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CITY GET THREE

IN 33 MIN.

MANCHESTER CITY discarded

their deep centre-forward plans for the visit of Birmingham at Maine Road today, and it quickly brought dividends.

two men before sending along the right to McAdams whose low cross

was tapped home by HAYES to give

City the lead.

The game was full of incidents and after 22 minutes Gordon, the Birmingham inside-right attempted

a pass back to Merrick, and HAYES,

in an off-side position, promptly flashed the ball past Merrick for

City's second goal.

In the 33rd minute McAdams sent in a stinging drive which Merrick

could only parry down and BARLOW rammed home City's

Half-time: Manchester City 3 Birmingham 0

City were soon back on the attack

and McAdams laid on an ideal pass to Barlow, whose first-time shot was

finger-tipped round the post by

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of scoring for Birmingham.

Larkin missed three easy chances

third goal.

After seven minutes Barnes beat

OLDIFIAMILO.

Football Results

ATHLETIC 1 BRADFORD 0 ST. HELENS 5 OLDHAM 3 0— 6 HORNETS 2 4—16 BATLEY 2 0— 4 DONCASTER ROVERS 1 ROCHDALE 1

DIVISION ONE Nottingham Forest 3, Newcastle 0

> * * * DIVISION TWO

Barnsley 1, Middlesbrough 0 Brighton 3, Fulham 0. Bristol Rovers 1, Ipswich 1. Cardiff 1, Bristol City 0 Charlton 2, Huddersfield 1. Lincoln 0, Sheffield W. 1. Swansca 4, Derby 4.

DIVISION THREE

Bournemouth 1, Colchester 1. Halifax 0, Accrington 2. Mansfield 1, Hull 1. Southend 3, Stockport 1 Wrexham 3, Chesterfield 4

DIVISION FOUR

Barrow 2, York 3 Chester 0, Millwall 0 Darlington 3, Hartlepools 1 Exeter 3, Crewe 0 Northampton 4, Gillingham 2 Torquay 1. Coventry 1

SCOTTISH LEAGUE (Division One)

Celtic 3, Clyde 1.
Dundee 3, Falkirk 2.
Dunfermline 3, Hearts 3.
Stirling A. 2, Raith 1
St. Mirren 1, Queen of South 1.
Third Lanark 2, Rangers 3.

* * * SCOTTISH LEAGUE (Division Two)

Arbroath 3, Montrose 0. Ayr 4, Strangaer 4. Brechin 3, Forfar 3 E. Stirlingshire 1, Dundee United 1 Hamilton 0, Cowdenbeath 0 Stenhousemuir 3, Queen's Park 2. St. Johnstone 2, Berwick 0

RUGBY LEAGUE

Bramley 9, Liverpool C. 8. Bramley 9, Liverpool C. 8.
Dewsbury 3, Keighley 13.
Featherstone R. 9, Hull 5.
Huddersfield 6, Bradford N. 31.
Hull K.R. 5, Widnes 21.
Hunslet 19, Workington T. 12.
Leigh 15, Wigan 25.
Salford 19, Barrow 10. Wakefield Trinity 9, Halifax 18. Warrington 5, Swinton 15. Whitehaven 8, Leeds 0 York 16, Castleford 7.

OTHER MATCHES

Swindon 3, SSV Reutlingen (Germany) 0.

EFEAT without any arguments was Oldham's lot at St. Helens today. Although they held the Saints during the first half, and were only 7-4 down at the interval, they cracked afterwards and were outplayed to a final score of 22-6. At Boundary Park, Athletic won by the only goal in a match of some staggering misses played under atrocious conditions.

Huddart proved a real matchwin

the game at St. Helens. Vin Nestor played on the right wing and Peter Goddard was the hooker. Also out of the side was Sid Little who was replaced by Des McKeown. Geoff Kelly returned

ST. HELENS: Moses; Van Vollenhoven, Greenall, Smith, Prinsloo; Rhodes, Murphy; Terry, Rose, Briggs, Huddart, D Karalius, V Karalius.

Oldham won the toss and played with a strong wind at their backs. Winslade took the ball from a kick-

Winslade took the ball from a kickoff and passed for Pitchford to kick
into the St. Helens quarter.
St. Helens took the ball and held
it for a spell, but they could not
break out. Play was stopped while
Vincent Karalius received the
trainer's attention.
Oldham won the scrum and
Pitchford broke through to send
Kelly close to the line. Winslade
was keeping up the pressure when
St. Helens were penalised for off-St. Helens were penalised for off-

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St. Helens were in trouble again from a kick-out and Briggs was cautioned following a tackle on Winslade. Ganley used the penalty chance to find touch.

The Saints won the scrum but

Play moved back into the St. Helens quarter, where it was held up while Rowbottom was cautioned

A minute later St. Helens were

Oldham were piling the pressure on the St. Helens line and, led by Pitchford, both Kelly and Turner went within a yard of scoring, but this advantage was lost when Goddard tried a dive from a playthe-ball and was held. St. Helens

After Vollenhoven had almost got free he was brought back for a forward pass. St. Helens were penalised at the scrum and Canley tried for a 55-yard goal but sent

After a long spell of defending, Oldham finally got the ball from a St. Helens mistake. Davies tried a break on the right and from him the ball went to the left, but Ayres

could not hold the pass.

Two minutes later Ayres was in the play again. He baffled the defence but Etty was unable to take his attempted inside pass. In the 32nd minute and following a mistake by D. Karalius, Pitchford comwith Winslade

Huddart made a flying tackle, Continued on Back Page

20 yards and opened Oldham's score with a goal.

again play was stopped while the referee took the name of Rowbottom and V. Karalius.

Saved by Davies

A great thrust by Dennis Karalius took St. Helens from their own quarter up to the line. Davies just got a hand to him from behind and the Saints' man lost the ball as

Play stayed on Oldham's line, where from a scrum a minute later, MURPHY shot through for a try. RHODES kicked the goal.

for a tackle on Vollenhoven.

penalised for off-side at a scrum. From 30 yards Ganley failed with the goal kick.

won the resultant scrum.

Now St. Helens, back in Oldham's half, twice were awarded penalties for off-side. The second time Rhodes tried for goal but his effort went wide.

McKeown over the halfway line.

to the second row.

OLDHAM: Ganley; Nestor, Davies, Ayres, Etty; Kellett, Pitchford; Row-bottom, Goddard, McKeown, Kelly, Wins-lade, Turner. Referee: Mr. A. E. Durkin (Dewsbury).

GANLEY was brought up from

Bundle' goal gives w to Athletic

INJURED in yesterday's clash at Park Avenue, Athletic's new signing, Ray John, cried off with an injured foot. Peter Stringfellow made his League debut. A further change in the side saw Kenny Chaytor at outside-right.

ATHLETIC: Teece: Naylor, Taylor; Hobson, Murphy, Hall; Chaytor, Robinson, Duffy, Stringfellow, Phoentx.

BEADFORD: Routledge; Suddards, Lawton; Brims, Williams, Dean; Devlin, Atkinson, Dick, Ward, Byrom.

Referee: Mr. E. R. Hill (Chester).

Conditions were almost near impossible on the waterlogged pitch, and both goalkeepers had a couple of shaky moments. Twice Teece collected at the second attempt as Bradford swept into the attack, and then Routledge was lucky to collect a chip inside by Chaytor.

Athletic were playing against a strong wind, and as they swept into the attack again Routledge dropped a Phoenix header but fell on the ball to gather safely.

Under these conditions it was soon obvious that there would be little Stringfellow through well and with an accidental hands Williams turned his shot behind for a corner.

Bardsley 1, Chloride

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the area. A skirmish in the Athletic penalty area saw Taylor receive attention from the trainer; as he resumed, Phoenix broke away with a spirited run down the left but are in lest control. again lost control.

It was real hit and miss football with the players skating all over the place. When Dick ran on to a long through ball, Murphy coolly intercepted to put it out of danger.

A grand run by Bradford's new signing, Ray Byrom, left Naylor and Hobson sprawling in the mud, but from just inside the area he ballooned his shot over the top. A Stringfellow header almost put Robinson through but Dean came across and whipped the ball away at the last minute.

Stringfellow was in the picture again as he beat three men and tried to find Phoenix, only for his final pass to stick in the mud. Hobson then pushed Robinson through but a two-man tackle halted the inside man ten yards out. Despite the strong wind against

them, Athletic were generally on Then Duffy and Stringfellow top, and another fine run from Stringfellow almost saw them take he skidded and lost control just in the lead. Cutting in from the right

after receiving from Hobson, he let loose a stinging shot which struck Williams and flew inches outside. Then there was another let-off

as Phoenix flicked a header inside to Duffy. Before it reached the Athletic leader, Williams again deflected the ball right into Rout-ledge's hands. With the ground comditions worsening every minute, the players were still skating about and Routledge slid right across his goalmouth to hold yet another deflec-tion at the foot of the post.

A Chaytor corner-kick dropped right at Phoenix's feet, but from 10 yards the winger blasted well wide. Then, after he had been fed by Stringfellow, Athletic's outside-left did crack in a shot from the wing, but Routledge went down well to smother the ball.

In an isolated Bradford raid, Taylor was forced to concede a corner as Dick darted through. Athletic's skipper almost turned the ball into his own net—but it rolled just a couple of inches outside the post.

Half-time--ATHLETIC **BRADFORD** 0

Both sides earned a generous round of applause for the way they had set about their task on the quagmire. Generally speaking, Athletic had been on top with the young forwards working tirelessly-especially Stringfellow, who we the star of the Athletic line.

Robinson tried his luck with a curling shot on the turn after

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OUR CUSTOMERS AND FRIENDS WE EXTEND OUR **BEST WISHES** FOR A HAPPY AND **PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR**

St. Mary's 5, Townfield 0; St. Cuthbert's Res. St. Cuthbert's 3.

Manchester City 4, Birmingham 1. Þ Aston Villa 0, Manchester Leeds 0, West Brom A. Chelsea 0, Blackburn DIVISION Burnley 3, Leicester Bolton 0, Everton

Sheffield United 2, Grimsby Sunderland 3, Scunthorpe Bradford 4, Notts County Southampton 3, Newport Wolves 7, Portsmouth 0 Reading 3, Norwich Tranmere 4, Bury 0

Partick Thistle 4, Motherwell 0. Crystal Palace 4, Aldershot Hibernian 4, Kilmarnock DIVISION IV SCOTTISH LEAGUE Airdrie 2, Aberdeen Watford 1, Walsall

SCOTTISH LEAGUE Dumbarton 1, Alloa 1.

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Plymouth 8-15 KICK-OFFS Workington 0, Carlisle 1. Stoke 3, Leyton Orient 2. Queens Park Rangers v Liverpool v Rotherham Stoke v Leyton Orient Workington v Carlisle East Fife 5, Albion 1.

