

BRUCE WOODCOCK

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In the unfamiliar company of sporting celebrities, Health Minister Aneurin Bevan accepted the invitation of Sporting Record to present to Bruce Woodcock a trophy awarded him as the top Sportsman of the Year. Sydney Wooderson was elected by Sporting Record readers runner-up. Kay Stammers was there; so were Freddie Mills and Manager Broadribb; Tommy Walker, of Chelsea; that prince of flyweights Jimmie Wilde; cartoonist Tom Webster, with Francis Day and Manager Broadribb; Tommy Walker, of Chelsea, that prince of flyweights Jimmie Wilde. Bruce Woodcock himself chatted with Kathrine Ryan and Stewart Granger. All present were top-notchers in sport or entertainment. Cartoonist Tom Webster had a word with Francis Day. To the winner and runner-up of the Sporting Record poll, well deserved tribute was paid by ^{Mr} Aneurin Bevan. ^{records'}

Pray silence for Mr. Michael

Chairman

LV. MR. N. Wardell of the Sporting Record.

I am delighted to welcome so many distinguished representatives of British sports who are here to witness the presentation of the Sporting Record trophy to Bruce Woodcock, the sportsman of the year 1946. The award is a vote of confidence in Bruce Woodcock and a symbol of the hopes and good wishes of the public which he will carry with him in his coming battles.

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SV I know that I speak for everyone present when I say how very grateful we are to Mr. Bevan (applause, Bevan rises) Speaks:

"Mr. Wardell, My Lords Ladies and Gentlemen, I am here this evening not in my capacity as a warrior in a different kind of arena, but as Minister of Health, I too congratulate two people who have won the esteem of the nation for their prowess, but not only for their prowess because men succeed in winning the admiration of their fellows not alone for their prowess.

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SCU.....world are usually modest of demeanour and of good character, and are also gentle. [I think we have here two people here this evening who have not only shown great physical prowess but at the same time have all the best qualities of the best kind of sportsman (Pan to Woodcock) and therefore I must heartily congratulate them on their accomplishments] - as Minister of Health, of course - (Pan back to Bevan) I am deeply concerned of the health and fitness of the population as a whole, and therefore I heartily felicitate the Sporting Record on this event; but I would like to take (Lens change - no picture)

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Sport does not consist of 60,000 spectators, catching influenza looking at 30 chaps having a game. It consists in the active participation in the sport itself. And I think there is - and I think most people will agree with me - there istendency to emphasise the spectator part of the sporting life of our nation and too little to active participation, in the sport itself.

I therefore would urge the youth of the nation to give far more attention than they do not only not to study other people's form but to acquiring good form themselves. It is therefore with the utmost pleasure that I present this trophy to Mr. Woodcock, and hope that when he will return with the championship (applause)

Bevan gives Woodcock cup

SV Woodcock speaks - Ladies and Gentlemen, I want to thank you very much for the very great honour. I assure I would have been yards behind Sydney Wooderson in the vote as I thought I was. Anyway I wish him the best of luck, and I think he should have had it rather than me. Anyway, I would like to saythe best wishes of the public in attempting to gain the world championship for England. Thank you very much. (Woodcock sits down amidst applause)

SCU Sydney Wooderson (applause) - I would like to congratulate Bruce Woodcock very heartily on being the sportsman of the year - an honour which I know he well deserves. I should like to wish him well in his future fights (applause - Wooderson sits down amidst applause)