

NORTHERN RUGBY FOOTBALL LEAGUE.

ROVERS v. OLDHAM

Saturday, March. 16th, 1946. Kick-off 3-30 p.m.

Once again we stage a home match, the fourth in succession, and we trust we can gain a victory to-day. We consider the display of our team last Saturday against the Bradford all star combination a meritorious one and a big improvement. The Bradford team were fully extended and had Alec Dockar scored in the first few minutes, he was very unlucky not to so do, a different story may have been told. At any rate the team did their utmost to play attractive football and are to be commended on a fine display, particularly the newcomers. To-day we have on view a new scrum-half and a wingman, who, we are hopeful of persuading to stay at Craven Park. Both of them have the reputation of being good ones and if our information is correct, we can look forward to a few tries.

Our Visitors.—We welcome the Oldham boys to-day and can promise them a good game. We shall, of course, try to atone for our defeat there earlier in the season and providing the ground remains as it is at the time of going to print a good fast open game is assured.

The Tour.—It is a matter of regret that no players from either Hull or Rovers have been selected to tour Australia, but we know several who were mentioned and run a close finish during the selection process. Two of ours were Ramsden and Dockar and we hope their form will prove good enough to merit being selected as last minute reserves in case of anyone not being able to make the trip.

I am sure you will join with me in offering your congratulations to our popular Director, Walter Crockford, on his selection to join the tourists as the Rugby League Representative. His hard work for the game and particularly this Club, make his selection popular amongst everyone connected with the game. To-day will probably be the last match he will attend before leaving England and we therefore wish him *bon voyage* and trust he will have a good trip. We look forward to hearing from him during his tour and will no doubt receive some first hand reports of the games during our close season.

"A" Team.—Our second string are engaged at Headingley to-day where they are playing Leeds "A" in the 1st leg of the Senior Competition Cup. Next Saturday we witness the 2nd leg at Craven Park and hope you will all roll up and cheer our boys to victory.

Our next home match for the 1st team is with Featherstone on April 6th, unless we re-arrange our fixtures with York and Broughton in the meantime. The following is a list of outstanding fixtures to the end of the season: March 23rd, Leeds (away); March 30th, Hunslet (away); April 6th, Featherstone (home); April 13th, Widnes (Away); April 19th (Good Friday), Hull (home); April 20th, Bradford (away); April 22nd, York (away); April 27th, St. Helens (away). The York and Broughton fixtures, both at home, have to be arranged and will probably be evening games.

Will the gentlemen who have contacted the Secretary *re* the Supporters' Club kindly call at the office after to-day's match.

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