



ERIC AYLES,
Belle Vue Rangers
Front Row Forward



RAY PRICE,
Belle Vue Rangers
Stand-off Half-Back

the second round at Workington by only three points—13-10—after defeating Swinton in the first round.

At the turn of the year, however,

they were unfortunate in regard to injuries to many players, and their hopes of honours, which had looked so bright, faded away. In the Challenge Cup first round Oldham fell to St. Helens, as we did in the second round.

Of their injured players Oldham have missed most Welsh international Goldswain, loose forward and captain, and brilliant tactician. The loss of his leadership and ability has had a big effect on Oldham's lack of form at a critical stage in the season.

In recent weeks, however, they have been playing better, and the Rangers will have to give of their best if they are to reverse the 22-2 win Oldham had when Belle Vue visited Watersheddings. We had no game yesterday, but Oldham were at Swinton for their usual Good Friday fixture.

Everything points to an entertaining match this afternoon and we trust a big crowd will see a game worthy of the occasion.

When Oldham visited Belle Vue last season Rangers won by 7 points to 2; the season before Oldham gained the verdict by a single point—15-14.

TUESDAY'S HOME MATCH

On Monday the Rangers play at Bramley, and next Tuesday Widnes will be the visitors to Belle Vue when the kick-off will be 5.45 p.m. Next Saturday Rangers "A" are at home to St. Helens "A."

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BELLE VUE RANGERS

v.

OLDHAM

Saturday, April 4th, 1953

Kick-off 3-0 p.m.

Directors : Alderman W. H. Oldfield, J.P., M.P., J. Kay, T. Spedding and E. S. Davis

Secretary-Manager: T. Spedding

CLUB NOTES

The directors of Belle Vue Rangers are pleased to allocate to-day's match as a joint testimonial for two of the club's loyal and talented players—Eric Ayles and Ray Price.

Eric joined the Rangers from a Wigan junior club, Worsley Lads' Club, in 1946. After a spell with the reserves, he gained a regular place in the first team in 1948. He has given grand service to the club as front row forward, in which position he has few superiors. He has gained Lancashire County honours and is worthy of further selection for representative matches.

Ray was a Rugby Union player with Abertillery club when he was signed by Belle Vue in 1947. Acknowledged to be one of the best stand-off half-backs in the Rugby League at the present time, he has played for Wales in five international matches and also for a British Empire side. He only just missed being a member of the

1950 Australian touring team, and all being well will be a strong candidate for selection for the tour next year.

To both Price and Ayles the club extend its wishes for a worthy testimonial to-day.

OUR VISITORS TO-DAY

When Doug, Phillips and Elwyn Gwyther had their benefit last season the opponents were St. Helens, and to-day Oldham are the equally attractive visitors.

Last season, it will be remembered, Oldham failed by only a single point to gain a position in the top four and thus qualify for the League Championship play-off. They began this season in the same brilliant fashion, playing the type of Rugby that earned them praise wherever they visited. Apart from their league successes, they were the first team to halt the victorious Australian tourists, holding them to a draw of seven points each. In the Lancashire Cup they were dismissed in

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IN THE KINGS HALL
TO-NIGHT AT 7 p.m.
KAREL ISTAZ v. DAVID ARMSTRONG
VIC HESSELLE v. SANDY ORFORD
KIWI KINGSTON v. EMIL POILVE
RON JOHNSON v. TONY McDONALD
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Wrestling—Weds. at 7-30, Sats. at 7

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Threequarters
2—DAY
3—BEATTY
4—MORGAN
5—CLEWORTH

Half-backs
6—PRICE
7—REES

Forwards
8—AYLES
9—HUNT
10—CLANCY
11—TONGE
12—PHILLIPS
13—TIERNEY

OLDHAM TEAM

Colours—Red & White

Full Back
1—GANLEY

Threequarters
2—O'GRADY
3—MITCHELL
4—FEATHER or DAVIES
5—EMMITT

Half-backs
6—DALEY
7—STIRRUP

Forwards
8—OGDEN
9—MUNDY
10—JACKSON
11—WINSLADE
12—WATSON
13—LITTLE

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