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OLDHAM—WIGAN: ROUND TWO
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OLDHAM got a very deserving second-round place in the Lancashire Cup after a spine-tingling 49—5 win over Whitehaven. Gone was the early-season slowness of the Oldham team. They touched top form and left no doubt that Wigan will get a tough fight in the second round.

RESULTS

OLDHAM	8	11—49
WHITEHAVEN	1	1—5
HORNETS	8	8—15
ST. HELENS	4	4—20

DIVISION I

- Arsenal 5, Leicester 1
- Blackpool 2, Manchester Untd. 1
- Chelsea 6, Wolves 2
- Leeds 1, Burnley 1
- Manchester City 1, Preston N.E. 1
- West Brom A. 1, Bolton 1
- West Ham 7, Aston Villa 2

DIVISION II

- Bristol Rovers 4, Scunthorpe 0
- Derby 1, Leyton Orient 2
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- Derby 1, Leyton Orient 2

DIVISION III

- Accrington 3, Mansfield 0
- Bradford City 2, Hull 1
- Bury 5, Bournemouth 1
- Southeast 3, Norwich 1

DIVISION IV

- Crewe 2, Chester 4
- Northampton 3, Crystal Palace 0
- York 4, Bradford 0
- Southport 1, Hartlepool 1
- Torquay 2, Watford 3
- Walsall 1, Gillingham 2

SCOTTISH LEAGUE CUP

- Aloa 2, Queens Park 2
- Berwick 2, Albion 2
- Brechin 1, Dunfermline 2
- Clyde 3, Airdrie 1
- Cowdenbeath 2, St. Johnstone 1
- Dundee 2, Queen of the South 0
- Dumbarton 0, Arbroath 1
- East Fife 5, Stirling A. 2
- Hamilton 3, Montrose 0
- Forfar 1, Ayr 1
- Falkirk 1, Aberdeen 1
- Kilmarnock 2, Hibernian 1
- St. Mirren 6, Celtic 3
- Morton 6, Dundee United 1
- Third Lanark 0, Rangers 3
- Partick Thistle 1, Motherwell 1
- Hearts 3, Raith 1

RUGBY LEAGUE

LANCASHIRE CUP
First Round

- Barrow 28, Blackpool-B. 12
- Swinton 12, Wigan 31
- Warrington 10, Leigh 16
- Widnes 44, Salford 13
- Workington A. 25, Liverpool 12

Britain's six riders all finished with the same time in a thrilling race for second place in the first women's world road cycling championships at Rheims, France, today.

OLDHAM: Ganley; Cracknell, Davies, Ayres, Sims; Kellett, Stirrup; Little, Keith, Vines, Winslade, McKeown, Turner.

WHITEHAVEN: McKeown; King, Shepherd, Gibson, Smith; Hanley, Hadley; McAlone, McKinnell, Matthews, Temby, Robinson, Garrett. Referee: Mr. G. Wilson (Dewsbury).

Oldham roared into a first-minute attack. From a scrum on the half-way line the ball flashed across to Davies on the right for a thrilling run into the Whitehaven quarter.

A late change in the team put Cracknell on the right as Davies's winger, and Sims on the left. Injured Pitchford was replaced at the scrum by Frank Stirrup.

Another Oldham attack had Whitehaven rocking on their own line. This time it came down the

by W. D.

left, and the Cumbrians had to scramble to stop Sims slipping over in the corner.

Oldham might have opened their score a minute later. Whitehaven were penalised following a scrum, but from 25 yards Ganley put a goal attempt wide.

In the seventh minute, Whitehaven missed a goal chance. Oldham were off side after Hanley kicked through but from 45 yards McKeown put the ball wide of the posts.

It was Oldham who did score in the 10th minute. A Des McKeown break started the damage, and in the next passing move Kellett raced down the right, and when faced with the full-back sent out a pass for tourist DAVIES to score. GANLEY kicked the goal.

Two minutes later, Oldham missed a sitter. A move by the forwards left Davies clear again. He was challenged by the defence, swung inside to Stirrup and then watched the final pass to Keith fumbled with the line at his mercy.

At the second scrum following the spoiled move, Whitehaven were penalised. An easy position gave GANLEY a goal.

But Whitehaven were still keeping in the Oldham half and successfully spoiling any attempts to get out. Gibson and Smith combined in a raid on the line, but an attempted late pass by Gibson was fumbled.

In the 24th minute, Oldham scored a dazzling try that moved 70 yards. A Whitehaven pass mistakenly went to Winslade and he

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YORKSHIRE CUP
First Round

- Bramley 15, Hull 34
- Bradford N. 23, York 31
- Castleford 5, Hull KR 33
- Dewsbury 12, Keighley 29
- Halifax 52, Doncaster 0
- Leeds 64, Huddersfield 17
- Wakefield Trinity 10, Hunslet 10
- Batley v. Featherstone (Kick-off 6-15)



Winslade is well tackled in the game against Whitehaven.

Oldham scored 11 tries today and Ganley kicked eight goals to put Oldham in the second round of the Lancashire Rugby League Cup. Try-scorers: Davies (4), Sims (2), Cracknell, Little, Keith, Winslade, Ayres.

Gateshead gave Athletic the run-around in the first half and the Latics only kept in the game with a surprise second-half penalty.

Blackpool beat United 2—1 with goals by Perry and H. Kelly (penalty) to one by Violett. City drew 1—1.

Gateshead well on top of Athletic

By AGW

LEFT-HALF Tommy Appleton, who had trials with Athletic at the start of the season, was in the Gateshead side after being signed during the week. Alan Stalker, 21-year-old amateur goalkeeper, also made his debut for Gateshead.

GATESHEAD: Stalker; Ashe, Batty; Hogarth, Trewick, Appleton; Robinson, Smith, Hogg, Kirtley, Lydon.
ATHLETIC: Teece; Naylor, West; Spurdle, Taylor, Thompson; Bazley, Bourne, Duffy, Neale, Clark.
 Referee: Mr. F. B. Coultas (Hull).

The temperature was high in the seventies as Robinson broke away down the right for Gateshead, but West was there to push the ball in touch. Gateshead kept up the attack, and when Kirtley crashed in a snap shot, Teece did well to parry the ball. Naylor rushed over and conceded a corner.

Gateshead went close when Robinson broke through again, but his shot struck Smith and flew outside. Then Kirtley got his sights on the target again, and after Lydon had mistimed his shot, the inside-left hooked the ball over the top.

The ball was proving difficult to control on the hard ground, and when Clark tried to find Duffy, the ball ran dead.

Bourne and Bazley combined to put in Athletic's first bid, but the winger's final shot-cum-centre was well outside. Then at the other end Kirtley was in the picture again, trying a snap shot from 20 yards. Teece held it, and away went Bazley to give Bourne a chance. Stalker easily caught his shot.

When Bourne was put through by Thompson, the Gateshead keeper made another comfortable save. After 15 minutes Athletic missed the best opportunity when Duffy robbed Trewick and was clean through, but instead of shooting he put the ball across the empty goalmouth, and there was no-one to take advantage.

Teece again came to Athletic's rescue in a goalmouth melee, twice fisting the ball clear before the pressure was relieved.

A long crossfield pass from Neale

shot was deflected off the Athletic line-up past Teece into the corner of the net.

Minutes later Gateshead had another chance at Lydon raced clean through, but he shot straight at Teece, who gratefully clutched the ball to him.

Minutes before the interval Neale got over a good cross, but Duffy just failed to connect and the ball ran dead.

Half-time:

GATESHEAD	1
ATHLETIC	0

There could be no doubt that Gateshead had earned this interval lead. Athletic would certainly have to buck up, particularly the forwards, if they were to salvage anything from the game.

