

FIXTURES

1945

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

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V.

ROCHDALE

HORNETS

Saturday, November 3rd, 1945

Kick-off 3-0 p.m.

Official Programme - 2d.

Gordon Whittaker Ltd., Printers, Oldham.

WATERSHEDDINGS NEWS AND VIEWS.

A splendid home win was secured against our old foes from Warrington last Saturday and we are hoping for a repetition of this victory against the Hornets from Rochdale, of course the Hornets will have a word or two to say about this.

We are more than pleased to have them as our visitors to-day, and look forward to the grand games we have had in the past being repeated, the enthusiasm and the good "gates" which both of the clubs used to benefit from.

So welcome to the new Hornets from Rochdale, may all our matches between us be hard and fast, entertaining to our patrons, and the best team on the day win, and that we can always meet one another both on and off the field in a manner worthy to be called sportsmen.

Regarding forward play.

As one who has witnessed several matches other than our own club this season, I have noticed the shortcoming of several forwards. Most forwards will persist in regarding the ball as their own. Some never appear to realize that a bull-headed rush at an opponent whilst in possession of the ball testifies to their courage but not to their skill. The enthusiasm is there alright, but they are apt to forget the speedy backs on their side. No matter how strong they may be, they are only giving half their value if persisting in butting their way through a number of opponents, and with the result they are overpowered and the entire value of their effort is nullified, and more often than not a stoppage occurs in the game. Forwards should get rid of the ball before they are tackled and should realize that there is no infringement against a player who is falling passing the ball before it has touched the ground. There is no reason why every man in a team should not know when to pass, and, if he does not, let him pass without knowing it.

A Drawback.

We notice that one of the greatest drawbacks of the game to-day is the unwillingness of many players to carry out the playing of the ball rule after a tackle. 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, and this must tempt opponents to kick whilst he is lifting it from the ground. It is a striking thing that all alterations to rules are carried out correctly in the early stages, only to be completely ignored later.

The rule of "play the ball" was interpreted correctly when introduced, but appears to be ignored by several players now; an infringement occurs and the game is held up, much to the annoyance of the spectators.

County Championship.

We would like to remind Rugby League Supporters that the County Match, Lancashire v. Yorkshire, will be played on the Swinton ground on Saturday, November 10th, 1945, kick-off 3 p.m.

TO-DAYS TEAMS

OLDHAM. 12

(White Jerseys)

1. A. N. OTHER.
2. HERD.
3. GUMMER.
4. RHYDDERCH. 15
5. LARGE.
6. KENNY.
7. SMITH.
8. OGDEN. 39
9. FLANAGAN, W.
10. ROSTRON.
11. PHILLIPS.
12. GRIFFITH.
13. PUGH. 17

Reserves:

FLANAGAN, JOHN.
SCHOFIELD.
MOORES.
AYRES.

ROCHDALE. 7

1. LEES, H.
2. MARKS.
3. McKENDRY. 17
4. CALLISON. BINNS
5. NICHOLSON.
6. BROGDEN. 29
7. LAMB.
8. MILNE.
9. DEAN.
10. SUERT.
11. AYRES.
12. LEWIS.
13. JOEL.

Reserves:

BINNS.
STOCKBRIDGE

Referee: Mr. P. COWELL.