

# Will Aussies lead revival at Hunslet?

WILL TWO Australians lead a revival in the playing fortunes of Hunslet? It is early yet even to suggest that the introduction of stand-off Peter Irvine and wingman Ernie Kurtz into the side will bring more playing success.

Just the same the advent of the pair has brought a breath of greater optimism to Park-side.

Irvine's games have been good ones, under difficulties most of the time as Hunslet's pack was not getting the ball. Kurtz, a big strong player, got a try on his debut at Hutton where Hunslet's teamwork was an improvement.

Of course, there have been instances of good play and of promise before this season. Unfortunately, they have been flashes in the pan. It could be that a Hunslet playing revival is no nearer than before, but, somehow, there seems to be a feeling that this time Hunslet are on the brink of a steady improvement and a gradual climb back into the ranks of the stronger sides.

## POSSIBILITIES

It would be unwise, however, for fans to build too much on this. More recruiting is needed before the side can be considered a well-equipped one.

It is pleasant, however, to be able to strike this happier note in surveying their play and the possibilities for the future. And after the turn of the year the home games there are in January with Whitehaven, Huddersfield and Batley before the first-round of the Rugby League Cup on January 29 may enable the team to settle into one that can go forward in the Cup.

That, naturally, will depend a lot on the character of the opposition and where the first-round game is played.

There's been little difference in the outcome whether Hunslet have been home or away this term with its miserable record of but two wins up to last weekend

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