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WHERE DO WE GO FROM HERE?

First of all may I wish everyone a very happy Easter. To wish the Committee of the Oldham Football Club a happy Easter is rather a ludicrous statement for after they had heard the finance report of the Club from the Treasurer last Tuesday evening they had to go home and think hard about other things besides Easter eggs; the main one being how to get some money into the Club to keep its head above water.

There are a lot of secrets in and around football Clubs but one matter which is no longer a secret is this acute shortage of finances. Things have never been so bad before and some money will have to be forthcoming and soon or this Club and several more will be in serious trouble.

The Bank Managers had been instructed from their Head Offices, "Do not lend any more money" and, of course, they have to do as they are told.

What we need now is some immediate cash in order to pay off one or two debts which are outstanding.

One way we can get hold of some cash and it is also a bargain for the supporter, is to get a number of Life Members. This costs just £50 and it means exactly what it says. A £50 donor will have a seat in the stand for as many seasons as he so desires.

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being £5/5/0, and later, if not next season this figure will of course be raised.

Anyone interested in becoming a Life Member should contact the Secretary as soon as possible, he will be only too happy to fix you up with a good Centre Stand seat in time for next season.

Our efforts to get into the money spinning top 16 play-off have received set backs recently with defeats at Leigh and St. Helens and at home to Swinton.

Last Friday's game at Station Road was a vital one and it is hoped we were able to avenge the defeat the Swinton boys inflicted on us a few weeks ago at Watersheddings.

A win at Swinton will have boosted the morale of the team in time for this afternoon's Derby clash with Rochdale Hornets.

Come on lads, keep on trying and the odds are that we will just scrape into the top 16 which, will probably mean an away visit to either Leeds or St. Helens.

The game at Knowsley Road, a week last Friday was another in the "we could have won" series. Yes, with a little more steadiness in defence, particularly in the first half then we could have shocked the 'Saints'.

As it was, St. Helens gained a commanding half time lead of 17-4 and they finished the game by just adding a goal to their total without reply.

WELCOME TO THE 'HORNETS'

For the first time at Watersheddings but for the fourth time in all we meet our local rivals Rochdale Hornets today and we extend to them a very warm welcome.

The 'Hornets' have had one of those seasons when they have been in a position to celebrate one minute and then been down in the doldrums the minute afterwards.

Their most successful campaign this year is easily their campaign in the R.L. Cup tournament, when they just failed to reach those money making semi-finals.

After a tremendous win at Leigh in the first round they could only manage a draw at the Athletic grounds against Bramley. However, their fine win in the replay at the Barley Mow gave the 'Hornets' a 'crack' at those top notchers from Wakefield and they certainly gave them a scare. After being 10-0 down at half time everyone gave up hope for a Rochdale revival, except the 'Hornets' themselves. In the second period they set about Wakefield as if their lives depended upon it and Wakefield in the end were fortunate to get away with a 10-10 draw.

In the replay at Rochdale the following Wednesday, despite how hard they tried to contain them 'Trinity' were in fine form and eventually ran out easy winners.

Congratulations go to Rochdale Hornets for their gallant effort in this tournament . . . It would have done done the game a great deal of good if they could have reached the semi-final, at least.

On the League front Rochdale have won matches which they perhaps were not expected to win but on the other hand games have been lost which they should really have won. The most notable defeat was their latest, when Doncaster won at the Athletic grounds by 11-0. It is noted that Doncaster have played well in certain matches this season, particularly two against Leigh, which they won and that at Rochdale. Rochdale on that day were minus about four regulars, but even so a win must surely not have been beyond them.

We are all set then for today's Derby clash. Let's hope the match lives up to expectations and we see both sides throwing the ball about as we know they can do.

WEMBLEY TICKETS

Several members have approached me for seat tickets for this year's R.L. Cup Final between Salford and Castleford, but unfortunately none are available.

If you intend going to the final in 1970 may I suggest you apply for your ticket immediately then you will not be disappointed.

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Our two remaining home matches will be played in the same week later this month.

