

HALF-TIME SCORES

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

A	SWINTON v. NEW ZEALAND	D	HUDDERSFIELD v. WORKINGTON
B	WARRINGTON v. BELLE VUE RANGERS	E	ROCHDALE HORNETS v. BARROW
C	BATLEY v. WIGAN	F	DARLINGTON v. OLDHAM ATHLETIC

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 11th, 1947

Oldham v. Barrow

KICK-OFF 3 P.M.

OCTOBER 25th,

OLDHAM v. NEW ZEALAND

AT WATERSHEDDINGS

Note the date!

You must see the Tourists!

OLDHAM FOOTBALL CLUB

OLDHAM v. HALIFAX

SATURDAY, SEPT. 27th, 1947

Kick-off 3-0 p.m.

Official Programme - 2d.

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WATERSHEDDINGS NEWS AND VIEWS.

Our game against Workington on Tuesday evening proved a big disappointment to our supporters in being beaten by 13 points to 3 in the 2nd round of the Lancashire Cup; in fact, on the evenings display we deserved to be beaten. Our team as a unit could not counteract the stonewall defence of our opponents and, until late in the game, appeared to have no idea of opening out the scientific side of the game until it was too late.

Workington thoroughly deserved their win, the first they have recorded at Watersheddings and the second success against us in a series of seven matches in which the clubs have contested. So we now say good-bye to the Lancashire Cup for this season and wish the Workington club every success in the competition.

Now, we must concentrate on league football and every effort must be made to attain the standard of efficiency to keep this club round the top of the league table, no half-hearted football such as displayed on Tuesday evening will do; success can only come by concerted effort coupled by individual fitness and the team playing as a unit. We are not losing heart at this one defeat, very disappointing as it comes, and we face the future with confidence knowing that our team has had an off-day, but these must not come too often.

Why does a team sometimes have an off day when everything seems to go the wrong way. There are several reasons, under-trained, over-trained, and staleness. There is also the question of playing too many matches in a given period, especially in the early part of the season—are too many matches arranged? Our team has played four matches in sixteen days. Some players after such matches appear faded—stale, incapable of doing justice to themselves or their teams, and it is also a question whether clubs are fair to the players and players to themselves. Has any scientific observer been able to decide how much Rugby football a man can play without getting stale? Are two matches a week too much?

Players owe a duty to the club they play for and need to be very careful in their training—for to be overtrained, stale, is the worst thing that can happen to any athlete. It means that he is overdrawn at the bank of vitality—a very dangerous matter in these days of austerity, the reserves of physical energy are temporarily exhausted. Neither the mind nor limbs will respond readily to the demands of the game, and what a job when a man who is perfectly fit becomes a weariness and a burden.

THE LAWS OF THE GAME

At a meeting of the Management Committee and The Northern League Referees the following points were discussed and decision arrived at which is of interest to spectators.

It was agreed that:

Prop forwards are not allowed to raise their feet in an effort to gain possession at any time during the scrimmage.

Only the hooker is allowed to raise a foot.

To facilitate the entry of the ball into the scrum, the scrum half must stand as close as possible to the scrum and put the ball into the tunnel.

There will be no playing the ball a second time, if both sides infringe then a scrum will be awarded. If the infringement of either side is sufficiently severe, then a penalty will be awarded. The "butting" when forming scrum must cease. The offending side will be penalised. To eliminate the "butting" the referee will not wait until the half back is just about to put the ball in before ordering a scrum.

Players who are offside at a "play the ball" will be penalised if they interfere with subsequent play.

In case of a man tackled near the goal line, the defending side may line up immediately behind the goal line irrespective of the fact that this may not be the stipulated five yards from the man playing the ball.

A man tackled, he must play the ball when he and the ball are grounded and when he is firmly held and his progress has been stopped and he cannot pass the ball with his hands. In all other cases, players may pass the ball if it has not been grounded during the tackle.

Will all spectators please make a mental note of the above rulings.

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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. HARRIS, N. (Capt.)
7. REES, D.
8. OGDEN, H.
9. FROST, W.
10. THOMPSON, N.
11. ROSTRON, T.
12. AMBLER, H. D.
13. THOMAS, L. M.

HALIFAX

(BLUE AND WHITE JERSEYS)

1. TAYLOR, F.
2. PENTELOW, C.
3. HUMPHREY, G.
4. THORNTON, L.
5. KENNY, G.
6. HURCOMBE, A.
7. KEILTY, S.
8. NOLAN, F.
9. PRITCHARD, W. J.
10. HATFIELD, D.
11. FLOWERS, A.
12. SMITH, C.
13. MAWSON, F.

Reserve:

MOORE, W. J.

Referee: Mr. F. COTTAM of Wakefield

Touch Judges: Mr. A. Burge and Mr. H. W. Bateman