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## LADIES HOCKEY LEAGUE

The growth of the Lancashire Central Ladies' Hockey League reflects the rapid advance in recent years of organised games for women. And nowhere has the movement towards the formation of hockey leagues been so marked as in South and Central Lancashire.

The Lancashire Central Ladies' Hockey League was formed two years ago with a membership of six clubs, under the name of the Leyland and District Ladies' Hockey League. It now consists of 18 clubs.

Balshaw's Grammar School Old Girls, Blackburn Ladies, Blakey Moor Old Girls, Old Chorleians, Dick, Kerr's Ladies, Hesketh Bank Ladies, Leyland and Birmingham Rubber Co., Leyland Motors, Longton, Penwortham, Winckley-square—these clubs forming the first division—and Balshaw's Old Girls' II., Glovers-court, Leyland Paint Works, Leyland Social Club, Leyland Wesleyans, L.M.S. Railway (Manchester), and St. Cuthbert's (Preston)—these clubs forming the second division.

Two interesting matches have been arranged between Balshaw's Old Girls and Southport, the respective champions of the league and of the Liverpool League.

Inter-league matches have been fixed with the Fylde and the Liverpool leagues during the coming season, which commences on September 10th, when Balshaw's meet the Old Chorleians at

## Women's Hockey

### ALMOST CHAMPIONS.

#### Consistent Team Well Ahead of Rivals.

UNLESS something unexpected happens, Balshaw's Grammar School O.G. are certain to win the championship of the Lancashire Central Ladies Hockey League for the second year in succession. Their nearest neighbours, Penwortham, are six points behind.

The two clubs' respective engagements are:— Balshaw's v. Old Chorleians (h), Blakey Moor O.G. (h), Leyland and Birmingham (h), Blackburn (h), Dick, Kerr's (h), Longton (a). Penwortham v. Blakey Moor (h), Leyland and Birmingham (h), Blackburn (h), Longton (h), Leyland and Birmingham (a), Longton (a).

The Old Girls' team have shown remarkable consistency throughout the season, which must be a matter of much satisfaction to Miss G. Mortimer, in this her first year of captaincy. The Balshaw's forwards have scored 42 goals in their last six matches.

In the Second Division, although L.M.S. Railway continue to head the table, Leyland Social Club are very favourably placed, being only two points behind with three matches in hand.

Leyland Motors 0, Balshaw's G.S.O.G. 6.

Hesketh Bank 4, Blackburn 0.

Leyland and Birmingham 0, Old Chorleians 2.

Balshaw's G.S.O.G. II. 1, Leyland Social Clubs 3.

Leyland Paint and V. O. L.M.S. (Manchester) 7.

Leyland Wesleyans 1, Glover's Court School 2.

Winckley-square O.G. 3, Dick, Kerr's 4.

Longton 3, Blakey Moor O.G. 1.

### NOT A RUNAWAY WIN.

Although the champions won by six clear goals against Leyland Motors, at Yewlands-drive, this was by no means a runaway victory. The home defence was perfectly sound, and the forwards, of which M. Hocking and J. Riding were prominent, only spoiled their well-conceived attacking movements by weak hitting in front of goal.

M. McKittrick opened the score with a hard shot, and after ten minutes G. Mortimer, who took a short pass in the circle from E. Roweroft, scored a second. Leyland Motors resisted vigorously, and no further score was registered until the game had been in progress 25 minutes, when E. Roweroft sent G. Mortimer away down the wing.

The ball was passed to centre, and E. Roweroft shot, for D. Male, in goal, to save brilliantly. The attempted clearance was not, however, successful, and the Balshaw's centre, rushing in, drove hard into the net.

Five minutes later E. Roweroft scored another goal from a pass by M. Robinson. Resuming, play was fairly even, and E. Cunliffe had to save repeatedly. Good combined play resulted in N. Iddon

was fairly even, and E. Cummins had to save repeatedly. Good combined play resulted in N. Iddon scoring. Three minutes from time D. Watson sent E. Rowcroft racing down the field to score with a hard shot.

Balshaw's won convincingly by reason of their more finished play in the circle, and also to a large extent by their policy, that the ball, when past the 25 yards line, ought to be in the centre.

Blackburn faced a strong wind, and did well to be only one goal in arrears at half-time, M. Cropper having scored for Hesketh Bank with a good shot after some excellent combined play. The visitors were good in the field but lacked finish. Hesketh Bank gained points from three breakaways, the scorers being A. Morrison and M. Holson (2).

