

COMMITTEE MEETING

Will all members of the Committee please note that the next meeting of the Hornets Supporters Club Committee will be at the Red Lion Hotel, Lord Street, on Tuesday evening, August 28th, at 8.30 p.m. Please note the time, which is half-an-hour later than usual. Although the Hornets have an away fixture on this night, it will be necessary for the Committee to transact business, and it is unavoidable that this meeting has to be called.

OFFICIALS AND COMMITTEE

If you are interested in the work of the Supporters Club you are welcome to seek details of our activities from the Hon. Secretary or Joint Secretary, or from any of the following:

- Mr. H. W. Lord (Chairman), 38 Emma Street, Rochdale (Tel. 2731).
Mr. J. F. Law (Vice-Chairman), 4 Reservoir Street, Rochdale.
Mr. L. Greenwood, 9 Laurel Street, Rochdale.
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Mr. H. Laycock, 11 Briar Street, Rochdale.
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Mr. H. Suthers, 140 Belfield Road, Rochdale.
Mr. H. Walker, 12 Fern Street, Rochdale.
Mr. T. Fielden, 63 Belfield Mill Lane, Rochdale.
Mr. T. Rodgeron, 30 Adrian Terrace, Rochdale.
Mr. J. R. Hoyle, 18 Aubrey Street, Rochdale.
Mr. H. Cooke (Barber's Shop), 43 Milnrow Road, Rochdale.
Mr. F. King, 27 Pioneers Villas, Newhey.
Mr. J. Baron, 209 Rochdale Road, Firgrove, Rochdale.
Mr. D. Cunningham, 11 Jephys Street, Rochdale.
Mr. T. W. Law, 9 Dewhirst Road, Syke, Rochdale.
Mr. J. Mills, Bird in the Hand (Top Bird), Newhey.
Mr. T. Baron, 3 Exeter Street, Rochdale.

MR. ERNEST BUTTERWORTH

Whilst on the subject of meetings, we are pleased to be able to report an improvement in the health of Mr. Ernest Butterworth, mine host at the Red Lion Hotel, who has done much to make our meetings comfortable. We hope and trust that he will soon be restored to full health and strength.

THE HORNETS CLUB

Almost all the Hornets players and officials are members of the Hornets Club (the bar). The subscription to this club is 2/6, and half of that sum goes to the Supporters Club. Full details of how to apply for membership are given in another section of these notes, and existing members are reminded that subscriptions are now due for 1956-1957. Join us to-day, and thus gain the feeling that you are a vital help to our work for the Hornets.

The Secretary (Bob Fletcher) is available at the Athletic Grounds at all first team games and most "A" team games. He will be only too pleased to accept suggestions to help our efforts along. We know there are many things which need doing at the Athletic Grounds for the benefit of spectators but cash is the key to the problem. Even with good "Gates," there is much need for funds to enable improvements to be done—and we can never have enough ready money or individual help from Hornets followers.

SUPPORT

We ask for your support at the home games this season. The Hornets have a gallant band of regular supporters, but we are keen to encourage young people in the affairs of the club. Bring your son or daughter along to the Athletic Grounds. A successful team is bound to come in the end if sufficient people devote their time and energy to the cause. Some Supporters Club officials give almost all their spare time to affairs of the Hornets, and they go on win or lose. We all like to win, but we have also to be able to "take it" if things are difficult.

When we see the difficulties that some clubs are up against in their fight to keep the Rugby League flag flying, we consider ourselves fortunate at the Athletic Grounds in having Supporters Club resources above the average.

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To-day we have the pleasure of entertaining our old friends and rivals, Oldham, for this, our first Saturday home fixture of the season. In the past we have had many a keen tussle with our neighbours. Whilst wishing them the best of luck for a successful season and offering them our congratulations on taking the Law Cup back to Watersheddings by reason of their recent win over us there we hope to repeat our last season's performance and emerge victors to-day.

There is no doubt that Oldham are a fine side and that this season they will be all out to take back to Watersheddings some of the league honours which somehow have eluded them in the last season or so. They showed in the Law Cup game that they are going to be a team to be reckoned with, and two men in particular on whom the Hornets will have to keep their eyes in to-day's game are Frank Pitchford and Dave Cracknell. Pitchford was perhaps the most instrumental player in our defeat at Oldham a fortnight ago, for his dazzling display was of international standard, and he will have to be well watched to prevent him from repeating the performance to-day. Cracknell, too,

is a most dangerous player and a very difficult man to stop when he breaks away.

