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# ARMY AND RAF JOIN THE HUNT FOR LOCAL MAN'S KILLER



The rain comes down, and OLL cricketers turn from one game to another. Snooker is the order of the day at Dane Street, where Rochdale were opposed to Middleton.

## FOR LOCAL MAN'S KILLER

**T**HE Army and Air Force joined Cornwall police this morning in the search for the killer of 65-year-old Harold Hand, of 213 Heron Street, Oldham, who was found dying yesterday at Towan Headland, Newquay, with his head battered.

While police from all parts of Cornwall concentrated on Newquay and the exit roads, troops searched among the miles of sand dunes between Newquay and Perranporth.

A helicopter of No. 22 Search and Rescue Squadron from RAF Mawgan hovered low in a search over Newquay golf course, and joined the troops in combing the sand dunes.

Police worked throughout the night to check on hotel staffs and on holiday guests in hotels in boarding houses, before they left for their homes.

This morning, they were scrutinising travellers as they arrived at Newquay railway station to board the outgoing trains, and checked on bus and coach passengers leaving the depots.

### CORDONS

Police cordons stopped all cars on their way out of town, questioning occupants and examining boots. All police leave has been stopped throughout Cornwall and every available police radio-controlled vehicle in the county has been concentrated in the Newquay area.

Earlier, Cornwall police had flashed throughout the country the description of a 25-year-old man they believe may help them in their inquiries into the brutal killing of the 65-year-old Oldhamer.

The man is described as being 5ft. 6in. to 5ft. 8in. tall, medium to good build, round face, fresh complexion, with dark brown hair brushed back. He is thought to have been wearing a light green open-necked shirt with sleeves rolled up, grey trousers and sandals.

### FIRST HOLIDAY

It was at lunch-time on Friday when Mr. Hand, who was spending his first holiday for many years, along with his wife, daughter and son-in-law, was discovered battered about the head in a public lavatory.

He was rushed to the Royal Newquay Infirmary but five hours later died after an emergency operation. The search for his attacker then became a full-scale murder hunt.

Only three months ago, Mr. Hand retired from his job as milk-rounder for Oldham Industrial Co-operative Society. Since the war years he had delivered milk in the Garden Suburb, Heron Street and Chamber Road areas and was well known to hundreds of customers.

Neighbours and friends described Mr. Hand as a "quiet, reserved man, well liked by everybody."

### KEEN BOWLER

A spokesman at the Co-operative dairy said today that Mr. Hand had retired in January through slight illness. He was of retiring age and had decided not to carry on with his job during the bad winter weather.

Mr. Hand, who was keen on a game of bowls in his spare time, was to be frequently found on the greens in Copster Park.

With his wife, daughter and son-in-law, he set out for Newquay a fortnight ago. They had looked forward eagerly to this their first holiday for some years. They had driven down in the son-in-law's car and were due to arrive back in Oldham tomorrow evening.

### WOOD CUP FINAL AT MIDDLETON

**T**HE Wood Cup final between Werneth and Rochdale will be played on Middleton's ground, Towncroft, starting on Monday, July 21.

The Fixtures Sub-committee, meeting in Rochdale last night decided that Middleton was a suitable ground, and as both Rochdale and Werneth agreed, the question of both clubs tossing up for choice of ground never entered into it.

It will be the first time the final has been played on a neutral ground since 1954, when Walsden beat Middleton, the match being started at Rochdale and transferred to Werneth after the Dane Street wicket had been saturated by rain.

But the last time the final was played at Middleton—in 1955, when Rochdale won an exciting marathon match by 264 to 262—there was a gate of over £1,000. Werneth, Rochdale and the League are probably hoping for a repeat.

Umpires for the final will be Mr. H. Jones, of Milnrow, and Mr. H. Rhodes, of Royton. Prices of admission will be pavilion side 1s. 6d. (women and boys 1s.), ground side 1s. (6d.).

The gate receipts for the four-night semi-final between Rochdale and Heywood at Dane Street totalled £264 (£77, £92, £59 and £36 in order of nights), but the Werneth-Walsden tie, which ended in two nights, brought in much less—£44 (£29 and £15).

## RADCLIFFE BATTLE WITH RAIN

**T**HE Radcliffe c. Royton fatch was interrupted by rain after only one over at the Racecourse this afternoon.

After delaying the start for half an hour because of rain, the players came out at 3 p.m. only to return to the pavilion after one over—a maiden—when the down-pour came on again.

They returned after another 25 minutes' delay but heavy clouds were still hanging over the ground.

After only two overs, both maidens, Stuart Anderson was taken off and replaced by Howarth, who conceded seven runs in his first over, including a leg boundary shot by Fogg.

Charlie Anderson, who has given Radcliffe plenty of trouble in the past, showed his skill when he completely beat Settle for the first wicket of the game.

Fogg was bowled by Howarth without further score.

## CROMPTON'S QUICK BLOWS

Stockport batted for three and a half minutes for one over in the Central Lancashire League game against Crompton at Stockport today.

With only two runs on the board, the game which started 40 minutes late was delayed again, due to another heavy shower.

On the resumption of play after rain, Crompton struck two quick blows.

Bryan Derbyshire very neatly took a rising ball from Everett to dismiss Bill Arrowsmith.

And there was little doubt about Vinoo Mankad when he was lbw to

## Hopes pinned on McMahon

Castleton Moor were again unlucky for their attractive home game against neighbours Milnrow, for rain delayed the start. But the umpires decided that the match could start at four o'clock, and Milnrow, winning the toss, sent Castleton in to bat.

The idea behind this was undoubtedly in the hope that their Australian professional, Jack McMahon, would spin the home side out cheaply

## Gilchrist breaks a batsman's teeth

**T**HERE was an eventful start when Middleton fast bowler Gilchrist eventually bowled the first ball. The West Indian whirlwind opened at full speed to Rochdale's professional, Dattu Phadkar, who was hit in the stomach.

The Indian opened his account with an edgy four and then a bye took his partner, George Holland, into the hot seat. But Gilchrist's fire was too much for Holland; the first ball he received rose viciously and Holland was dropped like a log as the ball struck him in the face.

And that wasn't the end of Holland's misfortune—the ball travelled on to his wicket and he was out, bowled.

Later it was learned that Holland had his false teeth broken by the blow.

The comparative slow pace of Bob Horrox at the other end presented few problems for Phadkar, who pulled two short balls for four apiece, and followed these hits with a single.

New man, Jackie Hunter, was quickly off the mark off the first ball he received taking a couple to third man. Then it was Gilchrist again. Phadkar drove him to mid off for two but had to duck under the next delivery to avoid being hit.

### Costly over

The next delivery — short pitched again — brought cheers from the enraged Rochdale supporters as Phadkar reached up to his full height and chopped it down to third man for two.

Similar treatment for the next ball—Phadkar leaning back and late cutting powerfully for another couple. A wristy turn to square leg brought Phadkar another boundary making Gilchrist's second over a costly one—ten runs being scored by the Rochdale professional who had reached a personal score of 23 after only three overs.

The Gloucestershire committee today passed a resolution granting T. W. Graveney a benefit in 1959. No match has yet been decided

## OLL SCORES AND DETAILS

**Rochdale v. Middleton**  
ROCHDALE.

Phadkar not out .....	25
Holland b Gilchrist .....	0
Hunter not out .....	3
Extras .....	2
Total (for 1 wkt) ... 30	

**Walsden v. Ashton**  
ASHTON.

Wood not out .....	8
Booth c Connor b Green .....	6
Brierley not out .....	4
Extras .....	2
Total (for 1 wkt.) ... 20	

**Heywood v. Werneth**  
HEYWOOD.

Smith not out .....	12
Purser not out .....	11
Extras .....	0
Total (for no wkts) ... 23	

**Castleton M. v. Milnrow**  
NO PLAY YET

**Littleborough v. Oldham**  
LITTLEBOROUGH.

Hawkyard not out .....	14
Jackson not out .....	17
Total (for no wkts) ... 31	

**Stockport v. Crompton**  
STOCKPORT.

Arrowsmith c Derbyshire b Everett	5
Mankad lbw Everett .....	14
Lashkar! not out .....	0
Ford not out .....	0
Total (for 2 wkts.) ... 19	

**Radcliffe v. Royton**  
RADCLIFFE.

Settle b Anderson .....	3
Fogg b Howarth .....	9
Sobers not out .....	0
Magnall not out .....	0
Extras .....	3
Total (for 2 wkts) ... 15	

## TAYLOR WINS AT GOODWOOD

Keith Greene and Michael Taylor, driving Lotus Climax cars, at the British Automobile Racing Club members' meeting at Goodwood today, confirmed their position as leaders in the 1958 season's points battle for the Brooklands Memorial Trophy. In the first event Taylor drew level on points by a one-lap win over his rival after a tense struggle.