### SEVEN AGAINST.

Leyland Paint and Varnish Co. were well beaten at Fox-lane. Leyland Paint held their own against the leaders of Division II, until half-time, but in the second half the visitors increased their lead by six goals. The goalscorers were M. Worsley (4), O. Holt (2), L. Longworth.

Balshaw's second caused the unbeaten team in the second division to look to their laurels when they opened the scoring after eight minutes through K. Berry. The visitors found P. Wilcox and D. Iddon a stumbling-block, but the equaliser came just before half-time through E. Lazenby, who, not far from the end, gave the visitors the lead and then scored again.

Leyland Wesleyans were beaten by Glover's Court School 2-1 at Bent-lane, Leyland. L. Taylor, for the Wesleyans, broke away and scored a splendid goal. The visitors scored through K. McManmon, and again just before half-time. Later only the remarkable keeping of M. Dawber in goal kept down the score.

At Wheelton-lane, Old Chorleians were rather the better team against Leyland and Birmingham, and deserved to win 2-0. The visitors attacked strongly, but the Leyland defence held. Resuming, Old Chorleians early took the lead, and within a few minutes from full time scored again.

Longton turned out two short against Blakey Moor, but won 3-1 after D. Miller had scored against them in seven minutes. Longton scored twice in quick succession through M. Varley and J. Maguire, and in the second half C. Norris got a third.

At Winckley-square ground an excellent, fast game was seen. Play in the first half was very even. Kirkbride scored three for the visitors and A. Molloy twice for the home team. Resuming, Dick Kerr's took the lead through D. Milner, but Winckley equalised through A. Molloy. The winning goal was scored near the end by D. Milner.

### DIVISION I.

	P.	W.	D.	L.	Goals		
					For	Ag.	pts.
Balshaw's G.S.O.G. ...	14	11	3	0	80	22	25
Penwortham .....	14	7	5	2	39	23	19
Dick, Kerr's .....	14	9	0	5	38	35	18
Winckley-sq. O.G. ...	15	8	1	6	62	44	17
Hesketh Bank .....	15	7	3	5	45	42	17
Longton .....	13	8	0	5	41	29	16
Old Chorleians .....	14	6	1	7	19	39	13
Leyland Motors .....	12	6	0	6	43	29	12
Blackburn .....	14	3	0	11	17	58	6
Blakey Moor O.G. ...	11	2	0	9	17	45	4
Leyland & B. Rub... 12	1	1	1	10	10	45	3

### DIVISION II.

L.M.S. Rly. (Man). 11	9	0	2	54	15	18
Leyland Social Club 8	8	0	0	27	2	16
Glover's Court School 8	5	0	3	19	13	10
Leyland Wesleyans ... 9	3	1	5	17	24	7
St. Cuthbert's (P't'n) 8	2	0	6	8	26	4
Balshaw's G.S.O.G., 7	1	1	5	9	18	3
Leyland P. & V. Co. 8	1	0	7	4	42	2



## *Women's Hockey*

### **CHAMPIONS AGAIN**

### **Balshaw's Team Goes Through Season Undefeated**

The Lancashire Central Ladies Hockey League championships in Division I. and Division II. has been decided by Balshaw's Grammar School Old Girls winning at Blackburn, and Leyland Social Club defeating Preston St. Cuthbert's.

Balshaw's thus qualify for championship honours for the second successive year. The club have played well throughout the season, and have maintained an unbeaten record since December, 1931.

In Division II., Leyland Social Club gained the reward of consistently good play, having lost only once.

Blackburn 1. Balshaw's G.S.O.G. 5.

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Balshaw's. Continued pressure resulted in G. Mortimer adding a third point with only 13 minutes gone. Play became very even, but the visitors increased their lead through N. Iddon. Blackburn improved considerably, having quite as much of the play as the champions, and after 27 minutes K. Waterhouse crowned a clever solo run with a splendid goal. Balshaw's went down the field in a line and a bombardment of the home goal ensued. M. Shaw, the Blackburn goalkeeper, did wonderful things, but finally was beaten by N. Iddon.

Leyland Paint and Varnish 0. Glovers Court 1. Balshaw's G.S.O.G. II. 4. Leyland Wes. 0.

