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NOTES

FOUR AWAY POINTS

Since the Hornets opened the 1950-51 Rugby League programme with a home match against Bramley on August 19th the team has played three League games and one cup tie on away grounds. From this difficult programme four very useful points were picked up, the team securing wins at Widnes and Hull Kingston. In the whole of last season only three points were gained on opponents' grounds.

TO-NIGHT'S TASK

To-night in the second "leg" of the first round of the Lancashire Cup competition the Hornets are faced with a formidable task. They begin with arrears of 16 points from the first "leg" played at Watersheddings on September 2nd when the score was 21 points to five in Oldham's favour. The handicap will not lessen our team's determination.

AUSTRALIANS WELCOMED

Mr. C. R. Fifield, the Hornets new manager-coach, and the five young players he has brought from Australia arrived in Rochdale on September 2nd and on the following day were given an official welcome in the boardroom at the Athletic Grounds. Supporters will join in the welcome and they are looking forward to seeing them in action with the Hornets very soon.

At the time of writing the position of four of the players has not been cleared up but it is confidently hoped that by the time to-night's match begins everything will be in order so that the Hornets can get down properly to the job of building up the team. Tom Duffy, second row

forward, made his debut with the "A" team last Saturday and gave an impressive display.

ROTHWELL RETURNS

Jack Rothwell, who played with the Hornets in the Challenge Cup semi-final against Wigan at Swinton in the 1947-48 season and later went to Halifax, has returned to the club. Whilst with the Thrum Hall club he appeared in the 1949 Challenge Cup final at Wembley. John Spooner, who joined the Hornets from Barrow last season, has been placed on the transfer list at his own request.

NEW RULING

The new ruling under which a defending side retires ten yards from the mark at which a free kick is given is working fairly well. It is certainly reducing the number of scrums and for that reason alone ought to be continued. It also makes goalkicking easier because the kicker can place the ball at the actual spot where the penalty is awarded.

HULL HERE ON SATURDAY

Rugby League followers in Rochdale have the opportunity of giving the Hornets support and encouragement next Saturday when the visitors to the Athletic Grounds are Hull. Mr. Fifield, the Hornets' manager-coach, played with the Boulevard team during the 'thirties and he will be anxious to show his former club that he is quickly getting down to his job at Rochdale.

While they are not the power they were before the war Hull play fast and attractive Rugby and we are looking forward to a good game and a good "gate."

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Threequarters:

2—Schofield

3—Rigby

4—Jones

5—Nicholson

Half-backs:

6—Lord

7—Genders/ ~~WHL~~

Forwards:

8—Davies

9—Croft

10—Rothwell/ ~~Roston~~

11—Stockley

12—Booth *Black mark*

13—Tucker

Referee:

Mr. W. Stockley (Leigh)

Full back:

1—Ratchford

Threequarters:

2—Warham

3—Platt

4—Mitchell

5—Davies

Half-backs:

6—Heyes

7—Silva

Forwards:

8—Anthony

9—Brooks

10—Taylor

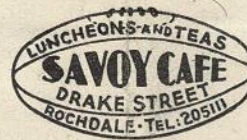
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Supporters' Club Notes

We have to-night two duties to perform—one a pleasant task; the other sad. First of all our greeting to the new Australian arrivals; secondly a sympathetic reference to the death of Mr. R. Brierley.

AUSTRALIAN ARRIVALS

It gives us great pleasure to welcome Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Fifield, Misses Fay and June Fifield and the five young Australian players who have come thousands of miles to try their fortunes with the Hornets. We hope they will be happy here in Rochdale. We are confident that the influence of Mr. Fifield, who was himself a great player, will soon show itself in the Hornets' play, and we wish all the party the very best of luck, health and prosperity. We are honoured to think that our cause at Rochdale has been so richly favoured.

Mr. R. BRIERLEY

The loss from amongst us of one who has done much in the past for the Hornets and the Rugby League game in Rochdale, Mr. R. (“Bob”) Brierley, will be keenly felt. To the writer his passing is a grievous personal loss; to the rank and file of Hornets supporters “Bob” will be remembered for his fair dealing and his application of Christian principles to the administration of the game he loved. Almost to the end he enjoyed discussing the fortunes of the Hornets and recalling pleasant memories of his own close association with the club. All sports are judged by the qualities of the men who control and play—off the field and on—and “Bob” Brierley has shown how we must work to preserve a cause he has

so richly endowed with all that is fair and honest. Besides being a life member of the Hornets, “Bob” Brierley was a keen member of the Supporters' Club. We extend to his sons and family our deepest sympathy.

HORNETS CLUB

If you have not already renewed your membership of the Hornets Club (2s. fee carries also membership of the Supporters' Club — the sum is equally divided) you are asked to do so immediately. Members of the Supporters' Club are in the Clubhouse to-night ready to take your renewal or new membership. We must impress on all followers of the Hornets that no one without the required card will be admitted to the Clubhouse bar.

1951 WEMBLEY TRIP

Full details of the 1951 Wembley Cup Final Trip can be obtained from the Assistant Secretary (Mr. H. Oldham). He will be pleased to book you a reservation for a deposit of £1 and if you wish he will also take weekly payments and issue you with a contribution card.

TEA-BAR

If you have come from work to-night without tea, the Ladies of the Tea-bar will be able to remedy that deficiency. There will be tea, coffee, pies, minerals, sandwiches and crisps, etc. Make a habit of patronising the Tea-bar during the game.

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