**That's a nice bat!  
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### CRICKET PROBLEMS

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## THOMAS OVERTHREW SECRET OBSESSION

THE overthrow of a secret obsession. That's the story behind young David Thomas's great performance in the Open golf championship. It's the story of "The one bad hole."

So often in earlier tournaments this season Thomas had had a crash somewhere or other—a seven or an eight just when he was going well. It was becoming a bogey—he began to expect it. And his fellow-players were regarding it as inevitable.

But "The one bad hole" didn't come at Lytham. And for that reason Thomas is a happy, thoroughly relieved and more confident man, even though he lost the play-off with Peter Thomson.

THOUGH Thomas was born in Newcastle of a Welsh father and served his apprenticeship in the North, it was not until he came South, first to Moor Park and then to Sudbury where he is now professional, that he began to make his mark. Now, by his driving ambition his enterprise in going here, there and everywhere in search of experience, and his natural courage he has at 23 reached a pinnacle only a fraction lower than that occupied by Thomson.

Beaten by four strokes in the play-off, Thomas was never eclipsed. By analysing the scores of these two players during the week we can realise how well matched they were.

Including his remarkable record-smashing 63 in the first qualifying round, when he finished seven strokes in front of Thomas. Thomson scored 550 strokes in eight rounds. Thomas took only eleven strokes more—a difference of 1½ strokes a round.

THE SOUTH AFRICAN golfer Gary Player had his chance of becoming the youngest winner of the Open championship for nearly 90 years, but he finished five strokes behind.

However, at 22, he has just had three USA tournament wins and a second place in the US Open to his credit in just a few weeks.

The great Ben Hogan can share some of the glory. For when Player partnered Hogan in a recent US tournament he was advised by the master to shift his left hand more over the shaft. This partially cured what good judges say is the fault of Player's swing—it is flat compared with modern practice.

In six weeks in the United States, Player won more than 4,000 dollars.

REMARKABLE scoring at Lytham in the Open championship led many people there to advocate some action by the authorities to make scoring more difficult.

But is low scoring in itself undesirable? Whatever restric-



DAVID THOMAS

tions are imposed, an outstanding golfer under extremely favourable conditions, is always liable to perform an exceptional feat.

In trying to clip the wings of golfers like Thomson there would be a danger of making golf less attractive to the ordinary club player, without whom of course there would be no big tournaments.

Reducing the powers of the ball, lengthening courses, growing thicker rough, and narrowing fairways would all detract from the enjoyment of playing the game and impair it as a spectacle.

With the balls, equipment, green-keeping and playing technique at their present high standards, there is nothing except weather to prevent the occasional superlative score by a master.

NOW he has lost his title, South African Bobby Locke, who has won the Open championship four times in nine years, thinks he has been doing too much.

After the Open championship at Lytham he scratched from the Belgian Open this week, intending to take things easy for a while in this country.

"I have several exhibition matches here," he says, "and as I am qualified for the Dunlop Masters tournament in the autumn, I am going to stay over. I have not really felt up to it this year, somehow. Perhaps I have been over-doing it."

Locke is now 41 and has had a hard life of tournament golf. At one time he was travelling the world continuously.

## GOOD RACING AND A TRIO TO REMEMBER Haydock Park well deserved that bumper holiday crowd

IT is a pleasure to note that the little Haydock Park course had a bumper crowd last Saturday. This pleasantly-situated track within easy reach of both Manchester and Liverpool has always been a favourite of mine, writes The Ringer.

On my many journeys, summer and winter over many years, I cannot recall one meeting which ended with any regret at wasted time and effort. The fact that you have a good view of the entire races enlivens ones interest and the ability to move about without tripping over bookies stands and boxes helps to make the day's sport pleasing—if you have found Lady Luck at your elbow even in a small touch.

Visitors to Haydock saw at least three horses it would be well to note for the future. I refer to Marshal Pili (which beat a well-cooked job in Belt, from Ireland), Jacintha, an effortless winner over seven furlongs, and Huguenot.

Marshal Pili, in particular, can win other races and I am not surprised to see him entered in more valuable events than the Haydock venture.

The decision to send Pendlehill against the flying Right Boy for the July Cup at Newmarket is proof of the confidence in this Middleham stable controlled by Lieutenant-Colonel W. E. Lyde. The three-year-old got a racing lesson from Dutton's runner from Malton but I believe the younger horse will, later, produce much greater speed than he has so far shown. He is in the Steward's Cup with 8st. 5lb. and is quoted, along with stable companion D.T.J., at 25-1.

And perhaps it would be best to forget the other "Pendle"—Pendle mist—its failure during the week. He had run very well at Doncaster in June.

Epsom stables won five of the six races on the corresponding day at Alexandra Park last year, and they look like doing well again. In the Metropolitan Handicap, a 10lb. penalty puts Miss McTaffy out of the race, and top-weight will be carried by the Arundel-trained Queen's Beast, who came in for plenty of support in her last race at Windsor, but was beaten into fourth place behind Game Maria. Her previous outing was in the Oaks in which she showed early speed, and prior to that, she had beaten Game Maria at Kempton Park. The danger could be Shotesham.

Other "Alley Pally" fancies are: Lunalra (6 45) and No Complaint (9 0).

At Birmingham, the two mile Shipston Stakes provides a winning opportunity for All Serene, which ran a good third to Restoration at Ascot.

Reg Day has recently been slipping some good work into Paradeal, who has not run since making a promising debut when third to Krakenwake at Newmarket in April, and the filly is expected to win the Honiley Plate. The Guys Cliff Handicap may go to Seadon.

Next week's racing fixtures.—Monday: Alexandra Park and Birmingham (both evening meetings). Tuesday: Newmarket. Wednesday and Thursday: Newmarket, Bath and Catterick Bridge. Friday: Ascot Heath, Hamilton Park (evening). Saturday: Ascot Heath, Ripon, Chepstow and Hamilton Park.

By a strange arrangement on Monday there will be no daytime racing, both the Alexandra Park and Birmingham cards open in the evening. The London fixture is timed to start at 6 45, and Birmingham begins a quarter of an hour later.

### Sporting queries

ANXIOUS (Middleton).—(1) Lord Rosebery's racehorse The Bastard (100-1) won at Newmarket on July 3, 1929. E. C. Elliott was the jockey. (2) Granely, 20-1 winner of the Lincolnshire Handicap of 1922, was trained by H. Cottrill, ridden by Steve Donoghue, and owned by "Jimmy" White, the Rochdale-born financier.

## PLENTY OF OGDEN 'BITES'



YOU are West. The score is game all and East deals.

After passes from East and South, the West player bid one spade in the hope of intimidating the enemy. East raised to four spades a trifle optimistically and all passed. North led the queen of diamonds. How should West plan the play?

My solution: West, who must hope that the adverse trumps are evenly divided, must play three top hearts, discarding a club on the third round. Complete deal:

Hand distribution: ♠ A Q, ♠ 10 7 6 3, ♠ Q J 9 8, ♠ K 7 4, ♠ J 9 8 6 4, ♠ N, ♠ 7 5 3 2, ♠ K 2, ♠ W, ♠ A Q 5 4, ♠ A 7 6 5, ♠ S, ♠ K, ♠ 5 3, ♠ K 10, ♠ J 9 8, ♠ 10 4 3 2, ♠ A J 8 6.

Even after discarding a club West cannot afford to lead a trump; North would win and lead his fourth heart for South to trump. So, at Trick 5, the declarer leads dummy's fourth heart and discards his remaining club, thus losing only three tricks. EWART KEMPSON



### BY THE STUDENT

LET'S have a boxing quiz this week. Score two points for numbers two and three and one for number one. Four is a good score.

TEASER NUMBER ONE Which world champion, still fighting, has had over 214 contests during his career?

TEASER NUMBER TWO He had 217 fights and lost only nine. Who?

TEASER NUMBER THREE He was only 4ft. 10in. but he won the 7st. championship of England. Who?

Answers on Page 10

### Not on Athletic's short list of three

The name of Oldham Athletic's new manager will probably be known next Wednesday. A short list of three will be considered at next Wednesday's board meeting, and contrary to rumour, Mr. Jack Hazeldine, sports officer at Royton Textiles mills, is not one of the three.

