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Oldham were soon on top—and stayed to win 23-6



Vines features in an Oldham attack.

BURY TOO TOUGH FOR ATHLETIC IN A GRIM GAME

TOMMY WALKER, Athletic's outside-right, reported fit a few minutes before the game at Bury this afternoon, and came back into the side at outside-right. **Bill Spurdle** moved back to left-half, replacing **Thompson**. The side showed four changes from that which figured in last week's home defeat. Twenty-one-year-old amateur **Peter Phoenix** made his league debut at outside-left, and **Eddie Murphy** came back to the side in place of **Naylor**. Bury were as selected.

BURY.—McLaren; Robertson, Conroy; May, McGrath, Atherton; Munro, Watson, Daniel, Parker, Lockhart.
ATHLETIC.—Teece; Murphy, West; Hobson, Muir, Spurdle; Walker, Murray, Duffy, Neale, Phoenix.

Referee: Mr. A. W. Sparling (Grimsby)
After the playing of "Abide With Me," both teams, wearing track suits, lined up and observed two minutes' silence in memory of Manchester United players who lost their lives in the air crash.

On the wet and slushy surface the ball and players were soon skating about, but when Duffy was put through he was ruled offside.

Murphy broke up a dangerous raid on the left and then from a free kick on the edge of the area Watson fired well wide.

There was obviously going to be little good football on the treacherous surface and Murphy again broke up a raid on the left when Lockhart failed to control the ball. It was all Bury so far.

Atherton next went near with a lobbed shot from the edge of the area.

A bid by Walker and Duffy broke down on the right and back came Bury but Parker was too slow in collecting a good pass from Daniel.

Skidding pass

Phoenix had his first kick after ten minutes, and put the ball behind. It was Athletic who won the first corner, however, and Duffy went close with a header from Walker's kick.

Then came a great Athletic move between Murray and Duffy which split the defence. But the centre-forward's pass skidded safely into McLaren's hands.

Two minutes later Athletic went close again as Spurdle planted in a curling free-kick and McLaren punched round the post for a corner.

West had his name taken by the referee and from the resulting free-kick Daniel headed wide.

Lockhart was limping badly on the Bury left-wing and could not gather a good pass from Atherton.

Back came Athletic with Duffy attempting to put Neale through. They gained another corner but West shot well wide.

Murray shot well over from a free kick on the edge of the area and then Daniel broke away for Teece to turn his shot round the post.

In the 31st minute, however, Bury went ahead with a great goal.

Watson put over a fine centre and from a ruck of players **ATHERTON** went up to head the ball into the corner of the net.

Bury were in action again with Munro testing Teece and then Murray tried to find Walker but the ball ran too far and was safely gathered.

At the close of the half Bury were still attacking but the Athletic defence was holding firm.

Half-time:
BURY 1
ATHLETIC 0

Athletic had been far from dismayed in this half but there was no doubt the conditions brought both sides down to the same level. Phoenix had acquitted himself well so far but punch was lacking in the Athletic front line and they would have to show more bite to collect a point.

At the last minute, Murphy and Hobson halted a run by Parker, but when Athletic broke away, Walker's centre dropped behind.

A long-range shot from Murray deflected for a corner, but McGrath cleared the danger.

There was a chance for Neale as he raced on to a long through ball, but Conroy got there just in time to pass back to his keeper.

The policy of shooting on sight was demonstrated by Robertson, who crashed in a stinging drive which Teece turned round the post for a corner.

Athletic were not to escape, however. A scramble followed the flag-kick and Daniel pulled back the ball for **ATHERTON** to blast it into the net and increase the home side's lead.

Athletic hit back with a spirited raid which won a corner, but McLaren punched to safety.

Tough struggle

Teece picked out a Watson centre, but Athletic were having a hard struggle to get into the game, despite the fact that Bury were playing with virtually ten men.

In a solo run, **WATSON** flashed a shot over the Athletic bar, but in the 64th minute the same player increased the Bury lead even further.

While the defence stood back, he

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OLDHAM and Hull KR joined the crowd in silent tribute to Manchester United's crash victims before starting their Challenge Cup tie at Watersheddings today. Oldham were without winger **Dick Cracknell**, suffering from a slight leg injury, and he was replaced on the right by **Vin Nestor**. Oldham last defeated Hull KR in the first round of the Challenge Cup in 1948.

OLDHAM.—Ganley; Nestor, Ayres, Davies, Eddy; Daley, Pitchford; Jackson, Keith, Vines, Little, Winslade, Turner.
HULL KR.—Kellett; Scholes, Mageen, Coulson, Shaw; Key, Evans; Grice, Brookfield, Coverdale, Holland, Sims, Griffith.

Referee: Mr. G. W. Wilson (Dewsbury)

Twice in the opening minutes of the game, Oldham had chances for goals. Both were long-distance penalty attempts, but Ganley's kicks fell short.

Oldham followed up their misses with a vicious attack on the right. Nestor was on the end of some fast passing but he was forced into touch on the home "25."

Mageen was soon calling an attacking tune for the Rovers, and supported by Scholes he led a fiery attack to the Oldham quarter before it was stopped.

In the 10th minute, however, it was Oldham who scored. Turner opened the defence with a good run, and from his break the ball moved to the right for Ayres to send **NESTOR** flashing in for a try. **GANLEY** goaled.

Play was stopped a few minutes later when Ayres and Hull forward Holland were lectured for fighting. At the resultant scrum, Oldham were penalised, but Kellett was short with his goal attempt from 35 yards.

Coverdale over

Hull KR were soon back in the Oldham quarter and throwing in a power attack. Mageen forced a scrum five yards from the Oldham line when he put a touch-finding kick over the keen defence.

Then Coverdale got over the line for Hull after a great charge. But the defence held him up and he could not ground the ball.

Seconds later, Oldham were penalised at a play-the-ball under their own posts. **KELLETT** came up and his goal attempt hit the upright but dropped inside for a goal.

Back came Oldham, and after a forward tussle with Hull they opened up attacking. Twice in a minute the ball was fumbled on the right before, on the same flank, Oldham scored.

Winslade opened up the defence with a fast pass to Ayres. **NESTOR** was up and took the ball to race on for his second try. Ganley did not add the goal.

Hard time

Hull resumed their own attack and, placing great stress on forward play, gave Oldham a hard time in their own half. But they made little progress until an Evans kick fell ten yards from the Oldham line. Scholes chased the loose ball but Ganley got there first.

Play moved back to the halfway line with a great Winslade break, and when Hull fell offside at a play-the-ball, Ganley found touch on the visitors' "25."

Again Hull infringed the off-side rule. Ganley was brought up, but from 25 yards his goal attempt went wide.

Just on the interval Oldham scored again. Ganley started the move with a kick-through. Davies and Coulson raced for the ball; both missed it, but Davies nipped back and flicked it into the air, for **PITCHFORD** to take and score. **GANLEY** added the goal.

Half-time:—
OLDHAM 2 3-13
HULL KR 1 0-2

So far Oldham's speed had proved superior to anything Hull KR could offer. But the Rovers were putting up a stern defence and making sure that Oldham got their points only after all-out efforts. Their own attack consisted mainly of forward

rushes that Oldham almost always managed to keep in check.

Oldham went quickly into second half action and were soon in the Hull quarter. A fast passing move from the left had the crowd excited, and they broke into a roar when Ayres sent Nestor away. Hull remained steady and took the winger a yard out.

More action followed when twice Oldham had narrow misses. First Davies could not hold the ball when well placed, and seconds later Eddy proved dangerous with a neat kick that Hull had to run dead.

Another try

Hull ran into a penalty in the 44th minute. Ganley came up for a crack at goal, but his kick went wide.

A minute later, Oldham scored a try. The maker was Turner, with a terrific run through the defence. He passed 15 yards from the line for **LITTLE** to go over near the posts. **GANLEY** landed the goal.

Hull KR followed up with a goal two minutes later. Keith was penalised for feet up at a scrum, and from 35 yards **KELLETT** successfully put the ball over.

In a game now dominated by forwards, play was stopped in the 55th minute when Winslade was pulled out after a tackle. In the presence of Oldham's captain, he was cautioned by the referee.

Key almost scored for Hull five minutes later. He beat the defence and then kicked ahead 20 yards out, but the ball ran dead just before he could get to it.

Evans put Hull back with a try-scoring chance when he ripped through the defence with a great run. A try looked certain until Oldham out-half Daley the Rovers' scrum-half from behind.

Oldham had run into a bad spell and could do little right when they got the ball themselves. They were awarded a penalty on their own "25" but immediately lost the ball to put Hull attacking again.

Final:
OLDHAM 4 5-23
HULL KR 3 0-6

Late scorers: Oldham: **PITCHFORD** try, **GANLEY** goal; Hull KR: **KELLETT** goal.

Attendance: 10,500 approx.

EARLY ENGLAND SCORES ENOUGH TO BEAT IRISH

RAIN fell in torrents after the start of the England-Ireland RU international at Twickenham today. The first time England attacked they went in front. Dawson was caught offside in a line-out on the Irish 25 and **HETHERINGTON** scored with the penalty kick.

Two minutes later, before Ireland recovered from this early shock, Ashcroft and Syrett dashed away from a line-out in the Irish 25. As the ball rolled over the line, with no defender near, **ASHCROFT** touched down for a try. Hetherington's conversion attempt hit the upright.

For a time England were kept defending. From a penalty-kick the ball went loose and Henderson and Murphy dribbled it on. But when Henderson looked likely to score, Young just beat him for the touch.

With the ball wet and slippery and the ground churning up in places, the football developed on kick and run lines in which England had rather the better of matters.

Half-time: England 6, Ireland 0.

If unpolished, the football was exciting enough to keep the crowd engrossed, and although the forward play was hard, there were no unpleasant incidents.

Ireland nearly scored when young failed to pick up the ball under pressure. Donaldson, Murphy and Dawson put in a great rush, but Phillips touched down in time to prevent a try.

Irish cross-kicks often threatened and one fine movement deserved a score. Hewitt, O'Reilly and Pedlow all handled before Kavanagh took the final pass and seemed to have scored, but the try was disallowed. England were kept defending, but they held out manfully.

Final: England 6, Ireland 0.

Hayes gives City the lead

Spurs weaved delightful close patterns in the mud. Blanchflower and Harmer were the top craftsmen, their deft quick touches often had City running the wrong way.

Though mostly defending, City, cleverly led by Bobby Johnstone, launched several surprise attacks, and from one in the 38th minute inside-right Hayes gave them a not wholly merited lead.

He scrambled the ball home from a few yards. Half-time: Tottenham 0, City 1.

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Junior Schools

Waterhead shoot into second place

IN Division 3 of the league Waterhead went into second place as a result of a 3-0 win over St. Anne's. With Waterhead playing well as a team the game became rather one-sided but Lees and Lowe defended well for the losers in what was an interesting game.

All Waterhead's goals, from Holt, Watton and Hanson, came in the first half and St. Anne's just managed to hold out in the second.

In Division 5 St. Stephen's consolidated their position at the top with a workmanlike display against Werneth II. In their 5-1 win, Smith (2), Tomkinson (2) and Eaves were their scorers and Higginbottom got a consolation goal for Werneth. Yates, the Werneth keeper, played an excellent game and the score was kept down to a respectable level.

Clayton Cup

In their Round 1 match against Stansfield Road, Alexandra, on whom a lot of Oldham hopes depend, displayed grand form with a great 8-1 victory and so go into Round 2 for another home tie.

Derker also go into Round 2 as a result of a runaway 8-0 win over Parish Church. The losers, who normally play only rugby, never gave up trying and all 22 players enjoyed a romp in the mud. Henthorn (4), Riddall (2), Mills and Debnam were the scorers.

Clarksfield, however, just failed to hold Mather Street at Falls-worth, and went down by the only goal scored.

St. Patrick's received a walkover and so qualify to meet St. Stephen's in Round 1.

Junior Cup Team.—The team to play Ashton at Droylsden next Saturday will be: Clarke (Limeside), Earl (Alexandra), Duxbury (Hathershaw), Ibbotson (Hathershaw), Hernon (Alexandra), Mathews (Alexandra), Butterworth (Alexandra), Hunter (Waterhead), Gordon (Clarksfield), Henthorn (Derker), Mawdsley (Westwood). Reserves: Mitchell (St. Patrick's), Bowers (Hathershaw), Twelves (Limeside).

Further details will be circulated to schools. T.M.J.

Perfumed exhaust for buses

Crowded buses which rumble through busy mid-city streets in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, where choking fumes are generally at their worst, have been "deodorised."

The Philadelphia Transportation Company has installed fume-treatment devices with liquid "perfume" in 125 buses on the Chestnut and Walnut Street lines in an experiment.

Black jacket and red cap to land spring double?



Scottish-trained WYNDBURGH (M. BATCHELOR up) is a Grand National entry whose prospects are well regarded by the experts. He was runner-up to Sundew in the big race last year, when he was the youngest horse in the field, and further emphasised his quality as an Aintree performer when he won the Grand Sefton this season. Now in his eighth year, Wyndburgh is owned by Miss R. M. Wilkinson and trained by P. Wilkinson.

THIS year may be a great one for Mr. H. J. Joel's famous colours — black jacket, scarlet cap — both on the flat and over the jumps.

In the first leg of the spring double—the Lincolnshire Handicap—he runs Just Verdict, trained at Malton by Captain Elsey.

Just Verdict is an early sort. He ran away with the Crawford Handicap at the Newmarket Craven meeting last April, and is not over-weighted in the Lincoln with 8-6.

It is more than likely that he will prove the best of Captain Elsey's entries and this trainer won the race last year with Babur.

In the Grand National, Mr. Joel has Glorious Twelfth, trained by Bobby Renton at Ripon.

This grey finished fourth to Sundew last year, and this time will be ridden by champion jockey, Fred Winter. Glorious Twelfth is a strong fancy this year, so the owner has a good sporting chance of landing the spring double—a tremendous feat.

Guineas favourite?

During the last flat racing season, State Trumpeter, Full Measure and Ladignac won him good early races; his Juvenile Court won three successive races, and he enjoyed successes with the two-year-olds, Home Secretary and Picture Light. He finished the season with a total of 24 winning races worth £14,174, from 17 horses.

Moreover, the black silks and red cap, carried by Major Portion, will probably be favourite to come home first in the season's opening classic, the 2,000 Guineas at Newmarket in April.

Unbeaten in three races for juveniles, Major Portion headed the free Handicap and has wintered exceptionally well at Newmarket where he is trained by Ted Leader. The son of Court Martial looks ready-made for the 2,000 Guineas.

All in all, Mr. Joel seems to have just cause for jubilation and it will create a good deal of surprise if he fails to win some big races within the next few months.

In fact it might prove a paying policy to follow the black and red silks during the next few months.

Tuesday League

LEADERS' GRIP TIGHTENED BY LATEST WIN

ROCHDALE TRADES maintained their position at the top of the league by a comfortable victory over Ashton Traders at Ashton. Conditions were all against good football, but from the start the winners, adapted themselves to the conditions and continued on the attack.

The home defence could not stop their forwards. The visitors opened the scoring after 10 minutes and in succeeding play, Harrison, in goal, made some grand saves.

As the game progressed, Rochdale added six more goals, proving themselves worthy winners. Wood, their goalie, had a very easy game. Rochdale Trades' marksmen were Finnigan (4), Povey (2) and Butterworth.

Bury Co-op. again showed their improved form by beating Oldham Industrial by 8-2. If they can maintain this form, they should improve their league position. Porter (4), Little, Moore and Ashworth netted for Bury and Eckersol and Strange for Oldham. Platt (own goal), completed the scoring.

The match between Middleton Tonge and Red Lion ended in a victory for Red Lion by 4-1. Red Lion goals were scored by Sander-son (2), Hobbs and Whittaker. Beswick scored for Middleton.

Matches for February 11: Rochdale Trades v. Rochdale Pioneers (Stacey), Middleton and Tonge v. Ashton Traders (Taylor), Oldham Industrial v. Red Lion (Kershaw).

	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Pts
Rochdale Trades	7	6	1	0	33	8	13
Red Lion	6	6	0	1	31	17	10
Bury Co-op.	7	4	1	2	37	20	9
Middleton & T.	6	2	2	3	13	15	6
Ashton Traders	5	2	0	3	14	18	4
Oldham Indus.	6	1	0	5	7	27	2
R'dale Pioneers	6	0	0	6	11	41	0

The Duke of Gloucester, as Colonel in Chief, will attend the Gloucestershire regimental dinner in London on March 5.

MERSEY WAS ONCE A SALMON RIVER

I AM deeply indebted to Mrs. Mellor, wife of the late secretary of the Ashton and Oldham Association and the United Anglers, for an amazing publication that throws a lot of light on fishing in the years gone by. The book, published about 1768, is in a fair state of preservation, although the pages are brittle and yellow with age.

It is hard to realise that in 1768 the Mersey was one of the finest salmon rivers in England, and huge catches were taken and carried to Birmingham and London on horseback or by stage-coach.

In those days the rivers of the North—the Trent, Tyne, Mersey and Weaver—were more plentifully stocked with salmon than the southern rivers, and their season opened earlier.

At Flixton, the locals used to catch their salmon at night by means of torches of kindled straw, methods which today would be highly illegal. When the fish were attracted by the light they were speared, netted or gaffed.

It makes one wonder whether salmon ever reached the Irk in Chadderton Fold, or the Saddleworth Tame, in these halcyon fishing days before the industrial revolution and its attendant pollution.

IF the fish were there to be caught, the tackle used was not very outstanding by today's standards. The best rods were made from an 8-ft. length butt

of white deal; second section a 5-ft. length of hazel; third section a 2-ft. length of yew; the tip a thin strip of whalebone about 6in. long.

Anglers must have been strong fisted in those days to hold a 16-ft. rod during a few hours' fishing.

Lines were simply horse-hair, and the hair of a chestnut and brown horse were considered best for ground fishing. Reels were not separate from the rod but were effected by making a slot in the butt end of the rod and inserting a spindle with a winding handle on one end.

THE only things that don't seem to have altered with the years are the common baits, such as worm and maggots. The pastes used by the old-time anglers were legion, and included mixtures that would be looked upon with grave suspicion if produced at matches today.

One paste strongly recommended for roach fishing was made with mulberry juice, hedgehog's fat, oil of water lilies, and a few drops of oil penny royal.

A footnote to the recipe part of the book holds true today: "Some anglers, however, have more confidence in a judicious choice of baits and proper management of them, than in the most alluring mixtures."

THE Central Anglers have changed their headquarters to the Pack Horse Inn, Rochdale Road, Oldham. They have also appointed a new secretary—Mr. H. Gilks, 109 Stockfield Road, Chadderton.

The club will shortly be holding their annual party and members should send their details of requirements to Mr. N. Whitworth, 3 Stottfield, Royton.

THE winter trips to Lincolnshire are still meeting with success. The £4 prize for the best pike in an outing was won recently by Mr. F. Parish with a 26-inch pike.

Tomorrow a match will be fished at Martin Delph, Kirkstead. Any angler interested should get in touch with Mr. Whitworth.

Miss E. Morris, S.R.N., S.C.M., S.R.F.N., has been appointed Deputy Matron of the Oldham and District General Hospital.

MORE HASTE FEWER TRICKS

By Ewart Kempson

Week-end bridge

A SLOW player is a nuisance and frequently ruins the enjoyment of the other three players.

On the other hand, a fast player often throws away tricks.

Game all; dealer North.

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

North bid one club, East one diamond, South one spade and West no bid.

On the second round North called two spades, East passed and South's four spades closed a very reasonable auction.

With three cards in partner's suit headed by the knave or queen or king, the lowest card is the best lead; West led the two of diamonds, and East's king went to South's ace.

The declarer, a slow player, drew the adverse trumps as slowly as possible.

then led the 10 of clubs and slowly dragged on dummy's four. East won and led the nine of diamonds, West making the queen.

There was clearly no future in leading anything but a heart, but if West led the queen and South held the knave, the declarer would still make game.

So West led a low heart and hoped that the declarer would pop on dummy's king whether or not he held the knave.

After a long trance dummy's four of hearts was played, but East saw there was no hope unless he played the 10. This he did and then made the ace to defeat the contract.

The slow South did one thing too quickly. While he took plenty of time playing to the first trick, he was far too soon in playing the ace of diamonds.

He should have allowed East's king to win.

From this moment it is impossible for West to obtain the lead, and South cruises comfortably to 10 tricks.

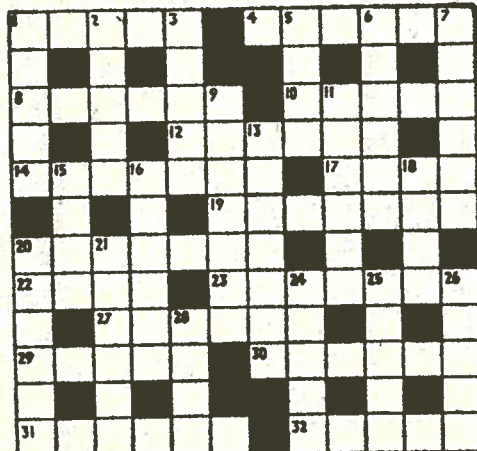
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ACROSS

- 1 Wanderer (5).
- 4 Not so far away (6).
- 8 Country (5).
- 10 Back at sea (5).
- 12 One taking a meal? (6).
- 14 Make a good allowance (7).
- 17 Paper! (4).
- 19 The immediate moment? (7).
- 20 Take a one's leave (7).
- 22 Periods (4).
- 23 Source of liquid asset? (7).
- 27 Go with out food (6).
- 29 Popular flower (5).
- 30 Not so tricky (6).
- 31 Skit (6).
- 32 Cooks (5).

DOWN

- 1 Subject (5).
- 2 Worn for protection (5).
- 3 Dignified men (5).
- 5 If contemplating one, look before-hand (4).
- 6 The city of rigour (6).
- 7 Sharp answer (5).
- 9 Man of account (7).
- 11 Center (6).
- 13 Thoughtful (7).
- 15 More than six balls? No (4).



FRIDAY'S SOLUTION.—Across: 3 Decanter, 8 Imps, 9 Discreet, 11 Contents, 15 Eddy, 16 Nocturne, 18 Retainer, 19 Prim, 21 Live Wire, 25 Repeated, 26 Sign, 27 Deluding. Down: 1 Disc, 2 Spin, 4 Erin, 5 Arcs, 6 Tread, 7 Ratty, 9 Demur, 10 Stunt, 13 Odour, 14 Dream, 16 Refit, 17 Eased, 19 Fared, 20 Impel, 21 Lard, 22 Vein, 23 Ibis, 24 Eons.

Cherry Leaf club teaches judo and also goes in for grading

I HAVE followed the fortunes of the art of judo in Oldham for several years, and it is most pleasing to find that the Cherry Leaf Judo Club has made such fine progress in two years. Their headquarters is over the Co-op stores in Coldhurst Street, Oldham, and their first secretary was Mr. Frank Glennon who, I remember, was behind the starting of the Oldham Judo Club in Ascroft Street. However, after six months, Frank handed over to Mr. S. Owen, who, along with Mr. Charlie Williams (treasurer) has been pushing the club to the forefront.

Charlie Williams, who started to learn judo at the age of 36, never thought he would make such rapid progress as to become the first person in Oldham to hold a "blue belt" and become known as a "second kyu." But one can really understand the Cherry Leaf Club's progress when they have the good offices of some of the best instructors in the Manchester area paying them visits to help with their instruction.

One of Mr. A. Petherbridge, who was a member of the Great Britain team that won the European Championship in Austria in November 1957.

Only the other week Mr. Petherbridge graded one of the club members at Rochdale—Mr. Ridgeway, who was awarded his "green belt." Mr. Petherbridge is a "black belt" holder who has advanced to become a "second dan."

Another "black-belt" holder and a "first dan" is Mr. E. Cockskey, who also comes along to assist with the instruction, and the club also have another "second-dan black-belt" holder in Mr. Frank Roden, and another "first dan" in Mr. Jim Leader. With such a wealth of instructors, new members are well catered for in learning the noble art of judo.

