Lawn Tennis

Another small opponent lures Miss Truman to defeat

History repeats itself with precision

BY DAVID GRAY

At Wimbledon on Saturday during the 42 sad minutes that Miss Truman took to lose to Miss Ramirez (Mexico) it seemed almost impossible that history could be repeating itself so precisely. Nothing seemed to have changed and nothing seemed to have been learned. Some time-machine might have carried things back for a year and one might have been watching the match that she lost to Miss Arnold last time all over again.

It was the same day and the same round. There was the same early afternoon midsummer blaze and Miss Truman's approach to the match and the fashion of her defeat were identical. Nervous and tentative, she fell once again to a small, swift opponent. Miss Ramirez is the colour of coffee and Miss Arnold is cream, but both won by the simple strategy of luring Miss Truman to the net and then passing her. She found the temptation to advance to the net seductive beyond resistance and, as she came up on even the weakest of shots, she paid the penalty of having her lines of communication cut time and again.

Miss Truman really has only one idea about fighting a battle and that is to charge the enemy head on. The trouble with Saturday's match was that she could never find out where Miss Ramirez was going to put the ball next. She would charge in one direction only to realise too late that she ought to be moving in quite another. Like Mr Patterson at the Yankee Stadium, she never really seemed to understand what hit her.

Confidence lacking

On a good day, when her eye was in and her arm had the right kind of strength, this policy of simple rashness might have worked and a few of her normal hammer blows could have knocked the accuracy out of Miss Ramirez's passing shots and lobs. But Saturday was an off-the-rails day when she missed all the signals. She had neither rhythm nor confidence and no one watching her smash and volley could have believed that this was the 18-year-old girl who carried off the French and Italian titles.

The first set began to go away with a break in the fourth game but when it began to be plain that her frontal assaults were bringing no profit she still refused to stay back and play the match from the deeper reaches of the court. A little rallying might have given time for steadiness and recovery but instead she continued to advance and hope for the best. The truth is that Miss Truman is basically an optimist. If her large game does not work at first she goes on trying and risking until it does—or until the end of match is dictated from the other side of the net.

Chesterton said that every book that Dickens wrote might have been given the title "Great Expectations." The same label might be put on to every shot that Miss Truman makes and the middle of a match, just after she has lost a first set and her opponent is beginning to become nervous at the possibility of a considerable victory, is usually the time when her optimism pays off.

When Miss Ramirez, who had lost narrowly enough to her in Rome and at Lugano, was within a point of 3-0 in the second set Miss Truman made her first really typical fighting shot. There had been a rally in which Miss Ramirez seemed to have forced her well out of position, but somehow Miss Truman put a bold racket to the ball to hit a fine cross-court winner. The impetus of that stroke carried her to 2-2 and Miss Ramirez began to make small stamps of annoyance as she saw points slipping away from her. Then suddenly all hope died. Miss Truman's fit of nervous error returned and she lost four games in a row for the match. The crowd on Court No. 1 watched with a kind of fascinated horror. If Nelson were to tumble slowly from his column the effect in Trafalgar Square would probably be very much the same.

That was the end of the top seed. Mrs Fleitz, No. 3 and the chief United States hope, soon followed her, beaten by Miss E. Buding's efficient rallying and volleying and by her own failure to attack. She served for the first set at 6-5 but lost it three games later and in the decider, where the first eight games went against service, she was always defending. She saved two match points at 4-5 but soon afterwards paid the penalty for coming to Britain without enough match practice.

Those, together with the doubles defeat of Olmedo and Mackay by Forbes and Segal, the South Africans who won the British hard court title, were the day's principal events. Everything else was more or less according to expectation, although Sirola ran Fraser to five sets in a match that was too close for the Australian ever to be comfortable, and against Miss Hopps Miss Moore, the seventh seed, won the first set after being 2-5 down and the final from 1-4. Knight and Mills both lost gallantly. Miss Mortimer looked extremely efficient and Mulloy was just too tired

Order of play

CENTRE COURT.—L. AYALA (CHILE) v. A. OLMEDO (U.S.); R. EMERSON (AUSTRALIA) v. R. K. WILSON (G.B.); Miss V. Puzejova (Czechoslovakia) and Miss P. E. Ward (G.B.) v. Miss V. Ramirez and Miss B. Reyes (Mexico); N. PIETRANGELI and O. SIROLA (ITALY) v. W. A. Knight and J. A. Pickard (G.B.).

COURT ONE.—J. C. Molinari (France) v. R. LAVER (AUSTRALIA); N. A. FRASER (AUSTRALIA) v. B. Mackay (U.S.A.); A. Jarmoo (Stateless) and Mrs S. Reitano (Australia) v. J. Tattersall and Miss D. Catt (G.B.) to finish; MISS S. REYNOLDS and MISS R. SCHUMAN (S. Africa) v. Miss R. Morrison and Miss P. Nettleton (New Zealand); L. Legenstein (Stateless) and T. Ulrich (Denmark) v. E. Buchholz (U.S.A.) and W. F. Jaques (Australia).