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Rochdale Athletic's cup HAGGATE LOSE THE FINAL

ROCHDALE ATHLETIC won the Rochdale Amateur League's Benevolent Cup for the third time in four seasons when, on Christmas morning, they defeated Haggate Lads by four goals to one on the ground of A. and A. Crompton's, at Shaw.

Athletic were the superior team and won because they took their chances.

They opened the score after five minutes through Diggle and in-creased it 20 minutes later through Barlow. After 30 minutes' play Haggate reduced the arrears with a goal by Greaves and half-time arrived with the score 2—1 in favour of Athletic.

After ten minutes play in the second half Barlow had scored twice to complete the scoring, although Hanlon later saved a twice-taken penalty kick awarded to Haggate Lads. The pick of the two teams was Barlow, who played an exceptionally good game. In addition, Bamford, Walker and Diggle shone for the winners, while Haggate's best were Greaves, Harris and Moores. Moores.

After the game the cup was presented to H. Bamford, the Athletic captain, by Mr. R. Shackleton, the league president.

Results of last Saturday's games. Halifax Cup, 3rd Round: Walsden AFC 5, Mytholmroyd FC 0.
First Division: Industry FC 0, Railway Street 3, Turner Brothers 1, Boots Social 4. Gravelhole 0, Haggate Lads 5. A. & A. Crompton 1, Rochdale Athletic 9. Heymain Recs. 5, Tudor Rose 9.
Second Division: Dunlop SC 4.

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Last week's results (crib in brackets):
White House 3 (4), Prince of Wales (S)
4 (3); Halfway House 6 (6), Junction
1 (1); Hartford 4 (3), Prince of Wales
(B) 3 (4).



Springhead County Mixed

Springhead County Mixed School first eleven, area champions in the "Champion School of Lancashire" trophy.

Back row (left to right): K. Jagger, F. Ward, F. Haigh, K. Mills, D. Siddall, P. Cox, Mr. W. Garratt, and R. Smith. Seated: R. Jones, R. Lees, F. Lee, T. Fogarty (captain), M. Formstone, D. Schofield and D. Schofield. E. Stockton, who also played, was not available also played, was not available for the picture.

Oldham area Champion school

Springhead fought back to win

The final of the Oldham area Champion School of Lancashire Champion School of Lancashire trophy was played at Greenhill sports field between Hollins Secondary Modern and Springhead County Mixed. The condition of the ground was against really good football, but Hollins were soon a goal ahead following some neat interpassing.

An equaliser by Haigh, of Springhead, the result of a lone raid, was soon nullified by Hollins, who took advantage of a poor pass-back to goalkeeper Mills. In spite of numerous raids on their goal, Springhead managed to keep Hollins down to this one goal lead up to the interval.

up to the interval.

On the resumption, Springhead took heart with the slight wind and slope in their favour and the game took on an even aspect. A penalty was missed by Hollins, and Springhead immediately took the lead through Fogerty, who plodded after a long pull down the middle and avoided last-ditch tackies by Hollins defenders to press home the goal.

The same player repeated this manoeuvre twice more and the defence held out manfully against the Hollins attack, which never ceased in attempts to save the game. This cleanly-fought game was excellently controlled by Mr. Collier,

Emilio Marconi (Italy) won the vacant European welterweight boxing title in Milan last night when he outpointed Jacques Herbillon

ROCHDALE SS LEAGUE

Leading Positions

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St. Gabriel's	13	8	3	2	53	14	18	
Cutgate Bapts	14	8	4	2	51	33	18	
St. Aidan's Res	14	7	4	3	47	48	17	
Milnrow Par	10	7	2	1	50	26	15	
St. Patrick's	11.		4	0	41	35	- 14	
St. Peter's	14	6	6	2	46	43	14	
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Littleboro' Par	13	12	1	0	69	17	24	
Shawforth	14	11	3	0	87	42	22	
YMCA Old Boys	15	9	4	2	67	41	20	
Bright's	13	9	34354	1	55	29	19	
Norden YCOB	14	9	5	0	72	41	18	
Milnrow Par	12	8	4	0	46	38	16	
Whittle's	14	6	5 7	3	38	38	15	
Sacred Heart	14	6	7	1	53	46	13	

TWO GOALS BY **DEAN DECIDED**

Lancashire inter-town competition; Rochdale 0 0-0, Oldham

THE ground at Firgrove was in a shocking condition, ankle deep in mud and water, and great credit must be given to the teams for the way they battled through

for the way they battled through this bog.

The sides were well matched and tried to open out the game on every occasion. Had the going been in decent condition this would have been a great game. Byrom, the Oldham full-back played a very sound game, saving his line on several occasion by going down to smother the ball. Both sides missed scoring chances through the slippery state of the ball.

Dean gave Oldham the lead with a goal after 10 minutes, and increased it by another goal after 30 minutes.

30 minutes.

This was the whole of the scoring, and Oldham pass into the second round for the first time since this competition started.

Oldham SS and Institutes Billiards League

STRUGGLE FOR LEAGUE TITLE HOTS UP

S a result of last week's A matches, the struggle for the leadership of the first division became more intense, Deaf Institute losing ground when narrowly defeated after an exciting match, by three points when visiting Waterhead.

OICS maintained their challenge OICS maintained their challenge by defeating visitors Greenacres by 49 points due to a good win by H. Cutler (100—29) and Heyside also keep in the running by an easy home victory over J. Bright's by the big margin of 291 points, good wins coming from C. Martin (100—30), R. Fitton (100—32) and F. Frost (100—44).

Another easy victory occurred at St. Stephen's, where the home team defeated Healds Green by 179 points, getting off to a good start in the first two games with wins by C. Heginbottom (100—29) and

by C. Heginbottom (100—29) and J. Clarke (100—16).

A close game resulted from the meeting of Bardley and Westwood, when visitors Westwood won by 19 points, thanks to E. Rothwell (100—29) win. A rther surprise result was the home defeat of OCPT by St. Mark's, who won five of the six games and the match by 123 points. 123 points.

In the second division, Healds Green could not overcome the handicap of 40 points they had to concede, and lost by this margin to visitors St. Stephen's. Deaf Institute had a comfortable home victory over Waterhead, good wins coming from H. Travis (100—40) and L. Reece (100—40)

and L. Reece (100—40).

St. Ambrose, with wins by H. Garnett (100—41) and S. Dex (100—46) coasted to an easy victory when visiting Honeywell Lane.

Greenacres had an easy home win over OICS, the final margin being 123 points. A rather unexpected result was at Westwood, where visiteors Bardsley won by 116 points.

In the third division, St. Mark's followed up their first win of last week by visiting J. Bright's and emerging victors by 27 points, the decisive factor being S. Bentley's (75—9) win.

Deaf Institute continued their undefeated run with an away victory over OICS, good wins coming from J. Creighton (75—33) and D. Dyson (75—37). A close game at Bardsley saw the home team emerge victors over Green-acres by the narrow margin of 14 points, G. Kay's 75—27 win being decisive. In the remaining match St. Ambrose overcame Chamber Mill by 32 points.

The knock-out competition and individual handicap have now started and teams and players are asked to note that all first-round games are to be completed and results in the secretary's hands by January 10.

Best wishes and se greetings to all our members. season's FIRST DIVISION

Waterhead Church (rec. 100) 690, Deaf Institute (rec. 120) 687, Waterhead scores first: F Hanson 98, R Tideswell 100; H Taylor 100, N Ferguson 71; L Kenworthy 100, F Foulds 97; J Sykes 95, W Collingwood 100; E Hanson 100, W Ebden 99; F Lees 97,

100; E Hanson 100, W Ebden 99; F Lees 97, N C Dyson 100.
OICS (rec. 40) 609, Greenacres Congl. (rec. 120) 560. OICS scores first: T Everett 91, A Whitworth 100; H Cutler 100, R Cheetham 20; W Dyson 100, W Ratcliffe 52; J Hall 100, E Schoffeld 84; J Boocock 78, N Lamb 100; J Long 100, H Locke 75.

Heyside (rec. 160) 752, J Bright's (rec. 100) 461. Heyside scores first: F Benson 95, J Adams 100; F Frost 100, H Newton 44; W Danson 100, P North 62; C Martin 100, A Collinson 23; R Fitton 100, E Taylor 32; J Lees 97, S Dunkerley 100.

St. Stephen's (rec. 130) 613, Healds Green (rec. 40) 434. St. Stephen's scores first: J Clarke 100, W Needham 16; C Heginbottom 100, F Meilor 29; R Higham 100, A Brereton 52; R Littleford 49, M Dean 100; J Stott 100, H Sutcliffe 97; J Hollingworth 34, A Cropper 100.

Bardsley Institute (rec. 100) 569, Westwood (rec. 100) 588. Bardsley scores first: G Smith 67, F Clarke 100; F Buckley 29, E Rothwell 100; A Penny 100, D Prestwich 64; J T Hague 100, W Shaw 45; E Thomas 73. S Jackson 100; E Hibbert 100, E Sutton 79. Whist: Bardsley 45, Westwood 40.

Passenger Transport (rec. 50) 522, St. Mark's (rec. 100) 645. Passenger Transport scores first: J Mawdesley 43, T Greaves 100; J Raynor 100, N Gill 45; H Evans 64, G Sherwood 100; J Hatton 94, G Eyre 100; F Bolton 78, W Powell 100; W Connelly 93, C Moxley 100.

SECOND DIVISION

Healds Green (rec. 140) 655, St. Stephen's (rec. 180) 695. Healds Green scores first: F Dale 100, J Bottoms 53; R Chadwick 69, J Roach 100; H Hughes 100, J Hartley 71; J Poulter 74, H Jones 100; I Wolstencroft 72, K Roach 100; R K Chadwick 100, H Matthews 91.

J Poulter 74, H Jones 100; I Wolstencroft 72, K Roach 100; R K Chadwick 100, H Matthews 91,
Deaf Institute (rec. 180) 767, Waterhead Church (rec. 210) 617. Deaf scores first: H Travis 100, A Sedgewick 40; L Reece 100, T Bennett 40; H Pennington 100, J Lees 63; F Hargreaves 87, F Hanson, Jnr. 100; J Bannister 100, R Spence 72; J Etchells 100, Cockcroft 92.
Honeywell Lane (rec. 210) 638, St. Ambrose (rec. 170) 763. Honeywell Lane scores first: G Morris 92, B Taylor 100; R Cornwall 75, E Blomley 100; F Watte 100, A Furness 93; K Dunkerley 41, H Garnett 100; E Knaggs 74, E Jump 100; S Stewart 46, S Dex 100.
Greenacres Congl. (rec. 160) 725, OICS (rec. 90) 802. Greenacres scores first: J Ferriday 89, F Parks 100; B Taylor 100, N Taylor 69; J Crowder 100, H Vickers 94; R Crowder 86, F Torr 100; F Thorpe 100, E Bettersby 89; A E Baron 100, J Shaw 60.
Westwood Moravians (rec. 40) 573, Bardsley (rec. 160) 689. Westwood scores first: W Clarke 96, B Smith 100; W Prestwich 84, W Goddard 100; C Hall 100, W D Radcliffe 89; R Cropper 100, H Nield 22; J Ramsbottom 53, T Holliway 100; F Stott 100, S Clayton 48.

