	£14,138	6,106
1957-58	156,923	£15,050	6,277

*Record attendance. Only 42 League games.

Average gross receipts for all home games: £610 (last season £591).

Average home attendance for League games only: 6,379 (6,281).

Total home League gates: 146,733 (1956-57) 144,474 (1955-56), 111,162.

Total away League gates: 181,492 (183,042) Receipts approx. £17,620 (£18,150).

Average away attendance: 7,391 (7,358). Receipts approx. £766 (£790).

Highest home gate: Bury (League, Oct. 5): 18,896 (receipts £1,907—record for a League game).

Highest away gate: Accrington Stanley (League, Sept. 2): 14,400.

Lowest home gate (with exception of Lancashire Senior Cup): Chester (Easter Saturday): 3,275 (£501).

LEAGUE RECORD

	P	W	L	D	F	A	Pts
Home	23	14	4	5	50	25	32
Away	23	5	4	14	29	42	14

CUP RECORD

	P	W	L	D	F	A	Pts
F.A. Cup	1	0	0	1	0	2	0
L.S. Cup	1	0	0	1	0	2	0

Appearances and goalscorers in the above 48 games:—

APPEARANCES: Ferguson, 48; Grant, 46; Meyer, Lockhart, 42; Wainwright, 39; McGuigan, 35; Jones, 33; Dailey, 30; Moran, 28; Pearson, Vizard, 26; McCulloch, 25; McGlennan, Rudman, 23; Green, 15; McCready, 13; Devlin, 11; Spencer, 7; Dryburgh, 6; Wallace, 3; Torrance, Newall, 2; Barber, Brown, Parr, 1. Total players, 25 (last season 30).

GOALSCORERS: Dailey 19, (3 pens.); Pearson, 13; Lockhart, 11; Moran, 9; Wainwright, 9 (2 pens.); Vizard, 6; Green, 3; Grant, 2; Ferguson, 2 (one pen.); Rudman, McGlennan, McGuigan, Devlin and Bushby (Scunthorpe) 1. Total goals, 79. Dailey also scored six goals for Workington.

One friendly match was played, at Walsall, and was lost 3—1, Vizard scoring for Rochdale.

ROCHDALE KEEP 24 PLAYERS

BILL McCULLOCH and Harold Rudman, who have shared the left full-back position at Spotland this season, have not been retained by Rochdale. The retained list includes 24 names.

Only 14 full-time professionals are kept, together with five part-timers and four in the Forces. Tucker, also included, has not played for most of the season following a difference with the club. The lists are:

RETAINED: Aspden, Brown, Bodell, Dailey, Ferguson, Glover, Grant, Green, Heyes, Jones, Lord, Lockart, Molloy, Mulvoy, Moran, McGuigan, McGlennan, McCready, Pearson, Spencer, Vizard, Wainwright, Wallace and Tucker.

OPEN TO TRANSFER: McCulloch, Newall, Rudman, Torrance, Barber, Duff, Parr.

FREE TRANSFER: Dryburgh.

Dennis Adams, South Africa holder of the Empire flyweight title is on his way to Britain after receiving "an urgent cable" from his London agent promising a world title fight against Pascual Perez Argentina, in Glasgow next month!

For the record

	P.	W.	D.	L.	Pts.
League games	38	17	1	20	35
Cup games	7	4	0	3	—
Totals	45	21	1	23	35

	For	Against
League games	89	96
Cup games	14	9
Totals	103	105

SCORING AVERAGE: Hornets 11.6 points a match against opponents' 17. Last season 13 and 17.

TRY SCORERS: R Buxton 23, A Ralph 21, N Short 13, A Taylor 7, J Chisnall 6, J Fishwick 5, D Smith 4, M Tierney 4, L Jones 3, R Bailey 3, E Cahill 3, J Gill 3, W Hanson 2, G Parsons 2, F Corsi 1, J Lawrenson 1, J Parr 1, A Scholes 1, R Birchall 1, T Horrocks 1.

GOAL SCORERS: L Jones 80, D Smith 11, G Kelly 5, M Tierney 5, P Richardson 1, R Buxton 1.

APPEARANCES (45 games): J Fishwick 43, R Buxton 41, J Chisnall 39, E Cahill 39, G Parsons 37, L Jones 36, N Short 36, R Bailey 34, A Scholes 33, A. Ralph 32, W Hanson 23, R Dagnall 20, G Kelly 19, K Livesey 18, J Gill 16, E Bowden 16, J Parr 15, D Smith 14, T Horrocks 10, F Corsi 8, A Taylor 7, G Unsworth 6, M Baxter 5, M Tierney 5, J Lawrenson 4, E Trumble 4, J Mullane 3, B McNally 3, W Appleton 2, W Sheridan 2, R Birchall 2, Jennings 2, Stevenson 2, W Woach 1, H Lill 1, P Richardson 1, R Hollis 1.

ATTENDANCE FIGURES
Total spectators at all 1956-7 1957-8
home games (23) 128,133 87,568
Total receipts at all

Team strengthening is next in importance

A HORNETS defeat at Warrington on Wednesday was expected, but no one thought that they would have a cricket score of 61 points rattled up against them in the concluding fixture of the season. The humiliation pointed out clearly the need for better reserve strength—a want which showed itself almost as clearly at other stages of an up-and-down sort of campaign. With all the players available during the vital period of the Challenge Cup competition, the limited resources were not as ominous as they have since become.

The directors are to be complimented on framing a policy, and sticking to it, and now that they have achieved something quite commendable in one direction some cash ought to be available for team strengthening. Their policy was to establish the club on a sounder footing financially with the aid of the Supporters' Club 100-a-week

home games	£14,105	£9,239
Average attendance all games	5,569	4,378
Average receipts all home games	£613	£461
Average attendance all league games	4,639	4,253
Average receipts home league games	£489	£444

For the six cup ties played by Hornets at home and on other grounds, there were 83,525 spectators (average gate 13,921) and £12,451 receipts (average £2,075).

Five-season gate comparison (all matches): 1957-8, 5,569 (£613); 1956-7, 4,378 (£461); 1955-6, 7,460 (£737); 1954-55, 8,852 (£751); 1953-4, 8,792 (£704).

In the HORNETS' NEST by Touchjudge

contribution and the relief gained by the ending of entertainment tax.

The full effects of their effort cannot be made known until the shareholders' annual meeting a few weeks before next season starts, but I have been assured that fine progress has been made, and that creditors are now very few. The balance-sheet will also show what effect income from the semi-finals has had on improving the figures.

Popular side supporters will also be anxious to learn what is being done about ground improvements on the railway side. The preliminary work of draining has been carried out, and I understand that the ground committee, consisting of directors and Supporters' Club officials, intends to have at least one further section of the popular

side covered by the time next season starts.

This has been promised so often in the past that it now seems too good to be true, even though details have been thoroughly gone into with a firm of steel erectors.

In compiling the appended club records I was surprised to find that the average attendance this season are up on last, but the gain is very slight regarding league games. The figures are boosted by the run in the Cup competition. I commented during the season on the magnetism of Cup football compared with the apathy shown for League matches, and this can now be seen more clearly.

The club has never enjoyed income from Cup gates to the extent of this season. Taking into account all six Cup games, (home or away) in which the Hornets have had a share there have been average attendances of nearly 14,000 and average receipts of just above £2,000.

A "Buxton is not for sale" notice was put up at the Athletic Grounds this week following colleague W. D.'s reference last Saturday to Oldham's interest in the Hornets' wingman. And, according to chairman, Mr. Arthur Walker, that goes for other Hornets players, too. At this end it is good to hear so plain a statement, because to open next season optimistically Hornets need all the players they have, and a few more.

Buxton is one of the most improved players in the league, and he and John Fishwick get the

laurels I award to individual members of the team. There is a "well done," too, for Alan Scholes for his wholehearted forward play. Top marks for George Parsons and for Jim Parr, and a pat on the back, but not too hard after all the knocks he has taken, for John Chisnall.

Next Tuesday evening rugby fans will roll up Milnrow Road for the last time this season to the Geoff Kelly benefit match. Geoff Kelly's popularity has already been proved among the players he has played with and against—volunteers are still rolling in. Now it is up to the public to ensure him the reward he deserves for ten years' loyal service to the club.

Rochdale Midweek Cricket League

Milton won by one run

"A" SECTION
Smithies SC 40 Milton Congs. 41

In this match, a thriller as predicted, Milton won the toss and batted first. Only Ashworth (22) reached double figures. He batted very well, opening the innings and being eighth out. Jones carried on where he left off last season for Smithies with six wickets for 20. In reply, Smithies were soon in trouble and not one reached double figures. When Lord went in last three were wanted with four overs to go. However, he did not repeat last year's effort and was run out trying to steal a single to level the scores. A feature of the match was the brilliant wicket-keeping of O'Boyle, newly signed by Smithies, who stumped four and shared two run-outs. L. Foster (Milton) bowled well (5 for 22).

Brierley, Collier & Hartley 86—3
Observer 71—2

In this high-scoring match, BCH batted first (12 overs)—C. Aughey (37 not out), J. Barber (22), G. Broadbent (12). Observer made a spirited reply, G. Frain (24), D. Mottram (17 not out) and K. Wood (13).

Bright's RC 70—6
F. Smith (Whit.) Ltd. 71—8

In this exciting match, Bright's (last year's champions) batted first. Taylor (22 not out), Walsh (12 not out), Morris (12) led the way. In reply, Smith's were indebted to F. Rudd, who opened the innings and made a brilliant 37. For Bright's Walsh bowled well to take 5 for 33. Hy. Whittle's SC v. Whipp and Bourne's SC—Cancelled.

"B" SECTION
Birch Hill SC 89—6, Newbold Baptists 59—6.

Batting first Birch Hill were indebted to H. Hopkinson (34), B. Saville (26) and extras (13). In reply G. Collinge (17) and R. Finnigan (16) lacked support.

Clarion CC 50—6, Ormerods SC 53—5.

J. Wood opened for Clarion and played a grand innings of 26 not out. G. Sutcliffe (16 not out) and A. Beckett (14) led Ormerods' reply.

West St. Baptists 39—7, E. Wrigley and Sons 42—6.

West Street were handicapped with only eight men. T. E. Buckley (16) and C. Kay (11) did well. For Wrigley and Sons (their first match in the league) N. Simmonds bowled well—five wickets for 6 runs.

Kelsall, Kemp CC 83—6, F. S. Ratcliffe SSC 77—8.

Kelsall Kemp.—W. K. Morgan, 22 not out, E. Tootell 21, T. Preston 16 not out, J. Crossley 12. F. S. Ratcliffe (first match in the league) went for the runs but L. Jones (32) and J. Wood (21) lacked support.

Midland CC 48, Holroyd's GCD 80—6.

Holroyd's made a very good start to the season. J. Lynch (44) played a brilliant innings, backed up by G. Webster (13). In reply, Midland fared badly against G. Webster (five wickets for 16), and only J. Cooper (13) reached double figures.

Thieves broke into the golf clubhouse at Walton Heath, Surrey—where the final of the English Amateur Golf Championship was being decided today—during the night and stole three trophies on display in the lounge.

THESE 'COLLIERS' HAVE A GRAND RECORD

Recalling days of 'Gentleman Jim' and company

THE Wigan Rugby League club is one of the most famous in the world and the town is looked upon as a hotbed of rugby, but once this same town could not support the club and it faded from the scene.

The original Wigan RFC was formed in 1872, just about one year after the formation of the Rugby Union. Up to 1876 it carried on but then it was saved from dissolution by an amalgamation with Upholland. Ever since the inhabitants of Upholland have always boasted that Wigan could not run a team by themselves and had to go to Upholland to keep the banner flying.

The first game in 1872 following the formation of the club by the members of the Wigan Cricket Club was against Warrington after the players had had half-a-dozen practice games. On that day the team was Kyrke (captain), Blakeney, Bromilow, Hughes, Sayer, Souther, Tarbuck, Wilson, Woodcock, Hayes, Sayer, jun., Clare, H. Wall, W. Wall and Walker.

Other games in that first season were with Southport, Ormskirk and Bolton. The following season saw Wigan arrange matches with Manchester, Preston, Liverpool, Swinton, Warrington, Bolton and Southport.

In 1877 the club cancelled its games following a series of injuries to players and not until two years later did the present club arise.

The Wasps' club

The young men who had taken an interest in football were called to a meeting and the Wigan Wasps club was formed at a meeting in the Dicconson Arms. The ground was in Upper Dicconson Street. By 1886 the club moved to Prescott Street and it was on that ground that the Maoris played two years later.

The first time that Wigan appeared on the Oldham fixture card was in 1885-6 when Oldham won the first game at home but lost away. In seasons 1889-90 and 1890-1 the two clubs did not meet, but apart from that period the clubs have always had fixtures, excepting for one year in the First World War when Oldham closed down.

Gradually the Wigan club became powerful. First of all it became the leading club in the district after a long battle for supremacy with Aspull, a local village side.

As Rugby Union developed and professionalism crept in, Wigan became involved through signing a player named Miles. Salford said that he should have been one of

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their players and they accused Wigan of paying 30s. a week to the player. The upshot was that Wigan were suspended for professionalism from November, 1894, to February, 1895. This, along with two or three other cases, led to the eventual breakaway of the clubs who formed the Northern Union a few weeks later.

In the first season of professional football, Wigan had among their professionals: Unsworth, Rigby, Webster, Brown, Perkins, Yates, Blackburn, Benson, McNamara, Derbyshire and Prescott. The term "professional" might be a little misleading, because for the first three years of the Northern Union, the maximum payment for players was 6s. per match.

From Prescott Street, the club moved to Springfield Park for a season in 1901 and next made the great move to Central Park, where the first game was against Batley and the home side won by fourteen points to eight before a crowd bordering on 8,000.