SATURDAY'S RESULTS IN DETAIL

Men's singles

FOURTH ROUND

N. A. FRASER (Australia) beat O. Sirola (Italy) 3-6, 6-3, 14-12, 8-10, 6-3.
B. MACKAY (U.S.A.) beat W. A. Knight (G.B.) 6-2, 8-6, 10-8.
J. C. Molinari (France) beat G. Mulloy (U.S.A.) 6-1, 6-2, 7-5.
R. Laver (Australia) beat A. R. Mills (G.B.) 6-3, 3-6, 6-3, 6-4.
R. EMERSON (Australia) beat J. Ulrich (Denmark) 7-5, 6-3, 10-8.
R. K. WILSON (G.B.) beat J. N. Grinda (France) 6-3, 17-15, 6-1.
L. AYALA (Chile) beat A. Bey (Rhodesia) 6-2, 6-2, 6-0.
A. OLMEDO (U.S.A.) beat T. Ulrich (Denmark) 6-3, 6-3, 6-2.

Women's singles

FOURTH ROUND

MISS A. MORTIMER (G.B.) beat Miss P. A. Bird (G.B.) 6-1, 6-2.
MISS S. REYNOLDS (South Africa) beat Miss R. M. Reyes (Mexico) 6-4, 6-2.
MISS D. R. HARD (U.S.A.) beat Miss R. H. Bentley (G.B.) 6-2, 6-4.
MISS A. S. MAYDON (G.B.) beat Miss N. Marsh (Australia) 8-6, 6-2.
MISS M. E. BUENO (Brazil) beat Miss R. Morrison (New Zealand) 6-1, 7-5.
Miss E. Buding (stateless) beat Mrs J. G. FLEITZ (U.S.A.) 8-6, 2-6, 7-5.
MISS S. M. MOORE (U.S.A.) beat Miss J. S. Hopps (U.S.A.) 7-5, 3-6, 6-4.
Miss Y. Ramirez (Mexico) beat MISS C. C. TRUMAN (G.B.) 6-3, 6-2.

Men's doubles

SECOND ROUND

E. Buchholz (U.S.A.) and W. F. Jacques (Australia) beat F. Hainka and F. Salko (Austria), 6-4, 10-8, 6-4.

THIRD ROUND

L. Ayala (Chile) and R. Krishnan (India) beat R. W. Barnes and C. A. Fernandez (Brazil), 7-5, 6-2, 6-2.
R. LAVER and B. MARK (Australia) beat A. R. Mills and G. L. Palin (G.B.), 6-3, 9-7, 6-3.
G. Forbes and A. Segal (South Africa) beat B. MACKAY and A. OLMEDO (U.S.A.), 6-4, 10-8, 2-6, 1-6, 6-1.

Seeded players are given in CAPITALS.

Women's doubles

FIRST ROUND

Miss J. Rook and Miss C. Yates-Bell (G.B.) beat Miss R. H. Bentley and Miss P. Edwards (G.B.), 6-1, 6-4.

SECOND ROUND

Mrs J. L. Delsford and Miss P. J. A. Wheeler (G.B.) beat Miss P. Barril and Miss A. Gut (Spain), 6-1, 2-6, 6-3; Miss R. Fageros (U.S.A.) and Miss M. B. Bellamy (Australia) beat Miss E. F. Muller and Mrs S. J. Reitano (Australia), 6-2, 4-6, 6-4; Miss R. Morrison and Miss P. M. Nettleton (New Zealand) beat Miss R. Ostermann and Mrs E. Laurent (Germany), 6-1, 2-6, 7-5; Miss A. S. Haydon and Miss A. Mortimer (G.B.) beat Miss B. Gunderson and R. Jeffery (U.S.A.), 6-2, 6-3.

THIRD ROUND

MRS J. G. FLEITZ (U.S.A.) and Miss C. C. TRUMAN (G.B.) beat Mrs J. L. Delsford and Miss P. Wheeler (G.B.), 6-4, 6-2.

Mixed doubles

FIRST ROUND

S. Holberg and Mrs L. Gram Andersen (Denmark) beat J. Tort (Chile) and Miss A. Hoegewaldt (stateless), 9-7, 8-6; I. Leschly and Miss U. Rise (Denmark) beat J. Rosenstein (stateless) and Miss J. Rees Lewis (France), 6-1, 8-6; N. Pietrangeli (Italy) and Mrs C. Brasher (G.B.) beat L. A. Gerrard and Miss R. Morrison (New Zealand), 6-4, 6-4; W. F. Jacques (Australia) and Miss M. L. Armstrong (G.B.) beat C. Spychala (Poland) and Mrs B. M. Walter (G.B.), 7-5, 6-2; R. Krishnan (India) and Miss E. Buding (stateless) beat Miss J. Eyden and Miss M. Moring (Netherlands), 6-0, 6-2; H. F. Walton (G.B.) and Miss N. Marsh (Australia) beat D. H. Garrido (Cuba) and Mrs G. E. Marshall (Kenya), 9-7, 9-5.

