

# Aftermath

We published an article in our August Bank Holiday issue entitled "Urban Existence and Sports Complexes." It dealt with current problems regarding sports stadia in the United States, and the decision of some organisations to move outside "city limits" and into open areas where additional facilities and car-parking can be provided.

By coincidence, *on the same day*, an article appeared in *The Times* regarding this subject, and we are indebted to \*Dr. Brian Parkins for bringing this to our notice.

One of New York's two big-league American football teams has finally decided to move "out of town," to a place six miles across the Hudson River; it will take effect in 1975. This has raised a "storm" in New York civic circles, for Mayor John Lindsay pressurised the city council to buy Yankee Stadium (where the Giants now play) and spend £10m. on modernising it; this has still to be approved by the city Estimates Board.

The new site has provision for football, baseball and horse-racing, and will cost £83m to build—backed by the New Jersey State Government—and will hold 75,000. It will be a revenue-earner for New Jersey—and a comparable loss to New York State.

With New York financially "in the red" this only adds to their problem, and although Mr. Lindsay has threatened legal action to prevent the team continuing to call itself the "New York Giants," it probably won't make a great deal of difference. After all, plenty of clubs have changed their name in the past—as is demonstrated by Football League records.

But more than that, it still brings us back to the major point of our original article—**can local administration AFFORD to lose its sporting clubs?**

\* Dr. Parkins is the son of our Sales Service manager, and has been a Hammers' fan since he was old enough to visit Upton Park.

# Next Matches

Monday 13 Sept. 7.30 p.m.  
**BOURNEMOUTH Res.**  
Football Combination

Saturday 18 Sept. 3 p.m.  
**LEICESTER CITY Res.**  
Football Combination

Saturday 25 Sept. 3 p.m.  
**STOKE CITY**  
Football League: Div. I



# Away Matches

Saturday 18 Sept. 3 p.m.  
**at MANCHESTER UNITED**

## TICKET RESERVATIONS

65p, 50p, available two weeks in advance.  
Apply to: Manchester United F.C.  
Old Trafford, Manchester, 16.

*Standing accommodation:* The Stretford End Groundside will be filled to capacity, and Hammers' supporters are advised to make their way to the Scoreboard End Groundside (30p) or the United Road or Old Trafford Paddock (35p).

*Unreserved seats:* Available on day of match in Section J of Cantilever Stand, 50p.

**Supporters who carry banners or flags on poles will not be admitted.**

## BRITISH RAIL DETAILS

Cheap Day Return: £4.40

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|-----------------------|-----------|------|------|
| Euston                | ..... dep | 0805 | 1000 |
| Manchester Piccadilly | ..... arr | 1100 | 1243 |
| Manchester Piccadilly | ..... dep | 1740 | 1830 |
| Euston                | ..... arr | 2031 | 2114 |

Saturday 2 Oct. 3 p.m.  
**at LEEDS UNITED**

## TICKET RESERVATIONS

£1, available two weeks before the game.  
Apply to: Leeds United F.C.  
Elland Road, Leeds, LS11 OES.

## BRITISH RAIL DETAILS

Ordinary Return: £5.90

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| Kings Cross | ..... dep. | 0910 | 1020 |
| Leeds       | ..... arr. | 1219 | 1354 |
| Leeds       | ..... dep. | 1805 | 2200 |
| Kings Cross | ..... arr. | 2134 | 0321 |