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WASH-OUT AT OLD TRAFFORD

Elliott ran away from mile rivals

THE last day at the Empire Games at Cardiff didn't provide the "Mile of the Century" but it did produce the runner of the century in H. J. Elliott, the fleet-footed Australian, who on Tuesday won the Games half-mile, ran away with the mile event today.

Elliott won, as expected, but what was surprising was the complete eclipse of the man expected to challenge him, Brian Hewson, the Mitcham tailor.

Elliott finished in 5min. 59sec., his seventh sub-four minute mile—20 yards ahead of his colleague Merv Lincoln.

Australia completed a hat-trick in this race when Albert Thomas came third with Gordon Pirie (England) fourth.



GRAVENEY—out before he added another run.

Graveney goes... storm breaks

RAIN all morning—and then a thunderstorm in the middle of the afternoon. That was the story from Old Trafford today in the fourth Test match against New Zealand. England reached 206 for three in the short-time that was possible for play—with the loss of Graveney's wicket.

The broken pitch—caused by the fast bowlers' feet—was duly patched up but no cricket was possible before lunch because of rain.

The sun shone for the first time when May and Reid came out at two o'clock. Once more, the "repair" came under close scrutiny, and umpire Emrys Davies ran his fingers round the edges of the new patch.

He lightly dragged his foot across it in imitation of a bowler, apparently trying to see if there was anything to catch his toe. Then, with the captains looking on, the pitch and patch were rolled. Quite a deal of moisture came up.

FIRST RUN

May took the first run of the day off the tall MacGibbon, with a single glanced down to fine leg. The New Zealanders had Cave, their vice-captain, as a second substitute for Moir, who injured an ankle when batting yesterday.

MacGibbon's fifth delivery captured Graveney's wicket. Hardly above medium pace, MacGibbon pitched well up and Graveney edged the catch to Alabaster, one of the substitutes at slip. So England, with one run added, were 193 for three.

May did not take long to find the pace of the pitch, and in Blair's second over sent the ball racing to the mid-wicket boundary. Subba Row, "on trial" for the MCC Australian party, received warm applause from the crowd.

AN ESCAPE

Sutcliffe, posted at silly mid-on by Blair to May, was at last without a bandage on his right wrist, which he fractured earlier in the season. He was kept fairly busy picking up May's forward defensive strokes to accurate and lively bowling.

Cave performed a similar duty for MacGibbon to the left-handed Subba Row, who opened his score with a single placed just outside Cave's reach.

May had an escape off Blair at 201, when he was 18. Trying to cut a ball which rose awkwardly, the England captain snicked it over the slips. Alabaster made a great, but vain effort to catch the ball, which went on to the boundary.

May was forced to watch each ball with the utmost care and Subba



REID—still keeping wicket for New Zealand.

CLL scores and details

Oldham v Royton

ROYTON	
Denison not out	14
Lees not out	0
Total (for no wkt)	14

Milnrow v Crompton

MILNROW	
Leach not out	10
Knight st Derbyshire b Everett	4
Fitton not out	1
Total (for one wkt)	15
Rain	

Castleton M v Heywood

HEYWOOD	
Smith not out	4
Purser c Gowland b Muldowney	4
Mooney not out	1
Total (for one wkt)	9
Rain	

Ashton v Stockport

ASHTON	
Booth not out	5
Wood not out	10
Extra	1
Total (for no wkt)	16
Match abandoned	

Radcliffe v Rochdale

RADCLIFFE	
Settle not out	6
Fogg c Pratt b Frain	0
Sobers not out	12
Total (for one wkt)	18

Walsden v Littleborough

LITTLEBOROUGH	
Hawkard not out	7
Jackson not out	4
Total (for no wkt)	11

Middleton v Werneth

MIDDLETON	
Hyde not out	3
Crook not out	2
Extra	1
Total (for no wkt)	6

GREEN FINAL BOWLING
 NO PLAY TONIGHT
 GREEN UNFIT
 All games due for decision tonight will be played on Monday.

The marriage will take place shortly, it was announced today, between Mr. Michael Pitt-Rivers, of Tollard Royal, Wiltshire, and Mrs. Sonia Blair-Orwell, the widow of George Orwell author of "1984"

Surrey crash, 79 all out to Essex

GOOD news for Hampshire, who are without a county match. Surrey, who they hope to oust from the championship, were shot out in two and a half hours for 79, their lowest total of the season, by Essex at Leyton.

Fast-medium bowlers did the trick. With Roy Ralph taking six for 28, Preston three for 23 and Trevor Bailey the other. But Loader soon struck back for Surrey, taking the wicket of Dodds at 12.

Leicestershire, who completed a win over Essex yesterday, were among the wickets, too, Brian Bosher dismissing the first four Somerset men for 20.

Benefit match

Dennis Brookes lost the toss in his benefit match at Northampton but it seemed a good toss to lose. Worcestershire, who chose to bat, slumped to 86—7 against some skilful bowling by the Australians Tribe and Manning. Kent did little better losing seven wickets for 102.

As a contrast, Sussex were nearing 150 for the loss of only Lenham against Gloucestershire at Bristol. Oakman looked to be well set for a century.

Irish Oaks winner

The Irish Oaks run at The Curragh this afternoon was won by Amante a French filly, ridden by L. Ward. Another French entrant Torbella II was second and Tantalizer (J. Mercer's mount) third. SP: 11/4, 6/1, 5/2 fav.

Choosing the team!

DURING the long wait in the rain at Old Trafford today, the main topic of discussion was the formation of the MCC team to tour Australia next winter.

The eight selectors have arranged an all-day sitting tomorrow at the England team's country headquarters at Lynton, Cheshire, and the list of names is expected to be announced in the evening.

The selection committee is: G. O. Allen (chairman), W. Wooller, L. E. G. Ames, H. E. Dollery, A. B. Sellers, D. J. Insole, F. E. Brown (manager) and P. B. H. May (captain).

Four years ago, the success of Sir Leonard Hutton's team was based in a battery of four fast bowlers, and in the end Tyson and Statham were mainly responsible for bringing home the Ashes.

Now Tyson is fit again, he must surely go (writes L. N. Bailey) if the party is confined to 18, I expect to see the following names: P. B. T. May (captain), M. C. Cowdrey (vice captain), P. E. Richardson, T. W. Graveney, A. C. Milton, W. Watson, R. Subba Row (batsmen), F. H. Tyson, J. B. Statham, F. S. Trueman, J. H. Wardle, J. C. Laker, G. A. R. Lock (bowlers), T. E. Bailey (all-rounder), T. G. Evans, R. Sweetman (wicket-keepers).

Should it be decided to take 17, then E. R. Dexter, another all-rounder, could be included.

MIDDLETON MAKE LATE START

ALTHOUGH play seemed improbable in the morning, the sun and wind dried the wicket enough for Middleton to bat first against Werneth on a still rain-soaked wicket, Hyde and Crook opening 30 minutes late.

Werneth, playing at Towncroft for the fourth time this week, were hoping for better results than they had in the Wood Cup final.

Roscoe and Mercer opened the bowling for the visitors. Roscoe was making the occasional ball shoot through, but this did not appear to affect the Middleton openers.

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under the stars . . .

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SATURDAY MAGAZINE

HUGE PERCH SEEN IN KITCLIFFE

SOME queer things have been happening recently in Kitcliffe Reservoir. One angler has had his rod pulled from the rest into the water. A second, landing a small trout, met with resistance and reeled in to find only the front half of the trout on the hook, the tail portion having been eaten off.

A third angler saw a log floating on the surface and as he reached forward to pull it to the shore discovered it to be a large perch—the biggest, according to him, that he has ever seen and which he estimated to be over 4lb. in weight.

Whether this is the cause of the trouble to the other two anglers is unknown. This fish, if found to be a large perch, must be removed from this water at the earliest possible opportunity for it must be playing havoc among the trout.

