

# 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 11th day of June, 1914, 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, 1914, have pleasure in reporting that both from a financial and a playing point of view, the season just closed was a successful one.

The gross receipts were £20,149 15s. 11d., and out of this £175 18s. 10d. was disbursed to various Charities in the town, and £2,093 10s. 0d. was paid to Visiting Teams, and for Season Ticket-holders' admissions to Cup Ties, leaving a nett income of £17,880 7s. 1d., which constitutes a record for the Club.

League Gates show an increase of £3215 19s. 6d., and Central League Gates a decrease of £90 8s. 6d.

In the various Cup Competitions the Club has not done so well as in the previous year. The F. A. Cup receipts shew a decrease of £1,443 11s. 8d., and the County Cup Competition a decrease of £127 17s. 4d. The East Lancashire Charity Cup, however, shows an increase of £113 13s. 1d.

Season Tickets are still on the upward grade, and realised £248 1s. 6d. more than last season, and there is no reason why these should not show a further increase owing to the additional seating now provided.

On the Expenditure side the payments have been less than last year, though ground expenses and benefits are fairly heavy.

Your Directors have provided out of Revenue for the payment of—

Mortgage Interest.....	£113	0	0
Bank Interest .....	79	3	1
Depreciation .....	2902	19	2

A Total of.....£3095 2 3

The Depreciation is greater than usual as it was thought an opportune time to write off £2,000 for the Old Stand, Dressing Rooms, &c., that have now disappeared.

After these charges have been met, there still remains a nett profit of £2,309 13s. 8d., and the Directors recommend the payment of a Dividend of 5 per cent., free of income tax, on the paid-up Capital of the Company, subject to the conditions as contained in the Articles of Association.\*

With regard to the playing part, the club was successful in carrying off the League Championship for the second time in three years. The East Lancashire Charity Cup was won by the Reserve Team, but in the F. A. and L. F. A. Cup Competitions the team was defeated in the 3rd and 1st rounds, respectively.

The Reserve Team performed fairly well in the Central League Competition, and at one time were possible champions. They eventually finished in the fifth position. The season's results are as follow:

	Played	Won	Lost	Drawn	For	Agt.
First Team—LEAGUE ...	38	20	7	11	78	42
CUP TIES—English	3	2	1	0	6	2
Lancashire	1	0	1	0	0	3
East Lanc. Ch.	1	0	0	1	0	0
	43	22	9	12	84	47
RESERVE TEAM—Central League	38	18	13	7	93	72
East Lanc. Ch. Cup	6	5	0	1	18	7
Friendlies ...	2	2	0	0	9	0
	46	25	13	8	110	79

Four of the players gained International Caps.—Crompton played against Scotland, Ireland and Wales; Shea against Ireland and Wales; Simpson against Wales, and Latheron against Ireland; whilst Crompton also played in the three Inter-league Games, Shea in two and Latheron in one.

As mentioned in the last report, the Riverside Stand has been completed during the past season, and the ground is now one of the best in the country.

Twenty-five players have been engaged for next season, and others will be added as the opportunity occurs.

The Auditors, Messrs. Wm. Porter & Son, retire, and offer themselves for re-election.

By Order of the Directors,

R. B. MIDDLETON,

SECRETARY.

## BLACKBURN ROVERS

Football and Athletic Company, Limited.

### DIRECTORS' REPORT

AND

### BALANCE SHEET,

April 30th, 1914.

Notice is hereby given that the ANNUAL ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the Company will be held at Swift's Restaurant, Railway Road, on Thursday, the 11th day of June, at Eight o'clock in the evening.

#### AGENDA.

Confirmation of Minutes of previous General Meeting.

Directors' Report and Balance Sheet.

Election of Auditors.

R. B. MIDDLETON,

Secretary.

Ewood Park,

Blackburn, May 21st, 1914.

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.

Larson & Son, Printers, Ainsworth Street, Blackburn.

