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### CLUB CHAT.

So the day has arrived for the first round of the Rugby League Challenge Cup. This is the thirty-ninth occasion the cup has been contested for, and the tenth time for the trek to Wembley. There are twenty-eight senior clubs and four junior clubs—perhaps the better term would be four amateur clubs—out for fame or otherwise to-day. Some will come out all smiles and others will be doomed to disappointment, but all cannot win. Since 1920 there has been nineteen finals played and Oldham and Swinton lead the way with four final appearances. Leeds, Huddersfield, Warrington, Wigan and Widnes come next with three appearances. Halifax and Hull have contested two finals. Eleven clubs have each appeared in the final on one occasion. Leeds, with three final appearances, hold the record with three successes.

A remarkable feature of first round draws from our point of view is that during the past eight years we have been drawn at home on no fewer than seven occasions. Our visitors to-day won the Challenge Cup in 1935, beating Huddersfield at Wembley by eleven points to eight, this has been their only appearance in the final.

### A DEPARTURE.

Harold Matthews, out-half or centre, has been loaned to Rochdale Hornets, a gesture which the Hornets directors appreciate. We should like the Hornets to again become the attraction they used to be, much to

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**WHO'S WHO IN THE TEAMS.**

**CASTLEFORD.**

**C. J. Lewis**, Full-back. Born at Gloucester, came to Castleford when quite an infant. Has played at Castleford for the past eight seasons—graduated to the team from the Juvenile Organisation Committee. Not big but good.

**B. Cunliffe**, Wing. Local born and a product of the Supporters' Club. Played at Wembley when only 18 years of age in 1935. Has already received County and International honours.

**A. J. Croston**, Centre. Secured from the Army a few seasons ago. Considered the best capture that Castleford has ever made. Born at Wigan and has on many occasions assisted the Red Rose and also his country. With ordinary good fortune should be in the Touring team for Australia.

**J. Robinson**, Centre. Recently acquired from Liverpool Stanley. Is settling down well and is proving a real asset to his Club.

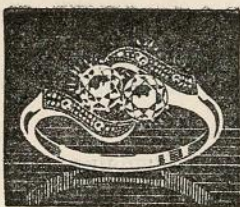
**R. W. Lloyd**, Wing. Secured from Keighley this season. A Welsh man of no mean ability. Has great prospects in front of him and is serving his club with great credit.

**T. W. Hardy**, Out-Half. Secured from Wakefield R.U. Club three seasons ago, and has already received County honours. He is young and his prospects of making a name for himself are very bright.

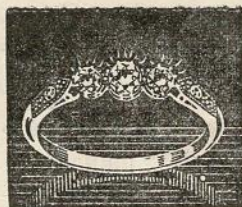
**L. Adams**, Scrum-Half. Too much space would be taken up in giving a pen picture of this player. A former Leeds and Huddersfield player, Australian tourist of 1932. Chock full of football.

**P. B. McManus**, Forward. Born in Cumberland, secured from Barrow four seasons ago. The heavy weight of the pack.

**W. H. Stead**, Forward. Secured from the Hull club three seasons ago. Ex-Guardsman—good in the loose and in the tight. A glutton for work, and incidentally red-headed, a good sign.



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### TEAMS.

#### OLDHAM

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2. Hall, F.
3. Rhydderch, Y.
4. Stott, W.
5. Turner, J. F.
6. Downey, M. J.
7. Schofield, D.
8. Read, J. (capt.)
9. Brooks, E.
10. Moore, W. J.
11. Ambler, H. D.
12. Lowe, E. E. K.
13. Elson, F.
14. Pugh, N.

#### CASTLEFORD

Amber and Black Jerseys.

1. Lewis, G. J.
2. Cunniffe, B.
3. Croston, A. J.
4. Robinson, J.
5. Lloyd, R.
6. Hardy, T. W.
7. Adams, L.
8. McManus, P. B.
9. Cottingham, G. S.
10. Stead, W. H.
11. Smith, J.
12. Sadler, E. H.
13. Brindle, F.

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**E. H. Sadler**, Forward. One of our old players and transferred to his present club, a born footballer. Castleford were interested in this player before he joined Oldham from the Army.

**F. Brindle**, Forward. Born at Hull, has assisted Huddersfield and Halifax, from which latter club his services were secured last season.

**G. Cottingham**, Hooker. A Scottish Rugby Union international, joined Castleford from Headingley R.U.F.C.

**OLDHAM.**

**W. Griffiths**, Full-back. A former Bridgend and Swansea player, signed December, 1935.

**J. Turner**, Wing or Full-back. A recent signing from Salford, previously played for Leigh St. Joseph's Junior Club, from which town he comes from.