LAST week the Lark Anglers visited the River Soar at Trent Lock. In spite of bad weather and weedy conditions, some good weights were caught. Results were:

- 1, Harold Mellor 2lb. 3oz. 12dr.; 2, E. Cattlin 1-14-5; 3, J. Hough 1-11-8; 4, A. E. W. Jones 1-8-4; 5, R. Cooper 1-3-12; 6, W. Taylor 1-1-6; 7, Horace Hellor 13oz. 9dr.; 8, Jackie Brookes 13-8. Among his catch Mr. Harold Mellor had some fine roach.

The next club contest will be on the River Devon, near Newark, on August 3, and the coach will leave the Lark Inn, Hollins, at 7 a.m.

AT the delegates' meeting of the Ashton and Oldham Association last Tuesday, several of the members caught trespassing at Stakehill were interviewed. After the hearing, the members were suspended for 14 days. Future offenders will be dealt with much more severely.

Another restriction to be noted in connection with Stakehill is that for the time being the bottom lodge will be closed to all anglers. There are no exceptions to this rule. The closure is only to be enforced during bank repairs.

AS one water closes so another is opened. The delegates were pleased to hear that the Association has been lucky to obtain further waters. The water is the Rochdale Canal from Fallsworth Bridge to the bridge at 10 Acre Lane.

According to the reports the length holds crucian carp, gold fish and even shebunkins. The length will be for members only, and there will be no day tickets.

ON Sunday the Welcome Anglers visited the canal near Chester. Unfortunately, the club found another match in process and had to be pegged out on an alternative length.

ANGLING NOTES by KB

Here the water was found to be only about 18 inches in depth and therefore rather unsatisfactory. The winner was Mr. I. Booth with 1lb. 15oz. 15dr., John Anderson was second, and Mr. W. Hankin third.

On August 24 the Welcome Anglers will again be holding a match in aid of the Anglers' Co-operative Association. The match will be held on the River Weaver and will be limited to 90 pegs.

The entry fee is 2s. 6d. and entries should be sent to Mr. R. Hamilton, 111-Rock Street, Oldham. Transport will be provided from Oldham to the venue.

'Iron Horse Momma'

Sydney's "Iron Horse Momma" is an attractive, red-headed mother of two. Her friends have so dubbed her because Mrs. Sylvia Walker rides a motor-cycle an average 120 miles a day.

Mrs. Walker is one of Sydney's few motor-cycle despatch riders. Her long hair streaming out behind her. She is a familiar sight in Sydney traffic as she delivers spectacles and messages for an optical firm. She does the job because she likes it, despite weather extremes.

IRISH HORSE A DANGER IN STEWARDS' CUP Goodwood prices are good—if you're lucky!



One of the best racehorses in the world—four-year-old BALLYMOSS. Australian jockey SCOBIE BREASLEY (in the saddle) considers him the greatest horse he has ever ridden. Ballymoss is trained by Vincent O'Brien in Tipperary.

Alderman Ellen Brierley was appointed by Oldham Finance Committee on Tuesday to attend the annual conference of the National Women's Citizens' Association.

SOME of the season's best racing should be seen next week on the lovely Goodwood course, which it is a pleasure to visit, writes The Ringer. But perhaps a more appealing feature of the racing on this dual greensward—for racegoers, at any rate—is the usual good prices returned when one is fortunate enough to pick a winner.

Each Goodwood day has a first-class card and Tuesday's gives us the Steward's Cup, over six furlongs, which used to have a strong ante-post interest. In fact, some remarkable stable "jobs" have been worked in connection with this race—Epinard (1923), Priory Park (1926), Poor Lad (1931) and Greenore (1935) come to mind.

Next Tuesday's Steward's Cup promises about 25 runners with Epaulette carrying top-weight of 9st. Automony and Logarithm, of Bridgett's trio, share favouritism with Okaye from Harry Wragg's stable.

Form points to Radioppe (8st.) and Penultimate (7-4), two very speedy fillies. The first-named, E. J. Cracknell's mount, is dangerous. So too, is the Irish colt Game Ball (8-11), which before winning in Ireland this month showed a fine turn of speed when third (neck, half-length) to Faith Healer and Two Francs at Ascot over seven furlongs.

I take Radioppe and Game Ball to beat the field.

As for the Goodwood Stakes (2m. 3f.) on Wednesday, it is expected that that good stayer from Dutton's stable, Sandiacre (9-2) will

win. But L'Amir II (8-1) is remarkably well placed and should take the prize for Nelson's stable. One extract from this colt's form could be a pointer: he was only beaten by three-quarters of a length by The Little Topper over two miles and 70 yards at Hurst Park when conceding over a stone.

There should be a Royal victory in the Goodwood Cup on Thursday and the Chesterfield Cup might go to Judicature on Friday.

There will be racing at Manchester on Wednesday and Thursday. Fields will again be small, but there is more promise in Thursday's card. Chappaqua looks best for the Joseph Ramsden Plate.

At Birmingham on Monday Donjon (G. Starkey) has a first-class chance to complete a hat-trick of wins in the Acocks Green Plate. This grey son of Donore has great early speed.

After Twelve has missed several races recently, but is expected to turn out for the Halford Plate. The danger could come from dual winner Dalnamein, which will be receiving 7lb. Dalnamein (G. Lewis) won at the distance of a mile and a quarter at both Worcester and Folkestone.

Fancies for the evening meeting at Alexandra Park are: Delcredere (7 10), Arcady (8 5) and Grace and Favour (8 55).

Next weeks racing fixtures: Monday: Birmingham and Alexandra Park (evening). Tuesday: Goodwood, Birmingham and Redcar. Wednesday and Thursday: Manchester, Goodwood and Redcar. Friday: Goodwood, Thirsk and Warwick. Saturday: Epsom, Thirsk and Warwick.

Folley keeps No. 2 place

Zora Folley, of Arizona, ranked number two contender for world heavyweight champion Floyd Patterson's crown, knocked out former Olympic champion, Pete Rademacher, in the fourth round of the scheduled ten-round fight in Los Angeles last night.

The knockout, delivered with fierce right uppercut to the jaw came after 75 seconds of the fourth round, when Rademacher went down for the second time in the round and for the fourth time in the fight. The referee did not bother to finish the count over the prone boxer.

Rademacher was knocked out by Patterson last year in the six round of Rademacher's first professional fight. Last night he received a cut eye in the third round, and was down for a count of nine a few seconds afterwards.

OBJECTIONS TO SMALL PRIZES



TREVOR WILKES He's joining in the 'revolt.'

TREVOR WILKES (South Africa) says he has joined fellow-countryman Gary Player in a revolt against the British golf tournament system of giving a large number of small prizes and not enough to those who finish just outside the first seven or eight places.

Player announced his revolt last year, and went back to America after only a few days here competing in the Open at Lytham.

"They said Player was bigheaded and that's why he did it," said Wilkes, "but that's not true. I

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didn't make my expenses when I played in England from April to July this year. Until they change the system I won't be back."

Since the Open at Lytham, Wilkes has been competing in Europe.

IN most British tournaments there is very little, if any, difference in value between the 11th prize and the 40th, and it has been estimated that no player can cover his expenses unless he averages sixth place or higher.

In America, the prizes stop altogether at about 25th place, and the man who finishes 26th is "out of the money."

NO startling performances need be expected by a reader if his idea for a hole-in-one competition is taken up. He has suggested that the PGA run such a competition before or during prizemoney tournaments, giving each professional six shots at a short hole.

For the average field, that would mean something like 1,000 shots, and statistics show there is only a slender chance of even one of them being successful.

THE biggest test of this kind in the United States involved 7,045 shots by 1,409 players, each of whom had done a hole in one. Nearest to an ace was the player whose ball finished three and a half inches from the hole.