Last season we took the honours in our three encounters with Oldham, for we retained the Law Cup by forcing a draw against one of the strongest Oldham sides since the war, and two weeks later won our league game at the Athletic Grounds by 12 points to 4.

In January Oldham turned the tables when they beat us by 26 points to 13 at Watersheddings.

Due to the holidays it has been necessary to write these notes before the Doncaster and Barrow games took place, so it is impossible to comment on the form shown by players in these two games, but we hope that it has been satisfactory to our supporters and that our side have made a commendable start to the season.

After to-day's game we have three matches all away from home. On Tuesday we go to Dewsbury for a league game, and next Saturday Warrington will be our hosts in the first round of the Lancashire Cup. Our trio of away matches end with a trip to Castleford in another league game.

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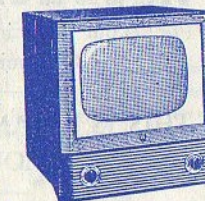
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Hon. Secretary and Treasurer: Robert D. Fletcher, 12 Margaret Avenue, Rochdale
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Hon. Joint Secretary: Herbert Oldham, 8 York Street, Rochdale.

A NEW SEASON

We offer once again our programme at the commencement of the season, and we are looking forward eagerly to the weeks ahead. Last season the Supporters Club enjoyed the most successful year of their existence, and our financial turnover and profit reached a new "high."

This year we are out to improve on 1955-1956, for we realise that the raising of money is an essential factor in the success of any sporting organisation today. Subsidiary efforts are absolutely necessary to establish a club in the top rank—not only to provide the means for strengthening the playing strength but also to provide amenities for the comfort of spectators.

Hard as the officials of the Supporters Club have worked in past seasons, and well as the Hornets followers have backed up all efforts, there will have to be greater endeavour this season in view of the various things we have planned for money-raising. An appeal was made at the annual meeting of the Supporters Club for still greater effort, and we are keen to provide the ways and means for big things at the Athletic Grounds.

We look back on a year of generous service from our retiring chairman, Mr. S. Brockenshaw, and we have been fortunate in having as his successor a young and keen worker in Mr. H. W. Lord, and a very capable administrator as vice-chairman in Mr. J. F. Law.

Mr. A. E. Yorke of Messrs. Arnold Watson and Co. of Manchester has been appointed auditor of the Supporters Club, and we have made several very useful additions to our Committee strength.

Thus we are ready to commence a new season with a sound background of keen, enthusiastic and very capable officials.

Amongst these we must mention Mr. H. Oldham, who, in view of the growth of the Supporters Club work, has been elected Hon. Joint Secretary to carry through with your Secretary the many tasks necessary to our success.

£1 SUPPORTERS' PANEL

We are commencing in our programme a new scheme which is to be called the "£1 Supporters' Panel." We are asking

our friends to help us with donations if they feel they can, and all those people who donate £1 or over will be allocated a small panel in the programme each week of the season. For every £1 donated a panel will be printed and repeated each week in these notes giving the name of the person and the amount of the donation. We are asking for help to start off the scheme, and all moneys will be devoted to our funds.

PROGRAMME SELLERS

We could do with one or two programme sellers to help our sales along at home matches. The commission paid to sellers is a generous one, and a good seller can make the job well worth while. Anyone applying for the job must be over 16 years of age. If you are interested, see the Secretary now.

HORNETS CLUB

Subscriptions are now due for the Hornets Club, and the membership charge is the same as in previous years, namely, 2/6. Newcomers are required to apply in writing on a form provided for the purpose, along with the names of two members as proposer and seconder. Admission is granted after Committee approval.

You can renew your membership or apply for membership by seeing the Secretary to-day on the Club premises.

All members are required to produce their card for the inspection of the uniformed Commissionaire on the door.

GROUND IMPROVEMENTS

Now that the inner wall is completed around the playing area at the Athletic Grounds, we are ready to embark on a further scheme of ground improvement. We are anxious to improve our Teabar facilities, and we are more than anxious to give whatever help we can to any scheme of improving the covered accommodation on the Railway (popular) Side of the ground.