Mr. Hazeldine was not even one of the original applicants, as the former Stalybridge Celtic manager is not currently in football. He has, however, been helping and advising the club on the purchase of players during the close season.

## CROSSWORD No. 1523

Crossword puzzle grid with clues for Across and Down. Clues include: 1 Black and tan material (6), 4 Beds on boats (5), 7 A great divide? (8), 8 Make yourself heard (5), 10 Non-alienist (4), 12 Halves (7), 15 Berry stone (5), 16 Hypothesized verbs? (4), 17 A summit in a crash (4), 19 Schoolboy punishment (5), 20 ... and proposition for a schoolboy, maybe (7), 21 Consider (4), 23 Basin to show new courses? (6), 24 Make known about me a t (4), 25 Keep the sun from (5), 26 Nothing to pay (6), 9 Drop of music (5), 11 Two-penn'orth? (8), 12 Sable, possibly, in bundles (5), 13 Sir Roger, perhaps, but not de Coverley (5), 14 Walks unsteadily to the slaughterhouse (8), 18 A spot of technical trouble? (4, 5), 22 Bring up (as a stragglor may do?) (4).

YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION.—Across: 3, Mark Time. 8, Poplar. 9, Rarefied. 11, Alderman. 12, Mess. 13, Delia. 18, Dooms. 19, Away. 22, Magnolia. 24, Revealed. 25, Aerate. 26, Goatherd. Down: 1, Sprat. 2, Spuds. 3, Married. 4, A-ram. 5, Keen. 6, Irises. 7, Eldest. 10, Radio (activity). 14, Loyal. 15, A.m.-ended. 18, Tag-rag. 17, Salvia. 20, Altar. 21, Waver. 22, Mash. 23, Gear.

THE recent sunny weather has warmed the waters of the local reservoirs, and Ogdien is fishing very well. In a walk around the water last weekend I saw roach, tench, perch and carp caught by visiting anglers. Float-fishing with bread paste seemed to be the most popular and paying method. On the debit side, go prepared to get plenty of bites, if not from fish then from gnats, for the Ogdien "mosquito" is the most hard-biting, the most irritating and the most relentless of any ever met.

Take care, too, of litter. Still too much is being left at the reservoir, and the blameless many are still "carying the can" for the thoughtless few.

CHADDERTON ANGLERS' SOCIETY are visiting Rhyll brickpits tomorrow to fish their second match of the season. These brickworks, as is common with a lot of coastal ponds, hold hordes of rudd. They also hold perch, trout, and eels.

At the moment, the ponds are full to their limit on account of past heavy rainfall, and fishing might be awkward owing to sunken and hidden weeds. Plenty of ground-bait is a necessity here, as once the rudd starts to feed, their interest must be kept, otherwise they will drift to better feeding grounds.

The coach will leave Shaw at 6-15 a.m. and travel by way of Royton, Burnley Lane, Rochdale Road, Dog Inn and Chadderton Town Hall.

ONE of the pleasures connected with angling is the observance of wild life. Birds come to the waterside to bath or wash, and many have their nests in the weeds or bushes. How many of us have marvelled at the flight of the swallow, or the waterhen looking after its young.

Last week on Anglesey we were treated to a sight of more varied species. On the shore of one weedy lake we saw two herons which stood erect and motionless in the rushes, taking off when we were only a few feet away and flying across the water in their slow, majestic manner.

Tern and mallard twisted across the water constantly, with jet-like noise and a speed not really synonymous with a member of the duck family.

SEVERAL times we fished very near the nests of the common tern. Nest is really a misnomer, for the eggs and young were produced in a small depression in the ground—no lining twigs or feathers as is to be found in the nests of most other birds.

These birds were exceptional acrobats and would hover over the water like helicopters, dive and seize some unsuspecting roach and carry it off at speed to their awaiting young.

Seagulls, although twice as big, were not free from their attacks, for if they saw one carrying food they harried it from all angles until it dropped the titbit, which was quickly grabbed by a deft wheel of the tern before it reached the water.

The most uncommon bird seen was a member of the hawk family, the marsh harrier.

NEXT Sunday the Waterhead Anglers will be visiting Whixall on the Shropshire Union Canal. Believing that the early bird catches the worm, they leave their headquarters at 5 30 a.m. K.B.

# AUSTRALIANS AND USA NOT SO FAR AHEAD

**A**FTER a fortnight of the worst weather Wimbledon had experienced for more than 30 years, the seeding committee saw its No. 1 selections take the championships in the men's and women's singles. Ashley Cooper, the new champion, was a convincing winner in the final against his great friend and doubles partner, Neale Fraser. But his play in the early rounds was far below the standard expected from the ultimate winner.

Against J. Ulrich (Denmark) and the Segal (S. Africa) he began to find his service power, but it was not until his great match against Britain's Bobby Wilson that he showed any of the hallmarks of a champion.

The young British player came very close to winning: it required a champion to beat him. After his victory over Wilson, Cooper played much better tennis and never seemed in danger of defeat at the hands of either Rose or Fraser.

## Becker out of form

Apart from Wilson, no other player made a great impression. Great Britain's other representatives disappointed. Michael Davies was unlucky to strain a muscle during his match with Jackie

## Summary of Wimbledon by GEOFF PAISH

Brichant (Belgium), but it was far from certain that he would have won.

Roger Becker was sadly out of form and was completely mastered by the French player, Molinari. Billy Knight endured a long five-set struggle before succumbing to the experienced Australian, Don Candy. He will need to improve his backhand return if he is to get further in the game.

Barry Mackay justified his seeding and reached the last eight thanks to rugged service power, but he was outclassed when opposed to the speed and finesse of Mervyn Rose.

America's other representatives did not shine, and with two of her younger players, Mike Green and Bob Perry losing to veteran Gardner Mulloy and Budge Patty, prospects of an American revival in the near future are not very bright.

## Angela's good play

The women's championship brought some surprises, but Althea Gibson proved herself a worthy winner. It is significant that she was not called upon to play a match against an opponent capable of attacking her from the net as Christine Truman did in the Wightman Cup.

But she showed in the final against Angela Mortimer, and in an earlier match against Shirley Bloomer, that she has strength enough in her back-court play to withstand a deep driving game that is not pressed home at the net.

Angela Mortimer played extremely well in her semi-final against Susy Kormoscy, who was unable to break up the rhythm of her driving. For the whole of the two sets, Angela hit to a perfect length which had her opponent constantly on the run.

It was almost enough to win her the first set in the final against Althea Gibson, but she was unable to overcome the weakness of her own service. It was, perhaps, almost fitting that she lost the set with a double fault, for her other strokes were working well.

## Bueno's future

Of the younger players it was Ann Haydon who got the furthest. Christine Truman found that Mimi Arnold could not be beaten by using the tactics that had paid off against Althea Gibson, but seemed unable to change her game. Clearly she is still lacking in experience, though her stroke play is better than last year.

Ann Haydon's determination carried her through more than one

crisis, and she thoroughly deserved her place in the semi-final with a victory over the young Brazilian, Maria Bueno.

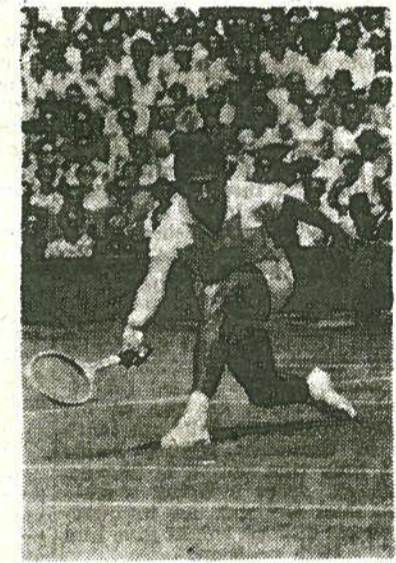
Miss Bueno clearly has a future, and next year, if the weather is kinder and provides her with warm, dry and fast conditions, she could well be the winner.

The men's doubles was notable for the victory of the Swedish pair, Sven Davidson and Ulf Schmidt. Davidson played better doubles than I have seen him play before. He was much quicker moving to the net and was very fast to intercept whenever his partner made an opening.

Schmidt's return of service was particularly good, and it was noticeable how he and Davidson cleverly used the lob now and again, preventing their opponents from crowding the net.

Clearly I think the lesson of this year's Wimbledon is that neither Australia in men's tennis nor America in women's tennis is as far ahead of the rest of the world as they have been in recent years.