An earlier test on a smaller

scale totalled 1,085 shots, only about 2 per cent of which finished even within three yards of the pin.

Some time ago there was a standing prize of £100 for anyone who, having paid a shilling, did the first hole on the Sunningdale Ladies' course in one stroke. The "bank" made a handsome profit.

NANCY JUPP, as a little girl in a kilt, from Edinburgh, won the girls' championship at Stoke Poges just before the war. She writes now from New York, where she is on the staff of the United States Golf Association but plays no golf.

Entrance fees for golf clubs around New York are from £300 upwards, and annual subscriptions range from £150 to £300. Public courses? "Playing on them is like going to Blackpool on a Bank Holiday," says Miss Jupp.

Perhaps our public-course players despite Sunday morning queues and our private-course players, despite their subscriptions of, say, 15 guineas a year, will read this and be content.

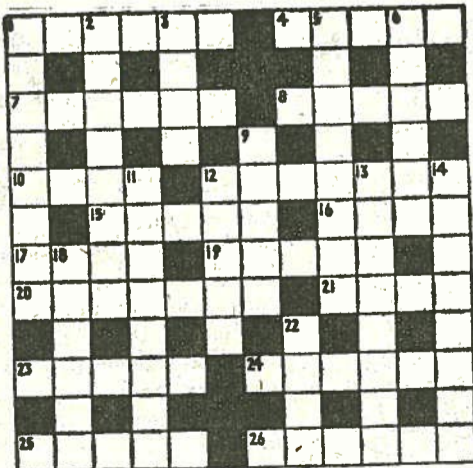
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ACROSS

- 1 Furs (6).
- 4 Gripping play? (5).
- 7 Hung around like a satellite? (6).
- 8 Song kept in a box? (5).
- 10 Sort of roll (4).
- 12 Atom splitting (7).
- 15 A daughter of Liar (5).
- 16 Prepare to see what's in the parcel (4).
- 17 Pitcher (4).
- 18 Cats elevated? (5).
- 20 Rule in maths (7).
- 21 Stalk (4).
- 23 C. u. s. t. o. m. a. r. y? (5).
- 24 Gougaw (6).
- 25 Small islands (5).
- 26 Clothes - coh-sious (6).

DOWN

- 1 "Where the older apples grow" (8).
- 2 But shoes don't grow on it (8).
- 3 Always (4).
- 4 Puts into circulation again (8).
- 5 How it's done (6).
- 6 Two-way drop (6).



- 11 He was often called intrepid (8).
- 12 Gets on with the passengers (6).
- 13 Sets up (5).
- 14 In the usual way (8).
- 15 A nip perhaps (6).
- 22 Two of a kind (4).

YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION.—Across: 3, Parasite. 8, Railed. 9, Re-reporter. 11, For-tunes. 12, Anon. 13, Natal. 18, Lilac. 19, Item. 23, Beggared. 24, Pharisee. 25, A-spire. 26, Dressers. Down: 1, Craft. 2, Mitre. 3, Perusal. 4, Aden. 5, Amos. 6, In-tone. 7, Errant. 10, Pedal. 14, Tiles. 15, Large-SS. 16, Limpid. 17, Men-age. 20, Grain. 21, Idler. 22, Bits. 23, Gear.

BRIDGE QUIZ

YOU are West, one game to the good. South deals.

♠ QJ964 2 N ♠ AK73
♥ AJ10 W E ♥ 762
♦ AK3 S ♦ Q72
♣ 7

South West North East
No 1 ♠ 2 ♥ 2 ♣
3 ♦ 4 ♠ 5 ♠ No
No 5 ♠ all pass

It is clear that the non-vulnerable opponents are trying to bounce West and East. North leads the 10 of clubs. South plays the knave on dummy's three and leads back the five of hearts. How should West plan the play?

My Solution: It seems that North must have six hearts and nothing else, therefore it is essential for West to play the ace of hearts, draw the adverse spades and then

trump dummy's five of clubs. The ace, king, queen of diamonds are made and the king of clubs is led, West discarding a heart on South's ace. Complete deal:

♠ 8
♥ KQ9843
♦ J8
♣ 10986
♠ QJ964 2 N ♠ AK73
♥ AJ10 W E ♥ 762
♦ AK3 S ♦ Q72
♣ 7

Thrown in with the ace of clubs, South has nothing to lead but a club or a diamond; in either case, West discards his last heart and trumps in dummy.

EWART KEMPSON.

I owe everything to the Actor's Studio'

IT is fashionable to ridicule The Method, that advancement on Stanislavsky's acting technique which American actors hold in high esteem. This uninhibited form of training seems to go with T-shirt drama, Tennessee Williams, Arthur Miller. What happens when it is applied to Oscar Wilde, Restoration Comedy or English teacups drama?

Whatever filmgoers think of The Method its influence is a fascinating fillip to stage and screen act-

Filmgoing with TEP

ing. Method-trained actors swear by it and by the staff of the Actor's Studio, Broadway.

Paul Newman is a member of the Actor's Studio, a man who's proud to have served on the same training-ground as Marlon Brando and the late James Dean.

Newman's admiration for Ella Kazan and Lee Strasberg, bosses of the studio, is unbounded. "What ability I may have," he says, "I owe to them."

How does Newman interpret the lessons he's learnt from Kazan and Strasberg? He likes to analyse completely and precisely the motives of the characters he's playing. He works hard trying to improve his technique of communicating to his audience exactly what he feels.

Paul Newman has recently been playing the role of William Bonney, Billy the Kid, in "The Left-Handed Gun," for Warners. One sequence in the picture posed a fundamental question for Newman. "If you'd just seen a great friend blown into eternity by shotgun blasts from an ambush what would you do?"

That was the problem and this, after careful reasoning was Newman's answer.

"You'd want to be very quiet and alone for a while—to have a chance to try and reason why a gentle and unarmed man was killed."

Newman decided, therefore, to tackle the scene in which he sits, a shawl over his shoulders, by the pine coffin of his friend, in complete silence.

"There is some dialogue here for me to say," continued Newman, "but I'm not sure I want to say it—I'd rather try and show what Billy feels, the violence growing inside him. Perhaps I won't succeed, then we'll have to go back to the words. But it's worth a try. You see I just sense the scene that way."

Newman had thought over this particular scene for months, trying to evoke the best method of transmitting the right emotion to audiences. Everything had to be adjusted to set the mood for Billy's brutality; his outburst of violence which followed had to have a convincing motive.

This determination to get right under the skin of the character he's playing has paid handsome dividends for Paul Newman whose talent has been drilled to exciting maturity in every picture in which he has appeared.

'FRACTURED JAW' IS FINISHED

RAOUL WALSH completed studio shooting on the first-ever British Western film, "The Sheriff of Fractured Jaw," for distribution by 20th Century-Fox at the end of this week. The director leaves for New York almost immediately to attend the premiere of his film, "The Naked and the Dead."

Henry Hull, William Campbell and the two Red Indians, Jonas Apple-garth and Joe Buffalo, have already gone back to the States.

Jayne Mansfield, her husband and daughter left London by boat train on Wednesday for Southampton to sail for home on the Queen Elizabeth.

She has announced that she and



Diana Dors in white slavery traffic drama

ODILE VERSOIS and Diana Dors have teamed up for one of the most sensational film dramas of their careers—a startling story of modern-day white slave traffic.

Based on the story, "Passport to Shame," by an ex-journalist, Patrick Alexander, it is now in production at Walton Studios, after location shooting in the West End of London.

The international cast is headed



Odile Versois Diana Dors

by the American-born Paris star, Eddie Constantine, Herbert Lom, Joan Sims, Brenda de Banzie and Robert Brown.

"Passport to Shame" is the story of an innocent French girl who is trapped into going to England, forced into a marriage of convenience with a hard-up London taxi-driver, and groomed for a life of vice in the West End.