But the classes on Tuesday and Friday evenings and Sunday afternoons are well catered for with other instructors, in Mr. P. Smith, a "brown-belt first kyu," a member of the KNK Club at Manchester, and Reg West and his young lady, Miss Edna Almond, who instructs the women members.

All the female members of the club are teenagers, and it was refreshing to find these girls interested in such a good clean sport as judo instead of rock n' roll. Just to give some idea of the judo idea that size does not matter, Edna Almond gently threw her boy friend around for me, and then 16-year-old 8-stone W. Keane threw 14-stone Charlie Williams.

The club plans to hold a grading in Manchester every three months and they are preparing six learners now. On Friday evening there were four new members after seeing the club and the art for themselves.

There is a large mat of 36 feet, with plenty of room, and the canvas cost £25. The members fitted it out themselves and take the greatest care of it, in cleaning, etc.

Any parents of intending members are welcome to the club on training evenings or Sunday afternoons. During the spring it is hoped to decorate the interior and this should give the large training room added attraction. **AVR**



CENTRAL LANCS LEAGUE WILL HAVE 8 TEST PLAYERS

SOUTH AFRICA and New Zealand are the only overseas countries not represented in next season's impressive list of Central Lancashire League professionals.

The list, now complete, included eight Test players—four Indians, two West Indians and two Pakistanis. It is:

ASHTON.—Bob Bartels (Ceylon)
CASTLETON M.—Vijay Manjrekar (India)
CROMPTON.—Hanif Mohammad (Pakistan)
HEYWOOD.—Fergie Gupte (India)
LITTLEBORO.—Israr Ali (Pakistan)
MIDDLETON.—Roy Gilchrist (West Indies)
MILNROW.—John McMahon (Somerset)
OLDHAM.—Cec Pepper (Australia)
RADCLIFFE.—Garfield Sobers (West Indies)
ROCHDALE.—Dattu Phadkar (India)
BOYTON.—Eric Denison (Yorkshire)
STOCKPORT.—Vino Mankad (India)
WALSLEY.—Vernon Newton
WERNETH.—Chandu Borde (India)

The Test cricketers are Manjrekar, Gupte, Phadkar and Mankad of India; Gilchrist and Sobers of the West Indies; Hanif Mohammad and Israr Ali of Pakistan; while Cec Pepper has represented the Australian Services team in this country and Bob Bartels has played for Ceylon, who have not got Test status.

At the 20th annual general meeting of Chadderton and District Amateur Bowling League, 36 teams were represented. Mr. Herbert Stone was elected president.

Mr. Stanley Casey deputy-president and Mr. Harry Fearn chairman.

The executive committee was increased to nine members—Messrs. J. Cross, J. Smith, S. Casey, C. Boon, M. A. Kelly, W. Greenwood, R. Oldham, C. Brooks and A. Fawcett. The League will be conducted much along the same lines as last season, although the decision to carry on with teams of ten players was carried by only one vote.

THE secretary of the East Lancashire Youth Cricket Council announces that there is to be a special youth certificate cricket coaching course, which is to be held at Chadderton Grammar School.

It will be a course of nine sessions, beginning on Friday, February 28 (with a break for Easter) and on each Friday evening from 7-30 p.m. to 9-30 p.m. The MCC coach is Mr. F. C. Molyneux, and the course is designed to train candidates wishing to qualify for the Lancashire proficiency coaching certificate. An examination will be held at the end of the course. The fee for each candidate is 10s. and they should provide a bat and plimsoles.

At the annual general meeting of the Lancashire Schools' Cricket Association, at Accrington, Mr. Frank Smeeton was elected vice-chairman.

Mr. Smeeton, of Hollinwood S.M. School, is also treasurer of the Oldham Schools' Boxing Association, chairman of Oldham Schools' Cricket Association, and a prominent member of the committee of Oldham Schools' Football Association.

The new distinction means that next year the annual meeting of the Lancashire Association will be held in Oldham, and that there will probably be an inter-county school-boys match.

AUSTRALIAN cricketers now touring South Africa are not expecting their colleague, all-rounder, Ron Archer, to return to the side in time for the MCC tour of Australia next winter.

Archer, who missed accompanying Craig's team to South Africa through knee trouble has, in a letter told his colleagues that his knee is no better.

He is merely bowling slow spinners in local cricket at the moment and does not feel he can risk bowling flat out.

General view is that a fit Archer would be a key man for Australia. But he cannot expect to return to Test cricket unless able to bowl fast.

AS was inevitable, people are already labelling 20-year-old Norman O'Neill as a "boy Bradman."

There was quite an outcry in Australia when he was left out of the party now touring South Africa. But English bowlers need be over fearful of O'Neill next winter.

He went with Ian Craig's young team to New Zealand last year. Had he been more impressive he would not have been passed over for the current trip.

O'Neill has obviously improved. But, regarding his 1,000 runs in Sheffield Shield matches, this winter, remember this fine feat was performed when Australia's best bowlers were abroad.

And the standard of Australia's bowling is not high—as witness their present attack in South Africa.

Recall that eight years ago, when it was much more impressive Colin McDonald and Richie Benaud made a big impact as batsmen in Shield

Seel Park notes

NO-ONE COULD SCORE GOALS

Little can be said of the defeat against Wellington Town last week. It was just the usual pattern of most previous games: plenty of good football, but no-one to put the ball into the net.

Scouts were out in force again renewing their interest in our out-side-left, J. Willis, and right-half M. Eckersall, who both had exceptionally good games.

Next week, Mossley are away at Ellesmere Port.

Next Saturday, February 15, the county have taken over the Mossley ground for their second-round amateur county match, Lancashire F.A. v. Manchester F.A., kick-off 2.45.

Winning horse given to Queen Mother

Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother went to the races today—and was presented with one of the winners.

Ball Ha'I, joint holder of the New Zealand record over one mile and six furlongs, won the St. James Cup at the Wellington racing club's meeting at Trentham, thirty miles north of Wellington.

A storm of cheering broke out when his owner, Sir Ernest Davis, presented the champion to "the greatest lady in the world," on behalf of the sporting public of New Zealand.

The Edinburgh Murrayfield ice-hockey team were beaten 6-2 (period scores 0-0, 3-2, 3-0) in Paris last night by the Boulogne-Billancourt club.

Joe Macintosh and Red Imrie scored for the Scottish team.

RAILWAY BOXING

Over 40 boxers will compete in the Western Region of British Railways amateur boxing championships at Reading on Thursday, the national finals of which will be held at the Royal Albert Hall, London.

One of the best-known competitors will be R. Gabriel (Caerphilly), the Welsh international bantamweight, who won the Welsh flyweight title two years ago.

The most experienced boxer will be light middleweight J. Gill (Wolverhampton), who has had around 200 contests, winning all but seven.

Talk by Cyril Washbrook

A large audience is expected at Hartford Youth Centre on Monday evening, when the speaker in the "How to Enjoy" series of talks will be Lancashire County Cricket Club's captain, Cyril Washbrook, whose topic will be "How to Enjoy Cricket." There is an open invitation to all young people in the town to hear Mr. Washbrook's talk.

Pigeon clearance sale

A RECENT advertisement in the "Racing Pigeon" raised a laugh among Britain's homing fans. It was headed "Entire Clearance Sale" and listed pigeons of all kinds and strains—strains, said the advertisement, that included strained wings, strained legs, strained necks, internal strains, and others not yet discovered. For example:

No. 1.—Mealy Cock. Has done everything expected of a pigeon except fly. Might do some day. Price £2.

Black Cock.—A real homer and money spinner. Has returned from Thurso, Lerwick, Berwick, Fraserburgh, Perth and many other points. I have made pounds by selling the baskets he came home in. Price 10s.

No. 6.—Mealy hen. Pure-bred Fell. Fell down the chimney twice. It cost me £20 to get the soot out of the living-room, curtains and carpets alone. A snip. Price 3s. 6d.

No. 7.—Blue Pied Boss-Eyed Cock. Price 15s.

Pair of Whites.—Pure-bred Pots. They are always up there lounging around. (The chimney pots are included to the buyer of this pair; they'd die without them.) Price 4s. the pair.

A yearling cock (I think).—A bird if ever I saw one. A picture. Nicely shaped. No tail, bowlegged, bald-headed and a slight touch of canker. I don't like parting with this one, but they must all go.

Black-pied cock.—One leg missing, odd eye. Price 15s.

"Those wishing to buy we advise to come after dark," continues the advertisement. "Birds should all be home by then. If not able to get here after dark, call during daytime and state which birds you would like from those sitting on the roof. We will send them on when they come down to roost."

More than a hundred fanciers got in touch with the magazine. The magazine staff joked about the matter and explained that they wanted to see how closely readers read the advertisements.

Seriously though, watch this page from now on. It is the intention of the Green Final to publish a weekly article about pigeons—for the novice and, when the season starts, for the established fanciers also.



Reg West and Edna Almond, of Rochdale, judo instructors at the Cherry Leaf club.

Anne Heywood, new British hope

HAVING once interviewed Violet Pretty when she was Carroll Levis's commere for the "Discoveries" show some years ago, I found it strange calling her Anne Heywood over lunch in Manchester this week. Miss Heywood is now one of the Rank Organisation's busiest contract artists, a new British hope.



"Pretty just would not do for films," she said, resignedly, "even though it is my real name. It was all right for variety and beauty contests, but it just isn't sound enough for films. Now I react instantly to the new name, after all, Heywood was mother's name, Anne is my favourite name."

Anne has come a long way since she changed names. From bit parts she has progressed to leads. In "Dangerous Exile" she is a Welsh maid, a spy; the picture is a lavish costume romance about smuggling the boy King Louis XVII from the French Revolution to asylum on Caldy Island; in her next, "Violent Playground," she has her first lead as an Irish girl in Liverpool; shortly she starts on "Floods of Fear" in which she is an American girl in Georgia. Three accents in three consecutive films is no walkover for a star whose only straight-acting experience was brief in repertory, in Birmingham.



Anne Heywood

But Anne has a magnetism, a drive which is not common in British films. Her years with Levis discoveries have given her a natural vivacity that RADA misses. This is the girl who was once an usherette in a Rank cinema. Now she is up on the screen.

With Belinda Lee starring in "Dangerous Exile" talk with George Brown, the producer (he also made "Jacqueline," "The Seekers" and "Hotel Sahara" among others) came around to "the incident," Miss Lee's recent sad affair with an Italian prince in Rome.

"People don't understand the strain of being a film star," he said. "They work in an emotional hot-house. They are driven to pour out high-pressure feeling. Their private lives are non-existent; always they are subjected to the glare, to publicity, to gossip and tension. It takes more than stamina not to crack up."

Anne Heywood had the last word. Women do.

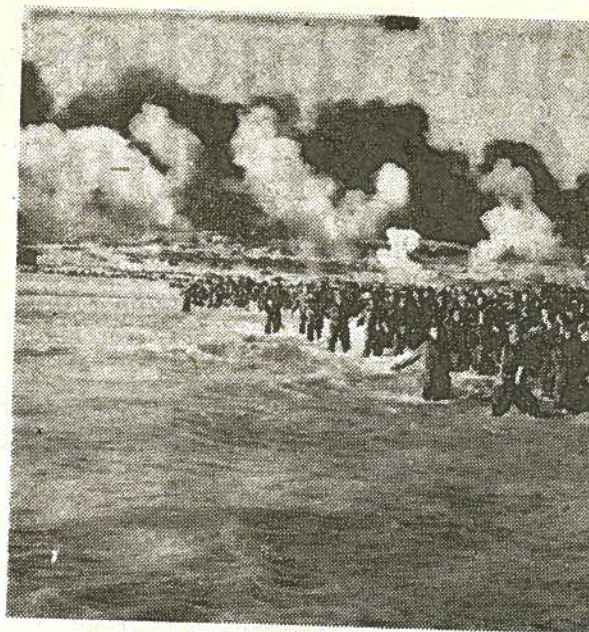
IT is a far cry from the Frankenstein monster to this elegant nobleman, but that is Christopher Lee's lot. Here he is pictured as the arrogant, dissolute Marquis St. Evremonde in "A Tale of Two Cities."

Lee, of Anglo-Italian parentage (his mother was descended from the Borgias), recently played the Monster in "Curse of Frankenstein." This still was taken during location filming at Valencay, France.

"A Tale of Two Cities," produced for the Rank Organisation, stars Dirk Bogarde as the immortal Sydney Carton.

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JEFF CHANDLER and Jack Palance from Hollywood and Martine Carol from Paris will start filming "The Phoenix" in Berlin in mid-February. It is being made by the successful Hammer Films team of Britain specialists in horror pictures like "The Curse of Frankenstein."



THE QUEEN and the Duke of Edinburgh will attend the world premiere of "Dunkirk" in London on March 20. Ealing Films and MGM Pictures are to donate the whole of the box-office proceeds of the first night to the Soldiers', Sailors' and Airmen's Families' Association. More than two years' research went into the making of "Dunkirk" — the biggest film ever made in Britain—before filming started in the spring of last year.

The cast, which includes many serving soldiers, sailors and airmen, exceeds 4,000. Since the Dunkirk skyline has been restored, most of the evacuation scenes were filmed at Camber Sands in Sussex.

Here is a scene from "Dunkirk." The smoke of many fires hangs over Dunkirk as a solid column of men wade out from the beaches towards the ships which will take them home.

The stars include John Mills, Richard Attenborough and Bernard Lee.



JUSTICE BOOSTS BRITISH FILMS

NOW in the United States is bearded heavyweight Scots actor, James Robertson Justice. He is on a coast-to-coast tour to boost Rank Organisation films in general and his film "Campbell's Kingdom" in particular.

One of the most picturesque characters in films, Justice is a doctor of philosophy of Bonn University. He speaks six languages, including Gaelic. In his time he has been a goldminer, race-car driver, lumberjack, schoolteacher, fruit farmer, coal barge mate and foreign correspondent.

"Campbell's Kingdom," which has a Canadian setting and stars Dirk Bogarde, Stanley Baker, Barbara Murray and Michael Craig, is to have a dual premiere at Portland, Oregon, on Tuesday, and at Seattle Washington, on Wednesday. It will be seen in 150 cinemas throughout north United States.

On his return to Britain, Justice is to be installed as Rector of Edinburgh University. He was elected by a big majority.

WARNER BROTHERS will film Edna Ferber's new novel, "Ice Palace," a modern story of Alaska with the sweeping panorama of action and emotion for which Miss Ferber is famous.

"Giant," Miss Ferber's last filmed novel which was released by Warner Brothers last

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JESSE OWENS AMAZED THE WORLD-AND THE GERMANS

WHAT'S your name? the school mistress asked a curly-headed coloured boy at a Cleveland, Ohio, school. "J. C. Owens, Ma'am," said the boy, and the teacher wrote down "Jesse Owens."

By **NORRIS**

McWHIRTER

A phonetic mistake that has never been corrected arose because Owens spoke with the lazy drawl of the cotton fields of the Deep South.

James Cleveland Owens was born in 1913 in Northern Alabama. He was one of seven children.

Though the athletic prowess of this boy was widely discussed in local circles, it was not until May 25, 1935, that the American public realised they had a physical genius among them.

On that afternoon, Jesse Owens, now 21 and already married for two years, was warming up for the 100 yards event in the "big ten" championship on the University of Michigan's track at Ann Arbor.

Owens was working his way through college at Ohio State University at Columbus, 175 miles to the south.

His first job was to work the

gasoline pumps at a filling station, but a Negro member of the Ohio Legislature had found him a better job as a page boy in the State House of Representatives.

Owens won that 100 yards race easily. The timekeepers were amazed to read 9.4sec. on their watches. Owens had equalled the world record set by the white American sprinter Frank Wykoff at Los Angeles in 1930.

Next, coach Larry Snyder sent Owens over to the long jump pit. Some optimist put a handkerchief in the sand at the 26ft. mark.

The world record was 26ft. 2 1/2 in., set by the powerful little Japanese Chuhei Nambu at Tokio four years previously, while the American record was 3in. behind that.

When his turn came, Owens flowed down the runway at 25 miles an hour and soared upwards and forwards.

His heels cut the sand well ahead of the handkerchief. Pop-eyed

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officials read off 26ft. 8 1/2 in. on the steel measuring tape. And that is still the record today, though the best long jumpers the world over have been trying to break it for 22 successive seasons.

Coach Snyder badly wanted some more points for his team. So he withdrew Owens from the long jump, after his single effort, to rest him for the 220 yards sprint, which was due to begin a few minutes later.

BEAT THE FIELD

The gun cracked and Owens had the field beaten in a few yards. He bowled on down the straight track with spikes flashing to win his third event easily.

The timekeepers blinked at their watches, which had stuttered to a halt at 20.3sec. The existing world record was 20.6sec., set by Roland Locke, of Nebraska, nine years before.

Since the record for the fractionally shorter distance of 200 metres was also 20.6 set by Locke, and equalled by the powerful coloured American Ralph Metcalfe at Budapest in 1933, Owens collected not one but two more world records.

Still there was work to be done. Owens lined up for the 220 yards hurdles and flashed over the ten obstacles in 22.6sec.

BACK INJURY

By now the officials were ceasing to be surprised at world records. The existing figure for this spectacular event was 23.0sec for both the 220 yards and the 200 metres distances.

Thus Jesse Owens completed the most amazing series of performances ever seen before or since.

His six world records were set in less than an hour on a day when he was worried about a back injury he had received in a playful skuffle with a fellow student.

That glorious hour made Jesse Owens a famous man in the United States. But it took the Olympic Games at Berlin the following year to make Owens known throughout the world.

At New York on July 11 Owens won the Olympic final try-out 100 metres and long jump, and the next day the 200 metres. The United States team then sailed for Europe.

Nazi Germany were determined to abuse the Olympic Games as a propaganda vehicle to display the alleged physical superiority of the Aryan race.

Dr. Goebbels was furious when a coloured alien called Owens on August 2, the very first day of the Games, equalled the Olympic 100 metres record of 10.3sec. in his first-round heat and then ran the distance in 10.2sec. with the aid of a following wind in the second round.

GOEBBELS IN RAGE

Next day Owens won his semi-final, easing up in 10.4sec., and then the final from his great rival and fellow American Negro, Ralph Metcalfe, in 10.3sec.

Goebbels spat with rage and called Owens "a black American auxiliary" when, on the third day, this increasingly popular and modest athlete ran the first two rounds of the 200 metres each in 21.1sec. for a new Olympic record, and then won the long jump, to defeat the German Lutz Long's prodigious leap of 25ft. 9 1/2 in. with an amazing last clearance of 26ft. 5 1/2 in., a record unapproached in the three subsequent Games.

Goebbels' misery was not over. On the fourth day Jesse won his 200 metres semi-final in 21.3sec., and, despite the damp track and the tight curve, the final in a new record time of 20.7sec. Thus he secured his third gold medal.

After a rest of three days, Owens returned to the mammoth Olympic stadium—easily the most popular man in Berlin—to anchor the United States 4 x 100 relay team.

In the heat Owens broke the tape in 40.0sec., to equal the world and Olympic record, and in the final his team's time was 39.8sec., which remained unbeaten for 20 years.

HERO'S WELCOME

Soon after the Games a by-now homesick Owens returned to a hero's welcome and forfeited his amateur status.

For three years he piled up dollars from an extraordinary variety of sources, including tap dancing, leading a swing orchestra, film acting in Hollywood, stunt racing against a horse in Havana and from his own dry-cleaning business in Cleveland.

On of his first purchases was an eleven-room house for his parents.

The crash came in 1939 when Owens was forced into bankruptcy. But gradually the man who was still hailed in 1950 by a nation-wide Press poll as "the top track performer of the century," climbed back to success.

IKE'S CHOICE

In 1952 Owens was appointed secretary of the Illinois Athletic Committee. In 1955 the State Department at Washington chose him to make a goodwill tour of India.

Owens, still softly spoken and as charming as ever, returned home to his wife and three daughters at their Chicago home with the tribute "a perfect envoy."

No wonder then, in 1956, President Eisenhower chose Jesse as his personal representative at the Olympic Games at Melbourne.

I shall always remember seeing a lithe Negro training at Melbourne with Bobby Morrow, the white Texan, who later won the 100 and 200 metres gold medals.

It was none other than Jesse Owens at the age of 43.

He had come to lend encouragement to a fellow-American who was unborn when he won the crown as the world's fastest human.

Fred Davis behind

Fred Davis, the British snooker champion, trailed by eight frames to ten in Vancouver yesterday, in his 61-frame series against George Chenier, the North American champion.

In one frame, Davis had breaks of 59, 27 and 35, and beat Chenier 121-0.

The series will continue until Tuesday.

Doctors' ringside vigil lessens future injury danger

WHEN a boxer applies for a professional licence, he must be medically examined and the following questions are asked:

Have you ever been knocked out? If so, how many times during the last 12 months?

Have you ever suffered any ill effects from a knock-out, e.g., broken jaw, headaches, temporary blindness, dizziness, vomiting or impairment of speech or memory? Are you in good health as far as you know?

If the boxer passes his physical and mental examination, he is granted a boxing licence.

The duties of a medical officer.—The tasks of a medical officer may be conveniently divided into three categories; duties before the con-

The doctor remains at the ringside, in case an emergency may arise, such as resuscitation of a boxer after a particularly heavy fall on the head.

Following a contest his duties consist entirely of treating a boxer's injuries due to the contest, or advising him to get treatment from his own doctor or specialist, or in arranging for the transfer in some cases of the boxer to hospital. In cases of suspected fractures, he always advises X-rays.

It's up to the ref . . .

It is the duty of a referee to obtain as much medical information as possible to know when a contest should be stopped or permitted to go on.

He is instructed to stop a contest if, among other things;

A boxer has taken severe punishment;

Is unable to defend himself;

Has sustained some injury that is likely to prove serious;

One of the contestants has obtained such a lead on points as to render

it an impossibility for his opponent to win on points.

The large majority of cut eyes are caused through the boxer coming into contact with the opponents' head. These cuts as a rule are not dangerous.

Referees are advised that permanent injury can arise from repeated blows to the kidneys or to the back of the neck. The former may give rise indirectly to blindness and the latter to punch-drunkness.

Chronic concussion or punch-drunkness: The majority of cases of chronic concussion are caused by a boxer receiving several blows in training, or in the ring, rather than by one blow sufficient to produce a knock out. Frequent jarring of the brain, such as is produced by a boxer taking a good deal of unnecessary punishment, is the most prolific cause.

The golden rule in boxing is that referees should never allow a boxer to be struck by another boxer when his is in a completely defenceless position. This is particularly important after a boxer has been knocked down.

The referee should be able to tell by looking at a boxer's eyes and the general appearance of his body as a whole whether he is sufficiently recovered to be capable of protecting himself.

Randolph Turpin, during one of his fights, failed to follow up his attack on his opponent after the latter rose from a knock down. When he was questioned after the fight as to why he didn't follow up his advantage, he replied: "His eyes never had that glazed look and I knew he was still dangerous."

Walked around ring

When a boxer is knocked out, in the majority of cases he is suffering from concussion, and this concussion is no different from the concussion caused by any other form of violence to the head.

Even if he makes a complete recovery he is assisted out of the ring and not allowed to get out by himself.

If after a boxer is knocked out and shows no signs of returning consciousness within 60 seconds of being counted out, he is removed as gently as possible by stretcher.

The reason for a boxer dying as a result of a blow sustained in the ring is due, in the majority of cases, to bleeding inside the brain. Sometimes a blow bursts a small blood vessel in the brain and it is impossible to tell in the early stages

that such an event has occurred.

Some years ago, a French boxer at the Albert all was outpointed at the end of ten rounds of boxing. He sportingly acknowledged the applause of the public by walking around the ring, with both arms up and gloves clasped together.

He went to the dressing room, took a shower, got dressed and returned to the ringside. He then complained to his manager that he didn't feel well and returned to his dressing room where he was made to lie down.

I was sent for and reached the dressing room a few minutes later. His pulse was slow and he was in a semi-comatose condition. I immediately ordered an ambulance and sent him off to hospital with a note saying that the man was boxing and had a cerebral hemorrhage.

He was operated on the same evening, the bleeding was stopped, but he never regained consciousness. It was the only fatality I ever attended in many years of officiating at boxing matches as medical officer.

