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ATHLETIC IN SECOND ROUND



DOUG SMITH finished today as champion jockey of the season with 165 winners.

Thompson's 2 puts out fighting Denaby

ONCE again Jimmy Thompson was Athletic's hero this afternoon. Two great goals at Denaby knocked the fight out of the little Midland League club, to put Athletic in the Cup Second Round draw. Denaby had shown plenty of spirit early on but Athletic had had the edge throughout.

DENABY UNTD.: Smethurst; Williams, Bedford, Pilkington, Miller, Friel; Bunclark, Hankin, Swaby, Allott, Ayre.
ATHLETIC: Teece; Naylor, West; Hobson, Taylor, Thompson; Bazley, Chaytor, Duffy, Hall, Phoenix.
 Referee: Mr. K. Stokes (Nottingham).
 With the crowd roaring, Denaby set up the first attack but a long pass back by Hobson broke it up. Chaytor fell offside in Athletic's first bid, then Phoenix burst through to crash over a dangerous centre.

Denaby cleared but Bazley was back to try a shot which struck Bedford and flew clear.

Athletic were on top so far but Duffy wasted a good ball trying to find the marked Bazley. There was a lot of kick and little method in these opening exchanges.

But only a split second clearance by Williams stopped Bazley as he picked up a loose ball outside the area. Then after ten minutes Hall got in the first real shot of the game with his first timer, but it flashed inches wide.

In the next minute Hall was back helping the defence to clear a determined Denaby rush down the left and as Athletic came away a through pass from Thompson was just too far ahead of Phoenix.

Yelling for action

Hobson broke up a Denaby break-away but Athletic had not settled down and a long Naylor cross found Phoenix but his header was well wide.

Hall was forced to concede a corner and Hankin went through and, following the kick, the same player got in a cracking shot which went just over.

There was plenty of room on the ground and the crowd was yelling for action but when Chaytor went through he shot well wide from the edge of the penalty area.

Teece saved at Bunclark's feet, then Duffy brought Smethurst to a brilliant save with a cracking 18-yarder.

For a spell the Denaby rearguard was in trouble but shots from Phoenix and Thompson were blocked out.

A Chaytor-Phoenix run down the left came to nothing and when fed by Duffy a Bazley cross went much too close.

In the next minute, however, the winger got in a cracking shot which left Smethurst helpless but skimmed inches over. Then Thompson hooked one well over.

Athletic were creating the openings but failing to take advantage of them.

Athletic should have gone ahead as Thompson made a great 50-yard run but his pass found Duffy offside—and in any case the centre-forward missed the easy chance.

Thompson was up on the attack but it was Swaby who brought the crowd to its toes as he fed Hankin—but the inside man shot well wide. Another Smethurst save robbed Duffy a yard out, and try as they might the interchanging Athletic forwards could not find a way through.

Bazley tripped through and

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Football Results

DENABY	0
ATHLETIC	2
HARTLEPOOLS	1
ROCHDALE	1
SALFORD	4 2-14
OLDHAM	3 1-9

DIVISION I

Luton 1, Tottenham H. 2.
 Swansea 0, Sheffield United 2.

DIVISION II

Bristol Rovers 7, Grimsby 3.
 Fulham 2, Cardiff 1.
 Ipswich 5, Brighton 3
 Leyton Orient 5, Middlesbrough 2.
 Lincoln 1, Huddersfield 1.

FA CUP—First Round

Ashford 0, Crystal Palace 1
 Brentford 3, Exeter 2
 Bury 0, York 0.—Abandoned after 60 minutes.
 Buxton 4, Crook Town 1
 Chelmsford 0, Worcester 0
 Chester 3, Boston 2
 Colchester 2, Bath 0.
 Crewe 2, South Shields 2.
 Gateshead 1, Bradford 4
 Gulldford 1, Hereford 2.
 Heanor 1, Carlisle 5.
 Headington 3, Margate 2
 King's Lynn 2, Merthyr Tydfil 1.
 Mansfield 3, Bradford City 4.
 Morecambe 1, Blyth Spartans 2.
 Northampton 2, Wycombe Wdrs 0.
 Notts County 1, Barrow 2.
 Peterborough 2, Kettering 2
 Plymouth 2, Gillingham 2.
 Southampton 4, Woking 1.
 Southend 0, Yeovil 0.
 Swindon 5, Aldershot 0.
 Torquay 1, Port Vale 0.
 Weymouth 2, Coventry 5.
 Wisbech 2, Newport 2.
 Wrexham 1, Darlington 2

SCOTTISH DIVISION I

Aberdeen 2, Raith 2.
 Celtic 3, St. Mirren 3.
 Dunfermline 1, Hibernian 2
 Stirling Albion 1, Partick Thistle 1.
 Third Lanark 1, Airdrie 1.

SCOTTISH DIVISION II

Ablon 3, Montrose 0
 Ayr 5, Arbroath 2.
 Brechin 0, Hamilton 0
 Dundee Untd. 2, Cowdenbeath 0.
 E. Stirlingshire 2, Alloa 2
 Forfar 5, Morton 1
 Stenhousemuir 2, Berwick 2.
 Stranraer 2, Queen's Park 1.

PENALTY LEAD FOR CITY

THE floodlights were switched on to enable this game to start in a fog. Manchester City, the more direct side, scored through LEIVERS from a penalty.

Chelsea were equal to their rivals in midfield play but lacked finish. Matthews made several daring saves at the feet of City forwards, Barlow and Hayes.

Just before the interval Brabrook had a shot blocked on the goalline by Leivers. Half-time: City 1, Chelsea 0.

RUGBY LEAGUE

Blackpool B. 9, Swinton 17.
 Dewsbury 3, Barrow 5.
 Doncaster 13, Bramley 8.
 Huddersfield 12, Leigh 9.
 Hull K.R. 30, Batley 7.
 Hornets v. Castleford postponed.
 Liverpool C. 22, Whitehaven 16.
 Leeds 11, Halifax 19
 Wakefield T. 13, Bradford N. 8.
 Wigan 31, Hull 7.
 Workington T. 11, Hunslet 10.

RU County Championship

Cumberland & Westmorland 5, Cheshire 21
 Lancashire 5, Northumberland 8.

OLDHAM BEATEN IN SALFORD GAME

GEOFF KELLY, signed from Rochdale Hornets on Thursday, made his debut for Oldham at Salford. He played at loose-forward in place of suspended Derek Turner. John Etty returned to the left wing after stepping down last week to let in Geoff Sims.

SALFORD: Gregory; Walker, Cheshire, Preece, Jones; Lowdon, Gregory; D Smith, McGuinness, Hancock, Council, Stott, Hartley.

OLDHAM: Ganley; Cracknell, Davies, Noon, Etty; Kellett, Pitchford; Rowbottom, Keith, Jackson, Winslade, Duffy, Kelly.
 Referee: Mr. L. Wingfield.

Kelly went quickly into action for Oldham. Following a poor kick by full-back Gregory, he took the ball to charge into the Salford defence just on the halfway line.

A bright Oldham move followed and the side moved to the Salford "25." Davies made the running, but he lost the ball as he tried to turn it inside.

Now it was Salford attacking, and they quickly moved into Oldham's half. Twice they tried to force the pace on the right, but both times they spoiled themselves by bunching on the wing.

A Keith interception reversed play. He took a McGuinness pass that surprised Salford, but the initiative was lost when Duffy failed to hold the hooker's pass.

Salford came close to scoring a few minutes later. Moving from their own quarter, Gregory joined in to send Jones racing away. Both Cracknell and Ganley missed him but Davies flung him into touch, 15 yards from Oldham's line.

The pressure was kept up, but in the tenth minute Pitchford cleared the danger. He opened up the play for Cracknell to go through and the winger fed Duffy ten yards out. Desperately Duffy tried to get the ball away in a tackle, but it ran loose.

Winslade scores

In the 14th minute WINSLADE opened Oldham's score with a brilliant try. After sending Pitchford close to the line with a cracking pass he took the ball again to wade through four defenders and go over near the posts. GANLEY added the goal.

Oldham had what would have been a certain try stopped for a forward pass. Etty made a good break down the wing and made what appeared to be a good inside pass to Noon. The referee ruled it forward.

Salford came back to the attack and with a series of kicks at the very loose ball they eventually forced a scrum on the Oldham "25." Pitchford was penalised for feeding and with a good kick LOWDON landed the goal.

Oldham managed to get the ball back from a deep kick-out, but Kellett made a kick for Gregory to take it and send Jones away. The winger was dragged into touch and at the scrum Oldham were penalised. Again Pitchford fed the scrum incorrectly but this time Lowdon missed with a 25-yard goal attempt.

Ganley brought off a great tackle in the 28th minute to save Oldham's line. Walker broke well clear of the cover but when he reached Ganley the full-back took him confidently.

A Lowdon kick through three minutes later almost brought a try. It beat the defence but in a race for the loose ball over the line Winslade beat Preece to touch the ball dead.

Minutes later Oldham ere penalised for off-side but with a fairly easy kick Lowdon sent the ball wide of the goalposts.

After another fiery Salford raid Oldham were penalised again and once more Lowdon was well wide at goal with an easy kick.

Oldham got a chance to land a goal three minutes from the interval. Following a Cracknell run Salford were penalised but from 45 yards Ganley's attempt fell short.

Half-time:—
SALFORD 1 0-2
OLDHAM 1 1-5

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DIVISION I

Arsenal 3, Notts Forest 1.
 Birmingham 1, Newcastle 0
 Bolton 6, Manchester Untd. 3.
 Burnley 0, Wolverhampton 2
 Everton 2, West Ham 2
 Leeds 1, Blackpool 1
 Leicester 6, Aston Villa 3
 Manchester City 5, Chelsea 1.

DIVISION II

Preston N.E. 3, Portsmouth 1.
 West Brom A. 2, Blackburn 3
 Derby 3, Liverpool 2.
 Sheffield W. 2, Bristol City 3
 Sunderland 2, Barnsley 2.

FA CUP (First Round)

Accrington 5, Workington 1.
 Chesterfield 3, Rhyd 0.
 Doncaster 5, Consett 0.
 Hitchin Town 1, Millwall 1
 Hull 0, Stockport 1.
 Newport (I.O.W.) 0, Shrewsbury 0
 Norwich 3, Ilford 1.
 Southport 0, Halifax 2.
 Tooting and M. 3, Bournemouth 1
 Tranmere 8, Bishop Auckland 1
 Walsall 0, QP Rangers 1.
 Watford 1, Reading 1.

SCOTTISH LEAGUE (Div. I)

Hearts 2, Clyde 2.
 Motherwell 1, Kilmarnock 1
 Queen of South 1, Dundee 7
 Rangers 3, Falkirk 0.

SCOTTISH LEAGUE (Div. II)

East Fife 6, St. Johnstone 2.
RUGBY LEAGUE
 Featherstone R. 9, St. Helens 36.
 Keighley 21, Widnes 13.
 York 8, Warrington 37.

Oldham Youth League

Chadwick's 6, St. Anne's 5.
 Limehurst 2, Townfield 5.
 Hartford 0, Millgate 8.

Colthurst 7, Royton Scouts 3.

St. Patrick's 5, Derker 2.

Scunthorpe 3, Charlton 3

Correction: Stoke C. 3, Rotherham U. 0.

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19th-HOLE TOPICS

Big event for little-known Welsh club

THE Professional Golfers' Association National Close Golf Championship, which has been staged for the last four years under the threat of disbandment, has been saved for another year by the comparatively little-known South Wales club, Ashburnham.

Ashburnham has been the scene of several Welsh amateur title-fights and is a club of over 60 years' standing. The many keen golfers of Llanely and the surrounding district have rallied round with their financial support to ensure the £1,000 guarantee which is essential for the running of this event.

Ashburnham was prompted to invite the championship when Llandudno (North Wales) decided it could no longer stage it. They received a visit from Norman Von Nida, the Australian, Dai Rees and other professionals for an exhibition match before the Empire Games at Cardiff.

Von Nida was greatly impressed by the course and its excellent condition, and Rees took up the cudgels on the Welsh club's behalf.

The Ashburnham course lies on the coast between Llanely and Carmarthen and will offer a fine test of every club in the bag, when the event is staged on April 8-10.

FOUR HUNDRED women golfers battling through chill winds while competing in the Kayser-Bondor 72-hole foursomes stroke tournament at Berkshire on March 17-19 will be "in the soup."

Every contestant will be greeted with a plate of piping hot soup on the 10th tees of the two courses over which the event will be played.

The prospect of unpleasant weather does not deter Britain's enthusiastic women golfers, though. Within five days of the announcement of the date for this second annual event there was such a rush of entries that a waiting list had to be introduced.

All members of the last Curtis Cup team are entered except Mrs. Michael Bonallack, who is expecting her first child about that time.

Her partner of last year, Miss Janette Robertson, with whom she tied for first place with Miss Elizabeth Price and Mrs. Marley Spearman (partnered again) has teamed up with Miss Bridget Jackson.

Mrs. Frances Smith (Royal Birkdale), the winner of a recent foment's 72-holes event at Berkshire, is to play with Mrs. E. M. Hartley (Brough).

IN six months' time the British Isles may be holding all three of the team golf trophies they contest with the United States. Our Ryder Cup professionals won a Lindrick twelve months ago and our women retained the Curtis Cup at Boston, Massachusetts, last August. Now it is the turn of the amateurs, who, on May 115 and 16 at Muirfield, Scotland, can score the first British Walker Cup victory since 1938.

WITH 14 HORSES IT CAPTURED 17 EVENTS

A stable worth following closely for 1959 winners

AFTER running unplaced for P. Beasley's Malton stable in the Old Nursery at Newmarket recently, Catherine Hill was sent to the Exning trainer, W. O'Gorman, whose string now numbers 22, his strongest yet. It is a stable that will need watching next season.

O'Gorman's successes with a few moderate horses attracted the notice of the wealthy South African owner, Mr. Jack Gerber, to whom he transferred his horses from F. Armstrong's yard about a year ago.

This has been a good season for O'Gorman, who began with 14 horses and has won 17 races including the Stewards' Cup at Goodwood. With a little more luck it could have been a bumper year, for there were as many as 21 seconds!

One to note over jumps is Militaire, in Neville Crump's Middleham stable. Crump certainly made a shrewd purchase when he bought the Newmarket-trained horse after it had won a selling race at Redcar in the July of 1955.

At the subsequent auction he only gave 320 guineas for the well-bred son of Chamossaire out of the Nearco mare, Near East.

Since then, Militaire has won seven races over hurdles, and having shown his merits as a steeple-chaser, will no doubt continue to improve.

The first race of the season for Fred Rimell's Champion Hurdle hope, Tokoroa, will be in the Nuneaton Hurdle at Birmingham on Monday. The current leading jumping jockey, Tim Brookshaw, will ride him. It was in this race last year that Tokoroa was beaten out of third place by a short head by Wayward Bird. The form of the race was sound, because the winner was Merry Deal, the reigning champion hurdle-racer, and second was Bandalore which went on to win the "Champion" at Cheltenham four months later.

