

HALF-TIME SCORES

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

A	WIDNES v. WIGAN	D	LEIGH v. HALIFAX
B	LEEDS v. WARRINGTON	E	CASTLEFORD v. ROCHDALE
C	SWINTON v. BELLE VUE	F	ROCHDALE v. OLDHAM ATHLETIC

FEB. 14th, 1948, at WATERSHEDDINGS

Oldham

v.

Hull Kingston Rovers

1st ROUND CHALLENGE CUP (2nd Match)

Kick-off at 3-0 p.m.

OLDHAM FOOTBALL CLUB

6-
OLDHAM
v. 24
WAKEFIELD TRINITY

Saturday, 31st January, 1948

Kick-off 2-45 p.m.

Official Programme - 2d.

Gordon Whittaker Ltd., Printers, Oldham.

CLUB CHAT.

Three league defeats in succession is really bad going for our supporters to swallow and the defeats at the hands of Wigan at home and Barrow away were by narrow margins, and with a little luck could have been turned into victories, but our slump at Leeds on Saturday last when we were defeated by twenty-six points to five points requires some explaining. To be beaten by a good team is no excuse, but the Leeds team excelled in everything they did and made our efforts look a little mediocre. Not that our team tried their best, far from it, we played as well as our opponents would let us, but we lacked that polish that our opponents had, and we went down fighting.

It is with a view to strengthening our forwards that we have signed one of our ex-players from Huddersfield in Alex Givvons, and we are sure that he returned to the fold with our best wishes and we trust that he will infuse that extra pep behind the pack which has been lacking for some time.

The Committee's efforts have not stopped at this signing in view of the cup-ties and it will be no fault of theirs if further acquisitions are not made to be in time for registration for the Challenge Cup, the time which expires at midnight on Sunday, 1st February, 1948.

Our opponents in the first round of the Challenge Cup are Hull Kingston Rovers, and we play the first match at Hull, on Saturday, February 7th, and the second match at Oldham, on February 14th, and we are hoping that we shall have better luck than last year, when we made our exit in the first round against Belle Vue Rangers. No doubt there is money in the Cup, and money we require to clear our adverse balance at our bankers. So we shall go into the fray with confidence, knowing that whatever team we place in the field they will be triers, and the players themselves look forward for advancement into round two. It is to their benefit also that progress should be made, and with this end in view special training will take place at Watersheddings, and the fact that our Captain and President will be watching our opponents in action to-day for our future plans.

NATIONAL SPORTS DEVELOPMENT FUND.

The above fund has been launched by the Central Council of Physical Recreation and its aim is to foster the development of Recreational Centres throughout Great Britain. The youth of the country will be invited to attend courses at the various centres and receive expert coaching in all games and sports. Naturally such a comprehensive scheme will involve quite a considerable financial outlay, and the C.C.P.R. is seeking the co-operation of all organisations in this country.

The object is a worthy one and will assist materially in raising the standard of physical fitness of our future citizens, and will encourage the love of sport which has long been a characteristic of the British people.

A collection for the above fund will be made at one of our future league matches, and when this takes place we hope that all will give liberally.

WEMBLEY

As many will be aware the Rugby League Challenge Cup Final takes place at Wembley on Saturday, May 1st, 1948, and this match will be an all ticket affair, and all applications must be sent to the Secretary, The Rugby Football League, 180, Chapeltown Road, Leeds, 7. The prices of the tickets are as follows: 21/-, 10/6, 7/6, 4/6, all seating; and 2/6 standing.

Remittance must be forwarded with application and enclosing a stamped addressed envelope. Bookings are already heavy, so please **BOOK NOW.**



TO-DAY'S TEAMS

5.
OLDHAM
(BLUE & WHITE)

1. GOAL 1. BARRACLOUGH, I.
1 TRY 2. INGLESFIELD, S.
3 WOODS, G.
4 HARRIS, N.
5 EVANS, S.
6 MAHONEY, J. B. (Capt.)
7 REA, J.
8 OGDEN, H.
9 FROST, W.
10 TOMLINSON, A.
11 PUGH, N.
12 THOMPSON, N.
13 GIVVONS, A.

Reserves:
WILKINSON, F.
THOMAS, L. M.

24.
WAKEFIELD TRINITY
(RED & BLUE)

1. BROOKES, B. K.
2. PERRY, J. 3 Goals 1 TRY
3. JONES, J. A.
4. BOOCKER, D. 1 TRY
5. JENKINSON, R. S. 3 TAYS
6. FLETCHER, A.
7. GOODFELLOW, H.
8. WILKINSON, H.
9. MARSON, L.
10. TAYLOR, H. H.
11. MURPHY, H.
12. HUGHES, G. V. 1 TRY
14. BRATLEY, L.

Reserve:
BADDELEY, D.

Referee: Mr. A. HILL, Dewsbury.

Touch Judges: Mr. W. FITZHENRY, Wigan.
Mr. R. S. HESKETH, Wigan.