THE BOXER.—Boxers, like other athletes, vary a great deal in both their mental and physical makeup.

Some boxers are more susceptible to being rendered unconscious than others. A person with a so-called "glass jaw" is one who is easily rendered unconscious with a head blow, while the one with a "cast iron jaw" can take the same kind of punishment without obvious effect.

Technical knockout

While acting as a ringside physician at professional boxing matches over a period of years, I have never observed a single contestant unable to leave the ring under his own power. Occasionally, a boxer may be dazed. However, it is uncommon for such an occurrence to be repeated more than twice in any bout.

At the present time referees are instructed to declare a technical knockout whenever a contestant manifests an inability to protect himself as a result of an unduly prolonged dazed state.

The popular appeal of the sport of boxing has attracted both laymen and physicians, some of whom have stressed the sad result of a career of boxing.

Yet when questioned as to the extent of their knowledge of the supposedly punch drunk ex-pugilist, they admit that they know nothing of his intellectual capacity during his prefight years, or his educational advantages.

Certainly a bashed-in nose, scars over the eyes and cauliflower ears are not indices of cerebral disfunctions.

I am in no way implying that professional boxing is a mild sport free from bodily hazard. Certainly much physical punishment is sustained with occasional severe injuries—and even death resulting.

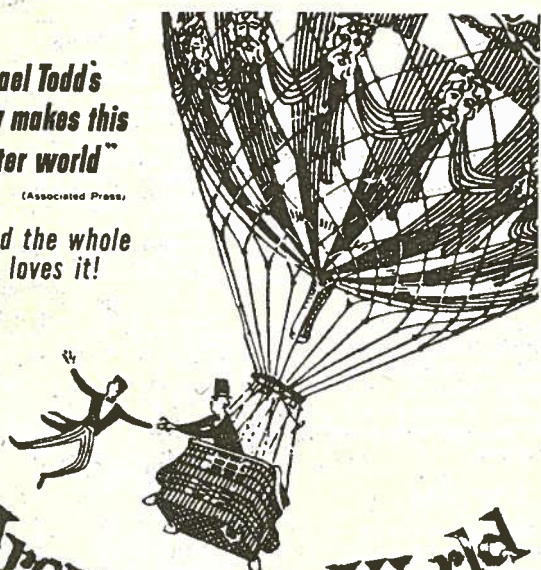
Nevertheless, the amount of damage that may be inflicted to the brain by a blow to the head with a gloved fist, during a properly conducted professional boxing contest rarely produces cerebral changes demonstrable by any test, including the electro-encephalogram, that we have at the present time.

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Hornets' two new signings are shaping well

IT was just the Hornets' luck that they had to stage one of their best feats of the season 100 miles away from the Athletic Grounds, and turned out for the game on their toes with two new players in the side.

Clubs generally contrive to show their "signings" first to the home crowd, but the way fixtures fell in the weeks before today's cup-tie made this difficult in the case of Ferdi Corsi and Jim Parr.

Maybe the club will begin to cash in in the near future for their speculation in bringing Corsi from Italy. Quite a few supporters have watched him in "A" team fixtures, but they want to reach their own conclusions about his potentialities by seeing him in first team games.

In reporting back from what I saw at Hull a week ago I want to emphasise first of all that the Italian was signed as a half-back and after his arrival it was learnt that he had also figured as a centre. At Hull he played on the wing.

In the entire 80 minutes he did not receive a clear-cut opening either from kicking or passing, but on the few occasions he was in possession (and I do not recall his missing any of his few passes) he ran strongly and sometimes more than one defender was needed to put him down. This suggests that when he does get a pass near the line he is the type who will battle his way over.

Defended soundly

He also defended soundly and when the Rovers scored their first try he narrowly missed putting Shaw to touch after having chased from the opposite wing.

It was good to see that the team did not leave him out on his own on the wing. They gave him promptings throughout and he was always ready to respond.

My impression is that Jim Parr will soon be able to put on an extra yard of speed. He appears heavier than he was in his Whitehaven days.

In the HORNETS' NEST by Touchjudge

and on the score of strong foraging alone, will continue to compete for the first team loose forward position. Certainly he set a barrier on one side of every scrum to the Hornets ex-player, Ray Evans.

A few lines must go on the record of the win at Craven Park. The small band of spectators from Rochdale were quite happy during the closing ten minutes when the score was twelve points all.

Hornets had pulled up from a 9-2 deficit and after an hour's play and their defence was immeasurably better than before the interval.

But if this band were quite happy then they were in the seventh heaven of delight a few seconds from time, when a remarkable passing movement brought a match-winning try by Norman Short, who was ready to go over at the posts following interpassing by Ted Cahill and John Chisnall in an almost straight line from the centre of the field to the home posts.

Les Jones's goals

Les Jones landed four goals, one of them a really fine effort, whereas Kellett, the Rovers goalkicker, could not put one over. Jones should have gone to St. Helens last Wednesday morning for his first session with Jim Sullivan, but his employment prevented him going there.

He was, however, out with the team at the Athletic Grounds in the afternoon when, for at least an hour and a half, the players

got down to it with a will. The lads were so bucked by their success at Hull that they offered to pay for their own bed and breakfast if the directors would alter this weekend's travel arrangements for the cup tie.

By Monday, it had been decided to leave for York last night and continue to the Boulevard early this afternoon, the directors dipping into their own pockets to meet the additional expenses.

Whatever has happened at the Boulevard this afternoon, everything must be done within the club to maintain the optimistic front that has been evident on all sides this week. There is quite a slice of the league programme, even when cup hopes go, and the remainder of this season must be employed in keeping harmony in the camp and regaining the full confidence and support of the public.

Round the Third North

SINCE just before Christmas, Bradford have signed four new players, three of them defenders. Now only two of them are holding down first-team places. They are goalkeeper Ray Minshull, who was recruited from Southport on December 28, and right-half Joby Dean, the former Queen's Park Rangers and Sutton United player, who joined them from the non-League club at the end of November.

The two players who are now out of the senior side are centre-half Alan Rushby, a recruit from Mansfield three months ago, and ex-Derby County centre-forward Jock Buchanan, who was signed at the same time as Dean.

IT is small wonder that Carlisle United have turned down offers for centre-forward Alf Ackerson from several clubs, among them Blackburn Rovers, in recent months. The tall South African has averaged a goal a game in his last eight appearances for the Brunton Park club, and has scored 22 goals this season out of a total of 52.

CHESTER'S victory at Southport last Saturday was notable for the fact that it was the first time the Sealand Road side had scored four goals in a League match this season.

Chester have now netted seven times in their last two games, which is one more than in the previous seven engagements put together.

Crompton's third time lucky

FOUR of the games down for decision on Saturday were Amateur cup-ties, one second-round game and three first-round games.

In the second-round game, Bay Horse at home have only themselves to blame that they did not enter the semi-final for, when entertaining league leaders Heymain Recs., they missed a penalty and a three-goal draw resulted. Heymain opened the score after 15 minutes and 12 minutes later increased their lead, but just before the interval, Bay Horse reduced the arrears.

Immediately on the resumption Bay Horse drew level. After 60 minutes Heymain again took the lead but just before the end Bay Horse again equalised. Kerish (2) and Trippier scored for Bay Horse and Lishmore (2) and Wrightwebb scored for Heymain.

At the third attempt A. & A. Crompton and Turner Brothers managed to complete their game which resulted in a victory for Crompton's by 6-1 after they had led 3-0 at half-time. Turner Bros. tried hard but could not cope with the fast play of Crompton's Ashworth and Walls (2 each) Buckley and Bord scored for Crompton's and Burke for Turner's.

Gravelhole returned to winning form when at home they defeated Boots Social 4-0. Fifteen minutes from time Gravelhole were leading 2-0 and then during this last period Boots were reduced to nine men and Gravelhole sealed the issue with a further two goals. Mathews played a good game for the winners and netted all their goals.

RESERVE POWER WILL BE KEY TO TOP-12 PLACES

IT'S surprising how a couple of tip-top performances can kill talk about a replacement being needed. Not long ago, Rochdale searched the country, Scotland too, for a centre-half who could step into the Northern Section if Bev Glover continued to lose form.

They found plenty of centre-halves—Mr. Harry Catterick can tell of those he inquired about by the dozen—but none of the right quality at the right price.

Now Ben Glover, with a couple of first-class shows, at Hull and Spotland, has shot right back into his polished soundness. The defence has looked good again and supporters have stopped worrying about another centre-half.

They have seen the three-in-one balance sheet and have commented: "Perhaps it is as well no more money was spent in view of what has happened."

But I sum the matter up this way. The immediate requirement for another centre-half has passed so long as Glover escapes injury. Yet, it is no use sitting back and forgetting about the centre-half position.

Breathing space

No player last for ever, and Glover's return to form should merely be taken as a breathing space and an opportunity for the club to adopt a long-term policy.

Whereas the need a short time ago was for an experienced player meaning, of course, the expenditure of a considerable amount of money for a satisfactory player, Rochdale could now take a younger, less experienced man, and give him time to progress.

Perhaps the club consider they have one in George Newall. I do not know and as I rarely see him in action in the Reserve side, I have only second-hand information on his progress.

His one game with the first team this season at Southport, however, led me to the conclusion that he has quite a way to go before he can be considered first-team quality.

And this is the season when experience is telling. The time when reserve strength may be even more important than it is now will be in April as when an already heavy programme of games receives an added load from postponed matches.

Rochdale have seven games in the normal fixtures in April plus, in all probability, a rearranged game against Chester.

Eight games in a month means a severe strain at the end of the season for a player not in the bloom

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of youth. Rochdale have one or two men for whom this strain might well be excessive.

It might also be the time when the vital points to keep the club in the top 12 are being fought for, mostly away from home. In that case, the reserve strength would make or break the club's bid for the retention of Third Division status.

Rochdale have nine away matches and seven at home to play after today's game at Halifax, and a glance at the programme shows that away points will not be easily obtained. The next six away matches are at Bury, Chesterfield, West Hartlepool, Carlisle, Gateshead and York.

When the national Third and Fourth Divisions are brought into operation next season, there could well be another big change introduced—four up and four down between the two new divisions. It is an old request which has been put to the annual gathering of the Football League year after year without effect.

Why? Because in the past, at least half of the 44 full members of the league (the First and Second Division clubs) would have been directly concerned. These clubs have a vote each at the annual meeting; the remaining clubs, as associate members only, have merely four votes between them.

With the testablishment of the two separate national divisions this four-up and four-down business can be pleasantly (for the big 44) confined to associate members only and it is quite likely it will be introduced.

Frank Lord's aim

I am all in favour of it. It will add interest as well as risk to a competition which fades in the second part of the season. But it would not reflect particular credit on the First and Second Division clubs who are so afraid of it themselves.

Frank Lord, who broke his leg in a practice game on August 17, is now entering on the second stage of his come-back. Never have I seen

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Rochdale Sunday Schools' League CASTLEMERE LOWERED CHAMPIONS COLOURS

SHAWFORTH, the league champions, lost their first game of the season last Saturday when they were defeated by Castlemere Old Boys at Firgrove. Thus ended a great run of 21 games played this season, all of which had been won. Castlemere's victory was well deserved, as they had to play the greater part of the time with ten men, Hammond retiring injured midway through the first half. Ayton scored the only goal of the game in the 67th minute.

Littleborough Parish failed to profit by Shawforth's defeat as they also went down, being defeated by Milton at Springfield. This has allowed Bright's to draw level with them in second position. Milton deserved their win, scoring three goals in the second half to one by Littleborough after they had been level at 1-1 at the interval. B. M. Ashworth and Thorpe shared Milton's goals, Halliday and Sutcliffe scoring for Littleborough.

Bright's had a good 4-3 home win over Norden YCOB after being held to a 2-2 draw at half-time. They were leading 4-2 until seven minutes from the end when Norden got their third goal. Wilcox and Barber shared Bright's goals, Heap, Ingham and Bouser scoring for Norden.

St. Aidan's were the first to score in their home game with Sacred Heart but the visitors were level at the interval. In an exciting second half, St. Aidan's got a second goal to give them both points. Muldowney and Gardiner scored for St. Aidan's and Connor for Sacred Heart.

All Saints opened the scoring in their home game with Wardle Parish and took the lead again after the visitors had equalised. Wardle, however, gained the upper hand and finally won comfortably by 5-2. R. Gregson (3) and Milligan (2) scored for Wardle, and W. Gill (2) for All Saints.

Lanehead had a 5-1 away win

over St. Vincent's but the score in no way represents the play, the home team having as much of the play but being unable to finish. Kershaw (2), Shackleton, Brierley and Clark scored for Lanehead and Hudson for St. Vincent's.

Heywood St. James defeated YMCA Old Boys by two second half goals scored by Howarth and Corcoran, to none. YMCA had their chances but failed to take them.

"B" DIVISION

Whittle's gave a grand exhibition in their home game with St. Patrick's and won deservedly by 5-1 after leading 2-0 at half-time. Wilson (2), Ogden (2) and Lunt scored their goals, Broadbent scoring for St. Patrick's.

St. Peter's staged a grand recovery in their away game with Newhey St. Thomas, drawing level at 4-4 after being two goals behind. In the closing minutes Newhey got on top again to win 6-4. Cox (4), Moulton and Brierley scored for Newhey, and Whitehead, Whitworth, Carr and Townley for St. Peter's.

Facit Parish won a hard game with St. Gabriel's at Facit by the odd goal of seven, Robinson (2), Garvin and Jackson scoring their goals and V. Mullane (2) and Collins netting for St. Gabriel's.

A lone goal by Aughey gave Outgate Baptists a 1-0 victory in their home game with Spotland Meths, while goals by Lloyd, Hurst and Butterworth (2) gave Thornham a 4-0 home win over Thornham St. James.

Milnrow Parish had a sound 5-2 home win over Syke Meths, who fell away in the second half after turning round on level terms. Stott (2), Buckley (2) and Harris scored Milnrow's goals, Oldfield and Barnett scoring for Syke.

West Street Baptists defeated Buckley Hall by the odd goal of three, Whitworth and Green scoring for them and Jeffries replying.

ROCHDALE AMATEUR FOOTBALL LEAGUE

Walsden visited Shaw Fine Spinners and the result was in doubt until the last 15 minutes when Walsden netted twice after having taken the lead midway through the first half. Freeman (2) and Kelly were the scorers.

First Division

In the First Division, Rochdale Athletic, visiting Industry, were successful 9-2. The winners were superior throughout and led 3-0 at half-time. Gartshore scored both goals for Industry while Sinkinson (4), Diggle (3), Livesey and Baron scored for Athletic.

Todmorden YC created a surprise when visiting Railway Street and played well enough to share four goals which was a fair result. Johnson and Lomax scored for Railway Street and Heys and Lyons for Todmorden.

Second Division

In the Second Division an even game between Dunlop and Birch St. Mary's resulted in four goals being shared. Birch opened the scoring after 15 minutes, but Dunlop had drawn level at half-time and the same thing occurred in the second half. Melling and Williams scored for Dunlop and Mulleney and Riley for Birch.

Another drawn game was that in which Shiloh Spinners entertained Market House and six goals were shared. Market House had only ten

men and did well to earn a point. Radcliffe, Mellor and Spence scored for Shiloh, and McCarroll, Jefferies and Mahony for Market House.

Tudor Rose entertained Whitworth Reserves, who had only ten men and the home team won 13-1. Hawksworth (4) and Hardman (3) were the leading scorers.

In the Reserve Cup Turner Bros. visited Rochdale Athletic and were successful 5-2. Murphy scored both Athletic's goals and Rothwell (3) and Lee (2) for Turner Bros.

Saturday's results:— Amateur Cup first round: A. & A. Crompton 6, Turner Bros. 1; Fine Spinners (Shaw) 0, Walsden 3; Gravelhole 4, Boots Social 0.

Amateur Cup second round: Bay Horse 3, Heymain Recs. 3. First Division: Industry FC 2, Rochdale Athletic 9; Railway Street FC 2, Todmorden YC 2.

Second Division: Tudor Rose 13, Whitworth AFC 1; Dunlop SC 2, Birch St. Mary's 2; Shiloh Spinners 3, Market House 3.

Reserve Cup: Rochdale Athletic 2, Turner Bros. 5.

FIRST DIVISION									
	P	W	L	D	F	A	Pts		
Heymain Recs.	14	11	2	1	73	32	23		
Rochdale Ath.	13	9	2	2	59	25	20		
Railway Street	14	8	3	3	59	38	19		
Whitworth	13	6	1	6	54	33	18		
Gravelhole	13	8	5	1	41	24	16		
A. & A. Crompton	14	6	7	1	29	45	13		
Todmorden YC	16	5	9	2	41	60	12		
Walsden	12	5	7	0	32	41	10		
Industry	16	4	10	2	34	52	10		
Turner Bros.	13	3	9	1	34	61	7		
Bay Horse	14	1	11	2	33	78	4		

SECOND DIVISION									
	P	W	L	D	F	A	Pts		
Tudor Rose	15	13	0	2	80	22	28		
Boots Social	13	12	1	0	83	24	24		
Market House	15	9	5	1	60	38	19		
Fine Spinners	15	7	7	1	51	59	15		
Whitworth	16	8	6	2	37	62	14		
Dunlop SC	15	5	7	3	40	49	13		
Rochdale Ath.	16	5	8	3	50	63	13		
Shiloh Spinners	14	4	9	1	42	57	9		
Birch St. Mary's	17	3	12	2	36	71	8		
Turner Bros.	14	3	10	1	38	72	7		

DARTS AND CRIB

OLDHAM DISTRICT

WILSON'S BREWERY

DARTS	P	W	L	F	A	Pts
Freemasons Arms	19	17	2	100	33	43
Lord Nelson	18	16	2	93	33	32
Lancashire Vaults	18	14	4	84	42	28
Royal Hotel	19	10	9	70	63	20
Spinnars Arms	18	9	9	65	61	18
Havelock Inn	18	9	9	61	65	18
Museum Inn	18	9	9	59	67	18
British Flag	18	6	12	50	76	12
Corporation Arms	18	4	14	34	82	8
Turn o' Luck	18	4	14	43	83	8
Westwood CC	18	2	16	41	85	4

CRIB	P	W	L	F	A	Pts
Corporation Arms	18	13	5	77	49	26
British Flag	18	12	6	71	55	24
Lancashire Vaults	18	11	7	74	52	22
Royal Hotel	19	11	8	71	62	22
Museum Inn	18	11	7	66	60	22
Havelock Inn	18	10	8	66	60	20
Turn o' Luck	18	9	9	63	63	18
Freemasons Arms	18	9	9	56	77	14
Lord Nelson	18	7	11	53	73	14
Westwood CC	18	5	13	47	79	10
Spinnars Arms	18	5	13	49	77	10

Last week's darts results (crib in brackets): Corporation 0 (3), Turn o' Luck 7 (4), Flag 2 (1), Spinnars 5 (6), Havelock 2 (3), Freemasons 5 (4), Vaults 6 (4), Royal 1 (3), Museum 2 (5), Nelson 5 (2).

Next week's fixtures: Turn o' Luck v. Flag; Corporation v. Havelock; Freemasons v. Vaults; Nelson v. Spinnars.

THRELFALL BREWERY

DARTS	P	W	L	F	A	Pts
Church	13	12	1	55	36	24
Mess House	13	9	4	51	40	18
Australian	13	8	5	56	37	16
Plough	13	6	7	50	41	12
Nelson	13	6	7	38	53	12
Brighton	13	5	8	39	52	10
Highfield & Park	13	4	9	44	47	8
Sergeant	13	2	11	31	60	4

CRIB	P	W	L	F	A	Pts
Plough	13	10	3	49	42	20
Church	13	8	5	47	44	16
Nelson	13	7	6	52	39	14
Mess House	13	7	6	49	43	14
Australian	13	7	6	47	44	14
Brighton	13	7	6	43	48	14
Highfield & Park	13	4	9	41	50	8
Sergeant	13	2	11	36	55	4

Monday's darts results (crib in brackets): Australian v. Plough 5-2 (3-4); Brighton v. Sergeant 4-5 (5-2); Mess House v. Church 2-5 (3-4); Nelson v. Highfield & Park 4-3 (2-5).

Knock-out finals: Australian v. Plough (darts); Brighton v. Nelson (crib) at the Plough on Monday, February 24.

HOLLINWOOD LEAGUE

Tuesday's results in the Hollinwood and District Darts League (crib in brackets): Mare and Foal (3) 2, Commercial (4) 5; New Moston (4) 1, Yew Tree (3) 6; Greaves Arms (5) 4, Royal Oak (2) 3; White Hart (7) 5, Bowling Green (0) 2; Bridgewater (2) 6, Ferranti (5) 1; Oxford (7) 7, Struggler (0) 0. Fallsworth CC v. Colliers Arms result not to hand.

Ashton League

Uppermill beat Lees 4-1 again

FOR the second week in succession Uppermill defeated Lees 4-1, this time in the second round of the Ashton League's Beaverbrook Cup. There was a very even first half, with Lees scoring first and Uppermill drawing level again within a minute. In the last 20 minutes of the second half, Lees fell away and Uppermill put on the pressure.

Hurst Nook v. Austerlands Res. turned out to be a poor game, the ball being kicked out of play too much. Nook were always the stronger team and were worthy winners by 5-2.

Hurst Central had an easy win over English Steel by 9-1, McDermott claiming another four goals. Mossley Amateurs and Patrioux fought out a goal-less draw, but Ashton St. Mary's beat Denton Nomads 5-0, and Mossley Wood had a good win at Tudor by 4-1. Hyde Lads had an easy win at Ashton National Res. by 6-1.

Boltmakers won cup final

IN the Oldham Brewery Challenge Cup final between the Boltmakers and Golden Buck, the first two games gave every promise of an interesting match, but the Boltmakers even fully justified their league position by winning 4-0.

O. Holden, the Boltmakers captain, set the pace in the first game by doubling 7 after taking seven arrows to get the six. Then he got three pairs to be on return double 7 with his 24th arrow. J. Evans had to go the hard way, and with Holden throwing five arrows at double and three at centre, he had only reached 18.

W. Macmullen and O. Hilton had an interesting tussle. Macmullen doubled 10 with his 15th arrow, but Hilton, a very exacting thrower,

took steady aim to get the double 10 with his 20th dart. Both suffered after that, especially Macmullen, whose 27th dart went in and out, but he hit it with his 31st and centre with his 33rd.

The third game between F. Tetlow and H. Boswell disappointed. Boswell doubled 2 but had no other luck and walked it. Tetlow walked it, too, and eventually won in 50 arrows, with Boswell needing 19.

In the fourth game, H. Hamblett and W. Bambrugh were level at return double 8 after Bambrugh had raced away and threatened to keep the Buck in the match. He doubled 8 with his 12th dart, but then suffered time and time again on the return. Hamblett walked round and reached bull first to win in 42 arrows.

J W LEES (ROYTON)

DARTS	P	W	L	F	A	Pts
Dog & Partridge	13	17	1	98	28	34
Commercial	13	16	2	89	37	32
Blue Bell	13	14	4	86	40	28
Horton Arms	13	11	7	60	68	22
Duke of York	13	10	7	61	58	20
Colliers Arms	13	9	9	58	63	18
Greyhound Inn	13	8	10	61	65	16
Rifle Range	13	7	11	59	67	14
Plough Inn	13	6	12	54	72	12
Hare & Hounds	13	6	12	51	75	12
Railway Hotel	13	2	15	43	76	4
Halfway House	13	2	16	29	97	4

CRIB	P	W	L	F	A	Pts
Plough Inn	13	12	6	70	56	24
Commercial	13	11	7	74	52	22
Dog & Partridge	13	11	7	71	55	22
Hare & Hounds	13	11	7	68	58	22
Colliers Arms	13	10	8	65	61	20
Rifle Range	13	10	8	65	61	20
Greyhound Inn	13	9	9	61	65	18
Horton Arms	13	8	10	61	65	16
Blue Bell	13	7	11	63	63	14
Halfway House	13	7	11	52	74	14
Railway Hotel	13	6	11	59	70	12
Duke of York	13	6	11	49	60	12

Last Monday's darts results (crib in brackets): Dog & Partridge 5 (4), Colliers Arms 2 (3), Halfway House 3 (3), Rifle Range 4 (4), Greyhound Inn 6 (3), Plough Inn 1 (5), Horton Arms 0 (4), Commercial 7 (3), Blue Bell 5 (4), Hare & Hounds 2 (3).

