

HALF-TIME SCORES

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

A	SWINTON v. LEIGH	D	HALIFAX v. WIGAN
B	WARRINGTON v. BARROW	E	WAKEFIELD v. BELLE VUE R.
C	WIDNES v. BRADFORD	F	CREWE ALEX. v. OLDHAM ATHLETIC

Coming Matches at Watersheddings

April 2nd (Saturday)

Oldham 'A' v. Rochdale H. 'A'

Kick-off 3 p.m.

April 4th (Monday)

Oldham v. Salford

Kick-off 6.15 p.m.

OLDHAM FOOTBALL CLUB

OLDHAM
v.
KEIGHLEY

at Watersheddings

Saturday, 26th March, 1949

Kick-off 3-0 p.m.

Official Programme - 2d.

WATERSHEDDINGS NEWS AND VIEWS.

Disappointment once again has been our lot in not reaching the semi-final of the Rugby League Challenge Cup.

On Saturday last, we never had a better opportunity of going a stage further towards Wembley, but the form of our team against Halifax was too bad to be true, and even with the opportunities which we had with goal kicking alone were not taken advantage of. There is no glamour in being beaten by opponents which we had on Saturday last, as without doubt Halifax were second best as regards territorial advantage, and were lucky to get away with victory; but then again, our opponents took their chances and we did not, and a team that does not take advantage of victory must pay for the consequences. So far this season it has been one of disappointments, coupled with a succession of injuries which no other club in the league can equal.

The injury to Edgar Brooks, captain and hooker, who could not play in the Halifax match, was a great blow to us, and we must compliment our deputy hooker, James Mundy, for the way he filled the vacancy. As Brooks will be out of the side for a period of at least six weeks, there is now an opportunity for Mundy to gain first class experience, and which no doubt will be profitable to himself and our club.

The only bright feature of the above match is the record receipt for the ground of £2,432 11s. 6d.; the approximate net sum to each club will be about £900, but here a little bit of the cream is going to be taken off our share. Workington Town will be entitled to a third of this, provided we cannot fix on a Saturday fixture at Workington, and the chances of this look very remote at present.

However, we have a further match with Halifax, at Watersheddings, a Northern Rugby League postponed fixture, the date of which has to be arranged. This will probably be an evening match.

Arrangements have now been made to play our postponed League Match from 27th December, 1948, against Salford, at Watersheddings, on Monday, 4th April, 1949. Kick-off 6-15 p.m.

ADDITIONAL "A" TEAM FIXTURES.

The Lancashire Rugby League Combination are running a Supplementary Competition this season—a knock-out competition—in which all Lancashire clubs (Liverpool Stanley excepted) have joined. It is to be run on the lines of the Rugby League Challenge Cup Competition, the first round to be on the home and away basis, and the succeeding rounds to be of one match. The winners will hold the shield for one year and have medals or prizes presented to them. Medals or prizes will also be presented to the runners-up.

Our opponents for the first round will be Rochdale Hornets "A", first match to be played at Watersheddings, and the return match at Rochdale. The rules of the competition are that members and ticket holders must pay admission to ground and stands.

No player who has played in ten first team matches during the season will be eligible to play in the Competition.

The dates for the above matches against Rochdale Hornets have not yet been fixed, but failing Saturday fixtures they will have to be evening matches.

BERT AMBLER'S BENEFIT.

Will members and supporters please note, that owing to counter attraction in this town the date of this Benefit Match has been altered from Tuesday, 26th April, to MONDAY, 25th April, and we hope that the public rally to this to this match to give the beneficiary the due reward he is entitled to. The composition of the teams will be announced later.



TO-DAY'S TEAMS

OLDHAM

(RED & WHITE)

1. BARRACLOUGH, I.
2. BATTEN, R.
3. PLATT, L.
4. MITCHELL, W. S.
5. CASEY, J.
6. WARD, K.
7. JONES, W. G. (Capt)
8. OGDEN, H.
9. MUNDY, J.
10. TAYLOR, J.
11. TOMLINSON, A.
12. ROSTRON, T.
13. LEYLAND, T. H.

Reserves :

DALEY, F.
DONEGAN, J.

KEIGHLEY

(BLUE & WHITE)

1. MILLS, J. J. ✓
2. WARD, L. ✓
3. SHEEHY, D. ✓
4. CREENEY, M. ✓
5. PIERCE, W. ✓
6. De-LLOYD, M. ✓
7. DAVIES, K. ✓
8. THORNTON, D. ✓
9. PRITCHARD, W. ✓
10. GIBSON, F. ✓
11. FARRAR, F. ✓
12. MULHALL, A. ✓
13. BEDFORD, E. ✓

Referee : Mr. T. ARMITAGE, of Huddersfield.

Touch Judges : Mr. W. E. GIBSON, of Warrington.
Mr. F. S. ROWLEY, of Barrow.