

HALF-TIME SCORES

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

A	WIGAN v. ROCHDALE HORNETS	D	
B	HUNSLET v. BRADFORD NORTHERN	E	LEIGH v. SWINTON
C	WARRINGTON v. WORKINGTON	F	STOCKPORT COUNTY v. OLDHAM ATHLETIC

Next Home Match, Tuesday, 13th April

Oldham v. Leeds

Kick-off at 6-45 p.m.

OLDHAM FOOTBALL CLUB

10
OLDHAM

v.

BELLE VUE RANGERS

4
Saturday, 3rd April, 1948

Kick-off 3-0 p.m.

Official Programme - 2d.

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CLUB CHAT.

The Easter holiday matches are now over, and we can look back with a little satisfaction of gaining four points out of a possible six.

On Good Friday, we were very unfortunate to lose against Swinton away, and it was only by successful goal kicking that we were beaten. A little more speed in our back division and we should have had the match won. On three occasions we had individual players clean through the defence, but were overhauled just short of the line. There is no doubt that speed is an essential factor in any team, not only from a match winning point of view, but from a spectator's point. What greater thrill is there than to see a wing-three-quarter in a dash for the line in a twenty to thirty yards run.

On Saturday last, against Rochdale Hornets, at Rochdale, we were rather fortunate to come away with both points.

Playing against a strong wind in the first half we secured the lead by a try to nothing, and we expected great things from our team with the wind behind us, but the Hornets gave nothing away, and did the major portion of attacking, in fact our tackling was something to admire, and it speaks well for our defence in the manner we kept our opponents in check.

Attack is the greatest asset in any team, but one must never lose sight of the fact that defence is of great importance.

Owing to injuries, our team at Rochdale on the whole did well, and last minute changes bringing in for the first time in the premier side L. Platt, our "A" team centre, who came through the ordeal with credit.

During the holiday matches, Spencer, Hewson and Platt from the "A" team have had games with the senior side, and we can say they all have great promise for the future. It is only with correct coaching and experience that these boys will mature. Of course we may be told what it is right to do, and we see how things ought to be done, but we have to learn through experience—through practice and actual play. It always has been the same, and always will be. The geni will find their own way to efficiency and greatness, though even they must conquer faults and achieve merit through study and self discipline—through harmonising theory with practice in the hurly-burly of the game.

SLANDEROUS STATEMENTS.

It is regretted that certain slanderous statements have been made and are still being circulated throughout the town regarding certain players prior to the match against Bradford Northern, at Bradford, which was played on March 13th last.

The remarks that the team was fighting amongst one another in the coach on the way to Bradford is a very serious statement to make by anyone, and is absolutely untrue. It has had a very damaging effect upon our players, and it is through the medium of this programme we issue a serious warning to the originators of this unsportsmanlike and libelous statement, and what we may call sabotage. Various individuals have been interviewed, and the culprit, we hope will be found in due course, when an example will be made of him by legal action.

Our players feel that these statements made in public are very unfair and it is hitting below the belt. Anyone in any walk of life who appears before the public must stand criticism, but by all means let it be fair and constructive criticism, then we shall all be better for it.

POSTPONED MATCHES.

The following postponed matches have now been fixed:—

Wed. 7th April, Leigh, Away, Kick-off 6-30 p.m.
Tues. 13th April, Leeds, Home, Kick-off 6-45 p.m.
Mon. 19th April, Halifax, Away, Kick-off 7-0 p.m.

The Leeds match will be the last match of the season at Watersheddings.



TO-DAY'S TEAMS

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OLDHAM

(RED & WHITE)

4
BELLE VUE RANGERS

(BLUE & WHITE JERSEYS)

1 GOAL 1. SPENCER, W.

1 TRY 2. INGLESFIELD, S.

3. HARRIS, N.

4. MAHONEY, J. B.

5. HEWSON, P. E.

6. KENNY, V.

7. SMITH, A. R.

1 TRY 8. TAYLOR, J.

9. BROOKS, E.
9. FROST, W.

10 THOMPSON, N.

1 GOAL 11. THOMAS, L. M.

12. TOMLINSON, A.

13. GIVVONS, A.

1. PIMBLETT, H. 1 GOAL

2. WALTERS, W. L.

3. PRICE, R.

4. McCORMICK, S.

5. COPE, J. G.

6. KENNY, T.

7. WATKINS, W.

8. AYLES, E.

9. HUNT

10. GWYTHYR, E.

11. FEARNLEY, J.

12. PHILLIPS, D. V.

13. DAY, B. 1 Dropped Goal

Referee: Mr. W. STOCKLEY, Leigh.

Touch Judges: Mr. J. G. EVANS, Salford.

Mr. A. FORD, Warrington.