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Oldham 'A'

v.

Warrington 'A'

Saturday, 17th April, 1948

Kick-off at 3-0 p.m.

**OLDHAM
FOOTBALL CLUB**

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OLDHAM
v.
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LEEDS

Tuesday, 13th April, 1948

Kick-off 6-45 p.m.

Official Programme - 2d.

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CLUB CHAT.

To-night's match is the last home match of the season for our first team, and we welcome our visitors from Leeds.

This match was postponed on Saturday, January 24th last owing to the wintry weather, and we are looking forward to a good "gate" to recompensate us for the loss of the Saturday fixture.

This is the only match this season that we have had to postpone on account of the weather, so we can consider ourselves somewhat lucky in comparison to last season when we were playing postponed matches at Whitsuntide.

Our visitors this evening are one of the most enterprising clubs in the Rugby League, and we can always be assured of their team playing attractive football. Distance is no object in securing the best players, and their ranks this evening have a few Empire players in Cook from New Zealand, Clues and Verrancamp from Australia and Pansegrouw from South Africa, and they have a great exponent of loose forward play in Owens, who will be remembered as a guest player in our team on a few occasions during the war.

On Saturday last, we managed to win against Belle Vue Rangers at Watersheddings, but this was a game in which the finer points of Rugby League was very much absent and the only consolation we got from it was a welcome two points. The rules of our game frame it to be attractive, that is if the rules are carried out, and it is amazing how some teams can play the real game one week and then fall from grace, offering the sort of football that is not conducive to attract the spectators.

BENEFIT MATCH.

One point of interest, to our supporters is that our hooker, Edgar Brooks, takes his Benefit Match on Tuesday, 27th April. kick-off 7-0 p.m., when our team will be playing against Edgar Brook's Empire Team, and we hope to announce later this week several star Empire players who will be taking part in this match.

To-night a collection is being taken for Brook's Benefit Fund, and we trust that all will give generously to help to make this benefit match a fitting reward to one of our local players who has given his best to the game and the club.

It is with pleasure we announce a gift from our supporters' club of £250, for which the Committee offer their best thanks to the officials and patrons of the Supporters' Club.

ENTERTAINMENT TAX.

The report of the the recent Budget stating that Entertainment Tax would be exempt up to one shilling and about half the amount now charged on other admittance charges will come as a welcome piece of news to clubs. Whether this relief can be passed on to the public is a problem, as charges and wages are all on the upgrade, and even at Watersheddings to charge a 1/- gate would involve this club in a loss of £500 revenue calculated upon the attendances we have had this season. Money, they say, talks, and a great amount of money is required to finance a club, as evidenced by the large amounts that are paid in transfer fees for class players.

WEMBLEY.

The Rugby League Challenge Cup Final at Wembley, on Saturday, 1st May, between Bradford Northern and Wigan, promises to be the classiest event of the Rugby League season, and we hope that all who witness this match will not be disappointed, as the competing teams are capable of producing the best that can be got from our game. Often, it is said, Cup Finals produce few thrills, owing to keenness and spotting, and we trust that this Final, which is receiving Royal patronage, will be one to give credit to our game, which we in the North are so proud of.

INJURED PLAYER.

W. J. Jones, our recent edition from St. Helens, in his first game got a knee injury (torn ligaments) is now progressing, and the injury is responding to treatment, and he may possibly play before the end of the season.



TO-DAY'S TEAMS

12
OLDHAM
(RED & WHITE)

5
LEEDS
(BLUE & AMBER)

3 GOALS

1. SPENCER, W.
2. INGLESFIELD, S.
3. HARRIS, N.
4. MAHONEY, J. B.
5. EVANS, S.
6. KENNY, V.
7. SMITH, A. R.
8. OGDEN, H.
9. FROST, W.
10. TAYLOR, J.
11. THOMAS, L. M.
12. THOMPSON, N.
13. GIVVONS, A.

Reserves :

MITCHELL, W. S.
BROOKS, E.

1. COOK, H. E.
2. WARRIOR, D.
3. PRICE, G.
4. VERRANCAMP, L. E.
5. WHITEHEAD, E. C.
6. WILLIAMS, R.
7. JENKINS, D.
8. PROSSER, D. R.
9. OGDEN, M.
10. WHEATLEY, R.
11. CLUES, A.
12. PANSEGROUW, J. S.
13. OWENS, I. A.

Referee : Mr. A. HOWGATE, Dewsbury,

Touch Judges : Mr. W. FITZHENRY, Wigan.

Mr. A. KEMP, Warrington.