DEATH OF A NOTED CITY OWNER.

MR. PRENTICE'S COUPS IN OLD GRATELEY DAYS.

EXIT FALSE REPORT.

Recollections of the coups of the Grateley stable were brought back yesterday by the news of the death of Mr. Graham A. Prentice. When Captain Bewicke was his manager, and had the training aid of John Powney, Mr. Prentice's striking crimson and gold colours were made famous by the notable successes of Dumbarton Castle in the Stewards' Cup of 1903, the hurdle victories of the wonderful General Peace—who took the Lincolnshire for Captain Bewicke—and Karakoul, both of whom fitted the big Auteuil race, Honolulu, and many other good horses. He hoped to win the Derby with Pekin in Ard Patrick's year.

Mr. Prentice was a member of the Stock Exchange and a partner in a large firm of jobbers. He was a great gambler who be thought he had a fighting chance. Many of his jobs were engineered in the City, but he would plank it down heavily on a course, and took large sums out of the ring from time to time. It was owing to the S.P. coup worked on his horse Stratton, in 1900, that Tatt's decided not to arbitrate on telegrams handed in after midday. Whether Mr. Prentice won on balance is doubtful. The fact remains that, except as a visitor, he had not dabbled in Turf schemes for some years, though he talked of coming back as an owner. He was a notable personality, being very fair, remarkably stout, and always perfectly groomed.

He was born in Montreal, but spent practically all his life over here. From Harrow he went up to Cambridge. He was in his fifty-eighth year.

SHOEMAKER OUT OF IT.

I wonder what those who same time ago backed False Report to win about £25,000 will think about the gelding being taken out of the Lincolnshire—at 9 a.m. yesterday. They will have no sympathy from me. Mr. Lewis is, at least, to be congratulated on not surrendering Ugly Duckling with equity again. The removal of False Report coincides with the owner's unofficial statement that the shackles of Willie Saxby have been put on M. Beary, and not Weston, in the saddle. Personally, I fully expect the combination of Corn Sack and Donoghue to repeat the Derby autumn dose on the favourite.

There was been trending Sports dead great should note that the horse's doubtful leg stood a good half-a-red mile spin yesterday at headquarters. I am told that a big wager over Poitava—Mr. Belisch's mount—was made in the north by those in the stable before the entries appeared.

Shoemaker, who has been nibbled at, will not see the jockey. Are you your money and take your choice over the National, for much of the recent form only complicates the issue. It really begins to look as though the Jinks will after 100 to 1 to go the field on the day of the race. Those who had been crossing Glencorrig—who had the doubtful honour of once being a big favourite for nearly twenty-four hours—will have found fresh cross after his defeat yesterday at Derby. Certainly, Glencorrig was eased when Blazers left him at the last fence, but, even granted that he was never best and is thriving well, what is the form worth? Earlier in the afternoon Blue Stem had cast no reflected glory on Coulthwaite's charge.

THE LUCK-BRINGER.

The Verscheyles are building up quite a formidable stable chase by Grantham, but they must regard the jockey Hulbert as the luck-bringer of the season. He increased his formidable tally by fifteen the three miles chase from All White, taking up the running half-way, and riding his rivals a good three quarters. Glencorrig has a 4lbs. pull at Aintree, but Blazers can meet Lord Waterford's horse on 5lbs. better terms. The vendor's mount is back at All White table, with the recent quick backing for him in the market. I remember what a good show he made as a five-year-old against Pekin, and it is significant that Captain Bonnor has accepted the mount.

Considering the good work that Blazers had done, I am surprised at his 8.P. of 100 to 8. Why do punters always prefer the going-to-do brigade? Other Derby winners, like Sedbitz, the penalised Moreguy, and Milton, also had strong recommendations from the book. We had the inevitable early objection, Milton being accused of boring and crossing. The objection was overruled, as Coldwaiter's paradox was not built.

THE SCOUT.

DERBY DETAILS.

1.45.—SALWEY SELLING HURDLE RACE. Two miles.

Schultz (Mr. W. Brown), 4, 11 ("The Scout's" selection).
Solomon's Seal (Mr. H. Spurrier), 5, 11 10 ... Mr. J. Courtier 2
Crom Abos (Mr. D. Leonard), a, 12 ... Mr. Cambourne 1
S.P.—2, 7—1, 10—1. Also: 8 King's Favourite (Fitzgerald), 100—8 each Appleton (G. Kelly), Dumcher (Edwards), Sunset's Bird (H. Talal), Little Alice (J. Beary). Three-quarters length; same. Cambourne, Middlesex.

2.15.—SELLING HANDICAP STEEPLECHASE PLATE. Two miles.

