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**RUGBY UNION**

# FRANCE SHOULD WIN AT MURRAYFIELD

**Benaud No. 2 will be here soon**

**B**ENAUD as captain of Australia's cricket team in a few years' time? Certainly—but John, not Richie.

John is the 17-year-old brother of Australia's present skipper, but he seems to be heading for the same kind of honours.

A first-class leg-spin bowler, stylish batsman, and outstanding fielder, John plays with his brother for the Cumberland Club in Sydney. The tradition of two



John Benaud

Benauds in the team is thus maintained, for previously Richie and his father played at the same time.

Another cricketer of whom Australian experts expect great things is fast-bowler Alan Crawford, also of Sydney. Although only 17, Alan weighs 12½ stone and stands 6 feet 1. His bowling is said to be even faster than that of Gordon Rorke at his best.

The Rugby Union International Championship season starts on Saturday, when Scotland entertain France at Murrayfield, Edinburgh.

**T**HE French team has been outstanding in home internationals in recent years—champions for the past three seasons (although sharing the title with England in 1960), and unbeaten since losing to Ireland at Dublin in April, 1959.

The odds must certainly be in favour of the French on Saturday. Since the war they have won nine of their 15 games against Scotland, although it must be admitted that there is seldom more than two or three points between them in matches at Murrayfield.

### 15th cap for Waddell

Saturday's game may see another milestone in the Rugby career of Gordon Waddell, the Cambridge University fly-half, who captained Scotland last season, for this will be his 15th cap, equalling the international performance of his famous father Herbert Waddell. One of Scotland's greatest half-backs, H. W. gained his 15 caps between 1924 and 1927, and is now a member of the committee of the Scottish Rugby Union.

Four of last year's French team are missing from Saturday's side: full-back Vannier, Moncla (last season's skipper), G. Boniface, and Celaya who, after winning 30 caps asked not to be considered. But the replacements are well in the French tradition of quick handling and running that have taken the team to the top and given so much delight.

Making a return to the side are the giant Mommejat, one of the world's toughest and best second row forwards, and L. Casaux, the full-back in that defeat by Ireland three seasons ago. The two newcomers are forwards, R. Gensane and H. Romero.

## JOHN DISLEY PLANS A RETURN TO THE TRACK

Two world-famous athletes who retired because of injury are planning a return to sport.

It was in 1960 that John Disley, Britain's finest steeplechaser, ran his last race before retiring with persistent Achilles tendon trouble. The Welshman was three times A.A.A. champion; won a bronze medal at the 1952 Olympics in Helsinki; and finished sixth in the 1956 Olympics steeplechase.

Now John is back in training, determined to make a come-back this season, convinced that he can regain his international status. His first race of 1962 was in the New Year Round-the-Houses race at Mountain Ash, Glamorgan.

### Betty Cuthbert tries again

Betty Cuthbert was the world's greatest woman sprinter at the age of 18. The slim Australian girl was a triple gold medallist at the 1956 Olympics in Melbourne, where she won the 100 metres and 200 metres and ran in the winning relay team. Records fell to her flashing feet, and then at the Rome Olympics she tore a ligament and her career seemed ended.