M. C. Ross opened the scoring after 10 minutes, and E. Barrow completed the "hat-trick."

Leyland and Birmingham 0. Winckley Sq. 4. W. Molloy (2). H. Molloy and M. Yates scored.

Hesketh Bank 5. Leyland M. 3.

The visitors scored twice through E. Southworth, and M. Hocking, and though S. Leigh reduced the lead, M. Hocking got a third. Hesketh Bank rallied, M. Cropper adding three, and M. Houghton one.

Preston St. Cuthbert's 2. Leyland S.C. 5.

Penwortham 3. Longton 4.

Penwortham were unfortunate in that Miss Livesey, one of the full backs, injured her knee and had to go in goal.

Blakey Moor O.G. 1. Dick, Ker's 3.

E. Kirkbride and D. Milner scored for the visitors.

	P.	W.	D.	L.	Goals		Pts
					For.	Ag.	
Balshaw's G.S.O.G....	18	15	3	0	108	23	33
Dick, Kerr's .....	17	12	0	5	55	40	24
Penwortham .....	17	9	5	3	47	31	23
Hesketh Bank .....	19	9	4	6	54	52	22
Winckley Sq. O.G.	18	10	1	7	72	48	21
Longton .....	17	9	0	8	50	39	18
Old Chorleians .....	17	7	2	8	26	49	16
Leyland Motors .....	15	7	1	7	50	38	15
Blakey Moor O.G. ...	16	3	0	13	24	60	6
Blackburn .....	17	3	0	14	20	66	6
Ley. and B'ham....	17	1	1	15	11	71	3

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# WOMEN WHO PLAY MANY PARTS

**T**HE four women members of the company of players who have been giving performances of classical plays in Preston, and making the town the centre of their North-West Lancashire tour, are delightful people to meet.

To the townswoman who only leaves the confines of her own neighbourhood at holiday times, the experiences of these women players must read like a book. Two of the players, Dorothy Casey and Dorothy Clement, both scored a great success in the Dublin theatrical world. Another member, Wendy Archer, was a pupil of Fay Compton.

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School will be proud of their record. They have just won the championship of the Lancashire Central League again.

### A Record

Since the inauguration of this league in 1930 they have been beaten only three times. Their opponents on those occasions were Winckley-square O.G. and Upholland G.S.O.G. (twice).

During this period also, the following clubs have drawn against the champions: Penwortham (three times), Old Chorleians, and Hesketh Bank.

In their first season they were co-leaders with Winckley-square O.G., who had a superior goal average.

Last season a play-off was necessary between Balshaw's and Penwortham, and the Old Girl won a keen game to be declared champions and cup holders. Such consistency is amazing.

### Prominent Players

The current season, during which the team has been under the captaincy of Miss G. Mortimer, who had taken over from Miss W. Hesketh (now abroad), has been in the nature of a record for the club and the league.

Prominent amongst the Balshaw's players has been Miss Edith Roweroff, who has scored 63 goals this season in league games.

She also led the English League's side against the Scottish League at Glasgow on March 4th, when she was one of the best forwards on the field.

Another test of skill awaits Balshaw's at Easter, for the team has been entered to play at Manchester in a two days' tournament organised by the English Ladies' Hockey League's Association.

The competition will include representative teams from Manchester, Stockport, Liverpool, and the Lancashire Central League, also such outstanding clubs as Diamond, Pemberton, Bramhall and Leigh. A trophy has been given by Sir Benjamin Lubbock.

being from the classics, are far more difficult to memorise than the ordinary modern plays. Yet, in three or four days, they become word perfect.

**Memory Feats**

"We get used to learning our parts in such a short time," said one of them to me.

"We find it a little puzzling sometimes when we have to 'double' in a play. We are only seven altogether, so it is necessary for members of the company to play several characters in one production."

Members of the company obviously enjoy their work, for even over the breakfast table I heard them discussing various details of a play they were to present the following day.

As is natural with women, dress was the topic.

**Dark or Light Blue?**

Within a few days of his induction as the new vicar of South Shore, Blackpool, to-day (Thursday), the Rev. E. M. Gresford Jones, is to marry Miss Lucy Elizabeth Bosanquet, of Rock, a Northumberland village.

The marriage will take place on April 19th at the picturesque church at Winwick, near Warrington, by the Bishop of Warrington, who is the vicar's father.