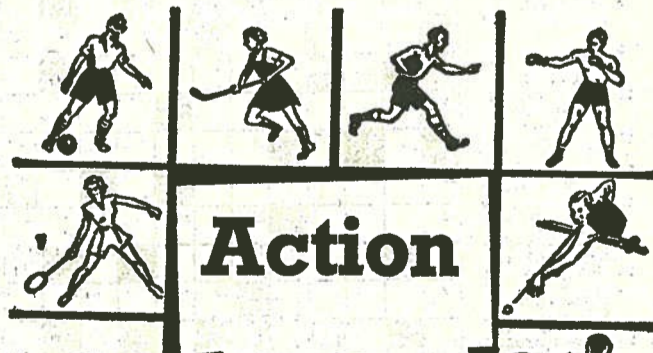
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Blackburn Rovers on goal hunt again

Playing attractive football, Blackburn Rovers went ahead in five minutes with a scrambled goal over the line with Spurs' defence in a tangle.

Spurs' best reply was a right-wing move from which Dunmore headed narrowly wide. Rovers went further two goals from JOHNSTON. First he beat Hollowbread's dive with a 15-yard oblique shot, and then followed up and netted a Douglas penalty-kick which struck a post.

Half-time: Rovers 3, Spurs 0. Attendance: 40,000.



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- Washbrook n.o. 17
- HANTS 172—7
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- MIDDLESEX 57—2
- NOTTS 142 all

- LANARK 5 0. Result: Quite So (E Larkin) 1, Pass of Killecrankie (N Strick) 2, Hando Prince (J Etherington) 3
- 7/2, 5/2, 15/8 fav.
- WINDSOR 5 0. Result: Small Talk (A Breasley) 1, Niagara Falls II (G Lewis) 2, Conobar (B Swift) 3
- 2/5 fav., 11/2, 4/1.
- PONTEFRAC 5 0. Result: Silver Wish (A Carson) 1, Burke The Issue (P Robinson) 2, Toto (H J Greenaway) 3.
- 100/6, 7/4 fav., 10/1.

- Mossley 3, Wrexham 4. Wright, Birnie for Mossley.
- Radcliffe (v. Heywood) 147—9.

ALL AVERAGES PROFESSIONALS

Table with columns: Batting (Ins, N.o., H.s., Ttl. Aver.), Bowling (O, M, R, W, Aver.). Lists players like G Sobers, D G Phadkar, Hanif (Crompton), etc.

AMATEURS

Qual: 220 runs, 22 wkts

Table with columns: Batting (Ins, N.o., H.s., Ttl. Aver.), Bowling (O, M, R, W, Aver.). Lists players like L Wood, A Booth, B Priestley, etc.

EXPERIENCED TUTOR COULD HAVE SAVED MANY HEARTBURNINGS

The Kiwis needed advice from a cricket coach

BY NORMAN YARDLEY

I REFUSE to be critical of the poor New Zealanders. I feel too embarrassed about this dreadful summer they have had to endure. Skipper John Reid was telling me this week that they have spent more than 144 hours in various pavilions up and down the country watching the rain, instead of getting on with the game!

I don't suggest that they could ever have been a match for the full strength of England; they just haven't had the players for that. But the could have put up a stronger show on firmer wickets and with a touch of sun on their backs.

Analysing their play as I have seen it over the summer, I would say that the most disappointing feature was that they didn't seem to improve as they settled to the pace of our slower wickets.

They never seemed to get used to the fact that on English wickets you have to make up your mind, and either play forward all the way—or back all the way. The "half-cock" shot you can get away with on perfect wickets is sudden death against a bowler who can "move" the ball off the seam over here.

THAT IS WHY I FEEL THAT IT WOULD HAVE PAID THE NEW ZEALANDERS TO HAVE APPOINTED AN OFFICIAL COACH TO HAVE TOURED WITH THEM—FOR THE FIRST SIX WEEKS OF THE TOUR AT LEAST.

I don't mean this in any patronising way. I genuinely feel that weekend cricketers stepping straight into a full English season need some help. A man like Warwickshire's Tom Dollery, for example, travelling around with



TONY MacGIBBON, the most valuable and versatile member of New Zealand's tour party.

them for those first few weeks, could have made them twice the side. I know that Dollery couldn't have done the job as he happens to be an England selector this season. But a man of his calibre—he comes to mind particularly because he has coached in New Zealand and really knows their problems—could have improved both their technique and their confidence.

It wouldn't be a matter of teaching them to play cricket; that they know. It would be merely a matter of helping them over the hurdles presented by new conditions; of persuading them that certain shots pay and that certain others don't. This is an idea the Indians, who come here next year, also might find of extreme value. Some people will shy away from the idea of a "coach" being allowed near Test players noted for their strokes; but it should be made clear that the only "coaching" would be to help the visitors to find the quickest way to make their strokes pay off on our wickets! No experienced cricketer would ever attempt to interfere with the style or basic technique of any Test player. All he could do would be to help and suggest!

Tony the star

By far the best of the New Zealanders has been big Tony MacGibbon. With both bat and ball he has shown splendid versatility. With the new ball he has produced that fuller length our softer pitches have demanded; and always he has held on to control of both length and direction. With the bat he has hit soundly and scored consistently. Of the younger men opener John D'Arcy has shown most promise. He seems to have applied genuine thought to his game and adapted himself with shrewdness and intelligence. I liked his concentration and, when he felt like showing them, his strokes. Of all the New Zealanders he is the one I would say will take back most from his tour here.

Financially, of course, the tour has been a tragedy of rain, with those three days swiped clean out of the final Test as the cruel climax. Manager Jack Phillipps tells me they needed £2,700 from the last Test to clear their expenses.

Well, they just about got that much, so I suppose they will go back with a small balance in hand. But how disappointing it must be for them when they recall that from their four three-day Test tour, of 1949 they showed a clear profit of more than £20,000. From England's point of view the outstanding batting of the series has been shown by skipper Peter May, with his century at Leeds as good a performance as any I have seen.

SADDLEWORTH CRICKET LEAGUE MICKLEHURST REGAIN SADDLEWORTH TITLE

MICKLEHURST, who have won back the Saddleworth League championship taken from them by Norden last season, increased their lead at the top of the table last Saturday by beating Greenfield easily. After reaching 163 for six wickets (H. Guest 62), Micklehurst bowled out Greenfield for 107.

Flowery Field are now 10 points behind Micklehurst because they could only draw with Norden.

The local match between Austerlands and Hollinwood turned out to be a real thriller, the visitors winning by only five runs. Hollinwood made 105 for seven wickets, mainly due to steady batting by Moores (17 n.o.), Wright (26), and Dyson (21), and then a late collapse tumbled Austerlands to 100 all out and defeat.

Bottom-club Delph were all out for a paltry 28 in their home match against Friarmere. Opening-bat Hall scored 11 of them, and the wickets were shared by Marshall (four for 15) and Horsfield (three for 11). Friarmere's reply was not much better, but they managed

to reach 65 all out, Hall taking six for 22.

Heyside kept their third place in the table by beating English Steel. Though they were all out for 92 (Harry Broadbent 35), Heyside's bowlers hit back by skittling Steel for 60. Broadbent was also top bowler, with seven for 14.

Against Stayley, Saddleworth hung on for a draw with their last men at the wicket, and their score was only 77 in reply to Stayley's 139 for nine.

The second division championship will not be settled until the results of today's matches are known. Greenfield, who lead by two points, meet their nearest challengers, Norden, in a vital match that will decide the championship one way or the other.

Table with columns: P, W, L, D, Pts. Lists teams like Micklehurst, Flowerly Field, Heyside, Norden, Greenfield, Stayley, Saddleworth, Friarmere, Hollinwood, Uppermill, English Steel, Austerlands, Moorside, Delph.