NEW LOOK FOR CHADDERTON

Chadderton 2, Oldham & Sons 0

AFTER several inept performances, Chadderton had a new look against a vastly improving Oldham and Sons' team who had rapidly climbed the table to fourth place after a poor start. Early play showed the magnitude of Chadderton's task with the slick-moving Denton side causing concern to the home defenders.

New Chadderton keeper Roy Stott was fortunate on several occasions to prevent an early goal. His enthusiasm, however, had an inspiring effect on the Chadderton defenders, and all attacks were repelled.

Chadderton displayed an eager desire for good football and one glorious right-wing movement ended with Middlebrook hitting the crossbar from the edge of the penalty area. This was great football and all Chadderton lacked was a goal. A thrilling first half ended goalless.

The tempo increased in the second half, with both teams striving in turn for the opening goal.

When it seemed that Chadderton would never score, Middlebrook opened the scoring, following a melee. Five minutes later, a glorious pass from Bowers found Giles unmarked. He took his chance well. So ended one of the best games seen at Broadway.

League tries new system of scoring

LDHAM CLUBS SNOOKER LEAGUE

LDHAM CLUBS SNOOKER LEAGUE have decided to try a fresh system of scoring in their knock-out competition, with the idea of using it next year for league purposes if it works satisfactorily.

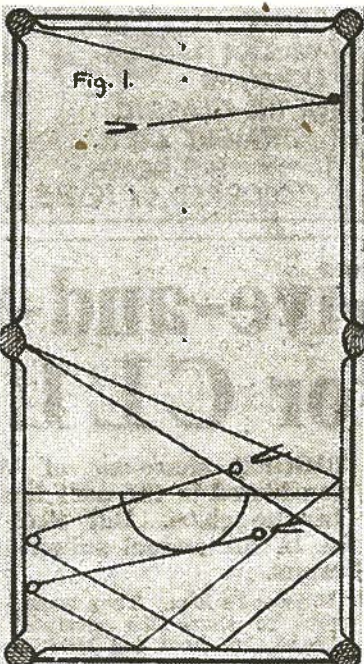
Instead of the usual aggregate points total deciding the winner, one point will be awarded for each frame, and two points for the highest aggregate score.

This, in an ordinary league match, will avoid the possibility of a draw.

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but with the knock-out consisting of two-leg matches, if the teams gain the same number of points at the end of both legs then a further point is given to the team with the highest aggregate score over the whole match.

This is a step in the right direction and one that should have been



taken with the introduction of individual handicapping. It has proved successful in the Green Final Handicap, and should prove worthwhile in any league where players are individually handicapped.

IN answer to a query, if a miss is made at billiards with the cue ball being angled after a legitimate stroke, it counts as a normal miss under the limitation of misses rule—i.e., another miss must not be made unless the opposing player has made a scoring stroke.

IN the diagram, Fig. 1 shows a stroke that should not be made only in the most extreme circumstances and is one that some players count as one of the worst that can be attempted, because (a) the pocket opening at this angle is very narrow and (b) the object ball, if not potted, is frequently left.

Recently I have seen this kind of stroke attempted quite often, so in the bottom half of the diagram are two examples of the "cocked-hat double," which is one of the best strokes to play in positions of this kind.

WITH the Green Final team snooker handicap down to the last 16, some excellent matches should result from the draw for the next round (see Page 8). Teams still in the running are Land's End "A," Equitable, Central Conservative, Chadderton Reform, Royton Liberal "A," Crompton Conservative, Fallsworth Parish Church, etc.

Olympic runner hurt

The British Olympic and Oxford University runner, Derek Johnson, and the Pegasus footballer, Paddy Walsh, were hurt last night when their motor-cycle skidded in Oxford.

Johnson, of Lincoln College, who was driving the machine, had injuries to his left leg. Walsh hurt his right hand. Both left hospital after treatment.

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GREEN FINAL SNOOKER

Osram won 3-1 at Ferranti's

Moravians could have made it close

IN the match between Ferranti's and Osram GEC, the latter won on the last frame when Ferranti had not a reliable player to put to the table.

The first frame between D. Andrews and T. Sale (Osram) was fairly even, Andrews having the better of the running up to the colours. When leading 61-44 on the brown, Andrews went in-off and the luck changed, with the result that Sale won 79-70.

In the second frame R. Briggs potted some very good reds early in the game, but T. Ashworth though playing very erratically, managed to keep level up to half-way, but with help of a 14 break, Briggs gained a 20 lead on the colours and finally won 80-74.

D. Richards had no chance in the third frame against L. Derbyshire (Osram), a more experienced player who made every ball count, potting a colours with six out of his eight, and he eventually won 84-55. In the last frame, C. Wilson was no match for W. Wood (Osram), who won 96-51.

Parish Church's revenge

Fallsworth Parish Church avenged their defeat of last year in the semi-finals by Passenger Transport when they won 3-2 on an aggregate victory of 37 points.

Fallsworth Parish Church (3) 265, Passenger Transport (2) 228. Fallsworth scores first: K. Beaville 80, J. Hodson 30; H. Starling 51, J. Roach 72; H. Rushworth 84, J. Raynor 54; H. Bradley 50, J. Schofield 72.

Chadderton Snooker League TOP TWO BOTH LOST

WITH the top clubs all losing there is no change in the Chadderton Snooker League leadership. Chadderton Cot lost at home to Royton Cons., despite winning three frames on the black ball.

Chadderton Reform owe much to H. Clegg and O. Meadows for their win at Land's End, who have now lost three matches on the run. The home team had gained a lead of 47 when the above two players won by 39 and 63 to gain the match points for Reform.

Nook beat Beanweb

Nimble Nook had Beanweb as visitors and had no difficulty in defeating them after a three-frame lead of 82.

Chadderton Cons. at home to Fallsworth Cycle found themselves 41 behind, but pulled round to win the next three frames. The last frame saw E. Speakman prove the match winner, beating F. Kennedy (Cycle) by 46.

Avros' at Springbank found that winning three frames is not enough the win. The two men who did the damage for the Bank were S. Bolton (59) and H. McNally (26).

Shaw Road Cons., at home, won three frames against Chadderton Social and Platt's won three at Hollinwood Cons.

In the match between Chadderton

LANCS. COMBINATION

	P	W	L	D	F	A	Pts
Horwich RMI	26	17	3	6	66	30	40
New Brighton	26	16	6	4	59	34	36
Prescot Cables	21	17	3	1	62	25	35
Morecambe	24	13	4	7	45	29	33
Chorley	24	13	6	5	38	51	31
Rossendale Utd.	25	13	7	5	67	51	31
Wigan Ath.	22	12	5	5	59	31	29
Accrington S. Res.	24	10	9	5	49	49	25
Southport Res.	24	10	10	3	48	61	25
Ashton Utd.	23	10	10	3	53	70	23
St. Helens	23	10	11	2	46	54	22
Nettfield	23	8	10	5	48	49	21
Fleetwood	23	7	9	7	33	40	21
Droylsden	26	8	13	5	49	64	21
Marine	21	9	10	2	39	57	20
Burscough	22	7	10	5	48	47	19
Nelson	25	8	14	3	38	45	19
Darwen	26	7	14	5	39	69	19
Bacup Borough	24	4	15	5	46	75	13
Crompton's Res.	23	3	16	3	31	60	9
Skellmersdale	23	4	19	0	35	68	8

DIVISION II

	P	W	L	D	F	A	Pts
Clitheroe	22	17	1	4	78	26	38
Athletic Res.	22	14	5	3	78	34	31
Padiham	25	13	8	4	48	43	30
Chorley Res.	21	11	4	6	57	28	28
Earlestown	21	10	4	7	67	46	27
Wigan Ath. Res.	22	11	7	4	53	36	26
Northern Nomads	22	11	7	4	52	44	26
St. Helens Town	21	12	8	1	61	33	25
Glossop	21	9	7	5	51	45	23
Lytham	21	8	7	6	45	51	22
Horwich RMI Res.	23	10	11	5	41	58	22
Morecambe Res.	24	8	11	5	47	51	21
Lomax	22	8	9	5	43	46	21
Rolls Royce	18	7	7	4	38	37	18
Prescot C. Res.	22	5	11	6	40	61	16
Great Motors	23	7	12	2	43	73	16
Leyland Harwood	22	3	12	7	37	72	13
St. Anne's Ath.	21	4	13	4	43	59	12
Nelson Res.	22	2	12	8	35	76	12
Darwen Res.	19	3	15	1	19	60	7

OLDHAM CENTRAL CONSERVATIVE CLUB defeated Westwood Moravians in three straight frames, but this did not represent the run of the game. The first two frames should have been won by Westwood.

In the first, D. Prestwich took the lead over S. Woolley and kept it right up to the blue. With this colour easily pottable he played to get on the pink when his opponent would have wanted a snooker if he had only made sure of the blue. Failing to get it, Prestwich let Woolley in, to win 68-59.

Off form

The second frame saw E. Rothwell (Westwood), who helped them considerably last year to reach the last eight, decidedly off form. With H. Swales having difficulty with the tight pockets, the game was almost level on the colours, but with the score at 53-56 Rothwell missed a sitting black and saw Swales pot it with his next stroke, to win 63-53.

Syd Heywood, with his usual flawless style, made sure of victory in the third frame. With three or four small breaks he led 53-22 on the colours, his opponent, M. Saville, only potting two reds. Then potting all the colours bar the pink, Heywood won 74-28.

Chadderton Cons. (3) 302, Avro (2) 276. Chadderton scores first: L. Clough 96, W. G. Scott 47; R. H. Jones 59, J. Sladen 91; R. Parker 62,

PRINCE OF WALES BEATEN 4-1 IN THE FINAL Freemasons are champion darts team

FREEMASONS ARMS are the champion darts team of Oldham. The leaders of the Oldham and District League beat the Prince of Wales 4-1 in the final of the Green Final Darts Championship last night. It was a fine exhibition of consistent throwing, four of the five matches being up in 30-odd arrows.

Jim Hewson won the first game for Freemasons by beating Len Hanley in 51 arrows. He doubled 3, walked it, reached the return double with his 32nd arrow, then got stuck on it. Hanley, who had walked it, had drawn level on the return double, but Hewson then clinched the game.

J. Sullivan failed to get going against Jim Tarpey, who doubled 5 with his 7th arrow and was on the return with his 23rd. He hit the wire once, but needed only nine arrows to nail the double and he won in 33 to square the match.

Green's 4 sergeants

Joe Cartledge restored Freemasons' lead when, with very deliberate throwing he doubled 9 with his 16th arrow to overtake Harry Bedford, who had started to walk it. Bedford caught him up and although Cartledge got the double first with his 33rd arrow, Bedford drew level on the bull, but Cartledge clinched the game with his 38th dart.

The draw now favoured Freemasons, because Bobbie Green was their next thrower and he won in 35 arrows against Roy Bedford. Green missed the doubles, but had four sergeants on the way round and was on double one with his 27th arrow. He got double one with his 32nd and the bull in 35, just after Bedford had got to the double.

Ken Jackson played a real captain's part for Freemasons by winning the next game and match in 33 arrows against Cliff Crossley. He doubled 10 with his 20th arrow and hit the return double with his 27th. Crossley, with the aid of three sergeants, had reached 20 as Jackson hit centre with his 33rd.

Dyson presented prizes

Mr. H. H. Hirst, sports editor of the Green Final, paid tribute to the semi-finalists, who had provided two exciting matches, and then introduced Mr. Jack Dyson, the Manchester City footballer and Lancashire County cricketer, to present the shield and prizes.

Mr. Dyson said it was the first time he had ever watched darts, and did not know any darts stories to help him in making the presentation, but he congratulated the winners on some excellent throwing and presented the shield, £20 and £5 for replicas to Ken Jackson, of the Freemasons.

Bill Churm received the second prize of £12 on behalf of the Prince of Wales, and the two defeated semi-finalists received £5 each. A. Cocker (Freemasons) received the £1 prize for the least number of arrows (12).

Mr. H. H. Hirst thanked Hollinwood Conservative Club for loaning the hall, and also the two markers, John Badby (White House) and Wilf Lloyd (Greaves Arms).

FACTS AND FIGURES.

Driscoll WAS BORN IN CARDIFF IN 1881 AND STARTED LIFE AS A NEWSPAPER-SELLER IN THAT CITY.

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GREEN FINAL SNOOKER

The draw for the last eight matches in the Green Final Snooker Handicap has resulted in some interesting clashes:—

Osram GEC v. Lands End "A"
Shaw British Legion v. Westwood Liberal "B"
Shaw Road Cons. "B" or Springhead Lib. "A" v. Fallsworth St. John's Westwood Lib. "A" v. North Chadderton Con. Club
Royton Lib. "A" v. Westwood Cons. Club
Crompton Cons. Club v. Chadderton Reform "A"
Central Cons. Club v. North Chadderton S. C. "A"
Fallsworth Cycle Club v. Equitable

Matches are to be played on or before March 1. Home clubs must make the arrangements and notify the Sports Editor.

Begins title defence

Leslie Driffield (Leeds) began the defence of his English amateur billiards championship at Burroughes Hall, London, today.

He is attempting to win the title for the fifth time, and his opponent in the first round was the London champion, George Marioni.



Jack Dyson, Manchester City footballer, presents the Green Final Darts Championship Shield to the captain of the winning team, Ken Jackson, Freemasons Arms. Chronicle photograph

Give-and-take plan for CLL finances

A BIGGER share-out of Wood Cup receipts is to be considered in the next few weeks by Central Lancashire League clubs. But tied up with the proposal is an increase in the annual subscription which each club pays to the League.

It is Heywood's idea. They want ALL clubs to share the receipts of the Wood Cup final and MORE money devoted to the clubs from the earlier rounds—this way.

The third-share of the Wood Cup final profit, which at present goes to the League, should be divided between the 12 other clubs not taking part in the final. This would give a third to each of the finalists (as at present) and a third to the other clubs.

Cut five per cent

In the earlier rounds, the five per cent which is taken by the League from each game should be cut out, giving more money to the clubs.

To make up for the League's loss in revenue from the Wood Cup, Heywood suggest that the annual subscription, which now stands at five guineas from each club, should be increased to £20.

"The League finances should not be in the present 'chancy' state where each year it is hoped for a bumper Wood Cup final."

"The League should be made financially secure without the Wood Cup—and the clubs should be able to foresee a profit instead of a loss," said their representative.

"Clubs would have to pay more to the League each year, but they stand a good chance of getting that back," he added.

Note: Clubs recently had each to pay a ten-guinea levy because the League finances were in the red. Now there is £100 in the bank, with one club still to pay the levy.

DEATHS

CHADWICK.—On Feb. 7, 1958, at 20 Tate Street, Alfred, the dearly loved husband of Olive Chadwick, dear father of Rose and Alan, and loving grand-dad of David and Alan. Cremation Oldham Crematorium, Tuesday at 11-0 a.m. Inquiries to R. H. Coop & Sons (MAIN 4384).

CONWAY.—On Feb. 8, at her home, 49 Maple Street, Hollinwood, Mary, aged 60 years, the dearly loved wife of James Conway. Inquiries T. Calvert & Son (MAIN 1997/4132).

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BOUSFIELD AND REES LAGGING

DAI REES and **Ken Bousfield**, the British Ryder Cup players, were several strokes behind the leader going into the second round of the Natal open golf championship at Durban today.

Bousfield took 78, four over par, and Rees 79 in the first round.

Trevor Wilkes led with 72, followed by Harold Henning, South African open champion, who had a 73.

Gary Player, who had to have an injection in an injured shoulder before going out, played a good round of 74. An eagle three at the 18th enabled him to match par.

Boby Locke, four times British Open champion, took 77 to finish the round joint sixth.

OLDHAM RUGBY UNION NOTES Rule changes may have gone too far

THE main talking point this week has been the change in the laws, which were announced by the International Board on Monday. These changes are designed to speed up the game and reduce the number of stoppages. It does, however, appear that the International Board have taken the matter too far and made several unnecessary changes.

Perhaps it is that they have not faith in present-day referees to interpret the laws as they stand at the moment. Certainly the standard of refereeing is at a very low ebb in this country, not only in club games, but often at county and sometimes international level.

A firmer grip by the referee could stop a lot of off-side play and obstruction without the necessity of altering the rules.

Last Saturday brought more than an average crop of injuries, several of which required hospital treatment. The most serious was that to the "A" team out-half J. True-love, who broke a collar-bone. At Keb Lane, Gerry Wild again did a fine job in dealing with the injuries from the three games.

The first team, after three weeks without a game, entertained Orrell. This was a new fixture, but failed to produce the standard of football expected. Oldham led 9-3 at one stage in the second half, but fell away badly as Orrell improved.

Today's racing

HURST PARK

1 15—HURRICANE—HANDICAP CHASE. 2 miles and 275 yards.
10 11 PRINCE MILDRED 9yrs M Scudamore 1
11 9 NOBLE LEGEND 8yrs ... D Ancil 2
12 7 ROSENKAVALIER 8yrs ... W Rees 3
Ten runners: Rosenkavalier, Rose Park, Noble Legend, Bundu, Glenmade, Prince Mildred, Lord Ranger, Liconda, Punjab, Glamorgan.
6 PRINCE MILDRED, Bundu, Lord Ranger; 7 Noble Legend; 8 Glamorgan; 10 Rosenkavalier, Glenmade, Punjab; 100/8 Liconda; 100/8 Rose Park. 3 lengths; 2.
Total: Win £12/6; places 10/6, 11/6, 14/6.

1 45—IMBER SELLING H'CAP S'CHASE. 2 miles and 275 yards.
10 6 DELVIN 7yrs ... D H Clarke 1
10 1 PRINCE D'ARMENIE 11yrs M Reeves 2

10 9 SETTLED 7yrs ... R Morrow 3
Eight runners: Midasair, Galleano, Red Hawk, Orion's Choice, Settled, Delvin, Prince d'Armenie, Real Ado.
9/4 Galleano; 100/30 Midasair; 6 DELVIN; 7 Orion's Choice, Settled; 100/9 Real Ado; 100/7 others. 1 1/2 lengths; 6.
Total: Win 19/10; places 8/8, 18/2, 9/6; dual forecast £13/6/4.

2 15—FEBRUARY HANDICAP S'CHASE. 2 miles and 275 yards.
11 3 DELMACARE 8yrs ... C Chapman 1
10 8 LINKSLADE 8yrs ... S Meller 2
11 6 MAGNUS II 10yrs ... F Winter 3

Nine runners: Amber Wave, Alice's Fortune, Magnus II, Delmacare, Lancela, Easy Winner, Devon Customer, Linkslade, Arthur Cox.
15/8 Amber Wave; 9/2 DELMACARE; 7 Magnus II, Devon Customer; 8 Arthur Cox; 100/9 Easy Winner, Alice's Fortune; 100/8 Linkslade; 25 Lancela. Neck; 5 lengths.
Total: Win 14/-; places 7/2, 18/2, 12/2; dual forecast £8/18/2.

2 45—TUDOR ROSE HURDLE. 2 miles.
11 12 POIVRON 8yrs ... F G Madden 1
10 9 MAZURKA 8yrs ... H Sprague 2
10 9 MUSTAPHA 4yrs ... M Scudamore 3
Ten runners: Pride of Denmark, Village Green, Polvron, King, Feluma, High Holborn, Mazurka, Mustapha, Cornflower Blue, Bryan's Delight.
2 King; 9/2 Village Green; 11/2 Feluma, Mazurka, Pride of Denmark; 20 POIVRON and others.
Total: Win £5/18/8; places £1/6/0, 10/2, £1/13-10.

3 15—R. E. SASSOON MEMORIAL HUNTERS' CHASE. 3 miles.
11 10 TARTARY 7yrs ... G Kindersley 1
12 3 HIGHLAND TROUT 8yrs ... D Wales 2
11 10 OUR SANDY 11yrs ... J S Evans 3

Ten runners: Whinstone Hill, Felhampton, Belsen Baby, Highland Trout, Harmodius, Peepers, Our Sandy, Tartary, Emma's Daughter, Tantalus.
2 Whinstone Hill; 100/30 Highland Trout; 7 Harmodius; 8 Belsen Baby; 10 Our Sandy; 100/9 Felhampton; 100/8 Emma's Daughter; 20 TARTARY and others.
Total: Win £2/1/6; places 12/-, 9/4, 15/4.

3 45—ROEHAMPTON HANDICAP HURDLE. 2 miles.
11 7 PAMELA JANE 8yrs ... R J Hamey 1
11 0 POLYNESIAN 8yrs ... D Ancil 2
11 5 ROMAN CONQUEST 8yrs ... F Winter 3

Eighteen runners: Perfield, Pompeienne, High Spot, Iron Horse, Pamela Jane, Roman Conquest, Ella's Pearl, Polynesian, Royal Seal, Sea Artist, Beavan, Wild West, Silly Dorce, Nolan's Hill, Flame of the Woods, Coomber, Ocean Royal, Coquelin.
100/30 High Spot; 11/2 Polynesian; 6 Roman Conquest; 10 PAMELA JANE, Royal Seal, Pompeienne; 100/9 Flame of the Woods; Wild West, Beavan; 100/7 Nolan's Hill, Ella's Pearl; 20 Perfield; 25 others. 6 lengths; 1.

4 15—MOTSPUR LONG DISTANCE H'CAP HURDLE. 2 1/2 miles.
Fifteen runners: Mac Joy, Look, Le Mous-sillon II, Valito, Arceno, Karen's Choice, Postman's Path, Jolly Tudor, Fair Legend, Duck Hawk, Peter of Crosswell, Marron, Yes Tor, Prosody, Gay Orient.

Record for Bradman's son

Sir Donald Bradman's 18-year-old son, John, broke the Australian junior 120 yards hurdle record with a time of 14.6sec. while running for his college in Adelaide today.

Oldham eventually lost 14-9.

The "A" team lost a scrappy game at Schweitzers BC 13-8. The Oldham backs were guilty of passing the ball standing still, but the forwards showed plenty of spirit, especially A. Shaw, who was always up with the play. B. Nelson and John Lees were also good forwards.

The Borough team have fallen off badly in recent weeks, and have not won a game since December 21. On Saturday they lost at Sedgley Park 9-3. R. Tweedale was the only Oldham player to show anything like normal form.

The Extra "A" beat Sedgley Park at Keb Lane 8-6. This was another scrappy game. G. Buckley, a newcomer to Keb Lane, was an excellent full-back, and M. Peritt, B. Walker and B. Turner were good forwards.

The Colts defeated a weakened Sedgley Park side 33-0. Oldham lent Sedgley several players, who were outstanding on the Sedgley side. B. Cuttle was the best Oldham forward, and B. Cooke, another new player, was a good centre. S. Brierley also played well at out-half, but has a tendency to hold on to the ball too long. "A" team skipper S. Molyneux refereed this game, and hopes to be match fit again before long. R.D.

MILLIONS MOURN UNITED STARS

MATT BUSBY WHISPERS TO HIS WIFE: 'TRYING TO CHEER HER UP'

MRS. JEAN BUSBY and her son, Sandy, accompanied by Manchester United's assistant manager, Jim Murphy, paid a brief visit today to Matt Busby, the team's manager, lying critically ill in an oxygen tent in hospital at Munich.

Only 43 behind

PAKISTANI TAIL WAGS IN WEST INDIES

PAKISTAN made a fighting recovery after being threatened with the follow-on, and trailed by only 43 runs on first innings on the third day of the second Test against the West Indies in Trinidad. They owed the great come-back to the slightly-built Wallis Mathias and tail-end batsmen Fazal Mahmood and Mahmood Hussain. The trio added 127 runs for the last two wickets, Mathias (73) and Fazal (60), both hitting their highest scores in Test cricket.

Pakistan totalled 282 in their first innings, in reply to 325 by the West Indies, who had lost two second innings wickets for 76 by close of play.