Artistry (Mr. Chamberlain), a, 10 7 ... Gowell 1
Sunlight III. (Mr. Spurrier), a, 12 7 ... J. Casey 2
Sutton VI. (Mr. W. Lea), a, 11 12 ... Williams 3
S.P.—3—1, 7—1, 8—1. Also: 5 Perfect Brown, 6 Rough and Ready (Mr. J. Spurrier), 10 each Beckhampton (A. Hogan), Rick (Owner), Golden Star (Murray), Lady Bobbie (H. Talal). Twelve lengths; six. Dennis Robinson.

2.45.—DERBYSHIRE HANDICAP STEEPLECHASE. Three miles.

Blazers (Major Bullen), a, 11 8 ... H. Smyth 1
Ann Whitie (Lord Waterford), a, 11 11 ... M. Dillon 2
Whitehide (Mr. H. Hunt), a, 12 2 ... C. Kelly 3
S.P.—100—3, 6—1, 100—8. Also: 7—2 The Turk (E. M. Nelson), 9—2 Mother's Gift (Mr. Scott), South Locke (W. Parrott), 7 each Glencorrig (W. Smith), Sarabe (Sergeant), 8 Early C. Aylibi, 100—8 each Cardinal (W. Leon), Stirling Knight (A. Hogan), Bugler (Owner), Eight lengths; half. Coventhwaite, Grantham.

3.15.—ELVASTON HANDICAP STEEPLECHASE. Two miles.

Saltburn (Col. Paynter), a, 10 12 ... W. Lees 1
Glenely (Major Smith), a, 11 2 ... Smallwood 2
Blue Stem (Mr. C. Baron), a, 11 9 ... Gurney 3
S.P.—7—1, 10—1, 11—10. Also: 4 Adelphoria, Lars (Sinnott), 5 Crizancek (Owner), 10 each Happy Jack II. (W. Payne), Myriad (L'Estrange). Three lengths; ten. Lyall, Eaton.

3.45.—STAYERS' HANDICAP HURDLE RACE. About two and three-quarter miles.

Moreroy (Mr. W. Normand), a, 11 15 ... H. Smyth 1
Kitwala (Mr. Cotrill), 6, 10 4 ... Ferguson 2
Nada (Mr. Glover), 5, 10 7 ... Pizzey 3
S.P.—3—1, 5—1, 6—4. Also: 6 Rhin Du (W. Smith), 7 each Coolsnow (A. Sadd), Dame d'Atour (Caremungo), 100—8 each Just for Luck (Chadwick), Jeodenham (H. Talal), Lydia White (Watkinson), Sissell Bill (R. Roberts). Eight lengths; one and a half. Newey, Cheltenham.

4.15.—OSMASTON MAIDEN HURDLE RACE. Two miles.

Milton (Mr. Garland), 5, 12 1 ... F. Winston 1
Dutch Flight (Mr. J. Bell), 4, 10 7 ... J. East 2
Ramda (Mr. W. Brown), a, 11 7 ... Casebourne 3
S.P.—4—9, 100—9, 10—1. Also: 6 Dainar (Pilson), 100—8 each Rowdy Bill (H. Thorne), My Land (W. Smith), Firedy XII. (Owner), H. Bone (Mr. R. Wendt), Lecomfield (R. Wall), Rayan (L'Estrange), Golden Buick (Major Wilson). Five lengths; six. Coulthwaite, Bedlestead. Objection to winner for crossing and boring overruled.

LONDON BETTING.

LINCOLNSHIRE HANDICAP.

(Run Wednesday, March 16. One mile.)

6—1 agst Ugly Duckling (t and o); 9—1 Corn Sack (o, 10—1 t and st); 100—9 Baron (o, 100—8 t and st); 100—8 Pekava (t and o); 100—6 Valentine's Boy (t and o); 25—1 Ardern (t and o); 25—1 Dynamo (o); 25—1 Soranes (o); 28—1 Elliston (t and o).

GRAND NATIONAL STEEPLECHASE.

(Run Friday, March 18. 4 miles 856 yards.)

100—9 agst Eamon Bras (t and o); 100—7 Turkey Buzzard (t and o); 100—7 Ballyboggus (o, 100—6 t and st); 100—6 Old Tay Bridge (t and o); 26—1 The Bore (t and o); 30—1 Day Dawn (t and o); 25—1 Wavertree (o); 33—1 Norton (o); 33—1 All White (o).

BOAT-RACE PRACTICE.

The Oxford crew began strict training yesterday. They were coached by Mr. H. R. Barker (Christ Church) and Mr. L. D. Horsfall (Magdalen). They paddled in one pair to Iffley, and then to Stanford, with an easy at Kennington. At Stanford the boat was turned, and they paddled to the island and back. Subsequently they did a hard minute's row in Kennington Reach, and then paddled up from Iffley. The order was unchanged.

