

Did you know . . .

That Mr. Reuben Glaskie, than whom Rangers have no more ardent supporter, has received a letter from a person on the way to Patagonia?

That all that is known of the writer is his name—James Westhead—and the fact that he has been a follower of Broughton Rangers since the Wheaters Field days?

That he often wishes he was back "sitting behind Mr. Glaskie at Belle Vue," where he saw our boys beat Salford, Featherstone and Rees. last September?

That he remembers Reuben when he was a playing member of Rangers Club, and regrets they have left "the area endeared by Louis Golding's 'Magnolia Street,' but hopes the new venture is a success?"

That Alf Ellaby's return to the game has pleased Ted Smith, who handled him in his early days in the game?

That A.E., who is still a big draw in St. Helens, had claims to special terms, but will in future receive the same pay as the other members of the side?

That another club is feeling the effects of diminishing gates—Widnes?

That those who should know consider this due to the success of Runcorn, their Soccer neighbours, in the F.A. Cup?

That, like all other R.L. clubs, Widnes are sportsmen enough to reciprocate the good wishes they received from Runcorn in 1930 and 1937, when they were cup winners?

That Wigan's supporters have noticed that the players in recent games have been staying the pace much better than previously?

That this may be due to an alteration in the training methods since Mr. Harry Sunderland took charge?

That ALL players now, no matter where they reside, have to attend Central Park for training on Thursday of each week?

That Leigh have only beaten Wigan once in 21 meetings, and they did so at CENTRAL PARK three years ago?

That after a match last Saturday the writer listened to a debate on the merits, and otherwise, of Scrum halves?

That in the end a vote showed that the blame for the ball not being put into the scrum satisfactorily was entirely the half-back's in many cases?

That half the number present would take drastic action with various members of the packs, but were invariably at a loss to explain why?

That they had all been watching the R.L. game for some years, and caused much surprise by their slender knowledge of what is required?

That for the outlay of 2d. to purchase a copy of the "Scrum," such as that for the Keighley match, they would probably have learned something from Tom Longworth's article?

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THIS WEEK'S QUERIES.

1.—Oldham have won the four possible cups on more than one occasion. How many times has each cup been held?

2.—Which ground did Barrow first play on, why did they leave it, and what WAS the name of their new ground?

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ANSWER TO QUERY IN PREVIOUS ISSUE.

One of the articles in the memorandum of agreement between the R.L. and F.A. bodies reads:—

A professional player of one authority shall not be allowed to play under the other as an amateur or as a professional during the same season.

The write wishes all readers—new and old—players and officials the compliments of the Season.

HARRY GREEN.

THE SCRUM



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VISITING THE STADIUM

OLDHAM (December 24th).

To-day's visitors provided the opposition in Rangers' most unlucky game for many years when at Oldham, on November 19th, our team were defeated by 10 pts. to 7, after losing Bryn Howells at the interval.

With all our injured men back again Rangers are expected to take full toll for that reverse, although the Watersheddings' team put up a brilliant display in sharing points with Castleford last Saturday.

Despite almost weekly changes in the composition of the thirteen, Oldham have done enough this season to hold a place half way in the table and hold a good chance here on the "horses for courses" theory.

As for the players themselves, here are a few remarks by way of introduction—if such is needed:—

Turner, full back recently obtained from Salford.

Hodkisson, a well-built winger with plenty of confidence. Product of Fylde R.U.

Lowe, ever alert and knows where the line is, given the ball.

Mitchell, a local, played for Lancs. Schoolboys, this will be his second game with the senior team, and he is preferred to Downey.

Macrae, made a name for himself in Brisbane.

The halves have been switched about several times in an effort to find the ideal, and to-day Matthews will partner the Welshman, Smith.

It is to the forwards that the Club can point with greatest pride, and again they have chosen a line worthy of upholding their reputation—Read, Brooks (the hooker, much wanted by several other clubs), Moore (another Welshman, former Rochdale Hornet), Ambler, Garnett (deputised for Givvons, undergoing operation to a leg), and Elson (a local product)

Pugh, it is noted, will be absent, and Tom Rees will be holding the fort against Rangers "A" at Oldham.

What's that! You came here to get an appetite for your dinner to-morrow? Now Oldham and Broughton, what about it?

BARROW (December 26th)

Barrow's visit last season necessitated an evening game, and many Saturday supporters were disappointed at missing a team that are, undoubtedly, a pleasure to watch.

I hope this game will prove no exception, and that a good holiday crowd will be able to go home rewarded for their attendance at Belle Vue.

The Craven Park Club were, perhaps, unfortunate in getting so close to honours last season only to fall at Wembley to Lance Todd's boys.