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ASHLEY COOPER

# A WARNING TO BOXERS AND MANAGERS Williams gets hard rap from Board of Control

**C**LEVELAND WILLIAMS, the American heavyweight who came, saw and went away again without fighting let alone conquering, will remember his last visit to Britain.

In the judicial language of the British Boxing Board of Control stewards, Williams committed an offence of non-fulfilment of contract at Porthcawl on July 2 and 9.

If the Board has its way the hard-punching Texan negro will not fight anywhere in the world during the next 12 months and possibly never again in Britain.

At a steward's meeting in London on Wednesday, Williams, who refused to go into the ring with Dick Richardson despite being passed fit by the Board's doctor, was deprived of his licence to box in Britain.

The Board also asked the two American associations—the New York State Athletic Commission and the NBA—the European Boxing Union and all other boxing authorities to suspend Williams for 12 months.

On behalf of the promoter, who had his July 2 show wrecked at four hours' notice and had to rush over Bob Baker as a substitute one for financial compensation.

# Hard decision to make: the purpose of trials

**N**EW ZEALAND'S skipper, John Reid, had my sympathy at Leeds. Of all times to win his first Test toss in England it had to be at Headingley after the ground had been waterlogged for the first 2½ days of the match. I would have hated to have had his decision—to bat or not to bat. Reid decided—as I think I would have done—to bat. But a glorious weekend turned the wet pitch into a much drier one for England on the Monday, and every critic in the country jumped in to say that Reid had made a mistake.

## AN EXPENSES RACKET IN LAWN TENNIS

**T**HE lawn tennis expenses racket is news again. The Edgbaston club recently admitted that they made payments of £75 and £60 last year to two players. And this week the International Lawn Tennis Federation were being asked to tighten up the restrictions on amateurs.

In my view these international tennis legislators are wasting their time. They would be much better employed if they were removing the rule that prevents amateurs and professionals competing in the same event. It is this rule that stands in the way of an Open championship.

Significantly, Wembley have announced a record ticket rush for their indoor professional event in September. Pancho Gonzales, the best player in the world, will defend his reputation against four Wimbledon champions, Jack Kramer (1947), Frank Sedgman (1952), Tony Trabert (1955) and Lew Hoad (1956-7).

Also present will be the holder of the Wembley title, Ken Rosewall, and Rex Hartwig and Pancho Segura. The total prize-money will be £7,500.

A new Open tennis championship in September at Wimbledon, as an event additional to the traditional all-amateur Wimbledon fortnight, yearly becomes a more and more obvious promotion. Soon it may be too late—and Wimbledon will miss a second great crowd-puller.

SPORTS EDITOR

## Gold bars in a drain

Workmen digging a drain at Montereau, Central France, unearthed a biscuit tin containing gold bars and 500 gold coins worth five million francs (about £4,170).

The gold has been handed to a housewife living on the adjoining property, who said it was her buried savings.

On the issue of policy, maybe he did. But on the state of the wicket I doubt it very much. In my opinion, that Leeds wicket on Monday morning still let the ball turn, and if Laker and Lock had been bowling they would have been more deadly than they were on Saturday.

They would have turned it much quicker on Monday morning. New Zealand's trouble was that they had nobody to use it effectively enough.

On the policy issue, Reid's critics have a point. As a hard fast wicket was impossible after the rain, New Zealand could probably have best fought for the draw they needed to keep the series alive by making England bat first.

## By NORMAN YARDLEY

Tight bowling could have made England bat for a long time before they could have been in a position to declare. And with the wicket improving all the time—from a New Zealand view point it could never be a great deal worse than on Saturday—the tourists might easily have held out.

That is all an argument which admits New Zealand's extreme limitations against this England side, and I suppose one must see that John Reid, tough and terrier-like as he is, would be reluctant to admit them.

Whatever he did, Reid was bound to be on the wrong end. He was outmanoeuvred even on a good wicket: on a bad one he was never in the battle. And, as so cruelly happens to the weaker side, all the rubs of the green went against him, too.

## Nothing discovered

What did England find out in this match? I would say precious little. MIKE SMITH failed again as opener, but still has a last chance to catch the boat to Australia by a good innings in the crucial Gentlemen v. Players match at Lord's next week. ARTHUR MITTON could also clinch his play there, if his maiden Test 100 at Leeds hasn't already done it.

I don't think anyone else who played at Leeds is in any doubt about his winter plans. I think they will all go to Australia. But many others will be fighting hard at Lord's to try to join them. I shall be specially interested to see how WILLIE WATSON (Leicester) and SUBBA ROW (Northants) perform.

Here are the two outstanding left-handers of the season and I can't see either of them being overlooked—Watson especially, as he can double the roles of middle or opening batsman.

Many people seem to doubt Subba Row's qualifications for the England side, but these are perfectly in order. He was born in Croydon and all his cricket has been in this country. He is certainly eligible. That other left-hander and useful bowler, DON SMITH, will also be there with a chance.

## Underlining class

And that brings me to a point which is frequently mentioned. Do selectors pick men for tours on, say, one innings in a trial match? The short answer is "No." All that any player can do in a special match is to underline his known quality as a player.

He wouldn't be picked at all if he didn't have the class. All he can do on trial is maintain that class under special stress. I always feel, therefore, that trial games are more destructive than constructive: they break more players than they make.

For the Australian tour, as I have said before, our selectors can-



SUBBA-ROW



WILLIE WATSON

not base their judgment of men on this summer's form alone. They have to think of the class that will stand up to conditions of heat and sun and hard wickets of Australia.

The basis of all their judgment must be class. In bowling, the emphasis must be weighted towards speed rather than spin; in batting towards stroke-players rather than the dull dogs. For I firmly believe that our bowlers will need a stronger backing of runs from our batsmen this time than they received on the last tour.

Meanwhile, Hampshire maintain their challenge for Championship honours with Somerset also jostling the leaders. And jolly good luck to them, too. I would like to think they could keep it up, but I have my doubts.

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## Automatic weather forecasts

Two automatic remote control weather signs will soon be operating on top of two Melbourne buildings. A combination of red and white coloured lights on the signs, operated from the weather bureau, will tell passers-by what weather to expect. The key to the signals is prominently displayed.

## World Rose Exhibition

More than 30 nations will take part in a World Rose Exhibition in Paris from April 24 to May 3 next year. Details of most exhibits are still secret, but it is known that Italy will feature a floral re-creation of the Appian Way, and that the Soviet Union will reconstruct a Caucasian flower garden.

# 'Ice-cold' warmed German hearts

THE International Critics' Prize for the best film at the Berlin Film Festival has been won by British director J. Lee-Thompson for the second year running. Last year he took it with "Woman in a Dressing Gown." This year his "Ice Cold in Alex" notched up a second success. The film stars John Mills, Anthony Quayle, Sylvia Syms and Harry Andrews.

It was given a tremendous ovation by German audiences at both its showings and Germans have been quick to applaud its attitude towards Anglo-German relations.

One German newspaperman said of the film, "This is the first British picture which appears to be completely unbiased. It is not a story of war but of people on both sides of the war fighting a common enemy."

The film tells of the long, dangerous journey through the desert in 1952 by three men and a girl. Their only transport is an old army ambulance.

Its intriguing title comes from mumbblings of John Mills—playing an exhausted, drunken army cap-

tain—who longs for long drinks of beer "ice cold in Alex (andria)."

The applause of the German audiences impressed the prize-winning director.

On both occasions the audiences were spontaneous in their reaction to the tense scene in which Anthony Quayle is rescued after being sucked down into a bog. When the sequence was over the audience applauded for what delighted director J. Lee-Thompson describes as "easily a solid minute."

Says Lee: "They were the most attentive and appreciative audiences I have ever known. Afterwards, when our party was on the stage they called us back even after the curtains had been dropped."



VIRGINIA MCKENNA  
Carving her name.

## BOOK TO SAY 'WE LIKE VIRGINIA'

CINEMAGOERS at many cinemas in Britain were so impressed by the acting of Virginia McKenna in "Carve Her Name With Pride" that they approached the managers after the shows and said: "We would like to tell her how much we enjoyed her film."

The sequel: Ten thousand people in North London alone signed a book which says simply: "We enjoyed your magnificent performance."

The signatures grew and grew in numbers until the book became too bulky and had to be cut in half—5,000 of the signatures were left out.

The book, beautifully bound, was presented the other day to Virginia McKenna at Pinewood where she is making "The Passionate Summer."

## ANITA FINDS A NEW LINE

THE latest husband-and-wife team to join the night-club circuit is Anita Ekberg and Anthony Steele. Las Vegas bookers are reported to be waiting anxiously with pens ready and chequebooks open.

