### Observing Sports

By George Maskin Legion 9

# Britons Love Their Sports

It's all behind now ... a whirlwind trip to London and the area in the close proximity to the British capital.

From Detroit Metro to London, it was something like 6% hours. It amazes you how the pilot can forecast almost to the moment how long it will take him ... even before he has lifted his 249 passengers into the skies.

The homeward swing takes longer ... almost three hours more and it doesn't help that from your original departure of 5 p.m. (London time), you finally get off some nine hours later and return to the home port in the early hours of the ayem ... after you were supposed to be home around \$ p.m. the night before.

Notwithstanding, it was a trip you won't soon forget.

forget.

Some vivid memories and changes mark your return to London after a quarter of a century's absence.

absence.

The London of today shows few of the scars you saw during World War II days. All of the bombed-out areas now have given way to new buildings . including skyscrapers, something many Londoners don't appreciate.

The lights blaze, a far contrast to all those blackout nights you remember in the early '40s.

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The girls shine in dress that resembles their American sisters. The drab-looking women you saw around London have vanished ... so have the carless streets. The London traffic jams now match anything we know in Detroit or New York or Los Angeles.

PERHAPS THE MOMENT I'll remember most about last week in London came on Saturday when via train and bus we journeyed to Henley on the Thames to see the annual crew-racing regatta which gains world-wide attention.

There I was on the press launch in the middle of the Thames as a crew of eight youngsters and their coxswain from Washington and Lee High School in Virginia roared down to win over a rival from England.

event.

I sat there and marveled at how different
the British fans were. They applauded politely, but seldom cheered.
Once when Mrs. Jones became involved in a
hectic rally with Mrs. Court, the fans shouted
a little.

a little.

The match umpire cautioned one and all not to make any noise during the heat of combat. That's the way the British fans are.

Even a bad call against Mrs. Jones didn't bring any jeers. Nor did the fans heckle Mrs. Court when she became upset over a decision. Imagine that happening at a baseball game at Tiger Stadium.

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The week in London also was featured by an international cricket match. But after the teams battled for five days, the action was called off and it was ruled neither side had

won. I sought out from several Londoners what cricket was all about. I returned home still in a dither about how the game is played, but when a batter socks the ball over the barrier, he does get six runs instantly and he doesn't have to run around the bases . . or, in cricket, between the sticks.

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THE AMERICAN CAN DO well in England, considering that the difference between our money and their no the office of the considering that the difference between our money and their no the stift of the considering that the considering that the considering that around \$4.80 in American money.

Another thing, prices are pretty low . compared to what we have in the states. You can get a swell dinner for around \$4... and that includes all the 'trimmings.

Clothing costs less . . . and so do a lot of other things . . . at least, so my wife felt as she loaded up with a flock of bundles for the trip back home.

I might add that the British are truly sports minded. Their sports pages are jammed with what's going on . . especially with horse-racing and cricket stories.

When Ann Jones won the Wimbledon, she landed No. Judy on the first news page of all the page of the complete of the conformal completed to often of lang our Tigers haven't accomplished to often of lang our Tigers haven't accomplished to often of lang our Tigers haven't accomplished to often of Bates and our pocket-book a lot lighter. But it was all worth while.

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afford to lose to hard-hitting Blue Lewis.

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Although he has won 29 out of 31 pro bouts and has been ranked among the top heavyweight title contenders for the past two years — be is currently No. 6 was the summer of the contenders for the past two first of the summer of the su

Many champion egitation riders along with their outstanding Morgan horses will be featured at the 17th annual Michigan All-Morgan Horse Show at
the State Fair Colliseum, Saturday and Sunday, July 12 and 13.

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jawa sacrifice.

BOB THEISEN hurled the vic-tory for Farmington in the se-cond game.

Ross Patton provided a two-run hit and also scored once with a single. Thiesen helped his own cause by singling in a pair of runs.

Other entries from Observer-land come from the Green Hills Farm in Farmington where Wal-ter Carroli has three Morgans to be shown, Charles Adams, Farmington, will show Kennye Irish Barby, Francis "Rag" Laktose who trains from Wal-ter Carroli, will do much of the showing. The show will have over 30 The show many states,

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the Farmington team with a
2-7 record entering a July 4
weekend break.

Mott scored two runs in the third and one in the fifth to take the opener despite the fact Farmington staged a late come-

In the sixth, Mark Kujawa singled home Jay Hazelroth. Then in the seventh Pat Hurley singled and scored on a Ku-

Against Troy, Farmington managed only two hits and was quickly blasted out of contention when Bill Manger drilled a homer with three mates abourd in the first inning.

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