Tokoroa has another engagement next week—at Doncaster on Saturday.

Royal trainer Peter Cazalet sends a trio of horses and jockey A. Freeman from his Tonbridge stable to Birmingham on Monday. He is expected to be rewarded with a double at least.

In the Aston Handicap Chase Cazalet provides Thanatos, rated the best bet of the day. This promising young fencer has had two runs this season and has turned in two excellent performances. At Cheltenham he was runner-up to Oasis and then third at Newbury attempting to give weight to Ron's Nephew.

The Lambourn-trained Bundu (P. G. Madden) will be fitter here than when third to Brian Oge at Towcester last month, but has a lot to do to give 11b. to Thanatos.

Next week's National Hunt fixtures.—Monday and Tuesday: Birmingham. Wednesday: Plumpton. Thursday: Uttoxeter. Friday: Sandown Park, Doncaster. Saturday: Sandown Park, Doncaster and Worcester.

Bridge Quiz

By EWART KEMPSON

YOU are West. East is the dealer at game all.

♠ J 4 2	N	♠ A Q 8 4
♥ K 7 3	W E	♥ 8 6 5 2
♦ A	S	♦ 6 5 3
♣ K J 10		
9 4 2		

East bids one heart, West responds with three clubs, East bids three no-trumps and West four clubs. East's raise to five clubs concludes this somewhat exotic auction and North leads the 10 of spades, dummy's queen losing to South's king. South leads the queen of diamonds and West wins. How should West proceed?

My solution: West's only concern is to avoid losing two clubs. He should go over to dummy with the ace of spades and lead the three of clubs. Complete deal:

♠ 10 9 8 7		♠ A Q 8 4
♥ J 6 5	N	♥ 8 6 5 2
♦ K 9 7 4 3	W E	♦ 6 5 3
♣ Q	S	
♠ J 4 2		
♥ K 7 3		
♦ A		
♣ K J 10		
9 4 2		

♠ K 6 5 3		
♥ 10 9 2		
♦ Q J 10		
♣ A 8 7		

When South plays the seven, West should play the knave and so lose two club tricks and his contract. The play of the king happens to give West 11 tricks as the cards lie, but this is the only occasion when the king will definitely win. It will lose to play the king when North has the bare ace or ace and a small club, or when South has ♠ A Q 8 or ♠ A Q 7. In other words the knave is the correct play in the long run.

Switzerland's 350,000 foreign workers

The number of foreigners working in Switzerland—more than 350,000 in August—were slightly fewer than 12 months ago, according to figures released by the Federal Department of Work.

There were 225,884 men and 137,507 women working in Switzerland, mostly in the building industry and the catering trade.

EX-CHAMPION JOE ERSKINE TAKES FIRST STEP BACK

JOE ERSKINE, of Cardiff, out of boxing since he lost his British and Empire heavy-weight championships to Brian London last June, took the first step back this week when he outpointed a ponderous Frenchman, Max Brianto, in front of a highly sympathetic home town crowd.

His purse for this was probably between £1,000 and £1,500, and Erskine must have reflected ruefully on the fact that in less than two months time London and Henry Cooper are going to share a large sum of money to fight at Earls Court for the very titles he himself held until five months ago.

Jack Solomons the promoter, is always shy of disclosing exactly how much he pays his fighters, but it is a safe bet that Cooper and London are not giving him much change out of £15,000.

The situation is enough to make Erskine bemoan his ill-luck when he recalls that he has outpointed Cooper both times they have met. Erskine boxed with confidence on Wednesday and he came through

without the customary cut eye. Now he faces the frustration of trying to get to grips with the men he feels certain he can beat—Messrs. London and Cooper.

Whoever wins between these two in January would normally be expected to defend the British title within the space of six months. But the Board of Control will always give special dispensation to a man who is concerned in negotiations for a European or world championship.

It is a virtual certainty that one of them will fight for the European title in June—which leaves Erskine with a long weary wait. Meanwhile he has to keep fighting, not only to stay in trim, but to live, and the big money will not return until he is a champion again.

Terry Downes, the brash young man from Paddington, who holds the British middleweight title, and is now undergoing the build-up treatment, has slightly more than the usual incentive when he meets America's Spider Webb, at Wembley, on December 9.

Downes, the Cockney, who spent five years living in America, did his National Service in the US Marines. As a lone Englishman in a barracks full of Americans, Downes was patriotic enough to lay out a considerable number of dollars on the chances of the then British middleweight champion, Pat McAteer when he went to fight in Chicago in 1956.

Downes had to pay out. McAteer was knocked out in two rounds, and the villain of the piece was Spider Webb. Downes cannot get that money back, but honour at least will be satisfied if he beats the American.

It should be a happy Christmas for Percy Lewis, the Empire featherweight champion, and the man with the most exclusive fan club in the world.

Percy, from Oxford, is always followed by a faithful band of undergraduates, gowns, mortarboards and all. He will probably have to manage without their support in his next contest, how-

ever, for he goes to Glasgow on Wednesday to fight Arthur Donnachie, the Scottish lightweight.

Three weeks later at Wembley, he meets the ranked American Carmelo Costa. Lewis has never been so busy.

So far this year he has had only one fight. In the previous four years the total was only 14. The sudden burst of activity at least comes at the right time of the year. It is to be hoped that it is the beginning of a new era for this brilliant southpaw, who is good enough to fight for the world title but looks like having to whistle for the opportunity.

Up to now his activities have been too parochial. He has never fought north of Manchester or south of London.

A win over Costa should get him recognition from Americans who have never heard of him, and it should be followed by a trip to the United States where another smart performance would make his name.

Hogan Bassey is enormously popular over there. Lewis would be just as good an ambassador and he might gain the championship chance which is denied him in this country.

MOSSLEY SIGN NEW FORWARD

After having had the player watched for a few games, Mossley have signed from Manchester YMCA K. Holden, amateur inside-forward and younger brother of Doug Holden, Bolton Wanderers' winger.

He made his debut in Mossley Reserves last weekend.

At Wrexham last week Mossley continued their good run by drawing 2-2. Arriving at Wrexham with only 15 minutes to spare, Manager Quigley advised his men to go on the defensive for the first ten minutes.

They stopped Wrexham getting an early goal, and after 20 minutes wing-half Whitehead beat the full-back and centre-half and drew the goalkeeper before scoring.

Mossley were on top in the second half, but after a full-back had cleared a Mossley shot off the goal-line, Wrexham equalised when the centre-forward went up with centre-half Westley to head the ball. The centre-forward won and put the ball in the net, although Mossley thought he fouled Westley.

A few minutes later Wrexham took the lead with a shot that the goalkeeper would have saved but for a deflection. Near the end, Dimond beat two defenders and drew the goalkeeper out of goal before firing into the net about ten yards from the corner flag.

Divorce for American novelist

John P. Marquand, 65-year-old American novelist, obtained a divorce from his wife yesterday on charges of extreme cruelty. Marquand was author of the Pulitzer-prize-winning "The Late George Apley" and the popular "Mr. Moto" stories.

LAMPREY IS UGLY— BUT TASTY IN PIES

LAST week that most beautiful fish, the Lochmaben Vendace was mentioned. This week let us consider what must surely be one of the most ugly, the lamprey. Shaped rather like an eel, the lamprey has the most repulsive mouth, for it appears as if the business end has been chopped away.

This mouth is little more than a sucker, by which the lamprey attaches itself to an unfortunate fish. It then removes flesh by means of a rasplike tongue. Its name is a derivation of the latin word, lambere (to lick).

As its mouth is attached most of the time to some fish or other, its breathing becomes a problem. Nature has, therefore, endowed the lamprey with seven gill openings that both take in and eject water. These gills are not connected to the

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mouth in any way as in other more orthodox fish.

There are to be found three different types of lamprey: (a) the brook lamprey, that grows to a length of 6 inches and is sometimes called Planer's lamprey; (b) a second type of the freshwater lamprey, the lampern, grows to a length of 15 inches; and (c) the sea lamprey, which grows to a length of 3ft., and is covered with spots.

In spite of their most repulsive appearance and the excessive slime covering, lampreys make excellent eating. Lamprey pies have featured in country feasts from medieval times.

THE Rochdale Road Pike Club had a further successful trip to Tattershall last Sunday and about 17 pike were caught. Also caught was a good perch of 1½lb.

Members should note that the proposed trip to Lochmaben listed for tomorrow has had to be squashed owing to lack of response. Instead, the trip will visit a mystery piking venue.

This venue has long been famous for fine pike and is not as far as Tattershall. Consequently the coach will not leave until 5 a.m. and will pick up at Trap Inn, Gibraltar St., Roxy Cinema and the Playhouse.

The club is considering a sea-fishing trip to Bridlington, including hiring boats. Those interested should send their names to the secretary, Mr. T. Scarisbrick, 121 Rochdale Road, Oldham.

THE Chadderton Angling Association did not fare too well on their outing last Sunday to the River Aire at Cononley. Very few coarse fish were caught apart from minnows.

Trout, however, were caught in large numbers but as it is the close season, all the fish were returned—including a 1½-lb. one.

The next outing will again be to Yorkshire, this time to the River Wharfe at Tadcaster on the last Sunday in November. Entries should be sent to the secretary, Mr. J. Goodwin, 117 Cowhill, Chadderton.

THE FRENCH GIRL WHO PACKED WIMBLEDON

Suzanne's father made her queen of tennis

IRISH TEAM FIRST, BUT A DOUBT ABOUT THE RESULT

SEVERAL members of Royton Harriers tried their luck at the ever-popular Waterloo - Liverpool road race, which attracted 300 competitors. With entries from all over the country the issue is usually open, but it was odds on the inimitable Fred Norris, who duly obliged.

The result of the team race was in some doubt, for although Avondale Harriers (Dublin) were clear winners with a total of 21 points as against the second best of Alredale Harriers (Bradford), 26 points, the Dublin team included Denis O'Gorman (St. Alban's), the British 15-mile record-holder, and his eligibility is in question.

The start of this 6½-mile race left much to be desired, there being no less than four false starts, and this can be very disconcerting to com-

LANCS COMBINATION

	P	W	L	D	F	A	Pts
Horwich RMI	14	8	2	4	39	22	20
Netherfield	13	9	2	2	37	22	20
Morecambe	13	8	2	3	38	10	19
Darwen	14	7	3	4	32	24	18
St. Helens	15	6	0	0	29	28	18
New Brighton	13	8	4	1	43	18	17
Prescot Cables	13	7	3	3	38	22	17
Chorley	11	7	2	2	35	21	16
Wigan Ath.	15	6	5	4	22	18	16
Skelmersdale	14	6	5	3	27	24	15
Burscough	16	5	6	5	26	26	15
Bacup Borough	14	6	5	3	32	33	15
Fleethwood	16	6	7	3	27	43	15
Nelson	15	5	6	4	23	31	14
Southport Res.	16	5	8	3	33	34	13
ATHLETIC RES.	16	5	8	3	33	42	13
Rosendale Utd.	15	5	8	2	37	38	12
Marine	13	4	7	2	19	34	10
Ashton Utd.	14	4	9	1	19	36	9
Lancaster City	14	3	8	3	21	42	9
Droyliden	15	3	11	1	21	37	7
Clietheroe	15	2	11	2	23	41	6

DENIES AMERICAN TRIP: NEWCASTLE FAN: AN HONOUR FOR JIMMY DYSON

BRIAN ("I AM MY OWN MANAGER") LONDON, the British and Empire heavy-weight champion, paid his first visit to Oldham on Friday when he conducted a draw in connection with a spelling competition at a furniture store in Union Street.

Previously he lunched at the Greaves Arms Hotel and thought that the Oldham War Memorial was one of the best-designed he had seen. He was accompanied by his four-week bride, Veronica.

Interviewed by a Green Final reporter, London strongly denied that he was going to America. "It certainly has been mooted," he said, "but before I go to box Pastrano or anyone else, the question of money will have to be discussed. That hasn't yet been done. As I am my own manager, I naturally want to know what I am going to fight for."

The winners of the furniture shop's competition, which London drew "out of the hat" were Mrs. Schofield, 6 Milton Street, Hollinwood; Mrs. Axe, 6 Harper Street, Oldham; Mrs. Cheetham, 69 Gainsborough Avenue, Oldham; Mrs. Stretton, 94 Roundthorn Road, Glodwick; Mrs. Cullum, 17 Ruby Street, Salford 5; Mrs. Butterworth, 68 Spring Lane, Lees; and Mrs. Vanderstock, 26 Fife Avenue, Chadderton.

A HEADMASTER who lives at Littleborough and who qualifies for the title of "Newcastle United's No. 1 Supporter" was the speaker at a Rochdale Referee's Association meeting this week. He is Mr. J. J. Bolam, who mover from Tyneside to Littleborough 14 years ago.

Not long ago he travelled a round-distance of 1,100 miles to watch Newcastle play at Plymouth, because he did not wish to go by car all the way, he used it to go to Newcastle, joined a football excursion for the double journey and then returned by car again from Newcastle to Littleborough.

He has watched Newcastle on most first-class grounds in the country, and has voluminous scrap-books of their many fine FA Cup runs.

Mr. Bolam, however, does not confine his interest in soccer to watching Newcastle, for in his time he has been a noted junior centre-forward, team-manager of Newcastle Schoolboys, soccer coach at Littleborough and referee in junior leagues and for schools. He is

petitors where there is such a large number of runners.

Ordinary training took place at club headquarters, Hillside Avenue, over the country for the youths and remaining seniors, but Pearl Fletcher, weight-putter and javelin-thrower, got in some useful weight training, and received coaching from Frank Hodson, who has recently attended a course at Loughborough College.

Frank Green had a busy day. In the morning he was first home in a match between North Chadderton and Moorclose Schools, and in the afternoon did his usual training with the boys and youths.

The president of the club, Mr. Harry Whatmough, is having a busy time planning the course for the Lancashire County AAA Cross-Country Championships to be held at High Barn, Royton, on January 3.

This is a similar championship to the one staged by the local club at Elk Mill in 1957, but with this difference: competition will be on an individual basis only. The added attraction is that competition will be a full county affair and there will be opportunity to see runners from both East and West Lancashire Cross-Country Associations.

After this race, the team to represent Lancashire in the Inter-Counties Championship will be chosen. As a guide to form, and to aid the selectors, there will be a race between Lancashire County select. This will be held from club HQ on December 6.

WHEN Suzanne Lenglen, lawn tennis champion of France, met Helen Wills, champion of America, in the final of the Carlton tournament in Cannes on February 16, 1926, spectators climbed trees to get a view of the court.

A gendarme succeeded in dislodging a spectator from his perch and stayed put on his newly-won vantage point!

Other spectators broke into a villa, made their way to the loft

and stripped the tiles off the roof. A forest of heads poked through the slats.

Such was the electric personality of Suzanne—as she was always called. She was a highly-strung, vivacious person, who demanded attention. She was hailed as the most famous woman in Europe during the 20's.

