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SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 17th, 1951

KICK-OFF 3-0 p.m.

Cup & Leg.

Once again the clubs in the Rugby League are blazing the trail to Wembley, and many will be disappointed on their showing and early exit; surprise results there are bound to be, and this is all in the game. To-day we are facing a difficult task in the second leg of the Cup, being eighteen points behind our opponents, Leeds, but we are hoping for the best and we know that a large deficit has to be wiped, but nothing is impossible in football. To-day's game will be a "cracker" from start to finish, and we trust will be an entertainment for the spectators. The first leg game at Leeds on Saturday last was played under conditions which, through the fog, spectators were unable to follow the full run of the game. Our team played well but lacked penetrative power and for a period of twenty minutes our opponents put on pressure and recorded three tries, a very unfortunate twenty minutes from our point of view. In the second half we had a major portion of the territorial advantage but still lacked that scheming and penetrative power that if taken would have considerably narrowed the points against us for to-day's match. The last six matches played we have finished on the wrong side and we are hoping that to-day we shall turn the corner and a victory be recorded. To-day also sees the home debut of our three new players in Goodfellow, Nicholson and Ward, and we wish them a successful time.

Pen Pictures of our Visitors.

- H. E. COOK, full back. One of the best full backs in the game. Toured British Isles with the Kiwis, New Zealand Army R.U. Team, and later joined Leeds. A native of New Zealand. Recently appointed chief coach of the R.L. and is on headquarters staff of R.L. in Leeds.
- A. TURNBULL, wing. A Scot, native of Hawick, has developed into a first-class wing; is the leading try scorer of the team.
- R. BARTLETT, centre. An Australian; joined Bramley and later transferred to Leeds; a good penetrative centre.
- G. BROWN, centre. One of the three locals in the side. A young centre who has quickly come into prominence, knows the way to the line.
- B. RYAN, wing. Australian, arrived in this country to join Hull and was later transferred to Leeds at a record fee. Big, strong and very fast; can score spectacular tries from 70-80 yards run.
- R. WILLIAMS, out half. A Welshman, who joined Leeds from Bristol R.U. Club. Toured Australasia with the 1950 team; a dangerous man in possession of the ball. A B.Sc.

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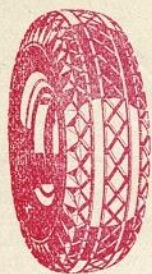
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12 POOLE B.

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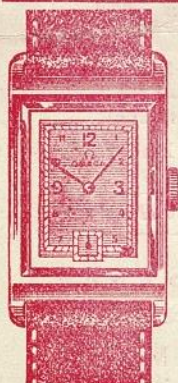
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- F. WATSON, scrum half. Another local player who has seen service with Hunslet prior to joining Leeds. A utility player with Hunslet and has settled down into a first-class scrum half.
- R. E. MCMASTERS, forward. An Australian. Toured British Isles with Australian R.U. Team, 1947; the heavyweight of the side; great worker in the tight and shows good speed for his size.
- BATTERSBY, E., hooker. Ex Oldham Junior Rugby League player and is doing good work in the absence of the injured Kearney.
- W. E. HOPPER. A Welshman. Originally joined Warrington and was transferred to Leeds. Had interview with our club prior to joining Warrington. Was captain of Maesteg in his Rugby Union career.
- A. CLUES, forward. Still another Australian, and one of the best forwards to leave Australia; a big strong player who requires some stopping when in full flight.
- B. POOLE, forward. A Leeds boy who joined Hull and was recently transferred to Leeds and fitting in very well in the Leeds tradition.
- D. CLARKSON, loose forward. Native of Castleford, has seen service with Hunslet and Leigh prior to being transferred to Leeds.

Supporters' Club News.

Whist Drive and Dance.—Thursday, 22nd March, at Hill's Stores, tickets 3s. each, available from S.C. Secretary or any member of the Committee. Another Dance will be held 14th July; details available at a later date.

New Badges.—Now on sale 1s. 9d. each. Special ladies' badge, 1s. 9d. each.

Wembley Trip.—Booked up for this trip. Standing tickets for the Stadium 2s. 6d. available only. Applications to R.L. Headquarters, 180, Chapeltown Road, Leeds, 7.

Billy Mitchell's Benefit.—A Dance will be held at the Town Hall, 17th March, tickets 3s. 6d. each. Tickets from Oldham Football Club, players and Supporters Club Committee.

Film Show.—Wednesday, 28th February, at Hill's Stores: the recent tour to Australia and New Zealand. Lecturer, Mr. Tom Spedding, Manager of the Touring team, tickets 1s. each, to be obtained from Committee and Friendship Hotel; also Pavilion. Help to make this entertainment a success.

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