Odile Versois is the French girl; Diana Dors is the girl who befriends her—a girl who has already been forced into London's streets of shame. Brenda de Banzie is "Madame," Eddie Constantine, the taxi-driver who falls in love with the girl he has married for a day, Robert Brown his friend and Herbert Lom the ruthless head of the vice gang.

Richard Todd picks a winner for filming

RICHARD TODD has bought an option for the film rights of John Harris's book, "The Sleeping Mountain." He plans to make it the first production of his

own film company, Haileywood Films.

Todd has had offers from companies in England and in America to buy the option from him. He is not selling.

He says: "I am delighted to find I've hit on such a popular property and am hanging on."

Harris, who wrote "The Sea Shall Not Have Them," has set the book on a volcanic island in Italy. The story traces the effect on the island's inhabitants—particularly a priest, an artist, a young boy and girl—when the sleeping volcano comes to life.

The picture will be shot almost entirely on location.

DESPITE bad weather on location and in the studios which threatened to put the picture far behind Mark Robson has completed "The Inn of the Sixth Happiness" on schedule.

ANDY GRIFFITH, who endeared himself to film fans as the star of "A Face in the Crowd" (his first film), gets another plum leading role in the hilarious American Forces comedy, "No Time For Sergeants."

Here he is, on the left, pictured with fellow comic Nick Adams, in a scene from the film, which tells the story of the peace-time Air Force's unsuccessful attempts to make a soldier out of a naive Georgia farm boy, who persists in treating sergeants and officers as friends.

SINATRA'S VOICE HELPS TO SELL ELMER'S TUNE

ELMER BERNSTEIN, whose theme from "The Man with the Golden Arm" has sold over 2,000,000 recordings in various versions to date, hopes to repeat this success with music from Frank Sinatra's new film.

The brilliant young composer, whose credits also include the mammoth musical background for "The Ten Commandments," has written a love theme for "Kings Go Forth," the highly dramatic romance in which Sinatra co-stars with Natalie Wood and Tony Curtis.

While the film is a dramatic one and Sinatra does not sing in his character as an army officer in love with Monique, a half-Negro girl living in war-torn France, the mood music is of extreme importance to the picture.

Bernstein has had lyrics added to the love theme and already Sinatra has made a first-class recording. The name of the theme from "Kings Go Forth" is sub-titled "Monique."

DEAN MARTIN, voted "the best-dressed man in the entertainment world," looked anything but that in Howard Hawk's "Rio Bravo" for Warners, in which he co-stars with John Wayne and Ricky Nelson. The usually impeccably-attired actor-singer appears through most of the picture in a dirty, patched and torn cowboy outfit and sports a three-day growth of beard.

THEATRE NEWS

by C. W. IN

THE MAN WHO DIES AGATHA CHRISTIE

YOU would not expect them to choose the rehearsals of Agatha Christie's new murder "The Unexpected Guest." But they did arrive, a dead man sprawled in a chair. A revolt on his side. But the YWCA girls didn't care. They on a music festival.

So the dead man, Philip Newman, came to life. He explained that he had been wiped out many a time in rep, but this killing broke new ground for him.

Mr. Newman has to stay dead in full view of the audience for 27 minutes. That wants some doing. He fills the time by counting seconds, maybe to stay awake.

Though just a body for Agatha Christie, Mr. Newman hopped nimbly to show Renee Asherson, his wife in the play, the revolver that kills him. It's not a phoney.

Miss Asherson is new to thrillers but not to sudden death. She's been strangled and once had to kill herself. Just regrettable incidents in Shakespeare.

With Miss Christie all is different. The death she causes is surrounded



Agatha Christie

by red herring twists and police work such as Shakespeare never knew.

She's right back on the old ever-popular whodunit wicket after the failure of her new-style "Verdict."

Nigel Stock was watching. He plays the guest they didn't invite. But trouble is not new to Mr. Stock. He was the man in the dock in "The Caine Mutiny." I remember him as a sailor in "Seagulls Over Sorrento." He did time in this play for close on four years.

Mr. Stock has been an American in so many pictures and plays it must be a relief for him to be British again.

Directing Miss Christie's latest affair is Hubert Gregg, who staged "Speaking Of Murder," at the St. Martin's Theatre. He was responsible for "The Hollow" and the current production of "The Mousetrap"

Mr. Gregg was on holiday with his wife Pat Kirkwood in southern Portugal when he was forced from the beach by a phone call from the Christie-impresario Peter Saunders

A script came from London by special messenger. Some £25-worth of phone calls later "The Unexpected Guest" was cast—and Mr. Gregg's holiday shot down.

The opening day is set for Bristol on August 4. The London start is not far away. Miss Christie and Mr. Saunders get restive when they



HUBERT GREGG directing the new Christie whodunit "The Unexpected Guest," will appear in a new "Chrysanthemum," wife, Pat Kirkwood.

have not a couple of

Mr. Gregg's future and Pat Kirkwood go the leading roles of a called "Chrysanthemum" Fazan is to produce.

"Chrysanthemum"—girls all named after being staged by S. A. Gorkinsky, the concert impresario, whose theatre interests are growing fast.

Mr. Gorkinsky has another musical, "Mr. Venus," on the stocks. I expect to hear quite soon that Frankie Howerd is starting rehearsals for it.

And while I Fran am in the tipping business: the open within seven d other, probably early after a short run in t

HAROLD S. PRINC New York producer, is conclude arrangements End presentation of "Story" and "Two for two Broadway success

MICHAEL MAC LI to design costur for the Irish musical, "A Wonder," opening : Galety on August 4.

A SPECIAL commit formed to prepar appeal for funds to future of the Edinburgh

The Lord Provost has spoken of the ser position of the festiva rising every year. Unk revenue can be found, t sibility that the festiva be discontinued, which that Edinburgh would and also its present world centre.

DIANE CILENTO is New York in Dece "Disenchanted," an ada book by Budd Schull ing the later life of E gerald.

Brando joins with new di

STANLEY KUBRIC as one of the outst directors in Hollywood Brando have joined "Guns Up!" a big-sca be released through P

It is also announced Willingham, the pla novelist, who wrote t play "End as a Man" novel, as well as the for "Paths of Glory Vikings," is working t Up!" script.

Shakespeare, Schiller, Ibsen for Old Vic

SHAKESPEARE is to share the Old Vic repertoire with Schiller and Ibsen, when the new season opens on September 17 with Stephen Spender's new adaptation of Schiller's "Mary Stuart." Norman Ginsbury's adaptation of Ibsen's "Ghosts" will be seen in November and Shakespeare will be represented by "Julius Caesar" and "Macbeth."

Flora Robson, Catherine Lacey and Irene Worth are to appear as guest artists, and the regular company will include Michael Hordern, Ronald Lewis, John Phillips, Jack May, Derek Francis, Danel Thorndike and Rosalind Atkinson.

"Mary Stuart" will be seen at the Assembly Hall during the Edinburgh Festival for two weeks from September 2, before opening the season at the Old Vic. Irene Worth will be seen as Mary, Catherine Lacey as Elizabeth, John Phillips as Leicester, and Ronald Lewis as Mortimer.

"Julius Caesar" opens at the Old Vic on October 8, with Michael Hordern as Cassius, John Phillips as Brutus and Ronald Lewis as Antony.

Flora Robson will appear as Mrs. Alving when "Ghosts" is revived in November, with Michael Hordern as Pastor Mander, and Ronald Lewis as Oswald.

Michael Hordern is to play Macbeth later in the season.

ALAN DAVIES AND FRANK CARLTON INJURED AT AUCKLAND

Britain lost 15-10 to Kiwis in R L Test match

GREAT BRITAIN, who a week ago finished their Australian tour by clinching the rubber in Sydney, went down at Auckland today in the first of their two Tests against New Zealand. They were beaten by three tries and three goals to two tries and two goals.