Pakistan, 91 for four overnight, still needed 19 runs to avert the follow-on when lunch was taken early at 156 for eight, due to a brief interruption because of rain.

After the interval, Mathias and Fazal added 71 runs in a ninth-wicket stand before Mathias was bowled by Tom Dewdney. Then Mahmood, 19 not out at the close, joined Fazal in a last-ditch partnership of 56. The pair hit 50 in less than an hour against almost the entire West Indies' attack.

Fazal's 60 included ten boundaries.

Hunte replies

When West Indies batted again, newcomer Easton McMorris survived an appeal for leg before wicket, off the first delivery sent down to him, and was missed by wicket-keeper Imtiaz after scoring nine. He fell lbw to Fazal at 38 for 16.

Mathias held a great catch at leg-slip off an in-swing from Mahmood Hussain to dismiss Rohan Kanhai for five with the total at 51.

Opening batsman Conrad Hunte was 34 not out at the close. There was a downpour soon after play ended, but the wicket had been covered.

Rugby League

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
St. Helens	28	24	0	4	621	251	48
OLDHAM	26	22	1	3	530	304	46
Hull	27	19	1	7	674	300	39
Workington	26	18	1	7	422	290	37
F'herstone	26	18	0	10	445	347	35
Halifax	26	17	1	8	612	307	35
Wigan	26	17	0	9	557	313	34
Wakefield	27	16	2	9	489	363	34
Salford	26	16	1	11	394	328	33
Widnes	26	16	0	10	404	328	32
Leigh	27	16	0	11	425	324	32
Whitehaven	28	14	1	13	463	416	29
Hunslet	26	14	1	10	408	388	29
York	25	13	2	10	429	326	28
Warrington	29	13	1	15	456	406	27
Leeds	27	13	1	13	492	466	27
Huddersfield	26	13	1	12	398	459	27
Barrow	28	13	1	14	408	336	27
Bradford N.	27	12	2	13	408	396	26
Hornets	27	12	1	14	336	458	24
Bramley	27	11	2	14	363	518	24
Hull KR	28	10	2	16	337	502	22
Swinton	27	9	2	16	361	428	20
Keighley	27	8	2	17	365	397	19
Blackpool	27	9	0	18	366	526	18
Batley	26	8	0	18	324	431	16
Liverpool	29	6	1	22	386	563	13
Castleford	27	6	1	20	359	452	13
Dewsbury	26	4	2	20	265	698	10
Doncaster	27	2	0	25	154	668	4

9-hour meetings in Rochdale

THE three parties in the Rochdale by-election campaign were rigging up platforms on Rochdale Town Hall Square this morning, with sleet overhead and slush underfoot. They were preparing for open-air meetings from noon until 9 p.m. today within sight of each other. The Conservatives are having a procession of cars rolling into town with Young Conservatives from three counties. They have the support of veteran Conservative leader of Lancashire—78-year-old Sir Robert Catterall, of Turton, who is speaking at the open-air meetings.

Young Liberals are from as far away as Newcastle-on-Tyne, Greenford (Middlesex) and Rugby. Mr. F. Wheller (Liberal Agent) said this morning that they were acting on the axiom, "A race is never won until it is over." He added "This last lap will be vital." Labour have recruited about 20 speakers for today's meetings. Among them are MPs and prospective candidates. The candidates are: Mr. J. E. Parkinson (Con.), Alderman Jack McCann (Lab.), and Mr. Ludovic Kennedy (Lib.). Polling is on Wednesday.

Silent tributes before kick-off

BEFORE the kick-off at both soccer and rugby matches all over Britain and Ireland today hundreds of thousands of fans, joined the players and officials in observing a short silence in memory of the Manchester United men and officials and the journalists who died in Thursday's Munich air disaster.

Tomorrow, football crowds all over Europe will pay a similar tribute at their matches.

The Football League's management committee who, yesterday, defended their decision to carry on with today's fixtures, except for the United v. Wolves match, asked clubs to fly flags at half-mast and for players to wear black armbands. They also asked for a two-minute silence, with players lined up, before matches began.

In the Press boxes, too, sports writers wore black ties.

THEY'LL FIGHT ON

But while they all stood with heads bowed the millions knew that United are to fight on despite the disaster.

Yesterday, the Club's chairman, Mr. Harold Hardman, answered the question which had been on everyone's mind since the pfunging airliner robbed him of seven of his stars, and left a number of others injured.

His message was: "We shall carry on..."

Mr. Gladstone Edwards and Mr. Len Morgans, fathers of two of the injured players, left London Airport today to visit their sons in Munich. They were escorted through formalities by BEA officials and taken out to the plane before the other passengers.

Mr. Morgans had travelled from Swansea and Mr. Edwards from Dudley.

A spokesman of the firm supervising the funeral arrangements said in London today that the coffins of all but one of the dead were expected to be flown from Munich to London Airport. A number of the funerals would be in the Manchester area and there will be one in Dublin.

POPE'S MESSAGE

Messages of sympathy are pouring into Manchester from all over the world. Today the Lord Mayor (Alderman Leslie Lever, MP) received a telegram from the Secretary of State to the Pope, which stated that "The Holy Father learned with much regret of the disaster of the fallen aircraft on the Manchester United football team. He extends prayerful sympathy to the relatives of the victims."

In Moscow the Soviet trade union newspaper Trud today expressed the "deep sympathy" of all Soviet sportsmen at the loss of Manchester United players in the crash. The loss of footballers who would have played against Russia in World Cup matches in London and Moscow this year "makes Soviet footballers extremely sympathetic with their British colleagues."

A telegram was sent today to the chairman of Manchester United Football Club from the Mayor and Mayoress of Oldham, expressing sympathy at the disaster.

The telegram said: "On behalf of the people of Oldham, we extend to you and the relatives of officials and players our heartfelt sympathy. Fervent wish for the recovery of the injured. Clare and Arnold Tweedale.

Mrs. Mavis Gregg, wife of Harry Gregg, Manchester United's goalkeeper, today left her home in Briarlands Avenue, Sale, for London to meet her husband, who is believed to be on his way home overland from Munich. She was accompanied by the wife of Billy Foulkes, another United player who escaped.

Colonel Lichirle, Commanding United States Forces in the Munich area, today brought to the injured 100lbs. of mixed fruit, as well as cigarettes and magazines. About

AUSTRALIANS SCORE 401 IN FOURTH TEST

AUSTRALIA had scored 295 for seven wickets in their first innings by lunch on the second day of the fourth Test against South Africa at Johannesburg today.

South Africa, without their captain, Clive van Ryneveld, who had five stitches in a split on his left hand received late yesterday, restricted Australia to 78 runs and took three more wickets before lunch today.

They might have been in a better position, but their catching fell well below standard. Ken Mackay, 19 not out at lunch, was dropped by Hugh Tayfield at first slip when only five, and Alan Davidson, 48 not out, was missed by Ken Funtston at deep fine leg off Heine when 13.

Mackay and Davidson had put on 61 by lunch after Australia, 21 for four overnight, had lost three quick wickets against the new ball.

Jim Burke, 79 overnight, added two runs before being caught behind the wicket. His patient 81 took six hours 12 minutes and included only three fours.

Grout was leg before at the same total of 222, and 12 runs later Simpson was also caught behind the wicket.

Mackay and Davidson retrieved the position. While Mackay was content to hold up one end, Davidson thrashed anything loose and scored 41 of the first 50 of the partnership.

At tea Australia had scored 361 for eight wickets.

Soon after lunch Davidson reached his 50 in 37 minutes with his seventh four. He added 12 more runs before he was out. Trying to hook Heine, he was caught by Burger at long leg. His hard-hit 62 occupied two hours nine minutes and included nine fours.

The eighth wicket partnership between Davidson and Mackay added 81.

Australia were all out for 401.

today. Billy Wright, Wolverhampton and England captain, was not present. He was in Manchester preparing for an ITV programme of tribute.

Herr Franz-Josef Reichel, head of the West German Air Accident Investigation Branch, questioned the BEA crew survivors at a hotel in Munich today. A senior investigator of BEA's Air Safety Branch, Mr. John Gibbs, was present.

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With the Oldham Amateurs SHOCKS IN FIRST ROUND OF THE CHALLENGE CUP

WITH the improved weather conditions clubs were able to play their postponed first round challenge cup-ties. Several shocks were provided, the foremost being the defeat of the Rose Bowl winners, Roundthorn Res., on their own ground by the runners-up, Ivy United. Greenfield Amateurs, runners-up in the Rose Bowl, got the knock-out from Buckley and Taylors, and Druids Lads only gained a narrow victory over Chadwicks "B" by the odd goal of seven.

By their victory over Gas Board, Dronsfield's move to within a point of league leaders, Strinesdale.

FIRST ROUND CHALLENGE CUP

Roundthorn Res. 0, Ivy United 1

A goal by inside-forward, Barrow, early in the second half proved sufficient to win this match, for, despite a constant all-out attack by Roundthorn they could not score. The woodwork and good goalkeeping by Forsyth saved them many times.

Roundthorn's luck deserted them before the game started, when they had to make three changes owing to illness. Although the new men played hard and well, the absence of the regulars affected the smooth football seen in recent weeks. The goal which won the match came after clever inside-forward play which outwitted the home defence.

Outstanding for Roundthorn were wing-half Chadwick and inside-forward Urmston. Apart from goalkeeper Forsyth, centre-forward Bowskill was Ivy's best player.

Chadwicks "B" 3, Druids Lads 4

The home team, with the advantage of the slope, scored in 15 minutes. Druids, however, replied with two quick goals, but allowed Chadwicks to draw level, though not playing to the whistle—standing still and claiming off-side instead of playing on. At half-time the scores were 2-2, but afterwards Druids, playing downhill, soon got on top but constantly fell into the off-side trap. They scored twice, however, and near the end Chadwicks reduced the arrears. Scorers:—Chadwicks: Hodgkins, Jones and Shnielp; Druids: Price, Coleman, Kenway, Osbaldisson.

Buckley & Taylors 5, Greenfield A. 2

It was 3-0 for the home side by the interval and the game looked secure. Greenfield had never been really dangerous and Buckleys had things mostly in their favour. Changing round, however, and with the strong wind behind them, Greenfield reduced the deficit. Rhodes scored twice within five minutes and Greenfield were back in the game. Buckleys' defence tightened and

Booth and Ogden rallied them. A breakaway goal by Spencer seemed to take the spirit out of Greenfield and a further goal from this forward sealed the issue. Scorers:—Rhodes (2) for Greenfield; Spencer (4), Higgins for Buckleys.

Haggate "A" 11, Chadwicks "A" 1

The Challenge Cup holders, Haggate, will retain the trophy if this display is a sample. Superior in all departments, Haggate really gave a brilliant display. Moores was the best forward on view and he hit three goals; his partners, Buckley and Wilson hit two each, along with wing-half Turner. J. Wood and Aspin added one goal each. Chadwicks never gave up. Haggate on this form were devastating.

Spinners 7, Delph 3

Exchanges were even early on and Spinners led 3-2 at half-time. Delph tired towards the end, Spinners improved as the game went on. They were worthy winners at the finish. Gray was outstanding in the Delph goal and made some remarkable saves. Two penalties were converted, one for Spinners by Lincoln and Taylor got one for Delph. Wilson and Hawkins were the other scorers for the visitors. Booth and Wild had a hat-trick for the home side.

LEAGUE DIV. II

Dronsfield's 7, N.W. Gas Board 1. Abbey, the home inside-left, opened the scoring in five minutes and had scored three before half-time. Sellars added one to give them a 4-0 interval lead. Another goal by Abbey and goals by Sellars and Taylor completed the scoring for Dronsfield's. Heywood netted the Gas Board goal near the end. The home team were always on top and Gas Board never really got going.

	P	W	D	L	Pts
Haggate 'A'	13	12	1	0	25
Roundthorn	12	9	1	2	19
Ivy United	12	7	2	3	16
Buckley & Taylors	11	7	0	4	14
Delph	13	5	2	6	12
Spinners	11	4	2	5	10
Fernhurst	12	4	1	7	9
J. Clare	11	4	0	7	8
Chadwick's 'A'	10	2	2	6	6
Phoenix	7	2	1	4	5
Greenfield Mill	12	0	0	12	0

	P	W	D	L	Pts
Strinesdale	14	11	1	2	23
Dronsfield's	14	9	4	1	22
Roundthorn Res.	12	8	2	2	18
J. Stott's	14	8	2	4	18
N.W. Gas Board	13	6	1	6	13
Greenfield Amts.	10	5	1	4	11
Druid Lads	15	4	3	8	11
Gladstone	14	5	1	8	11
Denshaw	13	4	2	7	10
Haggate 'B'	12	3	0	9	6
Chadwick's 'B'	11	0	0	11	0

Oldham Sunday Schools' League Challenge cup-tie thrills

CHALLENGE CUP—First Round

Ashton Rd. Congs. 0,

George St. Meths. 2.

IN spite of a pitch heavy from the sudden thaw, both teams produced fast, exciting football. Possibly cup-tie fever can be blamed for the strained feelings of both sides.

There was little to choose between two teams equally determined to enter the next round. However, George St. dampened the Ashton Rd. hopes with a goal by Probert 15 minutes after the start of the second half and another goal was scored for them ten minutes later. Shortly after this Ashton Rd. lost a player through injury and, in consequence, the team could do little more than keep George St. from increasing their lead. Scorers: George St., Probert and Moffatt.

Springhead Congs. 4,

Edge Lane Res. 5.

This cup-tie had everything—thrills, excitement and some good football. Springhead were the first to score then Edge Lane scored three quick goals for Springhead to score again just before half-time. Edge Lane began the second half well, scoring two more goals.

Springhead fought hard to save the game but were only able to notch their fourth goal in the last minute.

Scorers: Springhead Congs., Smith, Cooper and Atkinson; Edge Lane Res., Berry (3), Grindrod and Thomson.

DIVISION 1

Edge Lane 3, Watersheddings M. 1.

The home team had the edge in a real thriller and but for the brilliant goalkeeping of Kaye of Watersheddings there could have been a much higher score. Scorers: Edge Lane, Byron, Biran and Kenworthy; Watersheddings, Wolstenhulme.

Glodwick Meth. 2, Westwood Mor. 5

Glodwick were first to score, but Westwood replied almost immediately. Each team scored again before half time. There was still very little between both teams but gradually Westwood got on top and got a well-deserved win after a very good game. Scorers: Glodwick, Pearce and Henthorne. Westwood, Young (3) and Heath (2).

Northmoor Meth. 2,

St. John's, Holnwood 6

The score was a true measure of St. John's superiority in a good, clean game. Scorers: Northmoor, Fox and Broadbent; St. John's, Botham (3), Smith (3).

Cowhill Meth. 3, St. Aidan's 3.

A good game with play very even the whole 90 minutes. The visitors held the advantage in the early period and gained a lead but Cowhill equalised before half time. Both defences had a very busy time, but

SPRINGHEAD'S GALLANT LOSING FIGHT

they gave little away. Cowhill missed a chance by failing from a twice-taken penalty. A fair result after a good hard game. Scorers: Cowhill, Broome, Braddock and Raynor; St. Aidan's, Hampshire (2) and Little.

Washbrook Meth 0, St. Mark's 3.

Washbrook had very little punch in their play and although St. Mark's had only 10 players they were never in danger of defeat. Maden, St. Mark's centre-forward, seized every opportunity and scored a grand hat-trick.

Emmanuel PC 5 St. Thomas's 2

A high standard was set in this match. Emmanuel started at a cracking pace and scored three times early in the game. St. Thomas's were outplayed in the first half and the home side coasted to a 4-0 interval lead.

St. Thomas's played much better in the second half and Emmanuel were a little flattered by the final score. Scorers Emmanuel: Hill (2), Crouckley (2) and Vickers. St. Thomas's Roebuck and Mellor.

DIVISION TWO

Roundthorn Meth. 3 St. Hughes 3

A snap goal by St. Hughes after quarter of an hour's play set this game alight and produced some fast open football. Roundthorn equalised

on half-time and went ahead after the interval, only to lose their lead by a grand goal from the visitors' right wing. The home team regained their lead seven minutes from time but St. Hughes equalised with one minute left, via the penalty spot. Scorers: Roundthorn: Farrand, Brierley and Mills; St. Hughes: Lomas (2) and Gaunt.

St. Aidan's "B" 3 Cowhill Res. 1

St. Aidan's were on top for most of this game and the reason they did not increase their lead was a grand display by Torrence, the Cowhill goalie.

Cowhill, fielding a very young side, fought hard but lacked experience. For St. Aidan's, Cumberbirch and Horsman were outstanding. Scorers: St. Aidan's: Cadwallader, Haynes and Astely. Cowhill Res.: Gregory.

Saddleworth Ch. 2 St. Stephens 6

A very good game on a very heavy ground. Scorers: Saddleworth King (2). St. Stephens: Birchall (5) and Wright.

St. Thomas, Lees 5 St. John's Res. 3

A good fast clean game in heavy conditions, with both sides trying hard. St. John's took the lead and increased it just before half-time. Afterwards the home team attacked strongly and the St. John's defence cracked to let St. Thomas equalise. St. John's lost a player through injury and St. Thomas took the initiative to gain the lead and the points. Scorers: St. Thomas: Howarth (3), Lever and Winterbottom. St. John's: Hague (2), Stock.

SOUTH EAST LANCASHIRE LEAGUE BARDSLEY ARE GETTING INTO CUP FINAL FORM

WHAT is wrong with Block Lane? Beaten by Bardsley 4-2, it is some time since the Lane gathered any points, with the result that they are beginning to slide down the table. This cannot be said of Bardsley, however, for they are beginning to look rather more consistent and have moved into third position. They are unlikely to take any honours in the league, but watch out Chloride! They meet you in the Moore Cup final and are still in the League Shield. Their final with Chloride would be a good attraction if played in Oldham, as we hope.

Urmston and CWS (Radcliffe) are having a continuous run of success, though CWS will have to win many more matches before they improve their league position, being five points behind the club in front. The Radcliffe side have yet to make their

name in the league, though they are never an easy side to beat. They take part in a national CWS competition and have reached the semi-finals. One wonders if this competition does not take the edge off their football appetite.

"Practice makes perfect," so the saying goes. Byron, in the Osram goal, gets plenty of practice, and he is certainly very good. On Saturday, he stood up to a lot of hammering from the Prestwich forwards and prevented Osram from losing by a greater margin than 4-2. Osram are fighting back bravely and have no need to feel despondent over the season's efforts. For Prestwich, Briggs is a fine worker, always chasing the slightest hope, but he looks more at home on the wing than at centre-forward, where his enthusiasm often leads him off-side.

Nice to see Heys back among the points again with a surprise 4-1 win over English Steel. The Prestwich side had lost confidence after their reshuffled side lost so heavily to Chloride in the Moore Cup just before Christmas. Heys showed their superiority over English Steel right from the start, but it was not until Steel goalkeeper, A. Theaker, left the field through injury that they went into the lead. Although Booth equalised, Heys scored three more goals after the interval. Martin (2), Bloxsome and McVey being the scorers.

CWS (Radcliffe) led 3-0 at half-time against Dukinfield Victoria due to some excellent forward play, but Dukinfield improved after the interval and took the score to 4-3 before Radcliffe settled down again to win 6-3, thanks to goals by McGrail (2), Boardman (2), Cooper and Lee. Shackleton, Haigh and Massey replied for Dukinfield Victoria, who are missing half-back Dale, now with Ashton United.

Another team to help themselves to half a dozen goals was Chloride. They notched their 18th league win of the season by scoring a 6-0 win over A. & A. Crompton's. Centre-forward Allington got a hat-trick.

With two lively sets of forwards on view the Dukinfield St. Mary's v. Urmston match produced several exciting goalmouth thrills, but the steadiest Urmston boys came out on top 3-1. Centre-half J. Mooney gave yet another sound display for Urmston.

Standing head and shoulders above other players in the league at the moment is Chloride centre-half and right-half Ivor Cheadle, but Cheadle will have all his work cut out on February 15 when he plays for Manchester F.A. against Lancashire F.A. at Mossley for he will be up against England forward G. Bromilow and it will be interesting to see how he fares.

Athletic's defeat was no surprise

Letters to Sports Editor

THIS letter, I hope, will not be the last concerning the future welfare of Oldham Athletic. It is inspired following a lengthy period of frustration, toleration, and much genuine anxiety for the town's soccer club.

Notwithstanding the aggravation and depression at Boundary Park, it is amazing that the unswerving loyalty of our diminishing supporters continues. It is difficult not to be somewhat melodramatic on this subject of "Loyalty to Latics": such faith, completely immune to such jibes as "gluttons for punishment," certainly deserves a better reward.

Last Saturday produced complete dejection and a post-mortem is justified. Let us be quite frank in our summing-up. This reverse has been coming for a very long time and was no surprise for those who, like myself, have regularly watched the games this season. Frankly, also let us admit we have been very fortunate in snatching many points that have come our way.

It is not the purpose of this letter to isolate players for individual condemnation, for I firmly believe every man has given his best. The fact is that the best lacks much individual skill and a woefully apparent absence of forward cohesion.

This can be due to either wrong team selection or faulty coaching. This letter deliberately avoids team selection, regarding this as tactless, because, opinions conflict from man

to man. Blend is the secret of success.

This letter does, however, deliberately and with much emphasis criticise the policy of the administration. Surely the board of directors and the manager are alive to the serious consequences arising from this season's conclusions. Never during my 50 years of supporting Athletic with bounding enthusiasm, involving personal and financial effort, have I known such an apathetic, "cannot-care-less" attitude by its directors.

No initiative, too much Micawberism. The public eagerly scan each day's sporting news hopeful of some bold enterprise, some expression to their followers of a worthwhile signing to stem the inevitable relegation.

We all know the club has little money, but other clubs are similarly placed yet venture often. Our wonderful Supporters' Club, struggling against enormous odds in a rugby stronghold, today are the lifeblood of the club, and I am happy to contribute to their success. Surely some proportion of their finances could be allocated for the specific purpose of buying players.

Maybe their efforts are being dissipated in other expenditure, probably essential, but nevertheless more in the category of unwisely management. This season is the

most critical since the club's inception, for if we are relegated, the task to re-establish ourselves in the Third Division will be infinitely harder in competition with the Southern clubs, heavier expenses, and, make no mistake, less support.

Unpardonable short-sightedness and false economy has demonstrated itself this season, of all times, in the transfer at apparently bargain-basement prices of two excellent ball-players—Worthington and Gaynor—when prudence would have suggested the reservation of experienced players in emergency.

In the event of relegation, much competition will undoubtedly be met in bidding for new signings, while many excellent transfer men available will regard Fourth Division as too mediocre to sign.

No doubt all this summarising on paper annoys the directors, and while I do not regard directors as the repository for every Saturday pickpocket, I do expect them to have a mentality attuned to the Second Division rather than hoping to avoid the Fourth Division by laissez-faire.

In conclusion, I now feel certain that the best contribution the present board could make to soccer in Oldham would be to resign en bloc and offer themselves for reelection on the basis of one vote per shareholder. They have had a most tolerant period of directorship and, in my opinion, failed.

I am sorry to have introduced a note of militancy in the concluding paragraphs, but it seems necessary, and the urgency calls for clearing the decks.

If the public could be informed of the club's indebtedness to those unselected or desirous of retiring, then a fund inaugurated exclusively for their liquidation would succeed and we could begin afresh, reinvigorated with a new outlook, new blood, new hope, and, in consequence, greater prosperity.

CENTRE-STAND MEMBER.

3 new forwards must be bought

WHAT we want to read in the Green Final is what the directors are doing towards improving Athletic's team. We need at least three new forwards—centre-forward, inside-left and outside-left—and unless these places are filled there is no doubt where we shall finish at the end of the season—in the Fourth Division.

Had these places been filled we would have been fighting for promotion instead of struggling for the top 12.

The directors will have to find the money to buy them. Other clubs can—Rochdale, Crewe, etc. Here are three players who would do: Graver, Garvie (Boston United) and Clarke (Manchester City). We would get the money back in gates. F.W.



