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**Saturday next, 16th April**

**At Watersheddings**

**Oldham v. Rochdale H.**

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

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**Easter Monday, 18th April**

**At Watersheddings**

**Oldham 'A' v. Barrow 'A'**

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

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**OLDHAM  
FOOTBALL CLUB**

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**OLDHAM  
v.  
HALIFAX**

**at Watersheddings**

**Monday, 11th April, 1949**

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

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**Official Programme - 2d.**

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## WATERSHEDDINGS NEWS AND VIEWS.

It is pretty obvious that in our game against Batley on Saturday, we have not the required penetrative power to win matches, this is very clear, from a territorial point of view. Batley were completely overplayed, and it did not require much energy on the part of our opponents to prevent us scoring.

With ample possession secured from the scrums, this match should have been won with plenty of points to spare, and it is obvious that several members of our first team are not matured with the experience that is necessary in first-class rugby. **EXPERIENCE.**—Every individual has to learn the old lessons for himself. Every new generation has to acquire knowledge and achieve discipline. There are those who teach by precept and example ; but no one can pump knowledge into a rugby player as petrol is pumped into a tank. No amount of theory, however persuasively expressed by word of mouth, or on the printed page, can give a player that mastery of his own thoughts which leads him to do the right things at the right time, and to avoid foolish and dangerous tactics in the uncertainties and excitements of a game. We may be told what is right to do, and we may see how things ought to be done, but we have to learn through experience—through practice and actual play. It has always been the same—It always will be.

Let it be said that the average Rugby man to-day is just the same as the average player, boy or man, sixty, fifty, forty, thirty, twenty years ago.

The genius will find his own way to efficiency and greatness, though even he must conquer faults, and achieve merit through study and self-discipline.

Desperate cases call for desperate remedies ; but on the sunny side, we have one of the youngest teams playing first-class rugby, and with several players who will make the grade, provided they have luck, and the experience as previously stated, they should go far in the game.

It is one or two "old heads" on the field of play that is required to bring out the best of the material at our disposal.

Our team have a strenuous Easter programme, having to play four matches in ten days, three away and one at home.

Our last home first team match of the season is on Saturday next against Rochdale Hornets, when we hope to wind up the season with a victory and a "gate" worthy of the occasion.

Our last three matches are away, and entail journeys to Barrow, Hull and Workington ; long and expensive journeys and, we hope, with some tangible reward at the end of our efforts.



## TO-DAY'S TEAMS

### OLDHAM

(RED & WHITE)

1. GLANVILLE, H.
2. BATTEN, R.
3. PLATT, L.
4. MITCHELL, W. S.
5. TATE L. M.
6. HEYES, F.
7. JONES, W. G.
8. OGDEN, H.
9. MUNDY, J.
10. TAYLOR, J.
11. ANTHONY, L.
12. TOMLINSON, A.
13. ROSTRON, T.

Reserves :

WILLIAMS, T.  
WARD, K.  
DONEGAN, J.

### HALIFAX

(BLUE & WHITE)

1. DURSTON, R.
2. RILEY, D.
3. McDONALD, E.
4. McDONALD, J.
5. RIKA, K.
6. KENNY, G.
7. KIELTY, S.
8. CONDON, M. J.
9. ACKERLEY, A.
10. PANSEGROUW, J. S.
11. HEALEY, D.
12. GREENWOOD, H.
14. MAWSON, F.

Referee : Mr. L. THORPE, Wakefield

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