With Jock Butterfield, their hooker, dominating the scrums, New Zealand were on the attack for the greater part of the game and there can be no denying that they deserved their victory, though Great Britain were severely hampered by injuries received early in the game.

then Alan Davies, the Oldham centre, cut his forehead in a collision with the giant Maori, Joe Ratima.

Heavy ground They were also worried by the heavy ground and did not always seem satisfied with the ruling of referee Vic Belsham, who controlled the World Cup matches in Australia last year.

Their play was scrappy, and in the second half the British forwards angered the crowd by some robust tactics. All in all, it was not a happy match for the touring team, who played well below the form they showed in their match against the Maoris on Wednesday.

Great Britain had their best spell for a short while during the second half. Their big forwards, Dick Huddart, Dennis Goodwin and Brian McTigue, made some dangerous runs.

Then half-back Frank Pitchford broke away splendidly and sent in MIKE SULLIVAN, the Wigan winger, near the corner.

Sullivan was the most dangerous British back, but unfortunately he saw too little of the ball. Eric Ashton, also of Wigan, had a reasonable game at centre, and Pitchford at half-back, was another to catch the eye at times with clever breaks.

Of the forwards, McTigue alone excelled and Great Britain's close playing tactics did not bring much reward. New Zealand were more enterprising and their forwards, though rather slow, looked more determined.

Great Britain kicked off into the sun and were soon on the defensive. But the Kiwis did not make the best of their early chances, missing two penalty kicks in the first two minutes. Then ERIC FRASER kicked a penalty goal for the tourists from 30 yards out.

This lead, however, was short-lived. Soon the Kiwis five-eighth, Menzies, broke from inside his own half and gave loose-forward REX PERCY the opportunity to score a try. EASTLAKE then kicked a penalty goal and New Zealand went in at half-time with a lead of 5-2.

They doubled their score soon afterwards through another penalty by EASTLAKE and a second try from PERCY.

Only then did Great Britain show anything like their true form. Sullivan scored his try and, after HADFIELD had gone over for the New Zealanders with the goal posts added by EASTLAKE, PHIL JACKSON burst through near the posts following some clever inter-passing. FRASER converted this try, which meant that Great Britain were only five points in arrears, but they could not make a complete recovery, and when the final whistle went the Kiwis were back in control of the game.

NEW ZEALAND: Eastlake; Hadfield, Denton, Turner, Griffiths; Menzies, Roberts; Ratima, Butterfield, Maxwell, Killikelly, Johnson, Percy.

GREAT BRITAIN: Fraser (Warrington); Carlton (St. Helens), Ashton (Wigan), Davies (Oldham), Sullivan (Wigan), Jackson (Barrow), Pitchford (Oldham); McTigue (Wigan), Ackerley (Hallifax), Goodwin (Barrow), Whiteley (Hull), Huddart (Whitehaven), Karalius (St. Helens).

Attendance: 25,000. The Union Castle liner Pretoria Castle has carried out speed trials on a voyage from Britain to obtain information for the designing of the company's new ships, Pendennis Castle and Windsor Castle.

FIRST DAY Cricket Scoreboard

Warwickshire v Lancashire At Edgbaston. WARWICK—First innings Gardner c Grieves b Greenhough 26 Horner b Higgs 29 Townsend c Hilton b Higgs 20 Smith lbw b Greenhough 17 Wolton not out 0 Spooner not out 6 Extras 6 Total (for 4 wkts) ... 99

Kent v Yorkshire At Maidstone. KENT—First innings Pheby c Wardle b Ryan 18 Wilson b Binks b Ryan 14 Wilton c Close b Cowan 1 Leary c Close b Cowan 24 Cowdrey c Binks b Wardle 10 Pretlove c Wilson b Wardle 12 Pettiford c Close b Wardle 26 Catt not out 20 Ridgway lbw b Close 10 Halfyard lbw b Wardle 20 Brown b Wardle 0 Page not out 0 Total (for 9 wkts) ... 135

Derbyshire v Notts At Ilkeston. NOTTS—First innings Simpson not out 35 N Hill c Dawkes b Gladwin 0 Hall c Smith b Gladwin 5 M Hill c Morgan b Gladwin 1 Poole not out 1 Total (for 3 wkts) ... 41

Essex v Surrey At Leyton. SURREY—First innings Clark c Taylor b Ralph 21 Parsons c Preston b Bailey 4 Parson c Taylor b Ralph 9 Sturston c Preston 9 Constable b Ralph 9 E A Bedser not out 9 McIntyre lbw b Preston 2 Gibson c and b Preston 12 Laker c and b Ralph 0 A V Bedser c Insole b Ralph 1 Loader c Dodds b Ralph 2 Extras 2 Total 79

Northants v Worcester At Northampton. WORCESTER—First innings Keryon c Allen b Tyson 8 Outschorn c Andrew b Manning 26 Herton b Manning 12 D Richardson b Manning 10 Broadbent b Tribe 12 Dewes b Tribe 3 Booth st Andrew b Tribe 29 Slade not out 3 Aldridge lbw b Manning 4 Berry b Tribe 4 Flavell not out 0 Extras 3 Total (for 9 wkts) ... 118

Middlesex v Glamorgan At Lord's. GLAMORGAN—First innings Parkhouse c Murray b Warr 27 Hedges c Baldry b Tilly 38 W G Davies run out 16 Pressdee run out 4 Watkins c Gale b Titmus 11 Walker c Murray b Bennett 16 Devereux c Murray b Bennett 16 McConnon not out 4 Extras 4 Total (for 7 wkts) ... 145

Gloucester v Sussex At Bristol. SUSSEX—First innings Oakman not out 104 Lenham c Emmett b Mortimore 35 Smith not out 20 Extras 9 Total (for one wkt) ... 168

Leicester v Somerset At Leicester. SOMERSET—First innings Alley b Boshier 17 Atkinson lbw b Spencer 47 Wright b Boshier 4 McCool b Boshier 4 Tripp c Firth b Spencer 2 Tremlett c Firth b Spencer 3 Lomas c Palmer b Spencer 8 Langford b Boshier 16 Elele b Palmer 7 Bryant not out 6 Lobb not out 10 Extras 6 Total (for 9 wkts) ... 120

Scotland v Ireland At Ayr. IRELAND—1st innings 82-3. Rain

Dai Rees leads in Germany

Dai Rees (South Herts), the British Ryder Cup captain, was in the lead with 687 when the second day of the West German 2-hole open golf championship began at Krefeld today. He was two strokes ahead of a group of four—Peter Alliss (Parkstone), Ken Bousfield (Coombe Hill) and Bernard Hunt (Hartsbourne), all of Britain, and Brian Wilkes of South Africa. Harry Weetman, another British Ryder Cup golfer and defending champion, finished down the field yesterday with a score of 74.

FIFTH-ROUND GAMES TONIGHT

Rain didn't stop the Green Final bowls

JUST after last night's fourth round games in the Green Final Bowling Handicap had started at Alexandra Park, steady rain came down and by eight o'clock it became a downpour. Yet, no less than 14 of the 16 games down for decision were played and the others will be played this evening before the fifth-round games commence.

More of the favourites fall by the wayside. Josh Kershaw (Nook, 2), who never seemed to get going against C. Rawcliffe (Star Hotel, 3) at 8-21.

Billy Clegg (Dunwood, 2) also lost to J. Gibbons (Cot, 2) by 14-21 and Sam Burrington (Alex. Park, wets 1) was beaten by E. Tomkinson (Alex. Park, 3) 22-9.

The watchers stayed

John Coverley (Church Inn, 2) and C. Gregory (Nook, 3) deserve special medals, for they played until 1-5 in the heavy rain, and played so well that they held the attention of dozens of spectators until the end. Coverley lost 19-21, but it was no disgrace to be beaten by Gregory, who, during the week, had beaten Jimmy Wilson and Eric Raynor.

