

KEVIN IN THE SWIM —IT'S A SELL-OUT

WELSH swimming fans can see Kevin Berry, 18, the world's No. 1 butterfly exponent, tomorrow — thanks to a smart piece of work by officials of the Wales Empire Pool, Cardiff, writes Tom Lyons.

They read in the newspapers last weekend that Berry, currently touring Europe with the Australians, would be staying in England for a few months after his team-mates had gone home.

So Alex Bates, livewire manager of the famous Empire Pool, swooped and persuaded Berry to hurry back from Sweden today to appear at the Cardiff civic championships tomorrow.

Besieged

Normally, only a handful of sympathetic parents and relatives attend the championships.

But since the announcement that Berry, 200 metres world record-holder, will be swimming, the box-office has been besieged for tickets.

Instead of a couple of hundred fans, officials now expect a sell-out of all 1,722 seats.

Said Mr. Burgess: "It just shows the pulling-power of a star-name. These days the public want to see only the best—and that's what we have always tried to give them at Cardiff."

Record Bid

Berry, who hails from Melbourne, hopes to do Britain's fastest ever butterfly swim over 220 yards tomorrow.

Scot Ian Black, now retired from swimming, holds the British record with 2m. 14.7s. . . but the flying Berry equalled that time in the Great Britain-Australia match at the Seymour Baths, London, last Saturday.



STAN'S HAT-TRICK

Footballer of the Year Stanley Matthews, who has won dozens of England "caps," got another one yesterday. It was presented to him by the airline who flew Stan and his Stoke team-mates out to Tel Aviv for the match there against Israel tomorrow. And it seems to have given maestro Matthews quite a laugh!

Hunt's record goal saves Newport

Newport County 1, Oxford United 0
RALPH HUNT, Soccer's Happy Wanderer—he has been with seven League clubs—headed his twenty-eighth goal of the season last night to set up a post-war scoring record for Newport.

Hunt's goal—from a cross from right winger Granville Smith on the stroke of half-time—was also one of the most important he has ever scored.

It saved Newport from having to apply for League re-election.

They finish fifth from bottom of the Fourth Division with 39 points—the same as Chester, but Newport have a slightly better goal average.

Hardly the right recommendation for the fabulous European Cup Winners' Cup tournament, in which Newport represent Wales next season, if they beat tiny Borough United in the Welsh Cup Final next week.

By PETER INGALL
Birmingham 3, A. Villa 1
WELSH international Ken Leek inspired Birmingham in this League Cup Final first-leg match at St. Andrews last night.

He scored twice to help Birmingham to a two-goal advantage for the second leg at Villa Park on Monday.

Leek's first goal came in the 15th-minute, when he sidefooted the ball home to finish off a good Jimmy Harris-Bertie Auld move.

Then after centre-forward Bobby Thomson had equalised a minute before the interval, Leek burst through Villa's hesitant defence to score No. 2.

This was in the 51st-minute, and Birmingham were on the way to a well-deserved victory.

All told, it was a creditable performance by the Blues, who played with more zest and fire than in recent League matches.

An injury to inside right

Leek blasts Villa

Jimmy Bloomfield only spurred them to greater effort.

Until he was hurt in the twenty-third minute, Bloomfield played well.

And he was still able to show one flash of brilliance when he scored a great sixty-fifth-minute goal.

But the real Birmingham hero was centre forward Jimmy Harris.

Chased

He chased and harassed the Villa defenders and had the satisfaction of seeing his hard work rewarded when he made the final vital passes for the three goals.

Harris's only black mark was when he was booked, along with Villa right back

Cammie Fraser, following a silly incident.

He was unlucky not to score with three heading attempts, only wonderful saves by goalkeeper Nigel Sims barring the way.

Had it not been for Sims, Villa would have been in greater trouble—so eager

for goals were the hard-working Birmingham forwards.

Villa were a big disappointment. Their forwards rarely offered threat to brilliant centre half Trevor Smith and his co-defenders.

Their defence was uncertain and hesitant. They will have to tighten up all round when the teams meet again.

If not, the cup is as good as Birmingham's right now.

RESULTS AND SCORERS

LEAGUE CUP FINAL.—1st Leg: Birmingham 3 (Leek 2, Bloomfield), A. Villa 1 (Thomson). H.T. 1-1. Att. 11,651.
THIRD DIVISION.—Carlisle 2 (Kirkup 2), Wrexham 1 (Colbridge). H.T. 2-0. Att. 3,092.
FOURTH DIVISION.—Brentford 4 (Pleading 2, Hales, Brown, O.R.), Workington 3 (Howes, Martin, Carr). H.T. 4-0. Att. 13,150.
Newport 1 (Hunt), Oxford Utd. 0. H.T. 1-0. Att. 3,442.
ROCHDALE 2 (Wragg, Cairns), Tranmere 0. H.T. 0-0. 2,425.
MIDLAND LEAGUE.—Div. 1: Macclesfield 3, Yewley 2.
MIDLAND LEAGUE.—Denaby 0, Bourne 0; Gooles 0, Elkeston 0.
TOUR MATCH (Erfurt, Near East Berlin).—Erfurt 3, Plymouth 2.