H. O. C. Borst reappeared at bow in the Cambridge crew, and on this occasion Mr. Geoffrey Tower, the coach, tried no extended pieces of hard rowing. The outward journey extended nearly to Littlepert, and was characterised by steady paddling at a rate of about twenty-three, with two one-minute bursts of rowing.

Turning below Sandhills, the crew began the homeward journey with one minute of rowing at thirty-four, and paddled from Fen Point to Duke's Farm in thirteen minutes. Starting again they rowed a minute, making ten, eighteen and a half, and thirty-four at the quarter, half and full. The remainder was accomplished at a steady paddle, with easies at Adelaide Bridge and Cuckoo Corner.

In the Oxford Torpids yesterday bumps were registered by Corpus, Queen's, Lincoln, and Worcester, II.

OXFORD GOLF TEAM CHOSEN.

Oxford's golf team against Cambridge at Hoylake on March 29 and 30, will be—C. J. H. Tolley (Trinity), E. H. Wethered (Christ Church), H. S. Mahl (Balliol), I. S. Thomas (Brasenose), R. Moller (Christ Church), G. P. Pakenham (Christ Church), J. D. Cave (Balliol), A. H. Hall (Magdalen), D. G. Cochran (Trinity), and L. C. Aked (University).

DERBY CARD.

"THE SCOUT'S" SELECTIONS.

1.45—Gay Mac (if ab., Happy Jack II.)
2.15—Ballinazarrig (if ab. Matton Lass)
2.45—Kaspar (nap)
3.15—Bow Street (if ab. Rigolo)
3.45—Gay Mac (if ab. Padraig)
4.15—Manister Rustle (n.b.)

WHAT THE "BOOK" SAYS.

1.45—Gay Mac
2.15—Blueground
2.45—Corney Grain
3.15—Orange Water
3.45—Padraig
4.15—Manister Rustle

NEWMARKET'S BEST.

3.45—Orman.

1.45—QUARNDON SELLING STEEPLECHASE PLATE of £150. Two miles.

	yrs st lb		yrs st lb
000 Golden Song	a 12 5	020 Happy Jack II.	a 12 5
0 Meaty Royal II.	a 12 5	200 Rough and Ready	a 12 5
300 Mouto	a 12 5	003 Fitzar II.	a 12 5
023 George B.	a 12 5	100 Sergel	a 12 5
004 Echineur	a 12 5	0 Watchia	a 12 1
011 Gay Mac	a 12 5		
01 Signum	a 12 5		

2.15—SPONSON HURDLE RACE of £200. Two miles.

	yrs st lb		yrs st lb
Homocus	a 12 7	020 Matton Lass	5 11 7
021 Mount Felix	a 12 6	00 Pleasure	4 11 7
505 Gamslyn	6 12 4	Easy Money	6 11 6
Farthest Week	5 12 0	Triumphant	a 11 5
0 Voiselan	a 11 13	00 General	5 11 5
500 Ballinazarrig	a 11 13	010 Arabian Knight	5 11 2
2 Mouzaike	6 11 13	400 Asfpanax	6 11 2
204 Bright Shot	5 11 13	300 Sybilla	5 11 2
Mabono	a 11 12	200 Torpy's Baby	a 11 2
011 Blueground	a 11 12	400 Cresice	4 10 13
0 Irish King	5 11 11	0 White House	a 10 12
000 Haglodog	5 11 11	000 Manister Day	6 10 12
050 Scottish Knight	5 11 10	00 Ulidia	5 10 11
000 Interception	5 11 9	000 Golden Buick	5 10 9
021 Bon Marcho	4 11 9	4 Elon's Nordler	6 10 9
430 Meltem Cutlets	a 11 8	000 Chelsbo	a 10 7
		000 Meadowcroft	a 10 6
321 Snake Ash	5 11 7	040 Sink or Swim	6 10 4

2.45—DOVERIDGE HANDICAP HURDLE RACE of £300. Two miles.

	yrs st lb		yrs st lb
030 Kaffir King	a 12 7	411 Corney Grain (10lb ex)	5 11 9
012 Kaspar	5 12 0	310 Parapiple	6 11 7
000 Plymouth	a 12 0	00 Wagerino	a 11 2
140 Sherwood Forester	6 12 0	10 Vale of Health	6 10 13
Hollins Lane	a 11 13	030 Buzz Off	6 10 12
041 Good Points	6 11 11	004 Pure	a 10 8

3.15—FOUR-YEAR-OLD HANDICAP HURDLE RACE of £100. Two miles.

	st lb		st lb
01 Freerity	12 7	0 Sunna	11 1
110 Bow Street	12 4	230 Talbot	11 1
011 Orange Water	12 3	300 Coriopsis	11 1
030 The Stickler	11 15	000 Merry Lad	11 0
110 Wise	11 15	00 War Claim	11 0
114 Magic Note	11 10	00 Daisy Chain	11 0
031 Kenky	11 8	00 Sorghum	10 13
30 Damar	11 8	100 Epsom Boy	10 11
040 Rigolo	11 6	00 Quantum	10 9
100 Olton's Beauty	11 3	00 King's Folly	10 9
232 Mayfly	11 3	000 Wild Time	10 7

