

HALF-TIME SCORES

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

A	LEEDS v. WARRINGTON	D	ROCHDALE H. v. FEATHERSTONE R.
B	BRADFORD NORTHERN v. WIDNES	E	ST. HELENS v. LIVERPOOL STANLEY
C	BELLE VUE R. v. SWINTON	F	GATESHEAD v. OLDHAM ATHLETIC

Coming Attractions at Watersheddings

7th April, Good Friday

OLDHAM v. SALFORD

Kick-off 3 p.m.

8th April, Easter Saturday

OLDHAM 'A' v. HORNETS 'A'

Kick off 3-0 p.m.

10th April, Easter Monday

OLDHAM v. BORDEAUX

Kick off 2-30 p.m.

15th April

OLDHAM v. WORKINGTON

Kick-off 3-0 p.m.

OLDHAM FOOTBALL CLUB

OLDHAM

v.

BRAMLEY

at Watersheddings

Saturday, 1st April, 1950

Kick-off 3-0 p.m.

Official Programme - 2d.

WATERSHEDDINGS NEWS AND VIEWS.

In our match against Castleford, at Watersheddings, on Saturday last, it was refreshing and pleasing to see our team scoring tries, and to both teams we can offer thanks for an improvement on the display which was offered the previous week when we played Widnes.

There is, however, room for considerable improvement, even on the display of last Saturday; forwards must learn to part with the ball instead of "bullocking" with the ball tucked under one arm. This may pay dividends when two or three yards from the opponents line, but in midfield play it is policy to let the ball go out to the backs, and this is where good backing-up is necessary; to create openings for speedy backs is the art of good football. To stop the game by being tackled in possession of the ball by two or three opponents is impeding progress, and a continuity of this type of football is apt to be boring to the spectators.

To-day, we welcome visitors in Bramley, whose visits have been rather infrequent to Watersheddings. Their position in the Rugby League is third from the bottom, having played 29 matches, won 5, drawn 1, and lost 23 matches: points for 214, and points against 532. We won our first away match at Bramley, on September 24th last year, by nine points to four, a narrow victory which was secured in the last few minutes of the game. Our visitors are capable of playing the open game, and we trust that to-day's game will be an interesting and entertaining one, and a prelude of the good things to come for our strenuous holiday programme which is ahead of us.

OUR SUPPORTERS' CLUB.

Congratulations to the Supporters' Club Officials and its band of workers in handing over to this club the sum of £300, which is a very acceptable amount. Interesting news will be published later of the re-organisation of the Supporters' Club, with a view to its enlargement and its progressiveness. This will interest you as a reader of this programme and a supporter of the club, whether a member or not; and when the scheme is launched we appeal to all to join, which no doubt will be for the benefit of the Supporters' Club and the parent body—The Oldham Football Club.

GREATEST BUGBEAR.

The greatest bugbear of the game to-day is the unwillingness of many players to carry out the playing the ball rule. It is not imperative for the tackled player to stand erect before dropping the ball, and players should get up with the ball in their hands, and then drop it. Time after time they hold the ball on the ground until they have regained their feet, thus tempting opponents to kick whilst he is lifting it from the ground. The rule was interpreted quite correctly when first introduced.

It is a striking thing that all alterations are carried out properly in the early stages, only to be ignored later. The alterations in the half back rule in the early days of the league were admired by all, now they are broken with impunity. Supporters grouse, but the main men, referees and players, ignore both them and the rule.

AUSTRALIAN & NEW ZEALAND TOUR.—LECTURE.

Mr. Tom Spedding, Manager of the 1950 Tourists to Australia and New Zealand, has promised the Rugby League sporting public of Oldham the first of a series of Lectures he will give upon his return, which will be the middle of September. This will be in the form of cinema and explanatory notes of the tour, from the commencement to the arrival back in England. Lectures of previous tours have been very interesting, and we thank Mr Spedding for putting us No. 1 on the list. We are sure of a treat. The exact date and place of the lecture will be announced immediately upon Mr. Spedding's return from the tour.

TO-DAY'S TEAMS

OLDHAM

(BLUE JERSEYS)

1. PLATT, L.
2. WARHAM, J.
3. WARD, K.
4. MITCHELL, W. S.
5. BATTEN, R.
6. HEYES, F.
7. SILVA, J.
8. OGDEN, H.
9. KIETH, J.
10. ANTHONY, L.
11. FEARNLEY, A.
12. LEYLAND, T. H.
13. GOLDSWAIN, B. V.
(Capt.)

Reserve :

WINSLADE, C.

BRAMLEY

(AMBER & BLACK)

1. TOMLINSON, C.
2. ROCK, J. J.
3. GIBSON, J. J.
4. WARRIOR, D.
5. LAZENBY, A. A.
6. GRAY, B.
7. CAYWOOD, G.
8. RHODES, J.
9. WHITE, F.
10. CLUDERAY, K.
11. HEBB, N.
12. BALDWIN, J. L.
14. SILVERWOOD, J.

Referee : Mr. R. GELDER, Wakefield

Touch Judges : Mr. V. WADDILOVE, Leigh
Mr. S. INMAN, Wigan.