ANOTHER SCOT SIGNS FOR IPSWICH

IPSWICH yesterday signed John Colrain, the 26-year-old Clyde inside forward, for £5,000.

Colrain, who joined Clyde from Celtic two years ago, can play in any forward position and has a powerful shot.

On Tuesday, Ipswich went north of the border and signed Raith goalkeeper Jim Thornburn, also for £5,000.

LINCOLN CITY have placed five players on the transfer list. They are full back Ray Barnard, half backs Freddy Middleton and Keith Haines, and forwards Terry Kelly and Ken Barrett.

BRISTOL ROVERS RETAIN MILLION AND WILLIAMS

GOALKEEPER Esmond Million and inside forward Keith Williams, suspended by Bristol Rovers over bribery allegations, have been retained on minimum terms of £14 a week for next season.

Rovers' manager Bert Tann said last night: "We consulted the Football

League for guidance, and they advised this course." Neither player will receive any wages, however, while under suspension.

Rovers give five players free transfers—wing half Mickey Slocombe, wingers Graham Muxworthy and Jim Humes, and centre forward Hewie Ryden and full back Vic Gardner.

Gordon Turner, former skipper John Groves, and Terry Kelly are among seven players offered minimum terms by Luton, relegated to the Third Division.

The others are Danny Clapton, former Arsenal and England winger, Ron Cope, Brendan McNally, and Jack Lornie.

Turner said last night: "This has come as a shock. I cannot see myself staying with the Town for £14 a week."

BARNES, BELL FOR ENGLAND

Chester Barnes and Lesley Bell, the brilliant sixteen-year-old Essex table tennis youngsters, are in the England team to play in the European junior tournament at Duisburg, West Germany, from July 6-11.

* SPORTS SUMMARY *

LAWN TENNIS WORCESTERSHIRE CHAMPIONSHIPS (Malvern).—Men's Singles, quarter-finals: I. Crookenden (N. Zealand) bt F. McMillan (S. Africa) 6-4, 6-4; A. Bey (Rhodesia) bt C. Zeeman (S. Africa) 6-6, 6-0; D. Stilwell (Rhodesia), bt K. Carpenter 6-8, 6-2, 6-2; T. Ryan (S. Africa) bt D. Phillips (S. Africa) 6-8, 6-4, 6-0.
Women's Singles, quarter-finals: C. Rosser bt V. Dennis 6-1, 3-6, 6-1; C. Rigby (S. Africa) bt A. Barclay 3-6, 7-6, 6-1; U. Sanduit (Sweden) bt M. Greenwood 1-6,

12-10, 8-6; P. Watermeyer (S. Africa) bt S. Hannah 6-3, 6-4.
GOLF GOR-RAY ASSISTANTS CHAMPIONSHIP (Hartshorne, Kerts).—Leading Aggregate Score with Final Round Totals: 282-5. Will (Walton Heath) 71; G. Hunt (Hartshorne) 72; 285-A. Grubb (Coombe Hill) 72; 286-R. Foreman (Bellairs) 70; 287-M. Gresson (Moor Park) 69; 288-D. Crak (Hertley), 69; 289-G. Caygill (Panmal), 68; 291-J. McAlister (Enfield), 73; M. Moir (Royal Aberdeen), 73; 292-J. Collins (Sandy Lodge) 70.

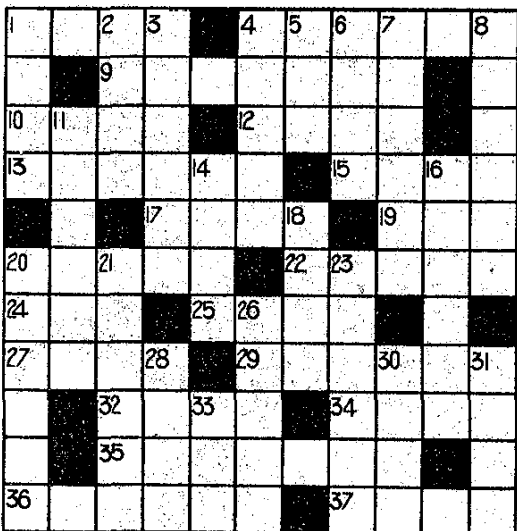
By TOM LYONS

Only 3,442 fans turned out last night to watch this drab unimaginative game. Oxford were on top in the first half, but ruined good approach work by bad finishing.