3.45—HUNTERS' HANDICAP STEEPLECHASE of £100. Three miles.

	yrs st lb		yrs st lb
101 Llangollen	a 12 7	210 Chakrala	a 11 6
000 Hymnal	a 12 0	011 Gas Mac	a 11 5
230 Silken Prince	a 11 1	040 Ned Carter	a 11 5
Harmere	a 11 12	00 Guy Agnew	6 11 4
0 Orman	a 11 11	000 Tyrella Bay	6 11 3
Animosity	a 11 10	Victor Haig	a 11 3
102 Master Ripple	a 11 9	000 Timothy Brown	a 11 2
002 Jellicoe	a 11 8	00 Ah! Well	a 11 2
200 The Task III	a 11 8	0 The Inca II.	6 11 2
		320 I.X.L.	a 11 2
232 Padraig	a 11 8	20 Early Bobbie	5 10 7

4.15—RANGEMORE STEEPLECHASE PLATE of £150. Two miles.

	yrs st lb		yrs st lb
301 Bodyguard	a 12 7	Wayes Creek	6 11 7
040 Hamrock	a 12 6	0 Jack Sharp	a 11 7
010 O'Flyn	6 12 0	Picture Hall	a 11 7
032 Pasturen New	a 12 0	002 Mask	a 11 7
000 Sam Temple	5 11 9	0 Best Surprise	6 11 7
000 Robert Heath	6 11 7	000 K.C.	a 11 7
Fag	6 11 7	Rebounder	5 11 7
04 Mafeno	a 11 7	201 Gallodun	a 11 5
032 Manister Rustle	6 11 7	011 Rathmar	a 11 0
		0 Hacksten	a 11 0
		200 Madrigal	a 11 0

ARRIVALS.—Animosity, Bow Street, Bright Shot, Bodyguard Chakrala, Corney Grain, Danzet, Daisy Chain, Eclaseur, Fitzar II., Firedy XII., Gay Mac, Golden Song, Gamslyn, Hymnal, Haglodog, Happy Jack II., I.X.L., Kaspar, Kenky.

Mouto, Matton Lass, Manister Day, Manister Rustle, Mask, Note, Madrigal, Orange Water, Ormant, Padraig, Plymouth, Picture Hall, Rigolo, Rough and Ready, Sergel, Sick or Swim, Sherwood Forester, Sunna, Talbot, Tyrella Bay, Victor Haig, Wavers Creek, Wise, Haig, Wavella, White House, Wave's Crest, Irish King, Good Points, Buzz Off, Pure, Gallodun.

THEY WANT TO KNOW.

INTERESTING QUERIES PUT BY READERS.

(1) Disputes between bookmakers and their clients are not dealt with. (2) Betting slips are not reckoned up, and all inquiries regarding them will be ignored.

A. D. (Edmonton).—No.

BILLY BAGGS (Hleaton).—Yes.

SPOT.—14, Cross-street, Finsbury, E.C.2.

J. B. (Cornhill).—We do not keep a record.

K. and W. (Beaston).—He would be eligible.

CONSTANT READER (Portsmouth).—Too late.

W. M. M. (Gorbals).—Billiards in both cases.

CHEMICO (Nechells).—Sorry, we have no record.

HUT 2 (Helton Camp).—Once, and Villa won 1—0.

P. R.—We do not know anything about the sweep you mention.

P. H. (Lodbury-Seal).—4—0 is the only four clear goal victory.

J. S. L. (Bailey Abbey).—Duke of Sparta in 1909 and View Law in 1915.

CHARLES H. (Deptford).—267 in the first innings of the first Test match at Sydney.

HUGH (Ashton).—At Stamford Bridge, Chelsea, 1, Burnley 1. At Burnley, Burnley 4, Chelsea 0.

R. W. (Leicester).—R. C. Freeman played for Burnley in 1910-11, appearing three times in the team.

J. G. (Harrow).—H. Dawson trained Taggers last year. The horse is not in the Lincolnshire Handicap.

FLEUR-DE-LYS.—Grimsdell was not chosen for the South team to play against England on February 7.

T. C. RAVMENT.—(1) The "Sports." (2) It means that the club is doubtful as to who will fill the position.

VALE (Berks).—You can copyright anything at Stationers' Hall, Stationers' Hall-court, Ludgate-hill, E.C.

AN OLD BOY (Lancaster Gate).—Write to Mr. E. A. C. Thomas, 7, Merton Hall-road, Wimbledon, S.W.19.