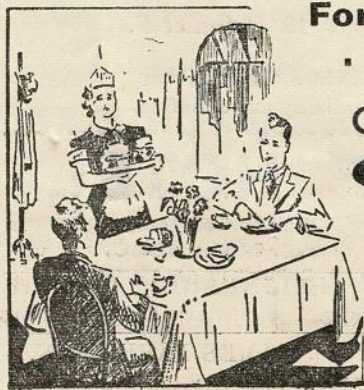
**V. Rhydderch**, Centre. A Welshman, secured from Mosley (Birmingham) Rugby Union Club, in July, 1937.

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**HOLLINWOOD**

**W. Stott**, Centre, to-day is his first appearance on our ground in our club colours, born at Featherstone, April 16th, 1913, commenced his football career with Featherstone Rovers in 1931 at the age of eighteen years, transferred to Broughton Rangers in 1933. The second highest try scorer in the league to-day.

**F. Hall**, Wing, a local, joined us from Greenacres Junior R.F.C. in August, 1936.

**D. Schofield**, Scrum-Half. Another newcomer from Salford, previously played with Old Salfordians R.U.F.C.

**M. Downey**, Out-Half. Joined us in February, 1938, from Rochdale Hornets, reserve for Wales this season.

**W. J. Moore**, Forward. Ex-Bridgend and Welsh international, secured from Rochdale Hornets in November, 1937.

**E. Brooks**, Hooker. A local, joined the club from Watersheddings Junior F.C. in August, 1933.

**J. Read**, Forward, the veteran of the team, secured from Gloucester in December, 1925.

**F. Elson**, Forward. A local product, has had service with Bradford Northern, but rejoined his old club, Higginshaw, from whom we secured him in April, 1938.

**K. Lowe**, Forward, was secured as centre from Torquay in February, 1938, but trying his luck as a second row forward, a Welshman.

**H. Ambler**, Forward. Secured from Seaton, a Cumberland junior club in October, 1934.

**N. Pugh**, Forward. Joined us in February, 1934, from Swansea, a Welsh international.

**NEW PLAYER.**

The only addition to our ranks prior to the Cup-tie has been an important one in **W. Stott**, ex-Broughton Rangers and ex-Featherstone centre. We hope the new player will have a good and profitable career with us. Stott is employed by Messrs. A. V. Roe & Co., Ltd., and will continue to reside in the Manchester district but will do his training at Watersheddings.

Another capture, also a back, failed at the last moment, the player in question desires to play in a Rugby Union Final Cup match to be held in March, until then the matter is in abeyance, when we shall again renew our acquaintance with the player.

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## HALF-TIME SCORES.

The Half-time Scores in the Matches given below will be shown on the Score Board immediately they are received.

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<b>B</b> HIGGINSHAW	<b>E</b> BARROW
<b>C</b> ROCHDALE HORNETS	<b>F</b> LEEDS
<b>D</b> WARRINGTON	<b>G</b> HUDDERSFIELD
<b>E</b> SALFORD	<b>H</b> CHESTER
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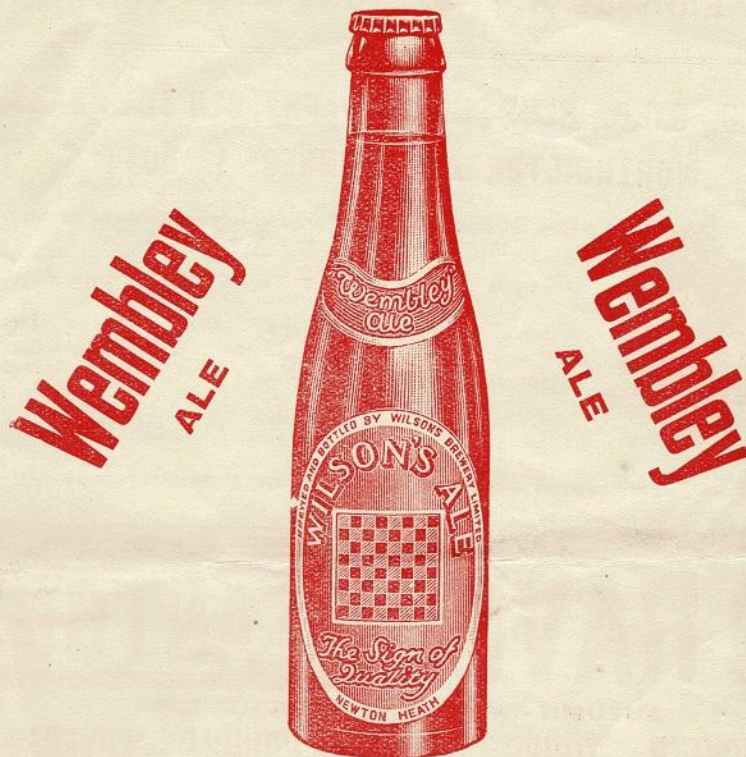
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