

FIXTURES.

1945

For Against

Aug. 25—Bramley	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	A
Sept. 1—Bradford	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	H
" 8—St. Helens	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	H
" 11—Bramley (Tues.)	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	H
" 15—Keighley	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	A
" 22—Lancs. Cup	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	H
" 29—do.	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	A
Oct. 6—Salford	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	H
" 13—No Match	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
" 20—Widnes	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	A
" 27—Warrington	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	H
Nov. 3—Rochdale	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	H
" 10—Hull	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	A
" 17—Warrington	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	A
" 24—Hull K.R.	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	H
Dec. 1—Workington	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	H
" 8—Halifax	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	A
" 15—Huddersfield	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	H
" 22—Rochdale	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	A
" 25—Swinton	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	H
" 26—Broughton	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	A
" 29—Barrow	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	H
1946						
Jan. 1—Wigan	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	A
" 5—Barrow	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	A
" 12—Liverpool	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	H
" 19—Salford	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	A
" 26—Huddersfield	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	A
Feb. 2—Wigan	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	H
" 9—	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
" 16—	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
" 23—Workington	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	A
Mar. 2—Broughton	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	H
" 9—Hull	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	H
" 16—Hull K.R.	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	A
" 23—Bradford	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	A
" 30—Widnes	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	H
Apr. 6—No Match	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
" 13—St. Helens	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	A
" 19—Swinton (G.F.)	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	A
" 20—Halifax	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	H
" 22—Keighley (E.M.)	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	H
" 27—Liverpool	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	A

OLDHAM FOOTBALL CLUB

OLDHAM V. HUDDERSFIELD

Saturday, December 15th, 1945

Kick-off 2-30 p.m.

Official Programme - 2d.

WATERSHEDDINGS NEWS AND VIEWS.

In our game at Halifax on Saturday last our team had very hard lines in losing the match and a minute from time were only down by five points to two, in fact we had more chances to win the match than Halifax, and should with a little luck finished on the winning side.

To go to Halifax minus four of our recognised first team players in Gummer Large, Smith and Rostron and put up such a game as our team did does credit to the efficiency of the substitutes played, but then again missed chances forfeited two points. There are ups and downs in this game of football and it cannot be said that this comes about in a large measure due to team changes. There is, and must be, luck in football, as in all games, and one may hear from supporters of the side losing matches that they are out of luck, you very seldom hear from those teams well placed in the league, that good fortune has got them there. They put it down to skill. Luck is not the controlling factor a majority of people make out. Bad luck in a major portion is another word for "bad play" and blinding oneself to faults is a very stupid business. There is no doubt that our team played good football up to a point, but bad finishing was the cause of the defeat.

STILL ON THE LOOK OUT.

No doubt club patrons will think the committee have ceased their activity in the search for first-class players—far from it. Although three months of the present season have gone the committee are fully aware of the requirements to bring the team up to first-class standard. Observation and negotiations are still in operation and one may look forward to the future with confidence.

We are endeavouring, and are duty bound to the Lancashire County Rugby League to commence with an "A" team on the 1st January, 1946.

With this idea in view we held a trial game on Saturday last composed chiefly of players from our own local league and a few invited players from other districts; a good game was witnessed and this trial speaks well for inauguration of an "A" team. Several players impressed and no doubt they will be invited to take part in another trial game to be held on December 22nd, 1945.

A new Rugby league publication has come to light dealing chiefly with junior league matters and a few little items of interest of this club.

It is edited by Mr. G. E. Lees, the secretary of the Oldham Junior League, and is called "The Rugbyite," a sporting weekly for all, and at a cost of one penny.

I advise all Rugbyites to make a purchase of this informative little newspaper, which can be purchased from any member of the junior league, or from Mr. G. E. Lees, 1 Stilton Street, Oldham.

Our next home match is on the day of all days, Xmas Day, when we more than welcome the Lions from Swinton, make a note of this, be a pal and bring a pal, and come along and celebrate this VICTORY Christmas at Watersheddings as in the days of old.

TO-DAY'S TEAMS

OLDHAM

(RED JERSEYS)

1. KING
2. LEES
3. GUMMER
4. A. N. OTHER
5. LARGE
6. SUTCLIFFE
7. SMITH
8. OGDEN
9. FLANAGAN, W.
10. MOORE
11. PUGH
12. WOOD
13. AYRES

Reserves:

BARNES
SCHOFIELD

HUDDERSFIELD

(CLARET AND GOLD JERSEYS)

1. LEAKE
2. TODD or BURROW
3. FIDDES
4. MADDEN or
WINKWORTH
5. BAWDEN
6. KENDALL or
PEPPERELL or
GRAHAME
7. MORGAN
8. BRADBURY
9. WHITEHEAD
10. MALLINSON
11. NICHOLSON
12. ROBSON or
BAXTER
14. GIVVONS

Referee:

Mr. L. THORPE, Wakefield