

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. LEIGH	D	HUDDERSFIELD v. ROCHDALE HORNETS
B	WARRINGTON v. HULL KINGSTON R.	E	SWINTON v. FEATHERSTONE
C	HUNSLET v. SALFORD	F	BRADFORD v. ST. HELENS

Saturday Next, 19th February
At Watersheddings
Friendly Match

Oldham 'A'

v

Leigh 'A'

 **Kick-off 3-0 p.m.**

OLDHAM FOOTBALL CLUB

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v.

BROUGHTON MOOR

1st Round R L. Challenge Cup. (1st Leg)

at Watersheddings

Saturday, 12th February, 1949

Kick-off 3-0 p.m.

Official Programme - 2d.

WATERSHEDDINGS NEWS AND VIEWS.

Never in the history of the game have so many Rugby League registrations been made at headquarters since this year came in, and never has the prices of players for transfer and bonus required been so high. Over 100 registrations have been made, well over half being transfers, and the remainder being Rugby Union players and players from junior clubs. We at Watersheddings have been very active in the acquisition of new players, but there has also been departures, and the following players have been transferred by us:

J. B. Mahoney, to Dewsbury; N. Harris, to Leigh; S. Inglesfield, to York; W. Frost, to Whitehaven; V. Kenny, to Swinton; N. Thompson, to Dewsbury; J. Pilkington, to Wakefield.

The new arrivals are as follows:

J. Casey, from Wigan; J. Warham, from Swinton; F. Daley, from Leigh; T. Williams, from Cross Keys R.U.; K. Ward, from Halifax.

The above five players are all backs, and we hope they will have a happy and successful playing career with us, and that their acquisition will add the desired strength to our team.

It is a point of interest to our members and supporters that other clubs were approached regarding players, but no business was done owing to circumstances which we had no control over.

To-day sees the First Round of the Rugby League Challenge Cup and all clubs with new players in their ranks will be anxious to show that their buying has been successful, but in some cases it requires time to build together a team. Some players take longer than others to settle down, and there is the vital importance of each player knowing the "feel" of his colleagues.

Our opponents in to-day's Cup Tie, Broughton Moor, are what we may describe a village team, and are far from a junior side, when the youngest member is 24 years of age, and their playing record in Cumberland is a very worthy one, having played 15 matches; won 13, lost 1 and drawn 1. Points scored, 209 against 32. They have played four qualifying rounds to reach the first round, having beaten Hensingham and Marsh Hornets away, and Maryport and Askam at home. Our team must not take things for granted, as these Cumbrians come full of hope, and they possess the sterling quality of courage.

Below are the ages, weight and height of our visitors.

	Age	Weight St. Lbs.	Height Ft. Ins.
C. Stephenson	26	8 7	5 6
G. Studholme	25	12 0	5 11
A. Lowden	27	11 0	5 6
E. Brown	24	10 0	5 7
T. McVay	25	13 6	5 10
A. Blair	26	11 0	5 6
H. Hayton	24	13 0	5 9
J. W. Irving	28	12 0	5 7
W. Brown	26	12 7	5 9
J. Blair	28	12 7	5 8
S. Nicholson	27	12 3	5 10
W. Ackerlay	28	11 6	5 7

BERT AMBLER'S BENEFIT.

To-day is the first effort organised by the Joint Committee, set up in connection with the above benefit. It will be in the nature of a collection and we appeal to you to give this Fund a good send-off.

On Monday, 14th February, the players have arranged a Smoking Concert, to be held at St. James' Conservative Club. A first-class programme has been arranged, so roll up for 8-0 p.m.

These two efforts are the first of a series of events that are being arranged, and which will be notified from time to time through the press and this programme. Let us see that the results of these efforts are worthy of the player who has been such a loyal member of our team for so long.



TO-DAY'S TEAMS

OLDHAM 80

(RED & WHITE)

1. BARRACLOUGH, I.
2. SPENCER, W.
3. DALEY, F.
4. MITCHELL, W. S.
5. CASEY, J.
6. WARD, K.
7. JONES, W. G.
8. OGDEN, H.
9. BROOKS, E. (Capt.)
10. TOMLINSON, H.
11. TOMLINSON, A.
12. LEYLAND, T. H.
13. SUGDEN, J.

Reserves:

BATTEN, R.

DONEGAN, J.

BROUGHTON MOOR 0

(RED & BLUE)

1. STEPHENSON, C.
2. STUDHOLME, G.
3. LOWDEN, A.
4. BROWN, E.
5. McVAY, T.
6. BELL, R.
7. BLAIR, A.
8. HAYTON, H.
9. IRVING, J. W.
10. BROWN, W.
11. BLAIR, J.
12. NICHOLSON, S.
13. ACKERLAY, W.

Referee: Mr. F. COTTAM, of Wakefield.

Touch Judges: Mr. F. HYDE, of Manchester.

Mr. A. FOED, of Warrington.