Suzanne was news. And the match against Helen Wills in the south of France attracted much advance publicity. On the great day 4,000 people were crammed round the court.

This noisy and highly partisan assembly almost burst with pride when their 26-year-old heroine wearing one of her famous bandeaux, won the opening game to love.

The stronger-looking, 20-year-old American, with a dead-pan expression, soon showed her mettle by

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winning the next two games to lead 2-1.

But the hawk nosed, sallow-looking Suzanne pouted and twinkled about the court to win the next two games to love. Eventually, to thunderous applause, Mlle Lenglen took the first set 6-3.

Suzanne, however, had recently been ill and was already feeling the strain. This was revealed by her frequent resort to sips of brandy, taken at the umpire's chair.

The placid American girl stolidly forged ahead to a 3-1 lead in the second set.

Unwise move

Then Miss Wills unwisely exchanged her bludgeon of flat drives to the corners for the rapier of accurate placements. Suzanne was the best "fencer" in the world on a tennis court and swiftly levelled to 3-3.

Miss Wills, serving, won a long seventh game to take the lead again. Suzanne was obviously shaken but with the help of a lucky line decision she levelled again at 4-4.

Helen Wills fought back to recapture the lead in the ninth game; but she repeated the mistake of reducing the pace of her attack at the wrong moment.

Suzanne, now feeling the strain severely, teased her opponent away from the baseline and so forced her into making many errors from mid-court.

Enthusiasm mounted as the French champion won her way to a 6-5 and 40-15 lead on her service. After a tense match point rally the American hit a forehand winner. A spectator shouted "out"!

Kisses and tears

That was enough for the crowd to burst on to the court. Suzanne was, as usual, smothered with flowers, kisses, tears and congratulations in a tidal wave of Gallic temperament.

Then a linesman intervened. He was Lord Charles Hope, ex-Eton, ex-Life Guards, tall and aristocratic. He quietly informed the umpire, another Englishman, Commander G. W. Hillyard, that he had not called the ball out, and that in fact Miss Wills's shot was good.

It was then that Suzanne proved herself a great champion. The hubbub was eventually quelled by the officials and the match restarted.

Despite the cruel let-down Suzanne, after losing that twelfth game, won the battle to regain her concentration and control and braced her flagging body to win the next two games and so the historic match.

Suzanne had taken 63 minutes to beat Helen Wills 6-3, 8-6. Huge baskets of flowers, making their second appearance on the court, were placed at the feet of the idol of France.

That Suzanne, despite her poor health at the time, captured this only match against the girl whose power game won Wimbledon the following year, and seven times more, seems to provide the answer to the eternal question—who was the greatest woman player of all time?

The secret of Mlle Lenglen's success was that she was the first, and still one of the few women to be scientifically trained to play lawn tennis.

For this she had to thank her father, Charles Lenglen, of Compiègne, whose only athletic pursuit had been cycling.

Top swimmers chase records at Wallasey

BRITISH swimmers will have a last grand fling on records tonight at Wallasey in the Neil McKechnie Trophy Gala. The Coventry butterfly king, Graham Symonds, who has been chasing Ian Black home for most of the present season but has surprisingly enough lost only one record, stages an all-out attack over four distances.

Symonds aims to lower his own British and English 100-yd. figures (57.2sec.), 110yds. (63.3sec.), 200yds. English (2min. 8sec.), but trying for Black's recent British 2min 7.2sec.), and the British and English 220yds. (2min. 21.2sec.).

National breaststroke champion, Chris Walkden (Beckenham) is also going flat out to clean up. Walkden will try for Peter Jervis's British and English 100 and 110yd. records (66.1 and 72.6sec.) made in the same Guinea Gap baths four years ago.

He will also have a crack at his 200-yd. record (2min. 25.2sec.), set at Gateshead in 1956, and finally his 220-yd. (2min. 43.9sec.), which Walkden established long course during the National Championships at Blackpool in August.

Diana Wilkinson is after her British and English 100-yd. record of 59.3sec.—she did a 60sec. three weeks ago at Kilmarnock during the Balogna trophy competition—and try for the British 110-yds. (65.3sec.) which Judy Grinham established in the Empire Games at Cardiff.

Brother Chris Wilkinson will attack his British and English junior marks for 110-yds. (69.2sec.), 200-yds. (2min. 30.5sec.), and 220-yds. (2min. 49.7sec.). But he also wants the two junior records that have so far evaded him—the British and English 110-yds. (77.7sec.) held by Southport's Bob Baxter. In the ultra-fast Guinea Gap pool Chris could end the season in a blaze of glory.

The Neil McKechnie Trophy race seems likely to develop into another keen struggle between powerful York (holders) and Wallasey, who finished only one second behind them last year.

Once this volatile but hard-headed Frenchman realised his daughter had genius on a tennis court he worked for hours a day to perfect her technique.

M. Lenglen was no textbook coach. He knew little about the production of strokes. But to his logical mind accurate placing and physical fitness were the keys to success.

Legend has it that he devised various methods that explained the almost diabolical accuracy of his daughter's shots.

The practice court, it was said, was divided into squares; a number was called by "Pere" and Suzanne went without jam on her bread if she missed the target.

Such was the attraction of Mlle Lenglen, who won Wimbledon in 1919 and 1920 against England's greatest-ever player, seven times champion Mrs. Dorothea Lambert-Chambers, and again in 1921 against the formidable American, Elizabeth Ryan, that accommodation at the old Worple Road ground became totally inadequate.

Many critics said the new stark, concrete stadium at Church Road would be a white elephant.

But Charles Lenglen's daughter filled it in 1922 and 1923 and her final victory was in 1925 when she dropped only five games throughout the whole championship and beat the holder, Miss Kitty McKane, 6-0, 6-0, en route.

In 1926, Suzanne turned professional. For the rest of her life her movements, her clothes, her opinions, her romances—which never came to marriage—were news the world over.

She was heartbroken in 1929 when her father died.

Suzanne was only 39 when she died of pernicious anaemia. Over 5,000 people attended her funeral in the Notre Dame in Paris.

MIRROR OF SPORT

headmaster at Littleborough Central School.

Chadderton AFC's manager, Jimmy Dyson, has been honoured by the Manchester County FA. He has been appointed trainer to their representative side to play Cheshire FA in the Northern Counties Amateur Championship on Ashton United's ground next Saturday.

Last season Mr. Dyson was appointed trainer to the Manchester Amateur League's representative side.

THREE Royton boys have been chosen for the representative soccer match between the East Lancashire Wing and the Manchester Wing of the Air Training Corps to be held at Heywood tomorrow. They are Cadets Metcalfe, Brennan and Bamford, all of whom played well in the recent Wing trial match.

WHICH footballer has been the subject of the worst error of club judgment in modern times? Willie Toner is a candidate. Back in 1949, Glasgow Celtic gave him a free transfer, and he crossed the border, "unhonoured and unsung," to Sheffield United.

The Yorkshire club didn't rate him very highly either, and he was allowed to return home—to Kilmarnock. Now he is Scotland's reigning international centre-half.

OUTSTANDING soccer sides are inclined to break up more quickly than they use to. Centre-forward Cliff Holton's departure to Watford meant that of the Arsenal eleven beaten by Newcastle United in the 1952 Cup final, the only member now remaining at Highbury is George Swindin, and he, of course, returned to the club—as manager—last summer, after having left it, like all the others.

Swindin's return as manager mean that you cannot write off the minor leagues as a recruiting-ground and stepping-stone of top-class managers. Swindin came from Peterborough; Bill Jones (Cardiff City) proceeded to the job via Worcester City; Bill Lane

(Brighton) from Guildford City; Tony McShane (Scunthorpe) from Goole Town; and Harry Ware (Crewe Alexandra) from Northwich Victoria.

FERRANTI'S (Moston) have had a fairly successful bowls season, winning the second division of the Manchester and Salford Workshops League, and also winning the Davies Shield in a triangular bowling competition against Oldham's Batteries (Denton) and Ferguson Pailin's (Openshaw).

The netball section finished top of the Oldham Youth League for the second year in succession, and one of Ferranti's cricketers had the best batting average (24.8) in the second division of the Oldham and Ashton Cricket League.

At present the darts section and the snooker section hold top place in their respective leagues.

NINETY-FIVE British cars and crews have been selected by the RAC to represent Great Britain in the 1959 Monte Carlo Rally, which is to be held from January 18-21.

By far the biggest contingent (54) will start from Glasgow; 15 will start from Stockholm, 11 from Paris, six from The Hague, five from Lisbon and three from Warsaw. The lone British starter from Athens is Peter Harper, winner of this year's RAC International Rally. Peter Dimmock (BBC) will begin from Stockholm.

Previous Monte Carlo winners who have entered again are Sydney Allard (1952) and Ronnie Adams (1956). Other personalities among the drivers include Air Vice-Marshal Don Bennett, Viscount Boyne, Ivor Bueb, Mrs. Ann Hall, Miss Mary Handley-Page, Les Leston, Miss Pat Moss, Lyndon Sims and Tommy Wisdom.

BOBBY DAZZLER . . . By Tom Kerr



WATERSHEDDINGS SURVEY

ANGER ABOUT MARTYN TALE

OLDHAM put a call through to Leigh yesterday and told them: "Don't you believe it. We have not so much as mentioned Mick Martyn's name at any of our meetings, and reports that we want him are quite untrue." And a very angry Oldham it was too.

Secretary Bert Summerscales told me: "I don't know where people get hold of these ideas, but I can tell you that it has got to stop or we are going to be in serious trouble."

The trouble could be with the Rugby League Management Committee. A couple of weeks ago they sent a warning letter to clubs on the subject of showing interest in players who are not transfer-listed.

The letter said that the committee frowned on clubs who publicly stated they were interested in certain players. It said such a move would unsettle players and lead them to make a transfer request on the strength of another club's interest in them.

Quite untrue

Oldham are very much aware of the letter and are anxious that the Rugby League and Leigh should know that the report saying they were going for international Martyn was quite untrue.

"It is possible that when officials have been approached," I was told, "and asked would they like such and such a player, they have said they would."

"But the important thing to remember is that there is a difference between an official swapping jokes with supporters and an official in a meeting room. There the name Martyn has never been mentioned."

I don't altogether blame Oldham for getting angry at the Martyn report, but in this instance it has been encouraged by the discontent of the Australian tourist with his club, Leigh.

Complete cloud

Since his return from Australia, Mick has not been too happy with Leigh, and right now there is a complete cloud over what will eventually happen to him.

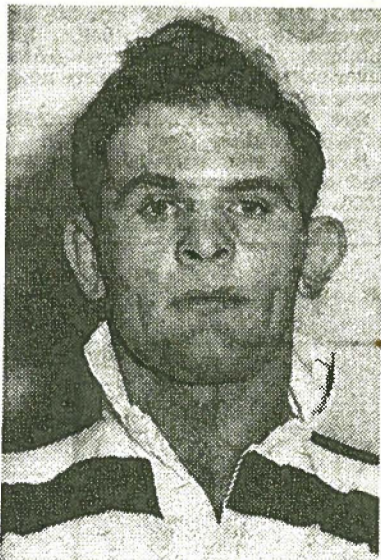
But the fact remains that he is not on the transfer list, and the only right way to try and get him is a confidential approach to the Leigh club without the player's knowledge.

There is, of course, another—and very important—consideration. If Leigh were to list Martyn they would take into account the premature public interest shown by any club and fix the transfer fee accordingly.

When Oldham went to Rochdale to buy Geoff Kelly for a "nominal fee," they were asked about an exchange. Said Hornets officials: "We will swap Kelly for your Frank Stirrup."

Oldham's reply to that was a curt "No"—and I understand that Rochdale were not too surprised.

Despite the keen rivalry when the two clubs meet on the field, it is good to see they are still great friends in the board-room. Which is just the way neighbouring clubs should be.



GEOFF KELLY, loose-forward, signed by Oldham from Hornets this week.

WD REPORTS

Expect another outing to Ireland very shortly. The same man who recommended Sean Quinlan has now told Oldham of a forward who could fill the bill at Watersheddings.

Naturally, Oldham are interested, but when they will go and have a look is not quite certain. It could be that Sandy Campbell's illness—along with Fred Ashworth he clinched the Quinlan deal—is holding things up.

Quinlan should make his Rugby League debut next week. I understand he has permission to leave his work on Wednesday night and fly over for training on Thursday and Friday prior to playing on the wing against Leeds.

But Quinlan has not yet solved his employment problems and will return to Dublin again on Sunday.

When will he come over to stay? "It is difficult to say," was the official comment. "The oil company is dealing with his transfer to this country but it takes time."

No straw

Oldham will not use straw to protect their ground this winter.

After a long discussion on Monday, which included expert advice, they have decided against spending around £250 guarding the ground against frost.

"The straw makes a mess of things and if a thaw sets in it causes lodging of water on the pitch," I was told. "We are told it quite clearly has a detrimental effect on the turf."

Should games have to be cancelled because of hard ground, Oldham will replay them in the evenings towards the end of the season.

"We will make sure all our supporters see any games cancelled when they are rearranged," an official said.

ANDY KEY, Workington's front-row forward, has not played since the Cup final at Wembley last season. He damaged an ankle in the game, but he reckons he will be fit and back in Workington's side in time to start on the road to Wembley when the first round cup-ties come along this season.

All being well, he should begin light training in two weeks. The long lay-off has bumped up his weight to nearly 17-stone.

... AND THEN I SIGNED

I DIDN'T know it at the time ... but Oldham paid me a £1,000 signing fee without ever seeing me play. They had tried to watch me, but everything had gone wrong for them. In the end they decided to take a chance.

My rugby in 1951 was limited to the Union game, and although I had seen a game of Rugby League when I was a boy, I neither knew nor cared anything about the professional code.

I was playing with Harlequins when I finally left the RAF, and the luck in civilian life just wasn't moving in my direction. Then I was recommended to Oldham—and professional Rugby League.

Oldham's officials had the run-around, yet it wasn't my fault. My home was still Cumberland and when the club heard I was going to play for Carlisle, they came up to watch.

While Mr. Fred Ashworth and another official shivered on the touchline, I was spending a weekend at Keswick with a friend.

Oldham were just as unlucky when they made the trip to Cambridge to watch me play as a wing-forward with Harlequins. They didn't know until they arrived that



Featherstone are seen trying to clear their line at Watersheddings last Saturday, but Rowbottom brings down Smith, with Turner also waiting to pounce. Featherstone, despite injuries, only just lost 12-7.

RUGBY LEAGUE GOSSIP

Sullivan looks for challenge

JIM SULLIVAN, the Rugby League's No. 1 coach, is looking around for another challenge. It is a challenge to whip a middle-of-the-league team into a Cup-winning and League Championship side, just like he piloted St. Helens.

His contract finishes with the Knowsley Road club at the end of the season. Then Alan Prescott, international front-row forward, takes over. But Jim has not finished with Rugby League football. "I am willing to accept another challenge from a club," he says.