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John Bright's (rec. 120) 452, St. Mark's (rec. 50) 479. John Bright's scores first: F Howarth 49, I Buckley 75; S Garrett 75, G Southworth 71; N Delaney 75, P Murphy 61; C Stanton 49, P Hutchinson 75; S Needham 75, B Barker 72; W McGrath 9, S Bentley 75. Bardsley Institute (rec. 130) 498, Greenacres (rec. 150) 494. Bardsley scores first: J Thomason 56, R Ashton 75; G Kay 75, I Wroc 27; W Hannan 75, J Sykes 35; M Shaw 75, D Broadbent 47; J Hall 45, S Minshull 75; N Holt 42, G Aspinall 75. OIGS (rec. 50) 420, Deaf Institute (rec. 130) 498. OIGS scores first: B Singleton 75, J Finch 55; J Bradley 75, K Borman 71; J Thompson 75, M Howard 62; K Hussey 37, D Dyson 75; J Smith 33, J Creighton 75; A Walsh 75, F Buckley 30. St. Ambrose (rec. 120) 529, Chamber MIH (rec. 100) 497. St. Ambrose scores first: D Huttley 51, E Sharpe 75; T Wild 75, N Conway 59; F Wolstencroft 75, F Cadd 73; A Turner 75, H Shelmerdine 64; A Chester 58, F Giddens 75; J Turner 75, A Davies 51.

F Giddens 76; J Turner 75, A Davies 51.

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John Bright's "A'" 251, Westwood "B"

242. John Bright's scores first: S Dunkerley
69, J Ramsbottom 63; A Collinson 62, E
Sutton 60; J Moran 62, F Barnes 54; P Lees
53, R Cropper 65.

St. Stephen's 237, Healds Green 238. St.
Stephen's scores first: C Heginbottom 61, A
Cropper 44; J Clarke 53, F Mellor 67; R
Littleford 61, H Sutcliffe 54; H Mathews 62,
J Poulter 73.
Westwood "A" 216, John Bright's "B"
260. Westwood scores first: D Prestwich
48, W Costello 53; S Jackson 61, F Garside
60; C Scholes 52, D Andrews 96; C Hall 55,
J Birchall 51.

KNOCKOUT COMPETITION—First Round St. Stephen's (rec. 140) 611, Deaf Institute "A" (rec. 60) 571. St. Stephen's scores first: J Clarke 81, W Collingwood 100; C Heginbottom 98, R Tideswell 100; R Littleford 100, H Holt 38; J Stott 100, N Ferguson 73; R Higham 52, W Ebden 100; J Hollingworth 40, F Foulds 100.

Higham 62, W Enden 100; J Hollingworth 40, F Foulds 100.

Waterhead Church (rec. 60) 614, Heyslde (rec. 120) 565. Waterhead scores first: F Hanson 100, W Danson 62; H Taylor 92 R Fitton 100; L Kenworthy 100, C Martin 51; J Sykes 100, F Benson 69; J Coop 100, F Frost 63; E Hanson 62, J Lees 100.

Honeywell Lane (rec. 250) 512, Bardsley Institute (rec. 120) 720. Honeywell Lane scores first: R Cornwall 31, J Hague 100; F Waite 62, R Hibbert 100; K Brown 53, H Jackson 100; K Dunkerley 59, E Thomas 100; G Morris 23, A Penny 100; R Knaggs 34, F Buckley 100.



Oldham Continuation Rugby League team, who beat Rochdale in the Lancashire intertown competition. Back row (left to right): Mr. Mitchell (league secretary), McBride, Sharples, Whitworth, McHugh, Briscall, Dean, Byrom, Moorhouse (reserve). Front row: Heap, Goulding, Churm (captain), Isaacs, Gerrard, Oddie.

Even Teece's brillance couldn't save the points

HE Park Avenue supporters went out yesterday to cheer on Manager Galbraith's Christmas Captures Watty Dick and Ray Byrom—but at the end of this Boxing Day thriller their toast went to the "old warriors" Jock Buchannan and Whelan Ward.

It was tiny "Polly" Ward who stabbed the winner home just 15 seconds from the end to send the Bradford fans home highly delighted, but the man behind the dramatic victory was without doubt Jock Buchanan. His goal 15 minutes from time blotted out the early lead which Ray John had given Athletic, and it was he alone who inspired the Bradford forwards to stretch this group out of the fire

snatch this game out of the fire.
Time and again he led the Park
Avenue assault waves on the Athletic goal in the second half, and it

was no surprise that he finished the game with his ankle strapped up and sported a three-inch plaster on a gash over his left eye.

It was a match which really lived up to the Boxing Day tag and as he licked his wounds in the dressingroom afterward, Peter Phoenix completely summed it up with, "It was like a Cup tie out there."

Deserved a bonus

Certainly Athletic took a tre-mendous mauling in the second half and if one man deserved a winning bonus for his display it was goal-keeper Dave Teece. His brilliant display had both the Athletic and Bradford players applauding. In fact, with Teece in such fine form and Athletic doggedly holding a one-goal lead with only 15 minutes left to play, it looked as if the first away win points would be landed.

But the constant battering which the defence had taken had its effect. The Athletic forwards were but a shadow of the line which earned such glowing praise at York a week ago, and after the opening quarter they faded from the picture.

They were well on top in these opening minutes and when Ray John collected his first League goal in Athletic's colours in the 11th minute, Bradford were floundering. JOHN darting through the defence to take Bazley's through ball, from close range hammered a goal past the helpless Routledge. But gradually this far from clever

Bradford side took command. Athletic raids became more infrequent,
When they came, the Bradford
goals were each from a corner.

Over sea of heads

The first followed a mad scramble in the Athletic goalmouth with Ray John relieving the pressure as he toe-ended the ball away to give Joe Devlin a flag-kick. Over the ball sailed and as it was headed out, BUCHANAN was there to lob it over the sea of heads into the net.
The crack in the Athletic defence

had been found and it was "Field Marshal Buchanan" who led his men back again and again in the bid to snatch the winner. With the last seconds ticking away it seemed Athletic had salvaged a point—but then came that final dramatic touch. Just three yards out Buchanan got

his head to a perfect Devlin cross and the crowd were roaring "goal" as the ball sped for the corner. But, with a save-in-a-million, Teece launched himself right across the muddy goalmouth and finger-tipped the ball round the post.

For a split-second the crowd were

dumbfounded at the save—and then their roar of applause had just reached its climax as Buchanan again got his head to the ball. This time he flicked it to the size 4 boots of the diminuitive WARD, and before anyone had time to catch their breath, the winner was in the net.

It was a very disappointed Athletic who left Park Avenue half-anhour later—but they had only them-selves to blame. They began to back-pedal midway through the opening half and found themselves unable to change gear afterwards. The link between half-back line and inside-forward was missing, but, with Ray John nursing a bruised foot, this was not surprising.

BRADFORD: Routledge; Suddards, Bates; Brims, Dean, Atkinson; Devlin, Ward, Buchanan, Dick, Byrom.
ATHLETIC: Teece; Naylor, Taylor; Hobson, Murphy, Hall; Bazley, Robinson, Duffy, John, Phoenix.
Referee: Mr. J. S. Swain (Cleethorpes).
Attendance: 9,692.

Wainwright's goal won the game for Rochdale

GOOD DEFENCE A FEATURE OF RESERVES

Athletic Reserves 1, Chorley 1.
THERE was nothing much in the Reserves' Boxing Day game to make the supporters glad they had left their Christmas celebrations. For the most part, the football was scrappy, and although Reserves had slightly more of the play they could not grumble at sharing the points. not grumble at sharing the points.

For ten minutes after taking a 50th-minute lead, Reserves piled on the pressure to such an extent that it seemed more goals were sure to follow, but then Chorley equalised in a breaway and the visitors recovered just when it appeared they were wilting.

Chorley, however, were just a little fortunate to get that equaliser for their centre-forward, WATSON, looked to be offside when he gathered a down-the-middle pass. And that was one of the few occasions when the watertight Reserves' defence sprung a leak.

Good form

Coming in for Norris at the last minute, trialist Howie showed good form in goal, and with centre-half Johnny Booth, the experienced Ted West, and newcomber Harold Fish also giving nothing away, the Chorley attack had few chances to look dangerous.

In attack, most of Reserves' threats came from the wings, and it was from a centre by left-winger Ron Clark that centre-forward JOHNNY MARSH put the home

And Tommy Walker, on the right wing, was only inches from scoring the winner ten minutes from the end when he craftily lobbed a shot over the head of ex-Liverpool goalkeeper Ashcroft-and hit the cross-

Bill Spurdle continued to make progress in his fight-back to peak fitness, and it should not be long before he is ready for first-team duty. D.S.T.

Reserves: Howie: West, Fish; Spurdle, Booth, Chaytor; Walker, Stringfellow, Marsh, Crossley, Clark.

Two hurt in crash

After the car in which he was a passenger collided with a stationary vehicle in Dunkerley Street, Oldham, in the early hours of this morning, Ernest Lomax (19), of Highfield Road, Oldham, was taken to Oldham Royal Infirmary with cuts to his face and chin, and bruises.

He was allowed to go home after treatment. The driver of the car, James Mellor (30), of Mayall Street East, Oldham, suffered slight cuts, but refused treatment.

DONCASTER 0 SPOTLAND'S battle of

giants yesterday gave Roch-dale their fourth victory of the season and the first for eight games. It was a game in which both teams had the obvious fault which has put them where they are in the Third Division tableno punch or finish. One man could be excluded from this general rule. He was Eddie Wainwright, Rochdale's captain, who returned to the side after

injury.
Wainwright was always ready to shoot, and the rest of the Rochdale front line were always trying to give him the opportunity. Nimmo, Rovers' goalkeeper, who was in fine form, frustrated Wainwright's scoring attempts for 58 minutes. He even stopped a penalty kick awarded after Spencer had been brought down by Kilkenny.

Thirteen minutes after the interval WAINWRIGHT moved onto a

perfect pass from Bill Finney which beat two defenders by its accuracy and Rochdale had their valuable two

Rovers seldom looked as though they were capable of equalising. The football from both sides was very often neat and capable in approach, and Finney led the Rochdale attack with considerable skill, but the flank of Spencer and Maguire was not so hot. Wainwright's penalty miss in the 38th minute was followed two minutes later by a Thomson drive which hit an upright. A couple of brilliant Rovers seldom looked as though an upright. A couple of brilliant saves by Nimmo in the second half from Spencer plus Wainwright's goal were the total goal threats.

