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**A HAPPY AND PROSPEROUS NEW
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PORTERS AND OFFICIALS, AND ALL
INTERESTED IN THE RUGBY LEAGUE
GAME.**

WE LOOK BACK

Looking back on 1948 we can report
definite progress in the Hornets affairs.
Early in 1948 came our team's fine bid
for the Rugby League Challenge Cup.
For the first time for 23 years the Hor-
nets reached the semi-finals and only
went down to Wigan after a grand fight.
In money that match was worth over
£1,300 to the club and whilst the start
of 1949 finds the finances healthy and
sound there is no affluence.

In the last eight matches of 1948 the
Hornets picked up 13 points. One point
was dropped in the home match against
Featherstone Rovers and the solitary re-
verse was sustained at Salford. In the
light of this record we can look towards
the future with greater confidence than
for many years.

TO-DAY'S VISITORS

To-day we welcome our near neigh-
bours, friends and rivals, Oldham who,
unfortunately, cannot feel too happy
about the state of affairs in the year
which has just closed. It has not been
for the lack of speculation that Oldham
find themselves in their present lowly
position and it is as great a mystery
throughout the Rugby League as it is
at Watersheddings why blend has not
been secured among the undoubted
talent on the club's books. Injuries are
responsible to some extent. Whatever
their record they always give the Hor-
nets a hard game and we anticipate this

afternoon a bright display of football.
We can be pardoned for believing that
current form gives the Hornets a defi-
nite chance of winning.

THE BENEFIT FUND

It is appropriate that to-day's match
should be used to give supporters a
chance to show their appreciation of the
services to the Hornets of Freddie Lamb
and Johnnie Dean. At half time a collec-
tion will be taken for the Benefit Fund.
Both players are Oldham-born and both
assisted the Watersheddings club as
guest players during the war, associa-
tions which should appeal to the gener-
osity of our Oldham friends in the crowd
to-day.

Anyone wishing to help with the col-
lection should contact Mr. Grundy, the
Hornets secretary, in the office behind
the main stand before the match. Inci-
dentally, late in the season the Hornets
and Oldham will combine forces in field-
ing a team to play a Colonial side in the
actual benefit match for the Hornets
two long-service players.

TASKS AHEAD

For the next two Saturdays the first
team play away from home, next Satur-
day at St. Helen's and on January 15th
at Swinton. Then follow three consecu-
tive home matches immediately before
the first round of the Rugby League
Challenge Cup.

The draw for this round will be made
on Monday, January 15th.

MR. G. S. PHILLIPS

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7.—Musgrave

Forwards:

8.—Wagstaff
9.—Booth or Davies
10.—T. Davies
11.—Gronow
12.—Butler
13.—Fearnley



Full back:

1.—Barracough

Threequarters:

2.—Tate
3.—Platt
4.—Harris
5.—Inglesfield

Half-backs:

6.—Batten
7.—W. Jones

Forwards:

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9.—Brooks
10.—H. Tomlinson
11.—Donegan
12.—A. Tomlinson
13.—Leyland

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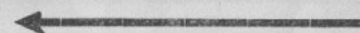
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RUGBY LEAGUE FILM SHOW

As mentioned in the Christmas Day programme, the date for the Rugby League Film Show at the Pioneers' Hall, Lord Street, is Wednesday, February 2nd, 1949. More details will be given nearer the date, but it's only a month away, so please make a note of the date.

CHRISTMAS VISITOR

Amongst Rochdaliens "home" for the Christmas holidays was Tommy Cunliffe, who now lives at Wellington, Somerset. Tommy will be well remembered from the days when his parents kept a news-agent's business in Toad Lane. On

Christmas Day he was delighted with the Hornets win, but the Boxing Day cancellation was a big disappointment to him. Tommy gets his fill of Rugby Union Football and he says there are some good forwards Somerset way!

GIFT

We are grateful to Mr. and Mrs. Chadwick of 18 Deacon Street, Hamer, for the gift of a set of crocheted mats, beautifully worked by Mrs. Chadwick, to be used to raise funds for the Supporters Club or to be given as a prize at one of our functions.

WEMBLEY TRIP

Final details of the Wembley Trip will be drawn up shortly and then we shall be able to give you a full picture of the arrangements. If you have not got a seat, make sure of one to-day. A £1 deposit paid to the assistant secretary (Mr. H. Oldham) either in the clubhouse before or after the match or at his home, 8 York Street, Rochdale, will solve that worry of how you are going to get to Wembley to see the Hornets play! ! !

DANCE

Our next dance at the Carlton is on Tuesday, March 8th, 1949. There will be whist also in addition to the dancing and once more you are asked to please make a note of the date.

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