

JOHN ROBERTSON'S CRICKET ROUND-UP

TWIN DAY FOR BEDSERS

EVEN the gasometers winked broadly and the bars buzzed with hilarious bowler-hatted gentlemen of South London as the mighty Yorkshire crashed with an unholy crash at the Oval.

Latecomers could not believe that the cocky, so-often omnipotent Yorkshire could be out for a meagre 137, and among the early slain England's captain, Len Hutton.

The crowd of Test match proportions—over 25,000 people crammed into the ground—were happy with the sunshine, the thirst engendered, and Surrey's magnificent bowling achievement.

The toast of the twinkling glasses was the Bedsers twins, who had celebrated their 34th birthday the previous day.

Test-match style

Brother Alec, in his fiercest, most magnificent Test match style, took five Yorkshire wickets for just over ten runs apiece, and the equally massive Eric, who has come into his own as an opening batsman, scored 67 and is still there to worry the Yorkshire attack to-morrow.

Surrey—134 for three at the close—could not in their wildest dreams have believed that they would be only three runs behind Yorkshire on the first innings in the first day of a match. Any the Oval wicket, though it needed watching, was never anything remotely wicketed.

Yorkshire have a job on to save this match but Yorkshire

Catch disallowed

Yorkshire left-handers, slow-bowler Wardle, and tall Wilson, saved the side from dire disgrace though Wilson, who scored 50 exactly, was lucky not to be out when seven.

Constable made a wonderful attempt to catch him with his hand on the ground. Wilson was walking to the pavilion until recalled. The umpire had disallowed the catch.

Was Denis Compton's handsome face flushed and hot under the sunburn at Colchester as Essex ran to 402 for 8—and then declared—after he had put them in?

It was the biggest cricketing gaffe of the season for the pitch was never anything but docile. Young amateur Colin Griffiths rubbed salt into the Compton wounds by clouting the Middlesex

determination needs only such a stimulus.

In a memorable day for Surrey the captain, Stuart Surridge, deserves a meed of praise. He took three cheap wickets and the slip catch by which he dismissed Halliday was a "gem of purest ray serene." He held it one-handed and very low down.

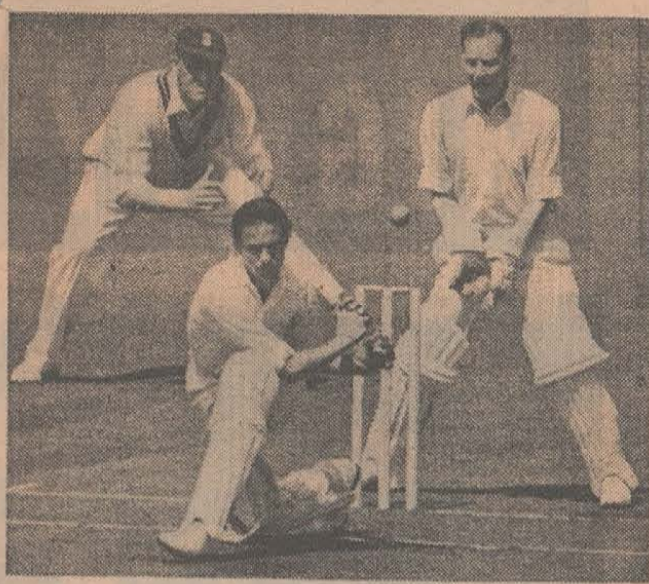
Dozens of people drowsed on the grass near George Parr's tree as Indian batsman Roy plodded his weary way from noon till the end of a weary day.

Roy batted all day for 142 and took over five hours for his century.

Page to rescue

When the Kent bowling looked like being severely mauled at Coventry young Page brought about a Warwick collapse and the champions were out for 304 after having been 231 for three. Page played only twice for Kent last season but is obviously an acquisition.

That solid opener and elegant wicket-keeper, R. T. Spooner, had given Warwick a great start by scoring a century. Godfrey Evans, promoted in the batting order, gave Kent some confidence.



Frank Lawson, Yorkshire's opening bat, went all out for a big sweep to leg here—the result... lbw b Laker.

Oxford slow march

By ROLAND ALLEN

IT was the spin of Robin Marlar, bowling his accurate off breaks up the hill in the University match at Lord's yesterday, which worried Oxford's better batsmen much more than the high speed of the two Cambridge Test bowlers, Cuan McCarty and John Warr.

Oxford batted all day for 233

for the loss of six wickets and it took J. E. Bush more than four hours to gather together his 62 runs.

Colin Cowdrey, the young Oxford batsman, who, as we know, has a wide range of strokes, only occasionally showed them to us in a four innings of 55, which took him 175 minutes.

