

HALF-TIME SCORES

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

A	ENGLAND v. WALES	D	HALIFAX v. ROCHDALE HORNETS
B	BELLE VUE RANGERS v. HULL	E	SWINTON v. BATLEY
C	LIVERPOOL STANLEY v. SALFORD	F	OLDHAM ATHLETIC v. TRANMERE R.

LANCASHIRE CUP, 2nd ROUND

Oldham

v.

Workington

AT WATERSHEDDINGS

TUESDAY EVENING, SEPTEMBER 23. 1947

Kick-off 5-45 p.m.

OLDHAM FOOTBALL CLUB

OLDHAM v. WIDNES

SATURDAY, SEPT. 20th, 1947

Kick-off 3-0 p.m.

Official Programme - 2d.

WATERSHEDDINGS NEWS AND VIEWS.

Our win over Salford on Monday evening last came as a splendid tonic to our team and supporters. The score of 26 points to 0 did not over estimate our superiority over our opponents, and it was a pleasing come-back to form after the display at St. Helens on Saturday last when everything went the wrong way for our team. However, we hope that our team will continue to improve on the display on Monday evening, and although to-day we have opponents in Widnes who will make the game worth while, we have provided capable substitutes for L. M. Thomas and N. Harris who are on International duty at Wigan.

Our opponents will also miss the evergreen Tommy McCue, their scrum half, who is on the injured list, having received concussion whilst playing against Salford on August 30th, 1947. We shall be pleased to see McCue back in the game, he has received every honour the game could offer to him, a gentleman both on and off the field.

We are hoping that George Woods will be assisting our "A" team at Widnes to-day, this will depend on the doctor's sanction. Woods is anxious to show his paces and has expressed a desire to have a first run out with the "A" team.

This clever centre from Barrow has started out of luck, but we hope that the future has something bright and no doubt we shall be able to judge his capabilities in the near future.

It is hoped that our hooker, W. Frost, will be fit for our match against Workington on Tuesday evening next, 23rd September, 1947, and please make a note of the kick-off, 5.45 p.m. Enclosure (Pavilion Side) and "E" Stand Seats are on sale at the office, price 3/6 each, each seat is reserved.

Just a little note to the occupiers of Enclosure Seats with reference to the loud speakers which hang from the interior of the stand, these are going to be removed and placed over "C" Stand (penny rush), so the annoyance which is now caused will soon be remedied.

THE NEW ZEALAND TOURISTS

Our Colonial visitors are now nearing this Country and should be installed in their headquarters at Ilkley within the next ten days. Up to to-day they are five matches behind schedule and this will require some bringing up, having made a list of 28 fixtures which will have to be played in fourteen weeks, possibly their stay will be extended to permit the programme to be completed.

All the league sides will be met with the exception of Featherstone, Keighley, Rochdale and Liverpool Stanley; and "Tests" against England at Leeds, Swinton, and Bradford, and a match with Wales at Swansea.

This will be the first time an overseas team has played on the famous St. Helens ground at Swansea, but it is not the first occasion a New Zealand XIII has played in South Wales. The 1907-08 "All Blacks" under the captaincy of "Bumper Wright" played at Ebbw Vale, and the 1926 tourists visited Pontypridd, but a Welsh International Side has never played a team from the Dominion on Welsh soil.

As previously reported we play the **New Zealanders at Watersheddings on Saturday, 25th October, 1947, kick-off 3 p.m.** so please make a note of this.

NEW PLAYERS

In football management to-day the competition for securing new players is very keen and several clubs are making strenuous efforts to improve the playing strength. 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 this 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, and to persuade clubs to part with their star players. Every club is anxious to make a bargain, and few can afford to make a bad one. Football competition for players is very keen to-day and the policy of every club is to watch every step and make sure that every change is for an improvement.

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TO-DAY'S TEAMS

OLDHAM

(RED & WHITE JERSEYS)

1. GRIFFITHS, W.
2. INGLESFIELD, S.
3. MITCHELL, W. S.
4. MAHONEY, J. B.
5. LARGE, E.
6. KENNY, V.
7. SMITH, R. A.
8. OGDEN, H.
9. MUNDY, J.
10. MOORE, W. J.
11. THOMPSON, N.
12. PUGH, N.
13. AYRES, T.

WIDNES

(BLACK AND WHITE JERSEYS)

1. BRADLEY, F.
2. DAGNALL, A.
3. REYNOLDS, C.
4. NAUGHTON, A.
5. MALONE, A.
6. HUGHES, F.
7. BUTLER, S.
8. LEIGH, F.
9. JONES
10. NAUGHTON, D.
11. WHITTAKER, W.
12. FORSHAW, A.
13. ROBERTS, R.

Reserves:

REES, D.

ROSTRON, T.

Referee: Mr. A. HOWGATE of Dewsbury

Touch Judges: Mr. F. S. Rowley and Mr. A. Kemp