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THE SECOND TEST MATCH

AUSTRALIA'S VICTORY

SUCCESS OF SPIN BOWLERS

FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT

MELBOURNE, JAN. 3

The Second Test Match, which has seen many sudden changes of fortune and remarkable happenings, ended at 3 o'clock this afternoon, amid scenes of great enthusiasm, in a victory for Australia by 111 runs.

The pendulum, which had swung in favour of England on Monday evening, swung back sharply this morning in Australia's favour. The partnerships of Sutcliffe and Leyland, which yielded 53 runs, and of R. E. S. Wyatt and G. O. Allen, which brought 50, were checked just when danger seemed to threaten. The marked superiority of the Australian bowling was the feature of the whole game. England's strong attack in the first innings was followed by the success of the guile and subtlety of the Australian bowlers. Then England's more direct attack prevailed again, but finally the Australian spin bowlers triumphed. Throughout the game the bowlers were predominant.

The batting, except for Bradman, was much below the standard expected in a Test Match. It seemed to lack intelligence. Wickets were thrown away by bad strokes. Sutcliffe was bowled by a fine ball. Leyland was unlucky to hit the ball on his foot and it then hit the wicket. The Nawab of Patnudi and D. R. Jardine made wretched strokes. Wyatt was caught covering up his wicket and was out leg-before-wicket for the eighth time in the tour. Allen was cleverly stumped on the leg side. Voce and Larwood were out hitting wildly. Hammond tried to knock O'Reilly off his length. If he had succeeded he would have won praise for his courage. As he failed he was condemned. It is remarkable that 15 batsmen were bowled in the course of the match, and it is thought that may have been due to the larger wickets, which were used for the first time in Test Matches in Australia. It was rather due to the excellent bowling. O'Reilly is tall. He flighted the ball cleverly and kept an excellent length with clever variation of pace and turned the ball slightly either way. Ironmonger, who is left-handed, also bowled finely and kept a splendid length. The two provided foils to one another. O'Reilly, seeing Hammond anxious to hit, encouraged him with three 2's and a 4 in one over. Then Hammond did not get hold of the next ball properly and was caught at long off. Wyatt was covering up his wicket. O'Reilly drew him in with leg breaks and then pitched a ball on the off stump with top spin which came straight through. Both wickets were taken by strategy. Ironmonger got the Nawab of Pataudi and Jardine out with similar balls. They were pitched well up with a leg break. The batsman followed the ball and pushed it into the slips and was caught.

It was clear that the Australian attack was developed largely through Woodfull's leadership. Like Jardine, he was masterly in his captaincy. Jardine was more fussy and perhaps Woodfull's quiet method accomplished more.

The wicket showed slight signs of wear and enabled the spin bowlers to turn the ball, but was not accountable for the collapse of the batting. When inspected before play it seemed to be fit for two more days. The bowlers on both sides made the most use of their opportunities. England relied perhaps too much on speed and it is likely that there will be more variety in the bowling for the match at Adelaide next week. The Australians are adhering to the same team.

The result is a complete reversal of the match at Sydney. There England was predominant. Here Australia was the better team all round. Their fielding was keen, Bradman, Fingleton, and Richardson being the best. The batting to-day, however, was weak and that criticism may be applied also to the batting of Australia yesterday except that of Bradman. The result adds to the interest in the coming Test Matches and particularly that at Adelaide. Australian confidence, which had been shattered at Sydney, has been completely restored. The return of Bradman and his batting in the second innings did much for the team. The bowlers did the rest.

THE PLAY

MELBOURNE, Jan. 3.—The way in which Leyland started batting this morning did not foreshadow the subsequent collapse. He swept the third ball of O'Reilly's first over to the leg-boundary and then hit the last ball of the over to the on for 3; the 50 being sent up in 48 minutes. Wall bowled with the wind from the Pavilion end. The second ball of O'Reilly's next over got up a bit and took Sutcliffe's bails at 53, and in the next over, without any addition to the score, Leyland played on to Wall. The two were out within 10 minutes' play for the addition of only 10 runs.

The Nawab of Pataudi and Hammond then came together. Hammond did not begin too well and he nearly pulled the last ball of Wall's over bat to his wicket. He settled down after that and scored well on the leg-side. O'Reilly placed Bradman at short leg, but Hammond threw three times hit the ball over Bradman's head. Fingleton was then placed at square-leg. Things went well until the score reached 70. Ironmonger then came on, and the Nawab of Pataudi chopped the first ball of his second over into Fingleton's hands at second slip. The second ball after that was edged by Jardine into the slips and he was caught by McCabe. Two more wickets, including that of Hammond, fell before lunch. Ames filled once more and rather unexpectedly hit the second ball of O'Reilly's fifth over to deep square-leg, where Fingleton made a simple catch, and half the side were out for 77.