SECOND ROUND

G. D. Oakley (G.B.) and Miss H. S. Clarke (G.B.) beat F. J. Lal (India) and Miss R. F. Woodgate, 4-6, 13-11, 7-5; W. A. KNIGHT (G.B.) and Miss Y. RAMIREZ (Mexico) beat J. Van Ryn and Miss F. Marinkelle (Netherlands), 6-1, 6-4; R. R. Taylor and Miss J. A. Fulton (G.B.) w.o., J. Drobny (Egypt) and Mrs K. Drobny (G.B.) ret.; I. Vermaak (South Africa) and Miss J. S. Hopps (U.S.A.) beat F. S. Field and Mrs M. C. Cheadle (G.B.) 6-4, 6-3; J. W. Frost and Miss L. Vail (U.S.A.) w.o., Miss E. Buding and Miss I. Buding (stateless), ret.; J. Javorsky and Miss V. Puzejova (Czechoslovakia) beat N. B. Nette (Australia) and Miss E. T. Court (G.B.), 6-3, 2-6, 6-4; Wendy and Miss M. Hammill (South Africa) beat M. Granovic (Germany) and Mrs D. W. Gorla (G.B.), 6-4, 6-4.

M. Herriot, followed by D. Chapman, takes the water jump in the 3,000 metres steeplechase in the match against Norway at Hull

Athletics

NORWEGIANS BEATEN IN ENJOYABLE MATCH AT HULL

Britain wins all nine track events

By Larry Montague

Great Britain's B athletics team beat Norway 117-95 in a quietly enjoyable match at Hull on Saturday, but the crowd was a little disappointing after the admirable efforts of the Hull Corporation to ensure a happy and successful occasion. It was a great pity, and seemed hardly necessary that the Yorkshire schools' championships and a big meeting in Bradford were allowed to clash with the international match. Ample temporary stand accommodation had been erected, the ground was in good condition, even if the track was rather hard, and so keen were local citizens to make everyone happy that even the thirsts of working press reporters were remembered.

On the whole the new British runners did well, even if there were no remarkably good times by international standards of to-day. All nine track events and the three races over obstacles were won by Britain, and the times achieved in the full international with France in 1957 were beaten in six of them and equalled in two more. Only in the relays were the times notably worse. In the 4 x 110 yards the baton changing was not nearly as good as that of the Norwegians, who broke their national record but were pipped on the post by faster runners. The sad thing was the poor form shown in field events by all the home athletes except M. R. Lindsay, Ward, and Wilson, who really are full first-team choices. Norway won all four jumps and led by twenty points in the field. Later in the season her runners would have been fitter and probably would have cut the margin of victory considerably.

With Nilsen out of action owing to injury there was nothing to beat in the three shortest races, but it was good to see the dash of D. H. Jones, and Yardley's 48.1sec. at 18 years of age in the 440 yards was the reward for keeping his head like a veteran when others went off too fast. The 880 yards was a fine race. Piercy led out from Rutter and Lundh and reached the bell in 55.2sec. In the back straight he was jumped and it was Rutter who led the Norwegian round the last bend and then came away strongly down the final straight for a personal best time of 1min. 51.2sec. Lundh weakened in the last 50 yards and Piercy caught him with a valiant counter-attack.

Consistency

This was a case where a Norwegian almost certainly was not yet fighting fit, and the mile brought another. Here the two Norwegians led in turn, covering the first lap in 62.4sec., the second in 63.4sec., and the third in 63.2sec. At this pace Winch is much to be feared and he duly won with a personal last lap in 57.7sec. for a total time of 4min. 6.8sec. He is now a most consistent performer in the 4min. 4sec.-4min. 8 sec. group, but has not yet suggested that he will trouble the top class of four-minute milers.

Torgersen ran as well as he has ever done in the three miles and made James do his last lap in 61.7sec. to win in 13min. 38.2sec. Anderson and James shared the donkey work for seven laps. After a first lap in 66sec. they settled down to a steady speed of 68.5sec. per lap for five laps, passing the mile in 4min. 30.2sec. Then Anderson, who has been miling most of this season, began to run out of steam and took 71.5sec. for the seventh lap and 73.5sec. for the eighth (second mile in 4min. 37.6sec.). So James had to take charge, and he steadily improved the pace again with 70.2sec., 69sec., and 68sec. But still the Norwegian hung on and looked comfortable. James began to accelerate sharply from the bell, but it was only in the final straight that he broke his man.