Gerald Flory (Coalshaw 2), well fancied for the final, is still there by beating F. Foulds (Deaf Inst., 5) by 21-15. So much for those who said Foulds was in receipt of too many chalks.

Some of the other favourites are ready for tonight's fifth-round games—Jimmy Brown, Bobby Andrews, B. Guilfoyle, Fred McCulloch and T. Riley.

Last night's fourth-round results:— R. MUNRO (Deaf Inst., 4) 21, A. Howarth (Royton CC, 2) 15; C. Rawcliffe (Star Hotel, 3) 21, Josh Kershaw (Nook, 2) 9; R. Dronsfeld (Dunwood, 2) 12, J. Brown (Deaf Inst., 2) 21; F. Foulds (Deaf Inst., 5) 15, G. Flory (Coalshaw, 2) 21; A. Chaderton (Filton P., 2) 21, W. Edwards (Oldham, CB, 3) 20; R. Prime (Copster, 2) 14, J. Riley (Ferranti's, 2) 21; J. Gibbons (Chadd. Cot, 2) 21, W. Clegg (Dunwood, 2) 14; C. Taylor (Deaf Inst., 3) 17, N. Brooks (Delph, 3) 21; Len Taylor (Copster, 2) 21, T. Bland (Dunwood P., 3) 13; F. Ratcliffe (Coalshaw P., 2) 12, B. Guilfoyle (Hollinwood, 2) 21; John Coverley (Church Inn, 2) 19, C. Gregory (Nimble Nook, 3) 21; F. McTigue (Crompton, 1) 21, R. Hughes (Deaf Inst., 4) 19; E. Tomkinson (Alexandra P., 3) 21; S. Burrington (Alexandra P., 3) 21, J. R. Smith (Fallsworth Lib, 2) 15; F. Woodcock v W. Jordan, R. Clough v J. Barlow games to be played this evening.

TONIGHT'S FIFTH ROUND GAMES R. MUNRO (Deaf Inst., 4) v C. RAWCLIFFE (Star Hotel, 3). J. BROWN (Deaf Inst., 1) v F. WOODCOCK (Stanley Road, 2) or W. JORDAN (Unatt., 2). G. FLORY (Coalshaw, 2) v A. CHADERTON (Filton P., 2). J. RILEY (Ferranti's, 2) v J. GIBBONS (Chadderton Cot, 2). N. BROOKS (Delph, 3) v E. CLOUGH (Hr. Fallsworth, 3) or J. BARLOW (Hr. Fallsworth, 3). LEN TAYLOR (Copster, 2) v B. GUILFOYLE (Hollinwood, 2). C. GREGORY (Nimble Nook, 3) v F. MCCULLOCH (Crompton, 1). E. TOMKINSON (Alexandra P., 3) v R. ANDREW (Westwood P., 2).

'Fairly comfortable' after accident

Edward Nyland (59), of Low Green, Royton, is "fairly comfortable" in Oldham Royal Infirmary today, after being knocked down by a car in Radcliffe Street, Royton on Friday night. The car was driven by Mr. Colin Flint (20), of Carlisle Street, Werneth.

WEATHER FORECAST Tomorrow: Wind moderate or fresh South-West backing South to South-East. Bright at first becoming cloudy with rain later. Rather cool. Further Outlook: Changeable. LOCAL TEMPERATURES 24 hours from 10-0 a.m. yesterday Maximum 66 deg. at 2-30 p.m. Minimum 54 deg. at 12-30 a.m. Today's Reading 10 a.m. 59 deg. 3 p.m. 61 deg. Barometer at 10-0 a.m. 29.75 in., steady. LIGHTING-UP TIME 9-47 p.m. to 4-44 a.m.

RIDING IN THE RAIN



A mass of riders, participating in the 120-mile road race at the Empire Games pass through St. Bride's Major, Glamorganshire, on the first lap of the race, in heavy rain.

Brunette acclaimed most beautiful girl

LUZ MARINA ZULOAGA, a diminutive 19-year-old Latin brunette with dark, flashing eyes, today became the new "Miss Universe" at the annual International Beauty Contest at Long Beach, California.

Luz, a University student from Manizales, is "Miss Colombia." Only 5ft. 4in. tall, with vital statistics 35½-23½-35½, she succeeds Peruvian beauty Gladys Zender as the world's most beautiful girl.

The runners-up were Miss Brazil, Miss Hawaii, Miss USA and Miss Poland, in that order.

Miss Brazil is an 18-year-old Rio de Janeiro brunette, Adalgisa Colombo. She is 5ft. 5in. in height, weighs 8st. 11lb. and measures 35-24-35.

Miss Hawaii is 18-year-old Geri Hou, of Honolulu.

Blonde Eurylyne Howell, aged 18, is Miss United States. A student from Louisiana, she is 5ft. 6in. in height, and measures 36-23½-35½. She weighs 8st. 7lb.

Miss Poland—22-year-old blonde Alicja Bobrowska—is her country's first entry in the contest. Her vital statistics are 36-23½-37. She is 5ft. 6in. in height and weighs 8st. 9lb.

Many surprised

The five finalists were selected from 15 semi-finalists. The other 10 were: Miss Chile, Miss Denmark, Miss Germany, Miss Greece, Miss Holland, Miss Israel, Miss Japan, Miss Surinam, Miss Sweden, Miss Peru.

Miss England, 19-year-old Dorothy Hazeldine, of Rochdale, was eliminated when the semi-finalists were chosen.

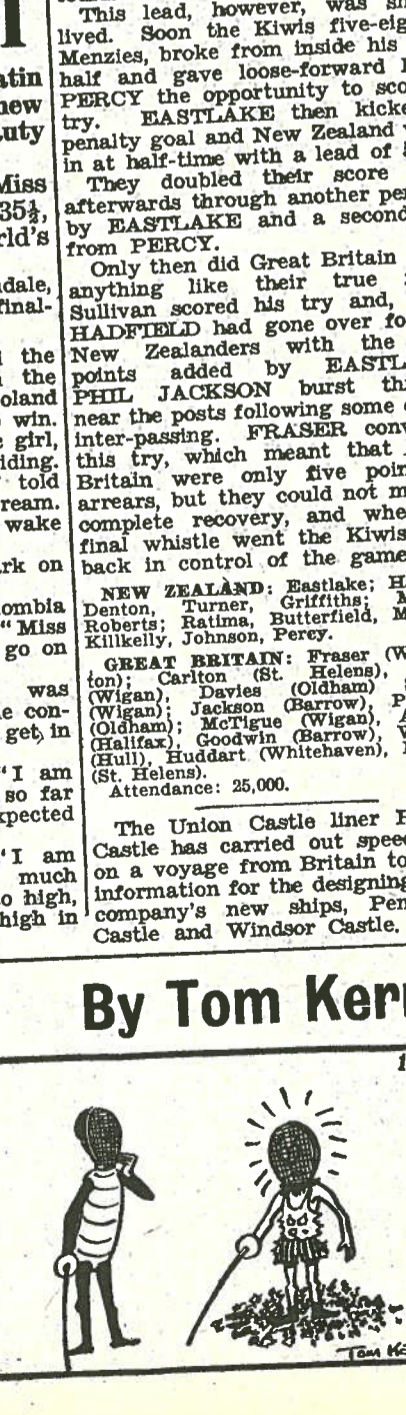
Many people who attended the contest were surprised when the result was announced. Miss Poland had been strongly favoured to win. Miss Colombia is an athletic girl, who loves tennis and horse riding.

The new "Miss Universe" told Reuter: "I am still in a dream. I have no plans. I have to wake up first."

She had no desire to embark on a film career. "I want to go back to Colombia and lead a quiet life." As "Miss Universe," however, she will go on a tour of the world.