Wyatt came in, but only eight more runs were added when Hammond was caught. He had twice driven O'Reilly to the boundary, and Woodfull took O'Brien from mid-off to the outfield. Hammond tried to repeat the stroke and was caught by O'Brien.

Wyatt and Allen batted stubbornly, and O'Reilly was taken off at 95 after having taken three wickets for 33 runs in 12 overs this morning. Allen hit the new bowler, Grimmett, to the on-boundary to send up the 100 after two hours and 12 minutes. Luncheon was taken soon afterwards with the score at 103 for six.

Ironmonger bowled again when play was resumed, and Allen had an uncomfortable over. O'Reilly moved from the Pavilion end. The fielding of the Australians was inspiring. Wyatt and Allen made some short runs. Wyatt then hit O'Reilly to deep mid-on for 4, all run, and hit him again to the off-boundary. A single to the off by Allen off O'Reilly made the total for their partnership 50, scored in 46 minutes. The next ball, however, broke the stand. Wyatt was out once more leg-before-wicket. That finished the finish of the innings—and the match—for the last three wickets fell for only four more runs. Allen was the first to go. He ended a good fighting innings by going out to hit at Ironmonger and was stumped by Oldfield. One run later Voce jumped out to drive Ironmonger and was caught by O'Brien at mid-off. Larwood hit out and scored a single before Bowes, the last man in, faced O'Reilly. Bowes pushed the ball almost into Woodfull's hands at point and fell in making the stroke. He survived the over, and then Larwood faced Ironmonger. He tried to drive the first ball, miss-hit, and Wall, behind the bowler, made a catch to give Australia victory.

Score:—

AUSTRALIA

	First Innings		Second Innings
J. H. Fingleton, b. Allen ..	83	c. Ames, b. Allen	1
W. M. Woodfull, b. Allen ..	10	c. Allen, b. Larwood	26
L. P. O'Brien, run out ..	10	b. Larwood ..	11
D. G. Bradman, b. Bowes ..	0	not out ..	103
S. J. McCabe, c. Jardine, b. Voce ..	32	b. Allen ..	0
V. Y. Richardson, c. Hammond, b. Voce ..	34	l-b-w., b. Hammond	32
A. G. Oldfield, not out ..	27	b. Voce ..	6
C. V. Grimmett, c. Sutcliffe, b. Voce ..	2	b. Voce ..	3
T. Wall, run out ..	1	l-b-w., b. Hammond	0
W. J. O'Reilly, b. Larwood ..	15	c. Ames, b. Hammond	0
H. Ironmonger, b. Larwood ..	4	run out ..	0
Byes, 3; l-b., 1; n-b., 2; Wd., 1 ..	10	Byes, 3; l-b., 1; n-b., 1; Wd., 4	9
Total ..	228	Total ..	191

FALL OF WICKETS

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
First Innings	29	67	67	131	156	188	194	200	222	228
Second Innings	1	27	78	81	135	150	156	164	186	191

ENGLAND

	First Innings		Second Innings
Sutcliffe, c. Richardson, b. Wall ..	52	b. O'Reilly	33
R. E. S. Wyatt, l-b-w., b. O'Reilly ..	13	b. O'Reilly	25
Hammond, b. Wall ..	8	c. O'Brien, b. O'Reilly ..	23
The Nawab of Pataudi, b. O'Reilly ..	15	c. Fingleton, b. Ironmonger ..	5
Leyland, b. O'Reilly ..	22	b. Wall ..	19
D. R. Jardine, c. Oldfield, b. Wall ..	1	c. Oldfield, b. Ironmonger ..	0
Ames, b. Wall ..	4	c. Fingleton, b. O'Reilly ..	2
G. O. Allen, c. Richardson, b. O'Reilly ..	30	st. Oldfield, b. Ironmonger ..	23
Larwood, b. O'Reilly ..	9	c. Wall, b. Ironmonger ..	4
Voce, c. McCabe, b. Grimmett	6	c. O'Brien, b. O'Reilly ..	0
Bowes, not out ..	0	Bye, 1; l-b., 2; n-b., 2 ..	5
Bye, 1; l-b., 2; n-b., 2 ..	5	Leg-byes, 4; n-b., 1 ..	5
Total ..	169	Total ..	139

FALL OF WICKETS

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
First Innings	30	43	83	98	104	110	122	138	161	169
Second Innings	53	53	70	70	77	85	135	137	138	139