The six miles was run during a hot and heavy half-hour that foretold the thunderstorm which came at the end of the meeting. Nevertheless, Knight went off gaily from the start and North followed him while the two Norwegians pattered along like two honest cross-country journeymen at a respectful and growing distance in the rear. A time of 4min. 35.8sec. for the first mile was almost suicidal in the conditions, and after a second in 4min. 42.2sec. North blew up. He began to make a noise like a grampus as he struggled for breath and looked more and more dehydrated. The Norwegians, half a lap behind, were promptly informed of his condition and a new light came into their eyes and new spring into their stride as they set out after him and finally caught and passed him. Knight himself did not look exactly cheerful, but he kept plugging on even if his mile times grew steadily to 4min. 51.8sec., 4min. 53.2sec., and 5min. 0.2sec. Then he revived a little and ran the last mile in 4min. 57.4sec. for a total of 29min. 0.6sec.

Parker won the high hurdles by inches after Olsen had led all the way until he pecked on landing at the last flight. In the 440 yards hurdles Bryan once more reduced his personal record, this time by a full second, and clearly he is going to earn promotion. He did not appear to worry when Gulbrandsen went off much the faster and he had his reward when he was the stronger in the final straight, drew level at the ninth flight, and then went ahead. Chapman and Herriot took turns in pacemaking in the steeplechase, and Herriot then was strong enough to leave the little group in the last lap. M. R. Lindsay's 57ft. 0½in. with the weight confirmed that he will be an excellent second string in the full international side to Rowe, who was a guest competitor on Saturday and reached 58ft. 8in.—only three inches short of his official British record.

It was Norway, however, who had the real artists in the field events. In the hammer the old champion Strandli threw 199ft. 7¼in., an effort worthy of his distinguished record, but was beaten by his 22-year-old pupil and successor as national record-holder, Krogh. Danielsen has been troubled by a muscle injury and was just beaten by Rasmussen in the javelin, but the pair of them made Smith look feeble and Sale pathetic. The Norwegian high and long jumpers also were much too good for their opponents.

100 YARDS.—1, R. Jones (G.B.), 9.9sec.; 2, N. J. Whitehead (G.B.), 9.9sec.; 3, D. F. Bunaes (Norway), 10.1sec. 4, L. Hansen (Norway), 10.2sec.

220 YARDS.—1, D. H. Jones (G.B.), 21.6sec.; 2, C. F. Bunaes (Norway), 22.1sec.; 3, B. Simonha (G.B.), 22.3sec.; 4, L. Hansen (Norway), 22.5sec.

440 YARDS.—1, H. M. Yardley (G.B.), 48.1sec.; 2, C. Lindsay (G.B.), 48.5sec.; 3, D. Wold (Norway), 49.4sec.; 4, V. Briseid (Norway), 50.1sec.

880 YARDS.—1, P. H. R. Rutter (G.B.), 1min. 51.2sec.; 2, N. R. Piercy (G.B.), 1min. 51.8sec.; 3, O. Lundh (Norway), 1min. 51.9sec.; 4, T. Helland (Norway), 1min. 53.8sec.

MILE.—1, J. Winch (G.B.), 4min. 6.8sec.; 2, A. Hammarsland (Norway), 4min. 7.4sec.; 3, G. W. Goddard (G.B.), 4min. 7.5sec.; 4, A. Stamnes (Norway), 4min. 11sec.

THREE MILES.—1, S. H. James (G.B.), 13min. 38.2sec.; 2, T. Torgersen (Norway), 13min. 40.6sec.; 3, F. Anderson (G.B.), 13min. 51sec.; 4, L. Egge (Norway), 14min. 14.4sec.

SIX MILES.—1, G. Knight (G.B.), 29min. 0.6sec.; 2, O. V. Nedreb (Norway), 29min. 34.8sec.; 3, J. Kjersem (Norway), 30min. 7.2sec.; 4, G. A. North (G.B.), 30min. 13.8sec.

4 x 110 YARDS RELAY.—1, Great Britain (R. Jones, D. H. Jones, Whitehead, Simonha), 43.4sec.; 2, Norway (Saunes, Bunaes, B. Berglund, Marsteen), 42sec. (Norwegian record).

4 x 440 YARDS RELAY.—1, Great Britain (J. W. Mitchell, D. H. Segal, Yardley, Piercy), 3min. 18sec.; 2, Norway (F. Borgen, Wold, Briseid, J. Gulbrandsen), 3min. 20.5sec.

120 YARDS HIGH HURDLES.—1, J. M. Parker (G.B.), 14.7sec.; 2, T. Olsen (Norway), 14.8sec.; 3, R. F. Bryan (G.B.), 14.9sec.; 4, J. Van Rossum (G.B.), 15.3sec.; 4, A. Larsen-Nyhus (Norway), 15.3sec.

440 YARDS HURDLES.—1, T. J. B. Bryan (G.B.), 51.4sec.; 2, J. Gulbrandsen (Norway), 53.4sec.; 3, C. Robinson (G.B.), 54sec.; 4, F. Larsen (Norway), 56.3sec.

