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BLESMA SPORTS DAY

at

STOKE MANDEVILLE JUNE 10th 1961 at 2 p.m.

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The first ever "Sports for the Disabled" week in Great Britain, will be opened by the Earl of Ancaster on June 10th at 2 p.m. in the grounds of Stoke Mandeville Hospital with a Sports Day for British Limbless Ex-service Men, arranged by BLESMA.

For the first time 150 individual amputees will take part in a variety of competitive sports. There will be over a 1,000 persons present, mainly limbless spectators their families and friends.

Sports

ARCHERY

SWIMMING

TABLE TENNIS

SNOOKER

THROWING THE JAVELIN

PUTTING THE SHOT

THROWING THE CRICKET BALL

THROWING THE CLUB

TEAMS from BLESMA BRANCHES will compete in BASKETBALL, and SKITTLES for Challenge Cups.

(The only alteration to standard rules will be to divide the competitors between leg and arm amputees).

THE KASKISAARI SHIELD

This Shield, which will be presented to the Branch whose members secure the highest number of points on the day, is known as the KASKISAARI SHIELD in acknowledgement of the examples in physical training and sports for the limbless given to the world by the Finnish War Amputees Association at their KASKISAARI Rehabilitation Institute in Helsinki. It was the friendly contact between this Finnish Association and BLESMA which has led to the promotion of this Sports Day - a landmark in BLESMA'S History - which is designed to encourage amputees to lead normal active lives in the fullest sense of the word.

Other Prizes

2 Challenge Cups

1 Victor Ludorum

Silver spoons embossed with the arms of BLESMA will be given as personal prizes to Winners.

Personalities attending

BLESMA'S National President - Major The Earl of Ancaster, L.L., J.P., T.D., will open the Sports Day at 2 p.m.

Dr. Ludwig Guttman, C.B.E., M.D., F.R.C.S., M.R.C.P., Director of Spinal Injuries Centre, Stoke Mandeville.

/The Minister

Personalities attending (cont'd.)

The Minister of Health Mr. J. Enoch Powell, M.B.E., M.P., and Mrs. Powell will arrive at Stoke Mandeville at 4.30 p.m. and he will present the prizes at approximately 7 p.m.

The Earl of Buckinghamshire.

Also expected are the following:-

The Lord Lieutenant of Buckinghamshire, Sir Henry and Lady Aubrey Fletcher, The Mayor of Aylesbury, Members of the Oxford Regional Hospital Board and The Stoke Mandeville Hospital Management Committee and many others.

Helpers

Members of the Royal Air Force from Halton.

The English Table Tennis Umpires Association.

Members of the staff at Stoke Mandeville.

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The rest of the Sports week for the disabled will consist of the following -

Annual Stoke Mandeville Games for the Paraplegics

A rally organised by the Disabled Drivers Motor Club.

Efforts arranged by the Invalid Tricycle Association.

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