The couple were in Spain recently when they announced the formation of the act: built around Spanish dance numbers with fill-ins of patter and song duets.

Anita started it. While making "The Man Inside" she had dancing lessons from the famous Spanish



ANITA EKBERG  
Rhumba, anyone?

dancer, Antonio, for an important rhumba scene.

Antonio was impressed with her talents and urged the couple to team up for personal appearances. He has promised to work out the act for them.

Anthony Steele, who is a former crooner, says that the act will be delayed because of various film commitments but it is hoped that they will be able to have a trial in England in December. If it's a success they will take it into the Las Vegas playground for the New Year high jinks.

# AUSTRALIANS ARE UNBEATABLE AT FREESTYLE SWIMS

ONLY five out of 15 events will be open for decision when those phenomenal Australians launch their attack on Empire swimming titles and world records at Cardiff next Saturday evening. In the freestyle races the Aussies' reign supreme, for they are unbeatable in the Commonwealth.

Dawn Fraser, world record holder at 110 yards (61.5sec.), hopes to get under this figure, and return at least 60sec. or even achieve her long-standing ambition to break a minute. Alva Colquhoun (63.3sec.), Lorraine Crapp (64.4sec.) and Sandra Morgan (64.9sec.) are all faster than the rest of the Empire put together.

But for the fact that they are permitted to enter only three swimmers in each of the individual events, the Australians would without doubt have occupied all four places. As it is, they will have to be content with just three medals. At the time of my writing this review, which of these four will be left out is unknown.

Our nearest approach to these times was Diana Wilkinson's 65.7sec. in the National Championships at Blackpool last September. This season Diana's best has been 66.2sec. put up in the Empire Trials, although during the Germany international at Munich last weekend for a shorter 100 metres she registered 65.7sec., to gain a runaway victory over Ursula Brunner in the 50-metre open-air stadium under unpleasant conditions.

Had she been pushed, she would probably have improved on her time. If Diana can repeat this form in Cardiff under normal conditions and with the tougher opposition, she could earn fourth place.

## NEIL'S CHANCES

Just as unpenetrable is the men's sprint. Here again Australia looks like taking first three places. Captain John Devitt holds the world record (55.2sec.), established at the beginning of 1957, and has recently come within three-tenths of this mark.

He is strongly supported by Gary Chapman (56.4sec.) and newcomer Geoff Shipton (57.7sec.) Neil McKechnie's British record (short-course), set when he was at his peak two years ago, falls one-tenth short of Shipton's figure. Neil's fastest time this season is 58.2sec. and 56.6sec. from a flying start—both against Holland. An improvement on his 58.2sec. might give him fourth or fifth position.

THE AUSTRALIAN MONOPOLY CONTINUES OVER THE FREESTYLE DISTANCE RACES. FOR THE WOMEN'S 440 YARDS SHE CAN DRAW ON FOUR COMPETITORS WHO ARE UNDER FIVE MINUTES.

Lorraine Crapp (world record holder, 4min. 48.6sec.) has clocked a slower and more recent 4min. 53.2sec., but Dawn Fraser, better known as a sprinter, tried her hand at this distance in the Australian Championships, and won the national title with 4min. 55.7sec., beating Ilsa Konrads by half a second.

Soon afterwards Konrads brought her time down to 4min. 53.3sec., becoming the second fastest woman in history. Sandra Morgan (4min. 56.2sec.) makes up the quartet.

Compare these figures with the lowly times of our girls—Elspeth Ferguson 5min. 14.8sec., Judy Samuel 5min. 24.4sec., and Anne Marshall 5min. 32.5sec. English team manager Alf Price may drop either Marshall or Samuel and bring in Diana Wilkinson after her 5min. 14.1sec. record-breaking display at Warrington last month.

Incredible Jon Konrads should gallop off with both the freestyle quarter-mile and mile. He holds the world records for these, which stand at 4min. 21.8sec. and 17min. 28.7sec.

England's Terry Boyes, Malcolm Barnes and Alan Clarkson are out of the running for places in the 440 yds., although the Scots are hoping that Ian Black will be able to repeat or perhaps even improve on his 4min. 36.9sec. and take a place. England have no competitors for

the mile while the national champion, Bob Sreenan carries the Scottish banner. The only guide to his chances of being placed are that he covers the mile in 21min. 23.2sec.

Terry Gathercole, who a few weeks ago claimed both the vacant world 110yds. and 220yds. breast-stroke records, looks a cert to carry off the Empire title at this latter distance, which he covered in 2min 40.5sec.

Brian Day (2min. 47.2sec.) Welshman John Beavan (2min. 48.1 sec.) and the other main English hope, Chris Walkden (2min. 49.6 sec.) who managed a long course of 2min. 46sec. two years ago, are well down, but an exceptional swirl could provide them with second third and fourth places.

## MONCKTON CERTAIN

Six-foot four-inch John Monckton completes the list of certain Australian winners. Monckton holds all four world backstroke records—100 metres, 110yds., 200 metres and 220 yds.

For 110yds., with which we are concerned, he returns 61.5sec. while fellow Aussie John Hayre (64.4sec.) is four-tenths faster than Graham Sykes, who is going to have to put up his fastest time ever if he hopes to secure second position.

England can take first and second places in the women's 110yds. back stroke. World 110-yd. and 100 metre record-holder Margaret Edwards (72.4sec.) has been returning times only a few tenths outside this figure and Olympic gold medallist Judy Grinham (73.5sec.), with her big match temperament, is capable of coming in second and gaining a silver medal.

New Zealander Philippa Goul (72.5sec.) (possessor of the world 110-yds. and 100-metre record until Margaret took them from her in April) could upset calculations; however, and so can Sara Barbe (Canada) who holds a six-tenths' advantage over Margaret Edward for 100yds. but lacks long-course experience.

## GOSDEN IS BEST

Again in the women's 220yds. breaststroke, it should be an English victory, and there is a strong possibility that England will take all three medals as Christine Gosden (2min. 56.7sec.), Jackie Dysco (2min. 58.1sec.) and Anita Lonsborough (2min. 58.4sec.) are the only three competitors in this event who are under three minutes. The Australian opposition is supplied by their captain, Barbara Evan (3min. 2.4sec.).

Christine Gosden can also claim the 110yds. butterfly, but she will have to move to beat Canada's Marg Ivaszaki. The corresponding men's event over 220yds. promise to be one of the Games classics. Here Ian Black (Scotland, 2min 23.3sec.) and Graham Symond (England, 2min. 24.3sec.) clash with Brian Wilkinson world record holder at 110yds. Wilkinson's best for the longer course is 2min 24.9sec.

In three of the four team race the Aussies are again likely to remain unchallenged, as they hold the world records for both the men's 4 x 220 yds. freestyle (8min. 24.5sec.) and 4 x 110yd medley (4min. 19.4sec.), together with the women's 4 x 110yd. freestyle record (4min. 18.9sec.).

England are sufficiently strong to occupy second place in all three races, and with the necessary amount of luck might win the women's 4 x 110yds. medley. Success in this will depend largely on how much of a lead the first three swimmers can establish, as England's last competitor will probably have to face the full fury of Dawn Fraser.

## Self-government bid

Sir Edward Beatham, the Governor of Trinidad, left Port of Spain by sea for London last night, to ask for constitutional reforms which would give the colony almost complete internal self-government.



TERRY HOWLETT is only two—but already he's making friends and influencing people. His new friend, shown here, is Norman Wisdom, accepting a sweet in an off-set meeting. Norman is making his new comedy, "The Square Peg," near Terry's home at Woodburn Green, Buckinghamshire. The film is being directed by John Paddy Carstairs, with Norman as a road mender turned soldier. Honor Blackman, Edward Chapman, Hattie Jacques and Campbell Singer are also starred.

## THIS WAS SOME FIGHT!

THE man behind the toughest fights on the British screen is usually an ex-Royal Marine PT instructor called Rupert Evans.

So when he says, "This is the toughest screen fight I've ever staged," it is certain that he knows what he is talking about.

The fight which made him gasp was between 6ft. 4in. Howard Keel and 6ft. 3½in. John Crawford during the shooting of Sidney Box's production, "Floods of Fear."

Both stars did the fighting, refusing to let stunt men take over. They fought with dividers, monkey wrenches, crowbars, axes and fists. Crawford broke a chair over Keel's head, splintering it.

Keel retaliated by knocking Crawford off a 12-foot balcony and jumping on him.