Mr. J. PLATT

Joseph Platt—the power behind the League game

A PIONEERING club with a turbulent history—Oldham's rugby club. For over 80 years it has survived revolts, reform and two major wars and still it flourishes the same sporting virility that stamps it "GREAT."

Oldham Football Club commenced in the 1870s, following a meeting at the Prince Albert Hotel, Union Street West. There have been many conflicting dates for the origin of the club, and I have seen 1873, 1874, 1876 and 1877 freely quoted.

After extensive research I am convinced that the club was formed in September, 1876, and that the first game was played on October 21, 1876.

I have consulted every Oldham newspaper from 1873, and the first mention of the club confirms my opinion that the 1876 date is correct. The evidence of the Athletic News substantiates this date, and C. W. Alcock's "Football Annual" for years before that date does not mention the club at all.

The first rugby team in the town was Werneth Rangers, according to an old account, and the game had been learned at school. The Oldham Lyceum, after a few jocular challenges, played the Werneth club, and lost. But the necessary impetus for a club had been given.

One of the first enthusiasts was Abraham Fletcher, one time superintendent of the Werneth Congregational Church. He and his brother had played the game previously with Altrincham.

Abraham Fletcher was a joint secretary (probably the fixture secretary), along with Fred Wild, of Croft Bank Mills, Oldham, whose name and address appears in Alcock's "Football Annual" for 1876.

J. Fletcher, W. Chadwick, W.

RL CLUBS' HISTORIES No. 19: OLDHAM By TOM WEBB

Buckley, F. Wild and A. Fletcher were reputed to have been the principal promoters, according to an article on Northern Football Clubs in the Athletic News.

The first games was played at Glodwick, in a field at the back of the Glodwick Spinning Company's mill, and the players dressed at the Shakespeare Hotel. The Stalybridge club won by two goals, two tries and three touchdowns, to one try and three touchdowns by Oldham, but it was Oldham who won the return game.

Some of the early stars of the club were Abraham Fletcher, John Armstrong, J. T. Walkden, J. B. Rye, C. Barlow and H. Court.

Later players for the club were the Mallalieu brothers, J. H. Walkden, Selby, John Saville, Stott, Kent, J. T. Mellor, W. Wild, A. E. Tetlow—a great figure in the club's history—Ripley, Will Cooper, J. Clark.

A match was played on November 21, 1878, under electric light in Oldham, but it was only partially successful. Still pioneering, the Oldham club was the first Lancashire club to play in Yorkshire, when a game against Wakefield Trinity ended in a draw.

Joe Platt came . . .

On October 16, 1880, Joseph Platt joined the Oldham club and this seemingly unimportant event was one which led to upheavals in the world.

Soon after joining the club, Joseph Platt became the club treasurer. Fifteen years later he was the secretary of the clubs that quarrelled with the Rugby Union on the question of payment for broken time.

It was said that Joe Platt was the Northern Union, and he led his 22 clubs to success. A few could not stand the pace, but most of the clubs are in membership of the Rugby Football League today.

Not only did Joe Platt lay the foundations of the professional rugby game in this country, but he was actively concerned in the promotion of the first touring team from New Zealand in 1907-8, and made most of the arrangements for that tour, which was a shot in the arm for our game. Similarly, when the New South Wales and Queensland Rugby

Leagues started, he was of the utmost assistance to the new bodies there.

The later development of the game in France, Italy, Yugoslavia, Madagascar, Canada and the United States, plus odd developments in Spain and Roumania, all depended primarily upon his original work for the professional rugby game.

In the 1880s, there was a great deal of controversy about which was the premier team of Oldham. The Oldham Standard backed Oldham who were largely composed of Conservatives, and the Oldham Chronicle said that Oldham were the East Enders, and that Werneth—the West Enders, who were mainly Liberals—were quite as good.

In fact, the Chronicle described the Oldham club, which now played at Clarksfield, as the "Cow Lone Rangers."

Eventually the round table meeting which was called, settled the matter once and for all, and Oldham Football Club became accepted as the premier organisation.

Interesting items on the balance sheet in 1886 were beer and lemons: £5 19s. Seeds: £1 5s. 4d.; and half-gate to Birch FC: £2 11s. Telegrams and postage amounted to £12 19s., footballs cost £5 17s. 6d., repairs £5 17s. 1d., referees £14, and accident insurance £38 10s.

Around this time it is difficult to obtain historical details about the club with any degree of accuracy. On one occasion the three Oldham papers each gave a different name for a try scorer.

On April 9, 1888, either Lees, Mills or Clough scored a try according to one paper, and another said gleefully that "Little Phil" got the try. Who little Phil was I have never found out.

. . . and success followed

By 1888-9, Oldham had become one of the leading Rugby Union clubs of Lancashire and Yorkshire. So reputable was the club that it undertook a tour of South Wales, meeting the three crack clubs, Swansea, Cardiff and Newport.

The Maoris—the first touring team to visit this country for the purpose of playing rugby—played at Clarksfield against Oldham and lost.

Billy McCutcheon dropped a goal and scored a try, and Whittaker and Jowett, borrowed from Manchester and Failsworth respectively, also scored tries. This was the first game in which Jack Hurst played for Oldham.

The game against Leeds Parish Church was played on a ground



W. McCUTCHEON

which was too hard for tackling, so it was agreed to play it as an exhibition game. Both sides had scored two minor points when the visibility became too poor for the spectators across the ground to see.

The crowd stormed across the pitch to see the game, and the officials could only abandon the game under the circumstances.

Billy McCutcheon had joined the club in this season and a year later he was joined by Dai Gwynn, who had also left South Wales to take up a commercial appointment.

The Reverend Frank Marshall was conducting a witch-hunt against professionals in the Rugby Union and he reported Oldham to the Rugby Union. A special meeting was held in Manchester on April 18, 1891, and it was decided that the charges of professionalism against Oldham Football Club had not been proved.

A previous investigation by the Lancashire County Rugby Football Union on October 29, 1890, cleared Oldham on a charge of professionalism, and a rider was added to the effect that no fault could be found with the club.

Later, the reverend gentleman tried again, but the Lancashire County committee refused to entertain his complaints.

Had a certain letter fallen into the hands of the authorities it would have gone hard with Oldham. One of the players lost a letter which offered him terms, and the finder refused to return it, but promised that no-one would see it.

That promise was kept otherwise Oldham might have been suspended.

[To Be Continued]

Junior Rugby League Royton drawn at home in Cup semi

ROYTON, who defeated Pilkington Recs last Saturday in the first round of the Lancashire Junior Cup, have been drawn at home again in the semi-final against Wigan St. Patrick's. This game will be played on Saturday next, February 15, as the game must be played on or before February 22.

Efforts will be made for this fixture to be played on the Ferranti ground.

On Saturday, March 1, the Oldham Under 19 team will meet St. Helens away in the semi-final of the Inter-Town Cup Competition, and also on this date the Lancashire Under 19 side play Cumberland away. Tony Sheard of St. Mary's has been selected as reserve to travel.

One-sided scores

Scores in last Saturday's league fixtures were one-sided. Higginshaw gained an easy victory over a depleted RTR side who lost two players injured before half-time. The score was 81-0. Cheetam landed 12 goals and Turner scoring five tries. In Saddleworth's 31-0 victory over Waterhead at Greenfield, Evans scored three tries and Leaming kicked five goals.

What should have been a keen contest between St. Mary's and St. Anne's was a one-sided game after the interval and St. Anne's won by 38-13. Cawthorne landing seven goals and Crick scoring three tries. The best game of the day was between Ferranti and Greenacres at Bower Lane, in the Intermediate Section, in which Greenacres won by 14-8.

Wood and Fletcher scored tries for Ferranti, and Colly kicked a goal, but tries by Baggott, Marland, Henson and Gordon with a goal by Cullen won the day for Greenacres. The other Intermediate game was a one horse race with St. Anne's winning by 63-6 over Heywood. Tully scored five tries while Tully and Bennett scored Heywood's only tries.

Tomorrow's fixtures: kick-off 3 p.m.
Oldham Standard Cup—First Round St. Anne's v. Spotland Rangers, H. S. Dyson. Saddleworth Rangers v. RTR, T. Keane.

League
Smallbridge v. Ferranti, J. Heap.
St. Mary's v. Royton, T. Shepherd.
Waterhead v. Higginshaw, T. Holt.

SPOTLAND NOTES

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a player before who has the terrific urge which Frank displays to get back into a game which has already offered him three broken limbs.

He broke his arm as a youngster in a training accident and he broke his leg the first time in the opening League game of a season. But soccer is his life. To break the same leg twice is enough to put anyone off the game for life.

Frank, however, who was a long way out in his original estimate of when he would be playing again, is the man to make a come-back if anybody can.

He is convinced that his present sojourn on the sidelines is merely a temporary break in the career he wanted above anything else and he is now counting the days until once again he can run on to the field and kick a ball again. But that will be some time yet.

Continuation RL

ST. MARY'S GET A FIRST-TIME SHOCK WIN

Greenacres 4 1-11
St. Mary's 3 2-12

ST. MARY'S surprised Greenacres at Manor Flatts and registered their first win of the season. The teams were evenly matched and the issue was in doubt until the final whistle.

St. Mary's opened the scoring when McMeeney intercepted to score a fine try to which he added the goal. Greenacres came back with two penalty goals by Smith. From a passing blunder by Greenacres, Riley gathered the ball and crossed for a well-taken try; McMeeney goaled and St. Mary's had a comfortable lead.

Greenacres went all out to reduce the arrears and Smith crashed over for a try which he converted for St. Mary's to lead 10-9 at half-time.

The second half was more evenly contested the only scoring being a penalty goal by McMeeney for St. Mary's and a dropped goal by Lennigan for Greenacres. A grand game played in the right spirit.

Never gave up

Strinesdale 5 3-19
St. Anne's 2 0-4

Strinesdale attacked from the start, but grand tackling by St. Anne's kept them out. Dean opened the scoring for Strinesdale with a penalty goal and also converted a great try by Farrar, who beat four men to touch down. St. Anne's replied with two penalty goals by McGladdery.

After half-time, Strinesdale went all out but bad finishing lost them many chances. Farrar increased their lead with a try converted by Dean. Dean added two further goals but later had to leave the field with an injured shoulder.

St. Anne's never gave up and gave a good display against a strong side. Leach scored a try for Strinesdale to complete the scoring. For Strinesdale, Dean, Churn, Goulding and Farrar were outstanding. Thackey, Bennett and McGladdery were St. Anne's best.

The monthly meeting takes place next Tuesday evening, when the draw for the Howell Cup and Centenary Shield will take place.

CLARKSFIELD'S EASY CUP WIN

FIRST YEAR CHALLENGE CUP FINAL

St. Anselm's 0
Clarksfield 24

THE Ferranti ground was in perfect condition for the first year Challenge Cup Final, and the fog had lifted before the kick-off. In the opening stages, St. Anselm's held their own, being full of confidence and moving with great determination.

An early try by hooker Goddard did not deter them, but when Lockwood—a big, strong forward, broke through four attempted tackles for an unconverted try, Clarksfield took command. Both sides tried to open out the game, the Clarksfield handling being rather quicker and surer.

Lockwood then broke away and, having both weight and speed, ran strongly to register his second try. This really sealed the game for his side and made the match something of a personal triumph.

Murray strove hard to attack and Walsh tackled low in effective defence, being well supported by Needham and Qanlan, but all their efforts failed to stop a confident Clarksfield, who played well together as a team, handled well and showed intelligent use of the ball.

The classical try of the match was scored by centre Aspinall, who by change of pace and a deceptive swerve went through the middle to score wide of the posts.

The cup was presented to the Clarksfield captain, Marcroft, by the referee, Mr. Jack Whittaker.

SECOND YEAR CHALLENGE CUP SEMI-FINAL

St. Anselm's 18
Clarksfield 0

This second-year Challenge Cup semi-final opened in a sudden down-pour which soon turned the already soaked playing surface at Merton Avenue into something resembling a lake. It was a severe test for the fitness and stamina of both sides.

St. Anselm's were the bigger side, and following attempts at passing movements which inevitably failed, they switched their style to forward bursts. Success soon came, and Procter hurled himself over after a strong burst, Shannon quickly registering another try when he worked the blind side.

The second half followed the same pattern and further tries came, first by Baker in the right corner and by Purtil up the left. Baker and Procter completed the scoring.

Great credit is due to both sides for completing the game in such atrocious conditions. To Clarksfield, added credit as they lost their loose-forward through injury in the second half and another player retired suffering from the cold. In a strong St. Anselm's pack, Procter, Baker and Johnson stood out, while Shannon and Fitzpatrick toiled to get Purtil going, whose first-half run of 50 yards was the highlight of the match.

For Clarksfield, Widdall and Whitworth earned the highest praise for their heroic defence and exemplary conduct in defeat.

LEAGUE "B"

Clarksfield 31
Robin Hill 0

In the return game at Manor Flatts, the home team again showed the benefit of their longer tradition and greater experience. During the first half, when Robin Hill played downhill, they held on grimly, but in the second, Clarksfield ran in try after try due to good handling and strong running.

Clarksfield's hooker, Atherton, was on duty with the town team and Robin Hill had most of the ball, but they missed their town team representative, Mook, who might have inspired some constructive moves.

Higginshaw 14
St. Aiden's & O. (Royton) ... 0

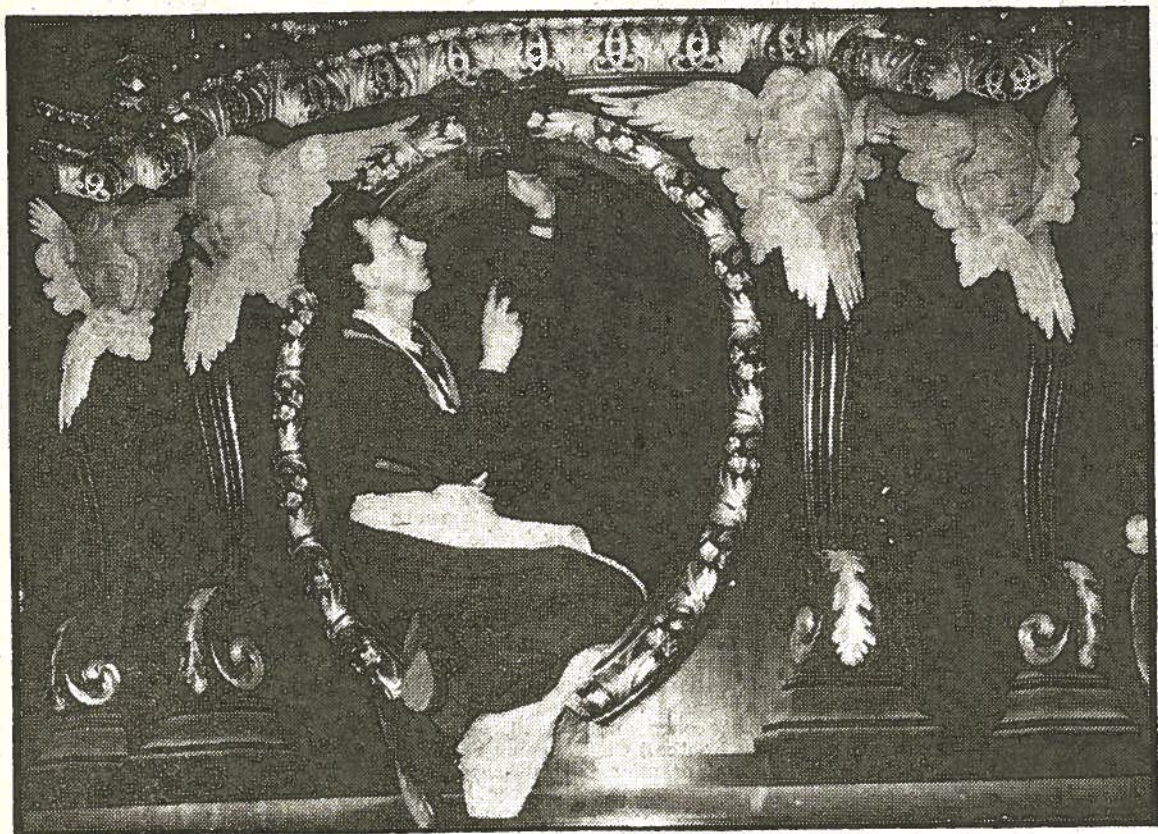
While Higginshaw extended a warm welcome to prospective new members of the league, the weather did not. It was raining hard and the ground was in very poor condition when the match began. In the circumstances, Higginshaw handled the ball well, though most ground was gained by individual bursts.

Dronsfield, Blaney and Hopkins all ran well, but Taylor scored the first try when he took a short kick and wriggled over. St. Aiden's defended well and Giblin and Briggs tackled hard. They kept Higginshaw down to a six-point lead at half-time through a try by Leatherbarrow.

The game became scrappy with Higginshaw getting just on top. Blaney and Chattein scored further tries, one of which Walsh converted. For St. Aiden's, Giblin, Briggs and Day were outstanding. The four try scorers were the pick of the Higginshaw boys.

W.H.

Memorial to Commonwealth dead



DURING the last war, St. Paul's Cathedral rising indestructible through the flames of the "blitz"—stood as a symbol of freedom to the world.

Today, 17 years after a 500lb. Nazi bomb crashed through the fabric, a new high altar nears completion in the cathedral as a symbol of Britain's remembrance of the men and women of all races and creeds who died in defence of freedom in two World Wars.

The new high altar will be re-dedicated at a May 7 service, to be attended by the Queen, who has taken a keen interest in the reconstruction work.

With many of her subjects, she has contributed to the £20,000 cost of the high altar, which has been rebuilt to Wren's original design.

Surrounded by cherubs, a craftsman is seen securing part of the baldachino of the high altar.

P.A.-Reuter photograph

Fact-finding tour

Thirty motor dealers from all parts of South Africa left Johannesburg yesterday for a four-week fact-finding tour of Europe, which will include visits to Germany, London, Amsterdam, Paris, Brussels, Zurich and Rome.

SATURDAY STORY FOR CHILDREN A JOB FOR TOBY

THE young Merrills were having a grand time at the seaside, and when they came in to tea that day, accompanied by their terrier, they were all highly delighted.

"We've been to the Punch and Judy show on the sands near the pier," they said, "an' what do you think?"—when Mr. Punch called out "Toby! Toby!", our own Toby answered him an' barked. An' when the real Dog Toby jumped up on to the front of the little show house, our Toby wanted to get up too, an' we had such a job to keep him quiet!"

"Oh dear," said Mrs. Merrill, "I don't suppose Mr. Punch's owner would like that!"

"He didn't mind," said Peter Merrill, "we saw him afterwards an' he said our Toby was a very sharp little fellow. He said it's a hard life being a Punch an' Judy man. He doesn't get the crowds like he used to."

Muriel took up the tale. "Yes, and he says it takes him all his time keeping his puppets dressed. He says Mr. Punch is very hard on his clothes because he bangs about so, and that Dog Toby's frills don't last any time at all."

"Yes, Mrs. Judy got her apron torn today," put in five-year-old Brenda.

Two days later, the children came rushing in at lunch-time. "Oh, Mum," said Peter, "Poor Mr. Brown, the Punch an' Judy man, is having such bad luck. Dog Toby's poorly with a bad paw, an' the vet is keeping him in hospital at the kennels for three days at least."

Kauri-gum industry is slowly dying

NEW ZEALAND'S trade in kauri-gum, a resin which is used in the best paints and varnishes, is dying slowly but surely. Half a century ago New Zealand was known throughout the world for this industry.

Today there are few people who know that such a thing as kauri-gum exists.

Kauri-gum is the resin of a tree, vast forests of which covered the northern parts of New Zealand's North Island from prehistoric times.

When the white man came to New Zealand, he immediately realised the value of the kauri tree. It was a giant of the forest, with strong, but easily worked timber, and ship-builders of the windjammer days eagerly sought it for masts and spars.

Straight grain

Quite a few of Britain's ships-of-the-line and frigates, as well as the smaller fry, had top-hampers from New Zealand's kauri forests.

The timber from the kauri tree was also in demand for building, furniture and a hundred-and-one other uses. It had a beautiful

straight grain, making it easy to handle by the craftsman. There were few knots in it, and its durability under hard wear was exceptional.

It is not surprising that New Zealand's kauri forests soon began to show signs of wear and tear. Before long, great areas were cleared of trees, and became wildernesses of decaying stumps and scrub.

With the clearing of the forests, however, kauri-gum became scarce and manufacturers found it difficult to secure supplies for their finest grades of varnishes and paints, while prices for the resin rose accordingly.

Then some ingenious—or curious—person, probing the soil with a long metal spear, found that there were quantities of kauri-gum on the sites of forests which had long since disappeared.

New industry

A new industry was started, and in its heyday the resin was fetching as much as £350 a ton, big money in those days.

Hundreds of men, armed with long metal spears and shovels, dug thousands of tons of gum from the sites of the old forests, and gum-washing plants by the score were started in various parts of Northland.

For many years, it was considered that the exhausted gum-lands would be completely useless, but today they are being turned into grasslands in this part of the country.

Odd lots of gum are still being found and sold, but production appears to be nearly at an end.

Silver chalice for St. Clement Danes

In memory of its members who fell in the last war, No. 38 Group Old Comrades Association (Airborne Forces), which played important roles in the Sicily, Normandy D-Day, Arnhem, Rhine crossings, and liberation of Norway campaigns, is to present a silver chalice and paten to St. Clement Danes Church.

The church, which was seriously damaged by bombs, is now being restored and will be re-dedicated as the Church of the Royal Air Force in the presence of the Queen on October 19, 1958.

The gifts, on which the Group's badge will be engraved, have been subscribed for by past and present members of the RAF who served with No. 38 Group. The Group have already made a substantial contribution to the church rebuilding fund.

THEATRE NEWS

by C. W. INGHAM

'Keep Your Hair On'—Cranks musical

REGULAR theatre-goers have some idea what to expect when you tell them that John Cranko and John Addison are in action again. They have seen Mr. Cranko's brilliant ballets at Covent Garden and Sadler's Wells. Mr. Addison's modern music is highly esteemed.

But this time theatre-goers could be very wrong. The talented Johns have now prepared "Keep Your Hair On"—a musical comedy and not a piece of advice.

It is their first. The opening is at the Apollo Theatre on February 13.

Do not mistake this latest effort for another "Cranks," the revue with which Cranko and Addison began their collaboration.

That was written in three weeks as the result of a theatre challenge. Princess Margaret helped with the rehearsals. She drank tea from an old chipped cup while she watched.

Though "Cranks" actually moved on through four West End theatres, the result was success.

Now, without challenge and taking their time, Cranko and Addison have really tried. "Keep Your Hair On" was prepared only after close study of British and American musicals.

Anyway, prepare for differences. There is no usual-style scenery. Tony Armstrong Jones—he dislikes being described as the Royal photographer—has done it all in pictures.

They are amazing affairs, blown up big, suggesting rather than just showing.

On Mr. Addison's side, an orchestra of nine, including harp and trumpet, is led by an accordion.

The story—there really is one—is described as being based on human behaviour.

Rachel Roberts plays a hair-dresser's assistant. She is the green-eyed daughter of a Welsh parson who sang the big theme song in "Oh! My Papa!" at the Garrick.

Mr. Cranko saw her there and that was that. Miss Roberts, apart from being a prize-winner at RADA, has had wide experience—including selling programmes at Tom Arnold's Circus.

Then there is Betty Marsden, recently back from Africa where she went to get material for her TV script-writing. She plays a stately but rather blowsy titled woman.

Love, imaginary politics and six smart girls playing hairdresser's models all come into this latest Cranko-Addison dream piece.

NO connecting links are possible with the next item—Graham Greene's new play "The Potting Shed," at the Globe Theatre.

Sir John Gielgud—Prospero in "The Tempest" until recently—has the role of a man searching for the truth behind something that happened when he was 14.

Irene Worth is his former wife. Gwen Ffrangcon-Davies is his mother.

"The Potting Shed" is being staged only for a limited run. When it ends Sir John will be seen as Wolsey in the Old Vic's production of "Henry VIII."

Dame Edith Evans is to play Katharine and Harry Andrews is the King.



IN one of her brief moments of leisure snatched from the stage, Joan Heal cuddles her four-year-old daughter, Belinda, at her London flat.

