

NEW HURDLE FOR PIRIE

FOR several years Gordon Pirie has been one of our leading runners at all distances from one mile to six miles. But now he is turning to a new event for him—the steeplechase.

With its string of hurdles and a water-jump, the 3000-metres is one of the most gruelling track events. While in Oslo recently, Gordon was helped by Olympic champion Chris Brasher and later ran his first race in the fine time of 9 minutes 6.6 seconds.

With the retirement of Chris

Brasher, the injury to John Disley, and the loss of form by Eric Shirley, Britain needs new steeplechasers. Once Gordon has mastered the technique of hurdling—and thus saving vital seconds—he may well become our leading runner in this event.

Although Chris Brasher was obviously able to give Gordon much helpful advice about hurdling, he himself is rather out of practice. Just before he left Stockholm to return to this country he jumped a hurdle again—"just to revive memories of my youth"—and slipped as he was going over. He cut his head and had to have several stitches inserted.

Just—so



Patricia Chugg of the W.R.A.F. takes a fencing lesson from the R.A.F. foils champion, Sergeant William Bradley.

Faster and faster yet in the mile

IT was only a few years ago that sportsmen were speculating on whether a man would ever run a mile in less than four minutes. Today no fewer than 18 runners have done a "four-minute mile" and the world record is down to 3 minutes 54.5 seconds.

Even this time will not be a record for long, according to Franz Stampfl, the famous coach at Melbourne University. Within three years, he predicts, the record will be reduced to 3 minutes 50, and eventually to 3 minutes 44.

Do you know



HOW RUBBER WAS FIRST DISCOVERED?

THE discovery of latex, from which the more familiar forms of rubber are now made, should really be credited to the early inhabitants of Haiti.

At the close of the fifteenth century, Columbus was said to have seen the natives playing with a substance rolled up into a ball, which bounced. This substance, it was found, oozed from the bark of a certain tree, now called *Hevea Brasiliensis*. Later, in 1615, the Spanish conquistadores used the same 'gum' to coat their cloaks against the weather and were the first Europeans to put rubber to a practical purpose.

Nearly 300 years later, sheet rubber was used in making the first practicable pneumatic tyre. Invented by John Boyd Dunlop, it was the forerunner of the famous tyres that bear his name and still lead the world today.

Think of tyres
and you think of **DUNLOP**

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Sporting Flashbacks

PLAYING AS AN INSIDE FORWARD FOR BLACKBURN ROVERS IN SEASON 1922-23.

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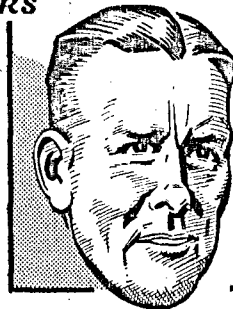
SCORED ONLY 10 GOALS

— BUT FOUR OF THIS TOTAL CAME IN THE SPACE OF FIVE MINUTES

— v. Everton, Sept. 16, 1922



ALTHOUGH NEWCASTLE UNITED WON THE LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIP IN SEASON 1908-09 IT WAS DURING THE SAME SOCCER CAMPAIGN THAT THEY RECEIVED THE HEAVIEST DEFEAT IN THEIR HISTORY — SUNDERLAND BEAT THEM 9-1 ON DEC. 5, 1908



MAKING HIS THIRD CRICKET VISIT TO AUSTRALIA (AS MANAGER OF THE M.C.C. PARTY) IS

F.R. BROWN ...

HIS FIRST VISIT WAS AS A YOUNG SURREY PLAYER IN 1932-33. BUT HE WAS NOT CALLED UPON IN TESTS. EIGHTEEN YEARS LATER, WHEN THIS EARLY EXPERIENCE HAD BEEN ALMOST FORGOTTEN BY CRICKET FOLLOWERS, BROWN RETURNED — AS CAPTAIN OF ENGLAND.



Fausto Coppi rides in Britain

FAUSTO COPPI, one of the world's greatest cyclists, will be riding in this country for the first time when he leads an Italian side against a British and Commonwealth team at Herne Hill on Sunday.

The idol of Italian cycling followers, Coppi has been racing in European long-distance events for many years. He has won the Tour de France twice, the Tour of Italy five times, and several world championship track and road races. These successes have

brought him fame and fortune, but also injuries.

It is claimed that Fausto Coppi has broken more bones in crashes than any other cyclist; on two occasions his injuries were so severe that doctors told him he would never race again. But the lithe Italian champion is still riding, and still winning.

The British side will be captained by Yorkshireman Brian Robinson, the only Englishman ever to win a stage in a Tour de France race.

Girl tennis player of great promise

"ANOTHER Christine Truman." That was the opinion of many experts who saw 12-year-old Celia French winning the Under-12 event in the London Evening News Lawn Tennis Tournament.

Celia, who lives at Loughton, Essex, is the age that Christine was when she won this event several years ago. Like Christine, she has great determination and concentration—and a very strong forehand drive.

New Boy Golf Champion

THE new Boys' Amateur golf champion is 17-year-old Richard Braddon, a Charterhouse schoolboy who lives at Beaconsfield. A left-arm spin bowler in the cricket XI, he is a right-handed golfer. Eighteen months ago he was just a novice, and even at school he has little opportunity for playing the game. But he has had excellent coaching from his father, a former county player, and from professional John Jacobs.

Footballers from Iceland

ON Saturday England's amateur footballers are due to meet Iceland on the ground of Southend United F.C. This will be the first time an international match has been staged in the Essex seaside resort, and the first time a team from Iceland has ever appeared in England.

The countries met for the only previous time in 1956, at Reykjavik, when the English amateurs won by 3 goals to 2.

Little is known of the strength of Icelandic football, although British amateur teams have been playing friendly games against clubs in that country since the war years, when several famous professional footballers were stationed in Iceland.

Thank you, Bengt

WHILE the Irish soccer team were in Sweden for the World Cup last June they were helped by 12-year-old Bengt Jonason, who lives at Tylösand, a bathing resort on the west coast. He ran errands for them, helped the trainer to collect jerseys and boots, acted as interpreter when needed, and generally made himself useful.

And when the Irish team play England at Belfast next month Bengt will be helping again—and accompanying the team on to the pitch. For every member of the World Cup party have contributed to pay Bengt's fare from Sweden and thus help to say "Thank you." Bengt will be given a week's special leave from his school.

New head on old shoulders

The waxwork figure of Stirling Moss at Madame Tussaud's was recently fitted with a new head to meet changes in the popular racing-driver's appearance since he was included in the collection four years ago.

SPORTS QUIZ

1. How does a cricket umpire signal a wide?
2. Worcestershire C.C.C. was once nicknamed "Fostershire." Do you know why?
3. "The important thing is not to win, but to take part." Who said this?
4. Can you name the only cricketer who has bowled two consecutive overs in a Test Match?
5. To what sport does the term Stem Christiania belong?
6. How long is the course of the Tour de France cycle race?

1. With arms outstretched on either side of his body. 2. Seven brothers named Foster played for the County. 3. Baron de Coubertin, founder of the Modern Olympic Games. 4. Warwick Armstrong, the Australian captain in 1921, after a stoppage. 5. Skiing. It is a type of turn. 6. About 3000 miles.

