

Saturday Next, Sept. 25th, 1948.

Oldham "A"

v.

Warrington District League

Kick-off 3 p.m.

Saturday, October 2nd, 1948.

Oldham v. Warrington

Kick-off 3 p.m.

Saturday, October 9th, 1948.

Oldham v. Wakefield Trinity

Kick-off 3 p.m.

**OLDHAM
FOOTBALL CLUB**

OLDHAM

v.

WIDNES

Tuesday, 21st September, 1948

Kick-off 6-0 p.m.

Official Programme - 2d.

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WATERSHEDDINGS NEWS & VIEWS.

Once more we are opposing our old friends from Widnes this evening, but this time in a league match. After our cup tie success against Widnes we are hoping for a repeat this evening, but then again our opponents will have something to say about this.

A very encouraging display was given by our team on Saturday last against Hull Kingston Rovers, and just one lapse of quarter of an hour before half time, when our team appeared to be resting on an eight points lead, did we appear to slacken up, and our visitors drew level, making the score eight points each at half time. The second half was a different tale, and the longer the game proceeded the more points we scored.

As a compliment to Hull Kingston Rovers they kept the game open and provided us with an enjoyable game from our point of view.

We are definitely on the upgrade and the team is being welded together as one unit, there are weaknesses no doubt, and mistakes on the field will happen, these occur in the best of sides, but they can be cut down to a minimum.

We announce the signing of a promising front row forward in Harold Tomlinson, from St. Maries R.L. team, Widnes. Tomlinson has the build, being 6 foot, weighing 14 st 10 lbs., and age 21. Has just completed his army service, and was the champion amateur boxer of his division. The progress of this player will be watched with interest.

The Yorkshire Senior Competition—that is the "A" teams of the Yorkshire Clubs have permission to try the new idea of "Throw in from Touch" to brighten our game. It is proposed to operate this new idea from October 2nd to November 6th inclusive.

The chief object of this try out is the elimination of too many scrums, and I append the new rule to be played.

"The ball shall be brought into play from touch by an opponent of the player whom it last touched in the field of play, except when a player kicks the ball into touch from a penalty kick, in which case it shall be brought into play by one of the kicker's side.

The ball shall be brought into play at the spot where it went into touch in all cases except when, during play, a player kicks the ball on the full towards his opponents in-goal into touch, in which case the ball is brought into play from the spot on the touch line which the ball crosses opposite to the spot from which the ball was kicked.

The ball shall be brought into play by throwing it into the field of play under the following conditions:—

- (a) A player shall throw it so that it alights no nearer to his opponent's in-goal than the spot from which he throws, otherwise the ball shall be scrimmaged ten yards from the touch line and opposite the spot where it entered touch.
- (b) Until the ball leaves the thrower's hands no player shall be in a position less than ten yards from the touch line from which the ball is being thrown, and no player shall be nearer his opponent's in-goal than the thrower, otherwise he shall be off-side. The thrower shall not touch the ball after he has thrown it until it has been played by another player."



TO-DAY'S TEAMS

OLDHAM

(RED & WHITE)

1. GLANVILLE, H.
2. TATE, L. M.
3. HARRIS, N.
4. WOODS, G.
5. SPENCER, W.
6. BATTEN, R.
7. TYNAN, J. V.
8. OGDEN, H.
9. BROOKS, E.
10. ROSTRON, T.
11. TOMLINSON, A.
12. WELSBY, G.
13. SHEARMAN, J. W.

Reserves :

MAHONEY, J. B.
SUGDEN, J.

WIDNES

(BLACK & WHITE)

1. HUTTON
2. KENNY
3. BRADLEY
4. REYNOLDS
NAUGHTON, A.
5. JOLLEY
6. TWIGG
7. ANDERSON
8. Warburton
9. HAYES
10. NAUGHTON, D.
11. WHITTAKER
12. LEIGH
HIGGINS
13. McCUE, T.

Reserve :

NAUGHTON, J.

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

Touch Judges: Mr. W. UNSWORTH, Wigan.

Mr. T. W. WATKINSON, Pendlebury.