The St. Helens game has been rearranged for Tuesday April 15th, kick off 7-30 p.m. and the Doncaster match is two days later on Thursday 17th April and this will also be a 7-30 p.m. kick-off.

GERRY HELME

We were delighted to see Gerry Helme at the St. Helens match last Friday week and present watching the training last Wednesday.

Gerry has made a very quick recovery and we sincerely hope that very soon he will be back on the training pitch again.

TOP 10 IN THE RUNNING FOR THE PLAYER'S No. 6 'PLAYER OF THE YEAR' AWARDS

	Votes
B. Seabourne—Leeds	3,585
T. Bishop—St. Helens	3,341
A. Hardisty—Castleford	2,059
C. Dixon—Salford	2,033
B. Buchanan—Whitehaven	1,877
T. Price—Bradford N.	1,525
K. O'Loughlin—Wigan	1,407
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Date	Club	Grd.	F	A
Aug. 10	Blackpool (friendly) ...	home	37...27	
17	Huddersfield	away	14...19	
19	Blackpool	home	29... 5	
24	Featherstone R.	home	22...24	
28	Rochdale H.	away	14...22	
31	Workington T.	away	10...29	
Sept. 6	Rochdale (Lancs. Cup) ..	away	17... 5	
9	Blackpool B.	away	44...10	
14	Hunslet	away	22...14	
21	Wigan	home	4... 9	
28	Doncaster	away	26...10	
Oct. 5	Workington T.	home	15...13	
12	Featherstone R.	away	12...23	
19	Widnes	home	17... 9	
25	Salford	away	2... 4	
Nov. 11	Wigan	away	3...50	
15	Warrington	home	14...10	
30	St. Helens	away	15... 6	
Dec. 1	Whitehaven	away	15... 6	
7	Hunslet	home	30...13	
20	Widnes	away	5...26	
22	Whitehaven	home	17... 7	
Jan. 4	Huyton	home	5...13	
8	Warrington	away	19...10	
11	Huyton	away	3... 7	
18	Salford	home	22...12	
Mar. 1	Workington T.	home	13...11	
3	Leigh	home	20... 7	
8	Barrow	home	18... 8	
11	Swinton	home	9...13	
15	Doncaster	home	...	
18	Leigh	away	5...12	
28	St. Helens	away	4...19	
Apr. 4	Swinton (G.F.)	away	...	
7	Rochdale H. (E.M.) ...	home	20...12	
11	Barrow	away	7... 5	

'A' TEAM FIXTURES

Date	Club	Grd.	F	A
Aug. 31	Workington 'A'	home	.....	
Sept. 7	Rochdale 'A' (Shield) ..	away	.....	
14	Rochdale 'A' (Shield) ..	home	.....	
21	Wigan 'A'	away	.....	
Oct. 12	Rochdale 'A'	home	.....	
19	Widnes 'A'	away	.....	
26	Salford 'A'	home	.....	
Nov. 2	Whitehaven 'A'	away	.....	
9	Wigan 'A'	home	.....	
16	Warrington 'A'	away	.....	
23	Whitehaven 'A'	home	.....	
30	St. Helens 'A'	home	.....	
Dec. 14	Leigh 'A'	away	.....	
21	Widnes 'A'	home	.....	
28	Warrington 'A'	home	.....	
Jan. 4	Huyton 'A'	away	.....	
11	Huyton 'A'	home	.....	
18	Salford 'A'	away	.....	
Feb. 1	Leigh 'A'	home	.....	
8	St. Helens 'A'	away	.....	
Mar. 1	Workington T. 'A' ...	away	.....	
8	Barrow 'A'	away	.....	
21	Swinton 'A'	away	.....	
Apr. 7	Rochdale 'A'	away	.....	
12	Barrow 'A'	home	.....	
19	Swinton 'A'	home	.....	

Times of Kick-off

All Saturday games at home k.o. 3 p.m. Evening k.o.'s as advertised. All 1st & 'A' team matches.

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