Instructor Evans rehearsed for ten days, working out the fight movement by movement as if it were ballet. "This was the greatest ever," he said. "Luckily they were both fighting fit."

FRANCE NUYEN, the half-French half-Chinese girl who played Liat in the Todd-AO film of "South Pacific," has been signed on to star in "In Love and War" for 20th Century-Fox release.

Adapted from Anton Myrer's

novel "The Big War," this CinemaScope film in Eastman Color also stars Anthony Quinn, Robert Wagner, Hope Lange, Dana Wynter, Bradford Dillman and Sheree North.

SUSANA CANALES, winner of the Spanish national prize as Film Actress of the Year (Spanish Oscar) for her performance in "Cielo Negro," was signed to portray Queen Marie Antoinette in "John Paul Jones."

Senorita Canales is now completing a co-starring role with Vittorio de Sica and Walter Chiari in "The Girl From the Plaza San Pedro" in Rome but will return to Madrid to start her role in "John Paul Jones."

SINGAPORE and Malaya are the sites for location filming on "The Other Side of the Coin," to be produced and directed by Otto Preminger (who made "Saint Joan," "Bonjour Tristesse," "The Man with the Golden Arm"). He is now looking for an oriental girl to play a leading role. Later he will make "Anatomy of a Murder."

James Stewart, co-starred with Kim Novak and Barbara Bel Geddes in Alfred Hitchcock's frightener, "Vertigo," is the latest member of the film colony to take up golf.





Rochdale Midweek Cricket League Whittle's are now only 2 points behind

SECTION "A" Hy. Whittles SO 26-7, F. Smith (Whit.) Ltd S & SO 24 Only D. Leach (10) could do anything against some great bowling by J. Marster (six for 12), of Whittle's, and were all out in ten overs. Whittle's had to struggle and won in the last over against some fine bowling by Leach (five for 14). This was Smith's second defeat; Whittle's are now only two points behind them and have a game in hand.

Brierley, Collier & Hartley 46, Hilton Congs. 69 Hilton had to thank H. Fielden (21), W. Kenyon (17), Hibbert (10) and extras (10). Aughey, for BCH, took six for 28. In reply for Brierley, Collier & Hartley, Aughey (14) and Gilbertson (10) did not get any support against Foster (five for 24) and Whitelegge (four for 18).

Smithies SO 56-8, Observer SO 62-3 Batting first for Smithies, only the Jones brothers, N. Jones (10) and D. Jones (15) could do anything against some steady bowling by Sutcliffe (four for 8 in six overs). In reply, Observer had to thank Wood (42 not out—a gem of an innings), ably assisted by captain Wadsworth (10). Seven were wanted off the last over from Beattie, and Wood made certain, obtaining 12. This was Observer's second win and a great one—as they lacked the services of all-rounders Frain and Mottram.

Bright's RO 72-2, Whipp & Bourne's SO 33 Brights: N. Morris (32 not out), Eaton (29 not out). Bowling for Brights: Taylor six for 16. Batting for Whipp's: C. Winder (11).

SECTION "B" F. S. Ratcliffe S & SO 67-3, West Street Baptists 61-6 Batting first for West Street, J. Raby (25) and T. E. Buckley (14) lacked support. Ratcliffe's knocked off the runs in 11 overs, thanks to S. Beckwith (36 not out) and Wood (18).

E. Wrigley & Sons 83-6, Clarion OC 16 Batting first, E. Wrigley (14 overs) had to thank that grand opening bat, Cluff (38 not out), Simmonds (12) and Straughter (10). In reply, Clarion were shot out in 12 overs by Butterworth (5 for 9) and Straughter (4 for 5).

Ormerod's SO 45, Birch Hill SO 49-6 Batting first, Ormerods (14 overs) were all out in 12 overs, not one reaching double figures against Egan (4 for 19) and McKeon (3 for 2). In reply, Birch Hill won in 11 overs—Saville (15), Hopkinson (12 not out), Smitth (10).

Newbold Baptists SO 52, Midland OC 57-6 For Newbold, Pearson (19) and Schofield (19) lacked support against some great bowling by Greenwood (8 for 8 in 6 overs). In reply, Midland knocked off the runs in 12 overs, thanks to Kershaw (27) and Gill (12).

Holroyds GCD 66-3, Kelsall & Kemp CC 81-5 In a high-scoring match, Kelsall and Kemp had good knocks from Tootell (23), Crossley (22), Brierley (14) and Hartley (10). In reply, Holroyds made a great fight, thanks to Lynch (38 not out) and Milne.

Nicolas is Boussac's head trainer Henri Nicolas will, succeed Charlie Elliott as head trainer for M. Boussac, the millionaire race-horse owner. M. Boussac said today the appointment would last until the end of the year.

Rain again returns to hamper cricket

AFTER a week of belated summer weather, rain returned today to hamper first-class cricket and once more to affect Saturday attendances, normally the best of the week.

Kershaw upset their perfect evening

ONE of the chief delights of cricket is the unexpected element. On Friday, at Denton, an Oldham team played a match on a perfect evening for the first time this season, and lost, albeit narrowly, when victory seemed inevitable. However, the junior town team was far from dispirited, for there had been two hours good cricket. Oldham were soon in trouble against the bowling of Kershaw, who had he not been taken off after claiming six wickets would assuredly have gone through the side. Only Naylor put up any real resistance, and so the team which had twice disposed of Manchester in under 15 minutes was unceremoniously bundled out in just under the hour for 23. No undue alarm was caused since seven of the Oldham boys were of proved merit as bowlers.

A little unease was felt when four overs had passed with no wicket down, and Kershaw, of Denton, was clearly intent on winning the game on his own.

Waited 20 minutes While he amassed 14 runs, his partner, Worthing, proved his Test Match potential by lingering 20 minutes at the other end before scoring. This event caused a rush of blood to the head and Kershaw obligingly ran himself out. At this stage, four batters paid proper respect to the Oldham bowlers by making a rapid return journey to the wicket without adding to the score now alarmingly poised at 21 with five wickets in hand.

Having been at the wicket for almost an hour for four runs, Worthing decided that a stop must be put to the proceedings and added the three necessary runs. Just to give a foretaste of what might happen when the two teams meet at Hollinwood on Monday, July 21, the remaining five wickets were polished off in a couple of overs, Campbell taking the last two in successive balls.

OLDHAM JUNIORS.—Welsh b Kershaw 2, Naylor b Kershaw 12, Mills b Kershaw 3, Lethbridge b Kershaw 0, Taylor c Sidley b Kershaw 0, Butterworth b Gillam 2, France b Kershaw 0, Campbell run out 2, Blainey c Worthing b Kershaw 1, Hague lbw b Worthing 0, Clarke not out 0; extras 1; total 23.

Bowling: Kershaw 7.5-5-3-7; Hardy 4-2-8-0; Redfern 5-2-7-0; Gillam 2-1-3-1; Worthing 1-0-1-1.

DENTON BOYS.—Kershaw run out 14, Gillam b Blainey 2, Worthing not out 7, Sinclair lbw b Taylor 0, Mottershead b Taylor 0, Blackmore lbw b Taylor 0, Hardy not out 0; extras 1; total (for 5 wickets) 24.

Bowling: Taylor 7-3-4-3; Butterworth 2-0-3-0; Blainey 6-2-8-4; Welsh 7-3-5-0; Mills 3-2-2-3-0.

PRINCESS'S PLANE AHEAD OF SCHEDULE

THE Britannia aircraft bringing Princess Margaret to her month-long tour of Canada left Goose Bay, Labrador, at 7.48 a.m. (BST) today on the last lap of the flight to Vancouver. Princess Margaret was asleep as her plane touched down at Goose Bay for refuelling, more than half an hour ahead of schedule. Airline Captain James Percy reported that he expected to reach Vancouver, where the Princess will change planes for the flight to Victoria, "on time or a little ahead."

In six out of 11 matches no play was possible before lunch. They were Leicestershire v. Derbyshire at Ashby-de-la-Zouch, Yorkshire v. Middlesex at Sheffield, Somerset v. Northamptonshire at Glastonbury, Scotland v. New Zealand at Glasgow, Warwickshire v. Worcestershire at Birmingham and Gloucestershire v. Nottinghamshire at Gloucester. Two of the other five matches had delayed starts, and two more experienced hold-ups during the morning session.

Surrey, who have just regained their championship lead, went to Blackheath and Kent began to bat on time, but only 17 deliveries were sent down, and the score was one for no wicket, when rain stopped further play before lunch. Hampshire, now second, were the most fortunate home club, for play was possible all morning at Portsmouth, where they dismissed five Sussex batsmen for 73 by the interval.

