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## HALF-TIME SCORES

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

<b>A</b>	HALIFAX v. WORKINGTON	<b>D</b>	BELLE VUE RANGERS v. SWINTON
<b>B</b>	SALFORD v. HULL KINGSTON	<b>E</b>	ST. HELENS v. WARRINGTON
<b>C</b>	WIDNES v. WAKEFIELD	<b>F</b>	OLDHAM ATHLETIC v. SOUTHPORT

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**JAN. 31st, 1948, at WATERSHEDDINGS**

## Oldham v. Wakefield Trinity

**Kick-off at 2-45 p.m.**

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## OLDHAM FOOTBALL CLUB

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## OLDHAM v. WIGAN

Saturday, 10th January 1948

Kick-off 2-30 p.m.

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Official Programme - 2d.

## CLUB CHAT.

The holiday matches are now over and we can look back with some satisfaction of having won four matches out of five, including two matches away. Our aggregate score in the five matches was 5 goals 9 tries, 37 points against 1 goal 9 tries, 29 points, which is not very impressive, but sufficient enough to win the four matches.

It is evident that as an attacking force we are somewhat lacking. More penetrative power must be introduced, as it is the delight of the spectators to see the tries scored. We have had enough of the ball from the set scrums, so we cannot complain from the lack of possession. Individual brilliance is no good to any team, they should work as one unit, the art of backing-up is very essential, then the finer points of the game would be seen.

The long trail to Wembley commences on Thursday, 15th January, 1948, when the draw for the first round of the Rugby League Challenge Cup takes place in Manchester, and all clubs are optimistic and are waiting to see what kind of luck will be theirs.

The first round of the Cup is played on home and away basis, on February 7th and 14th; other rounds are of one match only, through to the final, to be played at Wembley on May 1st.

Much activity is now evident amongst Rugby League Clubs to strengthen their teams by the acquisition of players which must be registered by the 1st February, 1948, to be eligible for playing in the Challenge Cup Competition. Clubs are also unloading their surplus players by way of the transfer list in the hope of getting a better price in view of the cup ties coming along.

To-day we entertain the famous Wigan club and we extend a most sincere welcome to them. No club in the Rugby League has secured more honours than Wigan, and for consistency of showing our game at its best, they stand alone. Wherever they travel to visiting clubs they are an attraction, and each club looks forward to their visit to receive that welcome financial return.

## DO YOU KNOW

That Billy Horne, Australian Tourists, International and Barrow player played trials for this club.

Christmas Day, 1942, he played on trial against Leeds at Leeds, when we lost by 36 points to 5 points, Horne kicking a goal. His next appearance was January 16th, 1943, also away from home, against Bradford, this match also being lost by 11 points to 8; included in our team at Bradford we had guest players in Gee and Egan of Wigan, who are in opposition to us to-day, and Booth of Hull.

One may ask the question why was Horne not fixed up with this club, but these trials took place in the dark days of war, and the principle reason was from a domestic point of view of the player on trial.

## SPORT ENJOYING A BOOM.

The sporting world to-day is enjoying a boom that one expected after the years of war and the limitations of activities of Clubs. The Rugby League is riding on top of the world, from a financial point and a playing one.

The majority of clubs are securing good gates and some clubs who were expected to do well from a playing point have failed to realize expectations, but such are the fortunes of sport. There will always be one club on top and one at the bottom.

We, as a nation, have taught the world to play games, even whatever else we have failed in, cricket, football, golf and tennis, all owe their empire to the initiative of the English speaking race. And I know no more civilising work than that of teaching people how to exploit their leisure in pursuit of social and manly sport.



## TO-DAY'S TEAMS

### OLDHAM

(BLUE & WHITE)

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

Reserves :

THOMPSON, N.  
SMITH, J. B.

### WIGAN

(CHERRY & WHITE)

1. CUNLIFFE, J.
2. RATCLIFFE, W. G.
3. WARD, E. H.
4. ASHCROFT, E. J.
5. HILTON, J.
6. MOUNTFORD, R. C.
7. BRADSHAW, T.
8. GEE, K.
9. EGAN, J. (Capt.)
10. BANKS, G. W.
11. WHITE, L.
12. BLAN, W.
13. BOWEN, B. J.

Reserves :

BARTON, F.  
LAWRENSON, J.

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

Touch Judges : Mr. A. FORD, Warrington.

Mr. F. T. HILL, Warrington.