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OLDHAM v. SALFORD

SATURDAY, MARCH 22nd, 1947.

KICK-OFF 3-30 P.M.

CLUB CHAT

It has unfortunately happened, out of the Rugby Challenge Cup at the first hurdle to Belle Vue Rangers, a great blow to this club from a playing point and from a financial one.

The conditions under which both matches were played was not conducive to open football, but then again the conditions applied to both teams, and no doubt Belle Vue Rangers adapted themselves to the conditions that prevailed.

Given normal ground conditions our team have no doubt that we should have made a much better show and the possibility of now being in the cup.

For those spectators who saw the game on the Salford ground against Belle Vue, this was a deplorable exhibition of how not to play Rugby League Football, and is beyond comment, the game is best forgotten.

Our game at Warrington on Saturday last was an exhibition worthy of the name, and although beaten by 23 points to 3, there was not this great difference between the teams.

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However, we had the satisfaction of knowing that our players did play the open game and gave the Warrington spectators something to enthuse about.

So we come to grips to-day against old friends and foes from Salford in the anticipation of a game worthy of the traditions of both clubs.

And may you have something to talk about after the match, with a victory to our team, but then again, our opponents will have something to say about this.

FOOTBALL FINANCE Whilst some clubs are experiencing a financial boom and doing well from a playing point, we are having a lean and difficult time, especially from a financial one.

This club has been saddled with an expenditure of several thousand pounds in the renovation of derelict wooden stands, which necessity of replacement has been essential to continue playing football at Watersheddings.

This replacement could not have come at a more inopportune time. The scarcity of materials, the high cost of same, and the high cost of labour, and the control of same has been a financial burden to this club, but then we can carry on. It is essential that we must have money to pay for same, and it is up to you, member or patron, to lend all your support in our remaining matches at Watersheddings. Be a pal and bring a pal should be your motto, then we shall have a chance of weathering the storm.

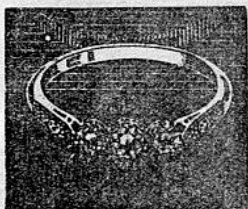
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They not only did well in the League, but in the Lancashire Cup competition.

Oldham won the Lancashire Cup by defeating Broughton Rangers at Rochdale by 16 points to 9.

The side that checked Oldham's run in the league competition was our opponents of to-day, Salford, who won at Weaste by 5 points to nil, the game being played on a ground under water and not fit for play.

That season Hunslet won the League Championship and also the Challenge Cup.

In their run of success Oldham played 30 matches, won 28, and 2 drawn. Scoring 382 points against 119 points.

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WHAT YOU WANT TO KNOW! On March 11th, 1922, when Oldham played Huddersfield at Watersheddings, there were 22,752 spectators, who paid £1979 9s. 4d.

At the Oldham v. Halifax game at Watersheddings on March 13th, 1926, 22,917 spectators paid £1645 17s. 0d.

Jimmy Lomas signed for Salford in August, 1901, and joined Oldham in January, 1911. His first game for Oldham was against Salford on February 4th, 1911, at Salford.

S.O.S. We urgently require clothing coupons for football outfits. We have nearly 1800 members, and one coupon to every ten members would put us straight with our suppliers. Remember this, the quality of outfits to-day is not what it should be and will not last indefinitely, football boots require replacing more than usual, jerseys, stockings and pants, the stock of same is gradually diminishing, and we require more.

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