

SPORTSMAN OF THE YEAR PRESENTATION

March 23, 1953

Guests: General

The Rt. Hon. Aneurin Bevan M.P.

The Earl Howe, C.B.E.

Major General the Rt. Hon. Viscount Bridgeman,
C.B., D.S.O., M.C.

The Rt. Hon. Lord Moran

The Hon. Sir Thomas White, K.B.E., D.F.C., V.D.
High Commissioner for Australia

The Rt. Hon. H.A. Marquand M.P.

The Rt. Hon. Lord Justice Morris, P.C., C.B.E.,
M.C., LL. D.

Sir Wavell Wakefield M.P.

The Rt. Hon. P.J. Noel-Baker M.P.

Sir Leslie Bowker, K.C.V.O., O.B.E.

R.M. Howe, C.V.O., M.C. (Asst. Commissioner
Metropolitan Police)

Lt. Col. Sir Ronald Ross, Bt., M.C.
(Agent for Ulster Govt.)

Sir George Thomas Bt.

Sir Clarence Sadd, C.B.E.

Sir Adolphe Abrahams, O.B.E.

Rt. Hon. Sir Sidney Abrahams, Q.C.

Sir Harry Brittain, K.B.E., C.M.G., D.L.

Hon. J.M. Tully (Agent-Gen., N.S.W.)

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+ 10
3 1/2
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15/100
10/2
100

15/100 x 2 1/2

3
1/8
10/2
+ 10/5

1/2

1/6

Guests: B.B.C.

Kenneth Adam (Head of Light Programme)

Charles Max-Muller (Head of Outside Broadcasts)

Peter Dimmock

Geoffrey Peck

Raymond Glendenning

Rex Alston

Henry Riddell

Raymond Baxter

Berkeley Smith

Michael Henderson

Eamonn Andrews

Gilbert Harding

Charlie Chester

Cardew Robinson

Donald Peers

Jack Hylton

with Film star

Joan Collins

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Sports Personalities:

CRICKET:

\ Fred Trueman (Yorkshire)
\ Denis Compton
\ Alec Bedser
\ Eric Bedser
Godfrey Evans
Jim Sims (Middlesex)
Doug Insole (Essex Capt.)
Jim Laker (Surrey)
Peter May (Surrey)
Stuart Surridge (Surrey Capt.)
\ Brian Close (Yorks)
* Herbert Sutcliffe (Yorks).
Jack Young (Middlesex)
\ Alf Gover
\ Jack Hobbs
D.R. Jardine
R.W.V. Robins
George Duckworth
G.O. Allen
L.E.G. Ames
Ronald Aird (M.C.C. Sec.)
S.C. Griffith (Asst. Sec. M.C.C.)
Sir Pelham Warner, M.B.E.

FOOTBALL:

Nat Lofthouse (Bolton)
Wally Barnes (Arsenal)
Sam Bartram (Charlton)
Alf Ramsey ('Spurs)
Charlie Mitten (Fulham)
Peter Farrell (Everton Capt.)
Jim Lewis (Walthamstow Ave.,)
Willie Moir (Bolton Capt.)
\ Ted Drake (Chelsea)
\ Arthur Rowe ('Spurs Manager)
\ Bill Ridding (Bolton Manager)
James Seed (Charlton Sec.)
Alec Stock (Orient Sec.)
T.J. Whittaker, M.B.E. (Arsenal Sec.)
E.B.A. Fenton (West Ham Sec.)

FOOTBALL (cont.)

Arthur Drewry, J.P. (F.A.)
Sir Stanley Rous, C.B.E.
Charles Buchan

ATHLETICS:

Roger Bannister
Chris Chataway
Shirley Cawley (Olympics Bronze Medal)
Valerie Ball
Sylvia Cheeseman (Olympics Bronze Medal)
Jean Desforges
John Disley
Geoffrey Dyson (A.A.A. chief Coach)
Maureen Dyson
June Foulds (Olympics Bronze Medal)
Sheila Lerwill (Olympics Silver Medal)
John Parlett
John Savidge
Mrs. Dorothy Tyler
McDonald Bailey
Harold Abrahams
Jack Crump
K.S. Duncan, M.B.E.

BOXING:

Sammy McCarthy
Terry Allen
Johnny Williams
Joe Lucy
Freddie Mills
Jack Solomons
Jack King
W. Barrington-Dalby
J. Onslow Fane (B.B.B. of Control)
E.J. Waltham (B.B.B. of Control)

MOTOR RACING:

Sydney Allard
Stirling Moss
Geoff Duke, O.B.E. (*Last year's*)

HOCKEY:

Derek M. Day
D.O. Light

RUGBY:

N.M. Hall
C.E. Winn (England Capt.)