'Gentleman Jim'

Not until "Gentleman Jim" Leytham was signed from Morecambe was any real progress made by the club. Leytham was a brilliant winger and became a regular player for Lancashire and England. He was joined at Central Park by Bert Jenkins, a Lancashire and Welsh player, and the two of them made a real impact upon the game. They were prolific scorers and Bert himself scored almost 200 tries for the club. By 1909 "Gentleman Jim" had scored his thousandth point for the club.

It was said in Wigan that Oldham gave Leytham a trial but turned him down as he was not good enough. Wigan only paid £10 for him.

Another connection with Oldham was a young Cumberland County player, Joseph Coulthard, who on his last visit with the Oldham club this season was greeted with "Welcome Home" by the Wigan directors, much to the surprise of one or two players who did not

know much about the playing career of Oldham's acting vice-president.

Since the advent of Leytham and Jenkins, the Wigan story has been one succession of great footballing stars appearing with distinction with the team. The first New Zealand Northern Union tourists brought the celebrated Lance Todd to the ranks of the club and when he asked for a transfer there was a town's meeting held in protest.

Dick Ramsdale, a local, was one of the best forwards to be associated with the club and he was the first Wigan forward to go on a tour of Australia and New Zealand.

Johnny Thomas, the great Welsh half-back, was wanted and he preferred to leave Maesteg for Cardiff where he electrified the fans there in his first and last game for he immediately signed for Wigan. His subsequent career was a succession of honours playing for Great Britain, Wales and Lancashire.

The greatest star

Joe Miller, Gomer Gunn, Massa Johnson, Charlie Seeling (the New Zealander), George Hesketh (one of my boyhood heroes at 'Sheddings'), A. P. Coldrick, Gwyn Thomas, Dodger Owens, Sid Jerram, Danny Hurcombe and many others were great stars for the "Colliers," but the greatest came as a youth of about 17.

Jim Sullivan was about 17½ when he first played at Central Park and before he retired he had won every honour open to him. His goalkicking was methodical and scientific and his linking up with his threequarters was wonderful. For some reason or other he never played really well for Wigan at Oldham, and he was none too successful with his goalkicking, especially at the Penny Rush end of the ground.

It was his exploitation of kicking goals from marks that caused that aspect of the game to be abolished. Marks may still be made but goals cannot be kicked from them.

The initiative of the board of directors in signing men from abroad took a new turn when South Africa was raided and Van Heerden became perhaps the most famous. Anyone old enough to remember the 1924 Cup final at Rochdale will delight to recall how he dodged under a mounted policeman's horse to score a try, although the try was against our own club.

Front row (left to right): Dennis Viollet, inside-left; Ernie Taylor, inside-right; Bill Foulkes, right-back and captain; Colin Webster, outside-left; and Bobby Charlton, centre-forward.

Mr. Don Ferguson, LTAA president, said last night: "Anderson knows our policy and if he wants to withdraw from the team that is up to him." Anderson would not be replaced.



FINAL LEAGUE POSITIONS

North Chadderton Social 168, Hollinwood CC 162. North Chadderton scores first: E Gee 21 (1), F Owen 11; A Chadderton 5, N Lees 21 (1); H Ashworth 21 (1), H Hardy 11; J Stringer 21 (1), F Smith 15; J Burtonwood 8, J Broome 21 (1), G Beever 21 (1), H Owen 9, G Rowley 15; J Needham 21 (1); H Lockett 18, H Yearn 21 (1), R Walker 20, C Midwood 21 (1); J Cross 21 (1), G Gower 11.

Oldham C&B 193, Clarksfield CC 158. Oldham scores first: J Garnett 21 (1), E Pickering 14; J Filtcroft 21 (1), W Altham 19; Jack Heywood 21 (1), B Burdidge 16; W Keen 21 (1), L Robinson 17; A Bewick 21 (1),

20, J Ramsden 18; J Howarth 21 (1), W Eaglen 21 (1); J Howarth 21 (1); F Hilton 21 (1); J Ramsden 7.
 Summit 187, Church Inn (rec. 10)
 Old- Summit scores first: S Lee 21 (1), E
 19; 18; W Eaglen 21 (1), H Bradbury 1
 Ken- Holmes 21 (1), T Wood 18; R Holmes 21
 (1), T Williams 20; H Rawson 21 (1), J See

182. J. Russen 12; A. Russell 12; J. Kershaw 21 (1), F Boffey 14.
183. H. Chadderton Reform 169, Chadderton C (rec. 10) 208. Reform scores first: N 8; E Clarke 21 (1); A Wilkinson 9, W 21 (1); G Paulden 13, L Clough 21 (1); Lees 9, J Foden 21 (1); G Fielding 21 (1); R Butler 20; S Pilkington 21 (1), R T 17; O Meadows 16, G Taylor 21 (1); D 16; J. Barton 21 (1).

	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.
Brighton	46	24	12	10	...	88
Brentford	46	24	10	12	...	82
Bury	46	26	8	13	...	67
Swindon	46	21	15	10	...	79
Reading	46	21	13	12	...	79
S'thampton	46	22	10	14	...	112
Norwich	46	19	15	12	...	75
Southend	46	20	12	13	...	81
B'rmouth	46	21	14	14	...	64
Queens Pk.	46	17	14	15	...	73
Newport	46	17	13	16	...	77
Colchester	46	19	6	20	...	84
N'thampton	46	15	13	18	...	70
Crystal Palace ..	46	16	10	20	...	67
Portsmouth	46	13	16	17	...	59
Windsor	46	16	10	21	...	49
Shrewsbury	46	12	16	18	...	69
Alldershot	46	13	13	20	...	61
Coventry	46	14	9	23	...	61
Walsall	46	11	13	24	...	52
Torquay	46	13	9	26	...	63
Gillingham	46	11	9	26	...	57
Millwall	46	11	9	26	...	57
Exeter City	46	11	9	26	...	57

Rattles and bells, top hats and rosettes—all made for Wembley TICKETLESS SUN BEAMS ON CUP FINAL

B RILLIANT sunshine and blue skies greeted early arrivals at Wembley. But a strong breeze stiffened the host of flags flying from the domes and towers of the great stadium.

The first rattles and bells sported at the stadium were in the proud possession of four United girls, from Failsforth.

The happy quartet were Elsie Austin, Sylvia Lightfoot, Mary Dean and May Newton. To their hand-knitted red and white caps and scarves were pinned tiny framed photographs of the Manchester players.

"We never miss a match and wouldn't swap our tickets for the earth," said Elsie, as she swung her rattle in the face of a ticket tout. She forecast a 4-3 victory for United.

THE MANCHESTER UNITED TEAM ARRIVED AT THEIR HOTEL IN WEYBRIDGE, SURREY, LATE LAST NIGHT, AND AFTER RECREATION, INCLUDING TABLE TENNIS AND BILLIARDS, WENT TO BED JUST AFTER 11.

Their party of 20 had a light breakfast of toast and cheese in bed today. In one's and two's the party walked round the golf course in the hotel grounds and were later lunching on steak, toast, rice pudding and tea.

First outside the turnstiles of the terraces was an Italian mechanic, Pasqua Serapiglia, of Ramsey Road, Forest Gate, London, E., wearing a huge Manchester United red and white rosette.

'MY HEART BEATS FOR UNITED'

"I have no ticket," he said, "but my heart beats so strongly for the United that I had to come and just hope that I am able to get in. I have supported them ever since I saw them play in Italy many years ago, and go to as many of their matches as possible.

Another ticketless United supporter was Eddie Smith, from Sale. He arrived at the stadium after an all-night ride on his motor-cycle with two other motor-cyclists, Ralph Brownell, of Old Trafford, and Roy Barnett, of Hyde.

"We have followed the United on these machines everywhere," said Ralph—the only one of the trio with a ticket. "I could have sold it in Manchester for £10 a dozen times, and it only cost me 3s. 6d., he said.

THE WHITE AND BLUE FAVOURS OF BOLTON'S SUPPORTERS WERE SLOW TO EMERGE, BUT AMONG THE DAWN ARRIVALS WERE MR. AND MRS. THOMAS MASSEY, OF TONGE MORE ROAD, BOLTON, WHO MADE THE JOURNEY IN A SMALL VAN.

The first of 26 Midland Region special trains from Manchester and Bolton reached Euston during the small hours and soon the station and its precincts were alive with men, women and teenagers sporting the red and white of Manchester United or the black and white of Bolton.

Almost everyone had a rosette and some wore top hats with team colours. As they made for refreshment rooms and cafes they tested out rattles and bells which were later to resound at Wembley.

Ticket touts were among those who greeted the Northern fans as they streamed from the platforms at Euston.

Tables had been placed in the great hall at Euston Station where breakfast was served from five o'clock this morning.

SANDWICHES AND PIES GALORE

The Bolton Wanderers players relaxed at their London headquarters with a game of cricket. And to make sure there were no casualties, they used a tennis ball. All the 11 were reported fit.

Fifteen thousand extra sandwiches, and 5,000 extra pies and

sausage rolls were taken to Euston, St. Pancras and Marylebone to feed the 25,000 spectators expected to arrive at the three stations.

The Manchester team will leave Euston at 3 p.m. tomorrow and Bolton travel on Monday afternoon. Despite the efforts to check the traffic in tickets, open auctions were held along all roads leading to the stadium. The highest bid recorded for a 3s. 6d. terrace ticket was £9. Stand tickets changed hands for never less than £20.

The police broke up the groups of sellers wherever they caused an obstruction.

SEWELL ONE UP IN GOLF FINAL

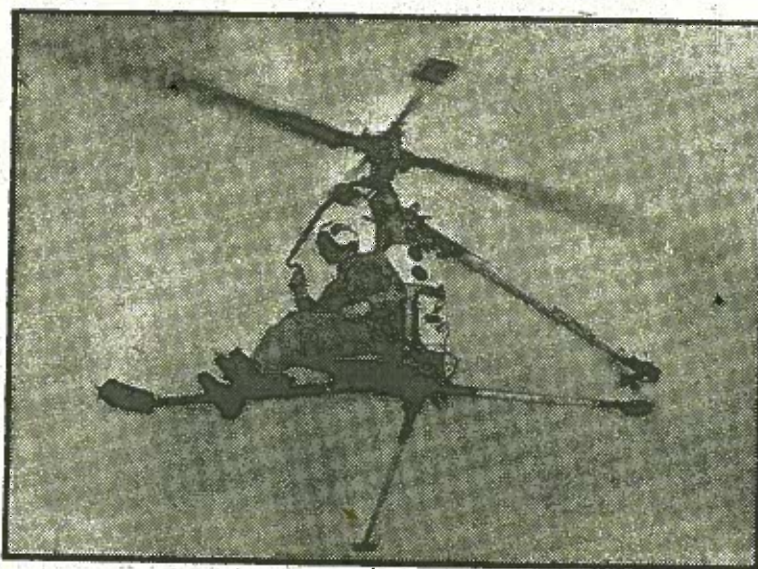
DOUGLAS SEWELL the Hook Heath artisan and Walker Cup player, was one up on David Proctor, 30, an oil salesman from Rhodesia, at the end of the first round in the 36-hole final of the English Amateur Golf Championship at Walton Heath, Surrey, today.

The match was a close, relentless struggle without colour and the 18 holes took three hours 25 minutes to play.

Proctor was one up at the ninth but matters were all square after 14 holes. Then Sewell, the favourite, won 15th and 16th but lost the 18th when he over-clubbed his second shot. Police stopped traffic on a main road while he played his recovery over it. Sewell was round in 76 to 79.

St. Paul's anniversary

St. Paul's Methodist Church, Rochdale Road, Shaw, are to celebrate their anniversary next weekend, and not this weekend as stated in this morning's Crompton and Royton Chronicle.



YOU have an urgent appointment or you just want to "drop in" on friends—then the aerial scooter is just the thing. The revolutionary little flying machine is pictured during a demonstration at Issy-les-Moulineaux, France. It has a cruising speed of 30 miles an hour. P.A.-Reuter photograph

Broke lap record

TEXAN WINS AT SILVERSTONE

MASTEN GREGORY, the tall Texan driver, won the big sports car race in a Lister-Jaguar at the Silverstone International meeting today. His average speed of 99.54 miles an hour was faster than the previous sports car lap record of 98.48.

Second was Archie Scott Brown in another Lister-Jaguar, followed by Mike Hawthorn in the new V-6 Ferrari, with an engine developed from the grand prix car. Stirling Moss, in a new three-litre Aston Martin, retired after 14 laps when in fourth place.

During the production touring car race a Riley driven by Peter Taylor and a Sunbeam Rapier driven by H. Brierley touched after they had gone side by side round a bend.

Brierley's car went off the track into a ditch. Taylor spun and immediately began to overturn. A crowd of several thousand in the grandstand saw it do a double somersault in mid-air and then crash down on to its near-side.

Taylor was thrown out of the off-side doors and flew ten feet into the air. Ambulance men ran to Brierley's car, but he had climbed out unhurt and waved them on to Taylor.

'RENOUNCE H-BOMB' VIGIL

P LACARDS calling for renunciation of the H-bomb and for the release of the crew of the American ketch, *Golden Rule*, arrested for trying to stop American nuclear tests at Eniwetok, were paraded past the United States Embassy in Grosvenor Square, London, today.

Six men and five women started a 24-hour vigil by walking round the Square with their placards, watched by a large number of police.

The "vigil" has been organised by the Direct Action Committee Against Nuclear War.

The vigil will consist of three-hour shifts lasting until 8 a.m. tomorrow.

