

HALF-TIME SCORES

The Half-time Scores in the Matches given below will be shown on the Score Board immediately they are received—

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C	WARRINGTON v. WIGAN	F	OLDHAM AHTLETIC v. NEW BRIGHTON

THE “KIWIS” ARE COMING

You must see these “Stars” from New Zealand

OLDHAM v. NEW ZEALAND

AT WATERSHEDDINGS

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 25th, 1947

Kick-off 3 p.m.

Come and see this big, fast-moving New Zealand team play the best Oldham can put against them.

PLEASE COME EARLY AND SO AVOID CONGESTION AT THE TURNSTILES

**OLDHAM
FOOTBALL CLUB**

**OLDHAM
v.
BARROW**

SATURDAY, OCT. 11th, 1947

Kick-off 3-0 p.m.

Official Programme - 2d.

Gordon Whittaker Ltd., Printers, Oldham.

WATERSHEDDINGS NEWS AND VIEWS.

On Saturday last we received our second defeat in the league tournament at the hands of Wigan, and we have soon come off the pedestal as the leading club of the league; this we hope will not be for long, as we hope to keep amongst the top flight of clubs.

As to the game at Wigan I cannot express an opinion, not having witnessed the game, but from the report from observers one or two of our players had an off day and we were compelled to play the whole of the second half without the services of Norman Pugh, who had received concussion during the first half of the game.

It is often asked, why do players have an off day? There may be various reasons for this, and in the first place let us not forget no one realises more than the player himself when matters are not going right with him and he is having a bad game.

There are players who have a position of hard work in the various occupations which they have, conditions which are not conducive to an athlete's life, and which unfortunately at the present cannot be changed, may all have an effect on the play of the individual, and one must remember that we are not all of the same species, mentally and bodily.

It sometimes happens, of course, that a player is troubled in mind. He may be burdened by business worries or domestic grief, and sometimes such things have an overwhelming power, but there it is, and club managements have a duty to find out what and why is the reason.

To-day, our opponents are Barrow and we welcome them to Watersheddings as worthy visitors, and we have one thing in mind that we are sure of an open game of football. The Barrow officials have always insisted upon their team playing the attractive sort of Rugby League football, and many good games have been seen on our enclosure between the two clubs.

Their back division to-day contains players of international rank in Lewthwaite, Knowelden, Jones and Francis, and we hope that to-day's game will be worthy of the traditions of both clubs.

SEARCH FOR PLAYERS

The intensive search for players still goes on, not only from this club but from the majority of the first-class clubs in our game. South Wales is a very attractive hunting ground just at present, and agents and club representatives are very much alive at week-ends looking over and interviewing any likely talent.

If it was permissible to put in print all the recommendations and information which we receive regarding players, even of international standing, it would make exceptionally good and enjoyable reading, but it is regarded as a secret service. Information does however leak out sometimes, which in some cases is a detriment to a successful business transaction.

From a financial point of view, inflation as regards a player's value has definitely arrived, and the time has also arrived when it takes a large amount of cash to finance a club who are on the outlook for first-class players.

Against this, however, with a team that is studded with star players, the turnstiles are working at top pressure, and given average weather conditions, I am of the opinion that any club who wisely expend money on star players will be amply repaid, for the spectators come along and expect to see the best men in the game. They provide the money which eventually pays, even more than pays for the cash which that has been expended on the stars.

THE NEW ZEALAND MATCH—25th OCTOBER, 1947

Will seatholders please note—that members who have seats on the pavilion side and on "E" stand—that they have the privilege of reserving their own seat for the above match.

One member, one seat, and the tickets are 5/- each, members have the option up to and including Tuesday next, 14th October, 1947. To be obtained from the Secretary's office.

Applications by post must enclose stamped addressed envelope for reply.

Telephone MAIN 4377

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23 GRANTHAM STREET, OLDHAM

TO-DAY'S TEAMS

OLDHAM

(RED & WHITE JERSEYS)

1. GRIFFITHS, W.
2. INGLESFIELD, S.
3. MITCHELL, W. S.
4. MAHONEY, J. B.
5. LARGE, E.
6. KENNY, V.
7. SMITH, A. R. (Capt.)
8. OGDEN, H.
9. FROST, W.
10. THOMPSON, N.
11. THOMAS, L. M.
12. ROSTRON, T.
13. AYRES, T.

BARROW

(BLUE AND WHITE JERSEYS)

1. JONES, J.
2. LEWTHWAITE, J.
3. KNOWELDEN, B.
4. PARKER, R.
5. FRANCIS, R. L.
6. TOOHEY, A. E.
7. BOWYER, W.
8. LONGMAN, F. H.
9. MASON, T.
10. HARTLEY, R. B.
11. AYRES, R. H.
12. PETCHER, T.
13. SEWART

Reserve :

HARRIS, N.

MOORE, W. J.

Referee : Mr. C. F. APPLETON of Warrington

Touch Judges : Mr. H. Holland and Mr. W. Ainscough