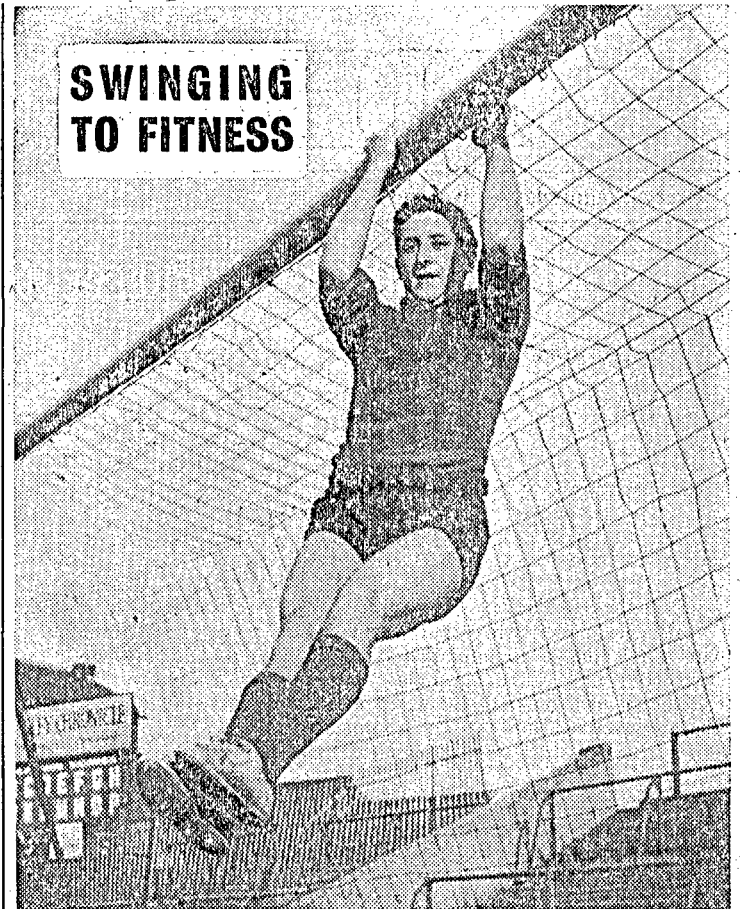
Now comes news that Betty is regaining her old form.

## Last Test Match against India

**T**HIS weekend the M.C.C. will begin the fifth Test match against India at Madras, the final fixture of their tour before resuming the Test series in Pakistan.

Unlike so many of the other Indian grounds, Madras has a large percentage of games ending with a definite result. England have played only two Tests on this delightful ground. In February, 1934, they won by 202 runs in four days. And in 1952 India had her first-ever Test victory, winning by an innings.

## SWINGING TO FITNESS



Alan Hill, the 17-year-old Barnsley goalkeeper, has dislocated his shoulder three times already in his short career. But he hopes that his recent operation on the shoulder has cured the trouble and will enable him to earn the Under-23 international honours which are forecast for him.

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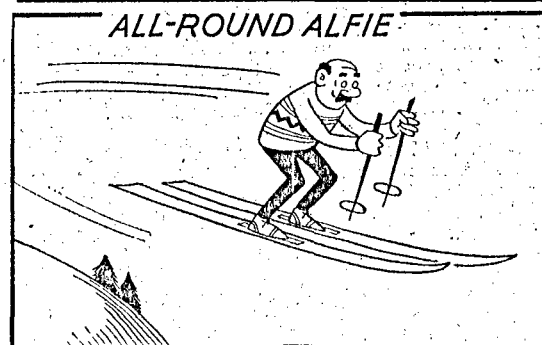
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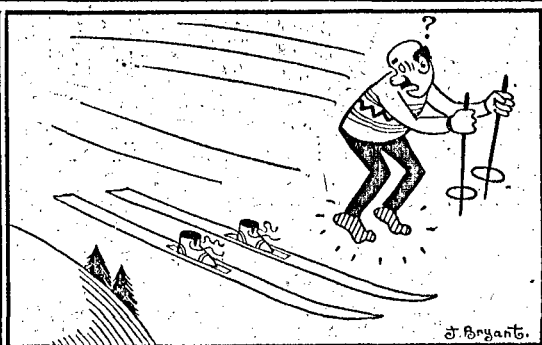
## JULIE HOYLE RETURNS TO SWIMMING

**J**ULIE HOYLE was one of Britain's best women backstroke swimmers until she decided to retire last year at the age of 22. But Julie does not intend to forsake her sport. She recently gained

the A.S.A.'s advanced coaching certificate and will now coach schoolchildren and members of the Bushy Swimming Club, which she helped to form some years ago.



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