Among those taking part are Canon L. John Collins, Precentor of St. Paul's Cathedral, Dr. Donald Soper, former President of the Methodist Conference, the Rev. Michael Scott, three Americans and Mr. Harold Steele.

White-haired Mr. Steele is the Quaker who planned to join a Japanese "peace navy" and sail into the Christmas Island area during the British nuclear tests last year.

The secretary of the committee, Miss Pat Arrowsmith, explained today: "This is not a protest against Americans as such."

She said that on Tuesday the committee would send a deputation to the Embassy.

PC drove tractor through flames

A Chadderton policeman smashed his way into a blazing wooden building late on Friday night and drove a diesel tractor out of the inferno inside. Then he stopped a passing motorist and sent him to raise the alarm.

PC Malcolm Dodd was on patrol when he saw flames coming from the premises of a firm of paper balers in Walsh Street, Chadderton. Breaking into the building, he spotted the tractor amid the flames, and drove it out.

A lorry also garaged in the building was gutted. Lancashire County Fire Brigade fought the fire until the early hours of this morning, but could not prevent serious damage to the building.

Dynamite found in streets

Huddersfield CID are investigating the discovery of several sticks of dynamite and electrically-fired detonators in side streets near Upperhead Row, a short distance from the town centre.

They were found during a search after a policeman on his beat had noticed one of the sticks—said to look rather like raspberry lollipops—in the gutter.

World amateur title Eisenhower trophy for golf team

T HE trophy to be presented to the winning team in the inaugural World Amateur Golf Championship at St. Andrews, in October will be named after President Eisenhower.

This was announced in Washington last night when about 50 World Amateur Golf Council delegates from 36 countries met the President during their US visit to arrange details of the tournament in Scotland.

Mr. Eisenhower, talking to the delegates on the White House lawn, suggested that a number of "duffers" (high-handicap golfers) should be permitted to play in the tournament. He said that in every tournament in which he had played, the "hot-shot golfers" always showed up and left no room for the "duffers."

Later, however, one executive director of the US Golf Association, Mr. Joseph Day, said that it would not be possible to adopt Mr. Eisenhower's suggestion. "Plans have already advanced too far," he declared.

A major problem

Mr. Day also said that countries had so many high-handicap golfers that selection would be a major problem.

The 72-hole tournament, for teams only, will be contested by three or four amateurs from each country. The lowest three cards for each team will count in each round.

The council decided that teams should be restricted, except if impractical, when players normally residents of that country would be permitted to compete.

Split decision

GERMAN GAVE ARCHIE MOORE A GOOD FIGHT

ARCHIE MOORE, the world light-heavyweight champion, fought his 200th fight when outpointing German heavyweight Willi Besmanoff on a split decision in a ten-round contest last night at Louisville, Kentucky.

Moore (14st. 11lb.), compared with Besmanoff's 13st. 9lb.) had to rally in the closing rounds to gain the verdict. One judge scored the bout 49-45 in Moore's favour, and the other 47-43. The referee had Besmanoff ahead 45-44.

Moore scored the only knock-down just as the bell ended round three. There was no time to start a count. Besmanoff had been ahead up to this point, and in the seventh round he puffed up Moore's left eye. But Moore put in a strong finish to earn the decision.

After the bout Moore said: "If Floyd Patterson refuses to fight me again, I'm going to try to smoke out Sugar Ray Robinson. When Ray gets down to his last 100,000 dollars, maybe he'll fight me for the light-heavyweight title."

WRIGHT CHARITY CUP IN LAST STAGE

The final stages of the Wright Charity Football Cup are played at Crompton Cricket Club's ground next week. The first semi-final is played on Tuesday between the Coach and Horses (Rochdale) or A. and A. Crompton's and Austerland's Institute or Hollinwood A.H. Stars.

The second semi-final on Wednesday is: Edge Lane Methodist or Haggate Lads v. Osram GEC or Shiloh Spinners. The final will be played on Friday. All matches kick-off at 6.45 p.m.

Schools football cup games on Wednesday

The finals of the Oldham Junior Schools Cup competition take place at Block Lane next Wednesday.

In the final of the Stanley Stretch trophy, the league champions, Alexandra, oppose St. Patrick's at 6 p.m., and the final of the Davies Cup, for the smaller schools, St. Stephen's play Birth House with a 1.0 p.m. kick-off.

Both cups will be presented to the winners by their donors.

Australian Soccer Results

NSW—First Division (S) North Shore 3, Auburn 0. Pyrmont 1, Sutherland 3. EFT 0, Balgownie 2. Corrimal v. Woonona, Granville v. Leichhardt, St. George v. Manly all playing Sunday. International match: Australia 2, Blackpool 5 (at Sydney).	
NSW—Second Division (S) Glebe v. Neerlandia, Artarmon v. University, Merrylands v. Toongabbie, Bondi v. Lansvale, all being played tomorrow.	
NSW—First Division (N) Awaba 2, Cardiff 3. Wallasey 6, Weston 1. Merewether 2, Adamstown 3. Eastlakes v. Mayfield, Blacksmiths v. Newcastle, Cessnock v. West Wallsend, all playing Monday.	
NSW—Second Division Nova 4, Drummoyne 2. Regents Park 4, Concordia 0. Lidcombe 7, Guildford 2. Condell Park 3, Blacktown 5. Polonia 1, Hellenic 0. West Dalmatinac v. Fairfield, result not yet available.	
NSW FEDERATION—First Division Bankstown 2, Concord 2. Canterbury 1, Auburn 1. Corrimal Un. 2, Prang 1. Hakoah 2, Villawood 0. Sydney Austral 1, Northside 5. Apia v. Gladesville, playing tomorrow.	
NSW FEDERATION—Second Division Undercliffe 3, St. George 3. White Eagles 2, Melita 0. Warriewood 1, Julia 6. St. Peter's 2, Budapest 5. Camperdown 1, Corinthians 9.	
QUEENSLAND—First Division Blackstone 0, Dinmore 3. Oxley 3, Easts 4. YMCA 2, Bundamba 2. Annerley 6, Thistle 1. St. Helens 4, Hellenic 1.	
QUEENSLAND—Second Division White Stars 2, Caledonians 4. Corinthians 7, Bulimba 1. Latrobe 2, Shafston 3. Graceville 3, Azzurri 6. Postal Institute 2, Merton 0.	
S. AUSTRALIA—First Division Pt. Adelaide 1, Beograd 1. Enfield 2, Juventus 6. Birkalla 2, Cumberland 5. Polonia 0, Budapest 0. Victoria 1, Lion 2.	
S. AUSTRALIA—Second Division Orange 3, West Torrens 0. Croatia 2, Mitcham 0. Nomads 0, Salisbury 6. Sturt 10, S. Adelaide 1. Edinburgh 4, Railway 0.	
VICTORIA STATE Wilhelmina 2, JUST 2. Juventus 1, Hakoah 0. Box Hill 5, Slavia 3. Moreland 0, Brighton 1. Geelong 0, Polonia 1. Hellenic 2, George Cross 3.	
VICTORIA—First Division (S) Park Rangers 1, Victoria Colts 2. S. Yara 3, Prahran 1. Richmond 3, Frankston 0. S. Melbourne 3, Melbourne 1 (abandoned after 86 minutes). Dandenong 1, Yarra Park 2.	
VICTORIA—First Division (N) Coburg 1, Sunshine City 3. Yallourn 1, Haydock 1 (match abandoned after 75 minutes). McCabi 2, Foots City 3. Sunshine Untd. 3, Brunswick 1.	
WEST AUSTRALIA CUP—First round Maccabeans 0, Windmills 10. Swan Ath. 3, Postal Inst. 0. Wexcombe 1, Caledonians 4. Vastese 6, Queens Park 1. St. Patrick's 0, Tricolore 6. Azzurri 6, Victoria Park 0. North Perth 11, Malayan Tigers 1. Cottlesloe 0, Emsu Rangers 2. Hollandia 1, Spearwood 9. S. Fremantle 6, Julia 0. East Claremont 1, Perth City 2. Shamrock 4, Canning 1. Kiew 0, Swan Valley 3. Auror 2, Fremantle 4. Melita 1, Athena 5. Cracovia 7, Olympic 2. S. Perth 12, Subiaco City 1. Medina a bye.	

At present there are 295 empty houses in Oldham with sufficient accommodation for 900 persons.



S. E. Lancs League

Who will be challengers next season?

THERE have been better Shield finals than the Chloride v. Urmston match played last Saturday evening, but I doubt if one ever had the ending this one had. I don't refer to the play, but to the weather. In the last five minutes players and officials had to contend with rain, snow, hailstones, thunder and lightning, plus almost total darkness—in fact, all of England's varied weather in five minutes.

The game was saved by the Ashton United floodlights, which just penetrated the driving elements. It was an exciting game, and, although Chloride won 4-1, Urmston put up a gallant fight and held the champions 1-all until the last half-hour of play. Urmston's lack of inside forwards was their failing, and it is the forward line which will have to receive close-season attention if the Chassen Road team are to offer serious challenge next season.

Better late than never must be the AVRO motto, for last Saturday they won their third game of the season when they beat Bardsley 3-1. Even so, they remain in bottom position for the third year running.

On Monday, Urmston saw the runners-up position slipping from their grasp when they lost 3-1 to CWS (Radcliffe). Urmston must now get four points from their two remaining matches against Prestwich and Bardsley, and hope that Marsden have lost to Block Lane last night.

The league can look back at a very successful season. Chloride have swept the board of all honours, for they also won the cup final 5-1 against Bardsley on Tuesday.

Despite this success, my team of the season is Prestwich Borough, who are continually being praised for the excellence of their performances. Chloride have a powerful committee and backing; Prestwich are just two or three men whose love of football sends them to search out and entice the promising young player into the team and encourage him to give of his best. Reward came when they became the first team to beat Chloride in a league match.

Where will next season's challenge come from? Amateur sides fluctuate each season, but I look to English Steel's team-building to pay dividends, to Bardsley's dislike of anywhere but the top, and, of course, to Prestwich Borough. The league have had some inquiries from new clubs, and every effort will be made to try and include any strong team with a first-class ground.

	P	W	D	L	Pts
Chloride	29	26	2	1	54
Marsden	29	20	3	6	43
Urmston	28	19	2	7	40
Dukinfield St. Mary	28	15	4	9	34
Prestwich Boro'	29	15	4	10	34
Robinson's Rec.	29	14	4	11	32
English Steel	29	14	3	12	31
CWS (Radcliffe)	29	14	2	13	30
Bardsley	29	13	3	13	29
Block Lane	29	12	3	14	27
Dukinfield Victoria	30	10	7	13	27
Ashton National	29	11	3	15	25
Heys	30	14	3	16	25
A. & A. Crompton's	30	8	4	18	20
Osram	29	3	4	22	10
Avro	30	3	3	24	9

CHLORIDE RECS., Champions and Shield and Cup winners in the S.E. Lancs. League.—Back row: A. Holmes (trainer), I. Cheadle, B. Lynch, T. Daley, B. Grundy, J. E. Smith, B. Allington. Front: E. Molyneux, L. Corfield, L. Horton (captain), T. Watkins, A. Daley.

Oldham Sunday Schools League EDGE LANE CARRY OFF DOUBLE HONOURS

THE winners and runners-up of both divisions have now been decided. To add to their Challenge Cup win, Edge Lane are also Division 1 champions. They had a clear 6-point lead over the runners-up, SS Aidan and Oswald.

This is St. Aidan's first season on their return to the League, and it looks as though they will be strong contenders for future honours.

George Street Methodists cannot be overtaken by any of their challengers and they are worthy champions of Division 2.

The struggle for runners-up position in this division culminated in a fighting finish between Springhead Congregationalists and Roundthorn Methodists, but Springhead got their noses in front to gain the honour.

DIVISION 1

Edge Lane Methodists 2

Eaves Lane Methodists 0

This was a real end-of-season game, with both teams experimenting and only playing at half speed.

St. Aidan's 4, Cowhill Methodists 0

St. Aidan's finished their programme with a good win over Cowhill Methodists. Cowhill appear to lack the sparkle of the early season and seemed to fade away in the later games.

DIVISION 2

Christ Church 2, St. Thomas, Lees 1

Had St. Thomas been able to field a full team they would have won quite easily. Christ Church were far too impetuous and had they played to the whistle and kept on side they could have won more handsomely.

Hollinwood Congregationalists 8

Edge Lane Reserves 3

Starting with only 8 players, Edge Lane had the advantage of the wind but did not use it and Hollinwood were able to cope quite

CHADDERTON SNOOKER GAMES

Shaw Road Cons. 359, Chadderton Cons. 344. Shaw Road scores first: J. Carrigan 81, R. Jones 68; G. Woodcock 80, F. Collier 64; H. Bradley 64, E. Haslam 48; J. Heap 57, A. Beard 82; J. Harrison 67, R. Parker 82.

Whist: Shaw Road 30, Chadderton 60.

Westwood Libs. 372, Chadderton Social 316.

Westwood scores first: S. Cooke 60, J. Doyle 50; J. Cooke 78, D. Bell 51; H. Wilkinson 73, T. Bell 88; T. Parkinson 94, A. Broome 62; G. Fletcher 69, R. Walker 65.

Whist: Westwood 54, Chadderton 45.

Platt's 399, Royton Cons. 291. Platt's scores first: H. Howarth 69, N. Porter 42; S. Willerton 80, H. Foster 65; J. Hardacre 73, W. Burgess 60; T. Midgley 82, H. Wright 70; H. Partington 86, S. Whittaker 54.

Whist: Platt's 60, Royton Cons. 42.

Nimble Nook 434, Chadderton Band Club 390. Nimble Nook scores first: J. Bell 93, W. Birtles 79; J. Brerley 66, R. Earnshaw 94; J. Jackson 103, F. Scarfe 48; H. Hargreaves 70, J. Meredith 77; O. Horton 102, S. Mills 92.

