

SUMMARY

Whilst there was no damage to the teeth, a comparison of both types of mouthguards showed that the laboratory-made mouthguards were more acceptable than the mouth-fitted type, although the laboratory-made type was more expensive than the mouth-fitted mouthguard.

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OBITUARY**Henry Noel Cummings Bleasdale, MBE, MB, ChB**

We were very saddened to learn of the death of Doctor Bleasdale on 7th May, 1985. He qualified at Liverpool University in 1940, and after various house jobs, specialised in Tuberculosis and Chest Medicine. He held the position of Physician Superintendent at the Cleaver Hospital, Liverpool, and subsequently was a Consultant Physician for the Liverpool Central Chest Services and Occupational Health Services (Chest diseases) for the City of Liverpool.

He joined BASM in 1954, soon after it's foundation, as representative of the Amateur Swimming Association, already being established as one of the Senior Medical Advisers for the ASA and in the middle 1960's he succeeded Dr. Hume Kendall as Chief Medical Adviser to the ASA. He was also a member of the International Swimming Association (FINA) and well-known throughout the world for his knowledge and enthusiasm in this sport. He served many times on the Executive Committee of BASM and was elected Vice-President in 1978.

I first met Noel in 1959 when he was looking after a group of young, potential international swimmers, during the ASA Easter Coaching Course at the then Loughborough College of Education. He had a wonderful manner with these teenage children and showed me what a Team Doctor should do for the physical and mental welfare of his charges, as well as spending a large amount of his time at the pool side, in the gymnasium and the common room, where every swimmer and coach felt they had immediate access for the doctor's help or advice, even regarding the trivialities that upset an athlete so easily. One of Noel's main interests was the supervision and encouragement of the young asthmatic patients and he spent a great deal of time looking after them and other handicapped patients in the swimming pool and elsewhere. Apart from his sound advice at many BASM Executive Meetings where his wisdom and experience proved invaluable, he was one of the most conscientious and efficient book reviewers that this Journal has ever had. I shall miss an old friend of long standing, who throughout his long and painful illness, gave us no indication of its severity. He shall be missed by many of his friends in our Association and in swimming circles world-wide. We extend our sincere condolences to his wife and family.

Henry Robson