OLDHAM AND ASHTON LEAGUE GLODWICK HEADING FOR CHAMPIONSHIP

A SURPRISE was sprung in the First Division when St. Matthew's beat Shaw St. Paul's. This puts Glodwick Methodist 5 points up. With only two matches to play, it promises to be their championship year.

FIRST DIVISION

Glodwick Meth. 21—0, Queen St. 19. Queen Street could only raise a poor score against D. Overens, four for 2, and R. Lees, two for 4. G. Pearce hit 16 not out for Glodwick.

Shaw St. Paul's 111. St. Matthew's 117. St. Matthew's batted first and a last-wicket stand of 40 put them in a good position. W. Mellor hit 31, S. Shackleton 14, D. Lees and A. Fairbrother 12 each, J. Crothers and J. Tomlinson 10 each. T. Taylor got four for 20. For St. Paul's, R. Billington 42 and A. Atkin 37 were best.

Smith St. 145—4, Ferranti 90. In Smith Street's big total F. Stuttard contributed 48, A. Fawcett 30, J. Fox 17, D. Poole 16, J. Skimming 14. For Ferranti, T. Hardacre hit 36, and F. Mathews 14.

Shore Edge 18—3, St. Mark's 16. In another low-scoring match, J. Hughes took five for 9, and P. Butterworth three for 6. J. Johnson hit 10 for Shore Edge and J. Wrigley took three for 8.

Greenacres Congregational 58. Springhead Congregational 59—7. Greenacres' best were J. Whitworth 14 and B. Taylor 13. J. Carter took five for 21. For Springhead, J. Carter hit 29. J. Shaw 12 and B. Taylor took five for 19.

Hope Congregational 76. Fallsworth Macedonia 50. Hope batted first. A. Farrand scored 25, R. Mills 14, T. Clarey 11, G. Byrom 10, G. Miller 10. Fallsworth's top scorers were K. Schofield and C. Taylor—9 each. H. Holbert got six for 25.

SECOND DIVISION

St. Matthew's 51—4. Shaw St. Paul's 49. Shaw St. Paul's batted first. J. Canterbury, who hit 22, got no support. D. Radcliffe took three wickets for 6, N. Wales two for 10. For St. Matthew's B. Hawkes 14, C. Wales 13, N. Gelder 11.

Fallsworth Mace. 60—4. Hope Cong. 58. Hope top scorers were L. Kay and A. Hinchcliffe with 8 each. S. Worthington took four for 5. For Fallsworth, E. Metcalfe 24, H. Rigney 13, R. Brown 11 did best.

Springhead Cong. 65. Greenacres Cong. 66—1. Springhead's best were J. Taylor

23 and R. Atkinson 11. For Greenacres K. Shuttleworth hit 32 not out, P. Cross 14, R. Ashton 13.

St. Mark's 180—8, Shore Edge 34. For St. Mark's, P. Hutchinson 43, K. Stock 26, D. Cooper 20, R. Shaw 13, W. Richardson 11, all did well. Shore Edge were poor against some good bowling from R. Mellor, five for 7 and D. Cooper four for 17.

Ferranti 142, Smith St. 50. Ferranti batted first, R. Barber scoring 52, R. Kirby 35, H. Cooper 12, F. Harding 10, and D. Heede 10. R. Hampton took eight for 47. For Smith St. G. Hollin hit 19, W. Jennings 17 and R. Hampton 12. W. Thornton took seven for 4.

Queen St. 32, Glodwick Meths. 55. Glodwick went in first. D. Dyson hit 11 and D. George 10. K. Slater took four for 13, E. Hardacre six for 17 and A. Higgins three for 7.

Table with columns: P, W, L, D, Pts. Lists teams like Glodwick Meths, Shaw St. Paul's, Hope Congl, Spring'd Congl, Ferranti.

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NORTH WESTERN LEAGUE

Woodhouses thrash Burnage

BURNAGE visited Woodhouses in what should have been the titbit of the season in the North-Western League. Alas, it turned out to be a complete fiasco, for Woodhouses thrashed their visitors unmercifully. Burnage were all out 32 (seven ducks).

Denton West received a visit from Avro and just won a close game by two wickets. As a result of this win, Denton West are now the league leaders, having two points more than Burnage with two matches still to be played. The remaining fixtures of the three contenders of the title are:—

Denton West (42) v. Fieldhouse away; v. Thornham away. Burnage (40) v. Greenmount home; v. Newton Mill away. Woodhouses (38) v. Newton Heath away; v. Woodbank home.

Newton Mill had a most interesting game at Hyde against Fieldhouse, and did well to restrict the margin of defeat to a matter of a couple of wickets, but as Greenmount won, Newton Mill are now firmly entrenched at the bottom of the table.

DIVISION I: Newton Mill 106, Fieldhouse 110—8; Oldhams 81, Thornham 82—4; Woodhouses 145—6 dec., Burnage



JOHN D'ARCY, the most promising of New Zealand's youngsters.

Table with columns: P, W, L, D, Pts. Lists teams like Denton West, Burnage, Woodhouses, Fieldhouse, Thornham, Droylsden, Avro, Newton Heath, Woodbank, Greenmount, Oldhams, Newton Mill.

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PLAN TO DETECT ATOM-TESTS

A global chain of 180 stations

ATOMIC scientists from eight nations—from both West and East—have suggested to all Governments that a globe-encircling system of 180 detective stations on land and sea could be set up to watch for atom tests.

This proposal is made in the official report, issued in London today by the Foreign Office of the conference of experts which met in Geneva for seven weeks during July and August “to study the methods of detecting violations of a possible agreement of the suspension of nuclear tests.”

The experts declare that “it is technically feasible to establish, with certain limitations, a workable and effective system.” Their report states: “The control system should be under the direction of an international control organ.

About 160 to 170 land-based control posts and about ten ships should be in the detection networks. Of these, 24 posts should be North America, six in Europe, and 37 in Asia. Each would be manned by about 30 specialists.

In addition to this basic network there should be air sampling by aircraft carrying out existing regular weather flights, as well as by other special flights if necessary.

There should also be an inspection group which could go to the site of “an event which cannot be identified by the international control organ and which could be suspected of being a nuclear explosion.”

Sir John Cockcroft and Sir William Penney, of the UK atomic energy authority, were Britain's representatives at Geneva. The United States, France and Canada were the other Western nations which sent experts. From the East went representatives of Russia, Poland, Czechoslovakia and Rumania.

7-WEEK TALKS

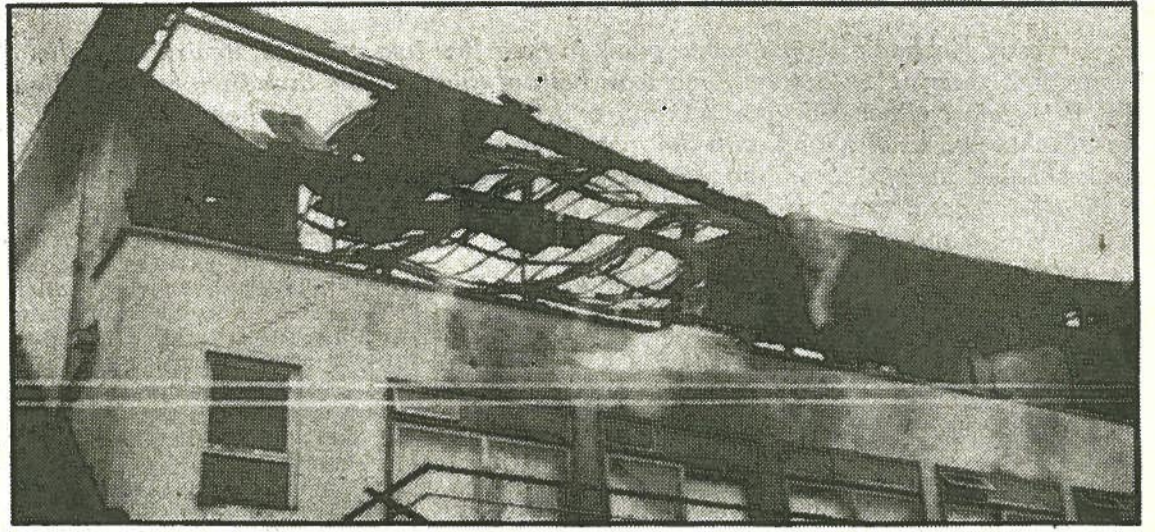
Talks began on July 1, and there were 30 official sessions until work was completed on August 21. All the proceedings were in private.