Whist: Nimble Nook 40, Chadderton 51.

Chadderton scores first: A. Whiteley 67, F. Dyson 72; J. Wilson 77, R. Berry 41; T. Nicholls 59, W. Taylor 54; J. Whittaker 103, F. Ellison 48; H. Howarth 92, S. Pope 50.

Whist: Chadderton 33, Lands End 55.

Cycling Club 225, Beanweb 322. Cycling Club scores first: S. Osborne 55, F. Rainford 77; B. Campbell 32, J. Rainford 40; N. Moreton 88, F. Adams 43; J. Siddall 54, E. Clarke 94; E. Hall 66, G. Richardson 68.

Whist: Chadderton 33, Lands End 55.

Springbank v. Hollinwood Cons. (absent).

Oldham Amateur Football League ROUNDTORN WIN CHALLENGE CUP

ROUNDTORN defeated J. Stott's 4-2 in the Challenge Cup final at Boundary Park on Wednesday evening and ended a most successful season. In addition to the Challenge Cup victory, the reserve team defeated Greenfield Amateurs on Boxing Day and became winners of the Rose Bowl. The team are also Division Two champions to Dronsfield's.

In Division One, Roundthorn are runners-up to Haggate "A" the champions. A remarkable performance by this club. The trophies will be presented next Friday by Mr. G. Howard, of the Lancashire Football Association.

Strinesdale 4, Roundthorn Res. 6

Badly weakened by injuries, Strinesdale began in fine style and were soon two goals in front, Rooney netting twice in quick succession. Roundthorn reduced the arrears when Needham fumbled the ball and Cordwell was able to tap it home.

The Strinesdale reserve keeper was deceived again a few minutes later, and Shaw was able to equalise.

He gave his side the lead shortly afterwards and a further goal resulted in the half time score being 4-2.

Strinesdale rallied again on the resumption, and Jones got number three, but Shaw immediately scored again for Roundthorn. Curtis scored with only ten minutes remaining and Strinesdale were in the game again, but Clarke secured the game for Roundthorn while Strinesdale waited for the off-side whistle.

Ivy United 2, Roundthorn 2

Roundthorn took the lead after ten minutes through Adams, but Ivy hit back and only the brilliance of Smith prevented an equaliser. Shortly after the interval Burns and Bowskill combined well, and Barrow levelled the score.

Still under constant Ivy pressure a defended handled and Bowskill made no mistake from the penalty spot. Roundthorn rallied and Prime equalised.

Buckley & Taylor 10, Greenfield PM 4

It was one way traffic all through the first 45 minutes, and Buckley were nine goals up at half-time, Greenfield having scored twice in breakaways. It was more even later, Greenfield coming more in the game, but they only managed two goals in reply to another from Buckley's.

The right wing was mainly responsible for the Buckley goal rush, L. Ogden at outside right scoring four goals, and centre-forward Spencer four goals. Inside-right Gaunt got one and F. Ogden scored number 10. Cookson (3) and Morris scored for Greenfield.

Phoenix 2, Fernhurst 5

The high wind rather hampered this match and made good football difficult. Fernhurst took advantage

of the wind and led 2-0 at the interval.

Against this wind in the second half, Fernhurst continued to be the better side and went further ahead, although Phoenix managed to score twice through Talbot and Buckley. Kershaw, Lord and Hughes got a goal each for Fernhurst, and Shepher netted twice.

J. Clares 4, Delph 1

An evenly contested first half finished with the home team leading 2-1, but in the second half they got on top and Delph were fortunate to concede only two more goals, especially as Clares missed a penalty near the finish. Barnes, Thomas and Jones (2) scored for Clares. Ramsden was the Delph scorer.

Strinesdale 4, Greenfield Am. 2

This was typical end-of-season stuff, neither side really extending themselves with nothing at stake. A goal by Burton for Greenfield was levelled when a defender side-footed the ball into his own goal. Brown gave the visitors the lead again, but a further error by the defence again levelled the score. Strinesdale got more on top as the game proceeded, and Rayner netted twice to give them a deserved victory.

ROCHDALE AMATEUR HONOURS LIST, 1957-8

First Division.—Winners: Rochdale Athletic. Runners-up: Heymain Recs.

Second Division.—Winners: Tudor Rose. Runners-up: Boots Social.

Amateur Cup.—Winners: Heymain Recs. Runners-up: Walsden. Referee: Mr. R. Firth.

Charity Cup.—Winners: Gravelhole. Runners-up: Rochdale Athletic. Referee: Mr. H. Richmond.

Benevolent Cup.—Winners: Rochdale Athletic. Runners-up: Whitworth. Referee: Mr. H. W. Stothers.

Reserve Cup.—Winners: Turner Bros. Rec. Runners-up: Rochdale Athletic. Referee: Mr. G. Nunwick.

FINAL LEAGUE TABLES

	P	W	L	D	F	A	Pts
Rochdale Athletic	20	15	2	3	82	31	33
Heymain Recs.	20	14	4	2	82	41	30
Whitworth	20	10	4	6	86	62	26
Railway Street	20	11	6	3	72	50	25
Gravelhole	20	10	8	2	64	53	22
Walsden	20	9	10	1	62	67	19
A. & A. Crompton	20	8	10	2	40	62	18
Todmorden YC	20	7	10	3	53	55	17
Bay Horse	20	3	13	4	43	92	10
Industry	20	4	14	2	39	78	10
Turner Bros. Rec.	20	4	14	2	47	95	10

	P	W	L	D	F	A	Pts
Tudor Rose	18	16	0	2	96	28	34
Boots Social	18	15	2	1	108	37	31
Market House	18	11	6	1	70	44	23
Dunlop SC	18	7	8	3	49	58	17
Fine Spinners	18	8	9	1	58	69	17
Rochdale Athletic	18	6	8	4	60	70	16
Whitworth	18	6	9	3	43	69	15
Shiloh Spinners	18	5	12	1	59	77	11
Birch St. Mary's	18	3	13	2	39	76	8
Turner Bros. Rec.	18	3	13	2	46	96	8

Chadderton Schoolboys football team



CHADDERTON SCHOOLBOYS.—Back row: Wild, Partington, Davies, Oxendale, Barker, Howe. Front: Scott, Hampson, Mayall, Schofield, Widdop.



CHADDERTON FC's 3rd XI, champions and cup winners in their first season in the Oldham Youth League.—Back row: Mr. J. Coode, A. Ward, J. O'Brien, J. Clarke, J. Dyson, P. Thorpe, P. Jackson, Mr. N. Shaw. Front: B. Burns, P. Smith, J. Smithers (captain), D. Townson, K. Royce. Mascot: D. Sweeney.

Reason for Broomhead changing mind

CALM down, you angry Werneth fans. Follow the attitude taken by the club committee and accept the sudden departure of Harry Broomhead, your leading amateur bowler, as an unexpected stroke of bad luck that could not have been foreseen when the season started.

I've heard it whispered that Broomhead knew something like this might happen, and therefore should not have offered his services to Werneth as an amateur. That is not true.

Broomhead told me frankly that the offer from Stone, the North Staffordshire League club, came as a complete surprise. And it was an offer he could not refuse, even though "I did not particularly want to go again this season."

Stone's first pro

Broomhead said: "Stone is a club that has traditionally played without a professional for many seasons because they had enough talent to see them through without. But when this season started they found themselves minus two of their leading players through sickness."

"With such professionals as Ramadhin, Worrell and Barnett playing in the league—which incidentally has promotion and relegation in two sections—Stone naturally felt that they must look around for assistance."

"I guess at such a late hour I was the only one they could think of."

"Seriously, though, I can honestly say that the first I knew of their interest was just after the match at Oldham when I received a most unexpected telegram. I don't like to let Werneth down after the season has started, but in the circumstances I could not refuse Stone."

Although Broomhead signed the forms two days before last Saturday's games he was available for Werneth against Crompton because a 14-day registration rule has to be fulfilled before he turns out for Stone, Werneth, however, decided quite sensibly that it was wiser to replace him straight away.

And last night, the league committee supported Werneth's action by stipulating that an amateur will cease to be eligible in the CLL from the date he signs professional forms.

His kit held up

Hanif Mohammed left Crompton this week. But don't worry, Crompton followers, he was back for today's game.

The dapper Pakistani took a trip

J. R. Dale, a 27-year-old slow left-arm bowler, formerly with Northamptonshire, makes his first appearance for Kent against the university at Cambridge on Wednesday.

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to Southampton to get back his cricket gear which has been in cold storage since it arrived on the same boat that brought him from the West Indies with Garfield Sobers, Roy Gilchrist and other cricket stars.

Since arriving in Crompton, Hanif has made fruitless attempts to hurry the transport of his tackle from the busy port, but that red tape simply could not be rushed, even for a Test cricketer. So the Crompton professional decided to take personal action this week to see if he could beat the stern defence of the port authorities.

Few people knew it, but the little Pakistani made his 92 sweet runs at Werneth last Saturday in boots two sizes too big. Because his kit had been delayed, he appealed to Sonny Ramadhin, the former Crompton professional, for spare whites and boots.

Ramadhin, similar in stature to Hanif, was happy to oblige—but the boots were the one item that did not fit. So little Hanif had to use three pairs of socks.

Mellor's batting

I hope Oldham will quickly realise that wicket-keeper Eric Mellor has earned promotion in the batting order.

I know that the champions, on paper at least, have a batting list that can be something of an embarrassment for the skipper, but during the lean spell of the first two matches, when Oldham have failed to top 100, Mellor, batting at No. 10, has shown more concentration and correctness than several of his colleagues.

The result has been two undefeated innings of 12 against Werneth and 13 against Ashton, in which he has suggested that a place around No. 5 or No. 6 might be more rewarding. Last season, too, Mellor, though he had few chances to get a knock in Oldham's triumphant run, had the remarkable record of being undefeated in six of his eight innings.

An attack of fibrositis lost young Alan Kay his newly-won place in the Oldham team for last week's game at Ashton, a place he had earned with good bowling in the second string. And Alan can count himself really unlucky, for although he has now recovered he was back with the second team today. But I am told it will not be long before he is back in the first team.

You're in trouble again, Cec.

OH dear, Cec! Once again your colourful approach to the game of cricket has landed you in the trouble seat. This time it is the Ashton club which has taken exception to your alleged bad language.

It seems that during last Saturday's Ashton-Oldham game, you upset the home captain, Arthur Booth, and some Ashton officials. So last night their representative demanded action from the League committee at the CLL meeting at Rochdale.

Get this clear, though, Cec. The complaint was more against the umpire "for allowing bad language" rather than against yourself. Said Mr. William Farrow, the Ashton representative, "Our captain felt that the umpire at the end where Pepper was bowling was influenced by his behaviour."

He mentioned that at the second-team game at The Pollards, the Ashton captain had been rebuked by the umpire when one of the Ashton players used bad language. "Why should a first-team professional get better treatment?" he asked.

Mr. Edwin Kay, the League's assistant secretary, explained that he had had a telephone call from Arthur Booth, who "did not complain especially about Pepper's language, but thought that it influenced the umpire's decisions later."

"The umpire concerned," added Mr. Kay, "ridiculed this statement. He said that the Oldham professional was swearing at himself."

Your own club's representative filled in some of the background to the fun and games at Ashton, Cec. Said Mr. Harry Swift, "It all started when Pepper was out. Returning to the pavilion he was swearing at himself for the way in which he had been caught out."

"Then an Ashton supporter remarked, 'It would have been all right if you had made 50.' Pepper told him to be quiet, and later an Ashton official apologised for the behaviour of the spectator."

Later, when Ashton were batting, Pepper had an lbw appeal against Arthur Booth turned down, but a later appeal against the same player was given. It was this decision that Ashton claim was "influenced."

Mr. John Kay, the League secretary, came to your rescue with these words, "These remarks don't influence the umpires at all, but might affect players who don't know Pepper. He is the biggest nuisance to himself."

But other clubs called for action,

Unity lost 4-1 to Eden St. in top-4

THERE was quite a reversal of the season's form in top-four play-off of the Oldham Circular Darts League at the Phoenix Club on Wednesday evening. The league winners, Unity Hall lost 4-1 to Coldhurst Liberal Club third in the table, and once more Unity had come unstuck in a final.

The draw had little to do with Unity's defeat, other than the fact that Jim Hart does not like being their first thrower to the board.

He walked it, but with four sergeants on the way, he was on return double nine with his 25th arrow. F. Wall had been having a lean time, but doubled nine with his 20th arrow. He threw ten darts to get the return double and two for bull, while Hart failed with 12 darts at the double. So Wall won in 36 arrows.

H. Chidgey doubled two, then walked it against H. Wagler, who doubled one first arrow but also walked it. He hit double one with his 37th arrow and won in 44 arrows while Chidgey was trying for the double.

Double trouble

E. Brooks was bang off form against W. Carrighan, who doubled eight with his 25th arrow but did not reach the bull until his 58th. He won in 63 arrows, Brooks having used 25 arrows without getting return double.

J. Rowbottom kept Unity in the match when he beat G. Hattersley in 37 arrows. He doubled nine and then hit return double four, notched by Hattersley, with his 29th arrow. He hit the bull as Hattersley reached the return double.

Their joy was short-lived when W. Spencer lost to P. Lees in 42 arrows. Both walked it and Lees was on double one with his 29th arrow. He got it with his 39th, and centre three arrows later, just as Spencer had reached the double.