3,000 METRES STEEPLECHASE.—1, M. Herriot (G.B.), 8min. 12.2sec.; 2, D. Chapman (G.B.), 9min. 1.2sec.; 3, R. Ness (Norway), 9min. 4.4sec.; 4, R. Dahi (Norway), 9min. 6.2sec.

HIGH JUMP.—1, F. Myhre (Norway), 6ft. 3in.; 2, B. Thorkildsen (Norway, captain), 6ft. 2in.; 3, D. Wilson (G.B.), 6ft. 1in.; 4, M. V. Leary (G.B.), 6ft. 1in.

LONG JUMP.—1, B. Danielsen (Norway), 23ft. 9in.; 2, B. Berglund (Norway), 23ft. 0½in.; 3, J. Morbey (G.B.), 22ft. 9½in.; 4, D. W. Churchill (G.B.), 20ft. 8½in.

TRIPLE JUMP.—1, E. Sale (G.B.), 47ft. 3in.; 2, O. Solbakken (Norway), 46ft. 6½in.; 3, T. Southall (G.B.), 45ft. 8½in.; 4, E. R. Robinson (G.B.), 45ft. 6½in.

POLE VAULT.—1, K. Hovik (Norway), 13ft. 6in.; 2, I. Ward (G.B., captain), 13ft. 3in.; 3, S. R. Porter (G.B.), 12ft. 6in.; 4, H. Fladeboen (Norway), 12ft. 6in.

WEIGHT.—1, M. R. Lindsay (G.B.), 57ft. 0½in.; 2, O. Evjenth (Norway), 51ft. 1½in.; 3, D. Harrison (G.B.), 50ft. 10½in.; 4, E. Hella (Norway), 49ft. 5in.

DISCUS.—1, M. R. Lindsay (G.B.), 167ft. 0½in.; 2, S. Haugen (Norway), 160ft. 10in.; 3, E. A. Cleaver (G.B.), 158ft. 11½in.; 4, R. Haugen (Norway), 148ft. 8½in.

HAMMER.—1, K. Krogh (Norway) 200ft. 11½in.; 2, S. Strandli (G.B.), 199ft. 7¼in.; 3, D. W. J. Anthony (G.B.), 182ft. 6in.; 4, F. Ritchie (G.B.), 173ft. 8½in.

JAVELIN.—1, W. Rasmussen (Norway), 243ft. 11in.; 2, E. Danielsen (Norway), 243ft. 8in.; 3, C. G. Smith (G.B.), 218ft. 9in.; 4, J. R. H. Sale (G.B.), 177ft. 2½in.

Rowing

HEATS PROVIDE EXCITEMENT

There were a number of thrilling finishes in the eliminating races held in connection with Henley Royal Regatta on Saturday.

Both Clare College and the Dublin crew made good efforts in their races in the Ladies' Plate, Clare losing by only two feet and the Irish crew by quarter of a length. For the second successive year, Winchester College were beaten in an eliminating race in the Princess Elizabeth Cup but they put up a splendid race and only lost by four feet to St Paul's School. The closest race of the day was a heat between Westminster and Bryanston schools, the former winning by a foot. Results:

WYFOLD CUP.—Thames beat Reading by 2½ lengths, 8min. 20sec.; First and Third Trinity (Cambridge) beat R.A.F. Medmenham easily, 8min. 26sec.; Maidenhead beat Kensington 3 lengths, 8min. 24sec.; Sidney Sussex beat Exeter College (Oxford) 4 lengths, 8min. 35sec.; Lincoln College (Oxford) beat St Peter's Hall (Oxford) 2½ lengths, 9min. 39sec.; Corpus Christi (Oxford) beat Clare College (Cambridge) 2½ lengths, 8min. 34sec.; Trinity Hall (Cambridge) beat Barclay's Bank 3 lengths, 8min. 31sec.; Clydesdale R.C. beat Queen's College (Oxford) 3½ lengths, 8min. 33sec.

LADIES' PLATE.—Caius College (Cambridge) beat Trinity College (Dublin) 2 lengths, 7min. 24sec.; University College (Oxford) beat Kingston Grammar School, Canterbury, Sandhurst, 2½ lengths, 7min. 38sec.; Corpus Christi (Cambridge) beat Clare College (Cambridge) 2 feet, 7min. 38sec.; Magdalene College (Cambridge) beat Selwyn College (Cambridge) 3½ lengths, 7min. 38sec.

PRINCESS ELIZABETH CUP.—Magdalen College School beat Kingston Grammar School 2½ lengths, 7min. 36sec.; St Paul's School beat Winchester College 4 feet, 7min. 35sec.; Westminster School beat Bryanston School 1 foot, 7min. 34sec.; King's School, Canterbury, beat St George's College, Weybridge, 4 lengths, 7min. 39sec.; Monkton Combe School beat King's School, Peterborough, 3 lengths, 7min. 43sec.; Tiffin School beat Portora Royal School 1½ lengths, 7min. 33sec.

