

## Supporters' Club Notes

### GREETINGS

As this is the first opportunity we have had at the commencement of the 1951-52 season to greet our members, we do so now in the hope that they will back the Supporters Club efforts as loyally as they have done in the past. Onward!

### GROUND IMPROVEMENT FUND

We can make the Supporters Club Ground Improvement Fund total into £1,000 this season if we all work hard. During the close season it was announced at our Annual Meeting that, with a grant from the Supporters Club general account, the fund had reached a total of £550, after the payment of advertising and printing expenses. Included in this amount are two cards which were received too late last season to acknowledge: No. 124, £13; 145, 10/11. Since the season started the following cards have been handed in: No. 14 (part), 2s.; 27, 7s. 4d.; 29, 8s. 6d.; 30, 18s. 8½d.; 166, £1 6s. 0d.; 181 and 182 (White Lion, Kingsway), £3; 203, 10s. In addition, Messrs. Burney's Bakery Ltd. have donated £2 2s. 0d. To all these good people who have worked for and contributed the amounts mentioned we are extremely grateful. There are many cards out yet. The Secretary has a complete list of these, and if anyone has a completed card he will be pleased to receive it. Every little helps. During the coming season we shall be collecting again in conjunction with the Rochdale Amateur Rugby League before Hornets first-team games, and if you can spare a small amount you will have the satisfaction of knowing that your personal effort is bringing nearer the day when covered accommodation on the Railway Side of the Athletic Grounds can become a reality—when the necessary building licences are available.

### WEMBLEY TRIP

Just a word to those who are intending visiting the Rugby League Final next April with the Supporters Club party—make your reservation now. We already have 80 or so bookings arranged, and, as last time, the accommodation for our party will be limited to a certain amount. Enquire from the Assistant Secretary, Mr. H. Oldham, today.

### PENCILS

Worded pencils in aid of the Supporters Club funds are now on sale and can be obtained from any member of the Committee, price 4d. Please buy one and help to swell our funds. These pencils are splendid value for the money, and an article like a pencil is always useful to anyone. Please buy one. Whenever you have occasion to use it you will find it gives you good service and in addition the wording on the pencil is a standing advertisement for our cause.

### "HORNET" MAGAZINE

Later in the season we shall be publishing another edition of the "Hornet" Magazine. If any of our members have "copy" of interest to use will they please let the Secretary (Robert D. Fletcher, 12, Margaret Avenue, Rochdale; Tel. 48405) have it?

### SUBSCRIPTIONS

Subscriptions are now due from the members of the Hornets Club, which is jointly administered by the Hornets Board and the Supporters Club. Members of the Supporters Committee will be in the Clubhouse today to give you a receipt for your 2s.

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## Notes

### NO NEWS YET

At the time of writing these programme notes the Hornets board had received no official reply from Australia regarding their application for clearance papers for the five Australian players brought over by Mr. Cec. Fifield, the club's manager-coach.

### MR. FIFIELD IMPROVING

Mr. Fifield's admission to hospital last week was a big shock to Hornets followers. They will be pleased to learn that his condition is much improved and that he confidently expected to return home before today's match.

### WILDE OFF LIST

This week Gerry Wilde has been taken off the open-to-transfer list at the suggestion of the directors.

### JACK ROBINSON'S DEATH

News reached the town this week of the death of Jack Robinson, a former hero of the Athletic Grounds crowds. He was with the Hornets from 1908 to the end of the 1914-1919 war and from 1910-11 to 1934-35 held the club's try scoring record with 28 in a season. Jack Williams beat the record in 1935 with 30 tries. The sympathy of Rochdale sportsmen is extended to Mrs. Robinson in her great loss. Jack toured Australia in 1914. Latterly his sight failed but he was able to follow his employment until last year.

### OLDHAM HERE AGAIN

This is only the fourth Saturday of the present season but it marks the second visit of Oldham, who took back with them the Law Cup on August 11th. The Watersheddings team have begun the season in fine style with three wins in four league fixtures. The Hornets will have to be at their best to check them today.

### OPENING WIN

The Hornets opening win of the season came last Saturday against Barrow at the Athletic Grounds and it was a praise-worthy effort. If the same form can be shown against Oldham another surprise may be caused. The second "leg" of the cup-tie will be played at Watersheddings next Tuesday.

### CHANCES FOR JUNIORS

Six junior players were signed by the Hornets following the pre-season trials and they will be given chances in the "A" team. One of them, 19 years old Harry Gibson, formerly of Newbold, has already made two first team appearances and is again in the premier side today.

### DONCASTER NEXT WEEK

Doncaster, newly admitted members of the Rugby League, visit the Athletic Grounds next Saturday. They have already shown their power by defeating Wakefield Trinity in their opening fixture.

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Threequarters:

2—Redford

3—McKeown

4—R. Jones

5—Fletcher

Half-backs:

6—Lord 2 Goals

7—Wilde

Forwards:

8—Jimmeson

9—Watt

10—Mitchell/Booth

11—Holmes

12—D. Schofield

13—Gibson 1 TRY.



### TODAYS TEAMS

### OLDHAM 8. Red and White

Full back:

1—Ratchford

Threequarters:

2—Warham

3—Mitchell

4—Davies

5—Platt 1 TRY

Half-backs:

6—Ward, K. / "

7—Stirrup

Forwards:

8—Ogden

9—Keith

10—Day

11—Winslade

12—Leyland

13—Goldswain 1 GOAL

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