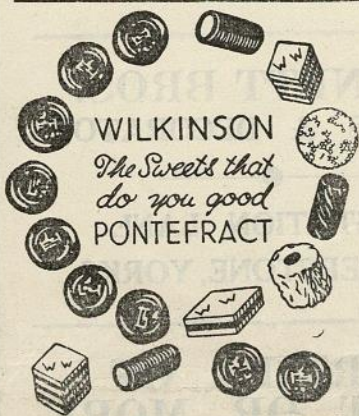


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CLUB NOTES SATURDAY 21st APRIL 1950

**ROVERS v OLDHAM**

Today we welcome Oldham and with them our old friends, Stan Smith and Irvine Barraclough. We hope for a game such as will cement our friendships.

Saturday's "Huddersfield Examiner" contained comments on the Rovers v. Huddersfield game that are worthy of note. "It is not often a football crowd is as sporting as that at Featherstone on Tuesday," says the writer, who goes on to pay further tributes to us. We thank him for his words, though we haven't always agreed with him that our crowd is impartial. Several times have we complained in these notes of our spectators cheering only one team, the visitors!

Speaking of the press reminds us of the publicity given to our views on the old question of re-arranged fixtures. It is not generally known that we sponsored a resolution at the League's annual meeting which would have ended the acrimony caused by clubs arranging fixtures to clash with those already arranged by neighbouring clubs. The resolution was turned down but clubs were asked to contact Headquarters to seek permission to arrange fixtures not previously agreed. Yet for our attractive Easter fixture against Leeds we had the opposition of Bordeaux visitors at Wakefield; today Castleford have arranged visitors from South Wales. And we still have no reason to forget Good Friday 1949. We still have an idea that this would not be allowed to happen to more "fashionable" clubs, and we would like the Rugby League to give practical proof of its often-quoted dictum that "no club will be allowed to drop out." We have no intention of dropping out, but we do feel at times that such an event would not be unpopular in some quarters.

Another joint meeting of the Supporters' Clubs took place on Monday and the outcome is likely to be permanent amalgamation. We trust it will be so.

Next Wednesday a match has been arranged for Frank Hemingway's benefit. Frank has been for long an honest servant of the club and never has his presence been so valuable as in recent months. The club is proud to do him honour and we hope supporters of the game will rally round to do justice to a grand player, who has none of the "plums" of the game to look back on but who has consistently won admiration for his skill and courage.

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