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## CLUB NOTES

Barring a miracle, this evening's game will be the last senior match of the season at the Athletic Grounds. Two very disappointing performances at Batley last Saturday and at Liverpool on Easter Monday have virtually ruled the Hornets out of the Top Sixteen play-off.

The only consolation the two games brought was that Graham Starkey equalled the club points scoring record of 221 established by the late Walter Gowers in the 1933-34 season. Now Starkey has two games, including tonight's clash with Oldham, in which to kick six more goals for his "ton". Incidentally, he is also the club's leading try-scorer with 11 tries, one more than ex-Oldhamer Jimmy Gaskell.

With Oldham assured of a Top Sixteen place and Hornets out of the running to all intents and purposes, one hopes that this "Derby" will contain less "needle" than previous encounters. Certainly spectators do not want to see a repetition of the grim exhibition last Christmas mercifully brought to a premature end by the fog with neither side having scored and one player from each side sent off.

Like Hornets, Oldham have had to struggle along for most of the season without key players. Their £5,000 full-back signing from Huddersfield, Brian Curry, has been in and out of the side with leg trouble. Loose-forward Dave Parker, possibly one of the classiest loose-forwards playing, is still fighting to regain his form after a serious knee injury and quicksilver out-half Tom Warburton broke a leg the week after playing against the Hornets. Fortunately, Warburton has made a quick recovery and is back in the team.

Obviously, however, Oldham's reserve strength, in the pack at least, has proved more than adequate and in the ubiquitous Peter Smethurst and young Warburton they have two consistent matchwinners whom Hornets will have to watch very carefully tonight.

Just before the Cup-ties, Oldham splashed £6,000 to sign Shelton, the Gt. Britain Test centre from Hunslet, and since the departure of Frank Dyson from Watersheddings he has temporarily taken over as coach. At the time of writing, however, he was a doubtful starter for tonight's game because of a damaged thigh.



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## LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIP FINAL — 6th MAY, 1967

The League Championship Final will be played at Headingley, Leeds. Seating tickets are already on sale and can be obtained from the Rugby League Offices, 180 Chapeltown Road, Leeds 7. Prices £1 and 12/6d.

## DANCING AT THE FIRE STATION

Following the Amateur International Match, England v France, on Saturday, April 22nd, a dance will be held at the Fire Station, Maclure Road. Dancing will be from 8 p.m. to 11.45 p.m., there will be Spot Prizes, etc., and all the French team will be in attendance, and a good night is assured for all. Tickets are on sale today at the secretary's office and also in the Supporters' Bar—6/- each. Avoid disappointment by purchasing your ticket today, for this **will** be a sell-out.

## HALF-TIME SPECIAL

For this evening's half-time draw, we are giving a final 2 tickets to the Wembley Cup Final with all expenses paid. This is your last chance to win a seat on this trip. Buy your tickets now 1/- each on sale at various parts of the ground. The winner of the last Special at the Liverpool game was Mr. James Taylor, 28 Waithlands Road, Rochdale, who was well satisfied with the Stainless Steel Tea Set.

## HYMIE SHOWMAN TROPHY

With a 'Mixed Bag' of winners over the Easter programme, no one came to challenge the lead taken by Joe Chamberlain in the Hymie Showman Trophy Award. The leading positions are as follows:—

Joe Chamberlain .....	30 pts.	George Parkinson .....	12 pts.
Malcolm Price .....	15 pts.	Jimmy Gaskell .....	11 pts.
Stan Owen .....	14 pts.		

## APPEARANCES AND SCORERS

	App.	Tries	Goals		App.	Tries	Goals
Payne .....	37	—	—	Taylor .....	12	1	—
Price .....	36	4	—	Goddard .....	7	—	—
Noon .....	34	4	6	Robinson .....	9	—	—
Gaskell .....	35	10	—	Brown .....	5	—	—
Toga .....	34	5	—	Fishwick .....	5	—	—
Ashcroft .....	29	1	—	Measures .....	5	—	—
Crocker .....	33	6	5	Ravouvou .....	5	—	—
Starkey .....	33	11	94	Reilly .....	6	—	—
Owen .....	31	4	—	Cribaillet .....	4	—	—
Chamberlain .....	30	0	5	Garforth .....	3	—	—
Ratu .....	30	2	0	Williams .....	3	1	—
Pratt .....	23	4	—	Druil .....	2	1	—
Hope .....	26	—	—	Mitton .....	2	—	—
Gregory .....	18	1	—	Stansfield .....	2	—	—
Parr .....	18	2	—	Bowden .....	5	—	—
Parkinson .....	21	5	—	Unsworth .....	1	—	—
Miller .....	14	4	—	Baxter .....	3	—	—
Pritchard .....	9	1	2				

Completed list of fixtures to the end of the season are as follows:—

Saturday, April 8	"A" v Leigh .....	away	3.00
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Wednesday, April 12	"A" v Blackpool .....	home	7.30

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## SUPPORTERS' CLUB NOTES

### NEW TEABAR

The plans for the new brick-built Supporters' Club teabar are now to hand, and the Ladies' Committee met at 12 Margaret Avenue last Wednesday to consider them.