Rovers might have been more dangerous had not Jimmy Jones timed his advances from goal very well to cut out the danger before the shots were ever made. Rochdale had the edge throughout the first half but lost their initiative for a spell after taking the lead. It was then, whilst fog made the task of following play difficult, that some strong work came from Aspden, Powell and McLennon.

Bert Thomson had a fair game on his return to right-half in place of McGuigan, and his constructive work was a considerable asset, linked as it was to the craft of Wainwright and Finney, easily Rochdale's best attacking pair.

Van driver sought

Oldham Police would like to interview the driver of a cream and brown van that was involved in an

accident on Ripponden Road, Oldham, on Wednesday afternoon.

Mr. Walter Johnson (46) of Ripponden Road, was hit by the van as he was crossing the road, and taken to Oldham Royal Infirmary with rib injuries. After treatment

he was allowed to go home.

Anyone who saw the accident should contact the police.

Rowbottom, the Oldham prop-forward, gets all tied up with Moses in the Swinton game at Watersheddings on Christmas Day.

Flat-footed Oldham can thank Ganley

OLDHAM 4-0-8, SWINTON 2-1-7

EOFF KELLY was the talk of the match. The £200 signing from Rochdale arrived at the ground on Christmas Day, was told hooker Jack Keith was not fit, and asked: "Will you play there?" Second-row Kelly replied: "I haven't hooked for a team so very often, but, all right, I'll play."

And 28-year-old Kelly proved him-self one of the few bright lights in Oldham's lucky win. He kept possession figures from the scrums looking reasonably decent—despite the groin injury sustained early in the second half.

A flat-footed Oldham have skipper Bernard Ganley to thank for the £12 Christmas box and two useful league points. With three goals in the first-half and one in the 50th minute, Marksman Ganley gave the side a slim one-point lead

It was a lead Oldham never seemed they would keep. Their own attack was missing on more than one cylinder, and they never managed to cupy the lively breaks of a Swinton team searching eagerly for a win.

Right idea

One man had the right idea. Twice the strong bursts of big Charlie Winslade sent the team hurtling towards the Swinton line, but Win-slade cannot come out of their game entirely unscathed.

Several times he neutralised his own brilliance by some surprising Obviously the mistakes

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sprang from his zest to keep play moving, but this was one day when Winslade's distribution was not over-

Sean Quinlan played on the Oldham left-wing, and like his fellow threes he had not an awful lot of work to do. Swinton's cover kept both Quinlan and his partner Dennis Ayres well under.

Out-half Alan Kellett and partner Frank Pitchford gave a strong showing and both followed Winslade breaks to bring tries close. Pitchford actually sent Cracknell over in the first-half, but was pulled-up for a

break. Alongside him with the line

held too long and messed-up an attempted late pass to Quinlan, coming up quickly from the left.

These were just rare breaks from Oldham. Too often they were satisfied to swing the ball from wing to wing, often failing to make an opening and continuously losing ground.

Nice to watch

Swinton were just the opposite. The lively breaks of Norburn and Haynes backed up by half-backs Parkinson and Cartwright, were nice to watch, Always the ball was taken on the move and Oldham had a tough time throughout the game willing down their man. pulling down their man.

It was remarkable that Swinton could not add to a first-half try by CRITCHLEY. He got his chance when a scrum move ended in Blan taking the ball to throw a long pass that beat the cover. GOWERS kicked the goal to add to the penalty he got in the third minute of the game.

But despite some fierce attacking and a desperate bid late in the game, Swinton just couldn't get over the line to take away the lead

gained by Ganley for Oldham.
"Our luck was just out," veteran
forward Dai Moses told me after the

forward Dai Moses told me after the game. "We certainly had our chances to get in front but we didn't seem to be doing the right things at the right time."

Oldham can thank their lucky stars for that, because on their showing it was nothing but the golden boots of Ganley and a lot of defensive work that gave them a win—that after 80 minutes was as big a surprise as Kelly hooking big a surprise as Kelly hooking while young deputy hooker Peter Goddard sat it out on the sidelines.

OLDHAM: Ganley; Cracknell, Davies, Ayres, Quinlan; Kellett, Pitchford; Rowbottom, Kelly, Little, Winslade, McKeown, Turner.

forward pass.

Kellett turned the ball the wrong way in the second-half and missed cartwright; Thompson, Roberts, a great chance after an equally great break. Alongside him with the line at his mercy was Kelly, but Kellett

Wissaut, McRewwi, Turner.

SWINTON: Gowers; Critchley, Mather, Blan, Doughty; Parkinson, Cartwright; Thompson, Roberts, Moses, K. Roberts, Norburn Haynes.

Referee: Mr. N. T. Railton (Wigan. Attendance: 15,100.

POOR FORM OLDHAM HORNET Oldham "A" 0 2— 6

LDHAM "A" gave a disappointing show in their friendly fixture at the Athletic grounds on Boxing Day. They seldom moved forward in the deter-mined style of Hornets "A" and a shaky defence in the opening half caused ten clear points deficit at the interval.

After only ten minutes RICH-ARDSON nipped between Noon and O'Brien to punt a loose ball and follow up for a try, and later a tri-angular effort by Hollis Hilton, and Baxter baffled the defence on the other flank, BAXTER being able to

run in uninterrupted.

RICHARDSON and HOWARTH each kicked a penalty goal. There were signs of a revival when Noon for Hornets.

schemed a good opening for a good try by O'BRIEN and with 15 minutes to go SIMS dived over at the corner. Neither try was improved.

Only four points down, Oldham kept up the attack and were scrummaging near the home line when Hornets broke away and HIL-TON raced through for another

unimproved try.

Apart from Noon's scheming and O'Brien's alert support the Oldham backs were in poor form and the forwards much more heavy footed in the mud than the home set, whose early punch counted for a great deal in the result.

Les Wood played his first game

HUNSLET MANAGED TO DRAW LEVEL AFTER DISMISSAL OF DAVIES

HUNSLET 4 2-14, OLDHAM 4 2-14

THE dismissal of centre Alan Davies cost Oldham this in the 62nd minute the Watersheddings team were well in command and bidding to increase their five-point lead. They did well to hold on to the precious points until the final seconds of the game.

Very much aware of Oldham's unexpected weakness in the centre, Hunslet piled on everything in those final 20 minutes. A determined defence held most they had to offer, and for the last five minutes Oldham held the ball for some close attacking.

Then, with my watch saying the game was over by at least two minutes, Gunney broke away with the ball. Following up behind him was STOCKDILL, who took the ball on a rapid burst and left Oldham's cover helpless. LANGTON had an easy kick to level the scores.

Oldham opened up the game in thrilling fashion. Nestor was at out thrilling fashion. Nestor was at outhalf for Kellett (rested), Goddard hooked and Lloyd joined Winslade in the second row.

Dizzy interpassing

First on the board were Hunslet. Oldham were in their own quarter when they were penalised. LANG-TON kicked a goal.

Then followed some powerful atacking from Oldham. They had Hunslet going dizzy with interpassing that left Nestor, Pitchford and Winslade looking very smart

It was in fact the quick-fire passing of Winslade that brought a try. Oldham were pressing on Hunslet's line and Winslade had the ball. The defence had him bottled up but they couldn't stop a cracking low pass that PITCHFORD took and scored. GANLEY goaled.

In the 24th minute of the game QUINLAN scored his first try in senior rugby. It followed many determined bids, often folled by the inability of Quinlan's team-mates to give him the ball with accuracy.

But a deserved try did come the winger's way, and right at the root of it was Winslade. He made a fine break from his own quarter and sent Davies away. centre exchanged and Quinlan was over for an un-converted try.

Oldham followed up this effort with some wonderful attacking. New boys Goddard and Lloyd showed up well, and there was plenty of that well-known harmony between the old boys.

Mistake cost 5 pts

The wonder as that by half-time Oldham could only show for all their entertaining trouble two more goals by GANLEY. Hunslet got their score up to four points with a second LANGTON penalty.

A mistake by Oldham in the second half cost them five points. Goddard was taking the ball from a play-the-ball on his own line. It was fumbled and STOCKDILL was through in a flash to touch down. LANGTON kicked the

But it seemed Oldham could take the try without getting into any real danger. The picture began to change when Davies was sent off after the touchjudge had reported him to the referee.

Considering his dismissal, the treacherously muddy ground and the weight of the late Hunslet raids, Oldham did well to share the points. But for that final lapse, they might well have won.

HUNSLET: Langton; Grainger, Stockill, Walker, Preece; Gabbitas, Doyle; Cooper, Smith, Boland, Poole, Gunney, Shaw.

LDHAM: Ganley; Quinian, Davies, Ayres, Etty; Nestor, Pitchford; Row-bottom, Goddard, Little, Winslade, Lloyd, Turner. Referee: Mr. T. W. Watkinson (Man-OLDHAM:

Attendance 11,000; receipts £1,270.

Swerved to avoid dog

When Geoffrey Warrington (22), of Warwick Street, Werneth, swerved to avoid a dog in Acre Lane on Friday night, he fell off his motor-cycle and injured his arm. After treatment at Oldham Royal Infirmary he was sent home. His pillion passenger, Garry Pilkington (14), of Acre Lane, was

HALF-TIME **SCORES**

DIVISION I

Arsenal 1, Luton 0.
Aston Villa 0, Manchester Untd. 0.
Bolton 0, Everton 1.
Burnley 1, Leicester 1.
Chelsea 0, Blackburn 1.
Leeds Utd. 0, West Bromwich 0.
Manchester City 3, Birmingham 0.
Notts Forest 2, Newcastle 0.
Wolves 1, Portsmouth 0.

Barnsley 0, Middlesbrough 0.
Brighton 1, Fulham 0.
Bristol Rvrs. 1, Ipswich 1.
Cardiff 1, Bristol City 0.
Charlton 1, Huddersfield 1.
Lincoln 0, Sheffield Wed. 1.
Liverpool 2, Rotherham 0.
Sheffield Untd. 2, Grimsby 1.
Stoke 1, Leyton Orient 1.
Sunderland 1, Scunthorpe 0.
Swansea 1, Derby 3. DIVISION II

Bournemouth 1, Colchester 1.
Bradford City 3, Notts County 0.
Doncaster 1, Rochdale 1.
Halifax 0, Accrington 1.
Mansfield 1, Hull 0.
Queen's Park Rangers 0, Plymotuh 1.
Reading 2, Norwich 0,
Southampton 2, Newport 2.
Southend 2, Stockport 1.
Tranmere 2, Bury 0.
Wrexham 0, Chesterfield 1.

