



DVD press release

## Mitchell & Kenyon Edwardian sports

With commentary read by Adrian Chiles

Over a century ago, filmmakers Sagar Mitchell and James Kenyon roamed the British Isles filming the everyday lives of people at work and play. For around 70 years, 800 rolls of this early nitrate film sat in sealed barrels in the basement of a shop in Blackburn. Now miraculously discovered and painstakingly restored by the BFI, this now ranks as the most exciting film discovery of recent times.

Following on from the hugely successful BBC TV series **The Lost World of Mitchell & Kenyon** and the BFI's first DVD volume **Electric Edwardians**, come two DVDs containing a new selection of films – **Mitchell & Kenyon Edwardian sports and Mitchell & Kenyon in Ireland**.

*Mitchell & Kenyon Edwardian sports* offers an unparalleled opportunity to see and learn about sporting action at the turn of the century. A remarkable selection of sporting highlights from the Mitchell & Kenyon Collection, it brings together some of the earliest surviving films (1901-7) featuring the titans of professional football, cricket and rugby whilst also rediscovering the Corinthian spirit of amateur sport and leisure in Edwardian life. Liverpool, Hull, Kingston Rovers, Everton, and Blackburn Rovers football teams are all featured, alongside a swimming gala in North Shields, the AAA championships of 1901 and the Mold cricket controversy – an early 'chucking' storm with an Australian umpire at its centre.

The DVD is programmed by Dr Vanessa Toulmin of the National Fairground Archive at the University of Sheffield Library, author of the BFI book *Electric Edwardians: The Films of Mitchell & Kenyon* (2006) and editor of *The Lost World of Mitchell & Kenyon: Edwardian Britain on Film* (BFI, 2004). **Vanessa Toulmin is available for press and radio interviews.**

### Extras

- Commentary by Dr Vanessa Toulmin, read by broadcaster Adrian Chiles
- Improvised musical accompaniment by Stephen Horne and Martin Pyne including the use of popular tunes

The DVD contains an 18-page illustrated booklet with an introduction and film notes by Dr Vanessa Toulmin. Please see page 2 for full film listing.

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UK / 1901-07 / black and white / silent with music / 108 mins / ratio 1.33:1

This disc includes optional subtitles for the hearing-impaired on all items  
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order from 0845 458 9910 or online at [www.bfi.org.uk/video](http://www.bfi.org.uk/video)

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## **MITCHELL & KENYON: EDWARDIAN SPORTS**

### **SPORT AND LEISURE**

- 388, 752: Manchester to Blackpool Road Race (1903)
- 636: Day School Sports at Park Avenue, Bradford (1902)
- 429: Manchester and Salford Harriers' Cyclists' Procession (1901)
- 685: Tynemouth Swimming Gala in the Haven, North Shields (1901)
- 371: Trotting Match at Springfield Park, Wigan (1904)

### **AMATEUR**

- 658, 659: Kingston Rowing Club at Practice (3 May 1902)
- 701: Final of International Cup at Cork Regatta between Leander and Berlin (23 July 1902)
- 591, 592: AAA Championships at Fartown, Huddersfield (6 July 1901)
- 510, 511, 516: Champion Athletes at Birmingham (12 July 1902)
- 425, 426 Race for the Muratti Cup at Manchester Wheelers' Annual Race Meet (1901)
- 746, 801: Manchester Wheelers' Annual Race Meet (1901)

### **CRICKET**

- 489-93: Arthur Mold Bowling to A.N. Hornby (12 July 1901)
- 319-321: The Great Local Derby, Accrington v Church Cricket Match (5 July 1902)

### **PROFESSIONAL FOOTBALL**

- 111: Newcastle United v Liverpool (23 November 1901)
- 139: Rotherham Town v Thornhill (11 February 1902)
- 606: Sheffield United v Bury (6 September 1902)
- 107: Everton v Liverpool (27 September 1902)
- 123: Notts County v Middlesbrough (27 September 1902)
- 124, 127: Bradford City v Gainsborough Trinity (5 September 1903)
- 265: Blackburn Rovers v Aston Villa (2 April 1904)
- 96: Preston North End v Wolverhampton Wanderers (19 November 1904)
- 140: Bolton v Burton United (1904-5)
- 100: Preston North End v Aston Villa (11 November 1905)
- 119: Sunderland v Leicester Fosse (12 January 1907)

### **RUGBY FOOTBALL (NORTHERN UNION)**

- 159, 141: Salford v Batley (2 November 1901)
- 116: Oldham v Swinton (12 January 1901)
- 151: Hunslet v Leeds (16 February 1901)
- 114: Halifax v Salford (23 March 1901)
- 157: Dewsbury v Manningham (19 October 1901)
- 373: Warrington v St Helens (30 November 1901)
- 150, 660: Hull FC v Hull Kingston Rovers (26 April 1902)
- 148: Hull Kingston Rovers v Wigan (25 October 1902)
- 152: Northern Union Challenge Cup Final: Halifax v Salford (25 April 1903)