When Jim tots up what St. Helens have achieved while he has been with them, he can say: "They have won every honour in the game."

In seven seasons with him at the helm, they have been to Wembley twice (winning once), won the League Championship, and four times figured in Lancashire Cup finals (winning once).

SALFORD directors must have had a hunch that St. Helens might be unloading some of their players. Four days before St. Helens announced they were prepared to part with DEREK JOHNSON, ERIC LEDGER, ROY ROBINSON and KEN LARGE, their officials were having a look at Johnson and Ledger.

They ran the rule over them in the reserve team game at Rochdale last Saturday. But there has been

Honours in plenty for Greenough

no follow-up, even though St. Helens are now prepared to part with both these wingers in addition to their centre and a forward.

NOW that JOHN MCGUINNESS has settled in Salford, he is preparing to move his home for the second time this year. Salford have a house waiting for the former Whitehaven hooker. It only remains for John to sell the house he bought in St. Helens when he moved there earlier in the year.

BOBBY GREENHOUGH reckons he is an out-half, but Warrington are trying to turn him into a scrum-half. So far he has not had a great deal of success, but for a player without a settled position, he is doing very well in picking up representative honours.

Already this season he has helped Lancashire in their three county championship games, playing on the wing. Next Saturday he will be the travelling reserve for the Rugby League XIII against France at St. Helens.

WILL HIGH, Leigh's reserve winger, looks as if he will be starting his career in the Rugby League all over again.

He is the lanky player Leigh signed from Kells, the Cumbrian junior club early this year. Before he donned uniform to do National Service he used to be on Whitehaven's books as an amateur.

Whitehaven were not too impressed with him at the time. But Army life brought Jim out enough for Leigh to want him. And when Whitehaven officials were travelling down to Leigh to sign Jim Bright, Will was on the same train travelling to sign professional forms for the Lancashire club.

But like Jim, who has moved back to Widnes, Will has not been anxious to settle in a strange town, so Leigh have offered him to Whitehaven on trial.

If he can impress Whitehaven enough to make them talk terms, he will be saying: "This is where I came in years ago."

Continuation RL SHAWSIDE WERE THE MASTERS

St. Anne's 1-0-3, Shawside 4-3-18. SHAWSIDE did not open their scoring until after 20 minutes' play. Adams, their full-back, linking up with his threequarters to score at the corner. Dean converted with a fine kick from the touchline.

Shawside scored again almost immediately, Mulloy cutting through on the right and grounding near the flag. Dean again converted with a grand kick and a few minutes later added a penalty goal. Just on half-time Churm increased Shawside's lead with a grand try. At half-time Shawside led 15-0.

The second half was very evenly contested and although badly beaten at the scrums, St. Anne's did most of the attacking. Churm crossed for an unconverted try for Shawside. Oddie, for St. Anne's, got the try of the match. Putting in a kick at halfway he followed up and dribbled past the Shawside full-back and tapped the ball over the line to touch down. The goal kick failed and this completed the scoring.

Churm, Shawside's loose-forward, was the game's outstanding player both in attack and defence.

The teams to play in the trial game for the inter-town game will be picked on Monday evening at the Derker Hotel.

Yet I have more to thank the League game for than just money. Becoming a professional helped me tremendously off the field and gave me the start in a civilian life that had looked so hopeless a year before.

And what would I tell my Union friends if they would listen? After six years of Rugby League I would say: "Reduce your team to 13 players and insist on the ball bouncing in the field before it enters touch."

"And for goodness sake stop pretending that there is no amateur side to Rugby League. There is a splendid one and you ought to recognise it." SID LITTLE.

The first of a new series of articles revealing the story behind Oldham's signings—as told by the players themselves.



the game had been called off because of snow.

Small wonder they decided to send for me. They asked me to play a trial, but I told them I couldn't take a chance. They said that would be all for the moment—and I remember thinking it would probably be all forever.

But Oldham got in touch later on and in January, 1952, I slipped off my Harlequins jersey for the last time and became a professional.

I have no hesitation in saying that I turned to League to earn money. I loved playing Union and but for the financial attraction I would never have played any other game.

THAT PUZZLING RULE No. 5 TAKING PENALTY KICKS

A reader is puzzled by the rule covering penalty kicks. When a penalty is awarded, the referee marks the spot and the ball must reach that mark by use of the foot. If it fails to reach the mark or if players of the side taking the penalty stand in front of the mark a scrum is awarded. The offending side must immediately retire to a distance of ten yards from the mark and stand perfectly still until the penalty kick has been taken. If they fail to go back ten yards, the referee can penalise them again from the spot where they should have been, and if they move while a penalty is being taken, the referee can order a fresh kick or punt.

'Marshall aid' plan already showing

HILTON'S DISPLAY WAS PROMISING

THE main consolation for Hornets in their 4-2 defeat at St. Helens last Saturday was the discovery that in young Ralph Hilton, the scrum-half who joined the club from Spotland Rangers at the start of the season, they have a player they can include in the first team with confidence whenever John Fishwick is not available.

Considering that he was up against the combination of Great Britain players, loose-forward Karalius and scrum-half Murphy, Hilton had a remarkably good game. It was only by a split second that the speedy Van Vollenhoven saved a try from a Hilton move by kicking the ball dead in early play, and there was flagrant obstruction in the closing minute when the referee could do no other than award a penalty try to Hilton.

Vollenhoven goes from strength to strength. After watching him score his hat-trick of tries against the Hornets I am more prepared to admit him into my own list of best all-timers. This was unquestionably his best display against the Hornets. His elusiveness was due partly to an acquired trick which, if it has not been learnt from Brian Bevan, is certainly one of those in the Australian's repertoire.

It is the push-off in a tackle, and was used by several other Saints. The player with the ball, seeing an inevitable tackle ahead, slackens pace and uses the would-be-tackler to push himself away to a safe distance. From what I saw at Knowsley Road I am convinced that this is a practised move.

Antiquated

What surprised me mostly came before the kick-off when I was astounded to find that despite the widely-publicised new grand stand, illuminated scoreboard and wonderfully kept playing pitch players are still using the same old cramped and antiquated dressing-rooms in the pavilion near the entrance.

I paid 3d. for a programme—a folded sheet—in which there was apparently not sufficient space to mention that the day's game was against Rochdale Hornets. Not a line about the visitors. I always believed that in every match programme throughout the League a few lines of welcome to the visitors were a MUST—but not so at Knowsley Road!

There appears to have been an unusual amount of activity behind the scenes at the Athletic Grounds this week and in the middle of it came John Lawrenson's shock news that he is not available for rugby in future because he has taken a job which entails weekend maintenance duties.

The outstanding prospect in the "A" team, John came out of the Army only last August and for a few weeks has been out of work. He is married and lives in St. Helens. In addition to finding employment locally for the new Welsh signing, John Emmott, I understand that a job in Rochdale has been found for Norman Short. Hornets' supporters hope that something will be done to solve the Lawrenson problem and I believe that the officials would appreciate any helpful suggestions or offers.

In most recent seasons November has been the period when the Hornets have begun their slide down the League table. This time they are too low to do any sliding and

In the HORNETS' NEST by Touchjudge

with a bit of luck we should see a definite rise before the turn of the year, although after today's there are only three further home fixtures to the end of December.

The visits of Batley and Dewsbury should mean four sure points and the Hornets can do themselves a good turn by accounting for Warrington a fortnight from today. The immediate problem is to get the forwards in the form they showed for last season's Challenge Cup ties—and if any of the new forwards played today we may have a better indication of how soon this is possible.

The surprise move to Water-sheddings by Geoff Kelly after ten years at the Athletic Grounds is a high tribute to the calibre of a whole-hearted player. It recalls, too, the fact that Johnny Dean finished his career doing a rescue act when Oldham were without a recognised hooker. Additionally the Kelly deal is a further instance of a neighbourly act. The Rochdale board remember that they were generously treated when Reg Bailey was allowed to leave Water-sheddings, and I believe that deal made Oldham's approach during this week easy.

OLDHAM SCHOOLS' RUGBY

Higginshaw 13, Clarksfield 19.

THESE two teams provided a hard, but cleanly fought-out "A" league game. Straight from the kick-off Higginshaw attacked and a good penalty goal was kicked by Russell from about 30 yards. Ten minutes later, Lax put Higginshaw further ahead when he touched down under the posts. Clarksfield, till then playing with 12 men, then had two tries, one by Pullen and one from Leeson to make up for his late arrival. Wynn converted both and at half-time Clarksfield led by 10-7, Russell having kicked a second penalty goal for Higginshaw. In the second half the issue was still close. Barker, Sykes and Pullen scored further tries for Clarksfield while Lax and Evans replied for Higginshaw.

St. Anselm's 28, Hollins 5.

In this "A" section challenge cup game both sides contributed good passing movements, clean but sure tackling, and individual brilliance. Goalkicking, too, provided several highlights with Beard, of Hollins, and Kenway, of St. Anselm's, producing some spectacular efforts. With five successes to Beard's one, Kenway proved a matchwinner but the six St. Anselm's tries provided him with the opportunities.

Robin Hill 0, Clarksfield 27.

Weather conditions were such that this "B" league game began in

good results

THE hackneyed proverb about a silk purse and a sow's ear is true enough, but Manager Jack Marshall has come pretty close, on last Saturday's Spotland showing, to producing a good quality article.

Had the football Rochdale offered in the first half against Accrington Stanley been seen on a First Division ground it would have been given the tag of brilliant.

The finishing was still not what it should be. Yet if Rochdale can continue to carve out the number of scoring openings they did against Stanley, they simply must begin to get more goals.

All this slick approach and methodical midfield play did not take the place of the early-season scrappy attacking accidentally.

It has been worked for and planned in the training sessions. Manager Marshall is insisting on flowing football, the essence of which is to keep the ball moving while players are running into the open spaces where the ball is being sent.

Set moves

It is a simple method and at soccer the simple is generally the best. Apart from this general planning, however, there have been a number of set moves worked out in practice for throw-ins, corner-kicks, free-kicks near the opposing penalty area and so on.

The effect of these was seen both at Halifax and against Accrington Stanley. At Halifax the team put into operation from the kick-off in the second half a plan to give an extra man down one flank. Both inside-forwards moved on to the same flank and the move worked. It ended in Spencer hitting the crossbar.

It was tried again against Accrington Stanley but this time it broke down almost immediately. A

SPOTLIGHT ON SPOTLAND by CRITIC

short corner-kick which was tried, however, worked perfectly and only a desperate tackle in the penalty area by Sneddon which might easily have brought a penalty, stopped the move.

Supporters will also have noted different tactics at free-kicks. Most of these moves have been done by other teams before and Mr. Marshall does not claim originality for them.

"We should have two or three plans for all these situations," he says. "Sometimes we shall go through a game without ever being able to use them; sometimes they might come off."

To me, this seems such obvious commonsense that I am wondering why such planning is only just beginning to be shown by the team.

I differ from the Rochdale manager in one respect. I think there are more reliable penalty-kick takers in the present side than Charlie Ferguson.

With all his good points, the Rochdale captain is not the most accurate of players in hitting a standing ball and that is what is required of a penalty-kick taker.

Bill Finney seems a likely man and it is surprising Bev Glover, one of the most accurate takers of free-kicks, has never been called on for penalty awards.

Dailey is the obvious man if he is playing, but when he is not, my choice would fall on Eddie Wainwright and Jimmy McGuigan before Charlie Ferguson.

Local talent

Things have changed considerably from the seven years immediately following the Second World War, when few local players felt inclined to go to Spotland. Even now there is a trend for local youngsters to try their luck elsewhere, but Mr. Marshall should soon change that.

He has established co-operative relations with most people associated with local football from the schools upwards, and this week he signed a local player, Rodney Hoare, as a part-time professional.

He also signed four amateurs following a trial game he had at Spotland on Tuesday night, in which 14 lads played trials, the teams being made up by amateurs already on the books.

As I wrote last week, this sort of thing is a commendable effort and its fruits will be gathered later, but it can make little difference to the most important task of the moment—retaining Third Division status.

A first-team goalscoring forward is still wanted badly. Mr. Marshall is having experienced players watched every week, and he made an inquiry about Arthur Bottom, but his scouts have not yet spotted a satisfactory player at the price Rochdale can pay. I wish him luck in his search; he deserves it.

Rochdale Amateurs

BIG HOME SHOCK FOR TURNER'S

TURNER BROS., at home to Rochdale Athletic, lost their first league game of the season, the visitors winning 4-2. Athletic were the faster team. Sheer persistency by centre-forward Diggle, of Athletic, enabled him to notch three goals and Baron also netted. Turner's goals came from Sladen and Merrick.

Tudor Rose, a vastly-improved side, put up a first-class show when visiting Walsden for a 4-2 victory. A hat-trick by Hawksworth gave them a 3-0 lead at the interval. In the second half, Hoyle reduced the arrears twice for Walsden but after 75 minutes Bond scored to clinch it.

Haggate Lads, at home to Industry, had not much difficulty in winning 9-3 after they had led 5-1 at the interval. Travis (4), Buckley (2), Bottoms, Moores and O'Donnel scored for Haggate and Langley, Burns and Hill for Industry.

Whittle hits six

A close game at Shaw between A. & A. Crompton's and Heymain Res. resulted in a 4-2 win for the home side. Crompton's led in the first half by a goal by Dronsfield and in the second scored three against two by Heymain. Buckley, Shaw and Hargreave also scored for Crompton's with Heywood and Taylor for Heyman.

Boots Social had a field day when receiving league leaders, Railway Street, winning 11-3 after leading 5-0 at half-time. The winners, on this form, will be challenging for the championship. Hodson (5), Gilroy (4) and Beaumont (2) scored for the winners, and Booth, Lomax and Marsden for Railway Street.

Gravelhole visited a much-improved Whitworth and were beaten 7-2. Whittle led the winners' forward line well and hit six goals with Hoy also scoring while Brown and Carr netted for Gravelhole.

In the Second Division, Ash Mill entertained Shiloh Spinners and in a close game won by the odd goal of five. Shiloh scored their two goals in the first five minutes but after that, Ash Mill came into the picture with a hat-trick by Smith. Walls and Robinson were the scorers for Shiloh.

Bay Horse regained the leadership of the division when visiting Pateilouex. They won by 6-1. Hynes scored for the home side and Crane (2), Butt, White, Kersh and Clegg for Bay Horse.

Rochdale Athletic Res. received Turner Bros. Res. and shared six goals. Shay, Charlstone and Lowe scored for Athletic and Revilles a hat-trick for Turner's.

Goals by Flood (6), Bray (2), Higgins, Crossley and Fleming enabled Dunlop to defeat Higham's 11-3. Higham's goals came from Holden, Parry and Fleming.

The draw for the Benevolent Cup semi-finals, to be played next Saturday, resulted:—

Rochdale Athletic v. Boots Social, Tudor Rose v. Haggate Lads.

