

HALF-TIME SCORES

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SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 15th, 1947

Oldham v. Workington

KICK-OFF 3-0 P.M.

OLDHAM FOOTBALL CLUB

OLDHAM 4
v.

LIVERPOOL 11
STANLEY

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Official Programme - 2d.

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WATERSHEDDINGS NEWS AND VIEWS.

The New Zealand Tourists have now been, seen and conquered, and I think we are somewhat wiser after the event.

Although our team did not play bad, far from it, they saw opponents who endeavour to play the open game and their backing up was a treat to watch, they keep the game going, when a player is expected to fall through a tackle the ball is whipped out and the movement is carried on. The spectators enjoy seeing the ball in motion, hence the colonial type of football is always a delight to watch.

There is a lesson to be learned from playing against the teams from the colonies; they play the type of football that will fill the grounds with patrons. Why do not all our Rugby League teams copy their example? It would give our game the impetus which is required.

Strong running, determination and the spirit to win, good backing up are all qualities that make this colonial football so attractive. The attendance at the match on Saturday last was 17,239 and the receipts £2083 16s. 6d. The attendance is not a ground record but the cash taken is. We fully expected at least a 20,000 gate and even then there would have been plenty of room, one wonders if intended spectators were scared they would not get in, and a very bad rumour got out that this match was an all ticket affair. In any case the "Kiwis" managers were very well satisfied with the result and their share of the "gate" which amounted to £1120.

The tourists take 70% of the receipts after deduction of Entertainment Tax and out of the residue of 30% we have to pay all the expenses of the match and our own players' wages and, of course, the entertainment of the visitors to a dinner.

Our sincere thanks go to The Mayor of Oldham (Councillor Joseph Berry, J.P.) for his great assistance and enthusiasm shown in the visit of the "Kiwis."

Our mayor gave them a Civic Reception and entertained them to lunch along with the officials of this club, not only this, he gave them a souvenir to commemorate their visit, a silver serviette ring with the coat of arms of this town, and inscribed with their names: others to receive a similar gift were the President of the club, captam, trainer, and Secretary.

Well done, Mr. Mayor, our renewed thanks to you for your generous spirit and sportsmanship.

Reverting back to our game of Saturday last, a general comment was the fitness of the tourists—and why?

In the first place, this combination from New Zealand is here for one thing alone, to play football, and they are giving their full time to this end, training, tactics to be employed against the various teams to be met, and general coaching of the finer and scientific arts of the game.

Although the whole party are international class they are coached by their own coach who has travelled from New Zealand and Jim Brough of Leeds and International fame.

One of the chief and valuable assets this team from New Zealand possess is speed, they have team talks and correcting general weaknesses in each individual's play.

Cleverness is a very good thing, but this along with speed is what any club with high aspirations must keep steadily in view. Tactics are as important as speed. I have often heard it stated that Internationals cannot be coached. They know everything. That is where we are mistaken, only a fool thinks he knows everything that is to be known about football.

To-day, our visitors are Liverpool Stanley, who have won only two matches this season, having completed the double over Featherstone Rovers.

The Stanley team will be encouraged by this success and we expect to see them play their usual dour game.

To-day is the first appearance in our team of our new acquisition from Featherstone Rovers, Irving Barraclough, full back, and we hope that his debut will be a successful one.

Although he is not twenty-one years of age until April next, Barraclough has had plenty of experience of Rugby League football, having played the game from schoolboy days and his first appearance with Featherstone Rovers

was at the age of 16. He has completed his army service having been released under Class B.

The search for new players still goes on and disappointments are always met with.

It is very hard finding your man and in practically every case the individual is more concerned in securing his "cap," hence the whole business is held up by the decision of the powers that be in the selection of Rugby Union International teams.

However, our members and supporters can rest assured that the management of this club are on the right track and time alone will see the outcome of their efforts.



TO-DAY'S TEAMS

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OLDHAM

(RED & WHITE JERSEYS)

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LIVERPOOL STANLEY

(BLACK AND WHITE JERSEYS)

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| 1. BARRACLOUGH, I. | 1. CAHILL, E. |
| 2. INGLESFIELD, S. | 2. TUNNICLIFFE |
| 3. MAHONEY, J. B. | 3. HILL, J. |
| 4. HARRIS, N. (Capt.) | 4. WHITWORTH, W. |
| 5. LARGE, E. | 5. FORSYTH |
| 6. KENNY, V. | 6. BRADBURY, J. |
| 7. REES, D. | 7. LEA |
| A. N OIHER | 8. GRAY, H. |
| X 8. OGDEN, H. | 9. FARRAR, J. |
| 9. FROST, W. | 10. MITCHELL, F. |
| 10. TAYLOR, J. | 11. BEESLEY, E. |
| X 11. THOMPSON, N. | 12. MURTAGH, P. |
| 12. ROSTRON, T. | 13. PRESTON, R. E. |
| X 13. THOMAS, L. M. | <i>Wihan</i> |

Reserve:

MITCHELL, W. S.
SMITH, A. R.

X all them sent off

Referee: Mr. H. HOLLAND of St. Helens

Touch Judges: Mr. R. S. HESKETH and Mr. M. CARMODY