HALF-TIME SCORES

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

BARROW O

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HUDDERSFIELD

BRADFORD

V.
BELLE VUE R. 5

SALFORD

V.
ST. HELENS

WARRINGTON
V.
SWINTON

F ROCHDALE
V.
WIDNES

Saturday Next, 26th March At Watersheddings

Oldham V Keighley

Kick-off 3-0 p.m.

OLDHAM FOOTBALL CLUB

3rd Round R. L. Challenge Cup

OLDHAM

V.

HALIFAX

at Watersheddings
Saturday, 19th March, 1949
Kick-off 3-0 p.m.

Official Programme - 2d.

WATERSHEDDINGS NEWS AND VIEWS.

Once more we are in the throes and excitement of the Cup-Tie, and to-day's match with Halifax should contain all the ingredients of this particular type of football; hard tackling, keen spotting and tense struggling for every inch of ground that is won.

Naturally both sides will enter the field confident that this is "their day" and that they will progress a step further into the Semi-Final. We are hoping it will be Oldham, and also, that we shall progress through a victory gained by good and open football that will be pleasing to our spectators.

Although we have already played Halifax twice this season, both sides will enter the fray a little uncertain as to the style of the opposition, due to the changes in personnel that took place in both teams immediately prior to the commencement of the Cup-Ties. Oldham have Ward, Daley and Warham, who did not play in the previous fixtures, but in the case of Ward, Halifax will be renewing acquaintance with one of their old colleagues.

New faces in the Halifax side will be Reid (Huddersfield), and Price (Leeds), and they will be watched with great interest, as it would appear to be in the centre of the field where the final result of the match will be decided. Another danger man will be the Welsh International, Daniels, who will have to be carefully watched, as he is always on the alert, and he will be after any loose ball that happens to be about.

Unfortunately, the demand for seats has been greater than the supply, and with one third having to go to Halifax, it has left us in the regrettable position of being unable to satisfy all the requests of our seat members. This is one of the difficulties which faces your Secretary, and it is felt as keenly by us as the disappointed member. With this exception, we feel that most demands have been satisfied, and the benefit of the all-ticket arrangements should be felt to-day.

LAST WEEK'S MATCH

Against Workington, we saw a really enjoyable match, with a particularly bright demonstration from our boys in the first half when they appeared to have the winning of the match in their hands. Unfortunately, in the second half there was a marked falling away, and against the wind, the weight and strength of the Workington pack told its tale, and they ran out worthy winners of the match.

The greatest joy to our followers was the try in which Daley, Mitchell and Ward took part and which ended in Batten putting the ball over the line. This was one of the best tries scored on our ground for some time, and it was a pity that shortly afterwards the defence was caught on the wrong foot and a quick change of direction resulted in Workington once more taking the lead.

With the good fortune of being drawn at home for to-day's match, the local rugby followers will have three home matches in succession, as on Saturday next we oppose Keighley, at Watersheddings.

Our fixtures this year have left us with considerable payment to make as a result of progress in the Cup. To-day, one third of our share has to go in compensation to Workington, and in case of success to-day there is always a possibility of further compensation being due to Belle Vue. The result of their match with Bradford will be watched with considerable interest.



TO-DAY'S TEAMS



OLDHAM

(RED & WHITE)

- 1. BARRACLOUGH, I.
- 2. BATTEN, R.
- 3. DALEY, F.
- 4. MITCHELL, W. S.
- 5. WARHAM, J.
- 6. WARD, K.
- . JONES, W. G.
- B. OGDEN, H.
- MUND 9. BROOKS, E. (Capt.)
 - 10. TAYLOR, J.
 - II. TOMLINSON, A.
 - 12. ROSTRON, T.
 - 13. LEYLAND, T. H.

Reserves:

PLATT, L. TOMLINSON, H.

HALIFAX

(BLUE & WHITE)

- 1. CHALKLEY, D.
- 2. DANIELS, A. H.
- 3. REID, P.
- 4. PRICE, G. M.
- 5. RIKA, K.
- 6. KENNY, G.
- 7. KIELTY, S.
- 8. CONDRON, M. J.
- 9. ACKERLEY, A.
- 10. ROTHWELL, J.
- II. HEALY, D.
- 12. PANSEGROUW, J. S.
- 14. MAWSON, F.

Reserves:

McDONALD, J.

COX, F.

Referee: Mr. A. S. DOBSON, of Pontefract.

Touch Judges: Mr. F. T. HILL, of Warrington.

Mr. H. JACKSON, of Barrow.