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Oldham have appointed Gus Risman
—who needs no introduction to
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in charge.

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originally conceived by the late Sir
A. J. Law, M.P., a native of Roch-
dale, to be played annually for the
raising of monies for the Rochdale
and Oldham Infirmarys. With the
coming of the nationalisation of the
hospitals the committee sitting at
that time decided to distribute the
proceeds from the match to local
charities, and this continued for some
time.

The Rugby League, however, made
a bye-law which is still in operation,
to the effect that all clubs playing
friendly matches during the month of
August must render a statement of
account and that all monies received
from these matches be put into a
separate banking account—this was
evidently done so as to stop clubs
from using any monies obtained for
general expenses.

The late Bob Brierley, who was a
stalwart of Rochdale Hornets for
many years, was secretary of the
Charity Match until his death a few
years ago. Unfortunately, however,
the records of the competition
between the two clubs appear to
have been lost, which is regrettable,
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RUGBY AGAIN!

The close season this time has been such a busy one for your Supporters' Club officials that the lull in football activities has almost passed unnoticed!

Most of our members (all 10,000 of them!) will already be aware of the very successful financial year behind us. Let us make the one in front of us even better. That is the only way we can make the Hornets great. We would like to see an improvement in the sale of our programme, in which we hope to keep you informed of all Supporters' Club matters.

ALTERATION OF BAR HOURS

An alteration of permissible hours for the bar premises was unanimously approved at our annual meeting. These now are 11.0 a.m. to 12 noon, 2.0 p.m. to 5.30 p.m., 6.0 p.m. to 10.0 p.m. The bar will close for the day on Saturdays at 5.30 p.m.

IMPROVED OFFICES

Improved office accommodation for Supporters' Club requirements is being provided inside the existing premises at the Athletic Grounds.

The Supporters' Club bar committee, recently strengthened by the co-option of four new members,

decided on Monday last to provide a dual public-address system for the club and also lighting outside the premises to make for more safety during the winter months.

The next project to be tackled by the liaison ground committee is the question of new turnstiles and an entrance at the Kingsway end of the Athletic Grounds.

JOINT COMMITTEE

A joint committee of members of the Hornets Supporters' Club committee and local teachers has been formed with the object of taking a local schoolboys' Rugby League team or teams to Tourcoing in France. The idea is at some future date to play an exhibition match in Rochdale's twin town.

HOUSEY-HOUSEY

There are Housey-Housey sessions in the clubhuose at the Athletic Grounds every Tuesday and Thursday evening at 8.0 p.m. These are strictly for members only. Membership cards must be shown to obtain admission at these times and all times. If you have no member's card you will not be allowed into the club, so please REMEMBER THAT CARD.

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