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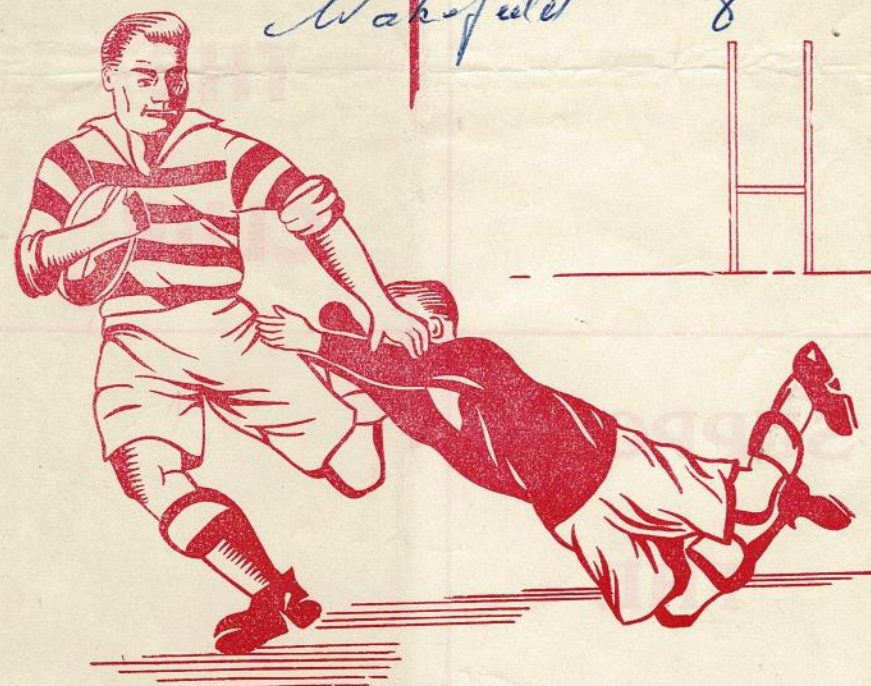
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**SATURDAY. SEPTEMBER 9th, 1950**

**KICK-OFF 3-0 p.m.**

**WATERSHEDDINGS NEWS AND VIEWS.**

Once again it is pleasing to record another good victory on Saturday last against our old friends and foes, Rochdale Hornets, in the first round of the Lancashire Cup, (first leg), and the second match is due to be played at Rochdale on Tuesday next 12th September, and with a lead of sixteen points on the first match we have great hopes of entering round two of the Cup Competition, of course we presume the Hornets will have a little say in this matter. The game was an interesting one but the margin of points between the two teams should have been greater if the opportunities that came our way had been taken advantage of. Tries were made from the middle of the field and with more finishing power certain scoring chances were on "the plate", this weakness must be remedied, as chances like these cannot be missed. Still short of four recognised first team players we must compliment the team in playing the open game and backing one another up, team spirit abounds and the will to win is evident, the players know that they can do it and with a continuity of this we look forward with confidence, of course matters may not always go our way and we must be prepared for occasional setbacks, all teams have this experience, some more than others, then the time arrives for a reconstruction to remedy faults.

We consider that the game of Rugby League has been made more attractive by the new Law now in operation regarding the penalty for infringements, there appears to be less scrums and more open midfield play, this is what the spectators require. One of the greatest bugbear of the game to-day is the unwillingness of many players to carry out the playing of the ball rule after a tackle. Players should get up with the ball in their hands and then drop it. Time after time they hold the ball on the ground until they have regained their feet, thus tempting the opponent to kick whilst he is lifting it from the ground. The rule was interpreted quite correctly when first introduced. It is a striking thing that all alterations are carried out properly in the early stages, only to be ignored later. The alterations in the half back rule in the early days of the League were admired by all, now they are broken with impunity. Supporters grouse but the main men, referees and players, ignore both them and the rule.

**AFTER THE MATCH VISIT THE**

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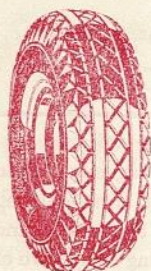
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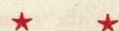
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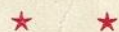
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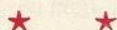
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v.  
LEEDS

**D** ST. HELENS  
v.  
ROCHDALE

**B** WIGAN  
v.  
HUDDERSFIELD

**E** HALIFAX  
v.  
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**C** WARRINGTON  
v.  
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### INJURED PLAYERS.

The most serious of our injured players is Ken Ward. A specialists report advised an operation on the knee for the removal of a cartilage and this has now been performed on Thursday last. We trust for an early recovery of this very capable centre and no doubt we shall see him in action before the end of the year.

Bryn Day is recovering slowly from bruised ribs but the injury is still sore and we may probably have his service in the cup-tie at Rochdale on Tuesday evening next.

R. Batten has been examined by a specialist for the shoulder injury and has been given permission to play again.

A. Fearnley, who was injured against Belle Vue Rangers is suffering from torn ligaments below the knee. Fearnley has been in bed a week resting the injured limb but cannot stand any weight on the leg, rest, treatment and time is now the remedy before we see this player on the field again.

### OUR VISITORS.

To-day we entertain visitors in Wakefield Trinity and we can expect a hard game, even if our visitors have had a mid-week game in the 2nd leg Yorkshire Cup at York on Wednesday.

Trinity possess a powerful pack, their latest addition being Hudson, recently signed from Wigan. The backs are very capable and although the margin of points at the end of the match may be small we expect to be on the winning side, and carry on the good work.

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