Shackleton's wickets

Four of the wickets fell for 32 to Derek Shackleton, who has now passed the 90-mark, and seems sure to be first to 100. Essex experienced only 25 minutes' delay at Westcliff. Dodds and Barker made 67 off Glamorgan for the first wicket, and at lunch, taken at 87 for one, Barker was 47 not out.

Rain delayed the start of the 'Varsity match at Lord's, and then, in 55 minutes' play to lunch, Cambridge scored 45 without loss, 36 them to D. J. Green. Lancashire missed only 20 minutes' play at Old Trafford, and hit 90 for one off Combined Services, Wharton going to lunch with an unbeaten 58 to his credit.

Scot stays home WINGER NOT SIGNING ON FOR ATHLETIC

ATHLETIC'S bid to sign Queen of the South outside-left Johnnie McGuire fell through last night. Secretary Frank Buckley had stayed by the phone at his Broadway home waiting for the call which would have brought Athletic's fourth close-season capture, but when McGuire rang through from Glasgow it was to say he had decided not to leave Scotland. Even Eddie Murphy, Athletic's centre-half, who was with McGuire in Scotland, could not persuade him to change his mind.

McGuire promised, however, that if he ever decided to cross the border and come into English football he would contact Athletic. It is likely that McGuire will now sign for a Scottish club—probably Cowdenbeath, who have been interested in the player since his name appeared on the transfer-list.

MAN DIES IN MANCHESTER EXPLOSION

ONE man was killed and another burned in an explosion at Dickenson Street electricity sub-station, Manchester, today. Parts of the centre of the city were without current for nearly half-an-hour. The man killed was Herbert Mills, an assistant charge engineer, of Cheam Road, Didsbury. The injured man was William Loughton, an attendant, of Shawford Road, Moston. Extensive damage was done to the switchgear, but not to the building. North-Western Electricity Board experts spent an hour investigating the cause of the explosion at the 33,000-volt sub-station. Workers from another part of the sub-station saw Loughton staggering out of the switchgear department. Police, fire and ambulance services were called, and he was taken to hospital. His condition was later thought to be not serious.

Pigeon Notes 265 BIRDS IN CHELTENHAM RACE

LAST week the Oldham Federation held a race from Cheltenham. A total of 265 birds, which were liberated by Mr. Hopkinson at 11.45 a.m., were entered for the race, which is one of the best races from a financial aspect. The winning bird was Bert Harrison's Cheq Pied Cock, NURP 56 NHC 387. Last season Bert won the first Federation race and was second in the second race from Cheltenham with the same bird. Up to the beginning of this season 387 had won over £50 in prizes.

Off to Nantes

On Tuesday last, the Oldham birds were despatched for Nantes (France) to compete with the Lancashire Combine in the final race from over the Channel. This is also the last old bird race of the season. The despatching was carried out with a minimum of trouble, and all the birds were marked by 8-15.

Next week is an open date between the old bird and young bird programme, but some clubs are refusing to be idle and are holding a young bird race from Stafford. The Federation gets under way once again the following Saturday, with a race from Worcester.

The Lancashire Two Bird Club race from Nantes was held yesterday. The liberation was at 7 a.m., and the early arrivals were being clocked in around 6.20 p.m., these being in the Wigan area. The Lancashire Combine birds, also at Nantes, were liberated this morning at 6.25, flying with a light West wind. J.C.

Oldham Federation.—Cheltenham: A Harrison (BCDEF) 933, Thomas & Son (E) 937, S. Clayton (A) 932, S. Stubbs (F) 916, Cordwell & Son 891, C. Newton 889, Fern & Son 885, H. Bardsley 880, Cordwell & Son 871, G. Garside 854, Hall, Schofield & Hardy (G) 772. Results subject to correction.

Oldham Corporation Passenger Transport Department is to buy three airport-type coaches for experimental purposes on difficult routes, e.g. Strinesdale, Mossley and Fitton Hill.

Sperring to play for St. Anne's



JOHN SPERRING'S rugby boots were hiding on a shelf covered in dust when Oldham announced this week that they had struck off the full-back.

But within hours of the announcement Welshman John was polishing those boots and saying: "Now I play rugby again."

St. Anne's are the lucky amateur club who get the services of Sperring, who cost Oldham £1,000 in 1955. And they are hoping that he will quickly be a star of the club.

Sperring came to Oldham from the South Wales club, Abertillery, and he was full of promise. But with Oldham blessed with Bernard Ganley and a good stand-by in Frank Stirrup, John had more than his work cut out.

Domestic troubles followed and John was on the transfer list at his own request. He has not trained at Watersheddings for over a year.

Lively St. Anne's will also have another former professional on their team next year. Out-half Tommy O'Brien left them for Leigh a couple of years ago, but now he is back with his old club.

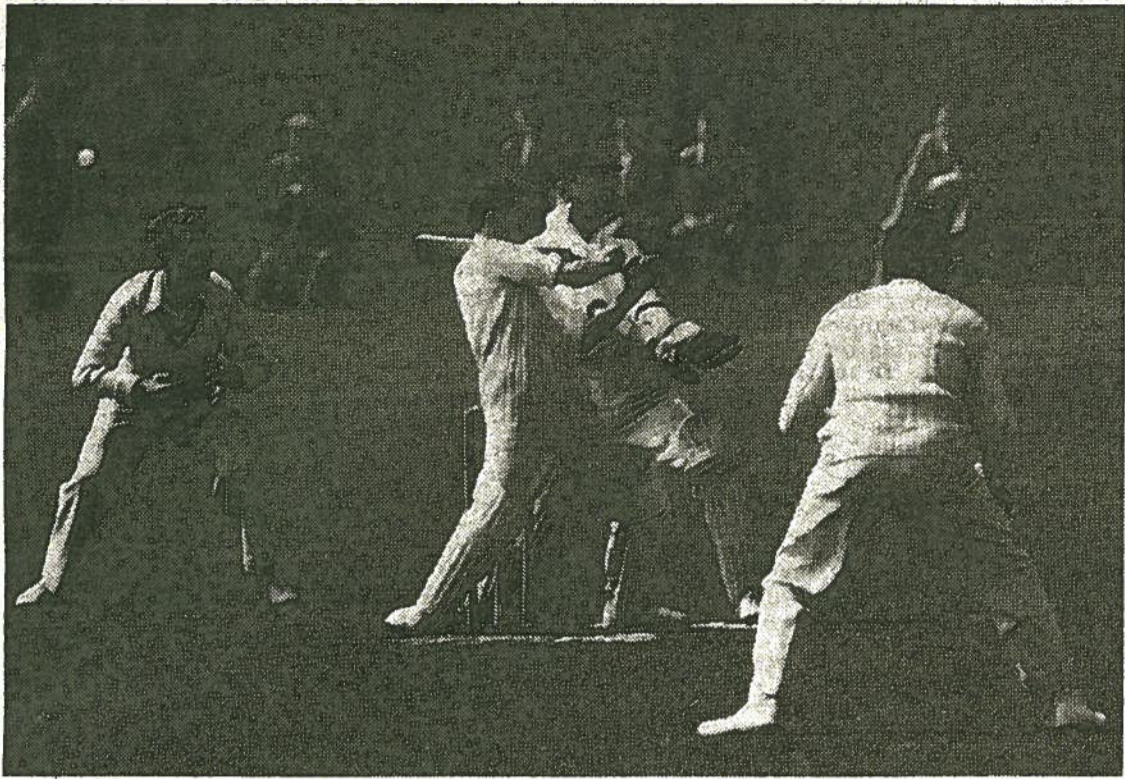
OLDHAM AND DISTRICT GOLF CHAMPIONSHIP

THE Oldham and District Golf Championship takes place over the Crompton and Royton course next Saturday, when H. B. Swales (Oldham) will be defending his title. Club teams of four players will also be competing for the Brierley Cup. Afterwards the main event, a Foursome competition, will be held.

Table with columns for Starting Times and Partners, listing names and scores for various players.







Derek Meynell seen in action for Werneth against Stockport. He made 62 of his side's 139 all out. Also in the picture are E. Ford (slip), T. Lancashire (keeper) and G. Selby.

# Crompton up against it

THE weather might have improved, but the overdrawn bank balances of several CLL clubs have not. At Crompton, to name but one club, distress signals are being hoisted. The position has got so serious that an extraordinary general meeting has been called for a week on Wednesday, July 23.

by D.S.T.