Writing so far in advance I have no knowledge of the visitors' composition of the side to do duty, and will only mention a few of the stars on view.

French, the Colonial full back, is injured and his deputy may be Johnson.

Val Cumberbatch, the flying winger, who has played for Lancashire with his brother Jimmy, formerly such a favourite here and, at present, out of the game through the failure of the Newcastle Club

It would be a treat to see George Gummer again—he appeared in only two

games last term—after his recovery from knee injury. There are few finer centres than the former Pontypridd man.

Barrow were thankful for the services of Lloyd and Little, the half backs, whose consistently good form was such a factor during last season. The scrum half is, of course, an England and Cumberland player.

No R.L. club has had a forward with a better service record than Troup, and he will have other proved exponents as companions in McKeating (hooker), Skelly, Ayres and Marklew—all of whom can be expected to be battling out a rousing finish, if necessary.

With such an array of international and county talent Rangers should have worthy opponents for their second holiday fixture, and as seven points separate the clubs in the table it should be worth watching.

Rangers won the corresponding game last April 12-5; losing in Furness.

HARRY GREEN.

SCRUM NOTES

In spite of the wretched weather there was an attendance of 100 at our Whist Drive on Wednesday last. Had the weather been more favourable we feel certain that double this number would have turned up.

The chairman, secretary and treasurer of the Salford R.F.C. Supporters' Club along with members of the Committee and supporters, came along and expressed their appreciation of the arrangements made for the comfort of the guests.

During the evening it was suggested that a combined dance and whist drive be arranged for early in the New Year. Further details will appear in a later edition of this programme.

Altogether 28 prizes were given: 14 for the whist scores and 14 novelty prizes.

The first prize for gents was won by Mrs. Ford, the second, Mr. Oldham, third Mr. Calloway.

The first high-half for gents was won by Mr. Palmer and the second Mr. Clark.

The first ladies' prize was won by Mrs. Wright, the second Mrs. Forster and the third Miss L. Jones.

The first high-half for ladies was

won by Mrs. Fender and the second Mrs. Brown.

Incidentally, the first prizes were turkeys, and the second chickens; the other prizes were all of a seasonable nature.

Although we came unstuck at St. Helens our team were not as bad as the score would make them appear to be.

St. Helens deserved to win and we have no intention of appearing to detract from their performance; they played a very fine game.

Alf Ellerby turned out in this match, the first this season and showed that he has lost none of his cunning.

We were unlucky to lose the toss and this had a great bearing upon the result; the wind was very strong and St. Helens used it to advantage throughout the first half.

Nothing seemed to go right for us and through sheer bad luck we missed two sitters in the first half right under the post which would have meant 10 points for us.

This score would have given Broughton just that extra encouragement they needed in the second half after a very gruelling first half.

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Broughton Rangers v. Oldham

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 24, 1938

Play 40 Minutes each way. Kick off at 2-30 p.m.

BROUGHTON

Colours: Blue & White

RANGERS

Quarters, White Pants

1.
Howells
Full Back

2. **Bulcock** R. Wing
3. **Walker** R. Centre
4. **Stott** L. Centre
5. **Tolan** L. Wing

6. **Kenny** Stand-off Half
7. **Thompson** Scrum Half

SELECTED FROM

Hodgson Jones Whitcombe Horton Bunter Mills
Morgan Manning



SELECTED FROM

13. **Greenwood** Loose Forward
12. **Elson** L. Second Row
11. **Garnett** R. Second Row
10. **Ambler** L. Front Row
9. **Moore** Hooker
8. **Brooks** R. Front Row
7. **Read**

7. **Smith** Scrum Half
6. **Matthews** Stand-off Half

5. **Macrae** L. Wing
4. **Mitchell** L. Centre
3. **Lowe** R. Centre
2. **Hodkisson** R. Wing

1.
Turner
Full Back

Colours: Red & White

Blue Pants

OLDHAM

Should any Alteration be made a Notice board will be sent round giving the Player's Name and Number.

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Broughton Rangers v. Barrow

MONDAY, DECEMBER 26, 1938

Play 40 Minutes each way. Kick off at 2-30 p.m.

