

HALF-TIME SCORES

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

A	WALES v. AUSTRALIA	D	WIDNES v. WORKINGTON
B	WARRINGTON v. SALFORD	E	SWINTON v. WIGAN
C	ST. HELENS v. DEWSBURY	F	OLDHAM ATHLETIC v. CARLISLE



Saturday next, at Watersheddings
27th November

Oldham 'A'

v

St. Helens 'A'

 Kick-off 2-3 p.m.

OLDHAM FOOTBALL CLUB

OLDHAM
v.
CASTLEFORD

at Watersheddings

Saturday, 20th November, 1948

Kick-off 2-30 p.m.

Official Programme - 2d.

WATERSHEDDINGS NEWS & VIEWS.

On Saturday last, in the fog, gloom and dirty weather, we entertained Halifax, and after sixty-eight minutes play the game was abandoned, with our team leading by a goal to nothing. To pass comment on the play of our team would not be fair, as it was impossible at times to see the play on the far side of the ground, as nothing but shadows appeared to be floating about. However, it was a pleasing feature to find that we had 6,065 spectators. This includes members; the "gate" receipts being £240, which is very creditable on such a day as Saturday last.

This match was played twelve minutes short of the authorised time, and will have to come up before the next meeting of the Rugby League Management Committee, to be held in fourteen days time, who have the power to declare the same no match or otherwise. If we have to play this match again, the match of Saturday last will rank as a friendly match, and the Halifax Club will require to be paid half of the net receipts, plus thirteen rail fares, and we now await the decision of the Management Committee.

It is unfortunate that our "A" team has now been without a match for three weeks (Swinton "A" should have been played at Swinton last Saturday, but the match was postponed on account of the Lancashire Cup Final), and it is unfortunate that only twelve clubs are operating in the Lancashire Rugby League Combination, and it is difficult to obtain fixtures with Yorkshire "A" teams owing to these teams being fully occupied each Saturday. In season 1939-40 we had the Rugby League Combination in operation with eight clubs from each county in the league, and all Lancashire and Yorkshire clubs playing each other, and inter-county fixtures; a Lancashire club playing three Yorkshire fixtures and visa versa, making a total of twenty matches. In addition, the Lancashire "A" teams that did not join the Rugby League Combination with their county "A" teams had fixtures with their respective county teams, therefore every Saturday was occupied, and the teams were kept in match condition. One wonders why this Rugby League Combination has been allowed to lapse as there are rules drawn up, and a Championship Trophy must still be in existence. Even the rules have disappeared from the current issue of the Official Guide of the Rugby League. This Rugby League Combination must be revived, otherwise we shall have continued stagnation with regard to "A" team fixtures in Lancashire.

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

Please note that this is NOT AN ALL TICKET MATCH.

PROTECTING PLAYERS.

There have been numerous accidents this season, no doubt many unavoidable. Many players pass or kick a ball when an opponent is quite an appreciable distance from them; to quote the injury to our full back, Barracough, on Saturday last, when he was charged into when he had passed the ball.

The referee sees the pass and then follows the progress of the game, only to find later that the man whom he saw part with the ball has been knocked out by an opponent. If the free touch judge would obey instructions and keep his eye on what happens after the kick or pass he could then give interesting information to the referee, who should be compelled, when he finds that a man has been knocked out under these circumstances, to consult the touch judge.

The proceedings, as outlined above, would stop all this kind of thing. Retaliation would soon become a thing of the past, and scientific, as apart from robust, players would receive the protection to which they are entitled.



TO-DAY'S TEAMS

OLDHAM

(RED & WHITE)

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

Reserves :

SPENCER, W.
FROST, W.

CASTLEFORD

(AMBER & BLACK)

1. LEWIS
2. BASTOW
3. SKIDMORE
4. GUEST
5. LLOYD
6. FISHER, A.
7. LANGFIELD
8. ROBINSON
9. JONES
10. CROSSLEY
11. STAINES
12. MUGGLESTONE
13. CLINTON

Referee : Mr. W. HEMMINGS, of Halifax.

Touch Judges : Mr. J. WOODWARD, of St. Helens.
Mr. N. WINSTANLEY, of Wigan.