Boy golfer's link with Oldham

Eighteen-year-old Peter Cook, who failed in the semi-final of the English Open Golf championship yesterday, has Oldham connections. His father is London sales manager of Vitafoam Ltd., which is an Oldham firm, and Peter himself is one of the firm's representatives in the London area. Both are frequent visitors to Oldham on business.

action presumably to try to do what Rochdale, Radcliffe and Burnley have failed to do—to throw a rein around your forthright cricket. Come to think of it, this same League committee exonerated you on the last occasion you were in hot water.

Anyway, Cec, the buck has been passed to the umpires. The committee decided to write to the Umpires' Association telling them not to allow any bad language in the future. If it does occur, it must be reported. So use the blind-side, Cec!

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AN UNBEATEN CHADDERTON XI WON YOUTH CUP

RUNNING true to form, the all-conquering Chadderton FC Youth XI—they haven't lost all season—walked off with the Oldham Youth League Cup on Thursday night at Boundary Park. They beat Failsworth Lads Club by 5-1, but were not as good as the score suggests.

They came to Boundary Park with the reputation of being the best football club in the league. On the result they proved it, but it needed some brisk polishing from a dangerous Failsworth side to bring up any glitter.

Even then it only lasted for three minutes—just the time it took for the Chadderton team to crack in three goals in the only bright period of the match. Perhaps it was the Failsworth team's spoiling tactics—the big boot, any time, anywhere—but Chadderton never looked like the super team their results prove them to be.

On the dry ground, both defences looked like the chorus line at the Folies Bergere as the players tried to clear the high-bouncing ball.

Two penalties

It took 20 minutes before Chadderton scored. They had played some pretty-pretty football, but rarely looked dangerous. Then Failsworth gave away a handling penalty and left-half Clarke thumped the ball in.

Five minutes later Failsworth were level with a tremendous goal. It never looked remotely like a goal as centre-forward Hibbert took the ball 25 yards out. To everybody's surprise, he slammed in a first-time shot which beat goalkeeper Dyson all the way. This was the best goal of the match.

It took Chadderton until the 65th minute to go ahead, when left-half Smithers nodded in a shot which keeper Brice left alone thinking it was going outside. Then came the goal barrage as Clarke hammered in a bullet-like penalty—given for handling a certain goal off the line—and centre-forward Townsend dribbled his way through a mass of defenders to tap home a good goal from short range.

Seconds later Townsend scored again as he just deflected a terrific free-kick from full-back O'Brien under the diving Brice.

The Deputy Director of Education, Mr. George Wilson, presented the cup and medals to the teams after the match.

BROOKS BEAT ORMSTON 3-0

ARTHUR BROOKS, of the Lord Nelson, won the individual knock-out final of the Centenary Darts League at Hollinwood Garden Club on Wednesday. He showed the better finishing power in beating Johnny Ormston (Mess House) 3-0 in a best-of-five match.

Scoring was very even throughout the match. In the first game, Brooks shot first at double 14, but doubled the nine. Ormston missed with two arrows at double 16 and then saw Brooks notch double five (third arrow).

Ormston had scores of 117, 85 and 99 in the second game, the 99 leaving him on double 19. He misfired though, and left himself split five. Brooks, with scores of 100, 98 and 83 then proceeded to go out on 55 with 20, 19 and double eight.

Ormston scored 100, 81 and 85 in the third game, but he was trailing behind Brooks, who notched 100, 98 and 83 and then mercilessly went out on 47 with 15, — and double 16.

The league prizes and trophies were distributed during the social that followed, and a crowded club applauded the fact that the league paid out £100 in prizes—the sum it had promised when their self-subsidised season started.

A delegates' meeting will be held on Monday next week at the Mess House (8.30 p.m.) to wind up the season, and to make plans for next season. Any club wishing to enter should send a representative.

USA Davis Cup team

Ham Richardson, Barry Mackay and Bill Quillan will represent the United States in the Davis Cup first-round American Zone match against Venezuela starting in Caracas on May 16, with the non-playing captain Perry Jones.

Saddleworth League With the last ball Delph were out

NORDEN, last year's champions, and Micklehurst, who were runners-up and chasing Norden all the season, have both got off to a good start and both won their matches again. Norden easily disposed of English Steel at English Steel. The home side were all out for 31 (E. Hulme six for 14). Norden scored 32 without loss.

Micklehurst, at home to Flowery Field, made 149 for three (Guest 72 and G. Barlow 47). Flowery Field were put out for 66 although the weather, by causing some stoppages, nearly saved the day for them.

Saddleworth, who have for several seasons been fixed in the lower half of the table, this season made a good start. On Saturday they won their second game beating Moorside at Moorside. Saddleworth scored 65 for five after disposing of Moorside for 55, all the bowlers sharing the wickets.

A thrilling finish was seen at Greenfield where after scoring 184, the home side were held up in their bid for victory until the very last ball. Kimberlin was the last man out in Delph's score of 106, after making a valiant effort to play out time. He was bowled by Broadbent with the last ball of the last over.

Heyside defeated Stayley at Hey-side. Stayley scored 92 and Heyside ended 96 for six. F. Whittle for Heyside was 50 not out.

Second Division: Stayley 93, Heyside 78; Saddleworth 50, Moorside 83; Flowery Field 52, Micklehurst 126; Norden 78, English Steel 33 for 2; Delph 20, Greenfield 119. Hollinwood 151, Friarmere 61.

More than 10,000 Paris children have promised police that they will stop drawing on walls and throwing rubbish on pavements.

The promise is their contribution to a clean-up campaign in which monuments and public buildings are being cleaned, and 2,000 old and dirty French flags being replaced.

37 FEWER TRIES SCORED BY OLDHAM

NEXT to the impending cup finals, the big talking-points in Rugby League circles are the facts and figures of the season. Who scored what in which game, and how many saw him? Oldham fans are just as enthusiastic as any on matters of records, especially when, like Oldham's this year, they contain a few surprises.

For instance, did you know that if Oldham want to equal their try-scoring record of last season they will have to get another 37 from today's game and (we hope) from the League Championship final.

Yes, although they have scored one more league point than they did last year, they have touched down only 177 tries against 214.

Ganley has set up a new Rugby League record this season for goal-kicking. But Oldham's tally of 221 goals in club, cup and friendly games is only four more than last season. Again there is at least today's game to be added on.

Drop in tries

Top try-scorer last year was John Etty with an impressive total of 46. This year, Dick Cracknell heads the table with a meagre 28—and John is way back with just 17 tries to his personal credit.

Last season, Oldham's forwards shared 57 tries between them, and rather remarkably they have scored the same number so far. It would appear, then, that they have done their work.

Altogether, the use of 25 players this season has brought in a total of 803 points in League games. Last term the figure was 893—a drop of 90 points this time.

Big away gates

Over 650,000 people have clicked through the turnstiles wherever

Oldham have played this year. Of these, 316,225 attended home games and 333,849 watched on away grounds. It would seem that more people outside Oldham were interested in the team.

On average this means 13,749 at every home game and 14,515 at every game away from home. The home figure is a post-war record. Last year and the year

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before the averages were 12,526 and 12,180 respectively.

Slowly but surely Oldham are attracting more people to the code each year. True, they are a winning team, but it follows that the losing average will be up a little.

Two new players have come to Oldham at a combined cost of £3,000. Both Roger Duffy, from London Irish Rugby Union club, and Rowley Moat, from Hull, came in the close season. And during that season local hooker Peter Goddard was signed. Duffy is happy with the club — and Rowley Moat you know all about.

Gone are Reg Bailey, to Rochdale, and Alan Jarman, to Halifax. Arthur Tomlinson moved out to Australia at the start of the season.

Suspensions have been limited to one player, Alan Davies, who got one match after being sent off against St. Helens during the

Lancashire Cup semi-final at Knowsley Road this season. Last term no player was sent off the field.

New young winger

What of the future? Oldham have a young 19-year-old winger from the Leigh district who should be signed in the close season. He is Geoffrey Sims, and this week Oldham interviewed him in the presence of his father.

I understand that it is just a matter of time—and agreements—before he is signed. But Oldham had better be quick, for Leigh are very anxious to keep this one in his own backyard.

Geoff told me this week that he is quite happy to sign for Oldham. Naturally he was interested in the fee, "but Oldham is the club I would like to play for most of all," he said.

His father is also in favour of Oldham before Leigh—but people have been known to change their minds.

Bryn Day was one of three Oldham officials who went over into Yorkshire during the week to cast an eye on Dewsbury winger Colin Grainger. Verdict: Very doubtful prospect.

Poor Dewsbury would want around £2,000 for Grainger, which in Oldham's estimation is too high a price for such a prospect.

The club continues to search, and are certain to have a busy time in Rugby Union circles. My forecast is that unless they really get down to the replacement job, the club are going to score even less tries next term.

Rogers in training

The club should have an old face back at Watersheddings next season. Burly forward Jack Rogers is back doing light training at his Leeds home, and should be ready for the game again in August.

Jack told me that the specialist has cleared the knee injured so badly the season before last. "It

feels strong now, and I am ready for another go," he said confidently.

On the up-and-coming side, Oldham are to hold a junior trial on Sunday morning, May 18, at Bower Lane, Hollinwood. It is instead of the trial they normally have at the start of the season.

"We feel that players are fit at this time in the season," secretary Bert Summerscales said. "In August they are not at their peak, and we don't get a true picture."

The Watersheddings pitch comes up for repair next Tuesday morning, so if the club beat Hull today, they will train on Couthill Grammar School field.

Socially the team will be out in force tonight at a tourists' presentation dance at Central Conservative Club. In addition to the tourists, Bernard Ganley will be in the line for a handful of gifts in honour of his record goal-kicking season.

St. Anselm's were weak in backing up

League "D"—St. Anselm's 0, Clarksfield 18.

THE game was much more even than the score suggests. St. Anselm's had improved greatly both in tackling and handling. Lockwood, the burly Clarksfield prop, strode through the first two tries and Clayton scored the third, catching a kick-off and finishing near the posts. Smallwood converted all three to make it 15 nil at half-time. In the second half, although Clarksfield seemed to combine better they could only manage a try by loose-forward Smallwood. The wind just curled his kick outside. St. Anselm's had two or three good runs, but had not the necessary backing-up strength.

League "A"—St. Anselm's 0, Clarksfield 34.

Clarksfield played confidently from the kick-off and despite tremendous efforts by St. Anselm's, their defence could not be pierced. Four tries by Atherton, Ward and Marsden (2) before half-time and four in the second half—two by Broadbent and another two for Marsden, was the price St. Anselm's paid for poor defence and the occasional careless tackle.

Whynn, whose kicking has improved of late, converted four tries and Marsden converted one of his own tries.

League "C"—Clarksfield 46, Robin Hill 0.

In a match which tested no-one in the Clarksfield side Whitworth scored six tries and Spencer three. Only Allen could make any headway for the home team but even he failed to cross the Clarksfield line.

League "C"—Higginshaw 15, Robin Hill 13.

This was a first-class game between two evenly-matched sides, who both tried to throw the ball about. Two big forwards in Allen and Wood starred for Robin Hill, with Blainey, Dronsfield and Taylor for Higginshaw.

League "A"—Hathershaw 21, Higginshaw 2.

Although Higginshaw were forced to turn out a weak team they did most of the initial attacking. Russell opened the score with a penalty goal. Strong running brought Hathershaw a try and as they got on top the Higginshaw tackling went weaker. Two fine interceptions brought further tries to Hathershaw, for whom Clarke, Hurst and Holt played well.

In an endeavour to build up a strong town team there are to be practice games and coaching sessions each week during the summer for outstanding second-year boys. Mr. G. Worthington will be responsible for the organisation W.H.

Hull RL team will see Cup Final on TV

The Hull RL team, before they play Oldham in the RL Championship semi-final at Watersheddings at 6 o'clock tonight, will watch the FA Cup Final on television. A set has been rigged up on the stage of the Regent Hotel, Market Place, with rows of seating for the players and directors who are being entertained for the afternoon by Mr. J. S. Parkinson, the landlord, ex-president and full-back for Oldham FC.

Send more left-hand batsmen to Australia

I WOULD have liked to start this series of articles with some crisp comment about our friends from New Zealand, who are here to do five-day battle with England. But I haven't seen them in action yet, and until I do, I'll say "nowt."

Far too many people are inclined to write a side up, or off, before the side have had a reasonable chance to sort themselves out. At this range, though, I'm inclined to think that John Reid and his men may turn out better than most people expect. I hope they do, for they are delightful chaps and are immensely keen. Whether they can fit their weekend cricket into five-day Tests remains to be seen, though.

Meanwhile we have a whole host of burning problems in our own cricket household. We have to remember that this is much more than the season when England plays New Zealand. This is the summer in which England finds the 16 or 17 players who will travel to Australia to try to hang on to the Ashes.

It is no disrespect to the tourists to say that to every prospective England player, the Australian tour is vastly more important than anything else. Just as this tour of England is to them the greatest thing of their cricketing life, the Australian tour is the peak of achievement and ambition for every English player.

Two openers needed

The intriguing thing about the present situation is the number of gaps—the number of chances that are going begging for men who can grasp them. As I read the score-card, skipper PETER MAY needs a new regular opening batsman for the summer — county PETER RICHARDSON as the one certainty — and at least two openers for Australia.

Bearing in mind the recent Australian development in terms of left-handers—three of Ian Craig's main bowlers and three of his chief batsmen in South Africa during the winter were left-handers—I reckon that we could do with some of the same sort to help to counter them.

In Peter Richardson we have one left-hander for the opening

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YARDLEY**
Former England and
Yorkshire captain

position. But I feel we could do with another good one, maybe two, further down the batting order.

As for bowlers, England once again will be relying on pace for her main assault. It is our greatest strength, and as it has also been our greatest winning factor on Australian wickets, that is where our concentration will be again this time.

Here let me emphasise one important factor. The tendency, naturally enough, will be to favour players who turn up trumps in this series at home. Obviously they must come into the running.