FIRST DIVISION

	P	W	L	D	F	A	P
Rochdale Ath.	7	8	1	0	24	13	12
Railway Street ...	8	6	2	0	39	26	12
Boots Social	7	5	1	1	25	22	11
Walsden	9	5	4	0	40	27	10
Turner Bros.	6	4	1	1	24	12	9
Haggate Lads	6	4	1	1	31	18	9
A. & A. Crompton.	8	3	4	1	27	25	7
Tudor Rose	7	3	4	0	20	20	6
Whitworth AFC ...	8	3	5	0	25	42	6
Industry FC	9	8	6	0	34	41	6
Gravelhole FC	8	2	6	4	22	41	4
Heymain Res.	9	0	9	0	12	56	0

SECOND DIVISION

	P	W	L	D	F	A	P
Bay Horse	7	7	0	0	41	14	14
Rochdale Ath.	8	6	0	2	39	18	14
Ash Mill	7	5	1	1	42	11	11
Pateilouex FC ...	7	3	3	1	26	26	7
Turner Bros.	8	3	4	1	28	14	7
Shiloh Spinners ...	7	8	4	0	35	24	6
Industry FC	7	8	4	0	12	26	6
Dunlop SC	6	2	4	0	21	26	4
E. Clegg & Son ...	6	0	5	1	6	29	1
Highams Ltd.	7	0	7	0	15	73	6

Woman killed eagle

A peasant woman in Southern Poland killed an eagle with a wingspan of six feet with an axe after it had attacked her while she ran to scare it away from raiding her poultry.

SHAWFORTH IN CORONATION SEMI

SHAWFORTH, the Coronation Cup holders, entered the semi-final by defeating Wardle Parish in last Saturday's third round game at Shawforth. They had the better of the first half to lead 2-0 at the interval, but the visitors fought back to reduce the lead, and when Shawforth scored a third goal Wardle immediately got a second. Hard as they tried in the closing stages they could not score again and Shawforth made the final score 4-2 in the closing seconds. Dawson (2), Povey and Linger scored for Shawforth, and Smith and R. Gregson for Wardle.

St. Gabriel's had A Division visitors in St. Aidan's, and gave them a shock by scoring first and leading 2-1 at half-time. St. Aidan's were the stronger finishers,

however, and three goals in ten minutes gave them a 4-2 lead. St. Gabriel's were now a beaten team and three minutes from the end St. Aidan's scored a fifth goal. Kenyon and A. Scott (2) scored for St. Aidan's, and Collins (2), for St. Gabriel's.

The first 20 minutes of the Bright's v. YMCA Old Boys game at Bright's gave no indication of what was to follow. YMCA had been the more dangerous side with Bright's content to defend. Then came Bright's first goal and the visitors' defence went to pieces. The home team led 3-0 at half-time and scored six more in the second half. Their scorers were Woolfenden (4), Clegg (2), Wilcock (2), and Ruddy.

Milnrow Parish, now the only undefeated team in the three divi-

sions, and Thornham, who have only lost once, had a grand game at Slattocks with a 3-3 draw a very fair result.

Littleboro' Parish, the A Division leaders, lost their first league game when they went down to Norden YCOB at Norden by 7-3. Norden led 2-0 at half-time, then got a third goal, but two goals in two minutes brought Littleboro' back into the game. Norden got on top again, however, and won deservedly. Clarke (3), Lord (2), Drury and Smith scored for Norden and Sanderson, Sutcliffe and Shepherd for Littleboro'.

Milton and Sacred Heart shared eight goals at Springfield, a draw being a very fair result.

All Saints were well beaten at home by Whittle's, who led 2-0 at half-time and scored four more in the second half.

After being two goals down at half-time, St. Patrick's won an exciting game with St. Peter's by the odd goal of 11. Starkey (2), Kershaw (2), Mullaney and McGregor scored for St. Patrick's and Brierley (3) and Townley (2) for St. Peter's.

Goals by G. Walsh, Gardiner and Rothwell gave St. Aidan's Res. a 3-1 tonic win over Spotland Meths., whose goal was scored by Hulse. Syke Meths. won their home game with Buckley Hall by 7-3, after leading 4-1 at half-time.

Good Shepherd dominated the first half of their away game with West Street Baptists to lead 5-1 at half-time. They eventually won by seven goals scored by Blakeley (3), Kershaw (3) and Owen to two scored by Hartley and Clarke.

NEW SOUTH WALES DECLARE AT 391-7 MCC STRUGGLE FOR RUNS

AT Sydney, today, the MCC, facing a New South Wales total of 391 for seven declared, lost their opening batsmen for 42. Arthur Milton's wicket was flattened by Rorke, a very fast but erratic young bowler, and Richardson was caught at slip off leg-spinner Philpott. Peter May and Graveney held on to their wickets at the close, when the MCC's score was 62 for two.

Richardson's dismissal was the more significant, for right from the start the leg spin pair, Richie Benaud and Philpott, made the ball turn and lift, and MCC could find New South Wales total a difficult one to overtake.

Norman O'Neill followed up his 104 against MCC in Perth with an undefeated 84. But he could never get on top of the accurate MCC bowlers, though he hit the ball with tremendous power.

Tony Lock performed splendidly. After Trueman had removed Neil Harvey for the addition of only five runs to his overnight 144, Lock dismissed Burke, Craig and Booth in an 11-ball spell. He also claimed Davidson's wicket, and finished with four for 121.

Brilliant catch

Statham and Trueman began the day with the new ball and in the fourth over Harvey's great innings came to an end. He off-drove Trueman for the first boundary and pulled the next ball to mid-wicket, where Milton dived forward and held a brilliant catch inches from the ground.

Harvey's stand with Burke put on 246, and held up the MCC attack for five hours 40 minutes. Harvey hit 15 fours.

Norman O'Neill, the only man to score a century against the touring team before this match, joined Burke, but both were lucky to survive the new ball onslaught. Statham and Trueman both beat the bat on a number of occasions.

Thirty runs came in the first hour then Burke, straight driving Lock for his fifth boundary, crept into three figures. He had been at the crease six hours 36 minutes—a deplorable performance on a pitch which handicapped bowlers to such an extent.

Skied—and caught

The first time Burke attempted an adventurous stroke he was out. He skied Lock to Bailey in the gully, after nearly seven hours of defence.

Craig, Australia's captain-elect, did not last long. He edged his first ball from Lock just short of the slips and in Lock's next over trying to drive he snicked again and this time Cowdrey held the catch. This was a tragedy for the little Australian captain, who has not scored in either of his first-class innings this season.

Two balls later Lock induced Booth to pop up a catch to Graveney at short leg. He had thus taken three wickets in 11 balls without a run being scored against him, a remarkable effort in view of what went before.

Lunch was taken at 292 for five. Through much of the day Statham, Trueman and Tyson alternated at one end while Lock kept going at the other, but it was Bailey who broke the sixth-wicket stand after it had added 70 in 87 minutes. Benaud changed his mind halfway through a stroke and returned a simple catch to the bowler.

Lock gained his fourth success when Davidson hit a tremendous skier to Graveney at deep mid-wicket.

PETER MAY TO WED IN APRIL

Peter May, captain of the touring MCC cricket side, made a quick dash to Sydney docks this morning to meet his fiancée, Miss Virginia Gilligan, when she arrived from New Zealand with her parents on the liner Orcaades.

After going aboard he hurried back to Sydney cricket ground to join the England team fielding on the second day of their game against New South Wales.

May and Miss Gilligan, who is the daughter of the former England Test captain, Mr. Arthur Gilligan, plan to marry in April.

LORRIES CRASH AT ROAD JUNCTION

TRAFFIC to Ashton from Oldham had to be diverted down Copsterhill today after two lorries collided on the Ashton side of the Ashton Road-Copsterhill Road junction. The road was completely blocked for some time after the accident.

Later, when one of the lorries had been towed away, police and bus inspectors struggled to keep single-line traffic moving on the busy road.

The lorries collided as one of them, travelling towards Ashton, overtook a parked van. The driver of this lorry, David Heggibottom (18), of Broadway, Chadderton, was taken to Oldham Royal Infirmary with shock, but was not detained.

The lorry travelling in the opposite direction had its front wheels screwed sideways under the cab.

Shopkeepers rushed out to give first aid to the three men in the lorries. Said one of the shopkeepers: "All I heard was a terrible bang. I thought my shop window had gone."

New South Wales declared at tea with the total 391 for seven.

O'Neill was unbeaten with 84, so in his two innings against MCC so far, O'Neill has now scored 188 runs for once out.

SCOREBOARD

Overnight score: New South Wales 241 for one wicket (Harvey 144 not out, Burke 85 not out).

NEW SOUTH WALES.—First Innings (continued)

Burke c Bailey b Lock	104
Harvey c Milton b Trueman	149
O'Neill not out	84
Craig c Cowdrey b Lock	0
Booth c Graveney b Lock	0
Benaud c and b Bailey	31
Davidson c Graveney b Lock	8
Philpott not out	0
Extras	14

Total (for 7 wks. dec.)...391

Did not bat: Ford and Rorke.

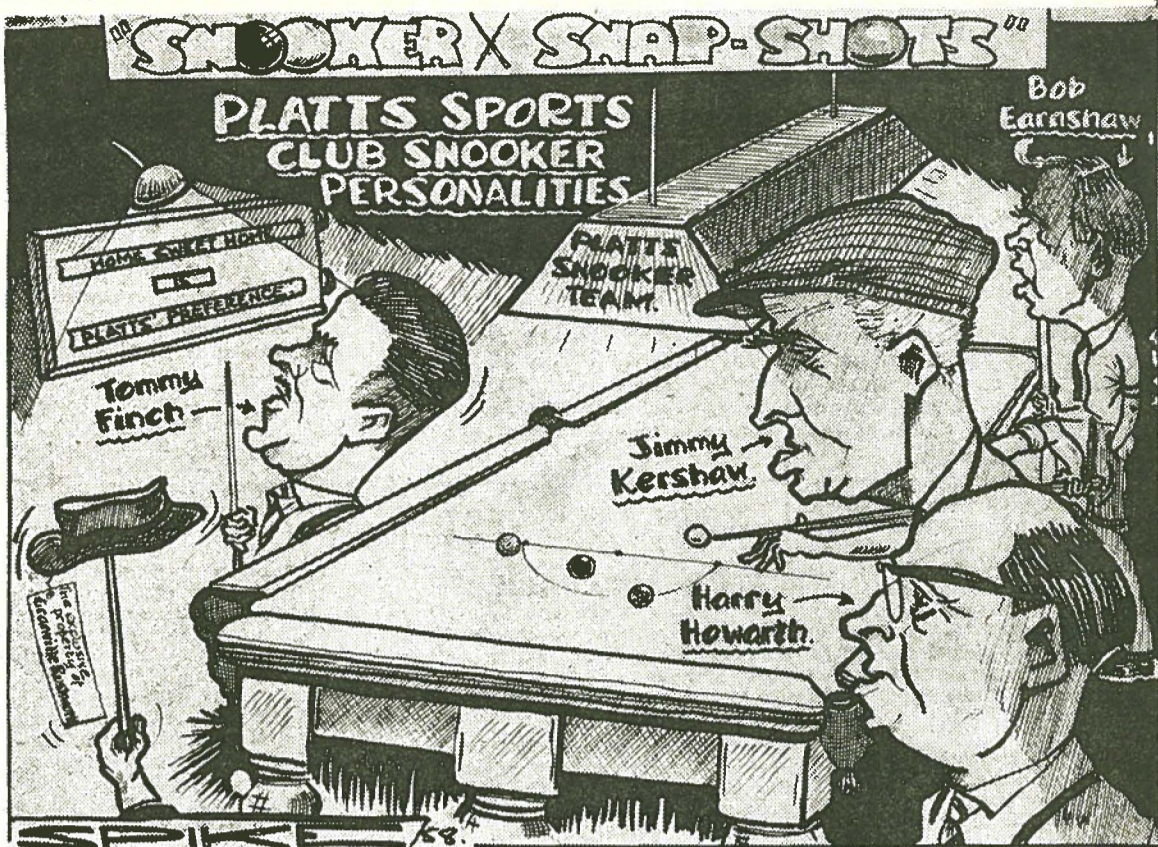
Bowling: Statham 18-5-46-0; Trueman 19-2-62-2; Bailey 19-1-52-1; Tyson 24-3-86-0; Lock 31-5-121-4.

MCC.—First Innings

Richardson c Harvey b Philpott	21
Milton b Rorke	10
Graveney not out	7
May not out	17
Extras	7

Total (for 2 wks.)...62

Bowling: Davidson 4-0-17-0; Rorke 5-1-7-1; Benaud 9-6-6-0; Philpott 7-0-25-1.



Snooker outsider has chance over one frame

A QUESTION I am often asked is: "Why is snooker so popular in comparison to billiards?" This week the perfect answer was provided when Fred Hughes (Westwood Liberals), who makes no pretensions to being other than an average club player, beat Eric Hall 100-29.

Hughes played well above his usual form, and Hall was the first to admit he well deserved to win. At the same time, Eric said that he does not remember being so effectively beaten particularly in local league snooker.

It is the fact that the novice stands an outside chance of beating the first-class player in one frame of snooker that makes the game attractive, and also makes it extremely difficult to handicap players against each other.

ALTHOUGH such familiar names as Royton Liberals, Beanweb, Milnrow WM, Joldhurst Liberals and Avro are missing from this year's list of entries for the Green Final Team Snooker Handicap, just over last year's figure of 71 entries has finally been received.

With players registered for clubs within the specified area coming

By FRED MAYALL

from as far afield as Fallowfield, Cheadle, Wythenshawe and Stockport, plus a team of well-established players from one billiard hall in the town, and a team of young untried players from another, this year's event should bring some interesting clashes.

With effective individual handicapping, the handicap should once again be a very open competition.

RECENTLY I gave a decision concerning the new rule as it is applied to a four-handed game of snooker. Two weeks later a different decision was given in a Sunday newspaper. I now have authorisation from the governing body to say that my decision is the correct one. Here it is again:—

"A" and "B" are playing "C" and "D". "A" makes a foul stroke, whereupon "C" applies the new rule. In this instance, the player making the foul ("A") must play the next stroke, and "C" follows him to the table.

IN response to a request, here is a list of the games it is possible to play on a billiard table, besides the orthodox billiards and snooker.

There is volunteer snook, pool, Russian pool, shell-out, pyramids, cork billiards, plate billiards, golf, cricket, crash (slosh as it is sometimes called), and table bowls and skittles.

I am surprised that some of these games are not played more frequently, as they can provide good entertainment to both players and spectators.

Chadderton Snooker

Shaw Road first to beat Reform

CHADDERTON REFORM were beaten for the first time this season in the Chadderton Snooker League on Monday—at home to Shaw Road Cons.

T. Kennedy beat H. Clegg 98-51 in the first frame, and then after three evenly-contested frames, Reform found themselves still 44 behind. This was too much for O. Meadows, who in fact lost by 26 to J. Heap.

Cycle Club won by 97 at Chadderton Cot, most of the margin being built by J. Hughes, who beat the Cot's captain, J. Whitaker, 118-35.