BOWLING ANALYSIS

AUSTRALIA.—First Innings

	O.	M.	R.	W.		O.	M.	R.	W.
Larwood ..	20.3	1	52	3	Hammond	10	3	21	0
Voce ..	20	3	34	2	Bowes ..	19	2	50	1
Allen ..	17	3	44	2					

Second Innings

	O.	M.	R.	W.		O.	M.	R.	W.
Larwood ..	10	2	20	0	Voce ..	15	4	29	1
Allen ..	12	1	44	2	Hammond	10.5	2	21	3
Bowes ..	4	0	20	0					

ENGLAND.—First Innings

	O.	M.	R.	W.		O.	M.	R.	W.
Wall ..	21	4	55	4	Grimmett	16	4	21	1
O'Reilly ..	34.3	17	63	5	Ironmonger	14	4	28	0

Second Innings

	O.	M.	R.	W.		O.	M.	R.	W.
Wall ..	8	2	23	1	Ironmonger	19.1	8	26	4
O'Reilly ..	24	5	66	5	Grimmett	4	0	19	0

—*Reuter.*

THE SHEFFIELD SHIELD

SYDNEY, Jan. 3.—New South Wales beat Queensland by 218 runs in a Sheffield Shield match here to-day. Queensland were all out in their second innings for 208 runs.

Score:—

NEW SOUTH WALES

	First Innings		Second Innings
W. Brown, run out ..	17	b. Gamble	0
R. Nutt, c. Gamble, b. Bensted	58	c. Gamble, b. Gamble ..	12
H. S. Love, l-b-w., b. Brew	22	c. Chandler, b. Bensted ..	41
A. Marks, c. Mosson, b. Brew	45	b. Gamble ..	26
S. J. Hird, c. Bensted, b. Brew	38	c. Bensted, b. Cook ..	62
F. Cummins, c. Hansen, b. Thurlow ..	2	c. Leeson, b. Gamble ..	0
C. Solomon, c. Gamble, b. Bensted ..	47	l-b-w., c. Leeson, b. Brew ..	20
—Parsonage, c. sub., b. Bensted ..	6	b. Gamble ..	3
W. Howell, c. Brew, b. Gamble	0	c. sub., b. Gamble	91
C. Hill, b. Gamble ..	17	not out ..	9
C. Stewart, not out ..	13	Byes, &c. ..	12
Byes, &c. ..	13		
Total ..	273	Total ..	303

QUEENSLAND

	First Innings		Second Innings
F. M. Brew, c. Parsonage, b. Howell ..	8	b. Hill ..	1
G. Cook, b. Hill ..	7	b. Marks ..	49
F. Stiles, b. Hill ..	17	b. Hill ..	0
H. Leeson, c. Parsonage, b. Stewart ..	58	not out ..	14
E. Bensted, l-b-w., b. Hill ..	37	c. Howell, b. Stewart ..	25
C. Andrews, l-b-w., b. Hill ..	3	b. Stewart ..	42
K. Mosson, b. Hill ..	0	c. Marks, b. Stewart ..	9
D. Hansen, b. Hill ..	5	c. Cummins, b. Hill ..	35
H. Gamble, c. Cummins, b. Hill	1	c. Howell, b. Love ..	3
J. Madden, b. Cummins ..	11	c. Stewart, b. Hill ..	14
H. Thurlow, not out ..	0	b. Hill ..	14
Byes, &c. ..	9	Byes, &c. ..	9
Total ..	150	Total ..	208

—*Reuter.*

AUSTRALIAN TEAM UNCHANGED

MELBOURNE, Jan. 3.—Australia's team for the Third Test Match, which is to be begun at Adelaide on Friday week, January 13, will be selected from the following 12 players:—

W. M. Woodfull (Victoria), L. Fingleton (New South Wales), L. O'Brien (Victoria), W. L. Duff (Victoria), D. G. Bradman (New South Wales), S. J. McCabe (New South Wales), V. Y. Richardson (South Australia), W. A. Oldfield (New South Wales), C. V. Grimmett (South Australia), T. W. Wall (South Australia), W. J. O'Reilly (New South Wales), and H. Ironmonger. (Victoria). *Reuter.*

SQUASH RACKETS

PUBLIC SCHOOLS' HANDICAP

Most of the backmarkers were successful in the second round of the Public Schools' Squash Rackets Handicap at Queen's Club, London, yesterday. D. I. Bosanquet (Lancing) (owe 6) had an easy victory over G. D. Craig (Winchester) (owe 4) by 9—4, 9—0, 9—1. J. R. C. Ylesias (Lancing) (owe 5) showed excellent form, though he lost the third game to D. L. Sedgwick (Harrow) (scratch), D. V. W. Wakely (Wellington) (owe 2) had a tremendous match with J. A. S. Collins (Harrow) (owe 2) before winning by 7—9, 9—4, 7—9, 9—7, 10—8.

