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A hearty welcome is on our mat today for Oldham, our nearest neighbours in the Rugby League, who usually attract our largest gate of the season. We have so anxiously been retaining crossed fingers over our prayers for a fine day for this occasion which must be the No. 1 attraction in our fixture card.

The lack of support in our previous home matches this season has been incredibly cruel, the average of which has been a mere £200 per game. In plain figures and cold words that is only £100 per week, less than one-fifth of the running costs of the club. Surely the all out efforts of our officials, coupled with the quality of Rugby football our new streamlined teams are providing, we are entitled to a far warmer wholehearted support from a Rugby-minded town with almost 100,000 population? We definitely are the up and coming club of the League, and with better support can hit the tops far sooner, so will you all please do your own honest share in this determined drive for success?

In recent years Oldham have enjoyed far more success than us, but in spite of their well-balanced and costly ranks, our boys have been a fair match for them in our personal encounters, and on current form can assure them that in the modern Hornets there is a real sting.

ALAN SCHOLES TESTIMONIAL FUND

In the Charity Match against Oldham for the A. J. Law Cup at the Athletic Grounds on August 6th, Alan Scholes suffered an unfortunate accident which has ended his most creditable football career. Damage to an eye called for a most delicate and painful operation which Alan accepted with commendable fortitude. We signed him from Saddleworth Rangers nine years back, and since then he has been renowned for 80 minutes' tireless and unselfish slogging in every match. We have received permission from the League Authorities to go ahead with a benefit scheme to show our appreciation of his loyal services, and the initial effort is a collection here today.

Since the accident happened in our previous clash with Oldham, what better start can we make for this Testimonial Fund than a collection at this match for our Oldham born Alan? We are confident of generous support from locals and visitors alike.

Further collections will be made at the home matches against St. Helens and Warrington on November 12th and December 24th respectively, and other social efforts are under consideration to swell the funds for this worthy cause. Please make cheques and postal orders payable to "The Alan Scholes Testimonial Fund" and address to the Athletic Grounds or hand in to the Supporters' Club Office.

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TOURCOING-ROCHDALE

Sports fans in Tourcoing, Rochdale's French sister town, are looking forward eagerly to seeing the Rugby League game played there. A recent edition of the French daily newspaper "Nord Eclair" carries a report that the Hornets Supporters' Club are making arrangements to stage a match in Tourcoing between a Rochdale Schoolboys' side and one from the South of France. And, according to the "Nord Eclair," the Hornets now have at least one fan in Tourcoing—their beauty queen, Mlle. Monique Vandaele, who saw them play Halifax and said afterwards she had been thrilled. Onward, Hornets, onward!

ALAN SCHOLES BENEFIT

Three members of the Hornets Supporters' Club Committee—Messrs. T. W. Law (chairman), J. F. Law and M. Owen—are to serve on a sub-committee created by the Hornets directors for the purpose of organising a benefit for Alan Scholes. Alan, of course, had to retire from Rugby League football because of an unfortunate injury received at the commencement of the season. We shall do all in our power to make the benefit a success.

CARLTON DANCE—NOV. 8th

(Tuesday)

Will all agents of our weekly competition please make sure that they have received their invites to the

"Hornets Night" Dance which is to be held at the Carlton Ballroom on Tuesday evening, November 8th. Please see Herbert Oldham or Bob Fletcher if you are a Hornets worker or official. There will be dancing from 8.0 p.m. to 12.30 a.m.

FRIENDS FROM LEEDS

After our recent very pleasant visit to Leeds, it was nice to be able to welcome several of the Yorkshire club's officials on Tuesday evening. Mr. Joe Warham and other friends who are actively connected with Leeds R.L.F.C., came over to the Athletic Grounds to see how we function. We hope that as a result of our two "get-togethers" the contemplated competition at Leeds will be a big success. Following closely on the help we were able to give to Bradford Northern R.L.F.C., we feel quite pleased that Rochdale Hornets Supporters' Club was thought of when these good people decided to branch out with new ideas.

OUR WEMBLEY TRIP

Because of a possible increase in rail and meal charges, which, in the opinion of the committee, would put up the all-in charge too high, it seems at the present time that our Wembley Trip will not be run this season. We have not yet made a hard-and-fast decision, but we feel that a price over £4 is too much to ask our members to pay for a day at Wembley.

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