
HALF-TIME SCORES

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

A	WIGAN v. LEEDS	D	WARRINGTON v. LEIGH
B	ROCHDALE HORNETS v. BELLE VIEW RANGERS	E	DEWSBURY v. HUNSLET
C	WAKEFIELD TRINITY v. BRADFORD NORTHERN	F	OLDHAM ATHLETIC v. NEW BRIGHTON

Saturday next at Watersheddings

Oldham v. Leigh

Kick-off at 3-0 p.m.

OLDHAM FOOTBALL CLUB

OLDHAM v. ST. HELENS

2nd Round Rugby League Challenge Cup

Saturday, 28th February, 1948

Kick-off 3-0 p.m.

Official Programme - 2d.

CLUB CHAT.

To-day we entertain St. Helens in the second round of the Rugby League Challenge Cup, and after surmounting obstacle round one against Hull Kingston Rovers, we are hopeful of going forward to round three, and we shall have to play a similar game to-day as we did against Hull Kingston Rovers, when our team gave a true exhibition of what it is capable of doing; and full credit must be given to the players for the manner in which they set about the uphill task of clearing a seven points deficit of the first match.

In the League game at St. Helens, in September last, we were on the losing side by 16 points to 2 points, and we are hoping to reverse this to-day, although it will be a hard match, our players are confident of winning through.

This second round tie is of one match only, not home and away basis, which means "sudden death" to the defeated side.

It was very unfortunate from a financial point that our home game against Leeds on Saturday last had to be postponed on account of the amount of snow that had covered our ground, and the impossible task of removing the weight of snow that came on Saturday morning. Workmen and ground staff had cleared the ground of snow on Friday, and the playing pitch was in good condition, but the elements on Saturday morning put an end to any prospect of the match being played.

Statements in the press are often misleading regarding the financial return of cup matches. In our first round of two matches against Hull Kingston Rovers our share received from Hull was £146, and our share of the gate at home on February 14th was £327, a total of £473, and after paying wages for two matches and general overhead charges, there is very little left to go shopping with. Furthermore, of our net share of to-day's gate we are due to pay the Halifax club one third, owing to the fact that to-day we should have played a league match at Halifax, this amount being compensation for the loss of a Saturday match. If, however, the match can be re-arranged on a Saturday, we shall be entitled to the refund of the amount paid.

MEMBER SEATHOLDERS.

It is to be regretted that several of our member seatholders have not been able to secure seats for to-days match. The position is that the St. Helens club are entitled to one-third of the reserved seats available, and this amount they have claimed. This match is as much St. Helens' match as ours only we have the privilege of playing at home, and seatholder members please note that in conformity with Standing Order of The Rugby League Council, they are not entitled to any preference to their seats in cup-ties or matches where all pay.

TO IMPROVE THE GAME.

Further efforts to solve the Rugby League's biggest headaches—scrimmaging and play the ball—will be made in various friendly matches, and will be tried out in the game between Halifax and Huddersfield to-day.

At a meeting of the Cup and Rules Committee, recently held at Leeds, they decided to bring forward various amendments to the laws of the game, covering the above points, and for the approval of the Rugby League Council at the annual meeting of the clubs.

Play the Ball—As tried out in France. The man playing the ball is not permitted to heel it if it goes backwards, it must pass in front of one foot first.

Scrum—Throw in from touch to be experimented, as it was during the Bramley v. New Zealand match last December, in an attempt to cut down the number of scrums. Half backs to put the ball in downwards from not more than knee height. No forward to raise both feet from the ground. The ball to be played by the far foot of either hooker. In addition, the committee approve the principle that the non-offending side should have the advantage when a scrum is necessary. If one side knocks on, for instance, the other will put the ball in.



TO-DAY'S TEAMS

OLDHAM

(RED & WHITE)

1. BARRACLOUGH, I.
2. INGLESFIELD, S.
3. MITCHELL, W. S.
4. MAHONEY, J. B.
5. HARRIS, N.
6. KENNY, V.
7. SMITH, R. A. (Capt.)
8. OGDEN, H.
9. FROST, W.
10. AMBLER, H. D.
11. TOMLINSON, A.
12. THOMAS, L. M.
13. GIVVONS, A.

Reserves:

WILKINSON, F.
PUGH, N.

Referee: Mr. A. HILL, Dewsbury.

Touch Judges: Mr. R. S. HESKETH, Wigan.

Mr. S. J. HEESOM, Warrington.

St. HELENS

(BLUE JERSEYS)

1. FRODSHAM
2. LLEWELYN
3. STOTT, J.
4. STOTT, T.
5. DOYLE
6. CONSTANCE
7. BEESLEY
8. FISHWICK
9. ROBERTS
10. ASPINALL
11. PARSONS
12. ASTON
13. DIXON