K. V. Samuelsoh (Charterhouse) (4), a small boy, put up a great fight against W. R. May (Lancing) (owe 2), and won the first two games well, but was not quite strong enough to keep it up, and lost the next three.

The results were:—

SECOND ROUND.—J. R. C. Ylesias (Lancing) (owe 5) beat D. L. Sedgwick (Harrow) (scratch) (9—2, 9—7, 6—9, 9—5); G. R. Chichester (Wellington) (scratch) beat C. M. Woodhouse (Winchester) (4) (9—5, 9—0, 10—9); G. A. Scudder (Harrow) (owe 1) beat L. C. Pitman (Winchester) (1) (9—3, 9—3, 9—6); W. R. May (Lancing) (owe 2) beat K. V. Samuelson (Charterhouse) (4) (4—9, 7—9, 9—4, 9—5, 9—4); O. H. Freeman (Hurstpierpoint) (scratch) beat J. G. Blackwell (Harrow) (owe 2) (9—1, 9—2, 9—3); W. D. Lane (Lancing) (3) beat J. J. Ryland (Eton) (owe 2) (9—6, 9—7, 7—9, 9—1); J. S. Childs (Marlborough) (owe 6) beat G. H. Noel (Winchester) (owe 4) (10—8, 9—4, 9—2); P. C. Samuelson (Charterhouse) (owe 5) beat R. J. Gretton (Wellington) (scratch) (9—6, 10—8, 9—3); A. G. Akers-Douglas (Eton) (owe 5) beat J. L. Buckerfield (R.N.C., Dartmouth) (scratch) (9—2, 7—9, 9—2, 9—1); D. I. Bosanquet (Lancing) (owe 6) beat G. D. Craig (Winchester) (owe 4) (9—4, 9—0, 9—1); R. C. Fripp (Eton) (owe 3) beat C. H. Simmons (Hurstpierpoint) (2) (9—2, 9—4, 9—3); E. C. Pemberton (Lancing) (scratch) beat J. N. Blois (Stowe) (owe 3) (9—3, 9—1, 9—5); W. M. Robertson (Haileybury) (1) beat D. R. Bocquet (Cheltenham) (4) (9—3, 9—6, 5—9, 9—7); J. H. Barry (Oratory) (owe 2) beat G. R. Elmile (Clifton) (owe 2) (9—5, 9—4, 7—9, 10—8); D. V. W. Wakely (Wellington) (owe 2) beat J. A. S. Collins (Harrow) (owe 2) (7—9, 9—4, 7—9, 9—7, 10—8); J. F. Hayley (Rugby) (2) beat J. A. G. Burchell (Hurstpierpoint) (2) (9—0, 5—9, 9—2, 9—4).

RACKETS

PROFESSIONALS' HANDICAP

F. S. Crosby (Harrow) (owe 4), C. Atherton (Cheltenham) (scratch), A. H. Whelton (Harrow) (1), and J. Aylott (Haileybury) (6) reached the semi-final round of the professionals' invitation rackets handicap at Queen's Club, London, yesterday. Crosby beat J. Dear (Prince's) (scratch) by 14—17, 18—17, 15—7, 15—7. Dear showed great powers of anticipation, but Crosby's superior service pulled him through.

The results were:—

SECOND ROUND.—C. Atherton (Cheltenham) (scratch) beat R. Hawes (Wellington) (5) (15—10, 18—13, 15—9); F. S. Crosby (Harrow) (owe 4) beat J. Dear (Prince's) (scratch) (14—17, 18—17, 15—7, 15—7); J. Aylott (Haileybury) (6), w.o., W. E. Lawrence (Marlborough) (owe 4), scratched; A. H. Whelton (Harrow) (1) beat G. Padwick (Winchester) (3) (15—6, 15—8, 15—3).

BOXING AT THE CRYSTAL PALACE

In addition to the contest between Tommy Tucker, of Preston, and Seaman Rowles, of Chatham, the winner of the recent heavy-weight competition, the following 10-round contests will be decided at the Crystal Palace next Monday evening:—Lauri Raiteri, of Stratford, v. Leo Bandini, light heavy-weight champion of Australia; Tommy Hyams, of King's Cross, v. Gregory Jones, of Ammanford, feather-weight champion of Wales.

RUGBY FOOTBALL

SCHOOLS MATCH AT RICHMOND

London Schools beat the Rest in their annual match on the Rosslyn Park ground at Richmond yesterday by two goals, a penalty goal, and a try (16 points) to a goal and three tries (14 points).

