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X. OF

RUGBY.

New Brighton v. Manchester.

(By O. K. W.)

New Brighton Rugby Club had six teams out on Saturday last with the following results:—

1st team v. Manchester.—New Brighton nil, Manchester 25 pts.

2nd team v. Manchester "A."—New Brighton 15 pts., Manchester 3 pts.

3rd v. Manchester III.—New Brighton nil, Manchester 9 pts.

Pemberton's XV. v. Hoylake III.—New Brighton 9 pts., Hoylake nil.

Brodie's XV. v. Setton III.—New Brighton 3 pts., Setton nil.

Fairhurst's XV. v. Hoylake III.—New Brighton 27 pts., Hoylake nil.

In the foregoing table it will be seen that with the exception of the 1st and 3rd teams, all the remainder secured substantial victories. That the senior team should collapse before the Manchester club to the tune of 25 points to nil is nothing short of disaster, as it may be recalled that on January 5th, New Brighton 1st team who were without seven of their best men on County duty, and who fielded a very young side of totally inexperienced youths, were yet able to put up a strong fight against the Manchester team, who were at full strength, and only lose by 17 points to nil.

I use the word "only" as with the material available, New Brighton's display was remarkably good. The same remarks cannot be used in connection with last Saturday's return fixture, as New Brighton had a full side on the field, so that the result of the game, in so far as the Wallasey club is concerned, can only be regarded as deplorable.

If the inclusion of the seven County men can make no improvement to the team, it might obviously be better for the club's reputation if they were to be omitted in future fixtures, and seven men from the "A" team be substituted in their places. The "A" team, under the able guidance of A. McCann, who from a Rugby player's point of view, is well advanced in years, have had a most successful season so far, and only recently had a continuous run of victories broken, but only once, whereas out of nineteen fixtures, the senior team have only been able to record seven victories. This state of affairs is most unsatisfactory, and it is obviously incumbent upon the selection committee to look the matter squarely in the face, and take drastic steps to rectify the trouble. That lack of leadership is the root of all the team's difficulties is obvious to anyone who has watched them regularly through the season, and it appears to be imperative, if the club is to retain its status in the Rugby world, that such measures will have to be taken as will lead on to a change for the better. Neither sentiment, friendship, or any other obstacle should stand in the way of the committee in this matter and a new leader appointed without delay, as the man who holds that position at the present time, whilst being an excellent footballer, a point which no one can possibly dispute, is not by any means a successful leader.

It is most distasteful to have to write in this strain of a team whose personnel consists of keen, clean sportsmen, who play the game in the true Rugby spirit, but to the followers of the club who have loyally lent their support all through the season, and who will, I am sure, continue to do so, it is surely due that measures should be taken to prevent the local Rugby club from being relegated to the ranks of third rate football of the future.

Turning to more pleasant thoughts, it must have been a matter for rejoicing to all lovers of Rugby, when the news of England's glorious victory over Wales became known. It is twenty-nine years since the English team were last successful on Welsh soil, so that their achievement on Saturday last at Swansea is all the more pleasing. It is especially gratifying to learn that our two local representatives, Locke and Blaxton, were prominent all through the game, and that two other Northern players in Myers and Catchside were the most brilliant men on the field. The Welsh match having now been successfully disposed of, it will be seen that

BILLIARDS.

WALLASEY AMATEUR LEAGUE.

SCORES, JANUARY 17th.

DIVISION I.

Edith Road 699 Y.M.C.A. 729
Wallasey 798 Poulton 496

DIVISION II.

Grosvenor 745 Wallasey Cons. 544
Vernon's 624 Edith Road 738
Trans. 752 Seacombe Libs. 668
Police 708 S. Seacombe 585
St. Joseph's 737 Y.M.C.A. 628
Poulton 500 Wallasey 755

BREAKS TO DATE.

DIV. 1. H. Gressley, Sr. (Wallasey) 60
DIV. 2. S. R. Mills (Grosvenor) 45

	P	W	L	PTS.
St. Albans	9	8	1	14
Wallasey	7	7	0	14
Y.M.C.A.	6	5	1	10
Grosvenor	9	5	4	10
Edith Road	6	4	2	8
Wallasey Cons.	6	1	5	2
Seacombe Libs.	7	1	6	2
Poulton	9	1	8	2
S. Seacombe	5	0	5	0

DIVISION III.

