

MUSCLE MEN TUNE UP FOR BIG TEST

Popular Billy Thompson is on his way back. At Bridlington, in his native Yorkshire, the former Hickleton Main miner tunes up for his European title clash with Italy's Roberto Proietti. The long-awaited contest, which gives Thompson another crack at the title he lost last year, comes off at London's Express Hall at the end of the month. For Thompson - many of many talents - it's another step on the ladder to world honours. Also in line for ring honours is the "Gorgeous Gael" from Dublin - Joseph Adolphus Doyle - popularly known as Jack Doyle. Early next month, Doyle will climb into the Harringay ring in his debut as a wrestler. Modestly, he tells admirers that he will win the heavyweight championship of the world. Nothing less will satisfy him. As for Woodcock and Joe Louis, the "blarney boy" says that he can lick 'em with the back of his hand.