
HALF-TIME SCORES

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

A	LEIGH v. ST. HELENS	D	WIGAN v. BATLEY
B	SWINTON v. SALFORD	E	WAKEFIELD v. BELLE VUE
C	WARRINGTON v. DEWSBURY	F	HARTLEPOOLS v. OLDHAM ATHLETIC

JAN. 10th, 1948, at WATERSHEDDINGS

OLDHAM v. WIGAN

Kick-off at 2-30 p.m.

OLDHAM FOOTBALL CLUB

OLDHAM v. ROCHDALE HORNETS

NEW YEARS DAY, 1948

Kick-off 2-15 p.m.

Official Programme - 2d.

To all our Readers.
 A happy New Year, and may 1948 be one of
 Prosperity

CLUB CHAT.

Our Christmas "feast" of matches is now over and we can look back with a little consolation of winning two matches out of three—one at home and one away.

On Christmas Day we entertained Swinton, and received our best gate of the season, £907. We should be thankful of more "gates" of this amount. We also had the satisfaction of beating our opponents by twelve points to six.

On Boxing Day at Salford, our team had one of those days which is unexplainable. Every player seemed to be indifferent, and from our point of view it was a most disappointing result to lose by nine points to nil, after expecting so much, and the large number of supporters who travelled to Salford must have thought of a very adverse score against us for our visit to Belle Vue the following day. However, success came our way against the Rangers by eight points to six, after playing three-quarters of the game minus Ambler, our forward, who was forced to retire with a knee injury.

It is amazing how twelve men seem to realise being a man short, and appear to give that extra effort to make up the deficiency. This happened at Belle Vue on Saturday last, and in the second half, facing a strong wind, we did all our scoring, and our defence was well nigh perfect, to hold the super-human efforts made by our opponents.

Our "A" team played Salford "A" at home, on Boxing Day, and lost by eight points to three.

On Saturday last, they entertained Belle Vue Rangers "A", and were successful by eight points to five.

The collection on Christmas Day for E. Brook's Benefit Fund realised the sum of £43. This Benefit Match will take place later in the season, when we hope to entertain a well-known Yorkshire side. Further particulars of this will be announced later.

It is interesting to note that our ground at Watersheddings was first used on September 28th, 1889, against Swinton, and that Rochdale Hornets won their first match here on March 16th, 1915, winning by nine points to five.

DANGER OF STALENESS.

This Christmas has seen the majority of clubs engaged on three consecutive days, which has been a great strain on the players; and some players are more affected than others, and appear jaded, stale and incapable of doing themselves justice, or their teams, and to expect players to take part in so many matches in such a short space of time, it is a question whether the clubs are fair to the players, and the players fair to themselves. Several of our players, upon returning to Oldham after having played Belle Vue, could hardly walk home, so stiff and bruised did they feel.

When players become stale, slow in thought, heavy of foot—and the legs feel like lead when staleness is advanced—it is then the time to give such players a rest.

All players like to be in the first team, and owing to financial reasons it is impossible to carry too many players as reserves.

Too many matches are not good for any player, and the best thing to minimise staleness is by the right kind and right amount of training.



TO-DAY'S TEAMS

OLDHAM

(RED & WHITE JERSEYS)

1. BARRACLOUGH, I.
2. INGLESFIELD, S.
3. MITCHELL, W. S.
4. HARRIS, N.
5. EVANS, S. *2*
6. MAHONEY, J. B.
7. SMITH, R. A. (Capt.)
8. OGDEN, H.
9. MUNDY, J.
10. THOMPSON, N.
11. THOMAS, L. M.
12. PUGH, N.
13. WOOD, W. *6pts*

Reserves :

TOMLINSON, A.
 WILKINSON, F.

ROCHDALE HORNETS

(RED, WHITE & BLUE)

1. ROBINSON
2. THOMPSON
3. LOWREY
4. WINSTANLEY *1*
5. NICHOLSON, W.
6. MCKENDRY
7. LAMB
8. WAGSTAFFE
9. DEAN
10. ROTHWELL
11. BOOTH
12. OXLEY
13. BUTLER *2pts*

Reserves :

HERTZMAN
 FEARNLEY

Referee : Mr. G. S. PHILLIPS, Widnes.

Touch Judges : Mr. D. HALLIDAY, Swinton.

Mr. R. S. HESKETH, Wigan.