Inside-left Hunt, who has been top scorer with four of his seven clubs, was Newport's most dangerous forward.

ATHLETICS INTERNATIONAL MEETING (Nantes, near Paris)—4,000 metres: 1. M. Turner (GB) 8m. 20.2s. 110 metres hurdles: 1. L. Tait (GB) 14.8s. 1,500 metres: 1. M. Jazy (France) 3m. 51.9s. 2. J. Whetton (GB) 3-54.7. 100 metres: 1. O. Cassel (U.S.) 10.6s.; 3. L. Charter (GB) 10.7. Pole Vault: 1. D. Tork (U.S.) 13ft. 4in.; 5. M. Higdon (GB) 13-1.

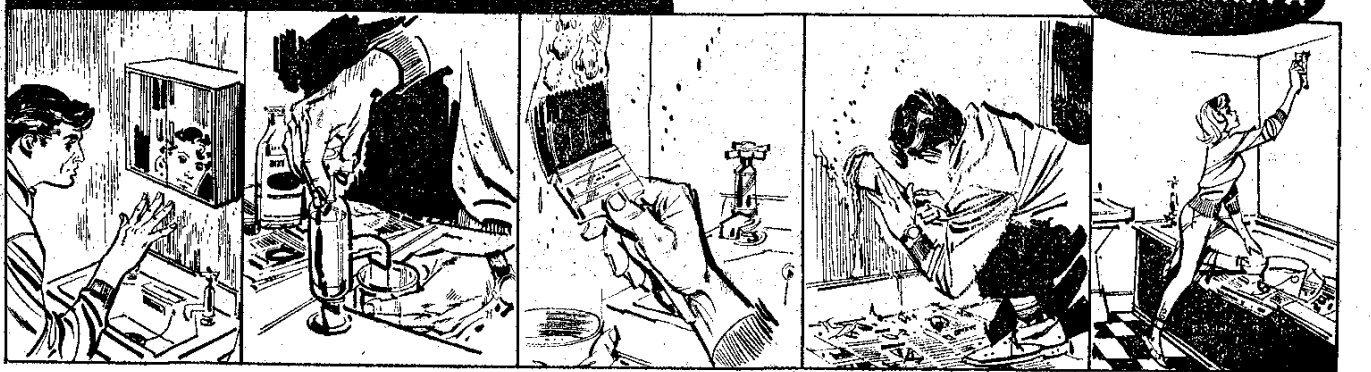
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ACROSS
1. Small barrels (4)
2. Fault (6)
3. Reclaim (7)
4. Welfare (4)
5. Stage king (4)
6. Swarm over (6)
7. Underdone (4)
8. Container (4)
9. Infusion (3)
10. Transports (5)
11. Modify (5)
12. Past (3)
13. Healthy (4)
14. Plant part (4)
15. Reciprocate (6)
16. Tie up (4)
17. Bet (4)
18. Irregular (7)
19. Used as mount (6)
20. Spoils (4)
21. Bird (4)
22. German count (4)
23. Pick (6)
24. Dullards (5)
25. Woman (3)
26. Be afraid (4)
27. Mistakes (6)
28. Menace (6)
29. Take up (6)
30. Window frame (4)
31. Account (6)
32. Vegetable (4)
33. Visitor (6)
34. Wandered (8)
35. Small point (6)
36. Scottish island (5)
37. Crossing (4)
38. Uncommonly (4)
39. Scottish (4)
40. Adjacent (4)
41. Mineral (3)

YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION
ACROSS.—6. Anne of Cleves; 8. Ispin; 9. Stone; 10. Idol; 12. Har; 14. Jonah; 15. Eleven; 16. Mars; 17. Table; 21. Piccolo; 22. James Swart.
DOWN.—1. Antigone; 2. Poppy; 3. Scent; 4. Messiah; 5. Veto; 6. Archi; 7. Peter Scott; 11. Dory; 12. Hat; 13. Dragoman; 14. Jezebel; 17. Spasm; 18. Screw (5th, 3rd and 1st letters of 1st word, 4th and 2nd letters of 2nd word); 20. Boat.

SATURDAY'S POLY-DAY HINTS Stripping emulsion paints with POLYSTRIPPA



- 1 Old dirty emulsion paint or oilbound distemper on walls or ceilings should be stripped off before repainting.
- 2 It's not such a big job when you use POLYSTRIPPA diluted—2 parts POLYSTRIPPA, 1 part water. Cheaper too!
- 3 Dab it on with a brush, tackling a small area at a time. It goes 4 times as far as ordinary strippers and gives deeper penetration.
- 4 Leave for 2-5 minutes, then strip off softened paint with a stripping knife. See how quickly it comes away!
- 5 Wash over the bare surface with water and allow to dry before redecorating.