

1945

FIXTURES.

For Against

Aug. 25—Bramley .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	A
Sept. 1—Bradford .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	H
" 8—St. Helens .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	H
" 11—Bramley (Tues.) .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	H
" 15—Keighley .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	A
" 22—Lancs. Cup .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	H
" 29—do. ....	.....	.....	.....	.....	A
Oct. 6—Salford .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	H
" 13—No Match .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	
" 20—Widnes .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	A
" 27—Warrington .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	H
Nov. 3—Rochdale .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	H
" 10—Hull .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	A
" 17—Warrington .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	A
" 24—Hull K.R. ....	.....	.....	.....	.....	H
Dec. 1—Workington .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	H
" 8—Halifax .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	A
" 15—Huddersfield .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	H
" 22—Rochdale .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	A
" 25—Swinton .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	H
" 26—Broughton .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	A
" 29—Barrow .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	H
1946					
Jan. 1—Wigan .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	A
" 5—Barrow .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	A
" 12—Liverpool .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	H
" 19—Salford .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	A
" 26—Huddersfield .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	A
Feb. 2—Wigan .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	H
" 9— .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	
" 16— .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	
" 23—Workington .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	A
Mar. 2—Broughton .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	H
" 9—Hull .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	H
" 16—Hull K.R. ....	.....	.....	.....	.....	A
" 23—Bradford .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	A
" 30—Widnes .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	H
Apr. 6—No Match .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	
" 13—St. Helens .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	A
" 19—Swinton (G.F.) .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	A
" 20—Halifax .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	H
" 22—Keighley (E.M.) .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	H
" 27—Liverpool .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	A

OLDHAM FOOTBALL CLUB

OLDHAM V. WARRINGTON

Saturday, October 27th, 1945

Kick-off 3-0 p.m.

Official Programme - 2d.

WATERSHEDDINGS NEWS AND VIEWS.

After the splendid win over Salford on October 6th, the 13th October saw us without a match, owing to the fact that being 27 clubs in the Northern Rugby League it was our turn to be the odd club out.

However, last Saturday we journeyed to Widnes full of hope and gave the home team the biggest surprise they may get this season. If ever a team deserved to win a match it was our team, but fate decreed otherwise.

Our team gave an excellent display and a repetition of same to-day against Warrington will give the crowd something to enthuse about. To-day also sees the home debut of George Gummer, who has been secured from Barrow on transfer, and he made a very happy first appearance on Saturday last at Widnes to score a try one seldom sees but reads about. We wish him the best of luck and a happy time whilst with our club.

The search for players of repute still goes on and I can assure our readers that great efforts are being made to secure a really good team at Watersheddings; time alone will see what the intention of the committee is.

Several of our players are due for demobilization early in the new year and the position will go better as time proceeds.

Interest and keenness go together in football. In every club there are always spectators who seem naturally to take upon themselves the role of watch dogs. They know what they want, so do we all, they know what is required to make the team certain match winners, and many of us have certain views on the point, but in football certain facts must be faced. It is difficult to find the men required to strengthen weak spots, it is also difficult at times to find the money for transfer fees or signing bonus and to persuade clubs to part with their star players. Every club is anxious to make a good bargain and few can afford to make a bad one.

Football competition is very keen to-day and the policy of the majority of clubs is to watch every step and to make sure that every change is for an improvement. Clubs who have star players are not keen to get rid of them, hence the nature of intensive scouting which goes on and the exorbitant figures which star Rugby Union men place upon themselves, well knowing the shortage of the required class men.

Everybody interested in football should be keen or their interest will soon weaken and vanish. It is far better to try and make a good thing of the job we have in hand than be continually longing for a better one.

On November 10th, 1945, we are due to play Hull at Hull, and I advise any of our members and supporters to visit Swinton on this day for the County match, Lancashire v. Yorkshire, kick-off 3 p.m. Reserved seats in the "stands" are 3/6 and 2/6, for which application should be made to the Swinton Football Club, Station Road, Swinton, Manchester. You will be assured of a good inter-county Rugby League match.

TO-DAYS TEAMS

OLDHAM 9 T PTS 1 3 11 WARRINGTON 1 1 5

White Jerseys

1. A. N. OTHER	1. BELSHAW 1 GOAL = 2
2. HERD 1 TRY = 3	2. RATCLIFFE
3. GUMMER 1 TRY = 3	3. JONES, L.
4. FLANAGAN, JOHN MARSH	4. HIGGINBOTTOM
5. LARGE	5. JOHNSON
6. KENNY	6. BAXTER
7. SMITH	7. HELME
8. OGDEN 1 GOAL = 2	8. JONES, H. 1 TRY = 3
9. FLANAGAN, W.	9. COTTON
10. MOORE ROSTRON	10. MILLER
11. PUGH LAIRD	11. BENNETT RYAN
12. GRIFFITH	12. GREGORY
13. ROSTRON PUGH 1 TRY = 3	13. TAYLOR

Reserves:

MARSH, SCHOFIELD,
LAIRD.

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RYAN, HARRISON

Referee: Mr. F. FAIRHURST, Wigan.