DIVISION IV Athletic 0, Bradford 0,
Barrow 1, York 1,
Chester 0, Millwall 0,
Crystal Palace 1, Aldershot 0,
Darlington 1, Hartlepools 0,
Exeter 2, Crewe 0,
Northampton 0, Gillingham 2,
Torquay 1, Coventry 1,
Watford 0, Walsall 2,
Workington 0, Carlisle 1,

SCOTTISH LEAGUE (Div. I)
Airdrieonians 1, Aberdeen 0.
Celtic 1, Clyde 1.
Dundee 1, Falkirk 1.
Dunfermline 2, Hearts 1.
Hibernian 1, Kilmarnock 1.
Partick Thistle 2, Motherwell 0.
Stirling Albion 2, Raith 0
St. Mirren 0, Queen of South 1.
Third Lanark 0, Rangers 1

SCOTTISH LEAGUE (Div. II)

SCOTTISH LEAGUE (Div. II) Arbroath 2, Montrose 0. Ayr 1, Stranraer 2. Brechin 2, Forfar 2. Dumbarton 1, Alloa 1.
East Stirling 0, Dundee United 1
East Fife 2, Albion 1.
Hamilton 0, Cowdenbeath 0.
St. Johnstone 2, Berwick 0.
Stenhousemuir 1, Queens Park 0.

OTHER MATCHES Swindon 2, SSV Reutlingen (Germany) 0.

Cars collide: 3 hurt

Three people were injured and taken to Oldham Royal Infirmary after two cars collided in Lees Road near the junction of New Earth Street Oldham, this afternoon. The injured were George Rowntree (9), of Wild Street Lees (food and loss Wild Street (food and loss Will Street (food a of Wild Street, Lees (face and leg injuries, cuts and shock); Fred Harrison, of Worsley Street, Oldham (right leg, cuts to the face and suspected fracture of the nose, and shock), and Frank Burslem Wood Turner Street Oldham (fre Wood, Turner Street, Oldham (injury to right leg).

Mrs. Elizabeth Schofield (54), of McDonald Street, Oldham, fell downstairs and broke her left wrist and injured her ribs on Boxing Day. She was taken to Oldham Day. She was taken to Oldham Royal Infirmary where she was today stated to be "fairly comfortable."

AFTER TRUEMAN'S FIVE WICKETS FOR 46

Seven MCC men out HE dismissal of centre Alan Davies cost Oldham this game, writest W.D. Until he was ordered from the field in the 62nd minute the Watersheddings team were well

THERE is a tough struggle ahead for the MCC Adelaide, where, after Trueman had helped to give the side a first-innings lead of 53 over South Australia by taking five wickets for 16 today, the tourists' early batsmen again failed.

Half the side were out for a mere 43 runs. Fortunately Watson stood firm and with young Swetman playing a fine innings for the second time in the match, there followed a partial recovery. Even so, MCC, at 103 for seven, were only 156 runs on at the close and Milton, who cracked a bone in his finger on Christmas Eve, is an absentee.

Thus it looks as though the bowlers will need to pull out something special again on Monday to save the ignominy of defeat at the hands of a State side that has propped up the Sheffield Shield table for the last four seasons.

South Australia's last victory over an MCC side came during the 1924-5 tour when the State boasted such prominent Test cricketers as Arthur

prominent Test cricketers as Arthur Richardson, Vic Richardson, and Clarrie Grimmett. Since that tour MCC have been beaten by only one State side, New South Wales, who have three victories to their credit during the intervening six tours.

Watson's fours

The tourists' troubles began with the third ball of their second innings, when Richardson was out leg-before without a run scored. Watson, who opened in the absence of Milton, saw Graveney, Crowdrey, Dowton and Legh Planter and Legh Planter. Dexter and Lock all leave to the 19-year-old medium-pacer, Brian Hurn, who so far has taken four wickets for 35 runs in seven overs. Watson stayed two and a quarter

hours for 40, which included four fours, before he was bowled round his legs. Trueman quickly struck two boundaries, then was caught in the deep, but Tyson played safely through the last over. Swetman had been at the wicket 84 minutes for his 16 not out, a gallant effort under the circumstances.

Hitchcox not out 6
Trethewey lbw b Trueman 0
Extras 15

Bowling: Trueman 18.5-1-46-5; Tyson 9-3-22-1; Dexter 14-2-45-2; Lock 20-4-68-1; Mortimore 11-3-27-1.

Mondrain, formerly trained in Ireland, has arrived in England and will contest the Knutsford Maiden Hurdle at Manchester next Thurs-

WOLVERHAMPTON

dual forecast £12/17/2.

1 0—HILTON SELLING HANDICAP HURDLE. 2 miles.
10 7 MASTER MASON 8yrs ... E Marr 1
11 7 CANTERBURY BELL 6ys...D Foster 2
11 12 SINOPLE 8yrs Mr A Brookshaw 3
Sixteen runners: Velasquez II, Ormen.
Owdonatbit, Sinople, Solidus, Canterbury Bell,
Chequetaker, Barden, Bozie's Pet, Acritas,
Master Mason, Catch of the Day, Shane,
Oxheys, Arcadia Girl, Priory Way.
4 Acritas; 5 Barden, Catch of the Day; 6
Owdonabbit; 13/2 Canterbury Bell; 9 Velasquez II; 10 MASTER MASON; 100/8 Chequetaker; 100/7 Shane, Oxheys; 20 others.
4 lengths; 12.
Tote: Win £4/16/6; places £1/11/6, 12/-,
£3/8/6.

1 30-STAFFORDSHIRE NOVICES' CHASE

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22 miles,
11 11 KINGSTEL 6yrs Mr J Sutcliffe 1
12 1 DEFENDER 7yrs Mr I Balding 2
11 11 HIGHLAND DANDY 6yrs...S Mellor 3
Ten runners: Prince Seppal, Rathronan,
Defender, Rough Night, Solid Fuel, Highland
Dandy, Rising Bell, Tied Cottage II, Kingstel,
Pheberion.
5/4 Prince Seppal; 11/4 Rathronan; 5
KINGSTEL; 7 Highland Dandy; 100/8
Defender, Tied Cottage II; 20 others,
Tote: Win f4/9/4; places 17/-, 15/-, 12/6.

Tote: Win £4/9/4; places 17/-, 15/-, 12/6.

2 0—SEDGLEY H'CAP S'CHASE. 3 miles,
10 1 PRICE REVIEW Tyrs... J Lehane 1
10 5 LE CAPITAN Syrs...... F Whittle 2
10 12 MIDOX 9yrs......... S Mellor 3
Eleven runners: Mareth Line, Scottish Sea,
Kickim, Pippykin, Stalbridge Park, Midox,
Le Capitan, Tea Fiend, Price Review, Tullaherin Lord, Young Hinds,
6/4 Kickim; 7/2 Pippykin; 8 Midox; 10
Stalbridge Park, Tea Fiend, PRICE
REVIEW; 100/7 Tullaherin Lord; 20 Le Capitan; 25 others. 1½ lengths; bad.
Tote: Win £2/9/2; places 11/4, 19/-, 11/10.

2 30-WALSALL HANDICAP HURDLE. 2 30—WALSALL HANDICAP HURDLE,
2 miles,
10 11 INCANOPIT 4yrs P Pickford 1
10 5 PRINCE 6yrs R J Hamey 2
11 3 INCOMPATIBLE 5yrs ... N Waund 3
Ten runners: Piainsman, Jacobina, Incompatible, Ellas Pearl, Solarient, Prince Mar,
Dessin, Icanopit, Prince, My Crackers,
7/2 Dessin; 4 Ella's Pearl; 5 Incompatible;
6 ICANOPIT; 7 Prince; 8 Jacobina, Solarient;
10 Piainsman; 100/8 Prince Maru; 33 My
Crackers, 20 lengths; 3,
Tote: Win £1/6/8; places 10/8, 13/6, 10/4,
3 0—W E S T O N THREE-YEAR-OLD

Tote: Win £1/6/8; places 10/8, 13/6, 10/4.

3 0-WE S T O N THREE-YEAR-OLD HURDLE, 2 miles, 11 4 STRAIGHT RULE D Nicholson 1 10 11 EL MANSOUR II J Lehane 2 11 11 HOME STRAIGHT J Beasty 3 Fourteen runners: Home Straight, Lady Bland, Straight Rule, El Mansour II, Time, Stumpy, Dark Streak, Golden Stream, Red Raddle, Trebizond, Mosstrooper of Chanty, Killic, Lady Roonagh, Planter's Funch. 10/11 Home Straight; 2 Time; 15/2 Lady Bland; 100/9 STRAIGHT RULE; 100/6 El Mansour III. 23 others. 15 lengths; 5. Tote: £2/15/6; places 9/8, 7/8, 5/4.

SOUTH EAST LANCS LEAGUE

Results for December 20: Chloride 7, English Steel 0; CWS (Radcliffe) 4, Dukinfield Vic 3; Dukinfield St. Mary's 3, Ashton National 2; Marsden 4, Heys OB 5; Prestwich Boro' 3, A & A Crompton's 3; Northern Nomads 5, Bardsley 6; Robinson's Recs. 2, Avro 5; Osram 5, Urmston 5. 6; Robinson 5. 5; Urmston 5. LEAGUE TABLE W. D. L

HORNETS FADED OUT IN down SURPRISING MANNER After being knocked down in

OR a short spell in the second half of the game at Station Road the Hornets looked as if they were going to tage the Lions but they could not maintain their supremacy and the home side gained a convincing win.

At half-time Swinton were leading 10-3, but immediately on the resumption the Hornets not only wiped out the arrears but were one point in front, following a display of good rugby.

During this period the visitors played better and made fewer mistakes than at any other time in the game. Swinton were only playing with twelve men, for Lamb had been ordered off for alleged tripping ten minutes after the start, and the home team appeared to be in trouble.

Hornets, however, rapidly lost the initiative and, encouraged by their supporters, Swinton finished strongly to gain a twelve-point lead. GOWERS kicked four goals, and

tries came from DOUGHTY (2), STOPFORD (2) and GOWERS for Swinton, whilst JONES kicked a goal for Hornets and BUXTON, DAGNALL and UNSWORTH scored tries.

The Hornets' fade-out in the second half was difficult to understand.

Bailey and Thomas were the visitors' most constructive forwards but, like the rest of the side, they were bad finishers.

Woman (80) knocked

School Road at the junction of Hollins Road, Oldham, this after-noon, Mary Ashworth (80), of School Road, Oldham, was taken to Oldham Royal Infirmary with head and right leg injuries.

Suffering from exposure

Found suffering from exposure on the Buckstones Road, Nont Sarah's, on Boxing Day, Joseph Shatwell (39), of Wensley Way, Rochdale, was taken to Oldham Royal Infirmary for treatment. He was not detained.

