

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. WARRINGTON	D	DEWSBURY v. WIDNES
B	HALIFAX v. ST. HELENS	E	LEEDS v. BRADFORD
C	HULL v. ROCHDALE H.	F	STOCKPORT C. v. OLDHAM ATHLETIC



Monday next 11th, April

at Watersheddings

Oldham v. Halifax

 **Kick-off 6-30 p.m.**

OLDHAM FOOTBALL CLUB

OLDHAM

v.

BATLEY

at Watersheddings

Saturday, 9th April, 1949

Kick-off 3-0 p.m.

Official Programme - 2d.

WATERSHEDDINGS NEWS AND VIEWS.

A victory on Saturday last over Belle-Vue Rangers, at Belle-Vue was a very welcome tonic for our players and supporters, and recorded our second double win of the season, the other being against Liverpool Stanley. We still have a chance of making it three, against our friends the Hornets, who visit us on Easter Saturday.

Our team played with inspiration and never gave up, even when under severe pressure, and it was a shock to the Belle-Vue players and their Officials when the final whistle went, for they fully expected to record a win against us. The merit of the win is greater still when one realizes that Belle-Vue easily beat Barrow, at Belle Vue, on Monday evening last.

Our match against Salford, on Monday evening last, was ruined by the bad weather conditions which prevailed, and a draw of two points each represented the run of the game. The play was of a high standard, and the players of both sides must be complimented upon the manner in which they made the game attractive under the vile conditions. A compliment must be made to Mr. George Phillips for the able manner, and the correct and prompt decisions he made during the match, and on the refereeing side, I think we can nominate Mr. Phillips as number one referee of the season. It is amazing how the players realize the control and efficiency of a referee; and a good referee usually encourages the players to comply to the rules, and bring the best out of them.

To-day we welcome rather infrequent visitors to Watersheddings in Batley, and we have had many stirring struggles with the "gallant youths," and I trust that to-days match proves no exception. On November 6th last, we played Batley away, and lost by 18 points to 10, and for a greater part of the game both sides played a centre short: Mitchell of Oldham, and Riches of Batley having to retire with cut heads. However, we hope to-day that matters will be levelled up and a home victory when time is called.

Batley stand seventh in the Rugby League table, and have had a good season from a playing standpoint. Riches, centre, and Etty, wing, are this seasons Yorkshire County players and are big, fast and strong players. Eaton, Hesketh and Carter are former Leeds players; and Perry, a very capable winger, is an ex-Wakefield player.

A MATCH OF THE SEASON.

Arrangements have now been made for this club to play our soccer friends, Oldham Athletic, at Watersheddings, on Monday, 9th May, 1949. Kick-off 7-0 p.m.

The proceeds of this match are to be given to the Centenary Fund to help to defray part of the costs of the various events that will be staged in the Centenary Celebrations of this Borough.

Rugby League will be played first; twenty minutes each way. Then the second half will be Soccer, of twenty minutes each way.

Tickets for this match will be available during the next few days. Enclosure and "E" Stand tickets will be 2/6; Ground Tickets, 1/-, plus transfers to the various Stands.

It is to be hoped that the sporting public of Oldham will rally to witness this unique match and watch your favourites at their respective codes reversed. Further particulars will be issued from time to time.



TO-DAY'S TEAMS

OLDHAM 2

(BLUE)

1. GLANVILLE, H.
2. BATTEN, R.
3. PLATT, L.
4. DALEY, F.
5. TATE, L. M.
6. WARD, K.
7. JONES, W. G.
8. OGDEN, H. (Capt.)
9. MUNDY, J.
10. TAYLOR, J.
11. ~~ROSTRON~~, T. *DONOGAN*
12. TOMLINSON, A.
13. ~~LEYLAND~~, T. H. *ROSTRON*

Reserves :

MITCHELL, W. S.
DONEGAN, J.

BATLEY 5

(RED & WHITE JERSEYS)

1. EATON, C. H.
2. PERRY, J. *19*
3. STOKES, D.
4. RICHES, W.
5. ETTY, J. W.
6. HESKETH, E. *1 TRY*
7. BURNELL, D. *LAWLOCK*
8. HARGREAVES, S.
9. CARTER, C. J.
10. HARTLEY, L.
11. LAVENDER, E.
12. MOORE, F.
14. HATTERSLEY, S.

Referee : Mr. W. HEMMINGS, Halifax

Touch Judges : Mr. V. WADDILOVE, Leigh.
Mr. F. T. HILL, Warrington.