In the discussions the experts considered methods of detecting nuclear explosions by “the acoustic, hydro-acoustic (underwater sound waves) and seismic oscillations which they produce in the air, water or in the earth's crust, and also the detection of explosions by the electromagnetic oscillations which are propagated from them, and by the radioactive debris that the explosions cause.”

Proposing systematic measurements or radioactive substances in the air, the report says: “Use should be made of existing aircraft flights over the oceans which are carried out by various countries for the purposes of meteorological observations.”

About 100-110 of the posts would be situated on Continents, 20 on large oceanic islands, and 40 on small oceanic islands. On the continents they would be spaced about 600 to 1,000 miles apart, on the oceans double the distance.

The 90-year-old variety Empire Theatre, Portsmouth, is to close after tonight's show. It has been sold for £47,500, and is to be pulled down. A super-market will be built on the site.



United banned from European Cup

MANCHESTER UNITED have been refused permission to take part in this season's European Cup competition. The result of their application, which was considered by the FA Consultative Committee, was announced in London today.

The statement reads: “The Consultative Committee of the Football Association has considered an application by Manchester United F.C. under FA rule 18B, for consent to take part in the European champion club's competition during season 1958-9.

“The committee is of the opinion that, as by its name, this is a competition of champion clubs, Manchester United F.C. does not qualify to take part in this season's competition. Consent is therefore refused.

The question of an appeal against the decision does not arise, for the Consultative Committee has powers to act on behalf of the full FA council on matters of urgency arising between council meetings.

Although they were not league champions, Manchester United were specially invited to take part in the European Cup again as a gesture of sympathy for their bad luck in the Munich air-crash, after reaching the semi-final last season.

The Football League management committee ruled that they should not accept, but the appeals board of the League, consisting of three FA councillors, upheld Manchester United's right to take part.

Subsequently the League asked for an urgent special meeting with the FA, after which it was decided to refer the matter to the Consultative Committee of the FA.

The decision was sent to United by post yesterday.

From his hotel in Blackpool where United play today, manager Matt Busby told the Green Final this afternoon that he had no comment to make.

In his reply to questions put to him by the Chronicle, Mr. Busby said: “We received a letter from the Football Association this morning, and the matter will be discussed at the weekly meeting of the directors on Tuesday.”

He was not say any more, and when asked if the FA's letter was a surprise, he again said “I have no comment.”

Mr. Harold Hardman, chairman of Manchester United, said today that he would make no comment on the decision until after the next meeting of the board, which takes place on Tuesday.

Blaze stops famous Test cricket clock

THE famous Headingley, Leeds, pavilion clock is stopped—perhaps for ever, for fire swept through the pavilion early today, severely damaging the Press box, cafeteria, and a large section of the roof.

The hands of the clock, which have counted away the minutes of many a hard-fought Test match, were jammed at 4.40—a time which the fire brigade think was shortly after the start of the blaze.

Six hours after the fire was discovered, units of Leeds City Fire Brigade were still at the ground damping down smouldering woodwork.

The roof of the pavilion's central block was badly damaged, a fire brigade spokesman said. Wings on each side of the block and a building at the back were unaffected.

The damaged block, which faces the pitch, houses a dance floor, offices and a canteen.

About 20 firemen, using five jets, brought the fire under control.

Leeds CID were investigating the cause of the fire and a police official said: “We are keeping an open mind about this and are investigating every possibility.”

The clock tower is one of the best-known landmarks in English cricket.

The fire did not affect the Rugby League fixture between Leeds and Huddersfield on the adjoining ground later today.

PEP IS ONE OF MY IDOLS

—Hogan Bassey

Hogan Bassey, the Nigerian holder of the world featherweight title, arrived in Boston by air from London last night to prepare for his ten-round bout against Willie Pep, the former champion, in Boston on September 20.

Bassey, who was greeted at the airport by the British Consul, Mr. Harold Griffiths, left immediately for his training camp at a country club about 15 miles outside Boston. Mr. George Biddles, manager, said Bassey planned to start training this morning.

Bassey told reporters he was looking forward to meeting Pep. “Ever since I was 12, Willie Pep, Joe Louis and Sugar Ray Robinson have been my idols.

“I think this will be one of my toughest fights. Pep is still a good fighter.”

Bassey said there was an agreement between Pep and himself that if Pep won they would meet again in a title fight.

£514,994 strike pay

Britain's largest union, the Transport and General Workers' Union, paid out £514,994 in strike benefits during 1957, the union's annual report shows.

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FIRST DAY Cricket Scoreboard

Lancashire v Yorkshire

At Liverpool (friendly match).
LANCASHIRE—First Innings
Bolton c Binks b Ryan 8
Wharton b Ryan 8
Pullar c Binks b Pickles 79
Marner not out 5
Washbrook not out 4
Extras 4

Total (for 3 wkts) ...183

Glamorgan v Northants

At Ebbw Vale.
NORTHANTS—First Innings
Brookes not out 50
Arnold c Parkhouse b Gatehouse 8
Lightfoot b Gatehouse 2
Subba Row c Devereux b Gatehouse 23
McCannon 24
Barrick c McCannon b Gatehouse 14
Reynolds c D L Evans b Watkins 24
Tribe not out 8
Extras 0

Total (for 5 wkts) ...129

Hampshire v Derbyshire

At Bournemouth.
HAMPSHIRE—First Innings
Marshall c Dawkes b Jackson 5
Sainsbury lbw b Jackson 2
Horton c Dawkes b Jackson 9
Pitman lbw b Jackson 77
Flood c and b Carr 7
Ingleby-Mackenzie not out 25
Harrison not out 11
Extras 2

Total (for 5 wkts) ...138

Middlesex v Warwickshire

At Lord's.
WARWICKSHIRE—First Innings
Gardner b Titmus 21
Horne c Titmus b Warr 46
Cartwright c Murray b Tilly 37
Smith c Gale b Titmus 0
Wolton lbw b Titmus 9
Fletcher c Robertson b Titmus 0
Sponner c Russell b Titmus 0
Hill c Russell b Titmus 0
Bannister c and b Titmus 3
Carter c White b Tilly 8
Wheatley not out 1
Extras 7

Total136

Middlesex v Warwickshire

Titmus 48-7-42-7
MIDDLESEX—First Innings
Robertson not out 9
Murray retired hurt 9
Walton not out 9
Extra 1

Total (for no wkt) ... 19

Nottinghamshire v Somerset

At Trent Bridge.
NOTTS—First Innings
Simpson b Palmer 9
N Hill c Lomax b Biddulph 3
Clay b Palmer 40
Poole c Lomax b Biddulph 4
M Hill c Tremlett b Lomax 48
Goonesena b Biddulph 9
Millman not out 8
Atkinson not out 9
Extras 2

