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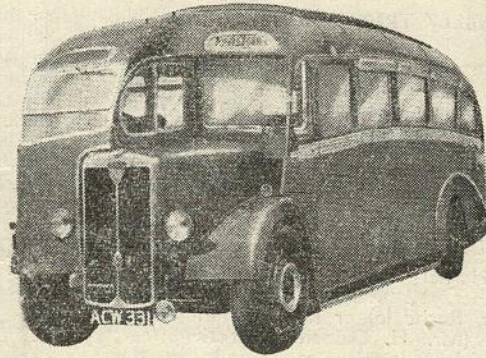
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## Supporters' Club Notes

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The arrangements for the trip are as follows: We leave Rochdale by special train early on Saturday morning, May 6th. Breakfast and lunch will be at Lyon's, Coventry Street, and in between these two meals there will be a tour of London, lasting three hours. We shall leave in good time for Wembley, where our party will be accommodated in 7/6 seats. From the Stadium we shall go after the game to Edgware for tea, and then until midnight, when the train leaves for home, our party will be able to enjoy the "lights of London." There is hardly any walking in this trip, and those who went last year will bear testimony to the splendid day we all enjoyed. We are looking forward to another similar experience.

Full details of the Trip will be handed out in the form of a printed itinerary

when Railway Tickets and Wembley Stadium Tickets are distributed. All those who are going to the Cup Final with the Supporters Club will be notified nearer the date about how and when to pick up these tickets.

The all-in cost for adults is £3/2/6. and for children under 14, £2/12/6. All those who have paid £1 deposit for a seat are now completing the full total, which all are asked to pay by April 11th, 1950.

### SEASON END.

Once more the Rugby League season draws to a close. For the Hornets it has been a very difficult one in many ways. These difficulties have, of course, been shared by the Supporters Club, and many efforts have suffered as a consequence. Amongst our members, unfortunately, there have been those who have found it easy to wane in interest and in odd cases slip away from the cause. A Supporters Club's main function is to back up fully those in authority in the control of the team, and this we have loyally done and shall continue to do, be the going rough or smooth. This may be the last opportunity before this season ends to thank those who have contributed to the success of our efforts and have stood by the Hornets. We shall have many friends when our team at the Athletic Grounds comes into the full light of success in the Rugby League again—and, make no mistake, it will—but those who have worked in the hard days are true friends indeed. Thank you all, and get ready for next season.

ONWARD, HORNETS, ONWARD!  
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7.—Wild.

Forwards:

8.—Stockley.

9.—Croft.

10.—Mitchell.

11.—Holmes.

12.—Gronow/Hirons.

13.—Butler.

Full back:

1.—Platt.

Threequarters:

2.—Warham.

3.—Ward.

4.—Mitchell.

5.—Batten.

Half-backs:

6.—Heyes.

7.—Silva.

Forwards:

8.—Ogden.

9.—Keith.

10.—Anthony.

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## NOTES

### TO-DAY'S DERBY.

Whatever the respective league positions, and Oldham are generally better placed than the Hornets, the annual meetings of the old-time rivals arouse an interest in Rochdale that few other games do. Most games have gone in favour of the Watersheddings team but quite often they have got away with the points by the narrowest of margins. At Oldham on January 2nd a couple of penalty goals gave them a win but to the last the Hornets were contesting the issue and there was “a false alarm” when it was believed that the mud-covered Anthony, who plunged for safety over his own line, was a Hornet going over for a try beneath the posts. When Oldham were last at Rochdale in a league fixture they won by seven points to five, the Hornets having lost Albert Fearnley with a fractured leg.

Since then Fearnley has joined the Oldham club, as has Johnnie Dean, and if the two former Hornets are included this afternoon added spice will be given to the keen and sporting rivalry of the two teams.

### A FINE LEADER.

Oldham did a good stroke of business in securing Goldswain from Hull Kingston Rovers. The Welshman has proved a splendid leader at Watersheddings and was a strongly fancied candidate for the Australasian Tour. If the England versus Wales match at Wigan had been a tour trial his passage would have now been booked. An injury to Edgar Brooks caused Oldham to bring back into action

Dean, the former Hornets hooker, and Fearnley has settled down to a regular place in the second row of the pack. Since the departure of Harris and Mahoney the Watersheddings club have realised the value of the local products, Mitchell and Platt, and they have several men including Morgan, Silva and Gilmore for the scrum half berth, Silva having had preference recently owing to an injury to Morgan. Chalmers and Heyes have appeared in the side latterly and both on their day can be lively attackers. Warham, formerly of Swinton, is playing as well as ever and is the top try scorer for Oldham, while on the opposite wing Batten is a strong and determined runner. The fullback position has given the officials some anxiety, Barraclough superceding Glanville only to lose his place for a time to Platt.

### REMAINING FIXTURES.

On Monday the Hornets visit Warrington and complete their away fixtures on April 22nd at Salford. Only one home game is left, the postponed Warrington match and it has now been agreed that the Cup Finalists shall play here on Wednesday, April 26th (kick-off 6-30 p.m.)

### JUNIOR FINAL.

On Monday, Queensway and Newbold meet at the Athletic Grounds in the final of the G. A. Close Cup competition and on Saturday, April 15th the Rochdale Charity Cup Final between Milnrow and Wardleworth will be staged on the ground—two opportunities of supporting the junior game locally.

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