She recently returned as star of the musical, "Grab Me a Gondola," at the Lyric Theatre, Shaftesbury Avenue, London, after an illness caused by a virus following Asian flu.

The versatile Joan, once a despatch rider in the WENS, has appeared in cabaret, has toured as "stooge" in variety for American comedian Lew Parker, danced as a chorus girl. She is well known on TV.

P.A.-Reuter photograph

LIVERPOOL PLAYHOUSE are to close their present season with a musical based on the works of Chopin. Called "The Londonderry Heir," it is being created specially for the company by Willard Stoker, with music arranged by Ronald Settle.

It is set in Scotland in 1848, when Chopin, accompanied by his Irish manservant, paid a visit to his pupil, Jane Stirling. The play opens on June 17.

A NEW work by Benjamin Britten is to be presented at this year's Aldeburgh Festival. It will be entitled "Noye's Fludde," a musical mystery play, and is based on the Chester Mystery Play, "Noah's Deluge," which is the third in the series of 25.

Mr. Britten has invited Owen Brannigan to take the principal role of Noah for the three performances to be given in Orford Church on June 18, 19 and 21. The part of Noah's wife will be sung by Gladys Parr and the remainder of the cast, except for the unseen voice of God will consist entirely of children.



AN off-stage activity enjoyed by the 24-year-old singing star Shani Wallis is cooking. Shani, who is now appearing in "Finian's Rainbow" at Liverpool, studied cookery for a time, with a French chef as tutor. Now she is practising cooking—and tossing—pancakes ready for Shrove Tuesday (February 18).

It looks as if that £2,000 has gone down the drain

A STRANGE week for Oldham. They promise the first team £200 between them if they win their four February games and almost at the same time, they hear that the work on the Watersheddings ground, at a cost of £2,000 in the close season, did not do much good.

In fact, I am told that the Sports Turf Research Station at Bingley, have informed Oldham that their best plan is to start all over again on pitch improvements—which means a lot more cash.

It seems to me that the £200 bonus would have served a more useful purpose safely tucked away in the club's bank account, than split '15 ways in players' pockets.

The team got £12 for the win at Wigan last week and today winning money was £15. At St. Helens next week, victory would mean another £12, with the promise of a £25 winning pay packet in the second round of the Cup.

W.D.'s Weekly survey on topics at Watersheddings

Rogers has had some effect. At the club's committee meeting on Monday night, it was decided that Rogers should be asked to pop down today and let the club know of his chances of a come-back.

As I said last week, Rogers is highly confident of turning out again, but it is doubtful if he will be fit this season. It is even possible that he will not be fully recovered from the serious knee injury in time for next season.

Cup drawn on TV

Tonight (5.50 p.m.) the BBC televise the second-round cup draw, and unless there has been a form upheaval this afternoon, Oldham should be in the bag which will again be held by League vice-chairman Frank Ridgway.

It is all very nice televising the draw, but does it result in maximum publicity?

If the draw were made on Monday morning it would get prominence in the evening papers as well as a decent spread the following morning. In addition, both TV channels as well as sound radio would probably put it out.

What happens now, is that it goes out only on BBC television, and commands little space in the already-crowded Sunday papers. By Monday, a lot of the initial interest in the draw has gone.

Perhaps it has not occurred to the men who decided to televise the draw on Saturday nights.

Scouts out

Oldham scouts were out today and the team they were watching was Orford Tannery, the Warrington junior club who played Widnes in the first round of the Cup.

Already officials have watched Orford and had starred players noted for future reference. These are the men watched today under professional conditions.

LANCASHIRE LEAGUE

	P	W	L	D	Pts
St. Helens	23	19	3	0	38
OLDHAM	19	17	2	0	34
Workington T.	18	13	4	1	27
Wigan	19	13	6	0	26
Whitehaven	20	11	9	0	22
Leeds	19	10	8	1	21
Salford	20	10	9	1	21
Warrington	21	9	11	1	19
Leigh	17	9	8	0	18
Widnes	19	9	10	0	18
Barrow	20	8	12	0	16
ROCHDALE H.	20	6	13	1	13
Swinton	18	5	13	0	10
Liverpool C.	22	3	18	1	7
Blackpool Borough	20	2	18	0	4

Bad luck, Harold!

As it is, split 15 ways it means just over £13 a man which after the tax man has had his cut will be considerably less. So much less in fact that quite a chunk of the bonus will not go to the players at all but to the Inland Revenue.

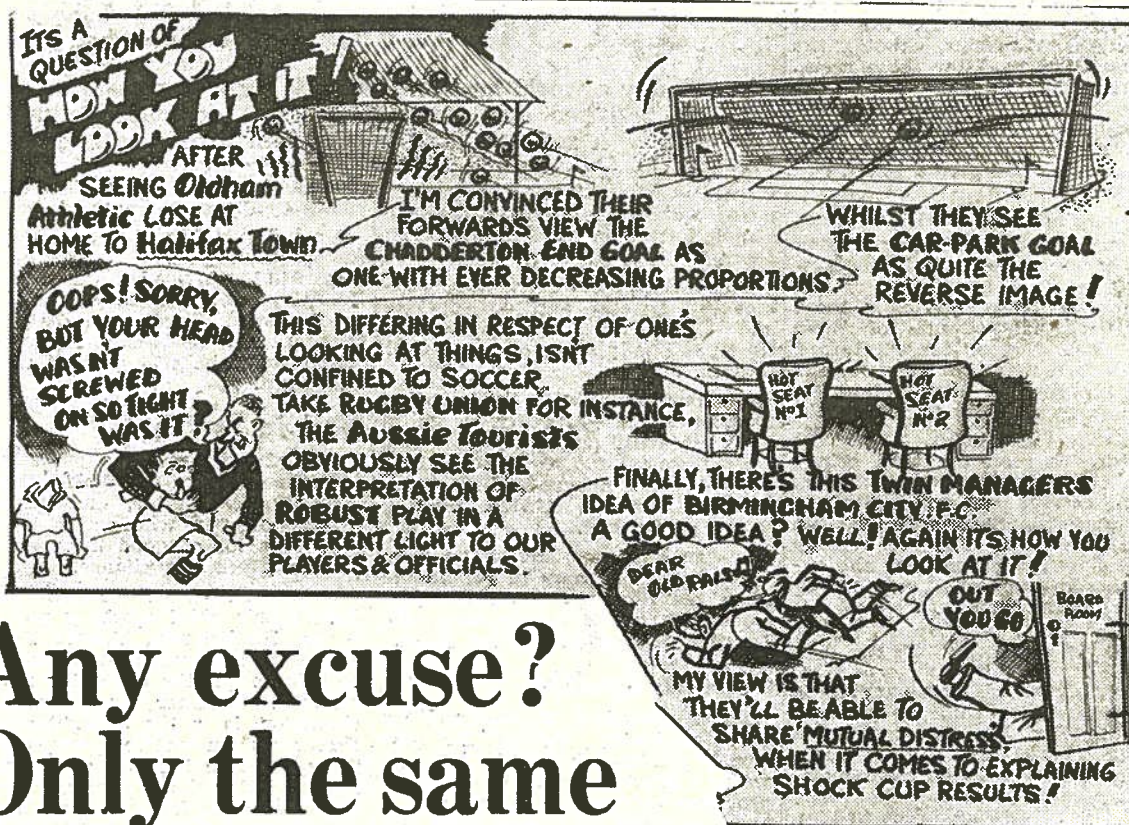
Some players don't have any luck. Forward Harold Lomas has been toiling in the Watersheddings shadows for several years with no more than a lot of "A" team glory for consolation.

This season, Harold's fortune seemed to have changed and suddenly manager Griff Jenkins and officials at Oldham "discovered" they had a pretty good forward on their books.

Sitting pretty as an almost natural choice for a first-team forward position if injury struck, Harold got his long-awaited chance materialising.

But it has turned out to be short-lived. Against Wigan "A" on Saturday he sustained a knee injury which has put him in hospital for 10 days and out of the game for the rest of this season.

It seems that my chat with Jack



Any excuse? Only the same old vicious financial circle

THIS simply wasn't good enough, Athletic. I refer to last week's display at Boundary Park, when a more than surprised Halifax team were allowed to get away with two points.

And I say "allowed" because, in the second half, Athletic made seemingly no real effort to hit back once the Yorkshiremen had levelled the scores.

There was no excuse for the performance, nor does there seem to be any satisfactory explanation why it happened. But, the fact remains, the faithful supporters who have followed the team's fortunes week in week out this season rightly deserved something better.

Spineless football

Definitely this display of spineless football has given a strong weapon to those people who cry, "It will be Fourth Division football next season."

And I completely agree that the team will have to show a lot more fight to get back among the league's top dozen.

It is now up to the team to show their supporters that they too don't want to be among the league's under-dogs next season.

As in the past, the team's two disappointing home displays in the Barrow and Halifax games have prompted a number of the more ardent supporters to write to us. One man (who fails to sign his letter) even apportioned part of the blame to me.

The financial report which I gave

A.G.W.'s Saturday comment on activities at Boundary Park

in this column last week was, he claims, a waste of time and space. "Those facts can be seen in the balance sheet at the end of the season."

The anonymous writer argues that what I should be writing about is what the directors are doing to improve the team.

Three new forwards (centre-forward, inside and outside-left) are needed if the team is to escape relegation to the Fourth Division, he says.

Fair criticism, perhaps—but then the writer has obviously failed to see the reason why I covered the club's financial position last week.

I will ask him—and all other true Athletic supporters—do they really realise the seriousness of Athletic's financial position?

Len Gaynor was sold last week for a small fee—and I would hazard a guess that it was to help pay the wage bill of the previous week when Athletic, without a match, received no income at all!

Club's view

Oh yes, I quite agree, positions in the side could be and do need strengthening. But I must also see the club's point of view in this—where is the money coming from to sign players like Garvie, Garver and Clarke (as the writer suggest)?

A long time ago, I said the problem at Boundary Park was a vicious circle. It still is. Without money the playing staff cannot be strengthened. Without adequate support there isn't enough money. Without the right brand of football there is no support.

I have also said before that the right class of players, if signed by Athletic, would soon compensate for the money spent in increased takings at the turnstiles.

It is a sound argument, but the point I am afraid I must make is that the club haven't the money to lay down in the first place. And in these days of cut-throat football, few clubs can afford to accept an IOU.

Quite frank

No, I will be quite frank. The supporters will continue pleading for new players, and as far as I can see the plea cannot be met. Only the transfer of one of the side's more promising players would allow the club to venture into the buying market itself—and that again gets them nowhere.

My appeal goes rather to the

present team. Let them show us they can keep a top-twelve place—only their efforts can keep the club out of trouble this season.

And a word to the supporters. There is a lot of truth in my Rochdale colleague's saying, "A town only gets the class of football that its support deserves."

SOME weeks ago, an Athletic supporter asked me to print in the paper the story behind the "disappearance" of John Ferguson—the young Scottish left-winger who was a regular member of the Reserve team.

I was unable to comply with the request because, at that time, John was lying seriously ill in the West-hulme Hospital.

The story began shortly before Christmas when John was taken to hospital suffering from meningitis. At the special request of the doctors who fought for John's recovery, local newspapermen agreed not to mention anything about it.

Although he knew he was seriously ill, Ferguson did not know he had meningitis and the doctors feared it would retard his recovery if he found out.

Sitting up

To be with him, who is only 18, his parents twice travelled all the way down from his birthplace at Kennoway, Fifeshire, but it was well into the New Year before they knew he was making a good recovery.

Today, John is sitting up in his hospital bed and even writing letters.

Nor has he been forgotten by his team and clubmates. Each day, players and club officials have been in to visit him and spend an hour with the young Scottish boy who "lives just for football."

No details of Athletic's welfare have to be spared, and it may not be long now before John Ferguson is back wearing the number eleven jersey for Athletic.

Third Division North

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
Bury	29	17	5	7	59	30	39
Scunthorpe	28	16	7	5	58	35	39
Barrow	31	12	12	7	52	46	36
Bradford	29	12	11	6	51	29	35
Accrington	29	14	7	8	53	43	35
Chesterfield	30	13	9	8	52	48	35
Hartlepool	30	12	9	9	55	51	33
Rochdale	29	15	2	12	62	46	32
Tranmere	29	12	7	10	58	47	31
Mansfield	28	12	7	9	58	55	31
Hull City	28	12	7	9	42	45	31
Stockport	28	11	7	10	45	41	29

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
ATHLETIC	29	9	11	9	45	49	29
Halifax T.	30	10	9	11	49	55	29
Workington	29	10	8	11	49	50	28
Gateshead	30	8	12	10	47	52	28
Carlisle U.	30	11	5	14	52	50	27
Wrexham	29	10	7	12	44	43	27
Bradford	31	10	7	14	46	62	27
Darlington	28	11	2	15	43	57	24
Chester	29	8	7	14	39	46	23
York City	29	8	7	14	37	53	23
Southport	30	6	5	19	37	64	17
Crewe Alex.	30	5	4	21	30	58	14

Guard rails are to be provided outside the entrances to St. Anselm's RC Secondary School in Chamber Road and Grange Avenue.



Hobson beats right-back Griffiths (on ground) but the Halifax goalkeeper, Johnson, dived at his feet. The ball went loose but Hobson, unsighted, could not take advantage of the mistake. One of Athletic's near-misses at Boundary Park last Saturday.

ROYTON HARRIERS

ROYTON HARRIERS engaged in good long training runs in preparation for the East Lancs. Championships, skirting the country to be used for these races. This country, in the vicinity of Stake Hill and Slattocks, was not as familiar as in the past, when trials were often laid to cross Burnley Lane and give a grand run in up Broadway.

Building has restricted the former freedom. Instead of being a long circle of six to seven miles, necessitating a good knowledge of the countryside, trials are now more often than not, circuits of three miles. This is good for spectators, but less interesting for runners, and it encourages the lazy runner to allow someone else to blaze the trail.

Failure to read the trail brings along the consequences. Runners lose the correct path and hesitate in going forward. Saturday's long run was no exception. The only remedy is to follow the paper trial and endeavour to memorise outstanding features of the country.

In 32nd season

Sam Crosland, now running in his 32nd season, finds all this very frustrating. He, past master at finding trails and coming home first, can teach the present members how to look for the many signs so clearly apparent to him. It is to be regretted that his advice so often falls on stony ground.

Gordon Pritchard, however, did use his head. After seeing one or two of the members tear away on unfamiliar parts of the trail, simply because there was good running, he bided his time, and when he did recognise familiar surroundings, he was off like a homing pigeon, to be first for the hot, clean water.

Sheila Bowker missed the Women's Northern Cross-country Championship, as unfortunately she is ill. The winner was the holder, Anne Oliver, of Gosforth. This also meant that Royton Harriers were not represented, the first lapse after six to eight years' continuous representation.

'The Dook' may run up against an Erskine snag

THE day a world heavyweight title fight is not surrounded by ballyhoo and controversy—real or manufactured—will be a sad one for the future of professional boxing.

And, true to form, the drums have already started beating for the proposed match this summer between Floyd Patterson and the British champion, Joe Erskine.

This time, however, the controversy is real and considerable and it will flare right up before the fight finally takes place—if ever it does.

Further thoughts on the situation and Erskine's suitability to go in with the world champion came this week from Mr. J. Onslow Fane, that cultured and urbane old Etonian, president of the British Boxing Board of Control.

In the long run, Mr. Fane may find himself the man in the middle when the time comes for the promoter, Harry Levene, to seek the Board's recognition for the fight.

Divided loyalties

As a patriotic Briton and an uncompromising fighter for our boxing prestige—he is 100 per cent behind Erskine as a contender—provided he beats Ingemar Johansson for the European title on February 21.

As champion of Britain, the Empire and Europe, Erskine would also be champion of a big slice of the world, says Mr. Fane.

But the "Dook," as Archie Moore once called him, is also the representative of Britain and the Empire on the World Championship Committee—and therein lies the trouble.

The committee has no official standing, but plenty of ideals, one of which is that a world champion should defend his title at regular intervals, against one of the three chief contenders.

Unfortunately, Erskine does not fall into that category, which means that Mr. Fane will be suffering from

divided loyalties when the issue comes finally to be resolved.

He will vote for Erskine, but if the decision goes the other way, what will his advice be to the British Board? After all, they will have the last word. It seems on the cards that if Erskine beats Johansson convincingly he will get his world title fight.

Nail in coffin

That will mean another nail in the coffin of the World Championship-committee, an idealistic body of men who could do the sport a lot of good if only they were given the chance.

It is, perhaps, a little ironic that Johansson's chief sparring partner is an Englishman, Albert Finch, who went to Sweden on Wednesday to help to get the champion ready.

Finch, former middleweight champion, is in the twilight of his career as an active professional. They call him the last of the professors and in this capacity, Johansson wants him, for he retains all his old skill even though 101 fights have slowed him down a little.

When he finally retires, Finch may even go to Sweden to live. He was recently offered a coaching job there for six months but declined to shut up his home—he has three children—for so short a time.

"If they offered me a contract, say for two years," he says, "I would seriously consider it," which would be a shame for British boxing. The ABA should snap him up now.

Angela Mortimer wins title

Angela Mortimer, Devon, won the women's singles title in an international lawn tennis tournament in Auckland, New Zealand, today, beating 21-year-old Maori, Miss Ruia Morrison, 6-2, 6-1 in the final.

Miss Morrison, a student teacher, last year was the first Maori to play at Wimbledon. She lasted less than 30 minutes today against the British Wightman Cup star.

Trevor Fancutt, South Africa, won the men's title, beating Bob Mark 2-6, 6-4, 6-2, 4-6, 6-3 in a 4½-hour battle.

Scots will defend schools' golf trophy

Watsons, of Edinburgh, last year's winners, will meet Wellington in the first round of the public schools Halford Hewitt foursomes golf tournament at Deal, Kent, from April 17-20.

Sixty-four schools from all parts of Britain have entered, and if Watsons, the first Scottish school to win the trophy, survive their opening match, they will meet either Winchester or Rugby.

Eton and Harrow, both many times winners, are in Watsons' half of the draw.



A return fight has been arranged between former Welsh middleweight champion **FREDDIE CROSS** (left) and **TERRY DOWNES**, who made his reputation while serving with the American Marines. Their previous contest, on January 28, had an unsatisfactory ending when the referee stopped the fight at the end of the sixth round because of a cut eye sustained by Downes, who appeared to be ahead on points. Now they are to meet again at Harringay on February 25.

RUGBY LEAGUE ABC

D. TURNER (Oldham)

Oldham have never ceased to be thankful for the misjudgment which caused Wigan and St. Helens to take no action after attending scouting sessions at Hull KR games for sizing up the possibilities of loose-forward Derek Turner.

Oldham stepped in and signed him, and the fact that he has since played for Yorkshire, Great Britain and the World Cup side is further convincing testimony, if any were needed, that Turner is now the most complete loose-forward in the game.

He is unusually gifted in that not only is he a devastating defender, but he is equally shattering when he switches defence into attack. Tireless under the most gruelling conditions, no team could have a better pack leader.

D. WEBSTER (York)

Denzil Webster is one of the brightest discoveries of recent seasons. He was spotted, and brought to the fore by Castleford, and his speed, illusive nature, and sound defence soon began to make

an impression wherever he played. It came as a surprise when Castleford offered him for sale, and York stepped in to pay £3,000 at a time when more powerful clubs were desperately keen to sign him.

York got their man largely because Webster had taken up a school-teaching post in the city and was loath to move again. York have never regretted for one moment the financial plunge they took, for Webster was one of their leading scorers last season and although hit by injury this term, he is now back to form.

E. ASHTON (Wigan)

After little more than one season's experience of first-team football, Eric Ashton won a place in Britain's last World Cup party, and he returned to this country with his reputation enhanced probably more than any other member of the party.

So much confidence did he command at Wigan that when their captain, Platt, broke his leg, Ashton, despite his comparative inexperience, was the man appointed to take over.

Although he has enjoyed his successes, this season has not been as outstandingly successful for him as last, but there is little doubt that Wigan—they owe his signing to a supporter who spotted Ashton playing in a Forces side—have made a capture who will do them credit for many years.

Shaw Billiards Whist and Darts

(Up to and including January 31)

BILLIARDS				
	P	W	D	L
Royton Cons.	18	15	0	3
Shaw Church	18	15	0	3
Shaw Road Cons.	18	15	0	3
Milne Street	18	14	0	4
Crompton Labour	18	12	0	6
Crompton Cricket	18	10	0	8
Osram G.E.C.	18	10	0	8
Royton Oddfellows	18	10	0	8
Shaw Legion	18	9	0	9
A. & A. Crompton's	18	8	0	10
Crompton Cons.	18	8	0	10
United Irish	18	8	0	10
Heyside Cons.	18	6	0	12
Shaw Comrades	18	2	0	16
St. Joseph's	18	2	0	16
Royton Textile	18	0	0	18
Highest break: R. Holden (Milne St.)	80	unfinished.		

WHIST				
	P	W	D	L
Crompton Labour	18	14	0	4
Royton Oddfellows	18	13	0	5
Crompton Cons.	18	12	0	6
Royton Cons.	18	11	1	6
United Irish	18	11	1	6
Crompton Cricket	18	11	0	7
Milne Street	18	10	0	8
Shaw Legion	18	9	1	8
Shaw Road Cons.	18	9	1	8
Osram G.E.C.	18	8	1	9
St. Joseph's	18	6	3	9
Heyside Cons.	18	5	2	11
Shaw Comrades	18	5	0	13
A. & A. Crompton's	18	5	1	12
Royton Textile	18	5	0	13
Shaw Church	18	3	1	14

DARTS				
	P	W	D	L
Royton Oddfellows	18	15	0	3
Royton Cons.	18	14	0	4
Shaw Church	18	13	0	5
Shaw Comrades	18	11	0	7
Crompton Labour	18	10	0	8
A. & A. Crompton's	18	9	0	9
Crompton Cricket	18	9	0	9
Osram G.E.C.	18	9	0	9
Crompton Cons.	18	8	0	10
Royton Textile	18	8	0	10
Shaw Road Cons.	18	8	0	10
Heyside Cons.	18	7	0	11
Milne Street	18	7	0	11
Shaw Legion	18	7	0	11
St. Joseph's	18	5	0	13
United Irish	18	4	0	14

3rd NORTH PLAYERS



ROLFE

SOUTH

R. THOMPSON

ROLFE (Crewe)

When he joined Crewe from Chester in the summer of 1955, Jimmy Rolfe was regarded chiefly as a wing-forward and in his first season at Gresty Road played exclusively on the flanks of the attack. Last winter, however, he had a number of games at inside-forward before moving to right-back in the closing stages.

A native of Liverpool, Rolfe began his career with the Merseyside club, from where he was transferred to Chester in the 1953 close season. At Sealand Road he also had an occasional game as leader of the attack.

SOUTH (Halifax)

Before their victory at Boundary Park last week, Halifax Town had taken only two points from six games. In that spell of non-success, however, the Yorkshire side's defence has been well up to standard, with centre-half Alec South, in particular, playing well.

Born in Brighton, South saw service with the Southern Section club before being transferred to Liverpool in December, 1954. He made his debut at centre-half two months later, and subsequently had a few senior outings at left-half. South moved again, to Halifax, in October, 1956.

THOMPSON (Carlisle)

The only locally-born player in Carlisle's senior side at present is left-half Ron Thompson. Although he is not yet so well-known as his namesake, goalkeeper George Thompson, who was signed by Car-

lisle from Manchester City during the summer, Ron Thompson has been the subject of several inquiries from senior clubs in recent months.

So far, however, he has been happy to remain in his home-town team, whose professional staff he joined on leaving school six years ago, and with whom he has developed into one of the most consistent half-backs in the Northern Section.

MEMORY CORNER

TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO

Every season brings something for the thousands of rabid Merseyside football fans to talk about. They had a chance to excel themselves, however, on February 11, 1933, when Liverpool defeated their near neighbours, Everton, then reigning First Division champions, 7-4 at Anfield in perhaps the most remarkable of the long list of derby games between these friendly rivals. Centre-forward Harold Barton hit three goals for the winners, while the incomparable Dixie Dean claimed two for Everton, who fielded the same side as that which defeated Manchester City in the Cup final less than three months later.