Miss Hawaii said she was delighted to get so far in the contest. "Now I would like to get in the movies," she said.

BOBBY DAZZLER ... By Tom Kerr



Woman stabbed and battered

Mrs. Elizabeth Frances Bateen (60), was found dead on the landing of her home in Chiddingstone Street, Fulham, London, last night. She had been battered and stabbed about the head. Her husband, Mr. John Thomas Batten, retired Civil Servant, aged about 75, was found unconscious in the bathroom apparently suffering from poisoning.

Signed by Norwich City

Norwich City have signed Morgan Hunt, the Doncaster Rovers 26-year-old wing half-back, for a small fee.

Collins's good turn at Silverstone

Ferrari tactics put Mike in lead

THIS year's edition of the RAC British Grand Prix, organised by the BRDC, was run off last Saturday at the Daily Express Silverstone meeting. A crowd of about 120,000 people crammed the circuit, to see Britain's Peter Collins drive his Italian V6 Ferrari to victory in a race highlighted by the struggle for championship points by Moss and Hawthorn.

Both were level in this year's table for the No. 1 world driving title. In practice Moss (Vanwall) had done the fastest lap at a speed of 106.1 miles an hour, with Hawthorn (Ferrari) one second behind at a speed of 105.2 miles an hour, which puts him in the front row—but on the outside of the grid.

Roy Salvadori (Cooper Climax 2.2 litre) set a new standard for the

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small formula cars with a lap only 0.4sec. slower than Moss.

Twenty cars finally lined up on the grid, Masten Gregory having wrapped-up the Ecurie Ecosse Lister-Jag in practice, which put him in hospital.

At the start, a tense and eager field made a clean break from the grid, Moss leading, followed by Schell and Salvadori, with the No. 1 Ferrari car streaking through from the second row, driven by Peter Collins. Brooks and Lewis-Evans, in the other Vanwalls, were hemmed in by the field, along with Hawthorn.

Overhauled Moss

After a rather slow start, Hawthorn seemed content to make steady rather than spectacular progress. Tactics, it seemed, were the order of the day for the Ferrari entries, as Collins rapidly overhauled Moss in the opening minutes of the race, taking the lead on the back of the circuit.

By the end of the first lap, Collins had gained a substantial lead over Moss, with Hawthorn settling down in third place to complete the Ferrari sandwich. Schell (BRM), in fourth place, led the Brooks Vanwall, which had been ailing in practice but now seemed to be going very well.

With Collins still pounding away in the lead, the field shuffled round as Salvadori gained a little and Schell dropped back slightly. Gradually Collins pushed the lap speed higher, with Moss grimly hanging on. At five laps, 3 seconds separated them, with Hawthorn a further 3 seconds behind Moss, but pulling away from Schell, and the rest of the field coming through surprisingly quickly.

Collins gained about 1 second per lap from Moss, with Hawthorn also falling back. With the laps still in their late teens Frenchman Jean Behra (BRM) was in at his pit to examine his suspension. He finally retired through tyre failure, having hit a hare at high speed.

Retired in smoke

At 25 laps the Ferrari sandwich squeezed out its Vanwall filling, as Moss disappeared "Paddock-wise" in a cloud of blue smoke with a broken engine.

As the remaining cars moved up a notch, Salvadori helped himself to third place in spite of tremendous efforts by Lewis-Evans to ward him off. Australian Jack Brabham (also in a 2.2 litre car) was having a real tussle to stay ahead of Von Trips in the other Ferrari team car.

With the retirement of Moss the lead in the race lost some of its zest, though Collins was driving extremely well, comfortably placed but not yet slowing down. The real battle now raged between Salvadori and Lewis-Evans for third place.

The incredible little Cooper, steady as a rock, was always a fraction out of the Vanwall's reach—even in the straight.

Schell let rip

Then as all seemed settled and decided, Hawthorn was in at his pit for a 20 second stop to take on oil. Von Trips (Ferrari) had finally won his battle for fifth place from Brabham, and Collins was leading by about 40 seconds as he lapped Schell (BRM).

This seemed to have a good effect on Schell. Without hesitation he put his foot down and really motored, with laps of around 104.3 miles per hour. After repassing Von Trips, Brabham settled down to impression on Salvadori (third) and

a steady fifth place when Von Trips retired on lap 60 owing to lack of oil and bearings.

Three laps later Schell had passed Brabham, but could make no Lewis-Evans (fourth), who made it a flying finish.

The day, however, was not altogether black for Moss. The sports car race, which opened the meeting, gave him a comfortable win from Salvadori (2-litre Lotus), with Cliff Allison third in a 1½-litre Lotus.

Once again the Lister-Fag's of Brian Lister were on the front row—Moss in the favourite pole position, with American sports car champion, Walter Hansgen, alongside him in the other works car. Moss, with his usual slick start, soon rapidly took a commanding lead.

Hansgen soon took Allison for second place, with Salvadori still fourth. Then it was Hansgen's turn to drop back, eventually retiring with an engine failure.

Some considerable way behind Halford (Lister-Jag.), Buels (Tojeiro-Jag.) and Stacey (Lotus 1100) battled away for the lead of the remaining field. At 20 laps, Euels had gained a firm lead of the pack, followed by Stacey and Halford. Driving somewhat slower, Moss reeled off the final laps, still well ahead of Salvadori and Allison, with all three cars lapping the field.

Bloor's good ride

The final race of the day, for Formula 3 cars, was won by Lewis-Evans driving the Francis Beard-tuned Cooper, with Don Parker second and Tom Bridger third, both in Coopers.

At the start of the race Lewis-Evans led off at a cracking speed, followed by Taylor (also Beard-Cooper) on his tail with Parker third.

Oldham builder Scott Bloor had a very good race with his modified Cooper. Starting from seventh place on the grid, he fought his way through the pack to fifth place. Then as he battled with Pritchett, the latter's car blew up—covering Bloor with oil.

Unable to see through the oil splashes he was forced to slow—allowing Dawson to snatch fourth place when only a few yards from the line.

At the end, Lewis-Evans was steadily drawing away from Parker, who was 13sec. behind, with Bridger a further 16sec. down on the second man.

CLL player at 13

DAVID BOOTH, Oldham's schoolboy cricketer, must be one of the youngest players to get a first-team place in the CLL for several years, write D.S.T. Today he played his second game for Oldham—his last one was also against Royton earlier in the season—and he is not 14 until the end of this month.

