

Supporters' Club Notes

WEMBLEY TRIP

We have very few seats left now for our Coronation Year Rugby League Cup Final Trip to Wembley on April 25th, 1953. Herbert Oldham will be in the Clubhouse this afternoon to book you a reservation, and if you hand £1 deposit to our Assistant Secretary your booking will be confirmed. Full details of when the balance of payment is due will be sent to you during next month. We are all looking forward to the trip this year, for, on top of the usual thrill of the Wembley Final, there will be much to see in London in preparation for the Coronation. If you don't make the reservation you intended making today, you may be too late. Herbert's home address is 8 York Street. If you are unable to see Mr. Oldham, you can contact the Secretary (Robert D. Fletcher) at 12 Margaret Avenue, Rochdale (Tel. 4805).

DANCE AND WHIST DRIVE

Although these notes are written before the event, by the time they are read we shall have held our Annual Whist Drive and Dance at the Carlton Ballroom. Our grateful thanks are extended to all who backed this effort by their attendance, subscription or in any other way.

DOUGIE BOOTH—REG. JONES

Subscription cards for the Dougie Booth—Reg. Jones testimonial fund have been issued to several clubs and public houses by the Supporters' Club, and we are hoping for a generous response.

"HORNET" MAGAZINE

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GET BETTER VALUE NOWHERE. DON'T FORGET TO BUY A COPY OF THIS, OUR FIFTH EDITION, TO TAKE HOME WITH YOU. THERE ARE MANY PHOTOGRAPHS AND MUCH INFORMATION IN THE BOOKLET ABOUT THE HORNETS, AND THE MONEY RECEIVED FROM THE SALE OF THIS MAGAZINE IS DEVOTED TO THE SUPPORTERS' CLUB FUNDS. WE ALWAYS AIM TO GIVE FULL VALUE TO OUR MEMBERS AND FRIENDS, AND THE "HORNET" MAGAZINE IS NO EXCEPTION. ONWARD, HORNETS, ONWARD!

LADIES' TEABAR

The ladies of the Teabar have put in much hard work again this season, and we ask you once again to please patronise their efforts this afternoon. You can obtain a cup of tea, a pie, sandwiches or biscuits, or a packet of potato crisps at the Teabar, which will be open throughout this afternoon's match.

SUPPORT

We ask for your support at the remaining Hornets' matches this season, for their are several attractive games to be played, and after the difficulties caused by bad weather and postponed matches good attendances can help to put the Hornets in a sound position at the end of the season.

CONGRATULATIONS

We offer our sincere congratulations and wishes for long life and happiness to Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Lee, of 2 Harrow Avenue, Bamford, who celebrated their golden wedding on Thursday last. Mr. Alf. E. Lee is well known as a loyal member of the Hornets' Supporters Club Committee. R.D.F.

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ATHLETIC GROUNDS' JOTTINGS

OLDHAM'S VISIT

We can sympathise with Oldham, today's visitors to the Athletic Grounds, in their recent spell of bad luck which cost them their chance of going forward in the Challenge Cup competition and also reduced their prospects of finishing among the top four in the Rugby League for the championship play-off. Although we at Rochdale take a delight in trying to lower Oldham's colours as neighbours, we watch their progress at other times with interest. The injury to Bryn Goldswain has been a weighty misfortune, and the Watersheddings side is badly missing his leadership. This afternoon we anticipate a good game contested in the best spirit.

CUP EXIT

As was expected after the heavy defeat at Central Park the Hornets made their exit from the 1953 Challenge Cup competition on Thursday. Arrears of 20 points with which our team began the second "leg" at the Athletic Grounds on Thursday was far too big a handicap. Looking back at the Central Park game the Hornets' mistakes were all costly ones and the "neutrals" present at the match were unanimous that the final score of 27 points to seven in Wigan's favour did not represent the actual run of play.

COMINGS...

This week the Hornets' directors signed John Chisnall, out-half from the Vine Tavern Club, St. Helens. This is the second capture from this junior team

in recent weeks, Joe Baines, second-row forward, having been signed a fortnight ago. Both are promising young players and we wish them a happy and successful stay at the Athletic Grounds.

... AND GOINGS

At the same time the Hornets suffered a handicap this week in temporarily losing the services of first team hooker Bob Dagnall (also a product of the Vine Tavern Club) who began his two years' period of National Service on Thursday. With Alan Taylor also in the Army, it will be seen that National Service calls are handicapping the Hornets in building up a young team.

HORNETS' SCORERS

The Hornets in all matches this season have scored 63 tries, which compares with 65 scored all last season, which, incidentally, is the best total in post-war football for our own club. There are still 12 matches to play including today's, so the total should be boosted before the end of April. Try scorers to date are: Ron Stanford (10), P. Oldroyd (8), J. R. McGilvray (6), E. Cahill and W. S. Jones (5 each), D. Schofield and R. Jones (4 each), R. Fisher, N. Harris, B. McNally and A. Vallet (3 each), W. Ellean, A. Taylor and R. Helme (2 each), and T. Duffy, Reg Stanford, R. Dagnall, J. Gill and E. Hawkins (1 each). In addition to 61 goals by Derrick Schofield, Wilf Lord has kicked 10, Ron Stanford three, and R. Jones and N. Short one each.

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2—Oldroyd

3—Stanford, Ron.

4—Harris

5—Redford

Half-backs:

6—Taylor

7—Wilde

Forwards:

8—Livesey

9—Mitchell

10—Hawkins

11—Schofield *BAINES*

12—Fisher

13—Ellean

Referee:

Mr. A. Howgate (Dewsbury)

Full back:

1—Ganley

Threequarters:

2—Warham *SPENCER*

3—Mitchell

4—Davies *DALY*

5—O'Grady

Half-backs:

6—Daley *STIRRUP*

7—Feather/Stirrup *MICHFORD*

Forwards:

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10—Anthony

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