

## Gymnast in training



Staff Sergeant Instructor Dick Gradley does a downward press on the rings at the Army School of Physical Training at Aldershot. He hopes to be in the British team at the World Gymnastic Championships which is to be held in Moscow next July.

## He learned golf on a tennis court

JIM BLACK of Melbourne first became keen on golf at the age of eleven, when his father was looking after a grass tennis court near one of the city's big links. That court was by far the best place young Jim could find for a practice fairway!

Now Jim has won an open scratch event at Sydney from a field which included many past and present national champions.

Jim's first handicap when he was 14 was 26. Before he was 15 he was down to 9. At 17 he went down to scratch. Now, at 20, he is already tipped as a future Peter Thompson, and an overseas trip in the next 12 months is almost certain.

## Swimmer puts the shot

Julie Hoyle, the British Olympic swimmer, has been putting the shot and throwing the discs as part of her training. And she has done so well that she is thinking of taking up these events seriously. Here we see coach Dennis Cullum passing on tips to Julie.



## Warming the pitch

THE weather should not stop play on Everton's ground at Goodison Park next season. For within a few weeks the laying of a new drainage system and soil-warming apparatus will be completed.

The equipment has been developed by the Sports Turf Research Institute at Bingley in Yorkshire. It consists of underground wires which, by means of thermostatic control, warm the ground should the temperature drop below a certain point.

Several of our other leading soccer clubs will be watching the results at Goodison Park with great interest.

## All Smiles



This is nine-year-old Paul Barnett of St. Mary-of-the-Angels Song School at Beaconsfield, Buckinghamshire. He is loaded with some of the cricket gear presented to his school by the National Playing Fields Association.

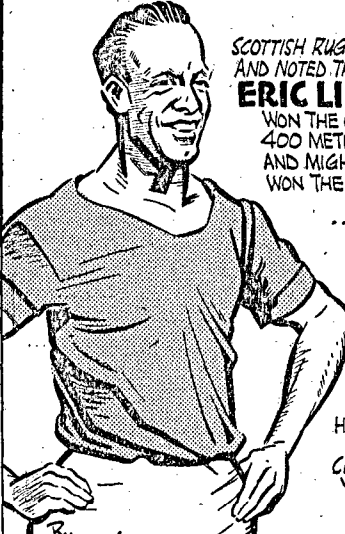
## Two championships in 24 hours

STUART PEARSON, 23-year-old colliery fitter at Doncaster, recently won two national boxing titles within 24 hours.

On the Friday morning he reached Wembley just in time to enter the ring for the semi-final of the A.B.A. light-middleweight championship. He won the bout, and went on to win the final.

He caught the night express to Leeds, and, within a few hours, was in the ring once more, to win the light-middleweight title in the National Coal Board Championships—a remarkable feat!

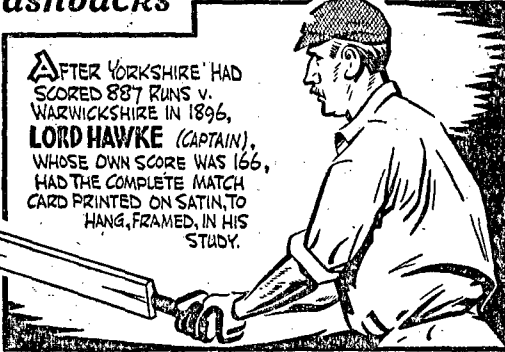
### Sporting Flashbacks



SCOTTISH RUGBY INTERNATIONAL AND NOTED TRACK RUNNER  
**ERIC LIDDELL**  
WON THE OLYMPIC GAMES 400 METRES IN 1924 AND MIGHT ALSO HAVE WON THE 100 METRES

... BUT THE HEATS FOR THAT EVENT WERE SCHEDULED FOR A SUNDAY AND LIDDELL, A MAN OF DEEP RELIGIOUS CONVICTIONS, DID NOT COMPETE.

HE BECAME A MISSIONARY IN THE FAR EAST, WAS CAPTURED DURING THE WAR AND DIED IN A PRISON CAMP.



AFTER YORKSHIRE HAD SCORED 887 RUNS V. WARWICKSHIRE IN 1896, **LORD HAWKE** (CAPTAIN), WHOSE OWN SCORE WAS 166, HAD THE COMPLETE MATCH CARD PRINTED ON SATIN, TO HANG, FRAMED, IN HIS STUDY.

IN THE UNIVERSITY CRICKET MATCH OF 1842, EXTRAS IN CAMBRIDGE'S TWO INNINGS WERE:  
42 AND 39 (TOP SCORE IN EACH CASE)  
IN OXFORD'S INNINGS, EXTRAS WERE 12 (SECOND TOP SCORE) AND 16 (TOP)

## PEDALLING ROUND BRITAIN

NEXT Tuesday sees the start of Britain's toughest cycle race, the Tour of Britain. More than 80 of our best riders, and a number from Austria and Belgium, will set out from London on the 1300-mile race lasting 12 days.

The tour is divided into 12 stages, one being covered each day. Each stage is virtually a separate race in itself, for points and prizes will be awarded to the first man home each day. The overall winner will be the one collecting maximum points during the whole tour.

Setting out from London, the competitors will wend their way on the Great North Road to Skegness. From there they will head north through Yorkshire to Carlisle, through the Lake District, and then down to Morecambe.

From this seaside town the cavalcade will continue southwards through the mountains of Wales, where the long, exhausting climbs will take their toll of the riders, through the Wye Valley to Gloucester, and Weston-super-Mare.

An early start the next day will see the riders heading through the seaside towns of Somerset and Devon and up the steep, winding Porlock Hill, known to cyclists as the "get-off-and-walk hill."

The next stage, from Ilfracombe

to Plymouth, will probably be the hardest of all. The roads are not only rough and hilly, but they have numerous sharp curves and hairpin bends. At Plymouth the snaking line of cyclists will turn the machines towards Bournemouth, and on June 7 comes the final dash to London, where the overall winner will be presented with £1000 and a handsome trophy.

## World athletics' championship?

WILL we have a world athletics championship before long?

A proposal to that effect will be put before the International Amateur Athletics Federation Congress in Stockholm next August.

The new championships, which, it is suggested, should be held every four years, would not replace the Olympic Games, but it would probably mean the abandoning of such events as the European Championships, the Asian Games, and other big events.

## SPORTS QUIZ

1. Is a batsman allowed to strike the ball twice?
2. Where is Madison Square Gardens?
3. Who was the first man to swim the Channel both ways?
4. What is the highest score made in an F.A. Cup tie?
5. Which footballer was nicknamed the Lion of Vienna?
6. What is a chukka?

1. Yes, if the ball would otherwise have hit the batsman. 2. In New York. It is a famous sports arena. 3. Edward Temme, scored 26 goals against Hyde in 1887. 5. Nat Lofthouse, the Bolton and England centre-forward; because of his courageous display in an international against Austria. 6. One of the periods into which polo is divided.



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