Both sides took some time to settle down, but the Rest generally gained possession in the set scrummages in the first half. Well led by Power, the Bedford captain, they got down quickly and gained the first shove and I. K. MacKenzie was able to feed his backs regularly in the first half. A strong wind blowing straight down the ground helped the Rest at the start, and de Boinville, the full-back, made some long kicks to touch. The backs, however, could not get together, and with the London boys tackling resolutely they could do little. Nevertheless they scored three tries, Huxley getting over from a line-out, I. K. Mackenzie picking up smartly and diving over from a scrummage near the line, and de Bertodano running over after a good bout of passing by the backs.

With 11 points in their favour the Rest appeared to be in a good position, but the London Schools soon reduced the margin in the second half with a penalty goal by Griffith from 30 yards out. From a scrambled near the line Leighton scored for London, the kick at goal failing. The Rest then attacked and McMullen, snatching the ball from an opponent, went over wide out to give them a lead of 14 points to six. The play became very fast after this, the ball travelling up and down the field, and a kick ahead enabled Leighton to score for London. Griffith converting. The Rest again pressed, but Wooldridge, the opposing full back, put in a good run, and a short kick by Goodhew was followed up by Bartlett, who scored, Griffith kicking a goal to win the match on the stroke of time.

The teams were:—

LONDON SCHOOLS.—R. L. Wooldridge (St. Paul's), back; H. T. Bartlett (Dulwich), S. C. Griffith (Dulwich), D. P. Goodhew (K.C.S.), and N. G. Hughes (St. Paul's), three-quarter backs; F. L. Abbott (Emanuel) and D. M. MacEchern (U.C.S.), half-backs; O. M. Lidwell (St. Paul's), C. K. Haswell (St. Paul's), N. Leighton (St. Paul's), J. M. Barnes (Merchant Taylors), T. F. Huskisson (Merchant Taylors), J. D. O. Knowles (Harrow), A. R. Troughton (Mill Hill), and E. F. W. Goodman (Mill Hill), forwards.

THE REST.—C. A. C. de Boinville (Radley), back; E. N. MacKenzie (Downside), W. J. Tyson (Harpenden), R. D. Napier (Marlborough), M. A. de Bertodano (Stonyhurst), three-quarter backs; T. L. O. Dodson (Radley) and I. K. MacKenzie (Downside), half-backs; G. O'D. Power (Bedford), P. Blair (Fettes), W. E. McMullen (Radley), J. N. Snow (Canford), M. D. Milman (Canford), D. Huxley (Dover), H. S. Clarke (Weymouth), and C. N. Clarke (Downside), forwards.

CLUB MATCHES

DEFEAT OF THE SARACENS

Old Rutlishians had just the better of a scrappy game with the Saracens at Merton Park to win by a goal and a try (8 points) to a try (3 points). This is the first time that the Old Boys have beaten the Saracens, with whom they have had fixtures for many seasons, although on Saturday they should, but for missed opportunities, have won by a greater margin.

The teams were well matched at forward, but at back Old Rutlishians had a slight advantage; although this was lessened by poor combination between the Old Boys' new scrummage half-back, B. L. Hill, and B. V. S. Erleson. E. G. Breed played well for the Old Boys, and in addition to scoring a try from a good three-quarter back movement he converted with a well-judged kick. Close following-up brought about the Old Boys' second try, when F. A. Cathie beat the full-back for he touch-down, A. Good Saracen forward rush saw C. Cowley score the visitors' only points.

OLD EMANUEL WIN AGAIN

A heavy ground at New Malden proved a handicap to Upper Clapton and Old Emanuel added another win to their long list of victories by two goals (10 points) to one goal (5 points). The main Clapton failure lay at stand-off half-back, where N. M. Clarke-Lens was much below form, but the "A" team three-quarter backs, J. R. Lyddon and M. S. Robinson, did well in spite of having few chances. H. C. Steere made a welcome reappearance after his October injury and led his team as well as ever. Clapton scored first, a try by D. S. Little, converted by P. Roberts, giving them an interval lead, but early in the second half two quick tries by W. H. Kearney, from which G. T. Page kicked goals, gave the Old Boys victory.

SOUTHEND'S GOOD FORM

Southend held their own with Lensbury throughout a keen first half at Southend, which ended with the score five points all, but thereafter the home team took command and were good winners at the finish by two goals and four tries (22 points) to a goal (5 points). Lensbury set up a strong attack at the start and scored first, a try by B. W. Malcolm, converted by R. C. S. Folley. M. Goodman replied with a try, which Mr. Newbury converted. The feature of the second half was three tries by R. R. Steel, scored in quick succession, and they were followed by tries by Newbury and P. Markham, the last a fine individual effort to which Newbury added the goal points. Lensbury had the bad luck to lose Folley just before half-time, but after the first 10 minutes Southend were definitely on top and well deserved to win.