Wallasey	13	13	0	26
Edith Road	12	12	0	24
Grosvenor	13	10	3	20
Y.M.C.A.	12	8	4	16
R. G. A.	13	7	6	14
Vernon's	13	6	7	12
Wallasey Cons.	13	6	7	12
St. Joseph's	13	5	8	10
Trans.	13	5	8	10
St. Alban's	12	4	8	8
Seacombe Libs.	13	4	9	8
S. Seacombe	13	4	9	8
Police	14	4	10	8
Poulton	13	1	12	2

WALLASEY AMATEUR CHAMPIONSHIP.

The draw for the Wallasey Amateur Billiard Championship, which begins at the Billiard Room, New Brighton Tower, on February 2nd, was made on Wednesday as follows:—

- J. Healey (holder), v. R. Burke.
- J. Brayshaw v. T. Williams, Jun.
- J. Taale v. J. Winterbottom.
- A. McCabe v. T. Rowlands.
- H. Mercer v. G. Price.
- T. Brooks v. W. Thackray.
- H. Duncan v. F. Marsh.
- A. Edmund v. H. Carron.
- K. Williams v. G. McCullock.
- B. Cowy v. G. Cole.
- T. Hyland v. H. Gressley, Jun.
- G. Oram v. B. Anderson.
- D. Hannan v. C. Golding.
- S. G. Williams v. J. A. Nicholls.
- E. Seery v. E. Fenner.
- J. B. Carlyle v. E. Joyce.

Play will be on Wednesdays, Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays only. The first round heats will be 250 up, starting at 6.30 each evening.

In connection with the above an innovation in the shape of a snooker championship will be run, the heats to follow the billiard heats. The draw for the snooker tourney is as follows:—

- T. Brooke v. S. G. Williams.
- J. Joynton v. E. Nichol.
- G. Price v. E. Fenner.
- H. Duncan v. G. Oram.
- W. H. Gressley, Jun. v. J. Taale.
- B. Cowy v. W. Thackray.
- H. Mercer v. J. A. Healey.
- G. Cole v. A. Edmund.
- H. Carron v. J. A. Nicholls.
- T. Rowlands v. J. Williams.
- T. Williams, Jun. v. B. Anderson.
- G. McCullock v. H. Joyce.
- J. B. Carlyle v. E. Seery.
- J. Winterbottom v. C. Golding.
- R. Burke v. A. McCabe.
- D. Hannan v. J. Brayshaw.

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THE NEED FOR SERVICE.

Sir Arthur Yapp's Message to Wallasey.

THE MAYOR'S SUPPORT

Service.

This was the message of Sir Arthur National Secretary of the Y.M.C.A. war work in connection with which earned him a well-deserved knighthood at a meeting of the Wallasey Branch on Monday.

The meeting, which was well attended by the Club's gymnasia, was held in the Club's gymnasium attended by the Mayor (Mr. A. F. and the Mayoress.

The Mayor, in his introductory speech, said that the Mayoress and himself were very pleased to be there that evening to support the Y.M.C.A. He recalled that he had recently heard the point was that everyone of them should have a healthy mind, body and spirit. The Y.M.C.A. had been attempting to do this for many years, and it was a worthy and successful endeavour. He had heard and read much of the magnificent work the Association had done in all parts of the world, and he was glad to know that it was being done in our own town. As a youth he was a member of the Pleasant Branch in Liverpool, and he therefore spoke personally of the work of the movement—(loud applause.)

THE MAYOR'S SUPPORT

Sir Arthur Yapp, who had a most encouraging reception when he rose to preface his address by remarking that they all appreciated the support of the Mayor and Mayoress in their support to the activities of the Y.M.C.A. He was also pleased to be able to mention the Mayor's connection with the Y.M.C.A. The Lord Mayor of that time told him that there was nothing more prouder of than the prizes he won in the Y.M.C.A. Association in his younger days. He wanted to sound the note that evening, continued the speaker, that they had