BROUGHTON

Colours: Blue & White

RANGERS

Quarters, White Pants

1.
Howells
Full Back

2. **Bulcock** R. Wing
3. **Walker** R. Centre
4. **Stott** L. Centre
5. **Tolan** L. Wing

6. **Kenny** Stand-off Half
7. **Thompson** Scrum Half

SELECTED FROM

Hodgson Jones Whitcombe Horton Bunter Mills
Morgan Manning



13. **A. E. Marklew** Loose Forward
12. **R. Ayres** L. Second Row
11. **L. A. Troupe** R. Second Row
10. **W. J. Skelly** L. Front Row
9. **D. McKeating** Hooker
8. **J. O. Hattersley** R. Front Row

7. **W. Little** Scrum Half
6. **G. Gummer** Stand-off Half

5. **A. T. Harris** L. Wing
4. **D. McDonnell** L. Centre
3. **J. Higgin** R. Centre
2. **V. Cumberbatch** R. Wing

1.
W. J. Johnson
Full Back

Colours: Royal Blue

White Pants.

BARROW

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VERY MISTY & WET

MORE RULES EXPLAINED

BY TOM LONGWORTH

The Well-known Rugby League Commentator

To continue my explanation of the rules:—

There has been much discussion lately as to what is a "Field goal"—one of those things which you may never see in a lifetime.

First understand that a goal is kicked when the ball passes **over** the opposing side's cross-bar. Height does not matter so long as the passage of the ball is between, or in alignment with, the upright posts.

A field goal occurs when a player kicks the ball direct from the ground and it passes over the cross-bar—usually it is a fluke.

There are two other forms of goals: 1—From a placed kick, and 2—From a dropped kick. The first is when the kicker places the ball on the ground before making the shot, the other is when the player **first drops the ball to the ground** and meets it with his foot simultaneously with the bounce.

It is essential that the ball must touch the ground, otherwise it becomes what is known as a PUNT from which it is **not** permissible to kick a goal.

Neither can a goal be kicked from a MARK—this was done away with in 1922.

What is a mark? I have heard many discussions on this subject. This occurs when a player makes what is generally termed a "fair catch"—a catch made **at the first attempt** from an opponent's kick, knock-on or throw forward.

Usually the player making a mark does so by placing his heel to the ground and at the same time making an audible appeal of "Mark," but it is not absolutely necessary so long as he conveys to the referee in an unmistakable manner that he claims a fair catch. It is usually employed by full-backs when under pressure. In the old days it was used by the attacking side to secure a favourable position from which to take a free-kick at goal. Many a match was won from a mark.

When a game is started and resumed after the interval the ball is kicked from the centre of the field of play, in the first instance by the team that has lost the toss and in the second by the other side. Play is also restarted from the centre by a placed kick after a goal has been scored. On each of these occasions the ball must travel a distance of 10 yards and the rival teams must in one case be behind the kicker and in the other in rear of the 10 yards line. Infringement by the kicker's side means a scrum in the centre of the field; infringement by the opposite side demands the kick being re-taken.

After an unimproved try the game is restarted from the centre with a drop-out (dropped kick); from the centre of the 25 line after a touch-down. The ten yards distance in these cases does not apply, but the players on the kicker's side must be behind the

ball and the opposing players five yards distant. The ball must cross the distinctive lines I have mentioned.

A dead ball occurs when the attacking side kicks the ball too strongly and it pitches or rolls over a line which, in full-sized grounds, is parallel 6 to 8 yards behind the goal-posts.

A touch-down is when a player, in order to prevent a try, touches the ball on the ground after it has been kicked or carried over the goal-line.

IN GOAL is that portion of the field between the goal-line—on which are the goal-posts—and the dead-ball line.

It is in this part of the field that tries are scored.

Disallowance by referees of what may appear to be perfect tries repeatedly arouses a storm of disapproval.

It is **not** a try when a player, after crossing the line, bounces

the ball or lets it drop out of his hands. He must **TOUCH IT DOWN**.

But when two players go over the line locked together with the attacking player in possession of the ball which touches the ground it IS A TRY.

There is a difference between a KNOCK-ON and REBOUND.

The ball is not knocked-on if, in the referee's opinion, there has not been a forward movement on the part of a player who is standing still.

The ball is not considered to have been knocked-on when a player CHARGES down an opponent's kick.

A knock-on only occurs when a player propels the ball forward by hand or arm **IN THE DIRECTION OF HIS OPPONENT'S GOAL**.

When you have digested all this you can think about Christmas. Best wishes to you all.

SCORE BOARD KEY - SATURDAY, DECEMBER 24th, 1938.

The Half-Time Scores of the Matches will be displayed on the Score Board as soon as received.

A—Leeds..... v. B—Salford
C—Swinton..... v. D—Bradford
E—Swansea Town..... v. F—M/c. City

SCORE BOARD KEY - MONDAY, DECEMBER 26th, 1938.

The Half-Time Scores of the Matches will be displayed on the Score Board as soon as received.

A—Wigan v. B—Salford
C—Oldham..... v. D—Swinton
E—Tranmere Rovers v. F—M/c. City