In the Grand Challenge Cup, Fathers of the University have been drawn against London in a preliminary round. The Americans should win that race without much trouble and will then meet Isis, the Oxford University crew that has kept in being since winning this year's Boat Race. It should be the contest of the regatta.

Harvard University, the holder of the Thames Cup, have to meet Crowland, who so far have not shown the same form as last year, while Phillips Academy, United States, meet Thames, and Reading University oppose the Union Club, from Boston, United States.

In the Diamond Sculls S. A. McKenzie, of Australia, has to meet T. S. Allen, of Blyth, while T. Kocerka, of Poland, is drawn in a preliminary heat against R. A. Willis (Sons of the Thames). The American sculler, H. L. Parker, from Philadelphia, meets the winner of the race between N. Wakefield and J. M. Russell, the Wingfield Sculls holder.

Rugby Union

BRITISH ISLES DO WELL

Fitness proves telling

From a Special Correspondent

AUCKLAND, JUNE 27.

The British Isles Rugby Union team removed all doubts about the fitness of at least fifteen of its men when it beat Auckland by three tries and two penalty goals to two goals here to-day.

Injuries had narrowed choice of players to what was in effect almost a shadow Test team, and the visitors and a determined, highly accomplished local side provided 49,000 spectators with a fast and stirring spectacle. The Lions entered this most testing match of their New Zealand tour so far preceded by a reputation for unusual skill and fleetness of foot. Some people here were saying, however, that the visitors had had no chance to condition themselves to the vigorous type of forward play for which New Zealand international and major provincial teams are renowned, and that eighty minutes of hard battling might find them wanting. In the event it was the energetic but lighter Aucklanders who wilted. The Lions were behind at half-time, when the score was 10-6, but they took charge in the second half, and were clearly the fitter and more spirited side at the close.

Thus, the chief conclusion to be drawn from to-day's match is that this touring team is well endowed with the will and capacity to meet New Zealanders on their own uncompromising terms. An ability such as this, allied with artistry of hand and foot that is all their own, will make them powerful opponents in the hard matches that lie ahead. Another point that will have pleased the visitors is that they are having no difficulty over local interpretations of rules.

Dawson rewarded

In the scrums the Lions began by packing noticeably higher than Auckland and most New Zealand teams do, and in consequence seemed not to obtain full advantage of their superior weight. By the second half this apparent weakness had been overcome to the extent that the Lions began to get their full share of possession. Soon, too, they were giving at least as good as they got in loose mauls. Dawson, the visitors' captain, was slightly shaded by his opposing hooker, Morrow, in the overall tally, but he proved an inspiring leader and was rewarded for his tirelessness with a try in the last minute of the game. Dawson's shoulder was jarred in a tackle and may yet prove troublesome. Morgan's speed and intelligence as a wing forward made him outstanding and there was some splendid line-out work by Marques, Williams, and Evans.

If the struggle forward was of absorbing interest of most serious consequence to the visitors' fortunes in the matches ahead that is not to say that all was dourness and muscle. On the contrary, the Lions held good to their promise to play open and attractive Rugby while Auckland were not unwilling so far as prudence would allow to play them at their own game. Auckland's backs stood very shallow on defence, moved quickly to man with ball, and tackled with a single-mindedness that must have unsettled the victims. As a result the Lions found it difficult to penetrate in the movements. As the cover defence of the home wing forwards was good enough to make sure a gap was closed so long as the Lions' backs did not cut out more than one man, the visitors' attack rarely functioned well as a unit.

Mulligan, the replacement scrum half, sent out passes of remarkable speed and accuracy and looked anything but an emergency choice for the position. Scotland, the frail-looking full-back, was neat and tidy in all that he did and punted with great length except when under extreme pressure, and Risman, Price, Hewitt, O'Reilly, and Jackson all had excellent moments without ever seeming to find a truly happy combination.

For the Lions, O'Reilly, Jackson, and Dawson scored tries, and Hewitt kicked two penalty goals. For Auckland Dalzell scored two tries, both of which were converted by Davies.

Cricket

Clark and Constable ease Surrey's anxieties

By Tony Goodridge

A timely and still unfinished stand for the fifth wicket of 46 between Clark and Constable allowed Surrey to finish the first day's play at Guildford on Saturday within 37 runs of Sussex's total of 153.

Rain delayed the start for 25 minutes. Sussex found themselves batting on a green wicket and in a somewhat heavy atmosphere, and their earlier batsmen were quickly in trouble, for few bowlers capitalise on these assets more promptly and efficiently than do A. V. Bedser and Loader. In a very short time Sussex had lost Oakman, Suttle, Lenham and Dexter for 21 runs.

