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FIRST TEAM FIXTURES, 1954-55

Date	OPPONENTS	Gr'd Result	Date	OPPONENTS	Gr'd Result			
1954								
Aug. 7	—Oldham (A. J. Law Cup)	away	Jan. 1	—Hull Kingston Rovers	away			
14	—Barrow	home	8	—Liverpool City	away			
21	—York	away	15	—Widnes	away			
24	—Leeds (Kick-off 6-45 p.m.)	home	22	—Liverpool City	home			
28	—Blackpool	home	29	—Oldham	away			
Sept.								
4	—Salford	home	Feb. 5	—	—			
6	—Wigan (Kick-off 6-30 p.m.)	away	12	—Rugby League Challenge Cup, 1st Round,	—			
11	—Barrow (Lancs. Cup)	home	19	—Leigh	away			
18	—Bramley	home	26	—Wigan	home			
25	—Whitehaven	away	Mar.					
Oct.								
2	—Warrington	home	5	—Rugby League Challenge Cup, 2nd Round,	—			
9	—Bramley	away	12	—	—			
16	—Oldham	home	19	—St. Helens	away			
23	—Leeds	away	26	—Hull Kingston Rovers	home			
30	—Workington	home	April					
Nov.								
6	—Swinton	away	2	—Blackpool	away			
13	—Salford	away	8	—Whitehaven	home			
20	—Widnes	home	9	—York	home			
27	—Swinton	home	11	—Barrow	away			
Dec.								
4	—Warrington	away	16	—Workington	away			
11	—Leigh	home						
18	—St. Helens	home						
25	—Belle Vue Rangers	home						
27	—Belle Vue Rangers	away						

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AN IMPORTANT DAY

To-day is one of the most important of the season for the Hornets, who face their neighbours and rivals Oldham at a time the Watersheddings team are hitting the high spots. They are leaders of the Rugby League, and next Saturday meet Barrow in the final of the Lancashire Cup Competition at Swinton. Oldham's success has been achieved by a return to the teamwork of a few seasons ago when they narrowly missed the honours, yet wound up the season as one of the outstanding combinations. They have in their back division Terry O'Grady, one of the successes of the recent Australian Tour; Alan Davies, who ranks among the half dozen best centres in the league; Dick Cracknell, international wingman who took a long time to settle down at Oldham but is now in top form; Bernard Ganley, who has gained Lancashire county honours since he last appeared at the Athletic Grounds, and Frank Pitchford, a scrum-half who has made a rapid advance in senior football. Their strong pack is again being well led by Bryn Goldswain.

A WIN AT BRAMLEY

The form of the Hornets guarantees a match worth watching, and there is an even chance that Oldham's winning run can be checked. Last Saturday two points were gained at Bramley in the face of a strong challenge from the Barley Mow side. Once the Hornets went in front there was not much danger of defeat, but until the end the losers kept up their strong bid.

NORMAN HARRIS

Oldhamers as well as Hornets followers will be sorry that Norman Harris, who gave excellent service to both clubs, has decided that the time has come for him to retire. Hornets officials have publicly expressed their thanks to Norman for what he has done in his term at the Athletic Grounds.

LEEDS MATCH OFF

There is disappointment locally that the Hornets league match with Leeds at Headingley next Saturday has had to be postponed because the Yorkshire Cup Final is to be played there. No new date has been fixed.

LOAN FROM LEAGUE

The Rugby League is to loan the Hornets £3,000 for essential repairs and improvements at the Athletic Grounds, an amount which will probably cover the cost of renewing the boundary wall on the Kingsway and Waithlands sides of the ground and provide additional conveniences. Temporary conveniences are being placed on the popular side.

PLAYING AREA WALL

You will be able to see that progress is being made with the new wall around the playing area, a project undertaken by the Supporters Club. Your support will aid them in completing the work.

ALLOCATION

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1—Cahill

Threequarters:

2—McArthur

3—Short

4—Les Jones

5—Bradley

Half-backs:

6—Chisnall

7—Evans

Forwards:

8—Baines

9—Ellean

10—Dooney

11—Gallagher

12—Walter Jones

13—McNally

Full-back:

1—Ganley

Threequarters:

2—Cracknell

3—Farrow/Ingram

4—Davies

5—O'Grady

Half-backs:

6—Daley

7—Stirrup/Pitchford

Forwards:

8—Ogden

9—Keith

10—Jackson

11—Winslade

12—Little

13—Goldswain



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Secretary and Treasurer: Robert D. Fletcher, 12 Margaret Avenue, Rochdale (Tel. 48405)
ONWARD, HORNETS, ONWARD!

THE INNER WALL

There were many comments at the Warrington match on the great improvement which the section of the inner wall around the playing area has made already to the appearance of the Athletic Grounds. Imagine how well the field would look with the wall completely encircling it. If only we can raise sufficient funds during the season, this can be a wish come true. The concrete sections are clean looking, and the Athletic Grounds are beginning to look something like the first-class appearance of thirty years or so ago.

To-day we are not organising a collection for this building effort, because we wish to leave the way clear for the Rochdale Cricket Club to get a good sum from the collection they are carrying out. We would, however, welcome donations towards our Inner Wall Fund, and these will all be acknowledged by the Secretary. If we could carry on and put down another similar length of wall to that nearing completion, we would really seem in sight of our objective. Can and will you please help? The wall costs 14s. per running foot, and we feel sure now that Hornets followers can see the work in progress they will be willing to help the Supporters Club to achieve their aim of encircling the ground.

Any time now the MILE-OF-PENNIES effort will be launched, and then ALL THOSE WHO WISH TO DONATE A SMALL AMOUNT will have the chance by placing a coin into one of the envelopes on a subscription card.

The collection at the Warrington match was helped along by an anonymous 10s. donation to the sum of £8 6s. 1½d. We wish to thank the gentleman who gave the 10s., for he would not give his name.

CHRISTMAS DANCE

Tickets are now on sale for for the Supporters Club Christmas Dance on Saturday, December 18th. On that day the Hornets play St. Helens at home. so all our friends will be at home, and we hope that supporters will come along and make the evening another enjoyable "Hornets Night." We have engaged the Casino Players—one of the best-known bands in the district, and the price of tickets is only 2s. 6d. Get yours to-day.

RUGBY LEAGUE DIARIES

RUGBY LEAGUE DIARIES ARE ON SALE THIS AFTERNOON PRICE 2s. 6d. The Supporters Club make a profit from the sale of these Diaries, and they are a really good publication. There are 24 excellent photographs of Rugby League players, teams, etc., in addition to a wealth of information about our game. They also have the usual postal information, calendars, etc., and are handsomely bound in soft leather. One of these diaries would make a grand present for your son or daughter at Christmas. for your friend at home or abroad, etc. You can get a copy from any member of the Supporters Club Committee this afternoon.

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THERE ARE NOW 1,489 MEMBERS
OF THE HORNETS CLUB.

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We are increasing the sales of our match programme, and we ask you to please buy a copy when you visit the Athletic Grounds. If you are unable to purchase one or have any suggestions as to where you think a seller could be posted to supply a need will you please tell the Secretary?
R. D. F.

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