

RUGBY LEAGUE FOOTBALL



HUDDERSFIELD

VERSUS

ST. HELENS

AT

THE PARK, ABERTILLERY
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A Simple Explanation of the Game

By W. Fallowfield

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THE laws governing the game of Rugby League Football have undergone many changes since 1895 in an endeavour to provide a more attractive open style of play. Consequently, the game differs in many respects from the Rugby Union code.

For the benefit of those enthusiasts present to-day the main differences are explained below.

No Line-out

There are no line-outs and a scrum is formed if the ball goes out of the field of play. If a player kicks the ball towards his opponents' goal-line and it goes into touch on the full, then the scrum is formed where the player kicked the ball. If the ball bounces in the field of play before going into touch, the scrum is formed opposite the point at which the ball leaves the field of play, and ten yards from the touch-line.

The Scrum-half of the defending side always puts the ball into the scrum, the attacking side having the advantage of the loose head. The ball need only pass one foot of any player in the two front rows.

Off-sides


A tackled player is allowed to regain his feet without interference and must drop the ball in front of him. The ball after reaching the ground can be played by the foot of either side in any direction. A player from either side may act as a half-back in a play-the-ball movement, and they are allowed to stand not less than two yards behind the player playing the ball. All other players must make every effort to be at least three yards behind the acting half-backs, otherwise they are off-side and are penalised if they interfere with the subsequent play.

A free-kick from a mark possesses none of the advantages of a penalty kick in that a goal cannot be kicked from a free-kick and ground is not gained by kicking the ball into touch on the full.

If the ball is kicked or taken over the opponents' goal-line by an attacking player and is made dead by a defender, then the defending side must drop out from the goal-line and between the goal-posts. The ball must travel a minimum forward distance of five yards, and the attacking side are not allowed to stand nearer than five yards from the defending side's goal-line.

Knock-on

A player knocks-on when he impels the ball towards his opponents' goal-line with a forward movement of the hand or arm and the ball touches the ground or one of his own side. The infringement is not completed until the ball is played again by the player who has knocked on or by one of his side.

 This article is not meant to delve too deeply into the laws of the game, but should enable you to understand and enjoy the game to-day

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Back Row (Left to Right)

FERGUSON, DALY, HUGHES, VALENTINE, OWENS, WILSON, DAVIES, LIGHTFOOT,
MEEK, S. V. PEPPERELL.

Front Row (L to R) COOPER, HUNTER, BANKS, ANDERSON, DEVERY (Capt.), BAWDEN, G. R. PEPPERELL, NICHOLSON

Details of HUDDERSFIELD Players:

- I. HUNTER** (*Full Back*). Born in Woollobro, N.S.W., Australia. He is a great attacking full back renowned for his speed and ability to catch a ball from any angle. He has scored more tries this season than any other full-back in living memory. Height: 5' 8". Weight: 12 st. 3 lbs.
- J. ANDERSON** (*Right Wing*). A Scottish Rugby Union International who scored two tries in Scotland v Kiwis match when Scotland won. The following week he signed for Huddersfield. He is a Powderhall sprinter. Height—5' 9". Weight—11 st. 6 lbs.
- G. WILSON** (*Right Wing*). Scottish Rugby Union Trialist who has a good turn of speed and is noted for his swerve. Height 5' 10". Weight—11 st. 8 lbs.
- J. BAWDEN** (*Centre*). Is a Cumberland County Cap having played this season when they won the County Championship. He has kicked over 100 goals during this season. Height—5' 8½". Weight—12 st. 6 lbs.
- P. C. DEVERY** (*Centre*) (*Capt.*). He is reputed to be the best Rugby League centre playing to-day. He has a brilliant sidestep and is an excellent tackler. An Australian by birth he was Captain in the 1946 Test Matches against England in Australia. Height: 5' 9". Weight: 12 st.
- L. COOPER** (*Left Winger*). He is the leading try scorer in Rugby League, a strong runner who hands off any would-be tackler. Another Australian who played in the 1946 Tests against England. Height—5' 11". Weight—13 st. 7 lbs.
- G. R. PEPPERELL** (*Out Half*). A Cumberland County and England International cap. A brilliant attacking player with a good burst of speed; can play in any position in backs. Height 5' 7". Weight 12 st. 6 lbs.
- W. BANKS** (*Scrum Half*). Born in Maesteg where he played for the local Rugby Union club. Since playing "League" football he has gained the coveted Welsh cap. It was his work at the base of the scrum that played a big part in the defeat of England at Swansea in February of this year. Height—5' 2". Weight—10 st. 5 lbs.
- M. MEEK** (*Prop or Hooker*). Born at Abertillery for whom he played before going North. He has played in more than twenty International matches both before and since the war. A good handler of the ball. Height—5' 8". Weight—14 st. 8 lbs.
- L. DAVIES** (*Prop Forward*). Born in Neath. He played Rugby Union before joining Huddersfield only 10 months ago. He has been a big asset to the side and is noted for his good defensive play. Height—6' 1". Weight—14 st. 10 lbs.
- S. LIGHTFOOT** (*Hooker*). Played for Batley before coming to Huddersfield in January. A specialist in hooking who can get his share of the ball against anyone. Height—5' 9". Weight—13 st. 8 lbs.
- J. DALBY** (*Prop Forward*). An Irish Rugby Union International who joined Huddersfield in last year's close season. He is a good defensive player and a keen tackler. Height—5' 11". Weight—14 st. 2 lbs.
- I. A OWENS** (*Second Row*). Born in Aberavon, he is both a Rugby Union and Rugby League Welsh International. He toured Australia in 1946 and was termed by them "the finest footballer in the world." He has an excellent burst of speed. Height—6'. Weight—14 st. 2 lbs.
- R. NICHOLSON** (*Second Row*). Cumberland & England International cap. He toured Australia in 1946 and has played in the Test matches against the Aussies in England this season. Height—5' 10". Weight—14 st. 5 lbs.
- G. HUGHES** (*Second Row*). A native of Neath who first signed for Leeds. He is a staunch worker who is always in the thick of the fray. Height—6'. Weight—13 st. 8 lbs.
- D. D. VALENTINE** (*Loose Forward*). A Scottish Rugby Union International. This has been his first full season of Rugby League football and in it he has gained the honour of playing against the Aussies in all 3 Test matches. He is an expert tackler. Height—6'. Weight—13 st. 6 lbs.

THE

TEAMS

HUDDERSFIELD

J. HUNTER	<i>Full</i>
J. ANDERSON	<i>Right</i>
J. BAWDEN	<i>Right</i>
P. DEVERY	<i>Left</i>
L. COOPER	<i>Left</i>
R. PEPPERELL	<i>Out</i>
W. BANKS	<i>Scrum</i>
M. J. MAIDEN	<i>Prop</i>
A. M. MEEK	<i>Hooker</i>
J. DALY	<i>Front</i>
I. OWENS	<i>Second</i>
R. NICHOLSON	<i>Second</i>
D. D. VALENTINE	<i>Loose</i>

Referee -

ST. HELENS

<i>Back</i>	D. BALLARD
<i>Wing</i>	S. LLEWELLYN
<i>Centre</i>	J. STOTT
<i>Centre</i>	D. GREENALL
<i>Wing</i>	S. McCORMICK
<i>Half</i>	J. W. HONEY
<i>Half</i>	J. BALL
<i>Forward</i>	W. WHITTAKER
<i>Hooker</i>	R. E. BLAKEMORE
<i>Row</i>	R. W. T. JONES
<i>Row</i>	L. ASTON
<i>Row</i>	G. PARSONS
<i>Forward</i>	A. PRESCOTT

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Details of ST. HELENS Players:

