

REPORTS

RUGGER

(Bedford)

1st XV:

- v Wigston O.B. Lost. 0-6.
- v Queens Works. Lost 3-5.
- v Wellingborough O.G. Lost 5-25.
- v Wolverton. Won 3-0.

"A" XV:

- v Athletic 6th. Lost 0-14.
- v Bacavians (Stev.) "B". Lost 0-11.

Travelling with a depleted side to Leicester, the Works did well to hold Wigston to two scores, Wigston visit us in April, however, and we are confident of reversing the result. Although having 80 per cent. of the play and territorial advantage, we lost 3-5 away to our old rivals Queens Works. The forwards played with bags of fire and more than held their own. However, the winning score eluded us when on half a dozen occasions a score seemed likely. The losing trend continued against Wellingborough (always one of our strongest fixtures), but was reversed with a scrappy but welcome win against Wolverton.

The "A" are now playing regularly and lost both their matches. This was mainly due, however, to playing short. The makings of a good side are there and we hope that next season we will see a first class "A" team.

J. KINSELLA.

CRICKET

Bedford

Practice is now well under way and the first game only just around the corner. It is our pious hope that the players run into form early!

Without boring you, may we again appeal for new blood to cover our forward needs? It is not a question of not running smoothly or effectively but, to keep three elevens on the field every week and throughout the season (and for subsequent seasons) calls for an influx of younger talent in order that BHI may keep up its standards.

Cyril Catherall begins his first full season with us—last year he only played in Hospital Cup games. We only hope

that he will bat as well for us as he did against us when playing in the Bedford-Chester matches!

D. ROBINSON,

Hon. Secretary.

MOTORING CLUB

BHI (Bedford) motoring club is collaborating with other clubs in the town to provide yet another interesting event in the car driver's calendar.

Following the success of last year's rally a repeat effort has been arranged to take place on 23rd-24th May. It will travel over approximately 180 miles of good road with a half-way break of one hour.

An entry fee of 10s. with team entry fee of 6s. is being levied. Further details may be obtained from L. R. Grigg, Clutch Department.

Volunteers for the club who would like to have a go at marshalling should contact D. R. Barclay of the Test Bay.

L. R. GRIGG,

Hon. Secretary.

SOCCER

Bedford

On 29th February we met Woburn and Crawley Athletic away on a very muddy pitch. Almost immediately after the kick-off our opponents scored but undeterred, BHI through R. Deverell, followed suit from the resulting centre. Shortly after we were leading 3-1 thanks to a couple of well taken goals by V. Foley. In the second half we went still further ahead with a goal from R. Deverell. Just before the end Woburn netted their number two but R. Summerfield put in another for us to win by 5-2.

We met Goldington Road Y.C. on 14th March and very quickly found we were two goals in the red. Despite our efforts at fighting back, it just wasn't our day and we ran out losers by 6-3. T. Summerfield, A. Jakins and D. Sinclair each netted for us.

Flitwick were our opponents on the following Saturday, but our team failed to settle down on the small pitch. Very soon we were on the losing side and the final whistle saw us losing by six goals to nil.

H. GOODMAN.

in brief—news and nonsense

They Won!

Bedford

We mentioned in last month's issue that Sergeant Johnnie Martin (Stock Despatch) was one of a team of four representing Bedford Borough in a county special constabulary quiz. They met Leighton Buzzard in the semi-final on 19th March, and defeated them by 50 points to 45 so it is now heigh-ho! for the final.

Definition—ECONOMY—A form of thrift that's easier to practise when you're broke.

"Intercom" for China

Bedford

A letter just received signed "Fang Kao-Ten" asks that we should send a copy of INTERCOM each month to the Institute of Scientific and Technical Information of China in Peking.

Definition—FILM STUNT MAN—String of perils.

Another BHI Record!

In the Bedford area telephone directory are over 57,000 names and the very last name of all, on the last page, is that of a gentleman who works at BHI—K. B. Zych.

Definition—FOOTBALL RESULTS—Here we err again.

Three Typists Go Astray

Bedford

Three parcels arriving at the works bore labels reading clearly as under:

- (1) BROOKFIRST IGRANIC—it came from Aylesbury.
- (2) MESSRS. BARON HIRST ISRAIL—it came from Oxford.
- (3) BROOKHURST DYNAMIETTED—it came from Esher.

Definition—FROZEN FOODS—The best you ever thaw.

FLASHBACK TO 1942

Clearing out a drawer the other day, Louis Claridge (Sales) came across a notice which we reproduce below:

INVASION.

In the event of invasion, normal production will continue as long as possible, but priority over everything must be given to repelling the enemy. Civilians will be required for any duties which can reasonably undertake other than fighting.

The Bedford and Kempston Invasion Committees have decided to obtain the labour required for these duties through this firm and others in the district, and we have been requested to organise NOW. Civil Defence Workers and Home Guard will receive their orders from their authorities. All others available for duty, both male and female, may be required to perform tasks which are listed on the form attached. Please put a X against the job you feel you can best perform. The fact that you have put a X against a particular job will not necessarily guarantee that you will be given that work to do—it may be that you will have to be put on something else. When these forms are returned, you will be allocated for duty in a definite organised squad.

Bear in mind that if invasion occurs, and Defence Regulation 84AA operates you will be under compulsion to perform these duties under heavy penalties, so that organisation now is essential.

This Form is to be returned to us by May 15th, 1942.

If the enemy lands in England and we are to repel him, it is essential that EVERYONE MUST DO SOMETHING USEFUL. DO NOT LURK AT HOME wondering what is happening. Come immediately to the firm for your instructions. Your dependants should remain at home or with friends or relatives in the immediate vicinity until such time as you receive instructions from the authorities.