

HALF-TIME SCORES

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Saturday Next, 19th March

At Watersheddings

3rd Round R. L. Challenge Cup

Oldham

v.

Halifax



Kick-off 3-0 p.m.

All Pay

“ALL TICKET MATCH”

OLDHAM FOOTBALL CLUB

OLDHAM

v.

WORKINGTON

at Watersheddings

Saturday, 12th March, 1949

Kick-off 3-0 p.m.

Official Programme - 2d.

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WATERSHEDDINGS NEWS AND VIEWS.

TO-DAY'S MATCH.

To-day we welcome the popular and attractive Workington team. Although their life in first-class Rugby League has only been short they have already built up for themselves a reputation as a clever and enthusiastic side. To-day we shall see evidence of that great love of Rugby which runs throughout the towns and villages of the Solway. To this is allied the skill and experience of Gus Risman who for years has been one of the outstanding players and captains of our game and whom we have so often watched directing the course of games for Great Britain, Wales, Salford and now Workington. Other players who are rapidly making a name for themselves are Ivison, the loose forward (absent to-day, standing by for the English side v. France, at Wembley) and Gibson, the young outside half, who started off in such dazzling form. We also express greetings to Ernie Large, who has in the past delighted us with many tries for our team at Watersheddings.

This match should prove no exception to the usual experience of a grand game of football against our Workington friends.

LAST WEEK'S MATCH.

Last Saturday, many of our supporters would be waiting for the news from York to come through, almost as excitedly as those who made the journey, waiting for the final whistle to blow at Clarence Street.

It was a grand Cup Tie, played and refereed in the best traditions, and towards the end it looked as if we should return defeated by the odd point. There was always the evidence that we were the more polished side. Anyhow it was only by an excellently dropped goal by Ward that we pulled through, and we are now wondering if a "bit of luck" is to come our way. All must be congratulated on the fire and enthusiasm put into a game which was played under hard conditions which became cumulatively worse as the match progressed.

NEXT WEEK'S MATCH.

Excitement was at last seen in Oldham when it became known that we had been drawn at Watersheddings in the Third Round of the Cup against our old friends and neighbours, Halifax. Halifax, with the new signings of Paddy Reid and Price should be a big attraction. Certainly we can claim that this is "just what the doctor ordered" and our players will enter their final preparations confident that they will take us into the semi-final of the cup. And then what? Is 1949 going to see a new club on that beautiful turf at Wembley, and what is nearer to us? Is that club going to be Oldham? Well, here's hoping.

In order to co-operate to the full with our town's Chief Constable, and also to ensure the maximum of enjoyment to our spectators we have decided to make this an all ticket match, the first of such to be staged at Watersheddings.

Tickets will be Reserved Seats (both Stands) 6/6; Centre Stand (Pavilion side) 4/-; Ends of both Stands 3/-; General Admission 2/-. The admission for Pensioners and Boys will remain at 9d. and 3d., and these will have to pay at the turnstiles in the normal way.

Halifax have claimed their full allocation of one third of all accommodation and in an endeavour to show consideration for our members, tickets will have been available to them during this morning. Unfortunately, we shall have less seats available than we have full members so it will be impossible to satisfy all. The remaining bulk of the tickets will be disposed of at the Pavilion commencing on Sunday Morning, 13th March, from 9-30 a.m. to 12 noon.

The suspension of Glan Jones for one match will mean that, all being well, he will be available for the Cup Tie.

Congratulations to Harry Ogden upon being selected reserve to Ken Gee, for to-days International Match, at Wembley.

BERT AMBLERS' BENEFIT.

To-day, we are again collecting on behalf of the above fund. A Cumberland match for a Cumberland lad. We know that this will be well supported.

A subscription list is being opened, and all donations will be acknowledged if forwarded either to the Secretary, Watersheddings, or to Mr. Randall of the Supporters' Club, at 19, Shakespeare Road, Oldham.

St. Peter's Conservative Club are holding a Concert on Sunday, 27th March, from 12 noon to 2 p.m., in their Club premises, visitors will be welcome.

As the Athletic have arranged their match with Hull City for Tuesday, 26th April, it will probably be necessary to bring our benefit match forward to Monday, 25th April, but an announcement will be made in our programme next week.



TO-DAY'S TEAMS

OLDHAM

(BLUE JERSEYS)

1. BARRACLOUGH, I.
2. WARHAM, J.
3. DALEY, F.
4. MITCHELL, W. S.
5. BATTEN, R.
6. WARD, K.
7. SILVA, J.
8. OGDEN, H.
9. BROOKS, E. (Capt.)
10. TOMLINSON, H.
11. SUGDEN, J.
12. ROSTRON, T.
13. LEYLAND, T. H.

Reserves :

PLATT, L
TOMLINSON, A.

WORKINGTON

(RED & WHITE JERSEYS)

1. RISMAN, A. J. (Capt)
2. GRAHAM
3. PASKINS, A. H.
4. THOMAS, J.
5. LARGE, E.
6. GIBSON, E.
7. PEPPERELL, A. J.
8. HENDERSON, J. F.
9. McKEATING, V.
10. HAYSTON, H. L.
11. CAVANAGH
12. WAREING, J.
13. MUDGE, J. R.

Reserves :

MILLER, W.
JEPSON, G.

Referee : Mr. W. HEMMINGS, of Halifax.

Touch Judges : Mr. W. MULLERY, of Leigh.
Mr. W. McCOLL, of St. Helens.