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ROCHDALE HORNETS FOOTBALL CLUB CO.
LIMITED

THE LAW CUP

HORNETS

v.

OLDHAM

on the Athletic Grounds, Rochdale

SATURDAY, AUGUST 8th, 1953

Kick-off **3.0 p.m.**

NEXT HOME MATCH

Saturday, August 22nd, 3.0 p.m.—Hornets v. Dewsbury

CLUB NOTES

The moment Rugby followers, both in Rochdale and Oldham, have been waiting for arrives this afternoon with the annual Law Cup match, the proceeds of which go to the furthering of the Rugby League code in the junior field. We extend a hearty welcome to our old rivals from Watersheddings, who have generally held the upperhand in these pre-season clashes. Today, we are glad to see that Bryn Goldswain and Harry Ogden, fully recovered from serious injuries sustained last season, are back in action. Maybe they will add to our difficulties, but the Hornets, keen to start on the triumphant note on which they ended the 1952-53 campaign, are optimistic about their chances of bringing the Law Cup to the Athletic Grounds.

Prospects

With opponents of such undoubted class, this afternoon's game should provide an excellent yardstick by which Hornets supporters can measure the season's prospects. Not for a long time has there been such optimism at the Athletic Grounds. Some positions still need strengthening, but the Hornets have not been so well placed for youthful talent for 20 years. Short, Chisnall and Vallet have already made their mark and youngsters like Joe Baines, Bernard Rowley and Les Jones are knocking at the first-team door. With this glut of youth and enthusiasm blended with the skill and experience of player-coach Norman Harris, Ted Cahill, Derrick Schofield, Eynon Hawkins and Ron Fisher, the Hornets can and should "go places" this season.

SUPPORTERS' CLUB NOTES

The Hornets' Supporters Club have started the season already with their membership drive which is aimed at improving last season's figure of 1,100. Six new committeemen—Messrs. J. Mills, T. Baron, W. Lord, A. Clements, R. Brierley and J. Greenwood—have been enrolled. At Tuesday night's meeting Mr. C. Canham, of 9 Daniel Fold, was elected Chairman of the Club in succession to Mr. W. S. Hudson, and Mr. J. A. Rosbotham was voted into the position of Vice-Chairman.

The programmes for sale at first-team matches will be of a new design, bigger and printed in club colours, and we hope that all supporters will once again support our efforts by buying a copy. Our service of cushions for stand patrons will, as usual, be in operation; our Ladies' Committee will be manning the Teabar at all games through the season with their usual efficiency; and we ask our members to look out for details of our activities in the programme notes and in the local Press. So . . . into the 1953-54 season we go like giants refreshed. ONWARD, HORNETS, ONWARD!!!

TODAY'S TEAMS

HORNETS

Full-back :

1—Cahill

Threequarters :

2—Oldroyd

3—Short

4—Harris

5—Lord

Half-backs :

6—Chisnall

7—Vallet

Forwards :

8—Fisher

9—Ellean

10—Hawkins

11—Schofield

12—Kelly

13—McNally

Referee :

Mr. G. Phillips (Widnes)

OLDHAM

Full-back :

1—Ganley

Threequarters :

2—O'Grady

3—Mitchell

4—Davies

5—Warham

Half-backs :

6—Jones

7—Stirrup

Forwards :

8—Ogden

9—Mundy

10—Tomlinson

11—Little

12—Winslade

13—Goldswain

Linesmen :

Messrs. R. L. Thomas and R. Brierley