

Supporters' Club Notes

WEMBLEY TRIP

Everyone travelling on the Hornets' Supporters' Club Wembley Trip is now booked and paid-up, and all that remains is for the circular notices to be posted out informing members of our party when and how to pick up their Wembley stadium tickets, rail and train meal tickets, and itineraries. We are waiting for timing details from British Railways, and as soon as these are obtained notices will be sent out. We are hoping to distribute the tickets, etc., before Easter, so look out for your circular.

COLLECTION

The Supporters' Club half-share of the collection taken at the Cardiff match in conjunction with the Rochdale Amateur Rugby League was £7 1s. 5d. We are grateful to all who contributed and to our friends in the amateur game for their ready co-operation. Thank you.

DONATION

A donation with much interest behind it was recently handed to Mr. C. Ibberson of the Supporters' Club Committee for our funds. It came from Mr. B. Jackson, of 10 Eric Street, Oldham, the father of Vince Jackson, who was a very popular scrum-half with the Hornets before he emigrated to Australia. Vince sent 10s. 0d. from Australia for the Supporters' Club funds and his father added another 10s. 0d. to make the donation into £1. Your Secretary has acknowledged the gift and asked Mr. Jackson to send our regards to Vince when next he writes.

LADIES' FOOTBALL MATCH

We have obtained permission from the Hornets' directors to stage a Ladies' football match at the Athletic Grounds on Saturday, July 26th, 1952, between

two famous teams. The game, which will be a cup match, should prove very attractive to all sections of the Rochdale public, and full details will be given nearer the date. Please make a note of July 26th.

PENCILS

Our coloured pencils are still on sale at 4d. each, and at this price they have proved excellent value. We are now selling out our third order, which gives some indication of their popularity as a money-raiser for our funds. Get yours to-night.

TEAM-SHEETS

Owing to the team for the Wigan match next Saturday not being available until after to-night's match, we are not publishing team-sheets this week. We are building up our list of local business people who are willing to donate a week's supply of team-sheets for matches next season. A prominent advertisement is displayed each week of the person or firm paying for the printing, and as the sheets are distributed all over the town and district, this has great value. If you want further details, the Secretary, Robert D. Fletcher, 12 Margaret Avenue, Rochdale (Tel. 48405), will be pleased to supply them.

The Smallbridge supporter referred to in our Cardiff programme notes has not yet come forward. This gentleman promised to distribute team-sheets in the Smallbridge district, and his name and address are required as his original post-card has been mislaid.

TEABAR

Please patronise the Ladies' Teabar during the match to-night. If you have come to the Athletic Grounds without a meal a cup of tea will be welcome. Thank you.

—R.D.F.

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Notes

NEW BOARD

Since the publication of the last Hornets' match programme an extraordinary meeting of shareholders on March 18th appointed a new board of directors, the board now comprising: Councillor J. Lindley (Chairman), and Messrs. G. Halligan, C. Crossley, R. Seeley, L. Greenwood, R. H. Lord and J. J. Foy.

FINANCES

It was announced at the special meeting that the temporary board of five cleared off debts amounting to about £1,200 during their two months in control of the club, and at the same time they thanked the public for their loyalty. This same loyalty is required right to the end of the season, and if it is maintained and there is any cash to spare it will be spent on strengthening the team. That promise came from the new board.

OUR VISITORS

Oldham, the visitors to the Athletic Grounds this evening, are on the crest of a wave which may possibly carry them to the championship play-offs. They have won their last two away fixtures at Leigh and St. Helens, feats which stamp them as a powerful side. Warham will deputise for Daley at out-half and Bryn Goldswain is being rested. Otherwise the Watersheddings' thirteen is the best that can be fielded, and the Hornets will have their work cut out to administer a set-back to their opponents' first-four aspirations.

WIGAN NEXT

On Saturday the Hornets have another attractive home fixture. Wigan visit the

Athletic Grounds, where there should be the best "gate" of the season. Then on Good Friday, Leigh, who are also aiming to finish in one of the top four places, pay their visit to Rochdale.

THE WIDNES MATCH

The Hornets threw away a fine opportunity of scoring their first away win of the season at Naughton Park last Saturday. Five minutes before half-time they were leading by ten points to five and Widnes had been reduced to eleven men due to injuries to Naughton and Shaw. But Widnes brought out typical fighting spirit, plus better method, and in the end were worthy winners by 23 points to 13.

"A" TEAM'S SUCCESSES

By far the brightest spot at the Athletic Grounds at the moment is the form of the "A" team who have won four of their last five engagements, their only defeat being at Watersheddings. A win was secured at St. Helens, and defeats have been inflicted at the Athletic Grounds on Leigh "A," Oldham "A" and Widnes "A."

SHARES ON SALE

Since the release of the remaining authorised shares of the Hornets' company, many supporters have purchased them (a fact which was in evidence by the large attendance at the extraordinary meeting). Some shares are still available, and if they are taken out in time the new shareholders will be entitled to attend the annual meeting of the club during the close season. This is the ideal way of having a say in the running of the club and the share money will help the club to begin next season free from debt.

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Threequarters:

2—McKeown

3—Lord

4—R. Jones

5—Redford

Half-backs:

6—Taylor

7—Reg. Stanford

Forwards:

8—Jimmeson

9—Dagnall

10—Fisher

11—Stevenson

12—Gill

13—Ellean

Hornets' Reserves:
McGilvray and Duffy



Full back:

1—Ganley

Threequarters:

2—O'Grady

3—Mitchell

4—Davies

5—Platt

Half-backs:

6—Warham

7—Stirrup

Forwards:

8—Ogden

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13—Day

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