
HALF-TIME SCORES

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

A	BELLE VUE RANGERS v. NEW ZEALAND	D	WARRINGTON v. SALFORD
B	LEIGH v. HUDDERSFIELD	E	HALIFAX v. ST. HELENS
C	ROCHDALE HORNETS v. WIGAN	F	OLDHAM ATHLETIC v. MANSFIELD

Saturday, December 20th

Oldham 'A' v. Swinton 'A'

Kick-off 2-15 p.m.

CHRISTMAS DAY

Oldham v. Swinton

Kick-off 2-15 p.m.

OLDHAM FOOTBALL CLUB

OLDHAM
v.
HULL

SATURDAY, DEC. 13th, 1947

Kick-off 2-15 p.m.

Official Programme - 2d.

CLUB CHAT,

It is with general satisfaction that we have announced one new player to our playing strength in Arthur Tomlinson, of Bewsey Imps Junior Rugby League Club (Warrington). Tomlinson is a player with good prospects, and has displayed good football in his trial games with this club. Aged 23 years, 5 feet 11 inches and 13 stone 6 pounds. We hope we have the making of a first team player.

There are other good junior players who we hope to announce the signing of after to-days match, players who showed very good form in our "A" team match last Saturday.

There is no doubt that inflation has arrived in the amount of signing fees which players require, and especially in the case of Rugby Union players, demands which, if published, would be sensational.

It is with this state of affairs that the Committee of this club are giving full consideration to the juniors in Rugby League Football, and no doubt they are on the right material, as this was very much in evidence by the splendid exhibition of the game by our "A" team on Saturday last against Workington "A".

Our "A" team consisted of five players on trial and each one created a favourable impression.

There are more players to come for trial from the junior leagues of this County and Cumberland, players who we may say have been born in the game of Rugby League.

Without being disrespectful to the Rugby Union players who are playing our game to-day, and there are some very good players, one has only to look at the team which is to represent Great Britain against New Zealand in the final test match on December 20th, containing no less than 12 players who are the products of Rugby League and have all migrated from junior football. Yes, the future International and the future tourists to Australia and New Zealand is a player in junior circles to-day, therefore an intensive system must be put into operation to find the players who will make the grade and be the stars of the future.

This club ran a third team which we named "colts" before the war, with the result that on our list of players to-day we find three players, Harry Ogden, Jack Taylor and Frank Wilkinson, all players of ability, and what time and money was spent on this "colts" team, this club has been amply repaid by the acquisition of the above players.

Our visit to Workington, on Saturday last, was an enjoyable affair and we had to be satisfied with one point, and were very unlucky in not winning the match.

Owing to our time table not running to schedule our team arrived at Workington half an hour before the match was due to commence, and an hurried preparation for the game had to be made.

Before our players had "found their legs" the Workington team gave our try line a terrific bombardment, and our players put up a wonderful defence, and recovered, to give our opponents as much as they had given us.

The game throughout was very good to watch and a draw was a fair representation, and the Workington spectators were very glad when the final whistle was blown, so anxious were they to hang on to a draw.

To individualize our players would be unfair, as every man played his hardest to the end of the game and both sides knew they had been playing.

A repetition of the team spirit and enthusiasm in to-day's game against Hull, then we shall be more than satisfied.



TO-DAY'S TEAMS

OLDHAM

(RED & WHITE)

1. BARRACLOUGH, I.
2. HEWSON, P. E.
3. HARRIS, N. (Capt.)
4. MAHONEY, J. B.
5. LARGE, E.
6. KENNY, V.
7. SMITH, R. A.
8. OGDEN, H.
9. FROST, W.
10. MOORE, W. J.
11. THOMAS, L. M.
12. AMBLER, H. D.
13. AYRES, T.

HULL

(BLACK & WHITE)

1. MILLER, F.
2. BOWERS, A.
3. SINCLAIR, A. D.
4. SULLIVAN, J.
5. RYAN, B. L.
6. LAWRENCE, E.
7. JEWITT, R.
8. JIMMISON, S.
9. WATTS, I. J.
10. BOOTH, C.
11. TINDALL, J.
12. BEDFORD, A. R.
13. DAVIES

Reserves :

INGLESFIELD, S.
MITCHELL, W. S.
THOMPSON, N.

Referee : Mr. A. HILL, Leeds.

Touch Judges : Mr. F. S. ROWLEY, Barrow.
Mr. H. SHAW, Oldham.