Total (for 6 wkts) ...123

Sussex v Surrey

At Hove.
SURREY—First Innings
Fletcher c Smith b F Thomson 0
Stewart b Thomson 6
Constable run out 48
May c Smith b Bates 0
Barrington c Nawab of Pataudi b Bates 4
E Bedser c Doggart b Bates 6
McIntyre lbw b James 17
Lock c and b James 0
Laker not out 0
A V Bedser b James 0
Loader c Oakman b James 0

Total 83

Sussex v Surrey

SUSSEX—First Innings
Oakman not out 6
James not out 8

Total (for no wkt) ... 14

Ireland v Worcestershire

At Dublin (two-day match).
IRELAND—First Innings
Bergin b Horton 10
Notley c D Richardson b Horton 4
Neville c Goldwell b Horton 22
Hunter c D Richardson b Horton 0
Warke lbw b Horton 28
Finlay c Booth b Berry 0
O'Riordan c Dewes b Berry 24
Fawcett b Horton 3
Fee b Horton 0
Huey not out 1
Scott b Berry 7
Extras 3

Total102

Black marble mining

Opencast mining has begun at Hungary's first black-marble quarry in the Mecsek Mountains, South-West Hungary.

Communion-ban couple wed

THROUGH their marriage today, at Mint Methodist Church, Holbeck, Leeds, Mr. Jack Godman, aged 42, and Miss Nancy Linton, aged 41, face a six-month ban on taking Anglican communion imposed by the Bishop of Ripon, Dr. G. A. Chase.

Both Mr. Godman, progress clerk, of Shafton Lane, Leeds, who was the innocent party in a divorce action three years ago, and Miss Linton, solicitor's clerk, of Yarm Place, Leeds, resigned from positions at St. Matthew's Church, Holbeck, when the ban was announced by the Bishop.

Mr. Godman was a cubmaster, and taught in Sunday school, while Miss Linton was formerly treasurer for the women's club at St. Mat-

thew's. She was also a choir member, and occasionally acted as organist.

The Bishop told them the ban would operate from the time of their wedding.

Earlier this month the Vicar of St. Matthew's, the Rev. Kenneth Stapleton, said he wished “wholly to be identified with the course my Bishop has taken.”

He also said that he could in no way associate himself with the proposal to marry the couple in a Methodist Church.

Mr. Godman and Miss Linton originally decided on a register office marriage, but then agreed to be married by the Rev. W. Passmore, the Mint Methodist minister.

Players miss train, take plane

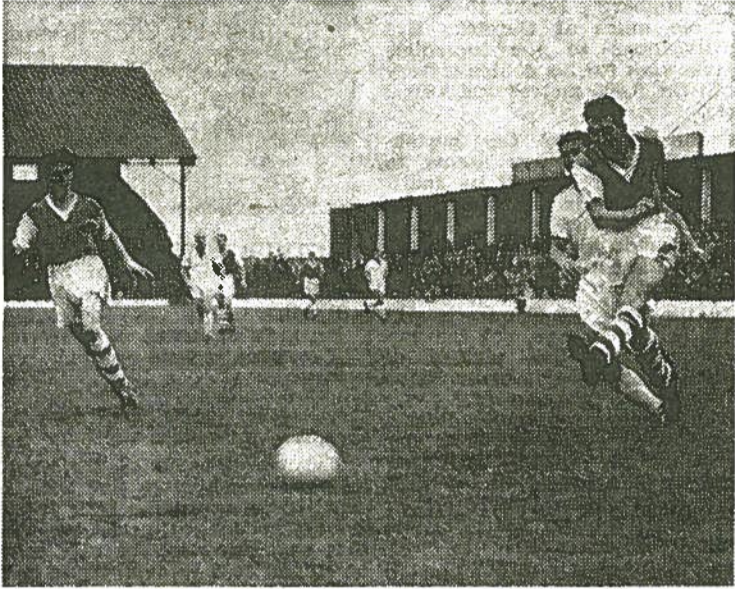
Three Gillingham players, Bill Patrick, Ron Saunders and Bill Parry, and club manager Harry Barrett, made a dash by plane from Croydon to their match at Walsall after missing their train in London.

The quartet were held up by the changing of the Guard at Buckingham Palace on the way across London from Victoria to Euston. Realising they had not chance of catching the train, they turned their taxi round and drove to Croydon airport to charter a plane.

They arrived before the rest of the Gillingham party, who had gone on without them.

STOP OVERNIGHT ON LONG TRIPS

THIS morning, Oldham Athletic set off on their first away trip in the Fourth Division—the first of 23 journeys which will see them cover over 6,000 miles this season. On average, each return trip will be over 200 miles, a costly business which is going to burn a large hole in the Boundary Park bank-book. It is now, therefore, that the directors must gamble with the travel problem.



Duffy (left) runs in as Athletic's new winger, Clark, shoots.

They must decide whether it will profit them to let the team and officials stay overnight on the longer journey—i.e., paying more out to see a better performance from the team in the match.

Opinions are divided, but I can see only one answer if Athletic are to get back into the Third Division. On all trips which involve more than three or four hours'

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travelling, the team must stay at an hotel the preceding night.

It is asking too much of the players to give their best when they climb out of a coach, cramped and stiff after four hours' travelling. It is quite some time before they find their feet again—and by that time the match can have been lost.

Physical sickness

Today's game at Gateshead, for instance, is one journey which I maintain should have been broken with an overnight stay. Last season Athletic did break this journey at Darlington—but the decision was made only because Athletic's Third Division status was at stake.

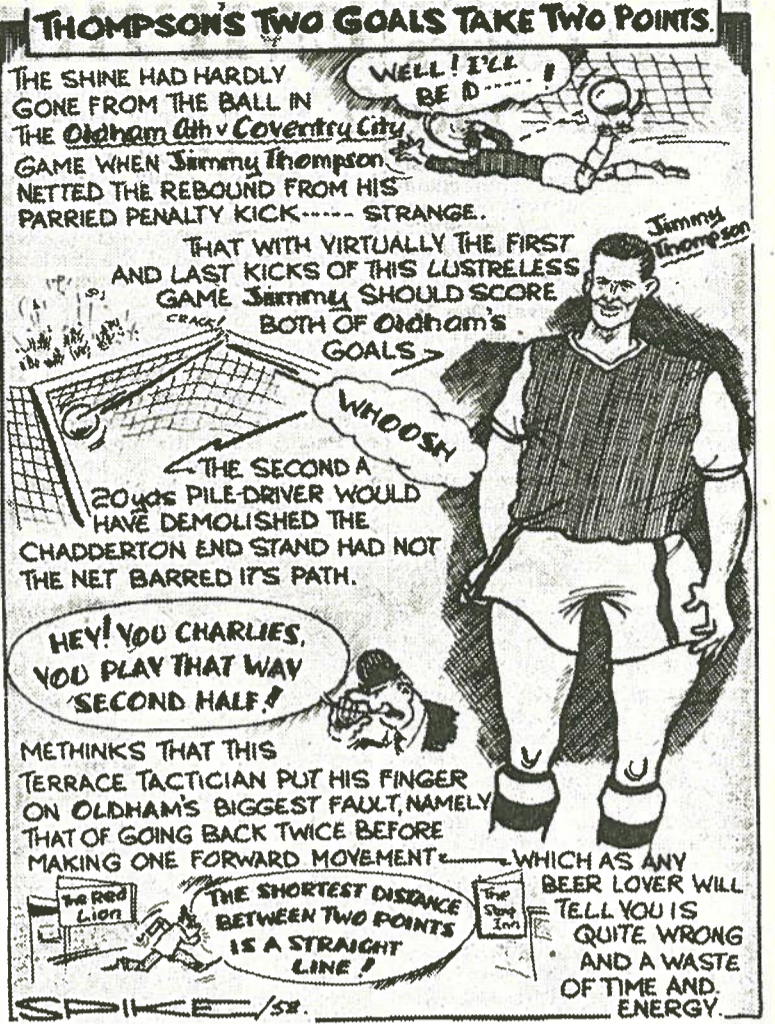
The fact that Athletic lost the match 1-0 is some ammunition in the guns of the people who say "It make no difference."

