

GREYFRIARS v. ST. JIM'S—



—And YOU'RE THE REF!

You are the referee. Whenever a stoppage occurs give your decision. Count two points for each correct decision concerning a goal, and one point for each correct decision over a mid-field incident. Check up—and see if your knowledge of football is wide enough to enable you to referee a match!

Harry Wharton kicks off, and attempts a quick dribble on his own, without the help of the other forwards. He only gets a few yards, though—Kangaroo has charged him heavily, and Wharton goes down.

1. Phoop! Stoppage—give your decision.

Your decision having been given, the game is resumed. Play sweeps into the St. Jim's half. Fatty Wynn makes a fine save and boots clear. Hurree Singh, at outside-right for Greyfriars, tackled by Kerr, puts the ball neatly forward to Nugent, his inside-right, who has only Wynn to beat. Nugent, quick as a flash, shoots hard towards the far corner of the net. Wynn dives full-length in a desperate effort to save, but he is beaten.

2. Phoop! Stoppage—give your decision.

The game is resumed. St. Jim's are keeping the ball bobbing in front of the Friars goal now. Hazeldene, the

Friars goalkeeper, leaps high and punches out a hot shot from Talbot. Hazeldene accidentally catches Blake on the chin as he punches, and Blake has to receive attention.

3. Pheep! Stoppage—give your decision.

Off we go again. St. Jim's are maintaining fierce pressure—St. Jim's are coming through on the left. D'Arcy, at outside-left, has the ball, centres it squarely, with a bunch of players in front of goal. Bull, at right-back, drops behind Hazeldene as the goalkeeper ventures out to catch the ball. But Tom Merry springs up, gets his head to the ball, and it whizzes past Bull into the net. Bull's hand, outstretched, to regain his balance, almost touches the ball! As the ball comes to rest, there is an appeal for offside.

4. Pheep! Stoppage—give your decision.

Greyfriars are obviously out for blood. A brilliant run by Hurree Singh on the right wing is checked by Kerr. The ball goes into touch, and from the throw-in, Hurree Singh forces a corner. As he prepares to take the corner-kick, Noble, St. Jim's centre-half, stumbles against Wharton, Greyfriars centre-forward. The whistle blows for Hurree Singh to take the kick. Owing to an adverse wind, it falls short—but Cherry, dashing in, shapes to trap it. But the ball spins awkwardly, and strikes Cherry's hand just before he brings

it under control. All in the same second, Cherry shoots for goal. Wharton, starting forward, trips over Noble's foot inside the penalty area. The ball, hot from Cherry's foot, enters the top left-hand corner of the net.

5. Pheep! Stoppage—give your decision.

From the resumption St. Jim's press, but Greyfriars return to the attack, and a fine short-passing movement leaves Wharton with a clear shot at goal. As he shoots, Herries' bulldog, Towser, runs out on to the field towards Herries, at left-half. Wharton's shot beats Fatty Wynn completely, and the ball lodges safely in the net.

6. Pheep! Stoppage—give your decision.

In the closing minutes St. Jim's are almost through when Hazeldene makes a heroic dive at Tom Merry's feet, hoping to snatch the ball away. But Merry swerves like a wizard, and avoids the goalkeeper. As Merry steadies himself to shoot into an empty net, Johnny Bull dashes across and just succeeds in shouldering Merry off the ball. Merry staggers slightly, and before he has recovered, Bull has cleared. Hazeldene is still on the ground, having apparently hurt himself in diving. There are fifteen seconds to go.

7. Pheep! Stoppage—give your decision.

(Now turn to page 121 and see how many decisions you have got right.)

