

# YOUR BACKS DID IT, CHARLTON



Stephenson.

By G. W. CHISHOLM

Charlton 1, Chelsea 0

**S**ORT of Charlse-a-Chel-ton game. Entwined in a grim struggle. Difficult to separate them. Dividing line was a beautiful—yes, there are some beautiful strokes in Soccer as well as in cricket—goal headed by Wilkinson from a long, curling centre from Hobbis.

Did I say grim? Well, tough you know. Fair, honest-to-goodness stuff. Full tilt all the time. Charlton better first half. Chelsea coming along steadily in the second.

Until ten minutes from the end. Then a Chelsea mishap. Mills, centre forward, was carried off. Cracked a bone somewhere in the right ankle region, it is feared. He was taken to hospital and may not play again this season.

Soundness of Charlton's defence won the day. The more solid team, I thought, and just worthy of hard-won victory. But they did have a lucky escape fifteen minutes from the end.

## 50,000 Can't Be Wrong

Fifty thousand people can't all be wrong. And 50,000 people claim to have seen a penalty incident which the referee didn't. Mills was almost through when he was jerked back nearly two yards by a fierce tug at his left arm.

I am sure it would have been a goal. And I am equally sure it should have been a penalty to Chelsea. But there you are.

Turner and John Oakes big men of the match. And those young wing halves, Ford and H. Green, are definitely worth while.

But for the real football art give me Stephen-son. Played a brainy game at inside left. Sort of intellectual stuff Charlton need at this vital stage.

## Not a Centre

Need a centre forward, too. For Welsh is definitely not. Forwards can play half back, half backs can seldom play forward. Especially centre forward.

Gibson looked as though he was going to be good for Chelsea. In the end not so good. Inside forwards never got going. Hence Chelsea lost, because that was the key to the game.

Newcomer on the Chelsea left wing. Smale, signed three weeks ago from Kingstonian, had a big test against Turner. Smale and small, but he's perky, nippy and cool. I believe Charlton once turned him down because he was too small. But he may make the top grade yet.

## TANDEM RECORD BID FAILS

L. Innes and W. A. Thompson retired at Easingwold, Yorkshire, yesterday in their attempt on the Edinburgh-London tandem cycling record after riding 170 miles in just under nine hours.

# OUR CHANCE IN CORONATION "ICE" CONTESTS

By LOU BATES

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**I**F one is to judge from the large number of letters I have received inquiring about the forthcoming Coronation series, to be held in Toronto, Canada, exceptional interest is being shown in this great international series.

Many supporters have written and asked me how I think that the local representatives will fare in this competition. The answer is problematical.

For the first time an English team will have to surmount the varied obstacles that the touring teams from the Dominion have in the past been asked to overcome.

The success of the team that wins out in the League in this country and thus earns the right to travel to Canada as the colour bearers of the National League, depends on how quickly it adapts itself to the new surroundings.

## Helped by Hard Work

In favour of the team that travels to Canada will be the fact that the ultimate winners will have been through one of the hardest season's play that I can recall.

This will help the team survive the strenuous play that is sure to be on view at Toronto.

It is my candid opinion that the English representatives will be the winners of this series—but only after a great struggle.

It may be assumed that Canada will have the strongest team at her disposal in readiness for the competition, as they have many old scores to settle with the team from this country.

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