He was in for 32 minutes before he got his first run, a single. He struck seven fours, two of them cover drives straight from the cricket copybooks.

We also recall such a stroke from Bush which made it a matter of wonder that, although these two got more than their fair share of the Oxford runs in a partnership of 84, their scoring rate through it all was below 30 an hour.

Dead-bat technique

It did not raise much above that for nearly all day. At times it dropped as low as five in half an hour.

Beyond the fact that Bush once had to duck from a lifting ball from Warr, the Cambridge snock attack was very fast, but not much more.

The Cambridge fielding was better than we have seen it sometimes this season, but it is impossible to avoid the feeling that the big crowd—and the admittedly good bowling—were worthy of something better than so much negative defensive and even dead-bat technique.

Towards the finish P. D. S. Blake and W. M. Mitchell swung their bats freely, a refreshing and profitable process, even if it happened later than majority opinion reckoned it should have done.

Bannister burst lets him down

By TERRY O'CONNOR

WHITE CITY'S international athletics meeting yesterday, billed as an Olympic Games preview for British runners (who go to Helsinki in two weeks' time), was not a very encouraging one for Roger Bannister.

He was beaten in the 800 metres in the triangular match by another Englishman, Albert Webster.

Although this is not Bannister's Olympic distance—he is our leading 1,500 metres man—the manner of his defeat must come as a shock to his admirers.

For once the famous Bannister burst 300 yards from the tape failed him.

After a slow first lap, 59.7sec., Webster led with Bannister comfortably behind. As they entered the back straight, the 35,000 crowd was hushed, waiting for the Bannister burst.

But when he began to open up his stride, 26-year-old Webster doggedly refused to be overtaken. For 100 yards these two runners electrified the meeting by running neck and neck.

At the third bend, Bannister was forced to drop back, but came again in the home straight. Webster kept his famous rival at bay to win in the moderate time of 1min. 55.7sec.

There has been criticism of Bannister's lone-wolf training this season. It's obvious from this race that even he cannot do without first-class competition. He will find the Swedes and Germans a far tougher proposition than stout-hearted Webster at Helsinki.

World's best equalled

Records fell in the relay events. The Australian women's 4x100m relay team, led by Betty Cuthbert, equalled the world's best set up by a South African team.

Marjorie Jackson, who ran the anchor leg for Australia, had earlier won the 100 metres (11.7sec.) and 200 metres (24.2sec.), fastest times for these distances by a woman in Britain.

In the 4 x 440 yards relay the Jamaican team broke the British Empire record of 3min. 13.6sec. by 2.5sec.

The England-Wales team won the triangular match with 110 points. Scotland scored 66, Ireland 34.

MORE than the world's best

athletes will be tested in the 1952 Olympiad, due to start at Helsinki on July 19. The Games themselves will be on trial.

We British, who have so loyally believed in and tried to live up to the ideals which inspired the Games, will know if we have been right in our faith. Or if we have been sentimental fools.

This Olympiad will probably resolve itself into a titanic duel between America and Russia. No need to go into what those two great nations think of each other in the world of politics.

Will this international political rivalry be carried into the sporting arena and justify the cynics who allege nationalism is rampant in the Olympic Games?

Nazi vulgarity

OLYMPIC prestige slumped when the 1936 Games were held in Berlin. This Olympiad was used by Germany to boost their particular political creed of that era.

Of course the staging and organisation was spectacular and efficient. But the whole boastful affair was vulgar and turned British stomachs.

The 1948 Games at Wembley

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restored the Olympic ideal to its pedestal. Remember, we were even harder up then than we are now.

We struggled through somehow. Our arrangements may not have been as good or luxurious as the Berlin or Los Angeles Olympiads. But we showed the world the real spirit of the Games. And the world went away happier than before.

Age lengthens odds

THEY are offering 25 to 1 against little Gene Sarazen winning the Open golf championship, which begins at Royal Lytham and St. Anne's tomorrow. Gene is 59. Age undoubtedly has influenced the odds offered against him.

Does topping the half century necessarily put a golfer out

the world will be focused on them closer than ever before.

Be frank about it. There can be sharp practice, unfair tactics and bad sportsmanship even in the Olympics. A bump or a nudge can mean the loss of a title.

Will good sportsmanship still shine forth at Helsinki among athletes who detest each other's political creeds? The British say it can and should.

SPORTS FRONT FLASHES

Bob Maitland (Birmingham) not picked for Helsinki, beat all Britain's Olympic riders in London-Leamington road cycle race... he rode 84 miles in 3hr. 26min. 24sec. selectors having second thoughts?

Wolves made £10,609 profit last season, £21,993 season before... fans will still pay more next time.

American Private Stanley Dudas, here from Germany, misses open golf championship because R. and A. never received his entry... tough luck, especially as Antonio Cerda (Argentina) was admitted although his entry was late.