But success on English wickets should not be the whole consideration. The selectors have to pick their touring party with Australian conditions in mind. And if my information is right, the pitch conditions this time will be very good indeed.

Talented batsmen

What talent have we bidding for the tour places so obviously open? Favourite as an opening batsman surely must be young MICKY STEWART, of Surrey. He has been coming along steadily for several years now, and must be just about ready for his big chance—a chance helped a great deal by the fact that he is such a magnificent fielder and catcher near the wicket. He was only one short of Wally Hammond's world record of 78 catches in a season last year.

TED DEXTER, the young Cam-

bridge captain, also seems likely to be a strong runner. I see he is opening for the Varsity side this season, and started with a crisp, if somewhat lucky, 70 - odd against Surrey. This splendid athlete, who is a Walker Cup golf prospect, too, always reminds me of Charlie Barnett in his general style and approach. Well, it wouldn't do our Test cricket any harm to see another cracking 98 before lunch, would it?

A lot of people seem to have ruled out DON SMITH of Sussex, because he failed with his Test chances last year. But I'd be cautious about this. Don is the hard-hitting type who could get a lot of runs on Australian wickets. And he is a left-hander.

I know he is 34 and that the emphasis should be on youth, but don't rule him out of the hunt yet. After all, nobody has ever asked a batsman for his birth certificate when he has cracked a hundred. And both Dexter and Smith bowl pretty usefully, and could be all-rounder stand-ins in case TREVOR BAILEY was injured.

Another left-hander who must bid strongly for the middle-section place is DICK RICHARDSON, brother of Peter. He got his first Test place last year and didn't let anybody down. With this season's experience tagged on, he could very easily make that boat to Australia. He, too, hits the ball hard and catches well.

Pace bowling

Our bowlers almost pick themselves if they strike normal form. But I'd make one point perfectly clear. FREDDY TRUEMAN, fit and in form, must go this time. There has been a hullabaloo about Freddy for too long. I know he hasn't been the easiest of characters to handle from time to time, but he has grown up now, and I'm sure Peter May can cope with him all right.

Freddy must go because I believe he is now a very good bowler indeed. I think of him and BRIAN



FREDDIE TRUEMAN must go to Australia this time.

STATHAM as our likely openers, with PETER LOADER in the party —and, if he strikes anything like his true form, FRANK TYSON there, too.

It was the challenge of Australia that brought the greatness out of Tyson last time, and it may yet do it again. Don't forget that Tyson, for instance, is a far more dangerous bowler on fast Aussie wickets than on the slow ones he gets at Northampton.

One other thing I would like to see this season is the emergence of another good spin bowler—and if he were a leg-breaker so much the better. It's time the old firm of JIM LAKER, TONY LOCK and JOHNNY WARDLE, good as they are, had competition. Well, this is the season of challenge and opportunity. It's up to our youngsters to take it on well.

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Proper coaching would have kept Athletic in the 3rd

OLDHAM ATHLETIC are in the Fourth Division. Soccer prestige in the town is at its lowest ebb, and the question everyone is asking is, "What are the club going to do about it?"

RELEVANT POINTS FROM DERBY GAME!

TWO OF THE MOST IMPORTANT POINTS THAT EMERGED FROM THE Oldham Ath. Rochdale CLASH AT Boundary Park, BELONGED TO THE LADIES' CAPABLE FULL-BACK Ted West.

Ted's VISIBLE MEANS OF SUPPORT ESPECIALLY THE LEFT ONE, CAME TO Oldham's RESCUE WHEN THE LADS FROM SPOTLAND CAME VISITING THE LADIES GOAL AFTER DAVE TEECE HAD VACATED IT

THAT'S WHAT IS KNOWN AS "PUTTING A FOOT IN IT!" IF Ted's TIMELY INTERVENTION DIDN'T MEET WITH THE APPROVAL OF THOSE ROCHDALIANS PRESENT

GRADUALLY STUFF, GRADUALLY!

IT CERTAINLY PLEASED THE OLDHAM FANS.

DESPITE Ted's EFFORTS, IN LIGHT OF SUBSEQUENT EVENTS, THIS WILL BE THE LAST DERBY GAME (FOR THE TIME BEING) BETWEEN THESE OLD RIVALS

AT LEAST THEY CAN LAY CLAIM TO BEING FOUNDER MEMBERS OF THE NEW DIVISION!

FOR THEY GO DIFFERENT WAYS HENCEFORTH, YET A LADIES FAN FOUND A SMALL CRUMB OF COMFORT IN THE PATH HIS TEAM WILL TREAD NEXT SEASON!

GOING DOWN, SIR? UNFORTUNATELY YES!

HUGHES/51.

I WAS AT DARLINGTON ON MONDAY WHEN ATHLETIC PLUNGED INTO THE DISMAL DEPTHS OF FOURTH-GRADE FOOTBALL, AND HAVE NO HESITATION IN SAYING THAT NEXT SEASON THE CLUB MUST HAVE A NEW POLICY, A NEW OUTLOOK AND MUCH MORE ENTERPRISE.

This is the time for straight talking, and next season the directors must be prepared to spend money to put this worthy club in its worthy place. Where the money is to come from is for the Board to decide, but it must be begged or borrowed somehow.

Weaknesses this season must be strengthened regardless of the cost—and the first move MUST be to introduce a proper COACHING system.

This season Athletic's training schedule was more than adequate—but training is not coaching. They are two separate facets of football, and coaching is one thing that has been sadly neglected.

Earlier this season I said that the playing staff at Boundary Park was good enough to take the club into the league's top half dozen. I STILL STAND BY THOSE

by A.G.W.

WORDS. Oldham Athletic should not be in the Fourth Division, and with proper coaching they would not be there.

The fact that the club has just had its best season for three years without coaching of any kind proves that the players have the ability.

I know that in many respects Athletic were unlucky to go down. Some games have gone against them, and in others they have wasted good chances. These things apart, I still believe that Athletic would have been high and dry with a firm coaching system.

TEAM SELECTION

Almost as important as a consistency in team selection. Far too many switches were made in the early part of the season which upset the balance of the side.

In saying this, I am not concerned with the individual players but simply pointing to the fact that any settled side would be better than a continual hot-potch.

Selection, too, must be made and announced to the players, at least a day before the game. Twice, at least, this season late selections have brought disaster. The first was at Hull and the second, yes, at Darlington on Monday.

In each instance the players taken on the trip learned the final team selection half-an-hour before the kick-off.

In such instances it is impossible even to brief the side before it takes the field. On the other aspect of selection—the individual players—I will make only one observation.

Bill Spurdle and Eddie Murphy should have been regular members of the Athletic side this season—as their late-season displays more than proved.

Everyone has personal preferences, and that is one argument I do not want to stir up at this moment. It is significant, though, that on almost every away ground I visited this season, Press colleagues always asked first if Spurdle and Murphy were playing.

MUST SPEND MONEY

I will again stress that next season the club must be prepared to spend money. I don't think I am being in any way optimistic by saying that if Athletic are in the top rungs of the Fourth Division, then the faithful followers will go back to Boundary Park.

Money spent to put the club at the top of the division will be amply repaid at the turnstiles. This year very little has been spent on players, and often I have had to sympathise with Manager Goodier. The players available at next-to-nothing had always to be his targets when he had set his sights much higher.

Next season more travelling will mean more expense, but again I appeal to the club not to be cheese-paring. Long distances cannot be made on the same day that a game is due to be played. The side must travel overnight if they are to give of their best.

The extra money spent will be

RETAINED LIST

There are no drastic cuts in Athletic's playing strength for the club's first season in Fourth Division football.

Twenty part and full-time players are on the retained list issued yesterday, with just six players for transfer side. The full list is:—

RETAINED: Anderson, Bazley, Booth, Chaytor, Crook, Duffy, Hall, Hobson, Murphy, Melville, Marsh, Naylor, Neale, Phoenix, Spurdle, Teece, Thompson, West, Walker, Williams.

FREE TRANSFER: Fawley and Shimwell.

OPEN TO TRANSFER: Farmer, Muir, Over and Smith.

repaid in performances and rising attendances for the following home games.

Above all, however, current despondency must be shrugged off. The team has the youth and ability to restore Athletic to its rightful place. Enterprise and a bright approach to the new season, with financial burdens pushed to one side, can restore the town's soccer prestige.

It is now up to the directors to show the soccer-loving public of Oldham that they are not taking relegation lying down. The present board have been the main target for the supporters' disappointment and wrath. THEY MUST PROVIDE THE ANSWER WITH ACTION.

Cycle Speedway

In the first Division II match of the Cycle Speedway League at Long-sight last Sunday, Belle Vue ran out winners by 33-37 points. Vincent Marsland was again top scorer, dropping his only point to J. Mills. Belle Vue's Terry Scales was back on form and scored 10 points. Long-sight included P. Hayes, former Oldham captain, but he was unfortunate enough to fall twice when well placed.

Long-sight: A. Bradley 9, O. Blinston 2, P. Hayes 2, R. Lock 7, V. Marsland 11, P. Hewitt 2, B. Kelly (retired) 0-33. Belle Vue: B. Oates 6, K. Bull 5, J. Mills 8, R. Turner 6, T. Scales 10, P. Chapman 2-37.

Challenge match at Levenshulme. Marsland's Maniacs: V. Marsland 13, J. Bartholemew 13, J. Lee 11-53. Anderson Articles: J. Darling 10, J. Anderson 6, R. Lock 6-35.

Sporting Queries

WESTBOURNE.—Oldham Athletic lost 4-3 to Sheffield Wednesday, in an FA Cup tie on January 25, 1950, at Boundary Park.

N. BARNES (Chadderton).—Sundew won the Grand National at Aintree on Saturday, March 30, 1957.

DOUBLE RUN ALF.—Great Britain will play a total of 21 games in Australia on their tour this summer and nine in New Zealand. These figures include Test matches.

A miniature railway was built at Chatillon-sous-Bagneux, near Paris, to move a two-storey house from one side of the road to the other.

The house was moved because it was in the path of a new highway roundabout. It previously faced west but at the owner's request now faces south. Moving the 300-ton building took nine hours.

North-Western League The ball and the weather were on top

TO cricket lovers, the opening of the season is always an occasion. But, with the rain and bitterly cold weather on Saturday, they could be forgiven for allowing their thoughts to stray to the rival game.

Under these conditions and with the lack of practice at this stage of the season, it was not surprising that the ball was generally on top.

Burnage entertained Thornham, and batting first scored 98, Roberts 33, and Forster 30, being the chief contributors. Thornham did not make a good reply, although a late revival by the tail-enders did cause the home team some alarm.

Oldham's, who finished second in the table last season, were at home to Woodhouses, the champions, and a splendid struggle took place. The home team scored 89, but this was not quite good enough, and the champions won in extra time by two wickets.

Two men were enough

Denton West made a splendid start, for after dismissing Newton Heath for 60, they knocked off the necessary runs for the loss of two men.

Woodbank visited Avro but were no match for the home team. What would have been a splendid match at Fieldhouse, was completely ruined by the weather, and had to be abandoned as a draw.

In the second division, Fieldhouse, last season's undefeated champions, came very near to losing their first match and must be grateful to Cluff for their ultimate victory.

Woodhouses recorded a comfortable win over Oldham's, Thornham convincingly beat Burnage, and Denton West completely outplayed Newton Heath. Greenmount had to fight at Hyde, while Woodbank just accounted for Avro.

RESULTS
Division I: Burnage 98, Thornham 85; Oldham 89, Woodhouses 92 for 8; Denton West 67 for 2, Newton Heath 60; Avro 118, Woodbank 58; Fieldhouse 28 for 2; Droylsden 123 for 6 dec.
Division II: Thornham 118 for 8 dec., Burnage 77; Newton Mill 51, Greenmount 56 for 7; Woodhouses 86, Oldham 34; Newton Heath 57, Denton West 58 for 1; Woodbank 84, Avro 61; Droylsden 125, Fieldhouse 130 for 9.
BATTING: Lawton (Avro) 50 n.o.; Randall (Denton West) 41 n.o.; Roberts (Burnage) 33; Forster (Burnage) 30; Windsor (Oldham) 26.
BOWLING: Mawson (Thornham) 6 for 16; Lipson (Denton West) 6 for 29; Godsall (Burnage) 5 for 32.
WICKET-KEEPING: Stableford (Avro) 4 victims.

Letters to the Sports Editor DOWNWARD TREND

THE followers of Oldham Athletic can now look forward to a spell in Division IV, the duration of which will probably depend on how soon a Fifth Division can be formed. We have had managers blamed, players and staff reviled, spectators driven to despair, but the trend remains the same—downwards.

The directors of the company have been tireless in their efforts to make money, and their pleadings of poverty are pitiful to hear. We are repeatedly told of rising costs—as if we don't know—and one cannot forget a steady flow of transfers for cash of good players.

Let us start with Ted Taylor and end with Ken Murray and we find a very steady flow in the years between.

Transfer fees, magnificent help from the Supporters' Club, share of FA Cup takings, car park, programmes and several other items too numerous for space to permit, leaves one a little curious. Forty years is a long time to lose money, especially by men who are, after all, business men.

One is not left curious, however, as to why we are now in Division IV. A most cursory glance at our more recent "captures" will suffice. Without the slightest wish to belittle or offend any player personally, the fact remains that the present team is just about the worst known in living memory.

One doesn't have to spend a lifetime to know that if you try to play football without inside-forwards you will, sooner or later, get caught out—and the average layman would know better than to go to the foot of Division III for a reserve forward.

A walk round the ground, a glance at the toilet facilities, and the woodwork shrieking for paint—even the terracing we stand on—all suggest one word: Decay.