F. H. (S.E.11).—Huddersfield won the Northern Union League championship in 1919-20 with a percentage of 65.38.

O. P. (East Ham).—The hon. secretary of the Barkingside Town F.C. is D. Mackenzie, 458, Katherine-road, Forest Gate, E.7.

READER (Middlesbrough).—(1) Yes. (2) No. (3) See answer to question 2. (4) Inside left, previously with Clyde and Burnley.

SUSIAN (March).—Lord Zetland has Dynamo in the Lincolnshire Handicap; Sir J. Buchanan has Silver Ring in the National.

A REGULAR READER (Beckenham).—Palace defeated Swindon several times in Southern League games both at home and away.

R. W. (City-road).—There would be a very slight advantage to the backmarker if he owed seven because the game would be longer.

A. G. (Forest Gate).—Brighton defeated Millwall 2—1 in the first match at the Den on October 22, 1910. The winning goal was scored with practically the last kick of the match.

WET PAINT (Rochester).—Wet Paint ran twice at the Devon and Exeter meeting in August 1907. He was trained by the Hon. A. Hastings, Wroughton, Wiltshire, who may give the information you require.

SANFAIRYANN (Hendon).—(1) Sandwick kept wicket for the Players v. Gentlemen at the Oval on June 30 and July 1 last year, when Parkin took nine wickets for 85. (2) Anderson, of Burnley, weighs 12st. 12lb. (3) Too long to publish. Reply will be given if you send stamped addressed envelope.

H. R. (Smethwick).—Peers (Wolves), Russell (Plymouth A.), Millership (Rotherham C.), J. T. Brown (Stoke), Jennings (Bolton Wanderers), Mercer (Manchester United), Jot Jones (Southend C.), Davies (Preston N.E.), Richards (Wolves) and Vizard (Bolton Wanderers) were registered with English teams when they played for Wales in last season's international matches.

WORST HIDING FOR 22 YEARS.

In the final of the Gloucestershire Schoolboys' Rugby Cup Gloucester Boys defeated Bristol Boys at Kingsholm by 38pts. to 5. They had the advantage of weight, and were altogether too skilful for their opponents. It was the biggest hiding administered to Bristol for twenty-two years.

The teams for the schoolboys' international trial between East and West were selected as follows:—

EAST.—Pitcher (Coventry) or Hibbert (Leicester); Mitchell, Bowkett, Pearce (Coventry), Wilson-field (Leicester); Hall (sc.), Lole (Coventry); R. Betts, Jackson (Leicester), Blackett (Northampton), Davis, Hayward (Coventry), Ingram, Smith, Dodd (Rugby).

WEST.—L. Jones (Bristol); E. Evans (Gloucester), R. Stokes (Bath), L. Townsend (Gloucester), G. Harris (Bristol); D. Meadows (sc.) (Gloucester), R. Banks (Bath); A. Billings, A. Tanner, L. Davis, J. Windo (Gloucester), H. Smale (Exeter), M. Wall, T. Bolton, T. McKinnon (Bristol).

HOSPITAL CUP SEMI-FINAL.

A keen and evenly contested game between Barts's and University College Hospital at Chiswick yesterday resulted in a victory for Barts by the only goal of the match, scored by Williams. The outside left, twenty minutes after the start. University College missed many chances in the opening half, but after the interval Barts's were the more dangerous side and towards the close monopolised the play.

MORE SPORT FOR CITY WORKERS

An important proposition is to be put forward at the annual general meeting of the City of London Athletic and Swimming Association, at St. Bride's Institute, E.C., on Friday next, and this, if carried, will have a far-reaching effect on the future of the association. The proposition is "that a committee of five be appointed to consider the advisability of opening the association to all branches of trade or business so that any one engaged in the City may take part."

BECKETT TO FIGHT BURNS.

RUBBER MATCH FIXED UP FOR MAY.

Big-men boxing, which has been frightfully dull since Levinsky didn't meet Wells, had a push-off yesterday.

Tommy Burns and Joe Beckett are to cross fists once again. They signed articles yesterday to fight ten two-minute rounds in London in May at a hall to be selected.

The stake is £500 a side, and the Beckett party have laid the Burns party £2,000 to £1,000 that Thomas doesn't win the rubber match. The promoter who offers the best purse will get the match.

The first fight between the pair took place in the Albert Hall at the back-end of last year, Beckett winning. The second one occurred in a Leeds hotel, with nature's weapons, Burns getting the verdict. The third (and the last) encounter will be first mentioned above.

LEWIS OUTCLASSED.

AMERICAN CRITICS ON JACK BRITTON'S VICTIM.

