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A ROUGH PERIOD

The Hornets have encountered a rough period these last few weeks. Nothing has gone right on the field since the away game with Castleford, and even before then the club was suffering to a greater extent than most through influenza and injuries. There was summary dismissal from the Lancashire Cup competition when Wigan romped away with the semi-final tie at the Athletic Grounds, but even the most ardent Central Parker must agree that the Hornets were unlucky in the early stages. After that our team fell away badly.

Then last Saturday came the biggest defeat ever sustained at Whitehaven. Again there was difficulty in fielding a representative team. To mention one problem alone—the four hookers on the books were all out of action and the team had to call on Jennings, the Milnrow player. Ted Cahill was missing from fullback, and the out-half vacancy was filled by Peter Richardson who was having his first team debut. All the deputies played hard but it was not long before the lack of understanding in a much re-arranged side told its tale, and while the attack had its sprightly moments the defence went to pieces.

OUR VISITORS

Today we welcome the Rugby League champions to the Athletic Grounds for the second time since the beginning of

August. Oldham came and returned to Watersheddings with the Law Cup, and since then have shown the form which earned them 1956-57 honours. Next Saturday they meet Wigan in the final of the Lancashire Cup competition and they go with the best wishes of their nearest neighbours and rivals.

Oldham have stars in the pack and back division, but their recent successes have come not as much from individual brilliance as from the best brand of team-work and there is no doubt that when they hit top form Oldham have few, if any superiors in the league. Again the Hornets have had to delay team selection for today's big game, but it is hoped to field a much stronger side than for some weeks.

OTHER CLUB NEWS

Although Hornets "A" were defeated in the semi-final of the Lancashire Combination R.L. Shield competition at Whitehaven they secured the points in a league fixture with the same opponents at the Athletic Grounds last Saturday. So far the "A" team are undefeated in league fixtures.

The Hornets chairman has confirmed the rumour that the board are in negotiation with an Italian half-back. They have other schemes in mind but these will have to wait until the "gates" grow to a size warranting payment of substantial signing fees.

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Ask us about the trip today.

OUR ACTIVITIES

The joint Ground Committee met on
Thursday evening at the Athletic
Grounds. This was the second meeting
since its inauguration, and Mr. J. F.
Law was elected secretary of this Com-
mittee.

Tomorrow two members of the
Hornets Board and seven of the main
officials of the Supporters' Club are to
visit Dewsbury for a courtesy visit to
meet our friends of the Dewsbury Sup-
porters' Club.

On Wednesday evening next, October
16th, the whole of the Supporters' Club
Committee are to join with all members
of the Hornets Board of Directors in a
social get-together at the Old Clock Face
Hotel, Toad Lane.

On Wednesday evening, October 23rd,
there will be a supper and concert pro-
vided for all those who are working for
the Supporters' Club by Mr. Edward
Jones, decorator, of Heywood. Mem-
bers of the Board of Directors will also
be present. This function will be held
at the Wellfield Club, Prince Street.

On Saturday, December 7th, we are
holding a Dance at the Town Hall.
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