

HALF-TIME SCORES

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

A ST. HELENS
v.
HALIFAX

D HULL K. R.
v.
WARRINGTON

B HUDDERSFIELD
v.
DEWSBURY

E BELLE VUE RANGERS
v.
WHITEHAVEN

C LEEDS
v.
LEIGH

F WIDNES
v.
ROCHDALE

Saturday next, at Watersheddings

11th February, 1950

Oldham 'A'

v.

Rochdale Hornets 'A'

Kick-off 3-0 p.m.

OLDHAM

FOOTBALL CLUB

OLDHAM

v.

BRADFORD NORTHERN

at Watersheddings

Saturday, 4th February, 1950

Kick-off 3-0 p.m.

Official Programme - 2d.

WATERSHEDDINGS NEWS AND VIEWS.

To-day commences the annual trek to Wembley, and all clubs are in an optimistic frame of mind as to the possibility of being one of the finalists for the blue ribbon of the Rugby League. There will be surprises in store for many and bitter disappointments, but then only two clubs can be allowed in the final. Luck will play an important part, and there are clubs who will go a long way in the competition by sheer merit. Some clubs are noted for being cup fighters and always do well in the competition, even though they may be a moderate side in the league competition. Our opponents to-day are renowned cup opponents, and hold a good record of having made three consecutive appearances at Wembley; winning the cup twice against Leeds and Halifax and losing against Wigan.

In the Challenge Cup Finals of 1944 and 1945, which were played in the north, our opponents also had the distinction of appearing in these finals, winning the Cup in 1944 against Wigan, and losing the 1945 final against Huddersfield; these last two finals were played on the home and away basis. A very proud record to possess, having played in five finals out of the last six. One must realise that we are up against a stiff proposition in putting an end to their progress, but again, our team seem to pull that little bit extra when up against the good sides in the game and the glamour of the Cup will put that extra enthusiasm into both sides.

Bradford Northern are under the leadership of a very capable Manager, Mr. Dai Rees, who by the good service rendered to his club has been co-opted on the Board of Directors. Mr. Rees came north to join Halifax as a centre from Abertillery, but increasing weight found him a place in the forwards at Halifax: a position that he filled which gained him international honours and a tourists to Australia and New Zealand in 1924.

WHO'S WHO IN THE BRADFORD TEAM.

LEAKE—Full back. Secured from Huddersfield via Featherstone on transfer, a full back who likes running with the ball and possesses a good side-step.

BATTEN—Brother to our own Batten. Has played with Hunslet, International, Tourists and Yorkshire County Player; a dangerous man in a dash for the line.

WARD, E.—The Captain, and one of the best players in the game. Has received every honour; has been Captain of England, Great Britain, Yorkshire and an Australian Tourist.

MAGEEN—A recent addition to the club; good build, secured from a junior club, Ovenden (Halifax).

KITCHING—Ex-Bradford Rugby Union player; has also secured every honour in the game. International, Yorkshire and Australian Tourists, at present on the transfer list at £2,500.

WALTERS—A fast wing man; played Rugby Union in South Wales before joining his present club.

DAVIES—A first-class out-half; Welsh International of both codes, Australian Tourists, has notified his possible retirement at the end of this season.

WARD—A scrum half who has rendered good service to his club, brother to Ernest Ward.

DAY, E.—Came from Canada with the forces in the last war, Salford born, joined Salford upon demobilisation, and was transferred to Bradford at the commencement of this season.

DARLISON—A hooker of unquestioned ability, ex-Featherstone player, comes from a football family.

GREAVES—A Welsh Rugby Union convert. A man who goes all out for his club.

RADFORD—Also a Welsh convert. Has settle down to the game, and is a difficult forward to deal with when in possession of the ball.

FOSTER—Another Welsh player from Newport. Has gained every honour in the game, Captain of Wales, Australian Tourists, on the staff of R.L. Headquarters as No. 1 Coach.

TYLER—Previously with Coventry Rugby Union Club. A big forward, and dangerous in possession with the ball.

TRAIL—A loose forward who is on the fringe of several honours, secured on transfer from Hunslet, and has made his position in the team secure by his skilful play; a good tactician at his job.

LEYLAND! TO-DAY'S TEAMS

OLDHAM

(RED & WHITE)

1. BARRACLOUGH, I.

2. WARHAM, J.

3. WARD, K.

4. MITCHELL, W S

5. BATTEN, R.

6. HEYES, F.

7. SILVA, J.

8. OGDEN, H.

9. DEAN, J.

10. TOMLINSON, H.

11. FEARNLEY, A.

12. LEYLAND, T. H.

13. GOLDSWAIN, B. V.
(Capt.)

Reserves:

DALEY, F.

SUGDEN, J.

Referee: Mr. F. COTTAM, Wakefield.

Touch Judges: Mr. A. FORD, Warrington
Mr. R. TYSON, Barrow.

BRADFORD N. EWARD. 11

(WHITE JERSEYS, RED, AMBER
and BLACK HOOP)

1. LEAKE, W.

2. BATTEN, E.

3. WARD, E. (Capt.)

4. MAGEEN, J.

5. WALTERS, E.

6. DAVIES, W. H. T.

7. WARD, D. JONES

8. DAY, E.

9. DARLISON, V.

10. GREAVES, R.

11. FOSTER, T.

12. TYLER, B.

14. TRAIL, K.

Reserves:

KITCHING, J.

JONES, G.

RADFORD, B.