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OXTED SPORTS GALA.

Though Easter has fallen under the shadow of war, yet it was right and proper to carry on as far as possible the best traditions of the first open air holiday of the year.

Accordingly a giant Gala day was held at Master Park.

Our cameraman was there to film for you some of the afternoons gaiety. Amongst the large number of visitors was a contingent

of our boys from overseas, and here are men from Canada on

their way to the ~~XXXX~~ sports ground, to enjoy the ~~same~~ ^{same} ~~day~~ ^{day} off from ~~work~~ ^{work}.

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A baseball match was one of the many attractions and it

was played between selected teams from the land of the Maple League. Then a football match- and Alex James, the famous

ex-International autographed the ball. This game was one of the high lights of an afternoon packed with good things.

James captained a team of the British Legion against a ~~xxxx~~ team of Canadian boys. The two captains exchanged courtesies

Before the kick off, a pleasing ceremony took place when Alex James presented the matron of the hospital with a choice bouquet.

Matron kicked off in grand style-- and the match was on.

Canada was in colours, the British Legion in white. Our ~~over-~~

Dominion

~~our~~ visitors had the ~~xxxxxxx~~ better of the game, for they pressed most of the time-- it was a pity when one of the Legion

kicked the ball into his own goal- ~~some interesting football~~ ~~xxxxx~~

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The football was always ~~interesting~~ interesting, but the boys from overseas ~~were~~ were on the top of their form, and the final result was a win for Canada by four goals to one.

From football the scene changes to sports on the running track- A race for toddlers under five years old--- and didn't they enjoy themselves- a mass parade of infants charged down the course, all hoping to carry home a prize to Mother.

Then the 100 yards- but not ~~for~~ ^{it} five year olds. This is the final of the men's race, and as usual ~~this~~ was one of the best events of the day-- For this there were three prizes given.

And so the war was put in the background for a whole afternoon, and everyone felt it was good to be alive and out in the open with the feeling that spring wasn't far behind.