FINCHLEY WELL BEATEN

At Reading the Old Redingensians were too good for Finchley from start to finish, and won by a goal and four tries (17 points) to nothing. While there was not much to choose between the packs, the heeling of the Old Boys was cleaner and sharper, and the dash of the three-quarter backs turned their chances to good account. Tries were scored by G. M. Vernon, I. A. R. Ball, and W. T. Saunders in the first half, and in the second D. E. Russell and Vernon scored again, B. S. Hill adding the goal points in the latter case. This was Finchley's third successive defeat, and if they are to do better the tackling of the three-quarter backs must be improved and the forwards will have to show more life in the loose.

ESHER BEAT DORKING

Esher's superiority over Dorking was very fairly reflected by the final score of four tries (12 points) to one try (3 points). Playing at home Esher gained an early lead from a try by H. A. Brashier, and this was followed by another try by R. J. Woollatt, scored following a well-judged kick ahead. Esher continued to attack in the second half, but a clever breakaway by J. Bisgood caught them napping, and he reduced the Dorking arrears with a try. However, Esher were not done with, and steady pressure yielded two more tries by R. Hunter and S. P. Woollatt, in spite of a keen defence.

METROPOLITAN POLICE WIN

Brighton, playing at home, were fighting an uphill battle all through the game with the Metropolitan Police, and failed to score while the visitors ran up 14 points from a goal, a penalty goal, and two tries. Both teams were below strength, but as the game ran the Police forwards established their superiority and brought out the skill and combination of the backs. J. C. Wright opened the scoring with a good penalty goal, and P.C. Taylor followed with a try for a lead of six points at the interval. Brighton put up a stout defence in the second half, but the steady pressure of the Police yielded two more scores, a try by S. F. Leuthwaite, converted by Taylor, and a try by P.C. Jones.

KEEN GAME AT CROYDON

At Croydon a keen game resulted in the defeat of Old Brightonians by Old Whitgiftians by a goal and two tries (11 points) to a goal and a dropped goal (9 points). P. F. Cooper put the Old Brightonians in front with a clever dropped goal, a reverse which roused the Old Whitgiftians, who replied with tries by B. E. Nicholson (2) and E. C. Claxton, to one of which W. J. Stitchbury added the goal points. Then came a rally by the visitors, and J. Chard went over for the final try which was duly converted by Cooper. There was a tendency to kick too much all through, and there was a lot of aimless punting ahead. Old Brightonians, in particular, lost more than one good opening in this way.

WESTCOMBE PARK LAST WELL

At Shooters Hill Westcombe Park lasted out a keen game with Sevenoaks rather the better, to win by two goals, a penalty goal, and two tries (19 points) to two goals and a try (13 points). The losers attacked strongly at the start, and tries by G. E. Hudson and J. Swinstead, one converted by G. Hudson, put them well ahead before Westcombe Park got a penalty goal, by H. G. Mattinson, and a try, by A. B. Carr, converted by Mattinson. It was close on half-time when Hudson kicked his second goal from a try by J. Foulds. Then came the Westcombe Park rally, and a sustained attack produced three tries by T. W. White, J. Scott, and R. B. Williams, scored by adding the goal points on one occasion.

ROWING

CAMBRIDGE REVERT TO FIXED ROWLOCKS

The Cambridge University crew will commence practice for the Boat Race on Friday, when an experimental eight will be afloat.

Before he went down last term, the President, C. J. S. Sergel (Clare), was unable to say what oarsmen would be ordered up early, but whoever they are they will be in residence to-morrow night in order to count the first day of term in residence.

The point of general interest in the practice is that, after rowing the Trial Eights with swivel rowlocks, it has been decided to go back to the fixed pins for the University crew. Phillips, the University boatman, has been busy during the week fitting the usual type of rowlock on to the 1929 Sims' racer, which will be used on Friday when the crew make their first outing.

ASSOCIATION FOOTBALL

CORINTHIANS OUTPLAYED

The accurate shooting of Preston North End led to the Corinthians' heavy defeat at Preston yesterday by nine goals to two.

The Corinthians showed much skill in dribbling and combination, but they found the Preston defence difficult to pass. Preston, on the other hand, were able to press home their attacks, and only the brilliance of Gibbons in the Corinthians' goal kept down the score. For the first quarter of an hour the Corinthians had an even share of the game. Then, with Kelly opening out the game cleverly for Preston, Preston quickly scored four goals, Harper and Bargh each getting two. Taylor, who showed good form on the right wing, headed and shot goals for Corinthians in reply, but just before half-time Hough added a fifth for Preston. Whewell, who had been playing at centre-forward, returned to centre half-back on the change of ends. Webster got near with some strong shots for the Corinthians, but when Preston returned to the attack Harper (two), Kelly, and Bargh all scored.