Swetman took a good catch off the inside edge to dismiss Oakman at 2; three runs later Suttle played too soon at Loader, who took a good return catch close to the ground; and at 13 Lenham held a minority view about a second run to Constable, who returned the ball to Swetman and the wicket-keeper cantered quietly to the bowler's end and removed the bails, leaving both Lenham and Dexter in what was by then a very much over-populated crease at the other end. Soon afterwards Dexter chopped a good ball from Loader that came back at him into his wicket.

Fortunately for Sussex, Parks was in both serene and diligent mood and with able, if occasionally uneasy, assistance from Smith, raised the score to 66 at lunch and to 129 before Smith lost his off-stump to a ball that E. A. Bedser turned appreciably. That not only finished a stand that had made 108 good runs but to all intents and purposes ended the Sussex innings for with E. A. Bedser at one end and Laker at the other both flighting the ball well the remaining five batsmen could only muster another 24 runs between them.

Sudden finish

Parks, who had been batting most attractively and had already hit Bedser twice for six was caught on the long-off boundary looking for a third one, and Thomson fell to a catch off the same bowler at silly mid-on, after which Laker finished everything off while another five runs were scored.

Surrey had up to this every reason to be satisfied with themselves but they, too, had a rough passage at the start of their innings. Both James and Thomson bowled with considerable accuracy, and had Sussex held their catches as Surrey had done the latter might not have been able to reach the comparative calmness which they did. At it was, with only fourteen runs scored, Stewart was lbw to James who, five runs later, also had Edrich caught at the wicket while trying to steer rather than play a ball off his off-stump—a bad stroke. May produced a number of thoughtful strokes intermingled with several drives which suggested a long innings but at 56 got an outside edge to Thomson and Foremen took a good catch at second slip after a bit of juggling.

Yet another setback came at 70 for Barrington, who had been batting with no little authority, turned James round the corner and was caught at leg slip. What is more the newly arrived Constable was dropped first by Parks and then by Oakman from a rather more difficult chance. The third time is said to be lucky but so far it has not arrived and Clark and Constable were enabled to continue an efficient partnership for which Surrey may well be grateful.

SUSSEX—First Innings

Lenham, L. J., run out	9	Foreman, D. J., c and b Laker	12
Oakman, A. S., c Swetman b Bedser	2	Thomson, N. I., c Barrington b Bedser	0
Suttle, K. G., c and b Laker	1	Bell, R. V., c Barrington b Loader	3
Dexter, E. R., c Loader b Bedser	9	James, A. E., not out	2
Parks, J. M., c Clark b Bedser	80	Loader, G., c Swetman b Thomson	2
Smith, D. V., b Bedser, E. A.	32	Extras (b 2, nb 1)	3
		Total	153

Rate of scoring: 2.78 an over.

Bowling.—First innings: Loader 15-2-51-2, Bedser, E. A., 18-5-49-1, Laker 16-5-28-3, Bedser, E. A., 6-1-22-3.

SURREY—First Innings

Edrich, J. H., c Parks b James	12	Clark, T. H., not out	31
Stewart, M. J., lbw b James	3	Constable, B., not out	20
Barrington, K. F., b Suttle	5		
Thomson, N. I., c Meyer b Thomson	19	Extras (b 4, lb 2)	6
P. B. H. May, c Foreman b Thomson	19	Total (for 4)	116

Umpires: A. E. Fagg and H. Yarnold.

Cricket

CENTURY BY PULLAR

Other batsmen fail

By David Frost

Rain shortly after five o'clock on Saturday at Old Trafford caused an early end to a calm and uneventful day's cricket during which Pullar made 116 not out and Lancashire reached 212 for 7 against Glamorgan.

Even Pullar's century, skilfully made though it was, was not one that will be long remembered. He took his time about it (three hours and twenty minutes), seemed completely assured, and hardly ever played a ball in any way other than exactly as he intended. He made it look very easy. But there were times when he could safely have made more positive strokes than he did. He appeared determined to take no risks. In the end, certainly, he could say that without his unruffled concentration Lancashire would have been in a bad way, for considerably more than half the runs scored came from him and he is still there to carry on this morning.

Another batsman still to come is Barber, who, after opening the innings with Wharton and making seven in 40 minutes, had the misfortune to be struck on the elbow while padding up to a ball from J. B. Evans. He had to leave the field and did not return. With him and Pullar still to be dismissed Lancashire may yet reach a total more in keeping with an easy wicket and Glamorgan bowling which was not particularly hostile.

Wild hitting

Dyson and Clayton were both out through hitting wildly across straight balls, Hilton was lbw playing no shot at all, and Bond was in for only thirteen minutes before giving a catch to the wicket keeper from the leg side. So that it fell to the old hands—Wharton, Greives, and Washbrook—to keep Pullar company. Of these Wharton played one or two clean shots, notably an off drive for four off J. B. Evans and a powerful pull also for four off the same bowler, but did not seem to be quite in touch. In fact he was dropped by Parkhouse at first slip off Watkins before falling shortly afterwards to that combination.

