

Season 1944-45.



# BATLEY

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# OFFICIAL FOOTBALL PROGRAMME.

ONE PENNY.

Saturday, September 30th, 1944,

# OLDHAM <sup>3 pts</sup>

v.

# BATLEY <sup>7 pts</sup>

Kick off 3-30 p.m.

### BATLEY TEAM.

*Full Back.*

1—DOBSON

*Three Quarter Backs.*

2—LINGARD

3—RICHES

4—MURPHY

5—THEWLIS

*Half Backs.*

6—~~██████████~~  
7—MATTHEWMAN

*Forwards.*

8—SPARKES

9—GOLBY

10—MOUNTAIN

11—FOLEY

12—~~██████████~~ GOAL

14—SEELING

GOAL

BARRIT

TRY

MORGAN

Referee—Mr. T. MARLEY.

### OLDHAM TEAM.

*Full Back.*

1—THOMAS

*Three Quarter Backs.*

2—ASPINALL

3—HIGGINBOTTOM TRY

4—MERCER or BARR

5—LARGE

*Half Backs.*

6—STODDARD

7—RILEY

*Forwards.*

8—GARDNER

9—WHITEHEAD

10—OGDEN

11—BROWN

12—LAIRD

13—LOWE

*Reserves.*

WOOD PUGH

ROSTRON L. REES

Next Home Match, Saturday, October 14th,

# CASTLEFORD.

## FOOTBALL JOTTINGS.

The commencement of Season 1944-5 has been very encouraging and it is many Seasons since our Team started the campaign with two wins out of three, and we have every right to feel confident of the future.

Our first opening game with Wakefield was played under adverse weather conditions and under the circumstances we did reasonably well, we must remember that we played only 12 men for three parts of the game. Searles unfortunately receiving a nasty cut over the eye which prevented him from taking any further part in the match.

Only a few days before the opening game the Directors could count on about six players and much hard work was spent in getting a side together, since then serious Team building has taken place and our Chairman, Mr. J. S. Barritt and myself have left no stone unturned in order to get the best possible players and arrive at a settled and balanced Team. I am sure our supporters will agree that our efforts proved successful in the very fine win at Hull, an achievement which our past Cup Winning Teams found very elusive. Our boys played fine open Football and it was particularly pleasing to note the good Team Spirit amongst our players, with Stan Sparkes a fine leader both on and off the field. All our players had a good match, and Riches, playing in his native City was outstanding both in attack and defence. Hull people paid tribute to our victory in a very sporting manner.

At home to York our hopes were further justified and as our spectators know we finished easy winners, our Team showing plenty of good football with Riches again in the picture with three good tries.

This afternoon we welcome our friends from Oldham with whom we have had many interesting games, most of us will remember that marvellous last minute drop-goal by Dickie Ralph in the Cup-Tie at Oldham which put us in the next round by one point, a most thrilling finish. Oldham have not got into their stride but they have some promising players and are to be commended for keeping the game going just over the Border, we wish them luck in their Post-War efforts. I feel we shall see a good game this afternoon.

Our Directors are determined to keep Football going at Mount Pleasant, and in response to our efforts to build an attractive side I feel the people of Batley and District should rally round and give us that support which is needed to run a successful Team, it must be remembered that Playing Terms are higher and that Entertainment Tax takes about 40% of the gross Gate Receipts.

We are still trying to strengthen the Team and Supporters can look forward to interesting developments in the near future.

E. EARNSHAW.