What the customer wants is a good game of football, and if the powers-that-be insist on offering us the worst possible value, they will receive the best possible answer. I am willing at any time to meet anyone anywhere to discuss anything for the betterment of Oldham Athletic.

WILFRED FORD.
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TWO OPTIONS

I HAVE followed Athletic from the First Division, to the Second Division, to the Third Division, but I am not sinking as low as the Fourth Division.

I am left with two options: to watch City or United, or to watch

a good amateur team in Oldham. Fourth Division I and thousands in Oldham will not have.

F. S. BROADBENT.

THE remarks of the Athletic official to supporters after the Darlington match to "Cheer up, worse things have happened" are typical of the apathy of these custodians of Oldham's soccer.

Not indignant at the feeble display and disastrous result, he gave the impression that the result of the match had not altogether displeased him.

These officials have served many bitter pills in the past, but it will take longer than a close season to forget the taste of this one.

BEWILDERED.

Fears of 5th

MAY I, on behalf of the football-minded people of Oldham, congratulate the board of directors and the manager on the feat of making Athletic one of the founder-members of the famous-to-be Fourth Division.

I would like to point out that in the next few years we may have a Fifth Division, and I would also like to congratulate them in putting our name forward to be a founder-member of this division also.

ONCE A TRUE BLUE.

THEN A PALE BLUE

NOW A CRICKET FAN FOREVER

Personal bias

ATHLETIC are in the 4th Division solely through the personal bias against one particular player by the team selectors, who have made it obvious. From First Division and F.A. semi-finalists to founder-members of the Fourth Division, owing to the apathy of the directors.

No doubt the official at Boundary Park who, in an interview with a daily morning newspaper, said he thought that the Fourth Division would be a good thing for Athletic must be very proud of himself.

I can just imagine when the annual meeting comes round, that we shall once more hear the same old cry from them: "We are confident that we are going to have a good team." We shall be asked for our full support, knowing that we shall have none from the directors.

I keep trying to think how much lower we can sink, but thoughts elude me at this dark hour. I can only sign off with the pen-name.

TRULY DESPONDENT.

RUGBY LEAGUE ABC '5 Cricketers': charity bowls: draughts victory

WEBSTER (York)

Denzil Webster was attracted into Rugby League football by Castleford, who paid one of their biggest fees for him. He settled down rapidly to become a free-scoring centre, and when in 1956 he was placed on the transfer list at his own request, there was keen competition for his services.

St. Helens were willing to pay the £3,000 fee demanded, but Webster, a schoolteacher, sought and obtained a new post in York, and this was one of the main factors in his decision to join the Yorkshire club. Nearly 6ft. tall, he weighs 13½st. and is very fast.

ACKERLEY (Halifax)

Few players have given Halifax better value for money than Alvin Ackerley, the hooker they signed from Workington Town in 1948, for not only is he still hooking as successfully as ever but he has just received a crowning recognition of his ability by being chosen to accompany the British team to Australia.

For several years Ackerley had to take a back seat to McKinney and Harris, but his persistence has now been rewarded. Ackerley is a most useful forward in loose play, tackles well and is a gifted tactician. He captained Halifax for several seasons and led them in Cup finals at Wembley and in championship deciders.

BRIGGS (St. Helens)

A big, speedy and hard-tackling second-row forward, Brian Briggs soon found form with Huddersfield and won a place in the 1954 touring team to Australia.

Many people were surprised in February when they learned of his transfer to St. Helens without having been placed on the transfer list. St. Helens had previously been promised by Huddersfield that if ever Briggs was for sale, they would be the first to know. The result was a move by Briggs in exchange for a £3,000 cheque.

Halifax were among the clubs disappointed at not being given a chance to bid, and on two occasions have negotiated with St. Helens for Briggs's transfer, without success.



Webster (top), Ackerley and Briggs.

WISDEN pays tribute to Surrey's sixth successive County Cricket Championship victory by picking three of their players as "Cricketers of the Year." They are wicket-keeper Arthur McIntyre, opening bowler Peter Loader and opening batsman Mike Stewart.

No cricketer appears in Wisden's distinguished list more than once, but that does not detract from Surrey's credit for having three players honoured, especially when they are the only English players to be named.

The remaining two in the list of Five Cricketers of the Year are Collie Smith and Clyde Walcott, probably the most popular members of last summer's West Indian touring party.

Over one thousand pages in this year's Wisden—the 95th—are devoted to hard facts, interesting articles and lively comment. There is something to capture the attention

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of every cricket lover in the all-embracing records, those tasty morsels that revive memories long after the game is over.

Adding words of wisdom to these cold facts are articles by such writers as Neville Cardus, Charles Bray and E. M. Wellings, as well as the Editor's tribute to Peter May on leading England and Surrey through a successful season.

THE Chadderton Bowls League committee, in an effort to promote more bowling interest and to provide funds for a worthy charity, have organised a 12-a-side match with Salford Workshops League.

The match will be played at Nimble Nook on July 19, when the best from each league will be in opposition. Proceeds are for

Group Captain Cheshire's Homes Fund. A return match will be played at Salford on August 16.

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A LOCAL bowls referee, Mr. Stanley Casey, of Queen Street, Shaw, has been chosen to take charge of the British Crown Green county match, Yorkshire v. Cheshire, at Mirfield, on May 17.

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FRED NORRIS, the 36-year-old Lancashire pit worker who recently broke his own British record in winning the AAA 10 miles championship, intends to make the marathon title his next target.

He competed in this event at the Olympic Games in Melbourne and, after a quiet spell last year, has come back into fine form. He ran for England in the international cross-country championship in Cardiff and hopes to get into the Empire Games and European championships teams. This may well be Norris's last season in big athletics. At the moment he is training twice a day and clocking about 100 miles a week.



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THE Vicar of Waterhead, the Rev. E. Shaw, was a member of the Lancashire draughts team which beat Essex in the final of the English Draughts Competition. It was Lancashire's first victory in the final, and the local vicar did his share, winning one and drawing one of his two games.

Mr. J. Crabtree, of 11 Church Road, Middleton Junction, was also in the Lancashire contingent. He was not chosen to play, but he will receive a medal for his played in the earlier rounds.

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THE season ended happily for Oldham High School Old Boys' football team. Relegated from the first division of the Lancashire and Cheshire League last season, they finished near the bottom of the second division this time. But with further strengthening from other boys of the same standard who assisted in winning the end-of-season matches, the Old Boys will have no relegation fears next season. They may even cherish promotion hopes.

Last Saturday, the Old Boys gained their only double of the season, beating Old Flixtonians 5-1 and thus preventing their opponents from gaining promotion by one point. Flixton side finished third. Dixon scored a quick first-half hat-trick for HSOB.

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MOLD GREEN, Huddersfield, was the scene of one of the most important road-racing events in the cycling calendar last weekend. Led by double British road-racing champion, Ron Coe (Sheffield), the Elswick-Hopper cycle team swept the board in the Huddersfield Road Race last Sunday.

Coe and Harry Reynolds (Birmingham) were the stars over the testing 98-mile course. Using the same tactics as at the big Owl Bar (Derbyshire) event the previous day, the two Elswick-Hopper men broke away halfway through the race, and set such a shattering pace that they finished 23 minutes in front of the next competitor. Coe was first across the line, one second in front of Reynolds.

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A NEW athletics track at Witton Park, Blackburn, will be officially opened on June 7 on the occasion of the Lancashire County AAA Championships for juniors and seniors. Blackburn Corporation are sponsoring the meeting. The track is to the AAA specification of 440 yards.

The annual athletics match between Manchester and District and Manchester University takes place on Tuesday, May 20, at The Firs, and to select the District team, trials are being held tomorrow at the White City, Stretford.



GERRY NORTH, winner of the Sir William Hopwood Trophy road race at Crompton.

Crompton set the Harriers a stiff test

ROYTON HARRIERS and Athletic Club athletes and officials were engaged in the Crompton Sports Association 8-mile road race. And while the latter could find satisfaction in a very successful promotion, the four competitors did not find their best form, with perhaps one exception, Edwin Toft, who finished 13th, and surprisingly defeated club champion Gordon Pritchard into 14th place.

Indeed, Gordon would have been much further behind but for Edwin taking him forward. Loss of form is attributed to lack of training for such a strenuous course cannot be taken lightly, and Stuart Lowe, who finished 26th, will have gained valuable experience.

Don Pilkington (37th), was below the form he is capable of, and in his case some sprinting, fast quarters and half-miles will do a power of good, for his staying power is adequate.

The winner, Gerry North told me after the race that he has never been on such a tough course, far exceeding the Kendal-Windermere race generally reckoned to be one of the stiffest in the North.

His healthy tan and bronzed limbs caused much comment among the spectators, a good advert for Blackpool sun and air, and it will be no surprise to learn that he takes every opportunity both to train and sunbathe.

If you see the name G. A. North appearing several times in one programme, do not jump to a hasty conclusion.

He has a younger brother showing great promise as an athlete, and he bears the same initials of his more famous brother, but the Christian names are different.

The Manchester-Blackpool road relay race promoted and sponsored by The News of the World, promises to be a much more closer race, for the holders, Sheffield Harriers, who beat their Yorkshire rivals in the road relay championship held a few weeks ago over the London to Brighton course.

After this race the track and field season will really get going, with plenty of competition in the various track leagues, and Royton Harriers and Athletic Club start training on Tuesday and Thursday evenings commencing May 1, 1958.

Dressing will be at the club headquarters, Hillside Avenue, off Radcliffe Street, Royton, and training in track and field events, under the supervision of hon. AAA coaches will take place at the central playing fields, Royton County Secondary Modern School, High Barn Street Royton, quite near to club headquarters. C.T.

The Oldham Council for Moral Welfare Work dealt with 109 cases during 1957, involving 176 persons and families.

POMPEY HAS A DECISIVE FIGHT WITH HOLT IN JUNE

IT could be make or break for Yolande Pompey, the Trinidad cruiserweight, when he goes into the ring against Mike Holt, of South Africa, at the White City, on June 3. Not for a long time has a fight here between two non-Englishmen aroused so much interest. Win this one and Pompey is back in the money. Lose it and he can be considered on the downward slide.

Pompey is back in this country after his latest trip to America. He came back without any drum-beating following a disappointing two-fight visit which culminated in his being stopped inside the distance by a coloured middleweight picturequely named Herman (Rory) Calhoun.

"A real wild man" according to Pompey. Certainly wild enough to give Pompey a cut over his eye which needed ten stitches.

His other fight in America earned Pompey a draw with Clarence Hinnant, who stood below him in the world ratings. And Hinnant has since been beaten by Yvon Durelle who failed to win a fight in this country three years ago.

To fight Robinson?

So it can safely be said that Pompey needs a win—badly. Whoever finishes on top between him and Holt can look forward to the visit in September of Sugar Ray Robinson.

Jack Solomons is almost sure to match one of them with the world middleweight champion in an over-weight match, and though a date with Robinson may not be everyone's idea of a night out, a top of the bill fight at the White City is a boxer's dream.

Holt is fancied in some quarters as a potential world champion. He is certainly unlucky not to be Empire champion for

he knocked out the erstwhile title-holder Gordon Wallace in half a round in Johannesburg last year.

Unfortunately Wallace had just left the title in Canada. Since then Holt has stopped the European champion Artemio Calzavara. On the other hand, in his middleweight days he was outpointed in his own backyard by Pat Macateer who fought most of the 15 rounds with a broken knuckle.

So it should be a close and spectacular thing with Pompey. Both have a big punch. Both have flaws on their records. And both have an eye on Sugar Ray and September 9.

More bad luck

Pompey's fellow countryman, Percy Lewis, the Empire featherweight champion is also in the news this week. More bad luck comes his way with the withdrawal of Davey Moore, the top American, from their proposed ten-round in London later this month.

Now a substitute must be found, but whoever he is he will not carry the same prestige value from Lewis's point of view as Moore would have done.

The American is one of two feathers named as possible world title opponents for Hogan Bassey in the autumn and Lewis desperately needs a win over a rated boxer if he is to stay within reach of Bassey.

But, as I have said before, it is no use Lewis sitting at home waiting for the big men to come to him. Fourteen fights in five years represents his complete record. He has never fought north of Manchester nor south of Epsom. Bassey went to Washington, Paris and Los Angeles to win his three greatest fights. I am certain that Lewis could



YOLANDE POMPEY

similarly earn fame in Europe and America.

Up two places

Dave Charnley (Dartford), the British Lightweight boxing champion, rose two places to seventh in this month's world rating of the American boxing magazine, The Ring.

Charnley stopped Peter Waterman, the British and European welterweight champion, in five rounds in London last month. Waterman has since retired from boxing.

Willie Towel, South African and Empire champion, dropped two places to sixth as a result of his unexpected defeat by Guy Gracie in Glasgow last month.

Leading contender for the world lightweight championship held by American Joe Brown was Italian Dullio Loign the European champion.

For the first time since these ratings were established, two fighters were bracketed together on a par. Zora Folley and Eddie Machen, of the United States, shared first place among heavyweight contenders for Floyd Patterson's world title. Folley and Machen recently drew in a 12-round bout in San Francisco.

TODAY'S RACING RESULTS
Empire Way (9-2) wins

NEWMARKET

2 30—THURLOW HANDICAP for three-year-olds. 11 miles.

8 3 ATTRITION E Mercer 1
7 9 WILLIE TELL D Smith 2
8 5 DRACHMA W Smith 3
Eleven runners: Eardon, Sandy Straight, Spurs, Gay Nicholas, Tambour d'Or, Drachma, Chemossel, Attrition, Muse, Sabwani, Willie Tell.
5 Sabwani; 11/2 Spurs; 6 Tambour d'Or, ATTRITION; 7 Sandy Straight; 8 Chemossel; 10 Drachma, Muse; 100/8 others; 1 length; 11/17/2.
Tote: Win 18/6; places 8/4, 11/10, 11/17/2.