TEN YEARS AGO

Giant-killing Colchester, who had been firing the imagination of the soccer-going public with their splendid Cup performances, had their hopes of further successes abruptly ended by Blackpool on February 7, 1948. The clubs met at Bloomfield Road in the fifth round of the competition, when Blackpool's combination of Stan Matthews and Stan Mortensen was too much for Colchester, who were beaten 5-0. The Essex club's run that year, however, stood them in good stead later, when they secured election to the Southern Section of the Third Division.

TWELVE MONTHS AGO

A year ago this week Colin Grainger, Sheffield United's outside-left, left Bramall Lane for Sunderland. Since his move to Roker, the international winger and singing star has had comparatively little success, however.

On February 6, 1957, Manchester United defeated Atletico Bilbao 3-0 at Old Trafford, to wipe out the deficit caused by their 5-3 defeat in Spain three weeks earlier, and thus qualified to meet Real Madrid in the semi-final of the European Cup.

WEEKEND TV AND RADIO

MANY comedians, it is said, cherish an ambition to play in Shakespeare. Frankie Howard has recently achieved it. Tomorrow, Tony Hancock makes his first big foray into the field of straight drama, not in Shakespeare, but the name part of a play by the Russian writer, Gogol. It is the classic, "The Government Inspector."

Although Tony Hancock ranks with Benny Hill as a top comedian in the country today, it is a tough assignment for him. But he is facing it with confidence.

This Gogol play is, after all, a delicious comedy and, says Hancock, "I think basic comedy doesn't change even between countries. There is usually some touch of satire, isn't there?"

"I can't tell a joke—it goes dead—but I deal in comic situations and that means I'm trying to act, not just pulling my face all over the place."

His first straight part was at Oxford, when he played as a drunken, brutal Nazi soldier, and he is reported to have brought the house down. Whether that was the intended result is another matter.

After service in the RAF Regiment, Hancock got his first professional acting job as an average "erk" in the Ralph Reader "Wings" show and then he failed auditions at several theatres. But the BBC's head of drama, Michael Barry, calls him "a thundering good actor."

"The Government Inspector" is about a young man who visits a remote village in Russia, is mistaken for a Government official and is wine and dined by corrupt local dignitaries. This plot lends itself to much rich humour and satire.

MR. AND MRS. ALBERT BUXTON, of Middleton Junction, are appearing in ABC's "Bid for Fame" tomorrow, and they owe it to their young son.

He wrote to the programme producer asking if his mother and father could be auditioned. They do a Yogi act, and the producer was sufficiently impressed to put them in the list for tomorrow.

A YOUNG man who has been dubbed "the English James Dean"—much against his will—plays a leading role in ABC's Sunday play, "The Five Dollar Bill." He is Tim Seely, an ex-Etonian and RADA product, who picked up the Dean label because he is not unlike him—fair, slight and withdrawn—and because he like sfast cars.

"The Five Dollar Bill" is, as the title suggests, an American play which is said to strike deeply at the American way of life.

It is about a respectable family on holiday at a lakeside cabin. Father poses as an ex-captain, though he never was in the Army, and there are two widely different sons, one an extrovert and the other an introvert bookworm (Tim Seely).

The latter steals the five-dollar bill for no apparent reason, and the struggle of his parents to understand his action sums up one of the basic problems of parenthood in the materialist society of the US.

WRITERS who have tried to take the lid off show business will be featured in "The Book Man" (ABC). There will be Jean Dawney, model and actress, who has written a book on modelling; Robert Muller, whose book, "Cinderella Nightingale," tells of glamour girls who are all gimmick and no talent; Robert Hancock, who has turned out a book on the disc business; and Allan Prior, author of "The One-eyed Monster," a treatise on television.

Mouse leads to hidden treasure

A mouse disappearing behind a bread-tin in an Invercargill (New Zealand) house recently, led to the discovery of £650 in £50 notes.

The family had been living in the house for about two years when the son decided to investigate the hiding-place of the mouse, which regularly went behind the bread-tin. He found a tobacco tin containing the notes.

The matter was reported to the police, who asked the magistrate, Mr. G. A. Nicholls, to decide on the ownership of the money. The magistrate found in favour of the widow of the former occupant of the house, but it is understood the finder will not go unrewarded.

Tonight

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| BBC | 7 30: Saturday Night on the Light. |
| 6 0: News. | 10 30: News. |
| 6 5: Six-Five Special. | 10 40: Donald Peers. |
| 7 0: Wells Fargo. | 11 15: Edmundo Ros. |
| 7 25: News. | THIRD 466m., 194m. |
| 7 30: Dixon of Dock Green. | 8 0: Orchestral Concert. |
| 8 0: The World our Stage | 8 45: An Asian on Asia. |
| presents Dance. | 9 5: Concert (Part 2). |
| 9 0: Tall in the Saddle (film). | 9 40: Valery and Superville. |
| 10 30: Sports Special. | 10 10: Viennese Song. |
| 11 0: News. | 10 45: The Haunted Universe. |
| 11 15: War in the Air. | LUXEMBURG 208m. |
| ABC | 6 0: Barry Alldis. |
| 6 0: The Jack Jackson Show. | 7 0: Rhythm on the Range. |
| 6 30: Highway Patrol. | 7 30: Intrigue. |
| 7 0: The Man Who Sold Death. | 8 0: Jamboree. |
| 7 30: The Restless Gun. | 10 0: Irish Requests. |
| 8 0: The Fabulous Steve Allen | 10 30: Spin with the Stars. |
| Show. | 11 0: Bringing Christ to the |
| 8 45: News. | Nations. |
| 8 50: M Squad. | 11 30: Jack Jackson's Record |
| 9 20: Kid Galahad (film). | Round-up. |
| 11 15: Late Night Show. | AFN 344m. |
| 11 45: Epilogue. | 6 0: News; Music in the Air. |
| NORTH 434m. | 7 0: News. |
| 6 0: News. | 7 5: Grand Ole Opry. |
| 6 15: Northern News. | 7 30: Saturday Night Country |
| 6 25: Sports Spotlight. | Style. |
| 7 0: Those Were The Days. | 7 55: Johnny Lee Wills. |
| 7 15: Week in Westminster. | 8 0: Bandstand, US. |
| 7 30: In Town Tonight. | 8 30: Operation Entertainment. |
| 8 0: Variety Playhouse. | 8 55: Sports Detective. |
| 9 0: News. | 9 0: Music Views from Holly- |
| 9 15: Seawife (play). | wood. |
| 10 45: Lighten our Darkness. | 11 0: News. |
| 11 0: News. | 9 35: Dance Date. |
| LIGHT 1500 and 247m. | 10 0: Sports Night Cap. |
| 6 0: Guitar Club. | 10 5: American Popular Music. |
| 6 30: Just Jazz. | 11 0: News. |
| 7 0: Radio Newsreel. | 11 5: Late Request Show. |
| 7 24: Association Football. | 12 0: News. |

Tomorrow

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| BBC | LIGHT 1500 and 247m. |
| 10 55: Service. | 9 0: Chapel in the Valley. |
| 12 25: World Ski Championships. | 9 30: Dennis Wilson. |
| 2 30: Gardening Club. | 9 45: The Archers. |
| 3 0: News Review. | 10 30: What Do You Know? |
| 3 30: Concert Hour. | 11 0: Have a Go! |
| 4 15: The Brains Trust. | 11 30: People's Service. |
| 5 0: Children. | 12 0: Family Favourites. |
| 6 45: Meeting Point. | 1 15: Billy Cotton. |
| 7 25: News. | 1 45: Educating Archie. |
| 7 35: The Thin Man (film). | 2 15: Ray's a Laugh. |
| 8 0: What's My Line. | 2 45: Movie-Go-Round. |
| 8 30: The Government Inspector | 3 30: Melody Hour. |
| (play), with Tony Hancock. | 4 30: Britannia Mews. |
| 9 45: Journey into Melody. | 5 0: Holiday Hour. |
| 10 30: News. | 5 45: Danny Levan. |
| 10 40: Epilogue. | 6 0: Sing It Again! |
| ABC | 6 30: Life With the Lyons. |
| 11 15: Family Communion. | 7 0: Take It From Here. |
| 2 30: Book Man. | 7 30: News. |
| 3 0: Laughing Lady (film). | 7 35: Just For You. |
| 4 35: Bid For Fame. | 8 30: Sunday Half-hour. |
| 5 0: Hawkeye. | 9 0: Follow the Stars. |
| 5 35: What's in Store. | 10 0: Semprini Serenade. |
| 5 55: Tell the People! | 10 30: News. |
| 6 9: News. | 10 40: Pick of the Pops. |
| 7 0: Living Your Life. | 11 30: Rendezvous. |
| 7 25: News. | 11 50: End of the Day. |
| 7 30: Martin Kane. | 11 55: News. |
| 8 0: Sunday Night at the London | THIRD 466m., 194m. |
| Palladium. | 5 0: String Quartets. |
| 9 0: News. | 5 50: The Square (play). |
| 9 5: The Five Dollar Bill (play). | 7 5: Modern French Music. |
| 10 5: Byline. | 8 5: Research. |
| 10 35: OSS. | 8 50: Bach. |
| 11 5: Top Numbers. | 9 50: The Illad. |
| 11 30: Epilogue. | 10 25: Brahms. |
| NORTH 434m. | LUXEMBURG 208m. |
| 7 50: First Day of the Week. | 6 0: Beaver Club. |
| 7 55: Weather. | 6 15: Tommy Trinder. |
| 8 0: News. | 6 45: Accordion Time. |
| 8 10: Programmes. | 7 0: Tunes to Remember. |
| 8 18: Orchestra. | 7 30: Winifred Atwell Show. |
| 8 55: Weather. | 8 0: Hughie Green. |
| 9 0: News. | 8 30: Take Your Pick. |
| 9 10: Home for the Day. | 9 0: This I Believe. |
| 9 45: Service. | 9 30: Cream of the Pops. |
| 10 30: Music Magazine. | 10 0: Record Rendezvous. |
| 11 20: International Concert Hall. | 10 30: Sinatra. |
| 12 10: The Critics. | 11 0: Top Twenty. |
| 12 55: Weather. | AFN 344m. |
| 1 0: News. | 6 0: CBS Radio Workshop. |
| 1 10: The Naturalist. | 6 25: This Fabled World. |
| 1 40: Change Partners. | 6 30: Adventures of the Abbotts. |
| 2 0: Gardeners' Question Time. | 7 0: News. |
| 2 30: Concert. | 7 5: People Are Funny. |
| 3 15: Talk. | 7 30: Meet Corliss Archer. |
| 3 30: Concert, Part 2. | 7 55: World Fair Report. |
| 4 15: Can I Help You. | 8 0: Howard Barlow Presents. |
| 4 30: Talking about Music. | 8 30: European Storybook. |
| 5 0: Children. | 9 0: Mitch Miller. |
| 5 50: Money Matters. | 9 30: News and Sports. |
| 5 55: Weather. | 9 45: Cool Man's Mother Goose. |
| 6 0: News. | 10 0: Magic of Music. |
| 6 15: Radio Newsreel. | 10 25: One for the Book. |
| 6 45: Grand Hotel. | 10 30: Westward Look. |
| 7 30: Letter from America. | 11 0: Philadelphia Symphony |
| 7 45: Service. | Orchestra. |
| 8 25: Appeal. | 11 55: This Thing Called Life. |
| 8 30: Soames Forsyte, Esq. | 12 0: News. |
| 9 0: News. | |
| 9 15: Voices of the Future. | |
| 10 0: Quartet. | |
| 10 30: Unveiling of Rangoon | |
| Memorial. | |
| 10 50: Epilogue. | |
| 11 0: News. | |

Rain prevented play for the second successive day in the women's cricket Test match between England and Australia at Sydney today.

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RESULTS

BURY	4
ATHLETIC	0
OLDHAM	4 5-23
HULL KR	3 0-6
HULL	5 1-13
HORNETS	5 2-16

FIRST DIVISION

Chelsea 0, Preston 2.
Luton 7, Sunderland 1.
Portsmouth 2, Bolton 2.
Tottenham H. 5, Manchester City 1.
West Brom. A. 3, Notts Forest 2.
West Ham 1, Barnsley 1.

SECOND DIVISION

Blackburn 2, Swansea 2.
Cardiff 3, Doncaster 1.
Ipswich 2, Derby 2.

THIRD DIVISION (North)

Chester 9, York 2.
Hartlepool 0, Bradford 0.
Hull 2, Wrexham 0.
Stockport 5, Crewe 1.
Tranmere 0, Carlisle 1.

THIRD DIVISION (South)

Bournemouth 3, Norwich 1.
Coventry 0, Brentford 0.
Northampton 2, Watford 3.
Queens Park Rangers 2, Port Vale 1.
Reading 2, Crystal Palace 2.
Southend 1, Newport 1.
Shrewsbury 3, Torquay 0.
Walsall 3, Colchester 0.

RL CUP (1st Round)

Huddersfield 0, Halifax 15.
Leeds 31, Castleford 6.
Swinton 6, Featherstone Rovers 9.
Widnes 51, Orford Tannery 2.
Wigan 39, Whithaven 10.
Workington 3, Leigh 0.

RU INTERNATIONAL

England 6, Ireland 0.

RUGBY UNION

N-W Counties 6, Australians 3.

Mossley hit back, take lead

Mossley had the worst of the opening exchanges and only a high catch by Ross from a Cock header saved them. With a great burst of speed, Wilson outpaced three Mossley defenders, but his shot was wide.

BRAKE stabbed Stockport into a 20-minute lead when a Daley centre skidded off Ashworth's boot, leaving the centre-forward with an open goal.

Five minutes later, ALLMAN shot the equaliser from a McDonald pass, and then scored again to give Mossley the lead. Half-time: Mossley 2, Stockport 1.

O'Brien second on Cresta

Pat O'Brien, of Britain, was in second place at the end of three runs on the first day of the Cartier Cup on the Cresta Run at St. Moritz today. With a time of 139.5sec., he was more than three seconds behind the Cresta champion, Nino Bibbia (Italy) who clocked 136.1sec.

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ATHLETIC

crashed in a low right-foot shot which left Teece helpless.

Bury were playing grand football—blotting Athletic right out of the game. Atherton was in the lime-light again, hooking in a shot which Teece held under the bar.

In the next minute the Athletic keeper was in action again, turning over a surprise Watson shot. Again Atherton had the ball in the net for Bury but despite strenuous protests the referee firmly awarded a free kick to Athletic.

Final:—

BURY 4

ATHLETIC 0

Attendance 10,647.

PARKER for Bury after 88 mins.

Jones makes sure for Hornets in terrific struggle

ROCHDALE'S MATCH ABANDONED

Rochdale's game at Halifax was abandoned this afternoon. The referee, Mr. H. Hawthorne, of Crook, Co. Durham, made a late inspection of the pitch and said that the ground was unfit because of last night's heavy snowfall.

Weather hits sport: many matches off

SNOW and rain, which caused many grounds to become waterlogged, caused another big hold-up to soccer, Rugby League and Rugby Union games, particularly in the North.

Just before the scheduled kick-off times, all 18 First and Second Division matches in Scotland had been postponed.

Over half the Rugby League cup ties were off and 11 Football League matches, in addition to the Manchester United-Wolves game, were postponed. Two amateur cup ties were also called off.

London and the South were not affected.

FIRST DIVISION

Birmingham v. Sheffield W.
Blackpool v. Everton
Leeds v. Arsenal
Manchester U. v. Wolves
Newcastle v. Burnley

SECOND DIVISION

Middlesbrough v. Leyton O.
Notts C. v. Bristol R.
Sheffield U. v. Fulham

THIRD DIVISION—North

Accrington v. Barrow
Bradford C. v. Scunthorpe
Chesterfield v. Southport
Halifax v. Rochdale
Mansfield v. Gateshead

RUGBY LEAGUE CUP—1st Round

Barrow v. Liverpool C.
Batley v. Warrington
Bramley v. Bradford N.
Dewsbury v. Blackpool B.
Hunslet v. St. Helens
Keighley v. Salford
Wakefield T. v. Doncaster
York v. Lock Lane (Castleford)

POOLS ON

Messrs. Copes Ltd., the football pool promoters, stated today that despite the cancellation of many soccer games, their pools would operate.

Vernon's Pools, of Liverpool, said: "So far as we can foresee, we shall function normally."

Both Littlewoods and Vernons said that the position was slightly better than a fortnight ago when pools continued.

Own goal gives an equaliser to Bolton

Portsmouth soon took the lead when HARRIS headed through from Gordon's centre. Uprichard smartly saved shots from Lofthouse and Stevens.

On a muddy surface, and in pouring rain, exchanges continued at a great pace. After 30 minutes, BARNARD diverted into his own goal a hard shot from Hennin which was travelling wide.

Bolton exploited the offside game to keep their goal intact. Half-time: Portsmouth 1, Bolton 1.

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TWO inches of snow which had fallen during the night had disappeared and the ground had been cleared during the morning, to leave a pitch wet and slippery as the sides came out and lined up, wearing their black armbands, to join with the crowd in a two minutes silence for the Manchester United disaster. The Hornets relied upon the same side as that which won at Hull Kingston last week, but the home side had to make a late change, Kershaw replacing Bateson at full-back.

HULL. — Kershaw; Watts, Saville, Turner, Harrison; Broadhurst, Finn; Schott, Harris, Drake (J.), Sykes, Drake (W.), Whiteley (J.).
HORNETS. — Cahill; Buxton, Jones, Short, Corsi; Chisnall, Fishwick, Scholes, Dagnall, Hanson, Parsons, Bailey, Farr. Referee: Mr. D. T. H. Davies (Manchester).

Hull set off in determined fashion and it was only magnificent tackling by the Hornets defence which kept them out.

Jim Drake made a great burst which took him to the Hornets "25" before he was grounded, then Whiteley stepped into touch when he appeared to be clean away.

Hornets came to the attack and almost went in front when Hull dropped the ball and Buxton kicked forward only to send on Chisnall, who was beaten by inches to the line by Broadhurst.

After nine minutes, the home side went in front when Sykes kicked a goal, but their lead was short-lived when Jones made a great interception and picked up to send BUXTON in for a try which JONES converted.

Hanson was next in the picture with a nice move which gained 20 yards, then Bailey was cautioned after a scuffle. In the 23rd minute Sykes made ground and BILL DRAKE burst through the Hornets defence to score, Sykes converting.

When Hull were caught off-side LES JONES landed a magnificent long-range penalty kick to put the sides level again.

Penalty goal

SYKES kicked another penalty goal to put the Hull side in the lead again, but Hornets hit back and, with the best move of the game again went in front.

FISHWICK STARTED THE MOVEMENT AND PASSED ON TO CHISNALL WHO DREW THE DEFENCE, AND WITH A BRILLIANT REVERSE PASS, SENT BUXTON IN TO SCORE. LES JONES LANDED THE GOAL.

Hull piled on the pressure and the Hornets found themselves defending desperately and Bailey had his name taken. Almost on half-time when the visitors were again penalised, SYKES landed a goal to put the home side within one point.

The referee must have been as excited as the large crowd, for he played over time and during this, Saville got over the line, but he was dragged along by Chisnall and no try resulted.

Half-time:—

HULL 4 1-11

HORNETS 3 2-12

Hull started the second half with a strong forward burst, but a passing movement was intercepted by Jones who set Hornets on the attack, Corsi being halted only a yard short of the line.

In a game in which tempers tended to fray, Hanson had his name taken for a tackle on Jim Drake.

Then Watts and Bill Drake went close for Hull before SYKES landed a penalty goal which gave the home side the lead. Rochdale immediately retaliated and JONES landed a penalty goal to restore their advantage.

Hornets were first to attack on the resumption and Short got within the home "25" before he was grounded.

Hull were soon pressing on the Hornets' line and it was only brilliant tackling that kept them out.

Sykes put them in front with a penalty kick which hit the post before bouncing over, but once again the Hornets gained their point advantage when LES JONES kicked a splendid penalty goal. The game was developing into a terrific forward struggle and Hornets were giving just as much as they took.

Les Jones tried to add another penalty goal from long range, but his kick was wide.

Final:

HULL 5 1-13

HORNETS 5 2-16

LES JONES penalty goal for Hornets.

GOAL GALAXY FOR ATHLETIC RESERVES

A TWO minutes silence in memory of the Manchester United disaster victims was observed at the start of the Reserves v. Earlestown match at Boundary Park.

Eric Over, Reserves' recent signing from Barrow, led the home attack. And the first half was a Reserves' goal riot. McCAULEY put through his own goal for the Reserves' first.

Their second came a few minutes later when CORFIELD, the home inside-forward, hit home a corner-kick from Bazley. CORFIELD was again on the mark to put in the net a through pass from Hall for Reserves third goal.

OVER headed the fourth after 20 minutes from a Bazley centre. After 25 minutes, Burns, Reserves' inside-forward, had to leave the field with facial injuries, but he returned soon after.

It was OVER again who scored the fifth, after 32 minutes. It followed a goalmouth mix-up.

Half-time:—

Athletic Reserves 5

Earlestown 0

After a brief Earlestown revival, Reserves swept back to the attack. A Corfield effort was scrambled away by Fitzgerald. Reserves were still pressing hard against an outclassed Earlestown.

Over, who was playing a forceful and opportunist game, found the ball at his feet near goal, and shot, but Collier cleared off the line.

Earlestown failed to take advantage of a free kick in the area and the ball was cleared by the Reserves' defence.

OVER completed his hat-trick ten minutes after the restart with a shot from close range. A long-distance McCauley effort for Earlestown soared over. McKERNAN headed Earlestown's first goal from a McCauley cross pass.

HALF-TIME SCORES

FIRST DIVISION

Chelsea 0, Preston 1.
Leicester 4, Aston Villa 1.
Luton 2, Sunderland 0.
Portsmouth 1, Bolton 1.
Tottenham 0, Manchester City 1.
West Bromwich A. 1, Notts Forest 0.

SECOND DIVISION

Blackburn 0, Swansea 1.
Bristol City 0, Rotherham 0.
Cardiff 0, Doncaster 1.
Grimsby 3, Lincoln 0.
Ipswich 2, Derby 1.
Liverpool 1, Charlton 0.
Stoke 1, Huddersfield 1.
West Ham 1, Barnsley 0.

THIRD DIVISION (North)

Bury 1, Athletic 0.
Chester 4, York 0.
Hartlepool 0, Bradford 0.
Hull 1, Wrexham 0.
Stockport 1, Crewe 1.
Tranmere 0, Carlisle 1.
Workington 2, Darlington 1.

THIRD DIVISION (South)

Bournemouth 1, Norwich 1.
Brighton 0, Southampton 1.
Coventry 0, Brentford 0.
Exeter 1, Plymouth 1.
Gillingham 0, Aldershot 1.
Millwall 1, Swindon 0.
Northampton 1, Watford 2.
Queen's Park Rangers 1, Port Vale 0.
Reading 2, Crystal Palace 0.
Shrewsbury 3, Torquay 0.
Southend 1, Newport 1.
Walsall 1, Colchester 0.

FIRST DIVISION

Leicester 6, Aston Villa 1.

SECOND DIVISION

Bristol City 0, Rotherham 1.

Grimsby 4, Lincoln 0

Liverpool 3, Charlton 1.

Stoke 1, Huddersfield 1.

West Ham 1, Barnsley 1.

THIRD DIVISION (North)

Workington 2, Darlington 2.

THIRD DIVISION (South)

Brighton 1, Southampton 1

Exeter 4, Plymouth 2.

Gillingham 1, Aldershot 1.

Millwall 1, Swindon 1.

Athletic Reserves 6

Earlestown 1

Late scorers: Over for Reserves,

McKinnan for Earlestown.

Bardsley 5, English Steel 3.

Mossley 3, Stockport C. Res. 4.

South Africa 19-1 (close).

HURST PARK 4 15.

Result:

Arceeno (W Rees) 1,

Mac Joy (A. Freeman) 2,

Valito (F Winter) 3.

3/1 fav., 100/7, 11/2.

15 ran.