Yet there is plenty of proof to show the value of an overnight stop. After these long journeys, even when Athletic were in the Northern Section, players have been physically sick during the match.

A side which is trying to pick up as many points as possible away from home—and that means a promotion-hunting side—must go on the field 100 per cent physically fit, not sick and fatigued by a tedious journey.

Team spirit benefits

It is perhaps unfair to make comparisons with the rugby club at Watersheddings, but in recent years their longer journeys—Barrow, Whitehaven, Workington, etc.—have always been broken by overnight stops. At the club's expense the team travel on the Friday, staying overnight and then at the player's



THOMPSONS TWO GOALS TAKE TWO POINTS.

THE SHINE HAD HARDLY GONE FROM THE BALL IN THE Oldham Ath v Coventry City GAME WHEN Jimmy Thompson NETTED THE REBOUND FROM HIS PARRIED PENALTY KICK..... STRANGE.

WELL! I'LL BE D.....

THAT WITH VIRTUALLY THE FIRST AND LAST KICKS OF THIS LUSTRELESS GAME Jimmy SHOULD SCORE BOTH OF Oldham's GOALS

WHOOOSH

THE SECOND A 2040s PILE-DRIVER WOULD HAVE DEMOLISHED THE CHADDERTON END STAND HAD NOT THE NET BARRED ITS PATH.

HEY! YOU CHARLIES, YOU PLAY THAT WAY SECOND HALF!

METHINKS THAT THIS TERRACE TACTICIAN PUT HIS FINGER ON OLDHAM'S BIGGEST FAULT, NAMELY THAT OF GOING BACK TWICE BEFORE MAKING ONE FORWARD MOVEMENT..... WHICH AS ANY BEER LOVER WILL TELL YOU IS QUITE WRONG AND A WASTE OF TIME AND ENERGY.

THE SHORTEST DISTANCE BETWEEN TWO POINTS IS A STRAIGHT LINE!

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PRESIDENT'S HANDICAP

In the Chadderton League President's Handicap, the two final qualifying greens will be played tomorrow (2-30 p.m.). Players are to report as follows:—

St. Paul's Cons. green: H Yearn, C Whittaker, J Needham, J R Walkden, H Eyre, F Walton, B Guilfoyle, H Corfield, E Leigh, J Broome (all of Hollinwood CC); T Ashworth (Osram); J Lord (NC Social); E Wood and W Clegg (Nook); T Smith, E Fielding, E Wiers (Lily Mill); J Seed, C Heginbotham, F Marsden (Church Inn); J Hilton, F Holt, H Franklin, N White, W Spence R Travis H Greenwood (Crompton); F Ashton (Middleton CWS); A E Lowe Jnr. (Chadderton C & B); J Penhall (Royton); H Stott (Clarksfield).

Clarksfield Cons. green: J Sykes (St. Paul's); C Gower H Leigh, H Walton, W E Hughes, H Travis (Hollinwood CC); R Hill, T Boston, S Taylor (Nook); W Lamb, B Wild, P Taylor, W Lees, H Henthorn (Lily Mill); J Smith and J Skelmerdine (Friezland); F McCulloch, H Clarke, C Schofield (Crompton); F Goodwin and N Simonite (Royton); J Duskin (Oldham CB & T); N Colton J E Neld, J R Buckley, H Scholes, W E Seed, T Taylor, J Smith (Church Inn); E Gee and H Ashworth (NC Social); T Nicholls (Chadderton C & B); B Burbidge (Clarksfield); N Heywood (NC Social).

LAST SUNDAY'S QUALIFIERS
At Clarksfield: S Lee (Summit), A Ford (Havelock), H Brierley (Summit), S Cartwright (Church Inn).

At Dalsyfield: W Gardner (St. Paul's), O Turner (Nook), J Mills (Nook), H Hilton (Summit), C Holt (Springhead Libs.), F Ross (Phoenix), N Cocker (Oldham CB & T), W Townsend (Stanley Road).

At Springbank: D Taylor (Westwood), T Wood (Church Inn), W Altham (Clarksfield), H Entwistle (Friezland).

At Nimble Nook: H Rawson (Summit), J Kershaw (Nook), H Davies (Springbank), N Lees (Hollinwood CC).

The final 44 qualifiers will meet at Church Inn on September 7.

Middleton have won three CLL cups

Along with the CLL first division championship, Middleton have also won the second division trophy and the Aggregate Cup. It is six years since the club last won the Aggregate Cup—presented to the club totalling most points in both divisions—and the fourth time they have won it.

Playing Cards, Whist Scoring Cards.—Hirst, Kidd & Rennie Ltd., Union Street, Oldham.



Goalkeeper Jim Sanders (Coventry City) gathers the ball as John Bazley (Athletic) rushes in. A scene from Boundary Park on Tuesday.

A sum of £150 is included in the estimates of Oldham Corporation Finance Committee for the present year for entertaining visitors. The revised estimate for last year was £250.

★ NORTHERN CLUB GOSSIP ★

OF all the Fourth Division clubs, Crewe have been the most active in the transfer market. The results of Manager Harry Ware's activity are shown in the new-look Crewe team.

For the opening match, the only player who retained his place from last season was centre-half Eric Barnes. All the ten others have been signed during the summer. The new side is being captained by ex-Liverpool wing-half, Don Campbell.

COVENTRY CITY, visitors to Boundary Park last Tuesday, are hoping for a big reduction in the number of goals scored against them this season. The man to whom they are looking to help to strengthen the rearguard is experienced goalkeeper Jim Sanders, a summer recruit from West Bromwich, whom he helped to win the Cup in 1954.

It was lack of defensive solidarity which kept the Bantams in the bottom half of the Southern Section table last winter, particularly in away matches, where 57 of the 81 goals on the debit side were conceded.

SOME people were surprised when Port Vale allowed right-winger Colin Askey to go to Walsall shortly before the start of the season. Manager Norman Low, however, had a ready-made replacement for

Askey in Brian Jackson, a summer recruit from Liverpool.

Jackson, who began his career with Leyton Orient in his native London, has settled down well with his new club, scoring both their goals in their victory at Watford in midweek.

PORT VALE'S visit to Workington today will mean a reunion for the Potteries club's manager, Mr. Norman Low. Before taking up his present appointment at Vale Park, in February, 1957, Mr. Low had spent some time in charge at Workington.

"**WE** have no stars, but at least every player is a genuine trier," says team manager Trevor Hitchen of Southport. Two defeats, and only one goal scored represents a poor opening by the Haigh Avenue club, whose major problem is at centre-forward, following their failure to persuade England amateur international George Bromilow, a schoolmaster in the town, to re-sign.

It may be that young Brian Phoenix, who is really a winger, may be called upon to lead the first team attack, after notching four goals from the centre-forward berth in a recent reserve game.

THERE are two links between Oldham Athletic and Southport this season. Trevor Lawless, South-

port's new full-back from Aldershot, was at Boundary Park before joining the Southern Section club in the summer of 1957, and Roger Darvel who has been recruited from Gillingham as a replacement for centre-half Wally Taylor, now with Athletic, is now living in the house formerly occupied by his predecessor in the Southport team.