DEATH

MATTHEWS.—On Dec. 27 (in hospital),
Mary Elien, the dearly loved wife of
the late George Henry Matthews and
dear mother of Edward and William.
Fassed away in her sleep. Interment at
Greenacres, Tuesday 11 a.m. Inquiries
MAI 8571.

LOST, BUDGIE; answers to Smokey.

4 Horsedge Fold, Oldham.

KEMPTON PARK

12 30—OLDBURY HANDICAP CHASE.
2 miles and 33 yards.
10 12 HALLIGAN 6yre D Nicholson 1
10 0 COLIN JIG 10yrs G Hodgetts 2
10 5 ASTRIALI 10yrs J Dowling 3
Nine runners: Floater, Hot Duchess, Halligan, Hickory, Astriali, Balkan Catch, Colin Jig, H.S.B., Fairoaks.
11/8 Floater; 9/4 HALLIGAN; 8 Hot Duchess; 10 Balkan Catch, Fairoaks; 100/6
Colin Jig; 20 others. 20 lengths; 1.
Tote: Win 16/2; places 10/8, £1/1/4, 14/-; dual forecast £12/17/2.

Tote-HILTON SELLING HANDICAP
Oyster Bed, Twelve Love, Scotch Honey, T/2 Deep Red; 4 Proud Galleon; 5
TARQUINIAN; 6 Indian Tint, Emu; 100/9
Oyster Bed, 100/8 Golden Forest: 100/7

Partnership, Golden
Emu.
7/2 Deep Red: 4 Proud Galleon; 5
TARQUINIAN; 6 Indian Tint, Emu; 100/9
Oyster Bed; 100/8 Golden Forest; 100/7
Canuto; 100/6 Twelve Love; 20 others.
5 lengths; 2.
Tote: Win £1/15/6; places 11/2, 7/4, 13/4

1 45-CHRISTMAS HANDICAP HURDLE.

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3 miles.
10 13 TIPPECANOE 6yrs F Winter 1
11 3 VANISHED AGE 7yrs G Scott 2
11 11 MARINER'S DANCE 5yrs

A R Freeman 3
Twelve runners: Mariner's Dance,
Misty Vision, Nikiforus, Vanished Age,
Belgrano, Tippecanoe, Meritorious, Valley
Sun, Preciptico, Draftsman, Wee
McGregor, Jolly Tudor.
11/4 TIPPECANOE; 7/2 Mariner's
Dance; 9/2 Valley Sun; 13/2 Misty Vision;
10 Vanished Age, Belgrano; 100/7 Meritorious; 100/6 Nikiforus; 20 others. 1
length; 6.
Tote: Win 17/2; places 7/6, 9/-, 11/2.
2 18—KENTON HANDICAP CHASE, 2 miles

Tote: Win 17/2; places 7/6, 9/-, 11/2.

2 15—KENTON HANDICAP CHASE, 2 miles
12 4 BLUE DOLPHIN 5yrs...A R Freeman 1
11 10 LORD RANGER 7yrs...T Brookshaw 2
10 0 HIGHLAND HONOURS 7yrs

Nine runners: Spate, Blue Dolphin,
Lord Ranger, Caca Dora, Moira Black,
Herbama, Noisy Pal, Pelicans Pay, Highland Honours.

9/4 Lord Ranger; 7/2 Spate; 5 /BLUE
DOLPHIN; 11/2 Caca Dora; 100/7 Moira
Black, Noisy Pal; 20 others, 20 lgths; 3.

Tote: Win £1/4/2; places 7/8, 6/10,
£1/8/8; dual forecast £1/7/8.

2 45—OATLANDS HANDICAP CHASE.

MARKET RASEN

12 30: SQUARE SUGAR 1, Chantail 2, Imperial Lady 3, 9 ran. 4/5 fav., 100/8,

2 30: PARADISE BEACH 1, Wentworth Girl 2, Redress 3, 14 ran, 100/6, 10/1, 100/6. Rannock Moor and Jack's Choice (3/1) jt. fav. 3 0: PROFIT 1, Fire-Float 2, Strike Off 3. 3 ran. 11/4, 4/11 fav., 100/7.

TAUNTON

1 0: THE MERCHANT II 1, Avrilette 2 Lovers Park 3. 17 ran. 4/1, 9/4 fav., 10/1. 1 30: MIRZA THOTHA 1, Merry Hungry 2, High Flight 3. 6 ran. 5/2, 2/1 j.f., 2/1 j.f.

2 0: THE FOSSE 1, Peter of Cromwell 2, Tonruss Court 3. 10 ran. 2/1 fav., 3/1, 9/2.

2 30: BASALT KNIGHT 1, Comedian's Folly 2, Waking 3. 8 ran. 6/4 fav. 5/1, 100/7. 3 0: JIG JOG 1, Eastbury 2, Sir Peter 3. 18 ran. 10/1, 6/1, 20/1. Chez Peter (3/1) fav.

3 30: MY EYES 1, Romano 2, Lewes 3. 15 ran. 6/1, 9/4, 7/4 fav.

WETHERBY

12 45: CHAMPERY 1, Haytor 2, No Comment 3. 12 ran. 10/1, Evens fav., 13/2.

1 15: SHANDAGAN 1, Border Road 2, Filey Brig. 8 ran. 5/1, 4/1, 4/1. Heckel Birm (100/30) fav.

1 45: SOBEIT 1, Isle of Skye 2. Problematic 3, 11 ran. 6/1, 100/30, 100/8. Stop List (11/4) fav.

2 15: ACE OF TRUMPS 1 Mickels Hill Sultry Cruise 3. 7 ran. 9/4 fav., 5/1, 2 45: FLAME OF THE WOODS 1. Liquidator 2, Pattino 3. 4 ran. 2/1 fav.,

3/1, 9/4. 3 15; FINE BAY 1, Castle Benito 2, Ballybar 3, 12 ran. 5/1, 100/8, 7/1, Magleal Approach (10-11) fav.

BOUNDARY PARK NOTES

WATERSHEDDINGS SURVEY Here's New Year idea

Day games to another date

HAVE a Christmas message to Rugby League legislators: "Leave December 25 clear of fixtures. It is one holiday that should be a day off for players as well as the supporting public. All the reasons for playing on Christmas Day are without foundation.

Smith-another club was anxious

to get him. It seems Dick has been

going up to Oldham for several weeks but has not been going places

very quickly. A Yorkshire club asked him to join them, but he decided to give Oldham a little

The Smith case of apparent

have been pressing for a tightening-

arrival and personally cared for until he is fit enough for trials.

I hope it works, because one of these days Oldham may find the

wrong player going away dis-illusioned.

"It was the only time we could see this fellow without being spotted ourselves and to get there on Boxing Day." he said, "we rushed through our Christmas dinner and, with no end of changes and waits in dreary station worms are finally got there

station rooms, we finally got there the following day."

for Jim."

Bert and Jim watched their centre but after all their trouble he just wasn't up to the club's standard. "The only thing we did get," said Bert, "was a large-size dose of flu

OLDHAM are to give £20 to the

fund set up by Leigh for the dependants of loose-forward Peter

several prospects.
*Sandy Campbell, Oldham's popular

official, has been discharged from hospital but is still keeping very

close to home . . . Oldham were not too worried when they heard Hunslet's international forward Geoff Gunney had withdrawn his transfer request this week. They were interested in Gunney some time ago

... Oldham's players are due to have their Christmas' celebrations

tonight. They are due to stop on the way home from St. Helens for some late, but very welcome, Christmas "cher"

up of the trialist organisation.

There was a time when the annual clash between Oldham and Swinton was looked forward to. Gates generally were higher than average and interest was high. But in recent years the attendance at Watersheddings has been no higher than the season's average. And worse, some of the results wouldn't bear comparison with current form. neglect could be the reason why

From the financial aspect Old-ham have been getting increasingly concerned about the difference in the attendance at Watersheddings on Christmas Day and at Swinton in the return game on Good Friday.

Too many young players have come and gone at Oldham without some officials ever seeing them. Now any boy who comes up training must be seen by the manager on his So concerned was the Oldham club that two years ago they told Swinton they wanted to alternate the games—playing the Christmas game one year at Oldham and the other at Swinton. But Swinton's directors would not agree. Instead they suggested that the two gates

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should be pooled every year and split down the middle at the end of each season. Oldham are still not too happy about the situation.

"The Christmas Day game is fast losing its popularity," an official frankly told me. "The soccer people have already recognised that and hardly any games are played. Now the Rugby League should do the same thing."

TURNING away from finance I do not think it is a good day from the player's point of view. At one of the most joyful and celebrating periods of the year, they are expected to ignore the fun around them and go to bed.

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Foster, killed in a road accident recently... Sean Quinlan still hasn't a job but stayed in Oldham all this week for interviewing by They are expected to watch what they eat—and how much they eat at time when everybody is eating twice as much as they normally do. It is just too much to expect of any-

Hence the sometimes strange results in most of the games played on Christmas Day. Twice in the past three years Oldham have lost when their form has clearly indicated them better than their opponents.

There is no great problem involved in lifting out the Christmas Day fixtures and placing them elsewhere in the season's list. The Rugby League should decide to do it next season.

One last word on this year's fixture. With Christmas Day on Thursday, it has meant games on the Friday and Saturday. No team can keep up their top form for such a long spell—and that means the fans are not getting their money's

ROCHDALE HORNETS desperate when out-half John Chisnall reported injured ribs this week-and they contacted Oldham to try and get out of their difficul-

Hornets wanted Alan Jones on loan trials with the eventual view of signing him. They told Oldham: "We notice he does not get in the "A" team regularly and we thought you might let him come to us on

Oldham thought over the request this week but told Hornets: "Sorry, we want Jones to stay where he is. We wish we could help but we can't."

After only two trials Oldham signed on local junior Dick Smith, a lively prop-forward standing just short of 6ft. and weighing over 14st. He comes from local club Waterhead. Oldham are highly satisfied with his early showing and are confident they have made a find.

From what I hear it is as well they didn't wait too long to find

Move Christmas for Supporters' Club "ET'S start from now. Let us make a great effort and give Mr. Dodgin the support he called for in his statement last week." I take these words of Oldham Athletic Supporters' Club committeeman, Mr. Albert Wood, and suggest them as a New Year resolution for everyone interested in the future of football at Boundary Park.

Mr. Wood's appeal was made last Saturday evening at the Supporters' Club social, when benefit cheques were presented to Bill Naylor and Wilf Hobson. And it was an appeal directed not at the man on the terrace, but at members of the Supporters' Club.

To an outsider, it may seem that Mr. Wood is asking too much of this loyal band. Already their efforts are keeping the club's head above water—and in addition they are managing to put on one side

money to pay player's benefits.

But it seems to me that in asking for further effort from the club

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members, Mr. Wood has seen what is probably the most direct way in which Athletic can get out of

Simply, it is that the Supporters Club's weekly income must be increased, and a percentage of this total set on one side for the ex-clusive use of the manager in buying players.