The American newspapers containing accounts of the fight between Britton and "Kid" Lewis are to hand. According to the majority of the critics, Lewis had the better of the first two rounds, but failed to sustain his opening efforts. "Tad," a prominent writer on boxing, is very outspoken in the "Evening Journal" of February 9. He writes as follows:—

"Jack Britton, at thirty-six, does not seem to be ageing so fast as Ted Lewis at twenty-seven. Britton probably has not far to go as welterweight champion, but Lewis, apparently, is not the contender to overtake him. But one of these days a rugged young lad will come along, break through Britton's clever defence, and there will be a new champion.

WICKED PUNCH.

"Lewis still possesses a wicked punch, but it seems that he will never land it on Britton. In the fourteenth round of this battle he brought up an overhand right and dropped it on Britton's neck. It was a fair hit, and all of Tad's strength was behind it, yet the champion recovered so quickly that Lewis missed the same blow twice a moment later.

"The English champion will never be in better shape than he was for this bout. He trained faithfully, but he was badly outclassed in boxing and ring generalship. The series may be continued, but after Monday night's affair Britton will rule a favourite until settle decay sets in."

"Tad" is rather more severe on Lewis than some of his others, while admitting Britton's superior boxing skill, describe Lewis as always having a chance owing to his punching ability. None of them mentions that Charlie Harvey was the receiver of the punch which Lewis landed over the top of the second round while Lewis was in the hands of his seconds.

After a careful reading of all the accounts of the fight I cannot help thinking Basham is throwing away fame and stacks of money by not paying his boxers their fighting rates.

Yesterday afternoon's contest at Horton Baths between Barney O'Malley, of Poplar, and Kid Harris, of Hoxton, unfortunately ended in the fourth round by the retirement of the Poplar boxer. He received a right cross on his left eye just as the third round ended. As he came forward for the fourth session, the eye was almost closed, and Harris, when it nothing if not a wily general, at once began to play upon it with marked results. The neighbourhood of the eye began to swell and discolour, and Malley, finding the handicap too much for him, wisely retired.

THE OLD GUARD.

HAT-TRICK BY DOUGLAS.

REMARKABLE PLAY IN RETURN MATCH WITH N.S.W.

SYDNEY, Monday, Feb. 21.

Some bright and exhilarating batting was witnessed today in the return match between the M.C.C. team and New South Wales. Taylor gave an artistic display in scoring 107 not out, his wrist work being particularly good.

Woolley and Hendren put on 191 runs for the third English wicket in an hour and forty-seven minutes, and when stumps were drawn the M.C.C. was still in possession with 130 to his credit. The Kent man, who, in the absence of Hobbs, owing to injury, opened the English innings with Rhodes, hit with characteristic freedom and grace, and his performance aroused great admiration among the spectators.

Douglas, who performed the hat-trick at the end of the home side's innings, bowled splendidly, and got a good deal of assere on the ball, while Wilson kept a good length, and frequently changed from sending down maiden overs. The Australian bowling was rather weak. Scores:—

M.C.C.—First Innings 427.

Second Innings.

Rhodes, c Malley, b Hendry	17
Woolley, not out	130
Makepeace, c Punch, b Gregory	0
Hendren, c Oldfield, b Gregory	66
J. W. H. T. Douglas, not out	4
Extras	5
Total (3 wkts.)	220

NEW SOUTH WALES.—First Innings.

H. L. Collins, b Douglas	2
W. Bardsley, c Woolley, b Douglas	4
C. G. Macartney, b Douglas	130
J. M. Gregory, c Douglas, b Wilson	34
T. J. Andrews, c Strudwick, b Douglas	54
J. M. Taylor, not out	107
A. Pesch, c Hendren, b Fender	59
H. Pellard, c Strudwick, b Parkin	9
E. Hendry, c Strudwick, b Douglas	5
W. Oldfield, b Douglas	0
A. Mailey, b Douglas	0
Extras	25
Total	447

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

M.C.C.—First Innings: Punch 1 for 28, Collins 0 for 9, Andrews 1 for 50, Macartney 0 for 43, Mailey 7 for 172, Pellard 0 for 53, Hendry 1 for 65.

NEW SOUTH WALES.—First Innings: Douglas 7 for 98, Parkin 1 for 105, Wilson 1 for 47, Fender 1 for 73.—Reuter Special.

ENGLAND v. THE NORTH.

The International Selection Committee selected yesterday the following teams for the England v. North trial game, at Burnley, on Monday next:—

ENGLAND.—F. H. Coleman (Dulwich Hamlet); Smart (Aston Villa) and Jones (Burnley); Dean (Aston Villa), McCall (Preston N.E.), and Grimsdell (Tottenham Hotspur); Seed, Blair (Burnley), Kelly (Burnley), Walker (Aston Villa), Smith (Bolton Wanderers), and Dimmock (Tottenham Hotspur).