CRICKET SCOREBOARD

Surrey v Yorkshire

Table with columns for batsmen and bowlers. Batsmen: Hutton 8, Laker 50, Surridge 12, Watson 2, Yardley 2, Fisher 36, Wardle 2, Griffiths 2, Brennan 2, Holdsworth 2. Bowlers: Laker 3-22, Surridge 3-22, Laker 1-27.

Essex v Middlesex

Table with columns for batsmen and bowlers. Batsmen: Dodds 75, Stanley 39, Gibb 12, Brown 12, Insole 14, Bailey 82, Bennett 50, Compton 89, Pridmore 24, Preston 0. Bowlers: Bennett 3-24, Compton 1-22.

Sussex v Glamorgan

Table with columns for batsmen and bowlers. Batsmen: Davies 17, CHI 7, Partridge 22, Hedges 11, Watkins 14, Jones 64, Wood 50, Muncer 11, Davies 35, Hever 7, Shepherd 0. Bowlers: Wood 4-55, James 4-45.

Leicester v Hampshire

Table with columns for batsmen and bowlers. Batsmen: Rogers 42, Gray 22, Ingleby 48, Harrison 40, W. H. Raymond 40, E. R. Easer 13, Shackleton 13, Dare 17, Canning 17, Panton 7, Knott 0. Bowlers: Palmer 5-73, Spencer 6-67.

Derbyshire v Lancashire

Table with columns for batsmen and bowlers. Batsmen: Elliott 19, Hamer 19, Willatt 23, Revell 35, Carr 55, Kelly 24, Morgan 18, Rhodes 16, Gladwin 16, Dawkins 4, Jackson 0. Bowlers: Statham 4-53, Hilton 3-66.

Warwick v Kent

Table with columns for batsmen and bowlers. Batsmen: Gardner 117, Spooner 117, Ord 81, Bromley 60, Dolly 41, Hinchey 19, Townsend 14, Grove 17, Weeks 7, Pritchard 59, Hollies 2. Bowlers: Page 5-84, Dovey 4-88.

Gloucester v Worcester

Table with columns for batsmen and bowlers. Batsmen: Kenyon 77, Richardson 27, Outchouk 23, Birch 11, Broadbent 22, G. Dews 33, Devereux 37, Horton 4. Bowlers: Crapp 3-113, Lawrence 2-49, Hazell 1-51.

Northants v Somerset

Table with columns for batsmen and bowlers. Batsmen: Brookes 11, Broderick 25, Davis 7, Jalkeman 19, Barrick 196, Brown 19, Tribe 19, Davis 37, Nutter 17, Clarke 8. Bowlers: Buse 4-107, Redman 3-113, Lawrence 2-49, Hazell 1-51.

Notts v India

Table with columns for batsmen and bowlers. Batsmen: Roy 142, Guekwa 70, Adhikari 53, Hazare 57. Bowlers: Hazare 1-17.

Scotland v Ireland

Table with columns for batsmen and bowlers. Batsmen: P. J. O'Brien 136, Nichol 6-22. Bowlers: Nichol 6-22.

Oxford U. v Cambridge U.

Table with columns for batsmen and bowlers. Batsmen: Boobyer 29, Bush 62, Wiley 5, Cowdrey 55, Dowling 19, Blake 15, Whitcombe 36, Mitchell 12. Bowlers: Marlar 2-29, Marlar 2-29.

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Speedway racing

Table with columns for race names and winners. Races: National League, Div. I, Belle Vue 46; Div. II, Coventry 44; Cradley Heath 51; National Trophy (2nd leg), Odsal 67; Southern League, Rayleigh 65.

GILLINGHAM SIGN KIRMAN

GILLINGHAM yesterday signed their fifth player in a week, Harold Kirman, 22-year-old wing-half from Hull City.

Other soccer transfers: Allenby Driver, Ipswich inside or centre-forward, to Walsall; Joseph Cotnam, Bradford City full-back, to Carlisle.

Another easy victory for Newcastle in South Africa. They beat Eastern Province 5-1. John Wardrop (Motherwell) and Lillian Freece (Walsley) will captain Britain's men's and women's Olympic swimming teams.

Third-round results

English Bowling Association inter-county championship: Northumberland (holders) beat Nottingham 121-59; Surrey beat Warwick 123-101; Middlesex beat Norfolk 121-112; Hampshire beat Somerset 111-110.

Addiscombe cyclist J. B. Smith broke Southern Road Association 50-mile record by six seconds. His time was 2hr. 4min. 5sec. Poole-to-Wareham and back road race (191 miles) was won by D. A. Tunbridge (Highgate H.) in 2hr. 53min. 44sec. Highgate won team race.

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