The plans will now go for approval, and we hope to commence building as soon as the season ends, so that the complete facilities will be available for the commencement of next season.

The new building will be one of the Supporters' Club's greatest achievements, for we have worked for many years with a hut that was built just after the war from second-hand materials—and well it has served us, too. But the need is great for modern, easy-worked premises, and the ladies are at last going to get the facilities their hard work deserves.

### END OF SEASON

Once again we come to the end of a season, and we may not have another chance to thank our members for their support. We have, fortunately, seen some very good football this term, with better attendances, and as a result our work as a Supporters' Club has been more successful than in many past seasons. Those who have worked for the club have done so loyally and well, and we have all "knitted" together at the Athletic Grounds.

### SUPPORTERS' CLUB COMMITTEE MEETING

There will be a meeting of the General Committee of the Supporters' Club on Sunday morning next, April 2nd in the bar at 11 a.m. A good attendance is desirable.



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## RECORDS

The Hornet's try-scoring record is held by Jack Williams with 30 in the 1934-35 season.

Walter Gowers kicked 109 goals in the 1933-34 season and also scored one try — 221 points.

Graham Starkey has this season equalled 221 points with 94 goals and 11 tries. We wish him well tonight and we hope in beating the record he also manages to kick 100 goals. Well done, Graham.

Herbert Lees, who played at full-back for the Hornets, kicked ten goals against Glasshoughton on February 19th, 1938.

The Hornets ended the 1914-15 season as a "first-four club", being beaten at Huddersfield in the championship play-off semi-final by 27 points to 2.

From October 10th, 1914, to March 6th, 1915, the Hornets played 25 matches without defeat, the sequence being ended at Wigan on the latter date. The Hornets won 21 and drew four of their last 25 fixtures, which included seven cup-ties, one of these being the final of the Lancashire Cup, in which they defeated Wigan at Salford by three points to two.

Want to know any more? Write to Bob Fletcher, and he will do his best to answer your query. R.D.F.

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### First Team

Date 1966	Opponents	Venue	Result	1967	Opponents	Venue	Result
Aug. 6	(S) York	Away	L 18-7	Jan. 7	(S) Leigh	Home	P'oned
" 13	(S) Oldham	Home	W 13-5	" 13	(S) Salford	Away	D 4-4
Aug. 20	(S) Keighley	Home	L 15-28	" 20	(F) Wigan	Home	P'oned
" 22	(M) Barrow	Away	L 5-30	" 28	(S) Blackpool B.	Away	W 13-3
" 27	(S) Warrington	Away	L 11-15	Feb. 4	(S) Hull K.R. (1)	Away	L 2-18
" 31	(W) Whitehaven	Home	W 16-7	" 11	(S) York	Home	W 20-8
Sept. 3	(S) St. Helens (Lancs Cup)	Home	L 16-18	" 18	(S) Widnes	Home	D 4-4
" 6	(Tu) Swinton (Fl. Comp.)	Away	L 5-21	" 24	(F) Leigh	Home	W 27-2
" 10	(S) Huddersfield	Away	L 13-24	Mar. 3	(F) Wigan	Home	L 12-15
" 21	(W) Leigh	Away	L 7-13	" 10	(F) St. Helens	Away	L 2-17
" 24	(S) St. Helens	Home	D 17-17	" 18	(S) Blackpool Boro'	Home	W 21-6
" 28	(W) Huddersfield	Home	W 9-4	" 24	(F) Liverpool C.	Home	W 19-6
Oct. 1	(S) Workington T.	Away	L 4-21	" 25	(S) Batley	Away	L 6-9
" 5	(W) Swinton (Fl. Comp.)	Home	D 14-14	" 27	(M) Liverpool C.	Away	L 8-10
" 7	(F) Warrington	Home	W 17-10	" 31	(F) Oldham	Home	
" 14	(F) Oldham	Away	L 7-12	Apl. 8	(S) Whitehaven	Away	
" 21	(F) Barrow	Home	W 15-10				
" 29	(S) Keighley	Away	W 33-11				
Nov. 5	(S) Swinton	Home	W 14-11				
" 11	(F) Widnes	Away	L 6-11				
" 18	(F) Batley	Home	W 11-6				
" 26	(S) Wigan	Away	W 13-10				
Dec. 2	(F) Salford	Home	L 4-17				
" 10	(S) Whitehaven	Away	P'oned				
" 17	(S) Swinton	Away	D 6-6				
" 24	(S) Workington T.	Home	W 9-7				
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ALES, WINES AND  
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