

HALF-TIME SCORES

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

A	BARROW v. AUSTRALIA	D	BELLE VUE RANGERS v. WIDNES
B	WIGAN v. WAKEFIELD	E	SWINTON v. DEWSBURY
C	WARRINGTON v. ROCHDALE	F	SOUTHPORT v. OLDHAM ATHLETIC



Saturday, Nov. 6th

OLDHAM DISTRICT LEAGUE

v.

BARROW DISTRICT LEAGUE

At Watersheddings, Kick-off 3 p.m.

All Pay

Saturday, Nov. 13th

OLDHAM v. HALIFAX

Kick-off 3 p.m.

OLDHAM FOOTBALL CLUB

OLDHAM

v.

LEIGH

Saturday, 23rd October, 1948

Kick-off 3-0 p.m.

Official Programme - 2d.

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WATERSHEDDINGS NEWS & VIEWS.

Once more we have suffered an away defeat at Wakefield, on Saturday last, to the extent of twenty-eight points to two, and although this on paper looks very bad, it does not represent a true reflex on the days play, as four of the seven tries recorded against us were the result of rank bad tackling. This form of our team will not do, although much allowance can be made for the large number of injuries and sickness that has been our lot since the first few matches of the season, and it is evident that the team has not been equal to the task, and the fact that the same team has not appeared on the field in two consecutive matches is not conducive to collective moves which one may expect. However, there are better times ahead, we sincerely hope, in the news that N. Harris has now commenced training along with Glan Jones and we hope to see these players in action ere long.

The Committee are fully alive to the fact that the team requires strengthening and that capable reserves must be a standby in case of accidents, and I can assure readers that every effort is being put forth for the securing of class men; but this takes time, as other clubs are loath to part with their class men, and that from our part money will not stand in the way.

We have, up to the present time, been supported both at home and away matches in a very loyal manner by large numbers of spectators, and the fact that our membership is larger than last year is proof that the money expended to secure a winning team would be amply rewarded by further support to our code. A little patience is required, and I have no doubt that in time we shall announce the signing of a player or two which will improve our team; until then, negotiations are still pending for a final settlement.

ROUGH PLAY.

It is regretted that there is a blot on the Rugby League game by the large number of players that are being sent from the field of play each week, and there is no doubt that in several games players are apt to play the man instead of the ball, with the result also that each club is carrying an unnecessary large number of injured players. The elimination of what is called the second tackle should have the attention of the powers that be, and instructions to referees should be very much to the point on this very dangerous play.

This game of Rugby League is a scientific game, and there is no finer spectacle in any sport than to see the ball passing through several pairs of hands with the resultant try, or the good clean tackling to counteract the movement. Each team should go on the field prepared to give its best in a sporting light, prepared to put into operation the various moves that have been rehearsed in training or coaching. It is no use teams going on the field trusting to make it up as they go along, passing to anybody, any old how. It will never get anywhere against a well organised side. Physical fitness and speed are not in themselves sufficient to win matches and should to a certain extent be taken for granted, but the game should be kept clean and all undesirable practices removed from it; if not, then remove the individuals who are responsible for it, for they are nothing more than a blot on our game. The Rugby League can only stand for what is best for the game, and all that is required is for all concerned to say that they will stand together for the attractiveness and ennoblement of the game. There need be no fear except in the mind of the evil doer.

AUSTRALIA v. OLDHAM, Saturday, 4th Dec. 1948.

Just a reminder to seatholders—That reservation of their seat for the above match cannot be made after Tuesday next, 26th October. Tickets to be obtained from the Secretary, Pavilion. 6/- each. There are no telephone reservations.



TO-DAY'S TEAMS

OLDHAM

(BLUE JERSEYS)

1. BARRACLOUGH, I.
2. BATTEN, R.
3. MITCHELL, W. S.
4. MAHONEY, J. B.
5. INGLESFIELD, S. J.
6. CHALMERS, J. D.
7. LEA, E.
8. PILKINGTON, J.
9. BROOKS, E.
10. TOMLINSON, H.
11. LEYLAND, T. H.
12. DONEGAN, J.
13. SHEARMAN, J. W.

LEIGH

(RED & WHITE)

1. J. LEDGARD
2. J. WOOD
3. E. KERWICK
4. S. DALEY
5. P. ALDRED
6. J. ROWE
7. P. RILEY
8. B. COFFEY
9. T. STEPHENS
10. E. PARR
11. P. ALDER
12. G. WRIGHT
13. M. GALLAGHER

Reserves :

SPENCER, W.
THOMPSON, N.

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

Touch Judges: Mr. T. MORAN, Wigan.

Mr. C. M. MOSELEY, Stretford.