RESULTS

LEAGUE THIRD DIVISION

	Goals		Goals
*GATESHEAD (Meek, Kennedy)	2	NEW BRIGHTON	0

SCOTTISH LEAGUE

*ABERDEONIANS (Connor, McIver)	2	HAMILTON ACADEMICALS (D. Wilson)	1
KILMARNOCK (Maxwell 2, Napier)	3	*AYR (Dorrin, Brac, Merrie)	2
*COWDENBEATH (Robertson, Renfrew, Venters)	3	ST. JOHNSTONE (Mason, Benson)	2
*DUNDEE (Miller, Smith)	2	HEART OF MIDLOTHIAN (Howe, Gardner)	2
*EAST STIRLINGSHIRE (Turnbull, Kemp)	2	ABERDEEN (Mills)	1
*MOTHERWELL (Stevenson, McFayden)	2	FALKIRK	0
*PARTICK THISTLE	0	RANGERS	1
*ST. MIRREN (Walker)	1	MORTON (Lyle)	0
*THIRD LANARK (Breslin, McKenzie, Dewar, J. Clark)	4	CELTIC (McWillock)	1

PUBLIC SCHOOLS MATCHES

A.F.A. PUBLIC SCHOOLS (A. Boswell (City of London) 3, C. N. Corns (John-Lyon) 2, C. Wynne-Roberts (St. Edmund's, Canterbury) 2)	6	*EATING ASSOCIATION (C. Paris, F. Croad, W. R. Skinner)	3
A.F.A. PUBLIC SCHOOLS (R. P. Rose (Mirfield) 2, F. Carter (Lancing) 2, M. Warren, own goal)	5	*EXILES	0

TO-DAY'S MATCHES

ASSOCIATION RULES

MANCHESTER.—Manchester United v. Corinthians (2.30).

FLOODLIGHT MATCH

WHITE CITY.—Combined Arsenal, Chelsea, Hotspur, and West Ham United side v. Fulham (7.30).

RUGBY UNION RULES

CROSS COUNTRY CHAMPIONSHIP

PORTSMOUTH.—Hampshire v. Sussex.

SURREY.—H. C. Christy (Welch Regiment), back; B. T. V. Covey (Welch Regiment), A. L. Norris (The Army), A. N. Rider (Horsham), and D. G. Felland (Sussex), three-quarter backs; R. S. Casement (United Services) and O. C. Browning (Clare College, Cambridge), half-backs; G. A. Saunders (Old Cranleighans), C. B. R. Birdwood (Cambridge University), E. H. Edmondt (Old Merchant Taylors), G. S. Atkinson (Old Bliels), M. N. Forrest (Blackheath), J. A. Instone (London Welsh), P. A. D. Langhorne (Eastbourne) and W. J. Hackling (Old Cranleighans), forwards.

RUGBY FIVES CHAMPIONSHIP

FIRST ROUND RESULTS

In the first of preliminary round of the Rugby Fives Singles Championship, which is being held on the courts of St. Paul's School, West Kensington, the following were successful in their matches:—D. H. Smith, J. G. Richards, W. J. Rees, P. A. Mult, W. W. Fea, and J. G. W. Davies.

By far the finest match, and possibly such a one as it will not be a pleasure to see for many a long day, was that in which J. G. W. Davies, the present Cambridge University captain of Rugby Fives, defeated one of the holders of the Cyriax Cup and favourite for this competition, E. U. Bailey, of the Alleyn Old Boys. Davies is a brilliant player when he has found his touch, but like many players of his kind, he is too frequently beaten by his own mistakes. In the first game, which he won to nine, he was right on top of his form, volleying to the corners with such neatness and precision with both hands that Bailey, who is a straightforward and hard-hitting player, was unable to anticipate the direction of the ball. So far Davies had taken the whole of the initiative, but in the second game he made the mistake of playing to the back of the court, which was much more suited to Bailey's low and accurately placed shots, and, although Davies led at 12—11, he was only once more in hand, without scoring, before Bailey ran out the winner at 15—12. At the end of the second game they changed courts, as their own had become slippery, and Davies immediately put his first return of service below the board to give Bailey the lead. Bailey led at 3—0 and 4—2, but they were level at 4—4, and Davies in the lead at 6—5. They were level again at 9—9, and then Davies made a series of mistakes, which enabled Bailey to lead 13—9. Davies then got in, took the score to 12—13, went out of hand and got in again by a lucky lob, which just failed to go out of court, and won the match at 15—13.