GOLF:

Jacqueline Gordon
Dai Rees

SWIMMING:

Daphne Wilkinson
Helen Yate

SNOOKER:

Fred Davis

ICE-HOCKEY:

Arthur Green

SQUASH:

Mahmoud Abdel Kerim

TENNIS:

Geoffrey Paish

SPEEDWAY:

Norman Parker
Tommy Price

SHOW-JUMPING:

Pat Smythe

SKATING:

John Nicks) World Pairs
Jennifer Nicks) Champions
Yvonne Sugden
Valda Osborne

CYCLING:

Eileen Sheridan
Ken Joy

FENCING:

Raymond Paul
Mary Glen Haig

but this has had little effect on his cricket, a tribute to his courage and adaptability.

His record is a triumphant story. Len Hutton is a player with a beautiful style, a versatile and classic batsman, determined and expert; with all this he possesses a firmness and charm which has won the admiration of all sport lovers.

Like all great sportsmen, Len Hutton is modest and unassuming. He possesses tactical skill and judgment, and given the right men to use as he deems fit, affords England a promising chance of carrying off the "Ashes" this Coronation summer.

Engraved medallions are presented to the twelve leaders in the ballot: details of these awards for 1951 and 1952 are:

1951

GEOFFREY DUKE	RANDOLPH TURPIN
REG HARRIS	BILLY LIDDELL
BILLY WRIGHT	LEN HUTTON
ROGER BANNISTER	DENIS COMPTON
STANLEY MATTHEWS	STIRLING MOSS
HARRY LLEWELLYN	GORDON RICHARDS

1952

LEN HUTTON	RANDOLPH TURPIN
HARRY LLEWELLYN	BILLY WRIGHT
JEANNETTE ALTWEGG	NAT LOFTHOUSE
GEOFFREY DUKE	EILEEN SHERIDAN
REG HARRIS	BILLY LIDDELL
FREDDIE TRUEMAN	STIRLING MOSS

Sporting Record's ballot to elect the "Sportsman of the Year" is an annual event, and opens each year on December 1.

LEN HUTTON

SPORTSMAN OF THE YEAR 1952



Presentation of the
SPORTING RECORD

Trophy by
The Lord Burghley, K.C.M.G.
at the Savoy Hotel, London, on March 23rd, 1953

NATIONAL BALLOT

The country-wide ballot organised each year by SPORTING RECORD to elect the "Sportsman of the Year" is a recognised national institution. The first of these ballots was in 1946, when the public were invited to vote for the sportsman—or sportswoman—amateur or professional, considered to have done most during the year to raise the prestige of British sport.

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In that first ballot BRUCE WOODCOCK was elected "Sportsman of the Year." The public choice in 1947 was DENIS COMPTON, who again headed the poll in 1948. For the next two years, 1949 and 1950, the elected sportsman was REG HARRIS, and in 1951 GEOFFREY DUKE, double world champion motor-cyclist, received the trophy. Now once again, a great cricketer, LEN HUTTON, has been elected.

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This year a new annual trophy is being presented to the sportswoman who received most votes in the ballot. The first holder of the "Sportswoman of the Year" trophy is JEANNETTE ALTWEGG, who, prior to her retirement, was holder of the World, European and British figure-skating championships, and a Gold Medal winner at the Winter Olympics, Oslo.

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Votes came in from all classes of the community; they came, not only from all over Britain, but from many places abroad, among them Austria, Aden, Egypt, France, Germany, Hongkong, India, Iraq, Italy, Jamaica, Malaya, Malta, Singapore, South Africa, Sweden and Switzerland, with the Services well represented.

SPORTSMAN OF THE YEAR

It would be difficult to think of a better choice than Len Hutton, a great cricketer and a great man who displayed all the qualities of the natural leader in the way he led his team to victory against India last year. He was born at Pudsey in 1916, making his first appearance in first class cricket in 1934. He is probably the best right-handed batsman in the world, with a perfect technique; he is a good field anywhere, and a useful right-arm leg-break bowler.

His debut in Test cricket was at Lords, 1937, against New Zealand. In the course of his career he has toured Australia and New Zealand, 1946-47 and 1950-51; South Africa, 1938-39 and 1948-49; and the West Indies, 1947-48, when he flew out to join the team half-way through the tour.

An achievement always remembered was at the Oval in 1938, against Australia, when he batted for 800 minutes, the longest innings ever played in first class cricket, scoring 364 for England, his highest score. Another great performance was the 359 he added with C. Washbrook, for first wicket, against South Africa at Johannesburg, 1948-49. He has passed the 1,000 runs aggregate in a season eleven times, his best being 3,429 runs (an average of 68.58) in 1949.

While serving in the Army he sustained an injury to his left arm, which is now shorter than his right;