Necessary evil

OLDHAM secretary Bert Summer-scales told me his favourite Christmas story this week. When he was on the Oldham committee he went to see a player in a game at Pontypool—and along with fellow official Jim Wyers he set off on Christmas Day. One fact must be faced. The supporters club is a necessary evil for Third and Fourth Division clubs and I say that only in a monetary connection. Such is the state of these clubs today that they cannot exist without the income their supporters raise each week. And with each club the income varies.

With some, it is as much as £300 or even £400 each week. Obviously that club can offer more for players and offer those same players better terms. The unfortunate clubs whose supporting body raises only half that amount finds itself lagging in the race.

This is a terrible position for any club to be in when it cannot support itself through the turnstiles. But attendances are so poor in the lower grades that without sup-porters' clubs many famous teams

would now be out of existence This is no exaggeration.

Little encouragement

The sooner Athletic Supporters' Club members realise the importance of their body — the better Athletic's results can be.

I am not implying criticism of the work to date in any way—in fact I think they have done a marvellous job to carry on at all. Lets face it, they have little enough encouragement in the past years.

Unfortunately, it seems they will have to battle on even further with

just as little encouragement . That, I feel, is what Mr. Wood has

Little attempts to break away, but Norburn stops him—an incident from Oldham v. Swinton at Watersheddings on Christmas Day.

seen, and in his appeal he has set the ball rolling for a new drive in this important branch of profes-sional football. And, As I com-mented to two Supporters Club members last weekend, I think they will soon have to regard their volun-tary work more from a professional

viewpoint than amateur It was re-assuring indeed to hear the two members in question each affirm that if necessary they would give up their present every-day jobs to become fully paid officials of the Supporters' Club. This is only supposition—but it may well be the next move that the club have to make to increase their weekly income. income.

Law changes

A number of paid men in the organisation, working full-time on the pools and other money-raising efforts, could appreciably increase the weekly takings. Under present arrangements, I understand some changes would have to be made under the licensing laws—but it is something that supporters club members might consider in the coming weeks.

In Mr. Dodgin's now well-digested

statement, he admitted his task would be much easier if the supporters' club could increase its income in any way. I suggest to Mr. Dodgin that he meets the members of the club and gives them

a frank picture of his needs.

If the Supporters Club envisages separate account for Mr. Dodgin to be used for buying players, then they will have to work together. And they may as well start together on the right foot. start

DIVISION GOSSIP

THE two goals scored by Northampton outside-left Tommy Fowler against Port Vale last Saturday brought his total to six, in 22 League appearances. This represents a vast improvement over last winter, when he netted only twice in

Fowler, the Cobblers' longestserving player, joined the club after a spell as an amateur with Everton at the end of the war.

CARLISLE UNITED'S 4-0 defeat at Aldershot last Saturday was their heaviest of the season up to that time. Only once previously, when they drew 3—3 with Crystal Palace at Brunton Park last month, had Carlisle conceded more than

two goals in any game.

The last time they had four debited against them was on March 22 last, when they were defeated 4—0 at Hull in a Northern Section fixture.

DENNIS PACEY, the centre-forward whom Aldershot signed from Millwall early in October, must like playing against former Northern Section clubs.

He scored a goal for his new club at Chester, in his first game, netted sonce against Southport on November 1, and got two against Carlisle last Saturday, after failing to find the net in his five previous outings.

FOOTBALL FACTS

THE New Year seems certain to WHAT sort of a show could bring not merely Billy t's 100th appearance for Matthews. If he re-signs for Blackpool for another season, he will surpass the existing record for the longest period of Football League playing service in history—the late Billy Meredith's 29 years—the tate Wanchester clubs. with the two Manchester clubs. It's long odds that both achieve-ments will remain unchallenged for a long time, if not for all time.

* * WHY should Preston continue to remain the Football League headquarters? It might have been suitable when the League originally was composed entirely of Lancashire and Midlands clubs, but in winning promotion in 1952-3, only sentiment seems to be in favour of retaining the existing only case in history of a club going set-up. The view is growing among prominent soccer folk that a change to Manchester, London, or the Midlands would be in the or the Midlands would be best interests of all concerned.

* * DID you know that two Tynesiders are responsible for the siders are responsible for the longest period of one-club service by any current player, and that only a month is the extent of the difference between them. Next May, goalkeeper Billy Bly will complete 22 years with Hull City; a month later international cutting. month later international outsideleft Jimmy Mullen will have been a Wolverhampton Wanderer for 22 years. Which of the pair will keep it up longer

ONE of the swiftest changes and contrasts ever known in the status of neighbouring clubs could be on the way. Two seasons ago, both those of Nottingham were together in the Second Division, but what a difference since then! There are more unlikely things than that next season Forest, as now, cong will be in the First division, and had County will have descended to the

either Scotland or Ireland Wright's 100th appearance for turn on internationally is they have England but also another unique to rely entirely on players operating feat, by none other than Stanley with clubs in their own country? Matthews. If he re-signs for It would be pretty feeble, we fancy. Matthews. It would be pretty feeble, we fancy. The reason, of course, is that so many of them continue to flock into English soccer. Just think of it-in the current service of Football League clubs are as many as 20 Scottish internationals and an identical number of Irish internationals!

A MONG all the 92 Football League teams, only Sheffield United went through the season's first half WHY should Preston continue to without making a change in their

> NICE to be back home again," is what an unusual number of players have been saying. One after another has been transferred back to a club with which he used to be associated, and all these forwards are numbered among these "re-turned prodigals," Jimmy Rogers (Bristol City), Andy Graver (Lincoln City), Alec Govan (Plymouth Argyle), Leslie Stubbs (Southend United) and Paddy Ryan (Coventry City).

> THE fact that Barrow and Gilling-ham meet in the Football League this season for the first time is a reminder that just 34 years ago they were in conflict in a cup-tie that went to the fifth meeting, with a colossal amount of travel thrust upon both teams. With four league games thrown in, Barrow actually fulfilled nine tough matches in 19 days—surely the most strenuous and congested programme any side ever

Wonder how and present-day team

would react to it!

ROVERS GAVE ROCHDALE AN EARLY LEAD Plenty of incidents but goals scarce

UNITED FIND VILLA TOUGH

United included 20-year-old Reg Hunter on the left-wing, making his League debut, and they were more dangerous early on, although Gregg made a great save from Smith in the 10th minute.

The treacherous surface hampered both sides and play was even, with Pearson for United and Hitchens for

Villa both failing with good chances.
Villa's hard tackling put United
out of their stride, and most of the
first half was fought out in mid-

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OLDHAM RUGBY

and was called out for a caution.
From the penalty GANLEY kicked a goal.

St. Helens got a goal in the 37th minute. After a Vollenhoven raid Oldham were penalised for off-side. RHODES kicked the goal from 27

Half-time:

ST. HELENS 2 1-7 OLDHAM 2 0-4

Oldham were being hampered by lack of possession. In their attack they had shown danger—but the chances were too few. They were defending well against some strong St. Helens forward

St. Helens wasted no time in using the wind on the re-start. From the Oldham kick-out, Murphy put the ball through from his own half to find touch in Oldham's quarter.

A scrum soon afterwards gave St. Helens a goal. Pitchford was penalised for feeding and RHODES put the ball over from 45 yards.

More ball from St. Helens and more dangerous attacks in Oldham's quarter. HUDDART needed a lot of stopping and a minute later he scored. He moved up to Winslade and Rowbottom, waiting on the line, and went between them with surprising ease. There was no goal,

McKeown figured in a lively raid from the halfway line. Pitchford sent him away and he did well to get the ball to Kelly, but the forward was held by a great Huddart tackle. At a play-the-ball St. Helens were paralised for off-side and were penalised for off-side and GANLEY kicked a goal from 25 yards.

Rhodes split open the defence in the 53rd minute and sent Terry charging through. The St. Helens forward got over the line but could not ground the ball cleanly.

St. Helens won the scrum and McKeown was penalised for off-side.

McKeown was penalised for off-side. It was an easy chance for RHODES to turn into a goal.

Oldham sprang back into the attack and a Pitchford pass sent Nestor on a sparkling run to the St. Helens quarter. Kelly tried to keep it going but was tackled.

St. Helens were penalised for taking the ball away from Kelly but a Capital want tempt to goal went well.

a Ganley attempt to goal went well

wide from 30 yards. St. Helens moved back to Oldham's quarter and scored again in the 65th minute. The try came from a scrum and brought in Murphy, Rhodes and Smith for PRINSLOO to touch down. There was no goal.

Pitchford was in trouble at a scrum three minutes later. He was penalised for feeding but from 30 vards Rhodes failed with the goal attempt.

Final: ST. HELENS 5 4-22 OLDHAM 3 0— 6

Late scorers: St. Helens—HUDDART (try), RHODES (goal)
Attendance: 28,000. Receipts:

Swinton's 8 pt rush

After a spell of intense pressure Warrington went ahead in the 15th minute when GREENOUGH got a try after Naughton and O'Grady had done the lead-up work. A goal by GILFEDDER put Warrington further in front, but then Swinton, in a seven-minute spell, scored eight

points.

LAMB got a try from a play-the-ball near the line. GOWERS converted three minutes later. Berry kicked ahead and Swinton's loose forward, HAYNES, dived through three players to get the touchdown. Attendance, 11,000. Half-time:

Warrington 5 pts., Swinton 8.

OTH Rochdale and Doncaster Rovers had forward changes B this afternoon following injuries received in the Boxing Day match. Lord and Vizard came into the Rochdale side for Wainwright and McGuire. Rovers introduced Fletcher and Walker for Reeson and Fernie.

peace, Gavin; Cavanagh; Mo Walker, Sharp.

DONCASTER RVS.: Nimmo; Make-peace, Gavin; Kilkenny, Staton, Cavanagh; Mooney, Callan, Fletcher, Wolker Shern

Walker, Sharp.

BOCHDALE: Jones; Ferguson, Powell;
Thomson, Aspden, McGlennon; Moore,
Lord, Finney, Spencer, Vizard.

Referee: Mr. R. Wood (Sunderland).

Tom McGlennon captained the

Rochdale side but lost the toss, and

Rochdale were set to face a par-ticularly strong wind. They were

pressing, however, in the early stages and Nimmo made one fine

In the seventh minute another

cross from Moore brought Roch-

dale the lead. The ball was headed on to Vizard who beat

Nimmo with a first-time low shot

which finally went into the net off STATON.

