

# Blackburn Rovers Football and Athletic Co., Ltd.

Registered Office, Ewood Park, Blackburn.

## DIRECTORS:

Mr. LAWRENCE COTTON (CHAIRMAN).	Mr. T. A. LEAVER
" THOMAS GILLIBRAND (VICE-CHAIRMAN).	" JAMES H. FORREST
" JOHN FORBES	" EDWARD WOOD
" J. W. DAWSON	" C. COTTON
" HY. GARSTANG	" J. W. WALSH

## REPORT OF THE DIRECTORS.

To be submitted to the Shareholders at the Adjourned Ordinary General Meeting to be held at Swift's Restaurant, Railway Road Blackburn, on Thursday, the 10th day of June, 1915, at Eight o'clock in the evening.

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN,

The Directors, in submitting the annexed Statement of Accounts for the Year ending April 30th, 1915, regret that they have to report a loss of £3,457 17s. 11d. on the Season's working. Last year the nett receipts were £17,880 7s. 1d., while this year they have only realised £8,485 7s. 10d., a difference of £9,444 19s. 8d.. The different sources of Income for comparison between the two years are given below:—

	1913-14.		1914-15.
	£ s. d.		£ s. d.
Season Tickets .....	2123 11 6	...	914 10 6
League Gates .....	12986 19 0	...	6298 0 11
Central League.....	681 3 10	...	513 4 7
English Cup .....	1666 13 8	...	350 16 0
Lancashire Cup.....	87 12 1	...	94 9 4
East Lancashire Charity Cup.....	113 13 1	...	12 1 9
	<u>£17609 13 2</u>	...	<u>£8183 3 1</u>

On the Expenditure side a saving has been effected in nearly every item, the trading accounts this season showing an expenditure of £10072 6s. 8d. against £12475 11s. 1d. last season, or a saving of £2403 4s. 10d., and

Mortgage Interest.....	£112 15 0
Bank Interest .....	233 17 0
And Depreciation .....	1251 11 11

have been provided for out of Revenue.

In view of the exceptional circumstances, the Directors regret that they cannot recommend the payment of a dividend.

With regard to the playing part, the Club has performed fairly well in the League, finishing in the third position, with an aggregate of 43 points. In the various Cup Competitions they were unsuccessful.

The Reserve Team had to be changed on so many occasions that it would be unfair to criticise their performances. The Season's results were as follows:—

	Played	Won	Lost	Drawn	Goals	
					For	Ag't.
First Team—LEAGUE .....	38	18	13	7	83	61
CUP TIES—English .....	1	0	1	0	0	1
Lancashire .....	3	2	1	0	8	5
RESERVE TEAM—Central League .....	38	14	20	4	71	87
East Lanc. Ch. Cup .....	4	2	1	1	11	9

The Directors wish to place on record their appreciation of, and indebtedness to, Mr. Arthur Stanley Edge, the Cambridge University Goalkeeper, who has given his services to the League Team on nine occasions, and performed with great credit both to himself and the Club.

The Auditors, Messrs. Wm. Porter & Son, retire, but are eligible for re-election.

## BLACKBURN ROVERS

Football and Athletic Company, Limited.

## DIRECTORS' REPORT AND BALANCE SHEET,

April 30th, 1915.

Notice is hereby given that the

ADJOURNED ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the Company will be held at Swift's Restaurant, Railway Road, on Thursday, the 10th day of June, at Eight o'clock in the evening

### AGENDA.

- 1—Confirmation of Minutes of previous General Meeting.
- 2—Directors' Report and Balance Sheet.
- 3—Proposal to dispense with the March Meeting of Shareholders.
- 4—Election of Auditors.

R. B. MIDDLETON,

Secretary.

Ewood Park,

Blackburn, April 30th, 1915.

PLEASE NOTICE.—Only those Shareholders who have paid all Calls up to date are eligible to vote at this Meeting. Shareholders will be admitted on producing this Balance Sheet.

TANSON & SON, Printers, Ainsworth Street, Blackburn.