The results were:—

D. E. Smith beat D. G. Mackenzie (10—16, 16—15, 15—11).

J. G. Richards beat J. Dowlen (15—4, 15—0).

W. J. Rees beat N. J. A. Budd (15—6, 15—1).

P. A. Mult beat R. D. McKeble (15—4, 15—11).

W. W. Fea beat H. A. Cocking (15—11, 11—15, 15—10).

J. G. W. Davies beat E. U. Bailey (15—9, 12—15, 15—13).

The second round matches will be:—

D. E. Smith v. J. G. Richards; W. J. Rees v. P. A. Mult; W. W. Fea v. J. G. W. Davies; K. W. Milnge v. W. E. Gunsflar; G. Aycherlinos v. F. Armitage; H. C. J. Belle v. E. Cyriax; A. Francis v. J. P. Burnet; K. R. R. Readhead v. J. S. Hall.

PEDESTRIANISM

POWDERHALL MEETING

In mild but windy weather, and on a soft track, the finals of the New Year Sprint Handicap, over the usual course of 130 yards, were decided at the Powderhall pedestrianism meeting, Edinburgh, yesterday, when the programme also included the 10 miles event and the final of the One Mile £30 Handicap.

The 10 miles scratch race resulted in a win for J. Campbell (Craigneuk), who beat A. Schly (Broomhouse) by 30 yards in 56min. 29sec. Campbell, with an allowance of 2min., also secured the handicap award of £35, and thus his prize-money in the race amounted to £75.

T. Melrose (Leith) (12½ yards), the overnight favourite for the New Year sprint, gained an easy win in his second-round heat yesterday, beating J. Wilson (Benwell) (8½ yards) by 10 yards in the good time of 12¼sec. Malcolm Dunn, the Australian, who was the backmarker, with an allowance of 5½ yards, was beaten in his tie by C. Paterson (Burnside) (13 yards), who finished in 12 10-16sec. The fastest winner in the second round was J. Pentland (Dalry) (13 yards), who gained a yard victory over A. Young (Airdrie) (9½ yards) in 12 2-16sec., the best time returned so far in the event.

W. McFarlane (Glasgow), who was beaten on the post by T. Tait (Prestonpans) in the 1931 final, when he was on the 8½ yards mark, won the big sprint and the first prize of £100. McFarlane, who started off the seven yards mark, justified his position in the betting on the field by winning comfortably by two yards from C. Paterson (Burnside) (13 yards) in 12 2-16sec., T. Melrose (Leith) (12½ yards), who was beaten another half a yard, being third.

W. Stewart (Fettercairn) (16½ yards) won the one mile handicap, and first prize of £25 for that event, with an eight yards win over A. James (Cowdenbeath) (90 yards) in 4min. 46sec.

HOCKEY

TO-DAY'S SOUTHERN TRIAL

To-day the final Southern Trial between the Whites and the Colours will be played on the Polytechnic ground, Chiswick, and the selectors have chosen last season's Southern defence for the Whites and have put in opposition to them the Southern forward line of last season, with the inclusion of T. J. R. Dashwood at outside-right, who did not play in the South side last year on account of injury. It is a good plan to test thoroughly the presumptive Southern defence, which, with the exception of J. F. Wolfenden in goal, is that of Middlesex, and it is quite possible that all may not retain their places if the Colours' defence should do well.

For instance, D. A. Hodges, the Colours' right back, has been playing finely for Mid-Surrey this season, and R. Scott Freeman has not yet reached his form of last year, but usually plays well in big games. P. Hazell, the Cambridge half-back, is another player who might gain his place in the Southern team; but otherwise it is difficult to see any strong candidate for any other position in the defence. The Whites' forward line is a good one, especially on the right wing, with J. E. Slade and J. C. Marsden. On the opposite side is the English right wing, T. J. R. Dashwood and R. Perfect, and as both are playing at their best now Slade and Marsden can hardly hope to be more than reserves.

The Colours' centre-forward, H. J. Robins, is a rare opportunist and a clever stick player, but if J. H. A. Wonnacott can show his club form once more to-day he would seem to be certain to retain his place.

R. T. Smith and S. V. Lancaster should make a good left wing for the Colours, but they can hardly be considered to be as good as A. W. Woolley and A. D. Ogilvy, the Spender pair. The game should prove a fine test for all, and there should be little between the two sides.

The teams are:—

WHITES.—J. F. Wolfenden (Oxfordshire), goal; R. Scott Freeman (Middlesex) and D. W. Coster (Middlesex), backs; R. L. Milsted (Middlesex), J. W. H. Tyrrell (Middlesex), and A. J. Stuart (Middlesex), half-backs; J. C. Marsden (Middlesex), J. E. Slade (Hampshire), H.