Royton Cons. had only one winner at home to Chadderton Social—E. Egan, by one point. But the match between Avro's and Nimble Nook was the handicapper's dream. The only double-figure winners were J. Bell (18) and J. Jump (12) for Nook, who thus won the match.

W. Taylor won Land's End the first frame at Fallsworth Co-op, but W. Blackwell put the home team on top by beating J. Byrom 118-53. Springbank won four frames against Westwood Cons., and E. Clarke (56) and J. Rainford (43) helped Beanweb to a big victory at Platt's.

Chadderton Reform 374, Shaw Road Cons. 444. Reform scores first: H. Clegg 51, T. Kennedy 98; T. Coleman 84, G. Woodcock 83; N. Hilton 71, J. Carrigan 85; E. Leach 96. H. Bradley 80; O. Meadows 72, J. Heap 98. Whist: Reform 59, Shaw Road 32.

Chadderton CBC 261, Cycle Club 358. Chadderton CBC scores first: T. Nicholls 61, N. Moreton 55; J. Whittaker 35, J. Hughes 113; W. McCarthy 71, B. Campbell 69; H. Howarth 41, W. Dagnall 65; J. Wilson 53, E. Hall 56. Whist: Chadderton 40, Cycle Club 57.

Fallsworth Co-op. 364, Lands End 300. Fallsworth scores first: J. Farrell 38, W. Taylor 67; J. Gregory 62, F. Dyson 49; W. Blackwell 118, J. Byrom 53; H. Bowers 76, R. Berry 86; S. Griffiths 70, A. Smithies 45. Whist: Fallsworth 27, Lands End 57.

Platt's SC 278, Beanweb 363. Platt's scores first: R. Earnshaw 77, F. Rainford 54; J. Kershaw 42, E. Clark 98; G. Rushworth 33, J. Rainford 86; T. Finch 71, W. Lord 73; S. Raynor 55, R. Evanson 52. Whist: Platt's 58, Beanweb 34.

Avro 350, Nimble Nook 378. Avro scores first: G. Borseby 75, T. Brierley 80; D. Leary 71, J. Bull 89; J. Waterfall 64, H. Hargreaves 63; A. Jackson 61, J. Jump 73; K. Beasley 79, H. Wild 73. Whist: Avro 42, Nimble Nook 45.

Royton Cons. 320, N. Chadderton Social 409. Royton scores first: N. Porter 56, B. Walker 83; E. Egan 79, J. Doyle 78; H. Foster 82, A. Broome 73; H. Wright 68, R. Skelly 88; A. Horsfall 55, T. Bell 87. Whist: Royton 0, N. Chadderton 60.

Springbank 405, Westwood Cons. 351. Springbank scores first: N. Riley 85, A. Dickinson 62; A. Jefferies 84, F. Hardy 74; H. Davies 85, R. Fisher 66; H. McNally 61, E. D. Williams 84; W. Bland 90, D. Needham 65. Whist: Springbank 60, Westwood Cons. 49. Whist: Platt's 58, Beanweb 34.

Hollinwood 419, Chadderton Cons. 373. Hollinwood scores first: E. Lockett 94, R. Jones 52; J. Whittaker 78, L. Clough 77; R. Munro 76, F. Collier 112; G. V. Mills 88, E. Haslam 46; A. Shoebridge 83, R. Packer 86. Whist: Hollinwood 51, Chadderton 41.

MAN MOUNTAIN BENNY'S WIN UNPOPULAR

THE main bout at the Majestic Ballroom wrestling in Oldham on Friday night ended in uproar when "Man Mountain" Benny gained an unpopular win over Liverpool's Paddy Bennett.

Bennett refused to leave the ring, Benny refused to return from his dressing room for an announcement by the MC—and the crowd stamped and hooted its disapproval of the result for a full five minutes.

The affair ended with Bennett demanding—and having accepted—a return bout with his huge opponent.

Despite the demonstrations against the American heavyweight, there was no doubt that Bennett had been receiving a cruel mauling in the preceding rounds. In the second round he went out of the ring and was on the mat more often than he was on his feet.

Bear hug

Benny finished this gruelling round by grabbing Bennett in a tremendous bear hug which lasted for a full minute. Only the bell saved the wildly thrashing Paddy.

The next round saw him getting more severe punishment and eventually submitting. He made a comeback at this point, with a flurry of chopping blows which had Benny staggering—and submitting.

More chopping from Bennett made Benny retaliate, and after a flurry of throws Bennett didn't rise from the mat. And then the fuss started.

The other highlight of the evening was the well-matched bout between Harry Walker and Bobo Matu, which Walker won by two falls. This was an entertaining bout between Walker's strength and tactical clowning and Matu's stylish approach. The crowd thoroughly enjoyed this exhibition which combined a fair deal of skill with maximum entertainment.

GREEN FINAL DARTS

Slip-up on log-end for teams of seven. Entry fee 1s. per player, and at least 10 players must be registered. All rounds up to semi-final played HOME and AWAY.

Entries due to close
NEXT Saturday

1st prize : £15
(plus £5)
2nd prize : £12
3rd and 4th : £6

OLDHAM RUGBY UNION NOTES ANOTHER GOOD DAY OUT

FOUR of the five sides fielded last Saturday won their games. It was pleasing to see the first team back in winning form after their indifferent displays of recent weeks. In beating Metrovick 19-5 W. Dunstan score two tries, bringing this season's total up to 17. N. Platt, brought in at scrum half, gave a very commendable display and retains his place for today's game at Warrington.

The "A" team also beat Metrovick "A" at Keb Lane, in a game in which I. Hilton was prominent in the thirds; and B. Purcell forward. The Borough team beat Wigan Unionists 13-3 in a game which was decidedly forward. R. Lumb scored two tries, and A. Hartley, who has shown improved form in recent weeks, scored the other. It was a surprise to find the

Borough outhooked in the set scrums, and consequently the Oldham backs saw little of the ball. R. Murphy was injured early in the game, and was a passenger on the wing.

The Extra "A" beat Metrovick 6-0 in a scrappy game. D. Newton, in the unusual position of full-back, gave a satisfactory display, and A. Melling showed promise at scrum-half. A. Parkey was the best of the forwards.

The Colts lost 28-0 to the very strong Broughton Park Colts. Park had a fine, well-drilled pack, and a very thrustful out-half. The Oldham forwards were outhooked in the set scrums and refused to fall on the ball when the Park forwards took it on with their feet. E. Hanley was the best Oldham back and C. Hamer a good forward. K.D.

SPORTS CORRESPONDENCE

Lack of teamwork

SINCE George Hardwick left Athletic, there has been a gradual but very definite slide in the fortunes of the old club. The standard of play has deteriorated to an alarming extent, and teamwork is almost non-existent.

Saturday's results—First team lost 0-4, Reserves lost 0-4, "A" team lost 0-8—speak for themselves. What a dismal picture; never in the history of Athletic has such a poor show been put up by all concerned.

I don't blame any of the playing staff. After all they have been signed on, picked to play, and personally have done their best. Yet I doubt seriously the physical fitness of some of the reserve players who have floundered badly in their last two home games.

Most of the spectators at these two home games, would, I think, agree in saying that the teams concerned—Prescot Cables (works team) and Morecambe—were far and away ahead of our reserves in teamwork, ability, and physical fitness.

We are in the unenviable position of having first-team players who have either lost form, or who are simply not good enough, being able week after week to retain their first-team places. Does anyone at Boundary Park seriously consider that, excluding Tommy Walker, any of the reserves who turned out on Saturday, could be put on the first-team sheet?

At least two players on the reserves have been with Athletic three or more seasons. Why don't they get their chance? Perhaps they are not considered good enough. What a policy of stalemate.

It seems pretty obvious that there is also something wrong with training methods. I realise that you cannot make a player train hard, but if part-time training is carried out in a slap-happy manner, this will suit a lazy type of player and inevitably result in slap-happy football—of which we are getting more than our share at Boundary Park these days.

With regard to coaching and pre-match planning, this would appear to be (a) non-existent or (b) no good. The Reserves on Saturday were just a shambles—individuals running hither and thither, no plan, no ideas, nothing, and worst of all, no enthusiasm.

Even young Marsh, who could always raise a grin last season, seems to have lost heart, and is rapidly reaching Athletic's level—zero.

We are told the Mr. Dodgin has full control over team matters, selection and training, etc. He has only been here a short time, and has a very small staff of players. However, even with the present

small staff, better results could be achieved with better teamwork.

Teamwork is the basis of any successful club, and it must run right through the club. Without one you cannot have the other. Athletic seem to be sadly lacking in this matter.

Mr. Dodgin has to move players around to try and find the right combination, but this can be overdone. I don't think a lad who has played several matches in the reserves at wing-half can be blamed if he doesn't find his form at inside-left in the first team.

The lack of teamwork shows up noticeably at throw-ins. Many goals have been given away over the past few seasons by slack marking of opponents at throw-ins.

In fact, many goals have been scored as a result of opponents collecting the ball direct from a Latics' throw-in. Our lads seem to have very little method in this most important part of football.

There have been many famous last words, but I warrant none so bitter to the frustrated faithful supporters than those uttered by the present chairman of Athletic: not so long ago he was alleged to have forecast that Athletic would be out of the Fourth Division in one season.

How right he was. But does he realise that at present there is no Fifth Division?

Does he also realise that very few of the professional players signed during the past two seasons have been good enough? That inside a month two of our best inside-forwards have been allowed to leave?

It's just inexplicable, and I must add, a matter of deep concern to all the faithful and loyal supporters. The Athletic board have failed miserably in their duty to the town. Never has the club been in such a perilous position.

Boundary Park itself is neglected, broken down, and a rank disgrace. The terraces are overflowing with weed and a general air of negligence lies heavy on the old ground.

Floodlights? We are not likely to have any such benefit in the near future. Too many difficulties? Obstacles are made to be overcome, and a really virile board would make short work of these and other problems.

They don't need to be football experts—in fact, the less they know about football the better, provided they give the manager a free hand to run his side of the business, and are ready to help out when necessary with finance.

The old club cannot exist for ever on its hand-to-mouth existence. Have we no capable, wealthy businessmen in this town who would be willing to lift Athletic out of the rut? HAROLD DYSON.



BOUNDARY PARK NOTES

FIND THE MONEY FOR THIS SORT OF PLAYER

ARTHUR BOTTOM, Newcastle United's notorious goal-grabbing inside-forward was placed on the transfer list at his own request on Thursday. He has not been long at St. James's Park, and at the risk of it being said that I am trying to run Oldham Athletic, I will suggest that he is the ideal sort of forward to solve the present Boundary Park headache.

The price that Newcastle are asking for this experienced and able footballer has not been revealed. They paid out some £4,500 for his services at the end of last season, and it is reasonable to assume the figure will be in the same region today.

For that amount of money Oldham Athletic could buy a man who is tailor-made to meet the club's need at the moment. I know the answer from Boundary Park will be the same—"No money"—but where is the spirit of adventure?

To secure the services of a player like Bottom is not too great a gamble. Such as he are name-footballers with the power to attract support to a match. The increase in gate receipts would help to meet the transfer fee involved.

Value of one player

Athletic would get much more value from one player with the ability of an Arthur Bottom than say half-a-dozen men costing £1,000 each—not counting the extra cost of six men on the wage bill as opposed to one.

And Bottom is not far from a top-class footballer. I have heard it said often that, but for his temperament, Bottom would have reached international status as a young player.

In Fourth Division football he would be an asset to any club; in Athletic's colours he could prove invaluable.

He has still many years of football in him and I still firmly believe that an inside-forward is Athletic's greatest need. Albert Bourne has never really settled at inside-right this season—he is a much better player at centre-forward—and the same must be said of Allan Hall, who has only given his best at wing-half.

The need is there and in suggesting that Athletic secure the services of this type of inside-forward I am not putting on one side the club's youth policy. The word "youth" is almost synonymous with Athletic these days, and it is encouraging.

But a youth policy, as I have said before, will not get them out of today's trouble. And they are in real trouble.

AGW REPORTS

I am very pleased to be able to report that more scouts and officials are out each weekend watching young players than probably at any other time in the club's history.

The future is being taken care of, but supporters are not prepared to wait years for the fruition of any youth policy.

They want some tangible moves made now and experience is the one major asset missing at Boundary Park. When a team is down as Athletic are, it is not unnatural for supporters to write off all the players as not being good enough. It is far from the truth, and strengthening in the right places will make all the difference.

In conversation with Manager Norman Dodgin some time ago, the question of Bottom coming to Oldham was mentioned, and he agreed that the former York City man would make a tremendous difference to the side.

I will remind Manager Dodgin of his words and hope that his opinion has not changed.

Repeatedly this week, supporters have asked me when the

Neale transfer money would be spent. I don't know, but a promise was made to Manager Dodgin that the board would back him in securing the right man at Boundary Park.

THIS I CONSIDER IS AN OPPORTUNITY FOR THE WORDS TO BE HONOURED—IF THEY AGREE THAT BOTTOM IS THE RIGHT MAN.

Training injury

It seems that I spoke much too soon about Athletic's injury problems in this column last week. The paper was not even on the street when I heard that Eddie Murphy had injured his shoulder in training. It is the same shoulder that Eddie cracked when playing in the Gateshead game at the end of the season.

To make sure there was no break or crack again Eddie had an X-ray earlier in the week. Severely bruised was the verdict, and yesterday Eddie told me the shoulder was much better. "It's just sore now and then," he said.

Murphy's injury should provide an answer to the Athletic supporters who say the players do not train hard enough. A full-blooded tackle in a five-a-side game caused the knock—and the culprit was Allan Hall, the lightest player on the books.

Football figures

IN the 1930s three clubs now prominent in the First Division all had desperately narrow escapes from dropping into the Third Division, in which none of them ever figured. In 1933 West Ham avoided descent by one point; so did Manchester United a year later; and in 1938 Newcastle actually escaped on goal average only. Now history may well be repeated in Sunderland's case—if they don't actually suffer the drop.

HARTLEPOOLS UNITED'S 4-0 victory over Oldham Athletic last Saturday was their biggest win of the season, and was achieved without centre-forward Peter Thompson, who was transferred to Derby County a day earlier.

Only once before this season had Hartlepoons managed to score four goals, when defeating Crystal Palace 4-1 at home on September 22. Curiously, that was the last time they won at home before last week.

UNBEATEN in their last five League matches, Aldershot have managed to vacate the bottom two places of the Fourth Division. The biggest improvement has been in defence, conceding only five goals compared with 22 in five matches previously.

Aldershot's revival dates from the time of the signing of wing-half Peter McMahon from Leyton Orient, and former Millwall centre-forward Dennis Pacey.

FEW now in soccer have had a career of such wide variety as Billy Cook. He left his native Ireland for Scotland when only two and won both Scottish (with Celtic) and FA Cup (Everton) medals.

Later he was a sergeant-major in the Far East, and since then has coached in Norway, Sweden, South America and Iraq, been an Arsenal scout, Sunderland's coach, and manager of Wigan Athletic and

Crewe Alexandra before taking his latest job as Norwich City coach.