Grieves likewise was some way short of his best form. He drove J. B. Evans forcefully to the extra cover boundary but, when he had scored 22 he completely mistimed a shot on the leg side and gave an easy catch to Hedges at mid-wicket. Washbrook's timing was sadly awry to start with and then, just when a crisp leg cut had suggested his touch was returning, he swung his bat at a ball he must have thought was outside his leg stump and was given out lbw.

Thus none of the batsmen was dismissed by the skill of the bowlers. It is hardly to be expected nowadays that Woodler and Watkins can hold much terror for good batsmen, and of the others Walker was most erratic in direction, Evans persistently bowled short, and McConnon and Shepherd were scarcely used at all. The bowlers were never really on top, nor were the batsmen, and there was nothing outstanding about the fielding. It was that sort of day.

LANCASHIRE—First Innings

R. W. Barber retd hurt	7	Clayton, G., b Shepherd	9
Wharton, A., c Parks b House	22	Hilton, M. J., lbw b Shepherd	0
Pullar, G., not out	116	Watkins	2
Grieves, K., c Hedges b Evans	22	Higgs, K., not out	2
Washbrook, C., lbw b Wooller	28		
Bond, J. D., c Evans, b Walker	3	Extras (b 2, lb 2, w 2)	6
Dyson, J., c Evans, b Shepherd	4	Total (for 7)	212

Rate of scores (to date): 2.58 an over.

Hilton, C., to bat.

GLAMORGAN.—Parkhouse, W. G. A., Hedges, B., Pressdee, J., Devereux, L. N., Watkins, A. J., Walker, P., W. Wooller, McConnon, J. E., Evans, J. B., Evans, D. D.

Umpires: T. J. Bartley and W. E. Phillipson.

To-day's hours of play: 11 30 to 6 45.

Association Football

ENGLAND TOURS MAY BE CUT

A proposal to curtail summer tours abroad for England international sides was formulated by the Football Association at its summer meeting in Folkestone on Saturday.

In place of the tours one or possibly two international matches abroad for senior and intermediate teams would take place during the English season. Announcing the proposal, J. Mears, chairman of the senior selection committee, said: "We can say that the Football Association is almost sure to get the co-operation of the Football League in altering the present agreement between us. The league will have to go back to the clubs but I cannot see any difficulty there."

The proposal will come before the next joint meeting of the Football Association and Football League in September and if brought into operation it means that after the already scheduled May, 1960, tour to Spain, Hungary, and possibly Italy, no other tour is envisaged until 1964. In World Cup years (the next is in 1962 when four qualifying matches will have to be played) Mears said that it might be necessary to curtail or abandon the home international programme.

In the Olympic Games next summer British amateurs have to qualify with two matches each against the Republic of Ireland and Holland. The games must be played by May 1 next year.

A memorandum regarding the registration as professionals of boys aged 15 to 18, with the possibility of reinstating them as amateurs when they became 18, is to be referred by the F.A. to county associations and affiliated clubs for their observations. Sir Stanley Rous, secretary of the F.A., said: "The whole object of the plan is to try to give clubs security of tenure of a 15 to 17-year-old boy without making him a full professional. It will enable boys to obtain increased playing and coaching facilities without any obligation on his part."

COUNTY CRICKET SCOREBOARD

DERBYSHIRE v. INDIANS

At Chesterfield. Indians need 234 for first-innings lead and have all their wickets in hand.

DERBYSHIRE—First Innings

Swallow, R., b Desai	2	Smith, E., not out	12
Lee, C., c Muddiah b Gupte	71	Rhodes, S. J., b Gupte	8
Kelly, J. M., c Joshi b Desai	3	Berry, R., c Surendra b Gupte	4
Morgan, D. C., c Gupte b Umrigar	14	Smith, D., c Surendra b Umrigar	4
Jackson, H. L., b Surendra Nath	20	Alderman, T. L., c Roy b Umrigar	4
Johnson, H. L., b Surendra	45	Extras (b 1, lb 1, w 2)	4
Dawkes, G. O., run out	54	Total	241

Bowling.—First innings: Desai 21-5-58-2, Surendra Nath 28-11-49-2, Umrigar 23.7-4-44-3, Gupte 25-7-60-3, Muddiah 7-2-20-0, Nadkarni 3-0-6-0.

INDIANS—First Innings

A. L. Apte not out	4		
P. G. Joshi not out	1		
Extras (b 2, w 1)	3		
Total (for 0)	8		

To-day's hours of play: 11 30 to 7.

LEICESTER v. HAMPSHIRE

At Leicester. Leicestershire lead by 2 and have seven first-innings wickets in hand.

HAMPSHIRE—First Innings

Marshall, R. E., c Smith b Savage	55	Harrison, L., b Van Geloven	2
Gray, N., b Van Geloven	30	Wheatley, A., b Smith	9
Horton, H., c Revill b Van Geloven	8	Shackleton, D., b