2 30—MAY MAIDEN TWO-YEAR-OLD STAKES. 5 furlongs.

8 12 ARCHDALE E Mercer 1
8 12 MASHAM D Smith 2
8 12 BOTANY ROAD E Smith 3
Eight runners: Botany Road, Masham, Ambrosell, Archdale, Alnaby, Sir W. The Moke, Little Rock.
Evens Masham; 3 ARCHDALE; 7/2 Botany Road; 100/3 Alnaby; 100/7 Ambrosell; 20 others; 1 length; 8.
Tote: Win 12/6; places 4/8, 4/10, 5/2; dual forecast 13/2.

3 0—TOTE INVESTORS HANDICAP. 1 mile.

8 7 EMPIRE WAY 5yrs E Mercer 1
8 12 MONSIEUR ROC 4yrs ... A Bressley 2
9 0 AMBER GLASS 6yrs J Lindley 3
Seven runners: Amber Glass, Monsieur Roc, Empire Way, Whiraneck, King's Coup, Copenhagen, Persian Cossack.
2 Monsieur Roc; 3 Amber Glass; 9/2 EMPIRE WAY; 15/2 Copenhagen; 8 Kings Coup; 100/8 Persian Cossack; 100/8 Whiraneck; 1 length; 11.
Tote: Win 11/0; places 9/4, 9/-; dual forecast 11/11/8.

3 30—NEWMARKET TWO-YEAR-OLD PLATE. 5 furlongs.

9 0 BLEEP-BLEEP W H Carr 1
9 0 GREEK SOVEREIGN J Lindley 2
9 0 PLAUDIT S Clayton 3
Six runners: Motatan, Persian Flight, Plaudit, The Calliph, Greek Sovereign, L'esp Bleep.
15/8 BLEEP-BLEEP; 11/4 Motatan; 13/2 Plaudit; 15/2 The Calliph; 8 Persian Flight; 100/8 Greek Sovereign; 3 lengths; 4.
Tote: Win 11/8; places 9/2, 18/2; forecast 6/5/8.

4 0—HASTINGS STAKES for three-year-olds. 1 mile.

9 0 PHILODENDRON J Mercer 1
8 11 SPEAK-EASY E Mercer 2
9 0 HIMSELF D Smith 3
Eleven runners: Honey Parrot, Balaklava, Philodendron, Himself, Golden Corn, Obregada Time, Speak Easy, Seacon Isle, Rosgoli, Parfumier.
5/2 Honey Parrot; 4 Speak Easy; 5 PHILODENDRON; Himself; 8 Balaklava; 100/9 Golden Corn; 100/8 Time; 20 others; 1 length; same.
Tote: Win 11/5; places 9/-, 7/4, 7/8.

4 30—ELY HANDICAP. 5 furlongs.

9 11 DRUM BEAT 5yrs A Bressley 1
7 0 RIGHT BOY 4yrs L Figgott 2
7 0 CRANFORD CROSS 5yrs D Greening 3
Seven runners: Drum Beat, Right Boy, Clear River, Anchovy, Assay, Will Somers, Cranford Cross.
7/4 DRUM BEAT; 9/4 Right Boy; 7 Clear River; 8 Will Somers, Cranford Cross; 100/8 Anchovy; 100/7 Assay. 1 1/2 lengths; 4.

ROYTON HIT HARD AT LITTLEBORO'

CENTRAL LANCASHIRE LEAGUE leaders Royton hit Littleborough hard at Hare Hill, Littleborough, this afternoon and had two men out with only one run on the board. As Longbottom had not arrived, Denison opened with Charlie Anderson, and the professional bowled Hawkard with his first delivery.

Anderson followed by completely beating Israr Ali with the seventh ball of his second over.

Leslie Warburton did not score in the first half hour, and Whatnough gradually pushed the score up to 21 before he was another Anderson victim when trying to pull.

Warburton was once given out before he had scored to a catch behind the wicket off Anderson but he remained after the Royton captain had had a word with the umpire.

LITTLEBOROUGH

Warburton lbw b Denison	23
Hawkard b Denison	0
Israr Ali b Anderson	0
Whatnough lbw b Anderson	2
Crossley c Denison b Anderson	2
Sutcliffe not out	4
Shackleton not out	12
Extras	1
Total (for 5 wks)	74

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Mahommed hits a confident 50 against Ashton

CROMPTON were given another good start by their opening pair, Hanif Mahommed and Wilf Sutcliffe, in their home match against Ashton. Though they started with caution, it was not long before little Hanif, Crompton's professional, and his amateur partner were chasing the runs.

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CUP FINAL

was pulled up for off-side little more than 15 yards over the half-way line, so far up had Cope, Foulkes, and Greaves ventured in backing a United raid.

There was little continuous cheering from either of the crowd to this point, and only rarely did the Manchester contingents produce the roar which had helped their favourites in the early rounds.

The welkin did ring when Charlton, saw the chance of a lifetime beaten by the shape of a post. The centre-forward shot with terrific force, from an angle, but the ball, with Hopkinson hopelessly beaten, struck the inside of the far post and rebounded clear.

Two minutes later, the 55th minute, Bolton scored a second goal in dramatic circumstances.

STEVENS SHOT FROM THE LEFT. GREGG MANAGED TO PUSH THE BALL INTO THE AIR BY THE BAR, BUT LOFTHOUSE WAS ON THE SPOT AND AS HE CHARGED FORWARD AND CHALLENGED THE IRISHMAN, GOALKEEPER AND BALL WENT FLYING INTO THE BACK OF THE NET.

Gregg needed attention for three minutes before he could resume. The game, after this hold-up, ran Bolton's way, but Gregg, though still shaken, did not hesitate when he had to pick up at the feet of on-rushing opponents.

The Wanderers used the short, square method of passing across field to advantage, but nearly always it was a prelude to a ball flicked forward to their indomitable captain and centre-forward.

Greaves came right up into the Bolton half, to set his forwards an example, but Bolton's four defenders stood firm and with the second half midway through its course, the Wanderers still led by two goals.

United badly needed a burst of the inspiration which had brought them through the earlier rounds. Taylor, who found his touch only at long intervals, provided an opening for Violet, but the inside-left's stinging drive flew a yard or two wide, with Hopkinson leaping across to save.

WITH TEN MINUTES LEFT, UNITED WERE STILL TWO GOALS IN ARREARS, AND THEY NEEDED A SUPREME EFFORT TO TURN THE TIDE.

Violet, hampered, failed to score from point-blank range and a vain corner resulted.

United, naturally eager to seize on the flimsiest chance, fell into the offside trap set by the coolly-confident Hartle, Higgins and Banks.

Final: BOLTON WANDERERS ... 2 MANCHESTER UNITED ... 0

Seven hundred of the 800 British Road Services parcels staff, who have been on strike because new types of vehicle were introduced, involving changed rates of pay, returned to work today. The remaining 100 will go back to work on Monday.

LANARK—Continued

5 0—STYNGTON HANDICAP PLATE. 11 miles.

Four runners: Margipe, Antagonist, China Slipper, Domenico Fuoco.

Sutcliffe got the first boundary by driving a loose ball from Gregory hard through the covers, but it was Hanif who then took over the role of chief run scorer.

He played a delightful shot over square leg for his first boundary and then a delicate deflection fine of square leg brought him three.

Stott, who came to allow Bartels, the Ashton professional, to change ends made a brave attempt to take a return catch off Sutcliffe. But he just failed—and the run scoring continued.

Hanif's next brilliantly-timed shot was a cut for four and then a rifty stroke through mid-wicket added another couple to his tally.

The Crompton professional with irresistible batting raced to his half century in 70 minutes. He reached 53 out of a total of 76 with his seventh four. He also hit a mighty six over square leg.

CROMPTON

Hanif Mohammed c Bartels	81
Sutcliffe c Cunliffe b Sullivan	23
Jackson not out	22
Vijayasaraty not out	4
Extras	1
Total (for 2 wks)	131

WERNETH LOSE FIVE WICKETS FOR 62 RUNS

THANKS to some fine batting by Dennis Heywood and Maurice Buckley and thanks also to some very generous fielding, Werneth built up a strong position against Stockport.

Both batsmen used their feet and soon took the score to 50. Then, however, the accuracy of the Stockport bowling took control and Werneth collapsed and found themselves five wickets down for 62.

Especially dangerous in the Stockport attack were Vinoo Mankad and George Selby and it was a great pity that some very slapstick fielding gave Werneth such a good opening stand.

Most convincing for Werneth was Heywood who dealt fiercely with anything Stockport could offer and it came as a great surprise when he completely misjudged a ball from Mankad.

WERNETH

Heywood lbw b Mankad	29
Buckley b Selby	19
Borde lbw b Selby	1
Alker lbw b Mankad	1
Maynell b Mankad	0
Mercer not out	10
Langton not out	23
Parker b Brown	1
Kirkman b Brown	11
Total (for 8 wks)	96

Castleton Moor v Walsden

WALSDEN

Sutcliffe b Sabharwal	27
Ormerod lbw b Muldowney	0
Newton lbw b Muldowney	8
Walker lbw b Sabharwal	0
Barker b Muldowney	7
Moss not out	40
Crossley not out	4
Connor c Threlfall b Sabharwal	1
Extras	1
Total (for 6 wks)	89

Heywood v Middleton

HEYWOOD

Smith not out	25
Purser lbw b Taylor	24
Ashton b Gilchrist	5
Gupte c Gilchrist b Taylor	20
Wilson not out	12
Extras	1
Total (for 3 wks)	89

Oldham get 2 quick wickets at Radcliffe

RADCLIFFE'S home game with Oldham this afternoon, could not tempt the public away from their TV sets on Cup Final day. Only about 100 spectators were on the ground at the start.

P. Pettie and W. Fletcher opened for Radcliffe, and knowing the calibre of the opposition they were content to play themselves in without fireworks.

After five overs, in which only 14 runs had been scored, Pepper was brought on, but was unable to draw the batsmen.

They had taken the score to 22 when Settle played the ball on to his wicket.

And Sobers, his successor, that his long drives were pounced on by alert field. At 30, Fletcher was run out when he tried to make a profit. A stroke by the professional ampt.

One run later, field was clean bowled by Pepp.

RADCLIFFE

Settee b Molyneux	12
Fletcher run out	14
Sobers not out	54
Schofield b Pepper	0
Shaw lbw b Pepper	0
Moore not out	27
Extras	3
Total (for 4 wks)	118

MILNROW PAIR'S GOOD STAND

There was a deserted air about Dane Street despite favourable weather conditions when visitors Milnrow made a steady start against the Rochdale attack of Phadkar and Proffitt.

The opening pair, K. Leach and L. Jones, had put on 15 runs when Frain took over at the amateur end in place of Proffitt. Jones was the more aggressive and quickly hit three crisp boundaries off Frain.

The stillness was disturbed when with a vain lbw appeal by Phadkar against Leach at the end of an hour, the Milnrow pair were still thriving on a dead easy pitch with 56 runs on the board.

MILNROW

Leach c Phadkar b Smith	53
Jones c Frain b Smith	43
Knight c Hunter b Phadkar	1
Faulkner not out	0
Lee c Hunter b Phadkar	7
Lomax not out	1
Extras	6
Total (for 4 wks)	110

Northern Lacrosse win in Iroquois Cup

Heaton Mersey, the Northern lacrosse champions, won the Iroquois Cup for the English club championship at Hurlingham, London, today, by defeating Oxford University, Southern title holders, 11-4.

Scorers were—Heaton Mersey: A. A. Gibbon (5), C. B. Leach (2), A. Clarke (1), G. B. Farrall (1), P. Howard (1), P. Knowles (1). Oxford U.: R. B. Pirie (2), K. H. Ashton (1), C. Gee (1).

Japanese players lose in Davis Cup match

The Philippines took a decisive 3-0 lead in their Eastern Zone Davis Cup lawn tennis semi-final against Japan in Tokyo today.

They followed up victories in the two opening singles by winning today's doubles, Raymundo Deyro and Felicissimo Ampon, beating the Japanese pair, Kosei Kamo and Hirohisa Shibata, 6-4, 6-4, 3-6, 8-6. The Philippines will meet Ceylon in the zone final.

CAMBRIDGE 18-1. McLachlan b.o. 13, Green c Appleyard b. Truman 3, E Dexter n.o. 1. GLOUCESTER 25-1.

Radcliffe (v Oldham) 157-6. Heywood (v Middleton) 146-5. Littleborough (v Royton) 54-8. Werneth (v Stockport) 102 all. Walsden 133-7. Milnrow 125-7. Heywood 162-5.

Golf—English Amateur championship: Sewell beat Proctor 8 and 7.

SCOTTISH LEAGUE (Div. I)
Celtic 1, Partick Thistle 0.
Clyde 2, Hibernian 1.
Rangers 1, Airdrie 2.

SCOTTISH LEAGUE (Div. II)
Dundee 7, Berwick 0.
Forfar 2, Dumbarton 0.

LANARK 5 0. Result: China Slipper (E Larkin) 1 Antagonist (N McIntosh) 2 Margipe (E Connerton) 3 9/4, 8/11 fav., 10/1. 4 ran.

REDCAR 5 0. Result: Carbon Copy (E Hield) 1 Hard as Nails (R Arnold) 2 Don's Choice (A Harrison) 3 9/15 fav., 32/1, 100/6. 10 ran.

Two women killed and man seriously injured today when van swerved and crashed into traffic island on which all three were standing, at Watford Way, Mill Hill, London.

Crompton 155-3.