

HALF-TIME SCORES

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

A	SALFORD v. WIGAN	D	ST. HELENS v. WHITEHAVEN
B	BARROW v. SWINTON	E	HUDDERSFIELD v. HULL K. R.
C	WARRINGTON v. LEIGH	F	OLDHAM ATHLETIC v. CARLISLE

Matches at Watersheddings

Tuesday, 11th April

OLDHAM 'A' v. SWINTON 'A'

Kick-off 6-0 p.m.

Saturday, 15th April

OLDHAM v. WORKINGTON

Kick off 3-0 p.m.

OLDHAM FOOTBALL CLUB

OLDHAM v. BORDEAUX & VILLENEUVE (FRENCH RUGBY LEAGUE COMBINED TEAMS)

at Watersheddings

Easter Monday, 10th April, 1950

Kick-off 2-30 p.m.

Official Programme - 2d.

WATERSHEDDINGS NEWS AND VIEWS.

To-day we have unusual visitors to Watersheddings in the combined team of Bordeaux and Villeneuve, who are members of the Federation Francaise de Jeu a Treize (French Federation of the thirteen aside game). The Rugby League game in France has made continued advance since the first game was played in Paris on the 31st December, 1933, thanks to the efforts of Mr. Harry Sunderland and The Rugby League Secretary of that period, Mr. John Wilson. The game at its inception was continually up against much prejudice and foul treatment from various bodies which are responsible for the destines of French sports since 1908. Obstructions were numerous but the game was sponsored by that great pioneer, the late Jean Galia and Mr. Maurice Blein, who was Secretary of the League in France, who were imbued by the spirit of their own conviction that the R.L. game would eventually prosper, but they were up against it all over the country. Came the war, and under Nazi occupation, the Comite National des Sports, the Aeropagus responsible for the destines of French sports thought they had given its quietus, as from 1940 to 1944, the Vichy Sports Commissioners, Jean Borotra, the tennis player, and Jepascot, the R.U. International, prohibited the Rugby League Game in France. At the end of the occupation of France by the enemy, the game was re-commenced and has made steady advancement, and at the present time is 11,000 members strong, of which amateur team, consisting of 163 teams, form the great majority, 5713 seniors, 4035 juniors (under 20 years old) and 537 infants (under 17), in addition a fourth category is now being contemplated. The premier R.L. in France consists of 12 teams and 718 players strong.

SPOTLIGHT ON OUR VISITORS.

Contrastin—Three-quarter—A fast moving player who knows the way to the line, the comic of the party, is known by his friends as "The Lord Mayor", for he married the daughter of the Mayor of his town.

Audignon—Full back—Known as the gentleman of the team, physical culture Master at a Boys College.

Crabos—2nd Row forward—A grocer by profession, known as the black man, for he is supposed to be the one who works harder than any other in the team, and his football clothes are soon soiled with mud all over.

Inza—Forward—(a spanish name) the Bordeaux hooker, works in a garage.

Palats—Prop forward—Started to learn boxing, but found more fun in R.L. (not for boxing though), works with the Port of Bordeaux Authorities.

Castro—Forward—The youngest member of the team, a joiner by trade.

Duple—Forward—A law student, who last year captained the French Juniors on their visit to this country last year, the player with a big appetite, never full.

Calixte—Forward—6' tall loose forward, 13 stone, has represented his country fourteen times, has the dash of the late Jean Galia, is versatile in all phases of play, has great speed, and a credit to French Rugby.

The whole team combines speed with football ability and contains internationals in Genoud, Calixte, Contrastin and Audignon. The team have travelled by air, and their headquarters for this tour is Manchester.

THANKS.

May we thank the publishers of The Rugby League Gazette, Messrs. Sports Views Ltd., for figures and comment on the game in France, whose useful publication is made monthly at a price of 1/-. This is the Official publication of the Rugby Football League, and contains 35 pages of interesting R.L. News.

TO-DAY'S TEAMS

OLDHAM

(BLUE)

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

BORDEAUX & VILLENEUVE

1. JOYAU
AUDIGNON
2. CONTRASTIN
3. AUDIGNON
MARY
4. TREILHES
VIGOUROUX
5. FORT
6. ESTRADA
DACHARY
7. ARTIGALAS
8. PALATS
CASTRO
9. INZA
10. CRABOS
GENOUD
11. DUPLÉ
12. MURARI
13. CALIXTE

Referee : Mr. F. SMITH, Barrow.

Touch Judges : Mr. D. HALLIDAY, Swinton.

Mr. F. T. HILL, Warrington.