# Blackburn Rovers Football and Athletic Co., Limited.

Dr.	Revenue Account for the year ended April 30th, 1914.						Cr.		
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.			
To Players' Wages and Bonuses...	5422	15	0						
„ Wages of Secretary, Trainer, and Groundsman	498	10	0						
„ Transfer of Players (less transfer fees received)	1870	0	0						
„ Travelling Expenses ...	676	8	2						
„ Home Match Expenses, Gatemens, &c. ...	357	10	5						
„ Referees and Linesmen ...	109	6	11						
„ Police ...	108	9	0						
„ Printing, Posting, Stationery & Advertising	248	10	9						
„ Football Requisites ...	121	11	11						
„ Rents, Rates, Taxes, Coke, Gas, Water, &c. ...	630	11	5						
„ Training and Medical Fees ...	192	7	2						
„ Subscriptions to Leagues and Associations...	19	1	6						
„ Office Expenses, Stamps, Telegrams, Auditing, and Sundry Accounts ...	80	19	1						
„ Ground Expenses Repairs and Renewals ...	1025	4	5						
„ Donations and Benefits ...	1114	5	4						
„ Mortgage Interest ...	113	0	0						
„ Bank Interest and Commission ...	79	3	1						
„ Depreciation ...	2902	19	3						
„ Balance Profit... ..	2309	13	8						
	£17880	7	1						
				By Season Tickets ...	2172	9	6		
				Less paid for Cup Ties	48	18	0		
					2123	11	6		
				„ Match Receipts :					
				Practice Matches ...	175	18	10		
				Less given to Charities .	175	18	10		
				Collection ...	9	7	10		
				Less amount paid over	9	7	10		
				League Matches ...	12986	19	0		
				Central League Matches	681	3	10		
				English Cup Ties ...	3523	11	11		
				Less Paid to Visitors					
				and % to F. A. ....	1856	18	8		
					1666	13	8		
				Lancashire Cup Ties...	87	12	1		
				East Lancs. Char. Cup	278	18	7		
				Less Paid to Visitors					
				and Charities ...	165	5	6		
					113	13	1		
				Friendlies ...	44	16	7		
				Less Guarantees ...	22	8	3		
					22	8	4		
					15508	10	0		
				„ Rent of Refreshment Booths...			50	0	0
				„ Fees for Use of Ground			10	6	5
				„ Sundry Receipts ...			65	1	0
				„ Profit on Programmes			122	18	2
					£17880	7	1		

Dr.	BALANCE SHEET, April 30th, 1914.						Cr.			
	LIABILITIES.			ASSETS.						
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.				
<b>CAPITAL—</b>				<b>PROPERTY—</b>						
To Nominal Capital ...	8000	0	0	By Ewood Park Ground ...		3670	0	0		
„ Subscribed Capital, 3930 Shares of £1 each, ...	3930	0	0	„ Nuttall Street Stand as at April 30th, 1913 ...	5225	0	0			
Less Calls in Arrears ...	29	12	6	Less Depreciation ...	225	0	0			
							5000	0	0	
				„ Stands, Turnstile Houses, &c, April 30th, 1913 ...	7200	0	0			
<b>LIABILITIES—</b>				„ Additions this year ...	1980	18	5			
To Mortgage ...				Less Depreciation for Old Stand, Dressing Tents, &c., demolished... ..	9180	18	5			
„ Lloyd's Bank Riverside Stand Account ...					2000	0	0			
							7180	18	5	
<b>PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT—</b>				Less Depreciation .....	355	18	5			
To Balance, April 30th, 1913 ...	10795	3	7				6825	0	0	
Less : Dividend, 1913 ...	193	19	0	„ Riverside Stand ...	6462	0	10			
				Less Depreciation ...	322	0	10			
							6140	0	0	
				<b>BOOK DEBTS—</b>						
				By Sundry Debtors ...				11	7	5
				<b>CASH—</b>						
				By Cash in Hand, April 30/14.	67	16	10			
				„ Lloyd's Bank, Ltd. ...	3089	18	6			
								3157	15	4
				„ Deposits ...				7	3	0
					£24811	5	9			
								£24811	5	9

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, 1914, as above set forth. We have obtained all the information and explanations we have required. In our opinion such Balance Sheet is a true and correct view of the state of the Company's affairs according to the provisions of the Act.