

ENGLAND HAS "FLYING SAUCER"

Hilton Rotates At Terrific Bat

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ABOARD THE HIMALAYA: One of the men over whom controversy flared when the English Rugby League team was selected for Australia, fair-headed left-winger Jack Hilton, from Wigan, will be a sensation in coming big games.

He is England's "flying saucer." He rotates down the field at a terrific bat, with his feet twirling behind him like propeller blades

Hilton will be a heavy points scorer.

Shot through the leg and wrist in the North African campaign, Hilton's most vivid recollection of the war is of a man cheering him as he lay on a stretcher.

It was Gus Risman, England's captain in 1946.

Hilton has a swerve, side-step and change of pace, but has no idea at what speed he travels. He has never been timed.

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Centre Jack Cunliffe is one of the team's most versatile members.

He is actually a full-back, but has played as centre and five-eighth for England.

Powerful prop. Jim Featherstone, who injured his knee in Western Australia, is worried about it.

The knee is swollen and painful.

Workout

The English team will have a rigid workout at Melbourne Cricket Ground on Friday and Saturday.

There will be goal-kicking practice and concentration on playing the ball, which, I think, is England's one weak spot.

All the players badly need conditioning runs.

The intense humidity and heat in the Red Sea and at

Aden, Bombay and Colombo, in addition to the reaction of their vaccination, affected them severely.

Left winger Gordon Ratcliffe, by far the worst sufferer, is just starting to look well again.

The Englishmen will be esteemed socially as well as in a playing capacity.

They are not oppressed by any foolish discipline, being placed on trust which they

placed on trust, which they haven't betrayed.

Imp of the party is Tom Bradshaw, whose pranks and merriment are incessant.