

PIRE - NO. 1. SPORTSMAN.

Gordon Pirie arrives at London's Savoy Hotel to receive his Sportsman of the Year trophy. Eric and Alan, Surrey's famous Bedser twins, are among about 500 personalities of the sporting world who come to watch the presentation. Next is the football wizard Tommy Lawton.

Pat Smythe, acknowledged as the best woman show-jumping rider in the world, was elected Sportswoman of the Year.

Joe Davis leaves his green-topped table to attend. In a ballot people from almost every country voted Gordon Pirie as 1953's top sportsman. In a modest speech, this wonder athlete gives a message to British youngsters.

Lord Aberdare of Buffrym presents the silver trophy. Pirie, at the age of twenty three, holds several British and European titles. But his greatest achievement is the world's six mile record.

Pat Smythe receives her trophy. In American, Canadian, and European competitions, she has scored many triumphs. The two champions set an example to all Britain's sporting men and women.