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ANOTHER SEASON

Although the new Rugby League season does not officially open until next Saturday we have come to regard the pre-season charity games as a real part of the campaign. The annual meetings of Oldham and the Hornets in the Law Cup match (originally the Infirmary Cup match) have invariably been games well worth watching and resulted in large sums being raised for the Infirmary of the two towns until the Government took over the hospital services.

For several years now the Rugby League have stipulated that the major portion of the receipts of these pre-season games throughout the league area shall be devoted to the amateur leagues and clubs. So the Rochdale and Oldham Amateur Rugby Leagues and the school-boy game in the two towns will ultimately benefit from your presence today. Thank you.

WELCOME OLDHAM

In welcoming Oldham to the Athletic Grounds today we welcome the Rugby League champions. Congratulations to our neighbours on their great run in the 1956-57 season. They have promised to do it again, and add the Challenge Cup to their honours. The present time finds Oldham with Rugby League fever. "Gates" are as good as ever at Water-sheddings and the officials are well able

to seek to remedy any team weakness immediately it appears. Today they bring two new men—Rowley Moat, an out-half, signed from Hull, and Roger Duffy, an Irish Rugby Union forward who is expected to settle down quickly to the R.L. game. Bernard Ganley, who eclipsed his own goalkicking record last season, has been appointed captain, and except for star centre Alan Davies, who was injured during the World Cup series in Australia during the summer, Oldham have all their players available.

BLACKPOOL NEXT WEEK

Next Saturday in the first league game of the season the Hornets are to visit Blackpool. The date being in the middle of Rochdale holidays it is expected that the team will have plenty of vocal encouragement from the crowd at St. Annes Road Stadium. On the following Tuesday the Hornets are due at Doncaster, and they will make their next appearance at the Athletic Grounds on Saturday, August 24th—against Castleford.

A CHANGED BOARD

This programme is being printed before the shareholders' annual meeting, but it is known that the board of directors will be changed due to the chairman (Mr. J. Lindley) and the vice-chairman (Mr. G. Halligan) not seeking re-election. With new men in office a renewed appeal is made for all to pull together at the Athletic Grounds—officials, team and spectators.

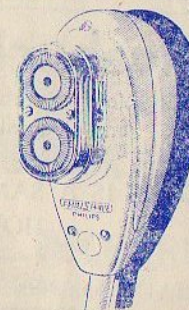
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Chairman: Mr. H. W. Lord.

Hon. Bar Secretary: Mr. C. Ibberson.

GROUND IMPROVEMENTS

During the close season—as most of
our members are aware—the Supporters'
Club have been able to carry out several
ground improvements at the Athletic
Grounds, both on the popular side and
on the grandstand side. We are sure that
these will help in some small way to
make spectators comfortable at Hornets
matches.

OFFICIALS OF THE CLUB

In an effort to spread the growing work
of the Supporters' Club, some alteration
has been made in the list of officials.
Herbert Oldham has taken over the
Secretary's job, leaving Bob Fletcher to
concentrate on Treasurer's work. Clifford
Ibberson has been appointed Bar Secre-
tary, and in addition two Assistant Secre-
taries have been elected to help with the
general work. These are John Wild and
Albert Hoyle.

A strong Committee of 24, a Bar
Committee of six, and an Executive Com-
mittee consisting of Secretary, Treasurer,
Chairman and Vice-Chairman (James F.
Law) complete the constitution.

SUBSCRIPTIONS

Will members please note that yearly
subscriptions of 1/- are now due. These
can be paid today to either the Secretary
or Treasurer.

DONATIONS, Etc.

A very generous donation of £25 from
a local tradesman who wishes to remain
anonymous has been made towards the
cost of the Supporters' Club town office
at 23a Lord Street.

In addition, Mr. E. Jones of Heywood,
a good friend of the Supporters' Club,
has decorated our premises in modern
style completely free of charge.

We are most grateful to these two
gentlemen.

CUSHIONS

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that a new supply of cushions has been
obtained. These are ex-Coronation route
cushions and are clean and comfortable.
They should add to the comfort of our
friends who regularly pay the few coppers
necessary for the loan of a stand cushion
at Hornets matches.

HOLIDAYS

Many of our members are away on
holiday today, and we wish them well.
May they come back refreshed and keen
to see the Hornets in action.

NO PROGRAMME

On Saturday, August 24th, we shall
not be able to print a programme for
the Castleford match owing to the fact
that our printer will be on holiday and
also the difficulty of obtaining the teams
so long before a match. We regret this
and hope that Hornets supporters will
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