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ATHLETIC GROUND JOTTINGS

SEASON ENDS.

To-day sees the end of the 1953-54 Rugby League season as far as the Hornets are concerned. Despite the failure to secure a place in the upper half of the league table everyone will agree that the Hornets have from time to time provided plenty of the best brand of Rugby. It has been a season of numerous signings but the side has still a long way to go to achieve that consistency of teamwork which counts for much.

SUPPORT HAS INCREASED.

Speculation by the directors and bright displays by the players have caused an increase in support. From the gate receipts point of view there has not been a better campaign in the past thirty years and the officials genuinely appreciate the backing they have had from the public.

THE BOARD'S RESPONSE.

For their part the directors have promised to continue their team building efforts and in addition made it known less than a fortnight ago that they intend to appoint a team manager coach before the start of next season and have also had plans drawn up for greatly improving the accommodation at the Athletic Grounds. Without confidence in the public such a scheme could not have been entertained, but it is felt that at long last the interest in the Hornets is sufficient to embark on a really forward policy.

MISFORTUNES.

Two major misfortunes have hit the club during the season. Firstly there was the accident in an "A" team game causing the death of Ralph Slater and in March Charlie Wilcox, who had played only five games since being transferred from Widnes, was struck down by illness after playing in the second Tour Trial game. The Slater Fund, which will shortly be closed, has raised about £1,500 for the wife and child of the former player.

HONOURS.

Ted Cahill, the Hornets captain, in addition to playing twice for the English Rugby League team has been chosen to tour Australia; Wally Ellean assisted Other Nationalities in three fixtures; Eynon Hawkins and Bernard McNally each played for Wales once; McNally was in a Rest of the World side which met France; and Cahill had two further games with Lancashire.

OUR VISITORS.

Oldham, the visitors who wind up the season to-day at the Athletic Grounds, have recently run into their best form after suffering many disappointments due to a large number of injuries and other happenings. We welcome them and look forward to a keen, fast game. They proved superiour in the league fixture at Watersheddings but on their last appearance in Rochdale (in the pre-season Law Cup game) they went down during a late Hornets rally.

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5—Bradley

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6—Chisnall

7—Helme

Forwards:

8—Livesey

9—Ellean

10—Dooney

11—Jones, Walter

12—Kelly

13—McNally

Full-back:

1—Ganley

Threequarters:

2—Cracknell

3—Mitchell

4—Davies

5—O'Grady

Half-backs:

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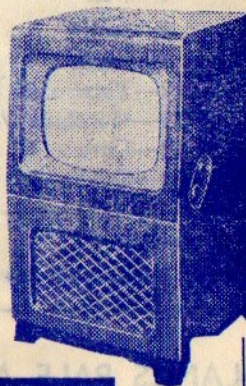


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TED CAHILL.

Our collection at the Barrow match for the Ted Cahill Outfit Fund realised £8 11s. 3½d. Already we had collected £50 13s. 3½d. at the Leigh match, and to this is to be added £10 0s. 0d. from the Eddie Wareing lecture. In addition 4s. 0d. was donated in the bar box at the Barrow "A" team match. Together this totals £69 18s. 7d., and we shall be making a final appeal this afternoon. We are grateful to all who have contributed to this fund and take this opportunity of wishing Ted a happy and successful trip across the world. There will be a presentation of the cheque to Ted, of course, before he leaves England for the Tour, but arrangements have not yet been made by the Supporters Club Committee as to what form this will take.

ANNUAL MEETINGS.

Due notice will be given to our members of the dates of annual meetings for both the Supporters' Club and the Hornets Club (the bar). These will be held during the close season when the respective audits have taken place.

CRICKET MATCH.

Please make a note of the cricket match arranged at Dane Street for August 1st next between the Rochdale C.C. XI and a Rugby League XI. The proceeds from this match will be for the Hornets Supporters' Club funds and the Cricket Club. Please buy a ticket when they are offered for sale.

CONGRATULATIONS.

Congratulations to Trevor Goodall of the Lowerplace Secondary Modern

School, who was chosen to play loose-forward for Lancashire Schoolboys' Rugby League team at Whitehaven last Thursday against Cumberland. As far as we know, this is the first-ever county honour for a local schoolboy. Trevor was reserve for Lancashire at St. Helens on Saturday, April 10th, when the county played Yorkshire. This honour speaks much for the hard work of Fr. G. Keely and all those masters who put in so much time in bringing along Rochdale boys in the Rugby League game, and is some criterion of the progress being made in Rochdale schools.

TEABAR.

A word of thanks to the Supporters' Club Ladies' Committee for their efforts throughout the season in the Teabar. These ladies put in much hard work at the Athletic Grounds serving tea, food, etc., and they are a valuable asset to the club.

HORNETS CLUB, ATHLETIC GROUNDS

All members of the Hornets Club (the bar under the Athletic Grounds grandstand) are asked to please produce their membership card to the door-keeper. No members will be admitted without this authority, and no visitors are allowed into the club. This ruling will be strictly enforced, and all members are asked to show their co-operation.

AND SO TO NEXT SEASON . . .

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