- J. LOWE** (*Full Back*). Played for Wigan during the war years before joining St. Helens. Missed his chance of playing for Lancashire owing to injury this season. Has a powerful kick. Height—5' 10". Weight—11 st. 10 lbs.
- S. LLEWELLYN** (*Wing $\frac{3}{4}$*). Played for the Welsh Guards during the war. Played for Mon. County Rugby Union and played for Wales in his first season in Rugby League. He has scored more than 30 tries this season in Cup and League games. Height—6'. Weight—12 st. 2 lbs.
- J. STOTT** (*Centre*) (*Capt.*). Champion schoolboy at Rugby and Soccer. A one team man. Lancashire County and English International. Played in Test matches against Kiwis. Played many times for England whilst serving in the Forces. He is the side's leading goal-kicker. Height—5' 9". Weight—12 st. 7 lbs.
- D. GREENALL** (*Centre $\frac{3}{4}$*). Lancashire County honours as a schoolboy. Reserve for Lancashire County this season. Has set up a good partnership understanding with Jim Stott. Height—5' 8". Weight—11 st. 7 lbs.
- St. McCORMICK** (*Wing $\frac{3}{4}$*). Lancashire County, English International. Played in all Test matches against Australians this season. Transferred to St. Helens from Belle Vue Rangers at a record fee for a Rugby League player. Watch this wingman's elusive side step. Height—5' 8". Weight—11 st. 9 lbs.
- J. A. HONEY** (*Out Half*). Playing his first season in senior football. Comes of a footballing family. His father used to play for the Old St. Helens Recreation Club. Is a good attacking player. Height—5' 7". Weight—10 st. 6 lbs.
- F. BEESLEY** (*Scrum Half*). A convert from the Rugby Union Code. Played for Lancashire Rugby Union when 18 years of age. A brilliant man in attack. Height—5' 7". Weight—10 st. 6 lbs.
- J. BALL** (*Scrum Half*). Played for Lancashire County as a schoolboy. Was playing first class football at 16 years of age. Height—5' 7". Weight—11 st. 2 lbs.
- R. W. T. JONES** (*Prop Forward*). Joined Swinton from Aberavon, and was transferred to St. Helens during the present season. Welsh Schoolboy International, Glamorgan County, and Welsh International Rugby League. He can play in any forward position. Height—5' 11". Weight—15 st. 2 lbs.
- R. E. BLAKEMORE** (*Hooker*). Played for Newport before joining St. Helens. Played for Monmouthshire County and Wales. Reserve for Wales, Rugby League. Can hold his own as hooker against the best. Height—5' 9". Weight—12 st. 3 lbs.
- W. J. NORRIS** (*Front Row*). Came to St. Helens from Warrington. A good club man who is a stickler for work. Height—5' 11". Weight—15 st. 6 lbs.
- L. ASTON** (*Second Row*). Played for England in his first full season in senior football. Lancashire County and played for England in all three Test matches against the Kiwis. A strong runner and a second threequarter player. Height—5' 10". Weight—13 st. 2 lbs.
- G. PARSONS** (*Second Row*). Came to St. Helens from Abertillery. One of the youngest players in the side. Welsh International under both codes. Another hard worker who is always in the thick of the fray. Height—6'. Weight—14 st. 6 lbs.
- A. PRESCOTT** (*Loose Forward*). Another young player, played for Halifax when 16 years of age. Was transferred to St. Helens during the present season. He has played two County matches this season and seems booked for higher honours. Height—6'. Weight—14 st. 2 lbs.



Back Row (Left to Right) Coun. R. H. WINTER (Chairman), NORRIS, LOWE, DIXON, LLEWELLYN, PRESCOTT, PARSONS
 JONES, A. E. OWEN (Vice-Chairman), A. FRODSHAM (Coach).
 Middle Row (Left to Right) McCORMICK, BLAKEMORE, STOTT (Capt.), GREENALL. Front Row (L to R) HONEY, BALL

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