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**A MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL OUR READERS!**

To-day, we entertain Oldham, our old friends and rivals, and we can truthfully say that although we get more enjoyment out of beating them than any other team in the League we are sincerely sorry to see them acting the part of the strong man at the bottom of the League table. I should say that this season is the first time in the history of our visitors that they have held such an unenviable position, and apart from their own followers no one would welcome a change in the fortunes of the men from Watersheddings more than those connected with the Hornets. But, wait a moment, we do not wish the change to take place until after 4 o'clock this afternoon, as we have high hopes of adding another victory to our credit to-day, and after all is said and done self-preservation is the first law of nature. The Hornets won at Oldham on September 29th by 8 points to 5.

Congratulations to Jack Williams, our flying winger, on his selection to represent Wales against France at Bordeaux on New Year's day. We feel sure that Jack will uphold the reputation of our club across the Channel.

Our Manager has signed on Bert Cadd, a second-row forward from the Newbold club, and J. Johnson, a wing-threequarter from the Higginshaw club. Both these players showed promising form in their trials.

The transfer market is showing signs of activity just now and business will increase until the 1st February, which is the last day for signing players to be eligible for the Rugby League Cup. Wilson of Wigan and Carnicael of Hull K. R. have gone to Bradford Northern, and at the time of writing Roy Gaunt and Lance Davies of our own club and Saddington of Broughton Rangers are in the market.

The winner of the ball in the St. Helens Recs. match was Mr. E. Mills, 9, Whitby St., Rochdale.

As most of you are probably aware your ticket for the ball to-day will cost you 2d. Here is the reason for the increase of the price of the tickets. "Bob" Brierley has given this ball, value 22/6, to the Social Club to help them in their efforts to raise funds for Walter Gowers' benefit, and the committee of the above Club believe that you would not mind the extra copper if you knew that it was going to one of the most conscientious players that ever assisted our Club. The ball has been autographed by Miss Gracie Fields and the players, and as the whole of the proceeds goes to the fund we are expecting a good response from our followers, who have been entertained and thrilled so often by our popular full-back. Further details of our future efforts to swell the fund will appear in the Programme from time to time.

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During the festive season, which is fast approaching, many of our readers will be giving presents to their friends and acquaintances. I daresay our Manager, Mr. Vic. Armbruster, will be both giving and receiving, but, if I know Vic, the best Xmas or New Year's gift that he could receive would be an offer to find employment for one or more of the players on the staff from anyone in a position to do so.

We regret to announce the death of George Dewhurst, the late Treasurer of Hornets Social Club, and we extend our sympathy to his wife and family.

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### OLDHAM 9

	SCORE.			SCORE.	
	Goals	Tries		Goals	Tries
<i>Full Back</i>			<i>Full Back</i>		
1 F. Sayer			1 T. Rees		
<i>Threequarter Backs</i>			<i>Threequarter Backs</i>		
2 J. Williams	2	2	2 Taylor		3
3 M. J. Downey			3 Whitworth		
4 A. L. Davies		1	4 Davies		
5 R. K. Beattie			5 Lewis		
<i>Half Backs</i>			<i>Half Backs</i>		
6 G. J. Aynsley			6 Egan		
7 R. Burkhill			7 Naylor		
<i>Forwards</i>			<i>Forwards</i>		
8 R. Thompson			8 L. Rees		
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11 G. E. Mills			11 Pugh		
12 H. Read			12 Givvons		
13 J. H. Knapman			13 Ashworth		
14 F. Selway			14 Hanley (Reserve)		
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