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Oldham v. Rochdale Hornets

Saturday, August 18th, 1934.

Kick-off 3.30 p.m.

CLUB CHAT.

The Season's Wonder what the season of 1934-5 has got in store Prospects. for us? That is a question which will be worrying a good many clubs just now. One or two clubs have made important changes in the personnel of their teams, but after glancing through the lists, there does not appear to be anything strikingly new in most of them. Practically most of the clubs are "as they were." That description practically fits our position to-day. True we have a few new faces on our list—notably Blossom and Rees—but on the other hand one or two old faces will be missing. We did not have a really bad season in a playing sense last season. We won the Lancashire Cup and also reached the semi-final for the Rugby League Challenge Cup; but our final position in the League was disappointing, as was also our financial returns from our home games. Many of those were ruined by bad weather, and the fact that we had to play them on other days than a Saturday, owing to cup-tie interferences. In fact we lost money through winning the Lancashire Cup, a statement which is somewhat paradoxical and Gilbertian but nevertheless true. Hope we don't have the same luck (?) again. We have a most enthusiastic set of officials with Mr. Harry Whittaker at their head, and if hard work on their part can bring success we shall be all right. Our players have shown perhaps more enthusiasm than cleverness in the practice games, but they are all ambitious for the club's success, and that is a great factor at the

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FIXTURES 1934-35.

1st TEAM FIXTURES				"A" TEAM FIXTURES					
Date	Opponents	T	F	A	Date	Opponents	T	F	A
1934-35					1934-35				
Aug. 18	Rochdale Hornets (Infirmity Cup)	H	3-30		Aug. 25	Wigan "A"	...	H	3-30
25	Wigan	...	A		Sept. 15	Warrington "A"	...	A	
Sept. 1	Bramley	...	H	3-30	22	Salford "A"	...	H	3-30
8	Widnes (1st Rd Lincs. Cup)	H	3-30		29	Rochdale Hornets	A		
15	Warrington	...	H	3-30	Oct. 6	Keighley "A"	...	H	3-30
17	French Team	...	H		13	Salford "A"	...	A	
22	Salford	...	A	3-30	20	St. Helens Recs. "A"	...	A	
29	Rochdale Hornets	H			27	Broughton R'g'rs	A	H	3-0
Oct. 6	Keighley	...	A	3-30	Nov. 3	B'ght'n R'ng'rs "A"	...	A	
13	Salford	...	H	3-0	10	Barrow "A"	...	H	3-0
20	St. Helens Recs.	...	H		17	Wigan "A"	...	A	
27	Broughton Rangers	A	3-0		24	Widnes "A"	...	H	2-45
Nov. 3	Broughton R'g'rs.	H			8	Barrow "A"	...	A	
10	Barrow	...	A	2-45	15	Halifax "A"	...	H	2-30
17	Wigan	...	H		22	Keighley "A"	...	H	2-30
24	Widnes	...	A	2-45	29	Rochdale Hornets	A	H	2-30
Dec. 1	Barrow	...	H		26	Swinton "A"	...	H	2-30
8	Halifax	...	A	2-30	29	York "A"	...	A	
15	Keighley	...	H		Jan. 1	Widnes "A"	...	A	
22	Rochdale Hornets	A	2-30		5	Huddersfield "A"	...	H	2-30
25	Swinton (Xmas Dy)	H			26	St. Helens Recs. "A"	...	H	3-0
26	Hull Kingston R.	A			Feb. 2	St. Helens "A"	...	A	
	Boxing Day				9	Liverpool Stan. "A"	...	A	
29	York	...	H	2-30	23	Warrington "A"	...	H	3-30
Jan. 1	Widnes	...	H		Mar. 9	Leigh "A"	...	A	
5	Huddersfield	...	A	2-45	16	Liverpool Stan. "A"	...	H	3-30
12	Liverpool Stanley	H	2-45		23	York "A"	...	H	3-30
19	Batley	...	H		30	Huddersfield "A"	...	A	
26	St. Helens Recs.	...	A	3-0	April 6	Leigh "A"	...	H	3-30
Feb. 2	St. Helens	...	H		13	Swinton "A"	...	A	
9	Challenge Cup 1 rd.			3-30	20	Halifax "A"	...	A	
16	Hull Kingston R.	H			22	St. Helens "A"	...	H	3-30
23	Warrington	...	A						
Mar. 2	Batley	...	A	3-30					
9	Leigh	...	H						
16	Liverpool Stanley	A							
23	York	...	A	3-30					
30	Huddersfield	...	H						
April 6	Leigh	...	A						
13	Bramley	...	A						
19	Swinton (G.F.)	A	3-30						
20	Halifax	...	H						
22	St. Helens	...	A						