The happy couple will be opposed in one thing, however—their 'varsity enthusiasm. For five years Mr. Jones was chaplain at Trinity College, Cambridge, while his bride-to-be was a student at Oxford.

The Vicarage at South Shore will probably be a place of conflicting interests when the next boat race takes place!

**Hockey Success**

The present season, shortly coming to a close, has been a prosperous one for women's hockey in Preston and district. The girls have played with an enthusiasm which has made success a

by Sir Benjamin Johnson.

**At Leyland**

The Leyland Social Club, formed in 1930, and received to the league in 1931, have won the Second Division championship, having lost only one match.

Last season they had only two reverses, against Dick, Kerr's, who eventually became Division two champions.

A well-balanced team, the Social Club are particularly strong in defence, and M. Haydock and E. Lazenby have been outstanding players in a skilful forward line.

Women's hockey is growing in the North-West, and the existence of such organisations means life and energy in the movement.

*Elizabeth*

**Crossword Solution—No. 190**

ACROSS

- 2. Sprig.
- 7. Tata.
- 8. Dada.
- 9. Order.
- 10. Cock.
- 11. Adam.
- 12. Arch.
- 14. Anno.
- 15. Olive.
- 16. Eels.
- 17. Ores.
- 18. Means.

DOWN

- 1. Stockades.
- 2. Stockholm.
- 3. Park.
- 4. Eden.
- 5. Gadenitz.
- 6. Farinhouse.
- 13. Elac.
- 14. Avon.

Stains on silver may be removed by sponging them with water in which potatoes have been boiled.

To get rid of ants, pour paraffin into the holes they have made, or into their nests.

Scrambled eggs will go much further if a heaped tablespoonful of bread-crumbs and a teacupful of milk are

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**Hockey Success**

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I think the old girls of Balshaw's Grammar

the holes they have made, or into their nests.

Scrambled eggs will go much further if a heaped tablespoonful of bread-crumbs and a teacupful of milk are added to each two eggs used in the making of the dish.



## GIRLS' HOCKEY

### Game Becoming Very Popular in Preston and Chorley

The growth of hockey for girls and young women in the Preston and Chorley district was commented upon last night when the Lancashire Central Ladies Hockey League held their annual dance and presentation of prizes, at Preston.

Mrs. James Todd, President of the League, expressed gratification that so fine an athletic game for girls was making good progress in the district, and Mr. T. A. Hart, secretary, stated that there were now 360 registered players, and 18 clubs in the league.

Mrs. Potter, of Grimsargh, presented the League cup to Balshaw's G. S. Old Girls, who have retained the championship of division one, and the second division cup to the Leyland Social Club. She also presented a badge of honour to Miss Edith Rowcroft, the Balshaw's O. G. centre-forward, who recently played for the English Ladies Hockey Leagues against Scotland.

Over 300 people, half of them players, attended the function.

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Balshaw's Grammar School Old Girls second team have won the Second Division championship of the Lancashire Central Ladies Hockey League. Top: Misses A. Dracon, A. Pilkington, F. Wilcock, A. Hunter, B. Hodson, W. Rosbotham. Sitting: E. Barrow, F. Bennison, K. Berry, M. Cross, M. McKettrick. Photo: H. Wade, Leyland.

## League

There was a good attendance to see the return inter-league match at Liverpool between the Liverpool L.H.L. and Lancashire Central Hockey League. The visitors won 3-1. A goal rewarded their efforts with 10 minutes gone, G. Loweroft seizing a difficult opportunity in the circle and scoring with a lightning shot. Liverpool rallied well and challenged goal several times but D. Male cleared. After 25 minutes M. Greenwood, the ex-centre forward of Cheshire County equalised. In the second half play was again keen and interesting and many fine attacking movements were only checked by a brilliant defence where two international full backs in Mrs. Dillon and L. Dimmock were playing opposite each other. The visitors took the lead through A. Roberts, and I. Smith extended it with a beautiful goal.

Balshaw's G.S.O.G. defeated Longton 5-2, thus winning the championship of Division 1 for the third time in succession. Runners up this season are Leyland Motors, who finished one point behind. Longton were a player short, but gave the champions a good game. Scorers: For Balshaw's, G. Haydock (3), E. Barron, G. Mortimer; For Longton E. Addison, E. Breakell.

Glover's Court School beat Whittle-le-Woods St. John's 7-0.