

HALF-TIME SCORES

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

A	WARRINGTON v. WIGAN	D	LEIGH v. BATLEY
B	ROCHDALE v. ST. HELENS	E	WORKINGTON v. AUSTRALIA (Final Score)
C	SALFORD v. HUNSLET	F	OLDHAM ATHLETIC v. STOCKPORT



Saturday next, at Watersheddings

OLDHAM v CASTLEFORD

 Kick-off 2-30 p.m.

OLDHAM FOOTBALL CLUB

OLDHAM v. HALIFAX

at Watersheddings

Saturday, 13th November, 1948

Kick-off 3-0 p.m.

Official Programme - 2d.

WATERSHEDDINGS NEWS & VIEWS.

After resting on Saturday, 30th Oct., our first team journeyed to Batley, on Saturday last and had to submit to defeat by eighteen points to ten points, but were not disgraced in this defeat, as in the opinion of several critics our team played their best away game since we drew at Widnes in the Cup-tie on September 9th last; but this will not do, as we have yet to win our first away match of the season, but the improvement of our display is there, and it should not be long ere we strike winning form away from home.

For Lea, scrum half, on trial from Liverpool Stanley, the Batley match was his final trial, and the Committee are of the opinion that he is not just quite the man to improve this important position of scrum half. However, there are other players under observation, and no doubt in time the right type of player will be secured.

A very undesirable practice has crept into our game, and that is, attempting by an opponent to steal the ball from a tackled player, with the result that there is a wastage of time, and in many cases, the referee has to decide who shall play the ball. A complaint by this club has been made to the appropriate body of the Rugby League to eliminate this practice. Time is a vital factor in our game and it is essential that a tackled player should immediately get up and play the ball, the quicker he does this, the greater element of surprise for the opponents who may be caught out of position from a defensive point of view.

THROW-IN-FROM-TOUCH.

Commencing on January 1st, 1949, the "A" teams of the Lancashire Senior Competition will give a try-out of the throw-in-from-touch. Yorkshire Senior Competition teams have been trying this now for some time and reports received are sufficiently favourable to justify the continuation of the trial, but one cannot realise why we should have two different sets of playing rules for one type of game, the Rugby League. However, there may be nothing lost in this try-out, and we await with interest its effect, good or otherwise, on the game.

In a later issue of the programme information will be given more fully of the scheme.

RUGBY LEAGUE FINAL.—WEMBLEY, 1949.

All seats for the Rugby League Cup Final have now been sold, and the present rate of booking indicates that the remaining tickets will be sold in a few weeks.

Tickets at 2/6 (Standing) are still obtainable from the Box Office Manager, Empire Stadium, Wembley, and applications should be sent without delay, accompanied by remittance, and a stamped addressed envelope. No more tickets are available from Rugby League Headquarters.

OLDHAM v. AUSTRALIA.—Saturday, 4th Dec., 1948.

An impression has been created that the above match is an all-ticket affair. This is NOT so. The only tickets that are issued are for Seatholders, Enclosure and "E" Stand, and these have now been disposed of. All other parts of the ground, spectators will enter by the turnstiles.

EARLIER KICK-OFF.

Please note that in our match against Castleford, at Watersheddings, on Saturday next, November 20th, the time of kick-off is 2-30 p.m., and this time operates until 7th December; and 8th December to 7th January, the times of kick-off will be 2-15 p.m.



TO-DAY'S TEAMS

OLDHAM

(RED & WHITE)

1. BARRACLOUGH, I.
2. BATTEN, R.
3. MITCHELL, W. S.
4. HARRIS, N.
5. MAHONEY, J. B.
SPENCER, W.
6. CHALMERS, J. D.
7. JONES, W. G.
8. PILKINGTON, J.
9. FROST, W.
10. TOMLINSON, H.
11. DONEGAN, J.
12. LEYLAND, T. H.
13. ROSTRON, T.
SUGDEN, J.

HALIFAX

(BLUE & WHITE)

1. CHALKLEY
2. DANIELS
3. PROCTOR
4. MACDONALD, E.
5. CRAVEN
6. WARD
7. KIELTY
8. GREENWOOD, W.
9. FLOWERS
10. SMITH
11. COX
12. MAWSON
13. PRESCOTT

Referee: Mr. F. COTTAM, of Wakefield.

Touch Judges: Mr. T. MONKS, Wigan.
Mr. A. KEMP, Warrington.