

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

OLDHAM V. WORKINGTON TOWN

Saturday, December 1st, 1945

Kick-off 2-45 p.m.

Official Programme - 2d.

WATERSHEDDINGS NEWS AND VIEWS.

To-day we welcome on their first visit to our ground the Workington Town Club and we hope they will be able to come along for many years.

They are the only senior club operating in Cumberland, and in this, their first season, are doing very well financially in home matches, averaging above £400 each match; we hope that this will continue and fully realise that they have a big task on hand, each club has, in creating a team of first-class standard to warrant the finances being kept healthy.

THE POOLING SYSTEM.

We have received as our share from the Lancashire County Cup, the sum of £55 12s. 8d., a very nice little dividend for each of the twelve Lancashire Clubs who partook in the County Cup Competition.

In the three previous years we have received from the Yorkshire County Cup pool, the following: £70 7s. 10d. in 1944, £69 4s. 2d. in 1943, and £52 11s. 11d. in 1942.

There is operating at the present time a pool of 5% from all league games, after deduction of tax, and we anticipate there will be a good return at the end of the season for the twenty-seven league clubs who contribute to this pool fund.

This pooling system is an excellent proposition and should have been in operation years ago, it enables the poorer clubs to have a nice little nest egg given to them each year and to know that they are part of the game and the league to which they make and belong to.

FOUL PLAY.

There is one pleasing feature in the Rugby league this season and that is the small number of players dismissed from the field of play for foul play.

Our game is a manly game in which players must be prepared to take hard knocks in a tense struggle. Healthy, honest play should be encouraged but mean contemptible, foul play should be blotted out. Accidents will happen and in so far as they can be avoided by the restraint of dangerous play, men should act considerately so that opponents should not be called upon to suffer undue risk. Better to think in time than to suffer all the time.

Injuries must be reduced to those which are pure accidents. There are clubs who hold their weekly talks with the players, when the play and methods of their opponents and their tactics to be employed are discussed. One wonders if ever meetings are held to instruct players on the laws of the game, to advise them of the advantages of clean, sporting play, and to warn the players of unfair tactics.

If any player spoils himself by foul play, and gets a bad name, and he is suspended, he further injures his club by the lack of his services to them.

The Rugby League can only stand for what is best for the game, and all that is required is for all concerned to say that they will stand together for the attractiveness and ennoblement of the game. There need be no fear except in the mind of the evil doer.

"A" TEAM.

On December 8th we are staging a trial game on this ground for the commencement of an "A" team. Two sides will be selected and which, no doubt, will be composed of some capable players on trial and some of our good local boys.

On January 5th, 1946, we start in the Lancashire Senior Competition home and away games with the 10 Lancashire clubs (Liverpool Stanley are not running an "A" team and geographical conditions make it difficult for Workington to take part).

TO-DAY'S TEAMS

OLDHAM

(WHITE JERSEYS)

1. A. N. OTHER
2. LEES
3. RHYDDERCH
4. BELL
5. LARGE
6. KENNY
7. SMITH
8. OGDEN
9. FLANAGAN, W.
10. ROSTRON
11. AYRES
12. MOORE
13. PUGH

Reserves:

SCHOFIELD
WOOD

WORKINGTON

(GREEN AND RED JERSEYS)

1. INGLESFIELD
2. ASKEW
3. HAYTON, S.
4. JACKSON
5. RODGERS
6. IRVINE
7. JEPSON
8. HUGHES
9. BRADSHAW
10. A. N. OTHER
11. GRAHAM or
CAVANAGH
12. HAYTON, J.
13. BARKER

Referee:

Mr. A. HILL, Rotherham