

HALF-TIME SCORES

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

A	WAKEFIELD TRINITY v. SALFORD	D	BELLE VUE RANGERS v. LIVERPOOL STANLEY
B	WORKINGTON v. WARRINGTON	E	HALIFAX v. BARROW
C	CASTLEFORD v. WIGAN	F	HUNSLET v. WIDNES

Next Saturday's Attraction

Oldham v. Leeds

Kick-off at 3-0 p.m.

OLDHAM FOOTBALL CLUB

R.L. CHALLENGE CUP 1st Round
(2nd Match)

OLDHAM v. HULL KINGSTON ROVERS

Saturday, 14th February, 1948

Kick-off 3-0 p.m.

Official Programme - 2d.

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CLUB CHAT.

To-day we entertain Hull Kingston Rovers in the second match of the first round of the Rugby League Challenge Cup.

To-days match we are seven points behind, having lost at Hull on Saturday last by 12 points to 5 points, so we may expect a terrific struggle to pull this game round to enable us to enter the second round of the cup.

In the game last Saturday, we were very unlucky with regard to injury to H. Ogden, our front row forward, who was off the field for a time in the second half, this at a period when our forwards were definitely on top, hence the Rovers came again and scored a further try.

We found that the Rovers are very strong forward, and it is up to our pack to-day to take the upper hand and go all out for a decisive victory.

It was very disappointing to the Committee that they had failed in their mission to add to our playing strength, every effort was made, even up to the last minute, but without effect, and so in the cup rounds we must make the best of the players we have at our disposal. The search for players still goes on and we are still hopeful of adding to our playing strength even if the players are not eligible for the cup competition.

It is imperative that our position in the league must be improved and maintained in a high position, as a recent questionnaire from The Northern Rugby Football League to all clubs has now been completed and a majority of clubs are in favour of a reduction of league fixtures for next season from 36 matches to 34 matches and two formulas are now put forward governing the inter-county fixtures for next season. At the end of January, 1948, we were the fifth Lancashire club in the league table and if this was the final position in the league we should play No. 2, 3, 7 and 8 Yorkshire clubs as per formula No. 1. No. 2 formula would show that we should play inter-county fixtures with No. 5, 6, 7 and 8 Yorkshire Clubs.

Clubs are now asked which formula they would prefer, as that favoured by the majority of clubs will be submitted as an amendment to the next Annual General Meeting.

No. 1 Formula follows the principal that the higher position in the N.L. table the better are the fixtures for the following season.

No. 2 allows the top four Lancashire clubs to play the top four Yorkshire clubs and the second groups of four to play each other. The advantage would be that the interest would be maintained in the league competition until the end of the season as clubs would be competing for the 4th and 8th places.

RUGBY LEAGUE FAULTS.

In the game at Hull last Saturday, comment was general regarding the scrummage and the way the ball was put in the scrum. The mass of feet that was across the scrum was obvious to everybody and the only way a scrum half could get the ball in the scrum was by way of the second row.

The ball should go in the centre of the tunnel the first time, and if it fails to do so, someone has broken the rules. The culprit should be cautioned, and if he repeats the offence, sent off the field, and suspended for at least six matches. If the half back and forwards are honest it is the simplest matter possible to get the ball in first time. The half back should stand close to the mouth of the tunnel, and from knee height throw the ball in with a downward movement. What is there to prevent the ball going in?



TO-DAY'S TEAMS

OLDHAM 22 (BLUE & WHITE)

1. BARRACLOUGH, I.
2. INGLESFIELD, S.
3. MITCHELL, W. S.
4. MAHONEY, J. B.
5. HARRIS, N.
6. KENNY, V.
7. SMITH, R. A. (Capt.)
8. TAYLOR, J.
9. FROST, W.
10. TOMLINSON, A.
11. PUGH, N.
12. THOMAS, L. M.
13. GIVVONS, A.

HULL KINGSTON ROVERS (RED & WHITE)

1. McWATT 4
2. RICHARDS
3. DADDY
4. JACKSON
5. McBAIN
6. STEELE
7. MILLS
8. SENIOR
9. RAMSDEN
10. BARKER
11. ATKINSON
12. GOLDSWAIN
13. DOCKAR

Reserves :

OGDEN, H.

WILKINSON, F.

Referee : Mr. L. J. DALBY, York.

Touch Judges : Mr. W. J. WALTON, Barrow.

Mr. A. FORD, Warrington.