Obviously this is also a great benefit for team spirit. If the team are to enjoy their Saturday night stay, they must at least have put in a good performance—and so far, since this system was introduced, they have not lost any of these games.

As I say, the comparison is perhaps unfair, but there is no doubt that the players enjoy an overnight halt, even if it means early-to-bed, and it is a tremendous boost for team spirit. The players work together day in and day out; they should be allowed to relax together socially.

More by rail

This season, of course, it seems likely that Athletic will be doing more travelling by rail. Most of the clubs in the London area will be reached by train—and this method of transport certainly has advantages over the usual motor coach. On the train the players can relax and walk about, but it still leaves after-effects.

No, I would urge Athletic to make the performance on the field of primary importance. A victory away from home will mean a bigger gate for the following home match—and in that way the increased expense can be covered.

Once the side begins a successful run, the terraces will become more crowded—and the successful

run will come only if the players are given a fair chance to perform.

MAKE THAT GAMBLE NOW, ATHLETIC. LAST SEASON IT PROVED TOO LATE TO MAKE THE MOVE IN THE LAST HALF-DOZEN GAMES.

Reserves' ill-luck

Once again the start of the season has seen the senior side hugging the spotlight, but some mention must be made of the Reserves' lack of success on the return to Lancashire Combination football.

One the face of it, two defeats by Rossendale and Darwen would seem very disappointing, but it must be stated that the side has been dogged by ill-luck.

In the first match with Rossendale, the Reserves carried Alan Hall as a passenger for all but five minutes of the game, and it is good to see that he has made a quick recovery from his ankle injury. Then on the trip to Darwen, disaster struck again when trialist keeper Robinson injured his hand and had to play on the wing. As it was, they lost by only 5-4.

The Reserves can, however, look forward to their revenge on Monday night when Darwen come to Boundary Park. The match kicks off at 6.30 p.m. and NOT 3 p.m. as advertised on the outside posters.

Manager Dodgin has now signed former Busby Babe, Ivan Beswick, on a month's trial. This full-back, I understand, has a lot of promise and might well push for a first-team place before the season is out.

DEATH OF MR. JIM FENWICK

Jim Fenwick, life member of Royton Harriers, has died while on an extended visit to his daughter, who resides at Melbourne. To his widow, Mrs. Ethel Fenwick, and family, all members of the club extend their sympathy.

Jim working committeeman, was a tower of strength to the club, performing many of those necessary tasks where the limelight is shunned. When he went to Australia he was greatly missed. He was 75 years of age, a life of self sacrifice, without seeking for reward, and an example to follow.

A floral tribute was cabled to Australia, and on Tuesday evening, training at Hillside Avenue, Royton, was suspended while all the members stood in silence on the request of the president, Mr. H. Whatmough, who paid tribute to Mr. Fenwick's splendid service to the club.

Oldham is likely to be called upon this year to pay over £10,000 to the Mersey River Board—a large sum for an inland town.

ROYTON HARRIERS Stuart Lowe's half-mile race

ON Tuesday evening the postponed half-mile club championship event took place and the senior race was won by Stuart Lowe with a time of 2 min. 10 sec. quite good, considering the awkward turns on the three lap course. He was followed by his rival, Don Pilkington, who clocked 2 min. 11 sec., with club captain Eddie Toft, third. This makes Stuart favourite to become champion, as with a mile race to come, at which distance he should shine, he had only to throw a reasonable distance in the discus to be high and dry—always allowing for Jim Payne being content to be runner-up. Jim will strive might and main to amass the necessary points, and the last championship event will decide one of the most interesting contests since the inception.

Splendid sprinting

Frank Hargreaves won the junior race in 2 min. 15 sec. and Geoffrey Pymm the boys' race in 2min. 20sec. But the best news is of the splendid sprinting of 15-year-old Ian Foster, who did 10.6 sec off scratch at the United Glass Bottle Works Sports at St. Helens. This well-built lad is a fine prospect.

Ian won his heat in 10.8 and in the process beat the Lancashire Schools champion, D. Pimblett. In the final, so close that first and second were given the same time—Ian was second to D. G. Edwards, and Pimblett finished third.

In the Lancashire Schools' championship, Ian beat Edwards, so it is easy to see that in this trio, there are three likely Lancashire lads, and it will be surprising if one or more does not, in course of time, go places.

The Duke of Edinburgh award has brought some welcome visitors to Central Playing-fields, boys of the 5th Oldham Boys' Brigade, intent on gaining proficiency in the athletics side of the Award. Michael Johnson, a likeable lad, is well on the way to achieving his desire, for he has done a 2min. 19 sec. half-mile and 11.8 sec 100 yards, will soon reach efficiency in javelin and shot, and has already qualified in the high jump.

EMPIRE—EUROPE MEETING TO PULL IN A BIG CROWD

THE European Championships and the Empire Games were both grand meetings. I may be greedy but I would now like to see something really terrific—the British Empire versus Europe. This year would have been an ideal time to stage it. The Empire Games were held in Britain and so the crack men were assembled here already. And many stayed over to compete in Britain and on the Continent.

Unfortunately it is too late to organise such a meeting now. But there is always next time. I realise that the 1962 Empire Games will be in Perth. But with modern travel facilities it should be possible to assemble the Empire aces in Britain for a meeting to follow the European Championships.



MIKE RAWSON was forced off the track at the start of the European 800-metre championship. It spotlighted the need for reorganising the starts for races at this distance.

Expensive? That's true. But look at the gate money such a meeting would command, and think how worthwhile it would all be. Next to the Olympics I would rate an Empire v Europe meeting as the greatest athletics show on earth.

Is this possible without the Americans? I think so. We would miss the American short-distance and field event men, but overall the standard would be incredibly high.

Imagine the prospects of men like Aussies Dave Power and Albert Thomas and New Zealand's Murray Halberg clashing with the Russians and Poles in the 5,000 and 10,000 metres; Herb Elliott, Merv Lincoln,

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and Brian Hewson vying with Sweden's Waern and Ireland's Delaney in the 1,500 metres, and with speedsters of the Keith Gardner-Tom Robinson calibre doing battle against the Germans, there would certainly be no lack of talent in the sprints.

Track superiority

I would give the Empire team a good chance of victory. On the track, their superiority should be well established. Witness Britain's four track victories in the men's events at Stockholm and the fact that in only two of 11 track events was the standard higher than at the Empire Games.

This was in the 10,000 metres (comparing it with the Empire Games six miles) and in the 110 metres hurdles. In the latter, I think Keith Gardner at his best could be a match for the German Lauer. In the 440-yard hurdles the Empire has the world champion in South African Gert Potgieter.

For the rest, the sprint standards were about the same, while Britain herself swept the board in the 400

metres, 800 metres and 1,500 metres. In the 5,000 metres the winning time of Poland's Krzyszkowiak of 13min. 53.4sec. was equivalent to being 10 seconds slower than Murray Halberg's 13min. 15sec. for the three miles at Cardiff. But congratulations to the incredible Krzyszkowiak for his double victory in both the 5,000 metres and 10,000 metres.

In the marathon the boyish-looking Russian Popov seems to have established himself as indisputably the best in the world with that amazing time of 2hr. 15min. 17sec. I would like to congratulate him on beating my previous world's best time.

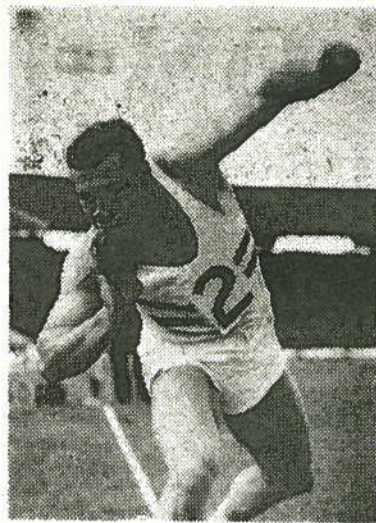
In the field the Empire is still a bit behind Europe, but the gap is narrowing. The victory of British shot-putter Arthur Rowe in Stockholm proved that.