NORTH.—Gough (Sheffield United); Cresswell (South Shields) and Silcock (Manchester United); Barnhar (Liverpool), Wilson (Sheffield Wednesday), and Bromilow (Liverpool); Chadgzoy (Everton), Kirton (Aston Villa), Buchan (Sunderland), Chambers (Liverpool), and Harrison (Everton).

Reserves to travel: Peel (Millwall), Smith (Tottenham Hotspur), Crossley (Everton), and Urwin (Middlesbrough). Referee: J. Mew. The team to represent England v. Wales, at Cardiff on March 14, will be chosen in London on March 7.

RECORD GATE AT EALING.

After beating the Old Fullerians by 5—0 and Notts Magdala by 8—2, Ealing accounted for Ipswich Town, in the third round of the A.F.A. Senior Cup, at Ipswich, by 4—0, thus qualifying for the semi-final.

It was a remarkable result, seeing that on New Year's Day Ipswich lost Ealing by 8—3 in a S.A. League game. There was a record attendance of 3,000. Only one goal was scored in the first half, by H. Bazell, the Ealing skipper, but after the interval Lang, Stokes and R. Bazell each added goals. A. E. Birch, at centre half for the visitors, gave a great exhibition. Ipswich were congratulated and outplayed.

REMEMBER SOUTHEND!

The Leyton officials have decided to increase the price of admission to the ground to 1s. for the cup tie with Wimbledon in the fourth round of the F.A. Amateur Cup on Saturday next.

BILLIARDS: INTERVAL SCORES.

At Leeds: Smith (in play), 653; Inman, 382. Breaks: Smith, 187, 89, 86, 64; Inman, 78.

At Thurston's: Brady (rec. 1,000), 1,556; Peall (in play), 624. Breaks: Brady, 69, 76, 66, 56; Peall, 70, 174.

At Burroughes': J. R. Hooper (in play), 501; S. H. Fry, 415. Breaks: Hooper, 69 and 70 (unfinished); Fry, 63.

Closing scores appear on another page.

In the first heat of the amateur snooker championship S. H. Fry beat T. W. Gilbert by 3 games to 0, (1) Scores: 101—16, 89—28, 69—29. Sam Mace walked-over in the second heat, H. J. Dixon being absent ill.

SWIMMING CHAMPIONS.

Beaurepaire won the mile swimming championship of Australia at Melbourne on Sunday. Lady Langer, the Hawaiian champion, was second, and Christie third. Kealocha won the 100 metres handicap.

REHEARSAL OF THE CUP FINAL.

TO BE PLAYED IN NORTH LONDON ON MARCH 5.

'SPURS v. VILLA.

London is to have another Cup tie, and what a one! It is an extraordinary coincidence that Tottenham Hotspur and Aston Villa should have been drawn together again. It is a repetition of what happened last year in the same round, with the 'Spurs again playing at home. All roads will lead to White Hart-lane on March 5, and the majority of spectators will expect Tottenham to take ample revenge for the cheery trick fate served on them last season.

It will be remembered that the Villa were altogether outplayed in mid-field, but that the 'Spurs could not get the ball into the net. The Villa never looked like doing so until Clay had the misfortune to find it for them, and it was by that goal that the Villa proceeded to the semi-finals.

This will be the tie of the round. There is a fascination about the Villa that is not possessed by any other team in the country, and there is no question that they have a wonderful knack of responding to the demands made upon them when something extra special is needed.

It may be that they are not winning their ties this season in sensational fashion, but they are winning them, and they are not allowing their opponents to score. On the other hand, the 'Spurs are playing with the greatest freedom, but their defence is not impregnable. It may well be that on March 5 there will be a terrific struggle between the attack of the 'Spurs and the defence of the Villa. It is impossible to say what will happen in that event, but looking at recent results there is good ground for the suggestion that the 'Spurs will manage to survive this critical ordeal, for with the departure of Barnsley they are regarded as the most likely winners of the Cup.

A team that must not be overlooked is Everton. Matters are shaping satisfactorily for them. They have lost only twice since they left Southampton. Wanderers are their opponents. The Wanderers did not shape on Saturday at Fulham as a team good enough to make any further progress. They are fortunate in the extreme to get through, and while many strange things happen it is scarcely to be expected that a side able to defeat Newcastle United by three clear goals should be unable to account for the Wanderers, and yet after the debacle of Burnley at Hull it were unwise to assert that Wolverhampton cannot in any circumstances win.

Hull City deserve the good fortune that has befallen them in again being drawn at home. Their opponents will be Preston North End, and Preston will have to give a better account of themselves than they did at Luton if they are to overcome Hull. The City, after their extraordinary achievement at Burnley's expense, may well fancy their chances.