And if this comes as a surprise to those who read reports of the last annual meeting, when the club was thought to be "breaking even," the answer is simple. "The accounts included the money received from the West Indies for Sonny Ramadhin—let's face it we did pretty well out of that deal—but this year there'll be no such windfall," explains secretary Tom Rothwell.

Now facing Crompton is a request for a £1,000 fee from their professional, Hanif Mohammad, if he is to re-sign—more than double what he is being paid this season. But I doubt whether Crompton will even consider such a price.

The financial state of the club has been gradually getting deeper into the red since the trouble over Sunday cricket, when several leading club members left because of its introduction. Three years ago there was a public appeal, but that did not bring in as much as Crompton would have liked.

Mr. Rothwell pinpoints the trouble. "There's less and less interest each season. And it's a drain that must be stopped if the club is to survive. I'm not going to say the club is going out, but unless the position improves something will have to be done—a cheaper professional or something like that."

"We've tried different ways to raise money, concerts, pools, the 28-Club, but it's the same hard-core of workers all the time—and it's not enough. At this moment there are eight vacancies on the 20-strong committee."

Crompton certainly deserve a better fate than this. They have done their best to provide attractive professionals, comfortable accommodation and above all a friendly atmosphere. But their best gate, on the best day of their home programme this season on June 14 was £56. "It's paltry," comments Mr. Rothwell, and I agree.

So on July 23, members will be told that the club would be over £800 in debt if it was asked to pay up at this very moment. And that the situation is getting steadily worse.

KEN SMITH, Rochdale's left-arm spin bowler, will probably be leaving the club at the end of this season. A schoolteacher at Rochdale Grammar School, Ken has recently accepted a new appointment in Bolton.

If he leaves Rochdale to live nearer his new job, which he starts next term, he will lose his qualification for Rochdale, a club he has served well as a bowler for all but two of the seasons since 1951. In those two years he was a professional.

LOOKING for a professional for next season? No doubt one or two CLL clubs are, especially with the Indian tour coming off next summer.

Here are two suggestions. Bobby Simpson, of Western Australia, whose all-round performances earned him a place on the tour of South Africa, and Peter Philpott, another allrounder, who has played with New South Wales, would like to experience league cricket.

GORDON HAZELL must have wondered whether he had been wise in his desire to play in CLL cricket when he made his debut for Heywood last Saturday against Middleton and fast-bowler Roy Gilchrist. He was quickly one of the West Indian's six victims—caught behind the ficket for one.

But in the Wood Cup semi-final this week, Gordon, who previously played for several seasons with Bury in the Manchester Association, was more assured. The lefthander, showing competence and style against Rochdale's Phadkar and Smith, hit 44 and was dramatically caught out on the boundary attempting a six for his half-century.

Gordon, a student at Leeds University, was 21 the day after his innings. He lives in Heywood and the club must be thankful for his decision to change from club to league cricket.

TWO new players for the Crompton are Royton allrounder Ken Perrin, and Oldham's Donald Buckley, brother of Werneth's Maurice. Perrin, a 20-year-old batsman and off-spin bowler, has played one match for Royton first eleven this season. Buckley, who won a championship blazer last season with Oldham, has had similar difficulty keeping a first-team place. So both players fancy their chances of a regular first-team place at Crompton.

## Oldham Sunday School Alliance IT'S A REPEAT OF LAST YEAR'S CUP FINAL

In the Wills Challenge Shield semi-final, Regent Street took first knock against St. Ambrose. R. Smith and A. Fitzpatrick opened, but the latter was out lbw off Tweeddale's second ball.

G. Watson joined Smith and they ran well between the wickets until a change of bowling had Watson caught by Taylor off A. Furness. With the score 29 and his total 17, R. Smith was bowled by Tweeddale and one run later P. Prest, who had scored seven was bowled by Furness.

Three wickets fell at the same total, but with H. Cropper and N. Dawson together a stand was made, the former being first to go lbw to Tweeddale, while Dawson, in taking a second run, was out after scoring ten.

Regent Street's innings closed with Mills lbw and the total 44. R. Tweeddale took five for 11 in 15 overs, and A. Furness four for 9 in 11 overs.

St. Ambrose opened with H. Bennett and R. Tweeddale, but after one over, an appeal against the light was upheld by the umpires.

On Tuesday, R. Tweeddale was first to go, bowled by Prest after scoring five. S. Dex joined Bennett and after scoring 12 was bowled by Fitzpatrick, and with the total at 36, H. Bennett, who had hit 14, was run out.

Wickets fell cheaply and Regent Street were back in the game again. A. Chester (1) was lbw to Fitz-

patrick, A. Furness, who failed to score, played on off the same bowler, and Prest bowled J. Knight who had scored a single.

St. Ambrose were fighting for every single run now but four byes off Prest brought the total up to 47 for 7 with St. Ambrose once again in the final.

A. Fitzpatrick took four wickets for two runs in five overs, and A. Prest had two for 19 in nine overs.

In the other semi-final between Ashton Road Congs. and Westwood Moravians at Hunt Lane, Moravians batted first and were all out for 30. Their top scorers were S. Brierley (8), J. Heath (6) and E. Dixon (5). R. Whitworth took four for 11 and K. Clarke six for 16.

Ashton Road fared even worse for, though W. Radcliffe scored 13 and B. Swann 8, they closed their innings with a total of 29. S. Brierley took six for 8 and J. Heath four for 8.

This makes it a repeat of last year's final—St. Ambrose v. Westwood Moravians.

Games for next Saturday.—'A' Section: Salem Moravians v. Ashton Road Congs. (7-8); St. Ambrose v. St. Mary's OFC (9-10); St. Stephen's v. Westwood Moravians (11-12). 'B' Section: St. Thomas's v. Mount Pleasant Mission (1-2); St. Edward's v. Waterloo Street Meths. (3-4); Waterhead Meths. v. Waterhead Parish Church (5-6).

Results of 'A' Section v. 'B' Section game: The latter scored 49 runs, while the former were all out for 34.

**ROYTON BOWLER SHOWS BATSMEN HOW TO BAT!**

ROYTON'S SCORE BOARD AT THE Paddock HAD A MOST DISMAL EXPRESSION AT 4.45pm LAST SATURDAY, FOR THEY HAD LOST 7 WKTS FOR A MEAGRE 56 RUNS TO THEIR OPPONENTS Littleborough

OH! FOR A MAY CENURY OR A JULY CLOUDBURST!

WHILST UP AT CAMP 5, PAVILION MEMBERS WERE WATERING DOWN THEIR LIQUID REFRESHMENTS WITH TEARS SHED LAMENTING THE NEED FOR A CRICKETING MIRACLE TO OCCUR.

IT CAME IN THE SIX FEET, ODD INCHES OF FAST BOWLER SANDERSON WHO CARRIED HIS BAT FOR AN UNBEATEN 27 — BUT TOO LATE TO SAVE THE HOME SIDE WHO WERE ALL OUT FOR 98.

A SCORE THAT Littleborough HAD NO DIFFICULTY IN PASSING FOR THE LOSS OF 2 WKTS.

CLEARLY IT WAS OBVIOUS VICTORY WENT TO THE BETTER TEAM — EQUALLY OBVIOUS WAS THE FACT THAT LES WARBURTON STILL SETS HIS CAP AT THE OLD SAUNTY ANGLE — WITH HIS JAW TO MATCH!

S. Anderson (Royton C.C.)

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## Pat Moss and partner dropping out of rally

British drivers Pat Moss and Ann Wisdom, who had looked well placed to win the Women's Cup in the Alpine Rally, said at the checkpoint at Gap last night that they were dropping out because of engine trouble in their Austin-Healey.

They had then covered 1,777 miles of the 2,350-mile event, which ends in Marseilles today. The rally counts towards the European championship.

Of the 56 cars which started out from Marseilles last Monday, 30 checked in at Gap, including 22 British entries.

## Brian Hanley signs on for Whitehaven

Brian Hanley, who formerly played for the Oldham Rugby Union club and recently for the Salford Rugby League club, was this morning signed by Whitehaven.

Brian told a Chronicle reporter that Whitehaven were providing him with a house and looking out for a business for his wife.

Brian Robinson (Huddersfield) after the 16th stage of the Tour de France cycle race remains ninth in the overall classification and there is the same gap between Robinson and leader Vito Favero (Italy) 11 minutes one second.



Oldham Sunday School Alliance XI.—Back row: R. Whitworth, G. Watson, S. Brierley, D. Young, H. Todd, D. Bamford. Front: J. Lees, A. Sedgwick, J. Schofield, P. Priest, R. J. Bennett.