SPARE a sympathetic thought for 17-year-old goalkeeper Malcolm White, who had to pick six out of the net when Grimsby Town gave him his League bleeding. He can reflect that other goalkeepers have made a far more chastening start.

On his League bow with Halifax in January, 1934, Stanley Milton saw Stockport score 13; when Dave Murray began with Crewe in September, 1951, Lincoln City put 11 past him.

THE wheel has turned full circle in the soccer life of former England inside-forward Jack Haines. Just over 20 years ago he began with Evesham, the team of his native Worcestershire town, and now he has returned to them. In between he has been with Cheltenham Town, Liverpool, Swansea Town, Leicester City, West Brom, Bradford, Rochdale, Chester, Wellington Town and Kidderminster Harriers, which means he has drawn pay packets from a full 11 clubs.

THE name Smith is fairly common in football, and Torquay United certainly have their share of players with that surname. On their books are full-backs John Smith and Harry Smith, plus Alan Smith, a young centre-half signed from Bolton Wanderers towards the end of last season.

All three have played in the senior side this winter, though not at the same time. Last week Jack Smith was at right-back and Alan Smith in his usual position. Jack was partnered by Irish international Len Graham, who had been signed from Doncaster Rovers two days earlier.

The number of vehicles involved in accidents in Oldham during the year were: 31 buses, 88 cars, 61 goods vehicles, 34 motor-cycles, one taxi and 20 cycles.

TOOK PENALTIES FIRST AT SCHOOL

ALTHOUGH Jimmy Thompson, Oldham Athletic's strapping 6-ft. wing-half has been kicking a football almost as long as he can remember, he has been at only one club.

Born in Chadderton, Jimmy came to Boundary Park straight from school, and though he had occasional games with amateur sides, Athletic remain the only club with who he has signed forms.

Former brainer Jimmy Thomas was the man responsible for bringing Thompson to Boundary Park, urging him to take up football after seeing him play at the North Chadderton School. But Jimmy didn't need any persuading. His aim had always been to become a professional footballer, and there was every encouragement from his mother and father.

A former professional himself, Mr. Thompson had no hesitation in allowing his son to follow in his footsteps, and Mrs. Thompson is still Jimmy's No. 1 fan.

There were celebrations in the Thompson household when Jimmy signed part-time professional forms in January, 1954, and then, after two years in the Army, he became a full-time player.

Jimmy Thompson

Almost immediately Jimmy came into Athletic's senior side and began to establish himself as a regular first-teamer. Left-half was the position where Jimmy felt most at home, but he was still the ideal clubman, playing in any position he was asked. In fact, Jimmy has now played in every position during his years at Boundary Park.

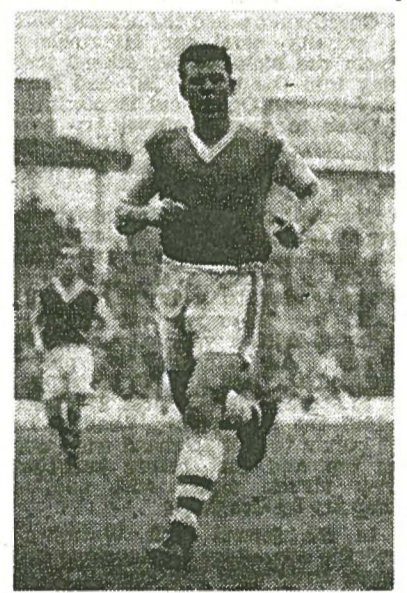
He even went in goal in a trial match when reserve keeper George Torrance was injured.

On his penalty-kicking ability, Jimmy says simply: "Well, it's just something I've always done. At school nobody would take them, so I just started, and that's it."

For the record, Jimmy can remember missing only one spotkick with the first team. "That was at Stockport last season—but there will be more."

During his years at Boundary Park, Jimmy has aroused the interest of many senior clubs and, not unnaturally, he has the ambition to play in higher-grade football.

Behind him in this aim he now



has more than just his parents. Shortly before the start of the season Jimmy became engaged to Miss Jean Bowler, a former Oldham beauty queen and part-time model.

Australians have worse problems MCC GETTING INTO TOP STRIDE

Junior schools

CARROLL HELD THE FORT FOR HATHERSHAW

DIVISION 1

Limehurst 1, Freehold 1

Freehold managed to salvage a point at Limehurst after an even game on a waterlogged ground.

Hathershaw 2, Freehold 1

On another heavy ground, both teams worked very hard, swinging the ball from end to end. After Hathershaw had scored both the Hathershaw goals, Freehold swarmed to the attack. Eckersley scored, but that was all Carroll, the Hathershaw 'keeper, would allow. He put up a great show.

Werneth 5, Limehurst 0

With Werneth forwards taking their chances and scoring goals through Boyd (2), Clayton, Goulden and Hilton, and the defence on top with Whittaker and Bell outstanding, Limehurst were outplayed, even though Ryan and Hardacre tried hard to rally the Limehurst side.

DIVISION 2

Roundthorn 2, Fitton Hill 3

Birmingham got a first-half hat-trick for Fitton Hill and although Roundthorn had the better of matters in the second half, they just couldn't overcome that three-goal handicap and had to be content with two scored by Fenton.

DIVISION 4

Greenacres 0, Higginshaw 0

An even game. Neither side could get the ball in the net and a draw was a fair reflection of the play.

DIVISION 5

Werneth 2nd 1, Limehurst 2nd 3

Limehurst gained some consolation for the defeat of their first team when their second string took both points from their Werneth rivals. Limehurst, whose forwards were always dangerous against a shaky Werneth defence, were worthy winners. Sykes, who was outstanding, Breakell and Cashmore, were their scorers, and Allen replied for Werneth, for whom Lodge, improving with every game, was their best.

Derker 2nd 4, Hathershaw 2nd 2

Hathershaw opened well and scored a good goal early on. Parker equalised with a good shot from the wing, but just before half-time, after a mistake by the Derker 'keeper, Hathershaw went into the lead again and turned round deserving their lead.

In the second half, Derker came much more into the game and scored good goals through Knight and Pilling. Pickering, who had earlier scored Hathershaw's first goal, had the bad luck to put through his own goal to make Derker's victory certain.

Hathershaw 2nd 1, Limehurst 2nd 3

Limehurst were much the superior side and it was only some very stout defence by the Hathershaw backs that kept the score down.—T.M.J.

A REVIEW of MCC prospects for the forthcoming Tests in Australia gives English cricket followers at home an encouraging picture. After four matches, all the batsmen (except injured Watson) have runs under their belts, and spinners Laker and Lock—strangely enough, for such a famous pair, both on their first visit to Australia—are obviously adapting flight and spin to new conditions and will play a major role. The tail-enders are also making entertaining and valuable runs.

May has very sensibly taken all possible care of his twisted knee and is just about 100 per cent fit again, while a few minor strains have now left Tyson, Bailey and Co. The main casualty is Willie Watson, and we can only await the results of his operation.

The hotheads have written off Trevor Bailey already. It is true he has not set the River Yarra on fire, but it would be typical Bailey for him to bring out his best "when the whips are crackling."

A good No. 6

A study of these factors makes England's likely Test team in my book read: RICHARDSON, MILTON, GRAVENEY, MAY, COWDREY, BAILEY, EVANS, LOCK, TRUEMAN, LAKER and STATHAM. The vital role played by Bailey at No. 6 will be appreciated by considering three alternatives:—

1—Omit Bailey for another pace man (Tyson or Loader), and

by
John McMahon
Milnrow's Australian
professional

England's main line batting is then restricted to five batsmen, with a tail as long as a red kangaroo.

2—Omit Bailey for another batsman (Watson or Subba Row), and the attack then becomes limited to four bowlers.

3—Omit one of the spinners, Laker or Lock, for another pace bowler or batsman, and England may then be in the same position as at Leeds in 1948, when Australia made 400 runs on the last day on a wearing wicket against an attack which had only one spinner, and won the match.

Slower wickets

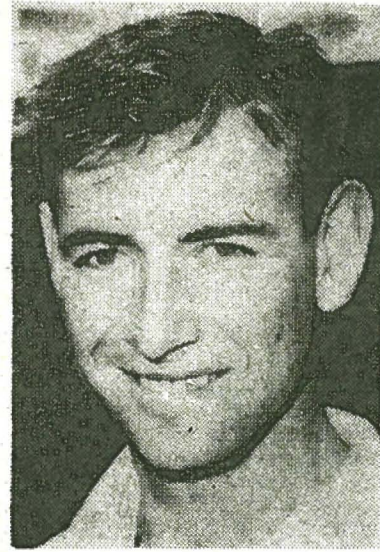
In spite of Statham's great bowling against Victoria, many observers have decided that Australian groundsmen are carrying out a policy—either of their own making or on direction from higher up—of slowing up all wickets to take the sting out of England's powerful pace attack.

A foremost English journalist (E. W. Swanton, Daily Telegraph) has gone so far as to state that NO Englishman has the right to complain if such is the truth, after the wickets Australian batsmen were asked to bat on in England in 1956.

I don't know whether English wickets were rigged for Laker and Lock; if they were, it was wrong, and two wrongs do not make a right, if there's retaliation from Australian groundsmen now.

Captaincy problem

The Board of Control must end such actions and rumours now by insisting on fast true wickets for



IAN MECKIFF (left) is almost certain to retain his place as Australia's opening bowler in the Tests, but JOHN MARTIN (right) may well replace KLINE as a left-hand off-break googly bowler.

the sake of players, spectators and cricket generally.

MCC's problems are minor ones alongside the question-marks that confront Australian selectors Dudley Seddon, Jack Ryder and Sir Donald Bradman.

Ian Craig's recent illness and doubtful form, together with his batting record against South Africa, make him one of the least impressive leaders Australia has ever had. Without wishing to be unjust towards this likeable young man, I do believe he needs many more performances and more experience before he leads Australia again.

Many battle-hardened Test players agree that petty jealousies are not unknown among the legislators of the two big cricketing States, New South Wales and Victoria.

The latter strongly favour Harvey to captain Australia. The mercurial left-hander is still under 30 years of age, but has had ten years of Test experience under several fine leaders, including Bradman.

Harvey is now playing for NSW, whose selectors have shown their hand by making Craig and Benaud their leaders. So it is not impossible that Harvey will captain these two in Test matches while Craig pulls the strings in State matches.

One recalls that Peter May played for Surrey under Stuart Surridge when first captain of England, and Len Hutton under Norman Yardley for Yorkshire when taking over England's leadership.

Another Hammond?

The loss of Ron Archer's fast bowling and hard hitting is a heavy blow to Australian cricket. His doctors say that the back injury sustained in Pakistan has finished him as a fast bowler. Ron was a natural successor to Keith Miller in

the Australian XI, and he will be sadly missed.

Former Australian Test captain Ian Johnson, in a message early in July, told me that Norman O'Neill could have an influence on the Test series as great as Dennis Compton in his prime.

I thought Ian was stretching it a little, but now the new boy has taken a century off the world's best bowling attack in his first encounter.

He grafted for 4½ hours, with some flaws in the innings, but it should help him tremendously. He has a mature yet modest approach for such a young player. Near 6ft., and 13 stone, with great strength in forearm and wrist, he hits very hard off the back foot, but has a weakness in hooking.

Years ago a young player of similar physique possessed great driving power off front and back foot, but also had a weakness in hooking. He decided to cut the shot right out and still managed to get a few runs. The name was Walter Hammond.

My guess is that a few shrewd people such as Bradman, Fingleton and Co. will help O'Neill to sort things out.

Only 14 'centurions'

Of all the hundreds of players in first-class cricket since the beginnings, there are just 14 who have made a century of centuries. This illustrious list reads:

Hobbs (197), Hendren (170), Hammond (167), Mead (153), Sutcliffe (149), Woolley (145), Grace (126), Bradman (117), Sandham (107), Hayward (104), E. Tyldesley (102), Ames, Hutton and Compton. Most of them took the greater part of their careers to reach the coveted 100 centuries. At Perth recently, Peter May recorded his 72nd first-class century—and he is not yet 30 years old.



NORMAN O'NEILL

Preston North End report a net profit of £5,673 on last season's working. Receipts were up by £16,765 to a record figure of £85,333.

Oldham Junior Rugby League Notes WATERHEAD WERE IN GREAT FORM

AT Royton Junction on Saturday Waterhead gained a great victory by defeating Higginshaw by 25 points to 10. Playing up the hill in the first half, they took full advantage of the mistakes made by Higginshaw and had a 15-4 lead at half-time.

Cheetham opened the scoring with a penalty goal for Higginshaw. From the kick-out Waterhead took play into the home "25" and from play-the-ball Ogden cut through the defence to score a clever try near the corner flag. Waterhead increased their lead when Heywood landed a penalty goal.

The visitors were doing nearly all the attacking, but Higginshaw were the next to score when Cheetham kicked a penalty goal. Back came Waterhead with a further penalty goal by Heywood which was followed with a very clever try by Walsh. An Higginshaw player dropped the ball and Walsh nipped in to score under the post. Heywood added the goal points. Leading by 12 points to 4 Waterhead were well on top and just before half-time they struck again with another snap try by Geoghan.

In the second half, Waterhead had the advantage of the slope and drove home with two further smart tries by Geoghan and Rennie. Heywood added the goal points. Higginshaw next clicked into something like their old form and Corr scored cleverly. With only a few minutes to play and with Waterhead on the attack, Molloy broke away from his

own "25" and sent Pemberton racing up the wing. When challenged he passed inside to Turner who scored a brilliant try.

Another great game was seen at Heyside, where Royton entertained Egerton in a fast, thrilling encounter. Although Royton did most of the attacking and provided the thrills Egerton took advantage of mistakes and ran out winners by 16 points to 8. The tackling by Egerton was the main factor; it knocked Royton off their game. Scorers for Egerton were Chadderton and Hanley tries and five goals by Chadderton. For Royton A. Read scored two tries and Flynn kicked a goal.

St. Mary's received Avros at Moss Fields and the first half was very even, but in the second half the visitors tired and St. Mary's ran up the points. Of the eight tries scored by them only one was scored by a forward which goes to show how the Saints let the ball go out to the backs. Johnson (2), Ashworth (2), Lodan, Murray, R. Kenny and Pemberton scored tries and Hopwood kicked four goals for St. Mary's. The scorer for Avro was Lawton with a try and a goal.

A closely-contested game was seen at Greenfield where Saddleworth Rangers and Ferranti had a 14-14 draw. Saddleworth were soon in the lead, due to good work by their forwards, coupled with

good backing up. Evens on the Ranger's right wing was in grand form. Good tackling by the Ferranti defence prevented Rangers from scoring on several occasions. In the second half Saddleworth showed their lack of training and gradually lost the initiative. It was only their keen tackling that held the Ferranti attack until first Attersall then Barnes scored tries, Attersall adding the goal points to one of these.

