

Coming Matches at Watersheddings

Wednesday, 6th April

LANCASHIRE COMBINATION

(Supplementary Shield Competition)

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

Kick-off 6-30 p.m. ALL PAY

Saturday, 9th April

Oldham v. Batley

Kick-off 3 p.m.

Monday, 11th April

Oldham v Halifax

Kick-off 6-30 p.m.

**OLDHAM
FOOTBALL CLUB**

**OLDHAM
v.
SALFORD**

at Watersheddings

Monday, 4th April, 1949

Kick-off 6-15 p.m.

Official Programme - 2d.

Gordon Whittaker Ltd., Printers, Oldham.

WATERSHEDDINGS NEWS AND VIEWS.

Although we won our match at Watersheddings against Keighley, we were somewhat fortunate to come out victors, and in the view of many, one of the most disappointing games seen on our ground this season. In fact, both teams appeared to be completely out of form and the game appeared to be what we would call "end of season football." However, we have three consecutive home matches, including this evenings match, and we hope our team will run into form and show the football we expect, as all three matches are hard, and to win the three will give us the required lift up in the league table. Confidence in our players is required. It is very easy to get into a rut, and harder still to get out of one, but when the confidence of each player is brought out and to know that he can do things, and confidence in his colleagues is acquired, then success will come—doing the right thing at the right time—good, hard straight running, and the ability to last the game out. This is essential for the well-being and success of any team.

A few enquiries have been sent in regarding the attendance on our ground, and for the information of several, the attendance against Halifax, on March 19th, 1949, was 20,100, and the receipts £2,432 11s. 6d. According to our records, the previous attendances which have topped this are against Huddersfield, on March 11th, 1922, when 22,752 spectators paid £1,979 9s. 4d., and against Halifax, March 13th, 1926, when 22,917 spectators paid £1,654 17s. 0d.

EXPANSION FOR THE RUGBY LEAGUE.

Our game appears to be gaining favour in different parts of the country, and great efforts are being made in South Wales to commence the game once more in this area, Neath being the centre of recent activities. Three established Rugby Union clubs are reported as being prepared to turn over to our game, including the players and grounds. We hope for the success of this new venture, and that their efforts meet with the approval of the sporting public of South Wales.

Another application to join our game comes from Glasgow, and it is pleasing to know that we have adherents to our game in Scotland, and here there must be great scope for expansion amongst the working classes of this great city.

To have these applicants and the interest in our code must prove that our game is one worthy of the prestige that we already hold, and that the Rules and Bye-Laws of the Game and League are alright if carried out in the strict wording of same. The Rugby League is a game for every class and all classes of people to play. It is not a caste game.

The Rugby League recognises that football must not be carried on at the expense of the flower of its exponents. Therefore, it provides that the men who give their time in this way shall not be losers in any direction. Hence professionalism and the paid servant. Every man is worthy of his hire, and if any man wants to commercialize his ability in sport, by all means let him do so. It is only the same way in which a democracy can enter into International sport, without putting an unfair strain and temptation upon the men who make that sport.



TO-DAY'S TEAMS

OLDHAM

(BLUE)

1. BARRACLOUGH, I.
2. BATTEN, R.
3. PLATT, L.
4. DALEY, F.
5. TATE L. M.
6. WARD, K.
7. JONES, W. G.
8. OGDEN, H.
9. MUNDY, J.
10. TAYLOR, J.
11. ROSTRON, T.
11. TOMLINSON, A.
13. SUGDEN, J.

Reserves :

MITCHELL, W. S.
LEYLAND, T. H.

SALFORD

(RED JERSEYS)

1. BENNETT, T.
2. ASPINALL, G.
3. MOSES, G.
4. TODD, P.
5. WILLIAMS, S.
6. DAVIES, G.
7. EDWARDS, I.
8. DAVIES, D. W.
9. CURRAN, G.
10. HAWKINS, E.
11. DAY, E.
12. BROWN, J.
13. MOSES, D.

Referee : Mr. G. S. PHILLIPS, of Widnes

Touch Judges : Mr. J. WOODWARD, of St. Helens.
Mr. C. C. SNOWDON, of Cheadle Hulme.