In the women's events, Russia still packs more strength than any country in the world. But her superiority is confined to the field events and longer-distance track races. In the sprints Australia and Britain are right on top.

From something I would love to see, to something I want to see stopped. I apologise for signing off on a sour note but I appeal to athletics bosses to put a stop to the disgraceful goings-on which marked the final of the 800 metres in Stockholm.

Mike Rawson's gold-medal performance was marred by the protest against his victory and by the ugly scenes in the race which resulted in him being charged off the track.

This sort of thing will continue to happen as long as the authorities persist in starting the 800 metres race in this manner on top of a bend. Competitors have only a few yards to get into a good position when rounding the bend. No wonder



ARTHUR ROWE won the shot-putters' gold medal at Stockholm—a reward for Geoff Dyson's work in improving Britain's standard of performance in field events.

these few yards see the mad scramble in which anything goes.

The race is begun on the bend so that the finish is in line with the photo-finish apparatus. Fair enough, but for goodness sake let us realise that that being so, the race cannot be staged as if it were begun in the middle of the straight.

I don't want to see it run in lanes. The start would be so staggered that it would become more of an athletics exercise than a race. But the starting line could be made fairer for those drawn on the outside.

AND, MOST IMPORTANT, THE FIELD SHOULD BE REDUCED FROM NINE TO SIX. THAT IS PLENTY IN A TOP-CLASS RACE OF THIS NATURE.

If something isn't done these scrambles will get worse as standards rise. Already the 800 metres saw that unpleasantness in the final, plus two disqualifications in the heats.

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2 CLL pros move: vital Wembley

TWO CLL professionals were on the move this week—one leaving the league and the other switching clubs within the league. Bob Bartels, Ashton's professional for the past three seasons, has gone to Lowerhouse, the Lancashire League club, and veteran Eric Denison, who has been replaced at Royton by Cec Pepper, has been signed by Littleborough.

Apart from his one season with Saddleworth in 1955, Bartels has played all his league cricket in the CLL.

A triple international for his native Ceylon (he has represented them at hockey and soccer besides cricket), he came to England in 1954

clash: Champions v. Rest

when Werneth signed him on Leary Constantine's recommendation. After his season in the Saddleworth League he joined Ashton in 1956.

Ashton offered him terms for next season, but Lowerhouse, whose present professional is Sohoni, the

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Indian, went £150 better than what Bartels has been paid this summer. It is a one-year contract (with the usual option).

THE emphasis is on coaching at Eric Denison's new post, Littleborough. The club have set up a sub-committee of ex-players to work hand in hand with Denison in bringing along the promising players.

"It should work much better, because I will be able to get on with the coaching proper while the officials do such organising as the time each player is at the nets. One man cannot do the whole lot himself successfully," says Denison.

Eric should know, for his coaching ability has been proved both at Royton and at the Hollins indoor cricket school.

The new contract from Littleborough will enable Denison to celebrate "his CLL 21st." He first played in the CLL for Middleton in 1938. Now 42, Denison has been a professional since he was 18 and his list of clubs includes Kendal, Middleton, Werneth, Todmorden, Huddersfield and Royton—quite a record.

IN only two months, on October 22 at Wembley, England play Russia for the first time in this country, a prestige match of the greatest importance, and they will be eager to

gain revenge for their play-off defeat in the World Cup.

Fortunately, there are several early-season games which should give the selectors considerable help before they decide their line-up for that vital Wembley clash.

The Under-23 side have two games, against Poland at Sheffield on September 24 and Czechoslovakia at Norwich on October 15. They should serve to show whether still more of the younger players are ripe for promotion.

Even more important is the full international against Ireland in Belfast on October 4, when revenge will be sought for the shock Wembley defeat last season, and the Football League's match with the Scottish League in Glasgow on October 8. The League and FA selectors normally co-operate on matters of selection.

EVIDENCE given to the jury of the Portuguese Grand Prix by Stirling Moss, the winner, helped them to confirm that his great rival, Mike Hawthorn, finished second in the 230-mile race on the Oporto Street circuit on Sunday. Hawthorn left the course during the 50th and final lap, and Moss, who witnessed the incident, was able to clarify the matter.

If Hawthorn had been disqualified, Moss would now lead the World Drivers' Championship table by two points. As it is, Hawthorn has 37 points and Moss 32. Moss gained the winner's eight points yesterday and Hawthorn the runner-up's six, together with one point for the fastest lap.

An eye-witness said Hawthorn

was unable to turn left into the required side road, because of his high speed. He stopped some yards beyond the curve and tried to turn towards the spot where he had spun off, but in doing so his engine stopped.

Hawthorn, said the eye-witness, then pushed his car until the engine started again and returned to the course. A spectator, unaware of the regulations, tried to help Hawthorn push his car, but the British driver did not allow him to do so, and no infringement was committed.

OLDHAM SCHOOLBOYS have put up such tremendous performances this season in winning the Lancashire Cup that they have been honoured by a "Champions of Lancashire" match at The Pollards next Saturday.

Oldham Boys will oppose a team picked from the best schoolboy players from the rest of Lancashire. It includes boys from Liverpool, Manchester, Rochdale, Middleton, Bolton, Preston and Blackpool.

Officials were so pleased with the cricket provided in the last schoolboy match at The Pollards, when Oldham beat Liverpool in the final, that they felt Oldham had deserved this honour. In that match, David Booth, the Oldham schoolboy, hit 107, a record for the Lancashire Cup final.

COMPETITORS from as far afield as Cornwall and Yorkshire will take part in the Lytham St. Anne's sand-yacht speed trials and regatta which will be held during September. The main feature of this novel and exciting event is the classic international flying mile. Given good conditions, it is hoped to better the existing record of 57.69 miles an hour set up by R. M. Dennis (London) in 1956.

Other events will be held on each Sunday in the month. Although popular in America and on the Continent, sand-yachting is unique in Britain. But it is not an expensive sport, and all yachts in this year's regatta have been made by their owners

CHADDERTON NEED MORE PUNCH IN FRONT

CHADDERTON, runners-up in the second division of the Manchester Amateur League last season, beat Stretford Borough, winners of the South Division and twice winners of the Hulme Celtic Cup, 2-0 in the opening match last Saturday.

Both defences appeared strong and few goals appeared likely. A goal nearly came to Chadderton when the Stretford keeper miskicked a ball to Middlebrook, standing on the far edge of the penalty area. With the keeper racing back to goal the Chadderton inside-left hit the crossbar.

Centre-forward Kerley had several near misses before Middlebrook put Chadderton into the lead following a right-wing movement. This was the only goal of a fast and interesting first half. The second half did not reach the same standard, but the result could have gone either way until Middlebrook scored Chadderton's second goal. With luck Chadderton could have further increased their lead in the closing stages. Stretford, however, should do well in their first season in the second division.

The Chadderton team gave a respectable performance for the first game. The defence would appear to be the strongest part of the team, with Griffiths giving a faultless display in goal and full-backs Barrett and Taylor exceptionally fine full-backs with intelligent positioning and strong tackling. Chadwick was a tireless wing-half and Simpson dominated the centre of the field.

Newcomers to the team—Rogerson (left-half), Burns (outside-right) and Kerley (centre-forward)—had little luck in their first outing but appear to have the right attributes to be more than useful acquisitions. Clive Middlebrook was the best forward in a line that would appear to require more punch to emphasise their undoubted football skill.



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