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SPOTLIGHT ON THE VISITORS

Ever since our entry into the Northern Rugby Football League, Oldham have always been attractive and popular visitors to The Stadium, and to-day is no exception, coming to us, as they do, fresh from their triumph at Swinton last Saturday, when they successfully resisted the challenge of Wigan and so retain possession of the Lancashire Challenge Cup for the second year in succession, and we take this opportunity to offer them our sincere congratulations on their very fine achievement.

It is also an opportune time to congratulate Bernard Ganley, Alan Davies, Ken Jackson, Syd Little and Derek Turner on their selection for Great Britain against France at Toulouse on Sunday, 3rd November.

By their consistency, Davies, Little and Turner have become almost automatic selections for representative games, but it will be the first International cap for Ganley and Jackson, but both have been well worthy of the honour for some time now.

We imagine that in particular Bernard Ganley will take great pride in his selection, for he has thus emulated his famous father, for what old enthusiast will ever forget "Bert" Ganley of Leigh and Huddersfield fame, and it is certain that "Bert" is to-day proud of his now equally famous son.

In recent seasons representative honours have come with great frequency to the men from Watersheddings, and when we remember the skill of such players as Dick Cracknell (another famous son of a famous father), Dennis Ayres, John Etty (once of Batley), Frank Daily, Rowley Moat, scintillating will-o'-the-wisp Frank Pitchford, Jack Keith, Charlie Winslade and Don Vines, it is small wonder that the phrase "star studded" is so often applied to our visitors, and never was it more worthily warranted.

Certainly the Oldham committee and supporters alike are being rewarded for their patience, while the present side was being built up, and complete understanding among the players being created, and it seems certain that, with ordinary luck, trophies will continue to find their way to Watersheddings for some time yet, with the present players available.

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But, if we dub Oldham "the team of the moment," we remember with justifiable pride that glorious Boxing Day victory, which was accomplished by a gallant team of crocks, and are not without hope of being able to register yet another stunning surprise.

We know what joy such a result would give to coach Bryn Goldswain, and we also know that our boys will be ready to "pull out all stops" to accomplish this.

But whatever the result, with the "experts" in the art of open play on view, and "the Babes" seeking to emulate their example, we should be assured of an entertaining game.

WE'RE ASKING YOU

To apply NOW for your CUP FINAL TICKETS, if you have not already got them, but hope to make the trip to Wembley this season.

Our advice is to write in to the Rugby League Offices, 180 Chapeltown Road, Leeds, 7, without further delay, for, while some tickets are still available, most of the tickets have now been reserved.

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Are you one of those keen supporters of the game who very often thinks that the referee has never seen a rule book? Then the "Manual of Rugby League Football" should be a MUST for you. This book is invaluable and should be in the possession of every supporter, every player and every official. It contains useful tips to referees on interpretation of Laws of the Game, and for players there is a section explaining the system of registration which operates in the Rugby League world.

Copies are available at 180 Chapeltown Road, Leeds, 7, price 2/6, postage 5d.

WE'RE TELLING YOU

That Ken Dutton, who was carried unconscious from the field at Whitehaven on Saturday last was not allowed to return home to Warrington until Tuesday. Although the injury was not as serious as was feared at one time, it is tough luck for Ken to sustain this injury on his first appearance this season with the seniors, for he has been making great strides this season, and his promotion was well merited.

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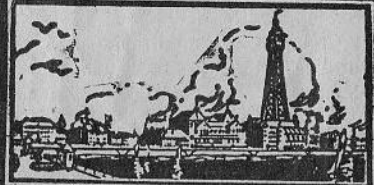
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That the combination of Bill Foden and Jack Brennan at half back soon clicked into top gear at Whitehaven, and they were among the stars of the game. The success of this combination should give pleasure to those of us who had been anxious to see this combination together again after their splendid game at Halifax last season.

That both these youngsters are now occupying the positions they held when first joining us.

That as these notes were being written permission had been given to Wigan to interview Terry Dunn with a view to him joining the Central Park organisation, and possibly you may know the result of the negotiations before you read these notes.

That Captain Jim Walsh's absence last week was due to a further injury to the knee which has given him so much trouble of late, but hopes were entertained that he would be ready to resume to-day.

And finally we're telling you that we were just a few bob short of being able to join the scramble for Mike Sullivan, the Huddersfield star, who has this week joined Wigan at a reported figure of £9,500. ("Few bob short," he sez. "Knock off the two noughts, and then they might have been in the bidding.")

SUPPORTERS' SNIPPINGS

Clouds seem to hang over our Club's fortunes at the moment and there is not much prospect of a break in the cloud for the next two weeks. However, there is no case for despondency; rather should we be pleased to entertain our stylish visitors of to-day and the redoubtable men from Headingley a fortnight hence. We can console ourselves with the fact that our players do better when up against class opposition than when matched against the lower clubs.

A further reason for optimism is the recent performances of the "A" Team. There does seem to be a settled policy in the selection of these reserves and, if continued, it will pay dividends. This column sincerely recommends you to come and watch the "A" Team; they provide some bright football. Against Whitehaven last week there was a first-class battle of wits and experience by two famous players, namely Ron Ryder and Billy Banks. "A" Team matches give many examples of how players of this calibre can bring out the players of the future—three of your First Team stars of to-day graduated through Borough's own "A" Team: Bill Foden, Jackie Brennan and Roy Thornley. It is worthwhile to support the "A" Team and watch the ascending stars!

Our Weekly Football Lottery is still increasing! The weekly total now paid to the Club is £75. It is our hope that by Christmas that amount will be increased to £100. It can be done quite easily with your support. New members are wanted. New agents are wanted. Those interested should either call at or drop a line to our Office at 28 ADELAIDE STREET, BLACKPOOL. Your enquiry will receive prompt attention and your support will be valued.

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