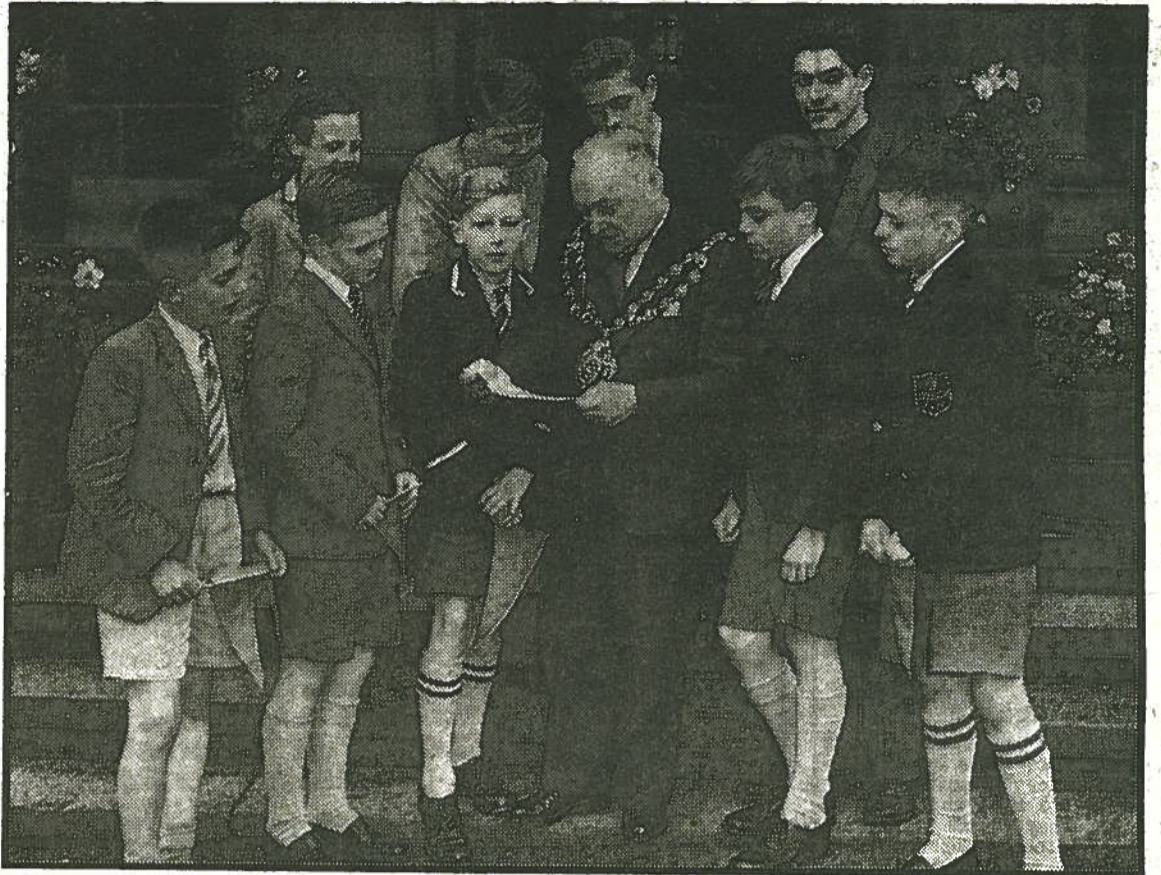
Certainly he is the youngest to play for Oldham since their present skipper Frank Molyneux made his debut at the tender age of nine. Clifford Stott, the former Werneth player, was in the first team at the age of 13.

Molyneux's remarkable record—for I feel sure it is a record—surprised me. But the Oldham skipper modestly told me: "It was only the odd match at Wakes, and they were terribly short of players."

Booth was joined today in the first team by his schoolboy colleague, Alan Hall. Both have had a terrific season in schoolboy cricket, helping Oldham to their first Lancashire Cup success since 1940, and playing regularly for Lancashire Schoolboys.

Hall, who is 15, made the record score of 106 for Lancashire the other week, while Booth hit 107 in the Lancashire Cup final against Liverpool—the first ever in the final.

SOCCER PENNANTS FOR CHAMPION SCHOOLS



The Mayor of Oldham is seen here presenting pennants to representatives of the champion schools in the Oldham Schools' Football Association. Top right is James Whitworth (Hollinwood, Division I champions and also area winners in the Lancashire Championship). Next to him is Ian Whitehead (Hollins, Division II), and then Brian Ormston (Henshaw "A," Division III) and Neil Butterworth (Alexandra Park, Division I champions of the Junior Schools). On the front row are the other junior school champions (right to left): Desmond Bowden (Roundthorn, Division II), Reginald Abbott (All Saints, Division III), David Broadbent (Birch House, Division IV), and Roy Buckley (Hathershaw II) and David Tomkinson (St. Stephen's), joint Division V champions.

SCHOOLS RUGBY: OPEN DAY AT GYM: A SOCCER BENEFIT

THE Oldham Schools Rugby League Association will run four divisions next year, and also a challenge cup competition for each of the four age-groups—i.e., Forms 1, 2, 3 and 4. The summer coaching scheme run by Mr. Worthington, the vice-chairman, has been a big success and augurs well for the town team in a couple of years.

Mr. Worthington has been appointed organiser for the town team's training and coaching, and several offers of help have been accepted from teachers taking rugby at various schools.

THE annual meeting of the Association was presided over by the Mayor of Oldham (Councillor J. Bradley) on Wednesday, and he presented town team badges and bars to the schoolboys who had qualified for them. He also presented nine league and challenge

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cups to representatives of the winning schools.

The following officers were elected for season 1958-9: president, Mr. J. Coulthard; chairman, Mr. Howarth; vice-chairman, Mr. Worthington; secretary, Mr. F. Andrews; treasurer, Mr. J. Darby; Press secretary, Mr. W. Hargreaves; county representatives, secretary and treasurer.

During the meeting the secretary thanked the Oldham Education Committee and Parks Committee for their willing co-operation in making grounds available. He also thanked Oldham FC for their generosity.

AN open day will be held at Wrigley's Gym, Middleton Road, Chadderton, tomorrow afternoon. One of the attractions will be the club individual weightlifting championships.

Favourite to win the event this year will be the newly-crowned North-Western Counties and Lancashire record-holder, Fred Craighill, aged 46. He will meet with stiff competition from 17-year-old Mal Greenfield, who is making a great name for himself in both the strength and physique fields. A battle for third place should be between two young stars of the future, Peter Curry and Jim Moore.

The idea of these open days is to let the public see what goes on at the gym, and also to give the less-experienced boys a chance to get used to appearing before a crowd. This policy has paid good dividends in the past as during the past two years members of the gym have collected over 40 prizes and records, including two British, three divisional, nine county and five district records.

AFTER playing in a football match at Chadderton, a 20-year-old player died in a motorcycle accident on his way home. That was six weeks ago. On Sunday the two teams are to meet again—in a benefit match, proceeds of which will go to the dead player's parents. He was Don Hardiker, the centre-half of a Wythenshawe team.

On Sunday afternoon at Block Lane FC ground (3 p.m.), the Hollinwood All-Stars will meet the Wythenshawe team. The All-Stars are made up of "foot-

ball-for-the-fun-of-it" amateurs, who play friendly matches outside any organised league.

In the team will be such highly-rated amateurs as Halifax trialist Ray Moss and former Athletic centre-half George Samuels.

DARTS leagues are already looking ahead to the winter months, and the Hollinwood Darts and Crib League is holding a meeting on Monday, August 4, at the Yew Tree, Manchester Road, to welcome all clubs who intend joining the league. The secretary is Mr. N. Hartle, 32 Priory Close, Werneth.

THE duck, that unwelcome visitor for all cricketers, waddles into the headlines again. Cyril Washbrook, in 26 years of first-class cricket for Lancashire and England this week collected his first "pair."

It seems inevitable that even the greatest batsmen are bound to suffer this indignity during years in the game. But that noted cricket authority, Roy Webber, says that a number have escaped. These "more-than-human" batsmen include W. G. Grace, K. S. Ranjitsinhji, K. S. Duleepsinhji, Jack Hobbs, Don Bradman and Denis Compton.

On the other hand, even Len Hutton, Webber points out, scored three consecutive ducks—one in a Test and the next two against Worcestershire—in June, 1949. But Hutton quickly wiped out the disgrace. During that same June he scored 1,294 runs—still a record for a month's cricket.

Walter Hammond and Philip Mead are among great players who have collected three "pairs." And, incidentally, George Hirst ran up the total of 106 ducks—the highest number by any leading batsman.

FAMOUS forerunner of Surrey's Eric Bedser, who by taking six wickets and scoring useful runs, helped to end his benefit match against Yorkshire in two days at The Oval, was Albert Trotter.

An Australian who played for Middlesex, Trotter did a double hat-trick in his benefit game against Somerset in 1907. "I bowled myself into the bankruptcy court," he joked.

In 1953, Bertie Buse's benefit (Somerset v Lancashire) ended in one day. Buse took six wickets.

In Bedser's case, Saturday's gate covered expenses of £850, and gave a small profit. On the strength of the second day's gate, Bedser will clear about £500.