The remaining game will cause a tremendous wave of excitement in South Wales. Never before has a Welsh club got as far in the Cup, and all records for Swansea Town will be beaten on March 12 if Chelsea win the replay next Thursday they will go to Cardiff, and Chelsea will be the fourth consecutive time that they will have had to travel. Hull City have not yet been drawn at home, and Chelsea have had only replays this season at Stamford Bridge. The City are a most difficult side to beat at home, but either the Argyle or Chelsea must have a sporting chance of forcing a replay.

SOCCER FAVOURITES.

A big prize of £500 is being offered by "Pearson's Weekly" to the reader who correctly names the most popular player in each of the eleven positions on the field. The popularity is decided by votes. Each of the leading players will receive £25. If you have a favourite player, vote for him. All you say, fill up the entry form in this week's "Pearson's Weekly" and win the prize. The state of the poll today is as follows:—

Goalkeepers.—1, HARDY (Villa). 2, MEW (Manchester U.). 3, PYM (Exeter). 4, Alderson (Crystal P.). 5, Ewart (Bradford C.). 6, Streets (Notts C.).

Right Back.—1, DOWNS (Everton). 2, CLAY (Spurs). 3, McCRACKEN (Newcastle U.). 4, Marshall (Middlesbrough). 5, Fort (Millwall). 6, Brittan (Cardiff C.).

Left Back.—1, PENNINGTON (West Bromwich A.). 2, BANFIELD (Bristol C.). 3, RUSSELL (Plymouth A.). 4, Blair (Cardiff C.). 5, Fletcher (Manchester C.). 6, Jones (Burnley).

Right Half-back.—1, DUCAT (Villa). 2, SMITH (Spurs). 3, MIDDLEDOE (Chelsea). 4, Baker (Arsenal). 5, Grant (Q.P.R.). 6, Harris (Partick T.).

Centre Half.—1, McCALL (Preston N.E.). 2, WEDLOCK (Bristol C.). 3, BOYLE (Burnley). 4, Wolstenholm (Manchester C.). 5, Barson (Villa). 6, Wren (Bristol C.).

Left Half-back.—1, GRIMSDELL (Spurs). 2, HARDY (Cardiff C.). 3, BROMILOW (Liverpool). 4, Watson (Burnley). 5, Meehan (Chelsea). 6, Buchan (Bolton).

Outside Right.—1, WALDEN (Spurs). 2, CHEDGZOY (Everton). 3, MEREDITH (Manchester U.). 4, Rutherford (Arsenal). 5, Bond (Bradford C.). 6, Wallace (Villa).

Inside Right.—1, KELLY (Burnley). 2, BUCHAN (Sunderland). 3, FLEMING (Swindon). 4, Seed (Spurs). 5, Kirton (Villa). 6, Dominy (Southampton).

Centre Forward.—1, PODDEFOOT (West Ham U.). 2, COCK (Chelsea). 3, ANDERSON (Burnley). 4, Walker (Villa). 5, Elliott (McClesbrough). 6, Wilson (Dunfermline).

Inside Left.—1, SMITH (Bolton). 2, BLISS (Spurs). 3, STEPHENSON (Villa). 4, Morris (West Bromwich A.). 5, Partridge (Manchester U.). 6, Croal (Chelsea).

Outside Left.—1, PATERSON (Arsenal). 2, DIMMOCK (Spurs). 3, QUINNELL (Derby C.). 4, Seymour (Newcastle U.). 5, Vizard (Bolton W.). 6, Morton (Rangers).

FOOTBALL SUMMARY.

THE LEAGUE.—DIV. III.

MERTHYR TOWN 2 (Brown, Beale), PORTSMOUTH 1 (Lowrie).

LONDON CHALLENGE CUP.—Semi-Final.

Crystal Palace 4 (Wood, Copner 3), Queen's Park Rangers 3 (Chandler, Smith).

SOUTHERN LEAGUE.

Mid Rhondda 0, Barry 0.

WELSH LEAGUE.

Newport County 3, Llanelly 1.
Ton Pentre 1, (Gosedd), Ebbw Vale 0.

OTHER MATCH.

Tottenham Hotspur 4 (Thompson 2, Sage 2); Oxford University 2 (H. H. Phillips, R. W. Gandar-Dower).

TO-DAY'S SPORT.

FOOTBALL.

MET. POLICE, "V" DIVISION INTER-STATION LEAGUE.

Earlsfield Police v. Wandsworth Police, at Magdalen-road (3).

OTHER MATCHES.

Arsenal v. St. Dunstan's, at Regent's Park.
R.M.A. v. Ecole Polytechnique, at Woolwich.

RUGBY.

R.M.A. v. Ecole Polytechnique, at Woolwich.

HOCKEY.

Queen's University (Belfast) v. London University.

FENCING.

R.M.A. v. Ecole Polytechnique, at Woolwich.

CANNES LAWN TENNIS.

CANNES, Feb. 20.

Play in the Cannes lawn tennis tournament was continued to-day. Results:—

Men's Open Doubles.—Final: F