J. Bamford, Ferguson, Evens and Leeming scored tries for Saddleworth and Leeming kicked a goal, while for Ferranti Attersall and Barnes scored tries, and Attersall kicked four goals.

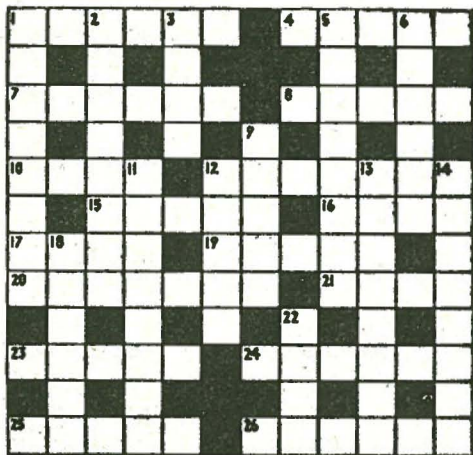
The Langworthy Juniors v. Spotland Rangers fixture was somewhat of a disappointing match due to loss of tempers by both sides. Langworthy ran out winners by 36 points to 2. Over at Swinton, St. Annes drew with Swinton Juniors, 7 points each.

Due to the Rochdale League being unable to fix a ground for the Intermediate Inter-Town match with the Oldham League the venue will be switched to Oldham and an effort will be made to play this game on a Sunday.

Fixtures for Saturday next (kick-off 2-30): Langworthy Juniors v. Egerton; Spotland Rangers v. St. Anne's (J. Heap); Ferranti v. A. V. Roe (J. W. Cain); Royton v. Waterhead (H. Shaw); Saddleworth Rangers v. Salford Juniors (S. Shepherd); Swinton Juniors v. St. Mary's. Intermediate League: Langworthy Juniors v. Broadwater; Hopwood v. Salford Juniors; Swinton Juniors v. Ferranti; Polly Lane v. Spotland Rangers; St. Anne's v. Greenacres (R. Bunting).

CROSSWORD No. 1631

- ACROSS
- Soldiers, when old! (6).
 - Blacklegs (5).
 - Two roughfare for exploring? (6).
 - Residence for the sick in Virginia? (5).
 - Swallow (4).
 - Represent as similar (7).
 - Overhanging roof-edge (5).
 - Black (4).
 - It floats in the water after a wreck (4).
 - Brings up (5).
 - Colonist who pays? (7).
 - Go up in the air (4).
 - Couples in Paris (5).
 - Time of the Fall (6).
 - Untidy (6).
 - La. She's some all operative! (6).



- DOWN
- The unfortunate horse has them, he does (8).
 - Sinister-looking command (4, 4).
 - All in France seek custom (4).
 - Might the barber be all at sea with these? (5).
 - Dance-jacket (6).
 - A model difficulty?—(5).
 - and here are the models! (5).
 - Corn goddess (5).
 - Unqualified (5).
 - The way in to charm (8).
 - Charge with gas (6).
 - Odessa has an impossible gate! (4).

YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION.—Across: 3, Crackers. 8, Unique. 9, Barbecue. 11, Presides. 12, Crop. 13, Album. 18, Basel. 19, Sour. 22, Diligent. 24, Upper cut. 25, Reader. 26, Scrapped. Down: 1, Dumps. 2, Piper. 3, Cubic-le. 4, Read. 5, Cubs. 6, Encore. 7, Sleep. 10, Remus. 14, Basic. 15, Merited. 16, Issues. 17, Supper. 20, Bends. 21, Stern. 22, Drop. 23, Lure.

BENDIX ON ITV SHOW

Famous boxer now appears as minister

WILLIAM BENDIX, craggy-faced veteran of nearly 60 Hollywood films, is a special guest in the "Bob Monkhouse Show" on ITV tonight. He is one of Hollywood's least spectacular but most likable stars so far as his private life is concerned. And he never thought of becoming an actor until the big depression of the 1930s forced him out of his grocery business.

Bendix is in this country to make his first British film, "Idle on Parade," in which he plays an Irish sergeant-major.

Dickie Valentine is another guest, and Joan Savage and Alexander Gauge are also booked to appear.

NORMAN EVANS has a full hour for his BBC show tonight, and he brings in two young men from Cuba who will be making their British debut.

They are Les Domenchs, whose balancing act has brought them acclaim in France, and they are flying from Paris to Manchester specially for the show.

Brendan O'Dowda, the Irish tenor, and Norman Evans's attractive daughter, Norma, are the main singers.

BOTH networks resort to film for the later evening entertainment. The BBC is doing "The Racket" (Robert Mitchum and Lizbeth Scott) and ABC is presenting "The Letter," which stars Bette Davis and Herbert Marshall.

REMEMBER Henry Armstrong? He was the man who held the world light, feather and welter-weight titles simultaneously. Henry has been out of the fight business since 1945 and tomorrow evening he appears before a British ITV audience in his new role as a Baptist minister.

He is in a tele-recorded version of "Your Life." The producer was only able to secure him because the aircraft in which he was to go back home after a brief visit for another programme, was delayed by fog. Henry filled in the time doing the programme.

TO the doss-house goes the BBC tomorrow night. Not literally, but merely for the setting for the Sunday play, which is "THE LOWER DEPTHS"—said to be the greatest Maxim Gorki ever wrote.

Professional tramps are the heroes—if that is the right word—of this play, and it is a brilliant study of human character. Some of the scenes are intensely funny; others may move you to tears.

Don't just say, "Oh, it's a Russian period play" and switch off. This is a vivid slice of a kind of low life which might be glimpsed in any country, at any time.

It has a strong cast, including Leo McKern, Wilfrid Lawson and Miriam Karlin.

WHEN a woman crime writer, hunting for material, is asked if she will murder a man who is tired of life, she lends herself to the task with enthusiasm. Such is the plot of "Please Murder Me," which ABC is to put on tomorrow night.

The man who wants to be killed is wealthy, but so fat that he dare not eat and women won't look at him, except in derision. So, lacking the courage to commit suicide, he puts his request to the novelist.

Eric Pohlmann, who has played two sinister roles for ABC (in "Trial by Candlelight" and "Woman in White") is the fat man, and Beryl Measor is the novelist. She did 700 performances as Madame Arcati in "Blithe Spirit."

Beauty parlour colour-bar

Residents of Salvador are indignant over news that a local beauty parlour refused to service a coloured dancer, Maria da Conceicao Sabina, a member of the Brasileira troupe which recently returned from a tour of Europe.

- BBC**
 - 6 0: News, Weather.
 - 6 5: Six-Five Special.
 - 7 5: Boots and Saddles.
 - 7 30: Dixon of Dock Green.
 - 8 0: Make Yourself at Home.
 - 9 0: News.
 - 9 5: The Racket (film).
 - 10 30: Sports Special.
 - 11 0: News.
 - 11 5: Australian Walkabout.
- ABC**
 - 5 40: Sports Results and News.
 - 6 0: Oh Boy!
 - 6 30: Mary Britten, M.D.
 - 7 0: Cheyenne.
 - 7 55: Saturday Spectacular.
 - 8 55: News.
 - 9 0: Medic.
 - 9 30: The Letter (film).
 - 11 10: OSS.
 - 11 40: News.
 - 11 45: Epilogue.
- HOME—434 metres**
 - 6 0: News.
 - 6 15: Northern News.
 - 6 20: Sport.
 - 6 55: Those Were the Days.
 - 7 15: The Week in Westminster.
 - 7 30: In Town Tonight.
 - 8 0: Variety Playhouse.
 - 9 0: News.
 - 9 15: The Celebrated Mr. Barrington (play).
 - 10 45: Lighten Our Darkness.
 - 11 0: News.
 - 11 6: Music at Night.
- LIGHT—1,500 and 247 metres**
 - 6 0: Guitar Club.
 - 6 30: Just Jazz.
 - 7 0: Radio Newsreel.
 - 7 25: Association Football.
 - 7 30: Saturday Night on the Light.

and Tomorrow

- BBC**
 - 11 15: Service.
 - 1 0: Sul i Sul.
 - 1 5: Cefndir.
 - 2 0: Farming.
 - 2 35: News Review.
 - 3 5: I Married Joan.
 - 3 30: Concert.
 - 4 15: Brains Trust.
 - 5 0: Children.
 - 6 5: Sunday Special.
 - 7 0: Meeting Point.
 - 7 25: News.
 - 7 30: What's My Line?
 - 8 0: Steve Allen Show.
 - 8 45: Theatre.
 - 10 30: News.
 - 10 35: Max Jaffa.
- ABC**
 - 11 15: Church.
 - 1 30: Motor-cycle Scramble.
 - 2 35: Weather.
 - 2 36: The Book Man.
 - 3 0: Maverick.
 - 4 0: Time Out for Peggy.
 - 4 30: Bid for Fame.
 - 5 15: Robin Hood.
 - 5 45: What's in Store.
 - 6 5: News.
 - 6 15: Land of Song.
 - 7 0: Living Your Life.
 - 7 25: News.
 - 7 30: M Squad.
 - 8 0: London Palladium.
 - 9 0: News.
 - 9 5: Dotto.
 - 9 35: African Patrol.
 - 10 5: Please Murder Me.
 - 11 10: After Hours.
- HOME — 434 metres**
 - 8 10: Programmes.
 - 8 18: British Melody.
 - 9 0: Tommy Trinder introduces
 - 8 55: Weather.
 - 9 0: News.
 - 9 10: Home for the Day.
 - 9 45: Service.
 - 10 30: Music Magazine.
 - 11 20: Your Concert Choice.
 - 12 10: The Critics.
 - 12 55: Weather.
 - 1 0: News.
 - 1 10: Country Questions.
 - 1 40: Opera a la Carte.
 - 2 0: Gardeners' Question Time.
 - 2 30: Symphony Concert.
 - 3 15: See You Round the Bend.
 - 3 30: Concert (Part 2).
 - 4 15: Can I Help You?
 - 4 30: Talking About Music.
 - 5 0: Children.
 - 5 50: Money Matters.
 - 5 55: Weather.
 - 6 0: News.
 - 6 15: Radio Newsreel.
 - 6 45: Grand Hotel.
 - 7 30: Letter from America.
 - 7 45: The Way of Life.
 - 8 25: Week's Good Cause.
 - 8 30: Anna Karenina.
 - 9 0: News.
 - 9 15: Reith Lecture by Professor A. C. B. Lovell.
 - 9 45: Andrea Chenier.
- THIRD—464 and 194 metres**
 - 4 0: Background to Music.
 - 4 30: World of Books.
 - 5 0: Record Review.
 - 5 45: Bridge Forum.
 - 6 0: The Enchantress.
 - 7 15: An Artist as Teacher.
 - 7 35: The Creation of the Animals.
 - 8 0: Saturday Concert.
 - 8 40: German Reunification without Disengagement.
 - 9 0: Saturday Concert.
 - 9 45: The Iliad.
 - 10 30: English Music for Viols.
- LUXEMBURG—208 metres**
 - 6 0: Non-Stop Pops.
 - 6 30: Requests.
 - 7 30: Ranch-House Serenade.
 - 8 0: Jamboree.
 - 9 45: Mario Lanza Sings.
 - 10 0: Irish Requests.
 - 10 30: Spin with the Stars.
 - 11 0: Bringing Christ to the Nations.
 - 11 30: Record Roundup.
- AFN—344 metres**
 - 6 0: News.
 - 6 5: Music in the Air.
 - 7 0: News.
 - 7 5: Grand Ole Opry.
 - 7 30: Jim Reeves.
 - 8 0: News.
 - 8 5: America's Popular Music.
 - 9 0: News.
 - 9 5: Dixie Beat.
 - 9 30: Fiesta.
 - 9 55: Sports Night Cap.
 - 10 0: News.
 - 10 5: Requests.
 - 11 0: News.
 - 11 5: Requests.
- LIGHT — 1,500 metres**
 - 9 0: Silver Chords.
 - 9 30: Sequence of Music.
 - 9 45: Archers.
 - 10 30: Simple Melody.
 - 11 0: Have a Go.
 - 11 30: Service.
 - 12 0: Two-way Family Favourites.
 - 1 15: Billy Cotton Band Show.
 - 1 45: Educating Archie.
 - 2 15: Ray's a Laugh.
 - 2 45: Movie-Go-Round.
 - 3 30: Melody Hour.
 - 4 30: The Mystery of a Hansom Cab (serial).
 - 5 0: Alma Cogan.
 - 5 30: The Flying Doctor.
 - 6 0: Sing it Again!
 - 6 30: Al Read Show.
 - 7 0: Mr. Bentley and Mr. Braden.
 - 7 30: News.
 - 7 35: Just for You.
 - 8 30: Sunday Half-Hour.
 - 9 0: Tommy Trinder introduces London Lights.
 - 10 0: Semprind Serenade.
 - 10 30: News.
 - 10 40: Pete Murray.
 - 11 30: Moon-glow.
 - 11 50: The End of the Day.
- THIRD — 464 metres**
 - 5 0: Moderato Cantabile.
 - 6 20: Twentieth-century String Quartets.
 - 7 5: Italian Renaissance.
 - 7 55: Choral and Orchestral Concert.
 - 8 30: Is Metaphysics Obsolete?
 - 8 50: Concert (Part 2).
 - 10 0: The Poet's Voice.
 - 10 25: Harp Recital.
- LUXEMBURG — 208 metres**
 - 6 0: Beaver Club.
 - 6 15: Tommy Trinder.
 - 6 45: Accordion Time.
 - 7 0: Liberace.
 - 7 30: Sinatra.
 - 7 45: Winifred Atwell Show.
 - 8 0: Opportunity Knocks.
 - 8 30: Take Your Pick.
 - 9 0: Ward Sister.
 - 9 30: This I believe.
 - 10 0: Record Rendezvous.
 - 10 30: Chris Barber Show.
 - 11 0: Top Twenty.
- AFN — 344 metres**
 - 6 0: News.
 - 6 5: Biographies in Sound.
 - 7 0: News.
 - 7 5: People Are Funny.
 - 7 30: Easy as ABC.
 - 8 0: News.
 - 8 5: AFN Playhouse.
 - 9 0: News and Sport.
 - 9 15: Mitch Miller.
 - 9 45: Strange.
 - 10 0: News.
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BEDDIFORD—On Nov. 14 (in hospital), and of 28 Fairfield Avenue, Cheadle Hulme, Cheshire (late of Royton), Mary Ann, the dearly loved mother of Marjorie and Alan. Service at Cheadle Parish Church at 12-30 p.m. on Tues., Nov. 18, prior to interment at St. Matthew's Church, Chadderton, at 2 p.m. Inquiries to Ben Lloyd (Funeral Directors) Ltd. (Tel. Hulme Hall 135 or 377).
THOMAS—On Nov. 12 (in hospital), and of 193 West Street, Herbert, aged 60 years, the dearly loved husband of Doris Thomas. After long suffering patiently borne. Cremation Oldham Crematorium, Monday 11 a.m. Inquiries O.I.C.S. Ltd. (MAI 2807).
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