# BLACKBURN ROVERS FOOTBALL and Athletic Co., Limited.

## Dr. Revenue Account for the year ended April 30th, 1915. Cr.

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
To Players' Wages and Bonuses ...	5001	1	6	By Season Tickets ...	917	19	6
„ Wages of Secretary, Trainer, and Groundsman	494	0	0	<i>Less</i> paid for Cup Ties	3	9	0
„ Transfer of Players .....	50	0	0		914	10	6
„ Travelling Expenses ...	666	4	10	„ Match Receipts:			
„ Home Match Expenses, Gatemens, &c. ...	293	12	3	Practice Matches ...	296	3	4
„ Referees and Linesmen ...	112	5	9	<i>Less</i> given to Charities			
„ Police ...	64	5	0	& War Relief Fund..	296	3	4
„ Printing, Posting, Stationery & Advertising	221	13	10	Collections for War F'ds.	100	18	3
„ Football Requisites ...	88	11	2	<i>Less</i> amount paid over	100	18	3
„ Rents, Rates, Taxes, Insurance, &c.....	754	7	3	League Matches .....	6411	13	4
„ Training Expenses and Medical Fees ...	101	13	1	<i>Less</i> paid to League			
„ Subscriptions to Leagues and Associations...	13	4	0	Relief Fund .....	113	12	5
„ Office Expenses, Stamps, Telegrams, Auditing,	69	2	3		6298	0	11
„ Ground Expenses Repairs and Renewals ...	951	14	10	Central League Matches .....	513	4	7
„ Donations and Benefits ...	1185	10	6	English Cup Ties ...	369	4	6
„ Players and Staff—Contributions to League				<i>Less</i> Paid to League			
Relief Funds .....	151	1	0	Relief Fund .....	18	8	6
„ Rifle Ranges .....	31	1	5		350	16	0
„ Footballs sent to Soldiers .....	40	12	4	Lancashire Cup Ties... 131	5	1	
„ Mortgage Interest ...	112	15	0	<i>Less</i> Paid to Visitors			
„ Bank Interest and Commission ...	233	17	10	and L. F. A. ....	36	15	9
„ Depreciation ...	1251	11	11		94	9	4
				East Lanes. Char. Cup .....	12	1	9
					7268	12	7
				„ Rent of Refreshment Booths...			50
				„ Fees for Use of Ground ...			138
				„ Sundry Receipts ...			7
				„ Profit on Programmes ...			56
				„ Balance Loss ...			3457
							17
							11
							£11893
							5
							9

## Dr. BALANCE SHEET, April 30th, 1915. Cr.

LIABILITIES.			ASSETS.				
	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
<b>CAPITAL—</b>				By Ewood Park Ground ...	3670	0	0
To Nominal Capital ...	8000	0	0	„ Nuttall Street Stand and			
				Furniture as at April 30/14	5000	0	0
„ Subscribed Capital, 3930 Shares	3930	0	0	Additions during the year.	1672	1	11
of £1 each, ...	3930	0	0		6672	1	11
<i>Less</i> Calls in Arrears ...	29	12	6	<i>Less</i> Depreciation ...	332	1	11
					6340	0	0
	3900	7	6	„ Riverside Stand as at			
<b>LIABILITIES—</b>				April 30th, 1914 ...	6140	0	0
To Mortgage ...	3000	0	0	Additions during the year.	85	0	0
„ Sundry Creditors ...	1677	8	5		6225	0	0
„ Lloyd's Bank Riverside Stand				<i>Less</i> Depreciation .....	311	0	0
Account ...	4538	5	8		5914	0	0
„ Lloyd's Bank, General A/c...	1109	14	2	„ Darwen Stand, Terracing,			
<b>PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT—</b>				Turnstile Houses, &c,			
To Balance, April 30th, 1914 ...	12910	18	3	as at April 30th, 1914 ...	6825	0	0
<i>Less</i> : Dividend, 1914 ...	193	19	0	Additions during year ...	1291	10	0
					8116	10	0
				<i>Less</i> Depreciation ...	608	10	0
					7508	0	0
				„ Book DEBTS ...			15
				„ Cash in Hand, April 30/15			30
				„ Deposits ...			7
							3
							0
							£23484
							17
							1

Signed, on behalf of the Directors, LAWRENCE COTTON, Chairman.

THOMAS GILLIBRAND, Vice-Chairman.

### Auditors' Report to the Shareholders.

In accordance with the provisions of "The Companies (Consolidation) Act, 1908," we have audited the Balance Sheet of The Blackburn Rovers Football and Athletic Company, Limited, dated April 30th, 1915, as above set forth. We have obtained all the information and explanations we have required. In our opinion such Balance Sheet is properly drawn up so as to exhibit a true and correct view of the state of the Company's affairs, according to the best of our information and the explanations given us, and as shewn by the books of the Company.