Rovers, however, gradually gained command with the wind's assistance

Fletcher grazed the bar with a

shot and Mooney dropped one centre on the crossbar, whilst Jones

made three brilliant saves in suc-

cession. From the third, he was hurt

and had to receive attention for a

In the 20th minute Rovers drew

level and it was an unfortunate goal for Rocadale. A corner kick was

cleared and lobbed back as the Rochdale defence moved up. Thom-

son, however, failed to do so and CALLAN was left with an easy

There was danger for Rovers

when Finney went on to the right-

wing for a spell with Lord in the middle. Following one Finney centre

there was a scramble in the goal-mouth in which Moore had a close-

Finney's neat pass resulted in Lord

and Nimmo crashing together, the ball going off the side for a corner

Just on the interval Rochdale

forced two corner kicks, the first after Lord's shot on the turn had

Half-time: DONCASTER ROVERS 1

ROCHDALE 1

Rovers on the attack at the start

of the second half. Jones punched out the second and Cavanagh

meeting it on the edge of the penalty area, shot just outside. An-other by Thomson then let in Wal-ker and only desperate work by Aspden and Powell saved a nasty

Rochdale were not using the wind to the best advantage and there was too much long kicking and

Vizard caused plenty of trouble, but although Finney had the ball in the

net Lord had fouled the goalkeeper.

of the half when he brilliantly turned round the post a shot by Spencer from the right.

Rovers were very dangerous in breaks-away, but Fletcher shot over

with a perfect chance from Mooney's centre. In other breaks-

away Jones saved from Mooney, and Fletcher shot across goal and

out of play with another fair chance. Vizard cut in at the other

end after beating Makepeace, but delayed his shot which was de-

There was a lot of skirmishing

around the referee after Aspden and Fletcher had been involved in

a tussle in a race for the ball

Rovers were given a free kick and when Aspden threw the ball away

Kinal:-

DONCASTER ROVERS 1

the referee's book was out.

Nimmo brought off the best save

A couple of free kicks kept

been deflected.

situation.

flected wide.

had some hard

Rochdale

considerable time.

chance to equalise.

away.

defending to do.

catch from a right-wing centre.

'A' team hard pressed

HATHERALL'S

IT was a rough, tough battle between Oldham "A" and St. Helens "A" on a slippery pitch at Watersheddings, with most of the lay in the middle.
St. Helens threatened first when

Briers broke through and kicked ahead but was obstructed, Chritch-

ley missed the penalty chance.
A Stirrup kick brought Oldham
"A" away then Hatherhall made a beautiful break and shot for the corner flag but Pendlebury dropped

the pass.
St. Helens replied with a prolonged pounding of Oldham's line

but they didn't get over.
Then a great Hatherhall move sent JONES clear to burst over in the corner for an unconverted try.

Half-time:

Oldham "A" 0 1-3 St. Helens "A" 0 0-0

Winger Sims sparkled for Oldwith two fine runs at the restart, but each time he was stopped near the line. Stirrup saved a breakaway try with a great tackle on Sherwood. The St. Helens forwards were

still dangerous and Sherwood found LEYLAND, who crashed through and dived over the line for a try. CRITCHLEY converted to put the viistors in the lead.

Govan was hooking well but the Oldham "A" moves were being stopped short by some hard St. Helens tackling.

Final-

Oldham "A" 0 1-3 St. Helens "A" 2 2-10

CRITCHLEY put the visitors fur-ther ahead with a penalty goal and HOSKER intercepted to score after a 50-yard run.

MOSSLEY LOSE TO WITTON

EMERGENCY repairs needed to both nets before the start of Mossley v. Witton Albion match. Witton started promisingly with a right wing move but BIRNIE shot Mossley into a third minute lead from Taylor's short pass. Whitehead held up Witton's down-the-middle attacks. Diamond almost screwed in a second for

Mossley but Southern saved well. ELSBY equalised from Dorsett's headed centre, the ball almost sticking in the mud before crossing the line inches out of Batty's reach. Batty went full length to turn the ball round the past from Smith as Witton kept the upper hand.

Late scorer: Dorsett for Witton. Final:

......1 Mossley Witton Albion 2

PUNTERS' RIOT ON RACECOURSE

THE stewards of the Clairwood Turf Club at Durban will hold a full inquiry next week into a punters' riot during the Boxing Day meeting there in which five of South Africa's leading jockeys were injured after racegoers invaded the

They hurled stones, bottles and sticks, striking horses as they came up the straight in the last race. The riot followed an incident in

an earlier race when three horses, including the favourite ridden by Percy Cayeux, did not run. When the tapes went up at the start of the race one horse swerved sharply and prevented two others from

running. Mr. R. Ellis Brown, chairman of the Clairwood Club, said it was "a perfect start" and that the stewards could not declare it anything but a start, in answer to the crowd's demands for a "no-race" declaration. declaration.

HORNETS BATTLE

ATLEY, winners in four of their last five matches, include former Hornets forward Albert Fearnley in their pack at the Athletic Grounds this afternoon. Several changes were made in the home line-up, Fishwick and Hilton forming a new half-back combination.

RESERVES GIVE AWAY GOALS

CHORLEY took the lead after four minutes, when WATSON forced the ball home after Howie failed to hold Smith's drive. Howie turned a Hitchen shot over the bar before Oldham were given a penalty. Clark had a shot brilliantly saved by Ashcroft.

After 20 minutes, Chorley also missed a penalty—Evans kicked wide.

Six minutes later, WATSON headed Chorley's second goal from a corner. Chorley continued to press, being much more forceful than yesterday. Howie saved well from Watson and Hitchen.

Half-time: Chorley Athletic Reserves 0

Oldham came back from the restart and Bazley shot into the side netting. Kershaw skimmed the bar before SMITH scored Chorley's third goal after 50 minutes with a fierce

20-yard drive from a corner kick. SPENCER got Chorley's fourth after 57 minutes with a drive which vent in off the post.

BAZLEY scored for Oldham from

breakaway.

Final:-Chorley Athletic Reserves WATSON (2) for Chorley.

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Stringfellow had made the break through the middle, but it was well outside. A wing-To-wing cross from Devlin on the Bradford right, ran out of play before Byrom could gain control. Hall cleared coolly after a Byrom run, and then good work by Duffy saw Phoenix break away.

range shot blocked by a defender lying on the ground. Spencer and McGlennon aso had shots charged His high centre dropped beyond Routledge but Chaytor, running in, smacked the ball yards wide from Jones by this time was finding it impossible to kick the ball much only five yards range.

Athletic were back on the hunt and Stringfellow had the ball whisked off his toe as he ploughed beyond the penalty area line. He made a fine save from Cavanagh and though Spencer had the ball in the net at the other end it was disthrough the mire and tried to steady himself before shooting. But after allowed because Lord was offside.

As Rovers did far more of the attacking, Mooney, and then Fletcher, went close but there was just as narrow an escape when 54 minutes, Athletic were in front, a goal following a long free kick by Bill Naylor.

Tapped home

Routledge caught the ball high above his head and was immediately bundled by both Duffy and Phoenix. The greasy ball slipped from his grasp and Duffy simply tapped it

A minute later, Athletic should have been two up. But there were two of the most amazing misses seen at Boundary Park for some time as Duffy crossed the ball. It left Routledge halpless, but three yards out, with the whole of the goal staring them in the face, first Stringfellow and then Phoenix completely missed the ball.

Athletic were still on top but the unfortunate Stringfellow again missed a completely open goal. This time, Phoenix forced Routledge to drop the ball again as he bundled the Bradford goalkeeper, and the ball ran to Athletic's inside man.

Instead of shooting he tried walk it in from five yards, and it stuck in the mud. Before he could get another boot to it, two defenders pounced and it was whipped away out of danger.

A free kick just outside the area area Duffy heat Williams but his

saw Duffy beat Williams, but his shot was blocked by Suddards. Then, as Bradford swept into the attack, Teece left his goal to snatch the ball off Ward's toe.

As Taylor dropped a free-kick into the Bradford penalty area, String-fellow headed it on to Duffy, but his shot was a foot outside. It was followed by a lightning raid by Devlin, who sent Dick away. The Bradford leader's shot beat Teece but skidded right across the goal to pass an inch

Final: ATHLETIC 1 BRADFORD 0 Attendance 6,050.

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HORNETS: Trumble: Unsworth, Jones, Lawrenson, Buxton; Fishwick, Hilton; Scholes, Bowden, Grundy, Hanson, Bailey, Parr.

BATLEY: S Thompson; O'Hara, Weekes, Sutton, Ireland; Cox, Bates; Palmer, Fryer, Moyser, P Thompsou, Fearnley, Briggs.

Referee: Mr. E. Clay (Leeds).

Hornets faced a gale force wind and were soon battling in their own half. When Lawrenson broke away, Fishwick linked up but at halfway Unsworth fumbled an inside pass. Hornets showed a willingness to throw the ball about but Lawrenson and Hanson spoiled good efforts by failing to get in passes.

seven minutes STAN After THOMPSON was short with a penalty kick but two minutes later landed a goal from a penalty against Hilton.

Hornets could not get far beyond the halfway line but Fishwick crossed it with a bright burst. A scrum infringement by Batley enabled them to hold the ground. Buxton alertly stopped a passing raid by Batley. Grundy was work-ing hard in the mauls, and from his efforts Bailey shot through only for Bowden to drop a pass on the Batley quarter line.

Fine goal

Jones checked Ireland after he had slipped passed Unsworth. When Hilton was penalised again, THOMP-SON missed with a good kick, but soon afterwards kicked a fine goal when Hornets were faulted for handling in the scrum. Lawrenson got over the visitors' line, but was dispossessed by Bates and no try was given. With Hornets still pressing hard, Buxton baulked the corner and got in a pass to HILTON, who scored too far out for Jones to add the goal.

Batley had their turn on the attack but the danger came chiefly from forward dashes, their backs seldom coming into the game. Thompson made a poor attempt with another penalty and as play switched again Parr broke away brilliantly only to have his pass knocked down by Thompson. Ireland looked a scorer in a breakaway but was forced into touch by Trumble.

Half-time: HORNETS 0 1-3

BATLEY 2 0-4 Batley commenced the second half with a passing move by the backs better than any seen earlier and they were given more room when Buxton missed an intercep-

Although in the Batley quarter Hornets could not gain possession and had to cope with battering runs and headlong dashes from the play-the-ball which brought a slow handclap, and even when Jones got his foot to the ball he was halted in

the chase by infringement. Jones was given the chance of kicking at goal from 35 yards, but the kick was in deep mud and he failed. Twice Bailey tried to find the gaps and open up dull play and Trumble came into action with a promising run which was fated to end with a pass to an opponent.

The best bit of the match was a run by Hanson who went down on the Batley line under a mass of players, but no try was given. Grundy was next grounded near the posts and from the play-the-HANSON crossed for a try which JONES converted.

Late scorers: BUXTON (try), JONES (goal) for Hornets. Final:

HORNETS 2 4-16 BATLEY 2 0-4 Attendance: 3,624; receipts: £349.