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Date	Opponents	T	F	A
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Our Supporters' Club. We have got a real Supporters' Club at Watersheddings, and their latest effort is to open a "New Wall Fund." They have done this with the idea of completing the concrete walling round the enclosure and thus complete the work done last season on the "Popular" side. No matter how small your subscription may be, it will readily be acknowledged by their Hon. Secretary, Mr. J. W. Hollingworth, 22, Garnet Street, or by the Hon. Treasurer, Mr. J. H. Cocker, 55, Abbotsford Road. Already the work is pretty well advanced in concreting on the Pavilion side. The membership of the Supporters' Club is still below the number we are hoping for. We should easily attain a couple of hundred names, and the membership is only one shilling. When the figure has reached 200 the names will go into the "hat" and the lucky one drawn out will be presented with a season's ticket by the Oldham Football Club. If you are not in the first 200, make sure you are in the next. The canteens run by the Supporters will again be found ever ready to do you a good service in the way of refreshments, where the lady

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8. Read, J.
9. Scaife, J. M.
10. Rees, L.
11. Ashworth, F. W.
12. Blossom, F.
13. Pugh, N.
14. Clayton, A.

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ROCHDALE HORNETS 4

1. Gowers, W.
2. Skillen, A. C.
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5. Gaunt, R.
6. Aynsley, C. J.
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attendants are as anxious as ever to play their part in attending to the wants of the "inner man." By the way, the Supporters' Club have arranged for a special excursion for Wigan next Saturday, the train leaving Mumps at 1-50. They were pretty active last Saturday with the "Penny on the Ball" sale, the winning numbers being: First 62,346, and second 63,729.

Seven-a-Side Contest. Our Supporters' Club are arranging for a seven-a-side football competition and goal kicking contest to be played on the evenings of Monday, September 10th, Wednesday, September 12th, and Friday, September 14th. The competition is open to teams within a radius of five miles and is confined to factories and workshops and other organisations. The entrance fee is 2/6 each team. Good prizes will be given. All particulars can be obtained from Mr. J. W. Hollingworth, 22, Garnet Street, Oldham.

The Infirmaries. We sincerely hope that fine weather and a big crowd will favour the opening game on our ground to-day. Especially so seeing that the proceeds are given to those two noble institutions—the Oldham Royal Infirmary and the Rochdale Infirmary. These two deserving institutions are, perhaps, apt to be overlooked by a good many of us, and an occasion like to-day's match serves as a good reminder of the very great debt which we owe them. For a good many years now these annual games between our Rochdale friends and ourselves have been the means of raising good sums of money and we have good reason to know that the governors of those institutions have been exceedingly grateful for such help. The sub-committee who have had the arrangements in hand have always to put in a lot of hard work prior to this event, one of their tasks being to collect monies for the purchase of the prizes which are given to the winning team. The entire gross gate goes to the Infirmaries, not one penny piece being deducted. The prizes this year are really beautiful gold watches and supplied by Messrs. Howell and Walsh, Ltd., of Mumps, Oldham. The watches are of the famous "Limit" make. They are in handsome Dennison hunting cases with patent safety bow. The movements are highly finished and timed within 10 seconds a day, a watch well worth winning.

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holiday will be plentiful amongst our local football enthusiasts, just to pick up a little French. The French touring team are due to arrive in England on September 5th and they are to visit us on **Monday afternoon, the 17th of September.** So far as is known at present, the Frenchmen will play four games against League clubs and against a team representing Yorkshire. We are looking forward eagerly to our meeting with our cross-channel friends, and they can rest assured of a great welcome when they visit Watersheddings. We shall give further particulars regarding this important game in a future issue. Meanwhile make a note of the date—Monday, September 17th.

To-day's Game. There is bound to be a great amount of uncertainty as to the result of to-day's game with our old friends the enemy—Rochdale Hornets. Both teams have done a lot of trial work during the past fortnight, but no one has anything very definite to give them any guide as to the real capabilities of the two teams as they will face each other this afternoon. Holidays may make matters a trifle complicated, but in any event we should see a strenuous contest, because both teams will have to face a real start in the League next Saturday. Then again there is the allurements of a fine gold watch for the winners, something well worth struggling for. We are hoping that both teams will give the crowd a fine exhibition, just by way of thanks for the support they are giving our local Infirmaries, and may the best team win. After the match the teams will be entertained to tea at the Equitable Co-operative Stores. Amongst those who are expected to be present at the match are the Mayors of Oldham and Rochdale and Mr. A. J. Law, M.P., the donor of the beautiful cup, which will be held by the winning team for the next twelve months.

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