

## Attractions at Watersheddings

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BOXING DAY, 26th Dec., 1947

**Oldham 'A' v. Salford 'A'**

Kick-off 2-15 p.m.

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SATURDAY, 27th Dec., 1947

**Oldham 'A'**

v.

**Belle Vue Rangers 'A'**

Kick-off 2-15 p.m.

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NEW YEAR'S DAY, Jan. 1st, 1948

**Oldham v. Rochdale Hornets**

Kick-off 2-15 p.m.

**OLDHAM  
FOOTBALL CLUB**

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**OLDHAM  
v.  
SWINTON**

CHRISTMAS DAY, 1947

Kick-off 2-15 p.m.

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**Official Programme - 2d.**



To all our Readers, Supporters, Players and Friends and those  
Beyond the Seas, we offer the old wish  
**A Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.**

## CLUB CHAT.

It is with pleasure we welcome our old friends from Swinton.

Many are the glorious games of the past between Oldham and Swinton, and from my records I find Swinton have been coming to Oldham on Christmas Day since 1913. (Sundays and two war periods excluded).

From 1908 to 1912 Hull Kingston Rovers were our visitors on Christmas Day; Huddersfield and Rochdale Hornets have also been our visitors in the days gone by, and the first Christmas Day match played at Watersheddings in 1895, the commencement of Northern Union, was against Broughton Rangers.

However, our largest cash returns have been against Swinton, and we hope the long standing agreement between the two clubs will continue.

In our match against Hull, at Oldham, on 13th December, we were well beaten by sixteen points to nil, and it appeared several of our players were well off form. No one realises more than the individual player when he is having a bad game, and it is regretted that a certain section of the crowd do not help matters by barracking and issuing very insulting remarks to players who are off form. The remedy lies with the Committee, who are the elected managers of the club, to judge who is off form, and to take whatever action they think fit in the selection of the teams.

Everybody likes to be called a sportman, and let us all live up to the meaning of the word, so please cut out the barracking of players. You are entitled to your opinion on any matter, but as we are a sporting club, let us be fair on all matters, and we shall be the better for it.

## UNDER A BLIGHT.

How does it happen that a whole team—or a section of it—are under a blight together? How are we to explain the fact that a pack of forwards, who under ordinary circumstances, play a bright, exhilarating game; on another day are dull and sluggish? Why is it that a set of backs who are capable of clever running and accurate passing on one day, and on another day of gloom can do nothing right?

In every case, no doubt, there are psychological as well as physical causes for the failure of a team to produce their best form, and of course, one of the physical causes may be the strength of their opponents. But how are we to explain the fact that a team can play bad football against opponents who are showing no outstanding powers? This may be due to the fact that a man is undertrained or overtrained, or it may be that he is not having a sufficiency of sleep and that he must be temperate in all things.

For one man that can feast and revel in the week there are nine hundred and ninety-nine who are detrimentally affected. A man ought to be in perfect training, and he ought to do his duty to his side by taking his full measure of rest, and eating and drinking wisely.



## TO-DAY'S TEAMS

### OLDHAM

(RED & WHITE JERSEYS)

1. BARRACLOUGH, I. 3
2. INGLESFIELD, S. 1
3. MITCHELL, W. S.
4. HARRIS, N.
5. EVANS, S.
6. MAHONEY, J. B.
7. SMITH, R. A.
8. OGDEN, H.
9. FROST, W.
10. TAYLOR, J. 1
11. PUGH, N.
12. AMBLER, H. D.
13. AYRES, T.

Reserves :

LARGE, E.  
THOMPSON, N.

### SWINTON

(BLUE JERSEYS)

1. MORGAN, D. R.
2. WAREHAM, J.
3. TURNER, E. G.
4. MYERS, J.
5. WILLIAMS, W. E.
6. WARRY, V.
7. RILEY, W. P.
8. STODDART, J.
9. OSMOND, F.
10. GARNER, F.
11. JONES, R. W. T.
12. ARMITT, C.
13. TUCKER, R.

Reserves :

WINKWORTH, K.  
ROUGHLEY, H.

Referee : Mr. N. T. RAILTON, Liverpool.

Touch Judges : Mr. A. BOLTON, Manchester.

Mr. M. CARMODY, Wigan.