

Rugby League Challenge Cup

1st Round 1st Leg

ROVERS v OLDHAM

Saturday, 7th February, 1948, Kick-off 3 p.m.

Our Visitors—In opening to-day we give a hearty Yorkshire welcome to the boys from Oldham. We have not met in League warfare this Season but recall the match here in the opening Season after the War 1945/6 when we won by 7 pts to 2 pts thus gaining revenge for a similar defeat at Oldham the same Season. Our last meeting in Cup football was many years ago when Oldham defeated us somewhat easily at Headingley in the Final in the Season 1922/3. We are confident we can win to-day. Good Luck Boys!!

Obituary—The news of the death of an old Rovers player Gilbert (Tich) Austin in a tragic accident came as a great shock to Rovers followers. We know all Roverites will join us in extending to his family our heartfelt sympathy in their sad loss.

Rugby League News—So at long last the Rugby League is spreading its wings! I hear from Director Crockford the present Chairman of the R. L. Council that when in France last week at the meeting of the Big Three — the French delegate assured our Legislators that there was a definite possibility that the game could be put over in Italy. I don't think I shall be accused of issuing a premature statement when I tell you already plans are afoot to choose a representative Team from Gt. Britain and France to play an exhibition game in Italy. There are also some preliminaries going on to extend to Canada and America! Truly our game is catching on and is becoming world wide in its ramifications! one can easily visualise a World Tournament and if we continue in our efforts there is no reason why the 13-a-side game should not become just as popular as Soccer. We wish our Legislators all success in their efforts!

New Players—Strenuous efforts have been made, without success, to obtain new blood for the team in time for to-days match. Believe me it is a heartbreaking task. Even money will not buy over a player! We in Hull seem to be at a big disadvantage when trying to persuade well-known men to throw in their lot with the Robins. Despite our setbacks however, in not being able to land a catch in time for the Cup, we are still pursuing our efforts and we hope to have better luck before long.

E.E.H.

Supporters' Club Notes—In connection with the Second Leg of the Cup-tie at Oldham next Saturday we are running an outing by rail providing we get sufficient numbers. Full details regarding time of train and fare may be obtained on enquiry to the Supporters' Club Office behind the Best Stand after to-days match. Arrangements are almost completed for our Annual Outing to Keighley on March 6th. It should be appreciated that we cannot book such things as train fares, motor coaches, meals, etc., without some guarantee from our members, so we suggest that when booking, a deposit be made to avoid disappointment. Our second Benefit Dance is to be held at East Hull Baths next Wednesday February 11th, tickets price 4/-. Again it is an assured success, so obtain your tickets from any Supporters' Club Committee member. There are now very few vacancies left for our outing to Wembley. All that is required now is for Rovers to be in the Final, so give our boys plenty of encouragement and, who knows? Just one last word, we have no connection with any local entertainments enterprise who may be advertising outings, etc.

H.R.

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