

HALF-TIME SCORES

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

A LEIGH
v.
SALFORD

D HUDDERSFIELD
v.
HUNSLET

B SWINTON
v.
WIGAN

E HULL
v.
WARRINGTON

C WIDNES
v.
ROCHDALE

F BRADFORD CITY
v.
OLDHAM ATHLETIC

Saturday next, Oct. 15th

at Watersheddings

OLDHAM 'A'

v.

WIGAN 'A'

Kick-off 3-0 p.m.

OLDHAM FOOTBALL CLUB

OLDHAM

v.

FEATHERSTONE ROVERS

at Watersheddings

Saturday, 8th October, 1949

Kick-off 3-0 p.m.

Official Programme - 2d.

WATERSHEDDINGS NEWS AND VIEWS.

It is pleasing to record that we have now won two matches in succession away from home, at Bramley and Liverpool Stanley, and although victory in both cases was only secured in the closing minutes of the games. Under the circumstances we were rather fortunate to come away with the spoils of victory. In both matches chances to score were not taken advantage of, hence the narrowness of the scores at the finish. The game at Liverpool, on Saturday last, was of a dull character, and we were unfortunate in having two players dismissed from the field of play, and in addition, our scrum half was absent for a period of the game, having received a broken nose. We all know that the Rugby League game is not a velvet glove affair, but fair vigorous tackling is allowed and enjoyed. In the first place, our hooker was dismissed the field for retaliating against his opposite number, and one must admit that there comes a time when one cannot take unfair tactics without letting the other fellow know that you are there. That is only human nature, and the one sent off is often more sinned against than sinned. One must admit that an official in charge must be firm, but just, and that the conduct of the game is in his hands, otherwise we should see a spectacle of how Rugby League Football should not be played. The official in charge of the game does not stop the players of both sides playing football, but lack of control has a detrimental effect on some teams, with the result that some very unsavoury business creeps into the game, and in consequence players are dismissed from the field. It is admitted that good referees are as hard to find as good players, but there are exceptions, as witnessed by our last two matches on this ground against Hunslet and Leigh, which were a real joy to watch from a playing point of view and from the referee's efficiency and complete control of the players. The players know the strong points and weaknesses of the referees that control them and act accordingly.

It is pleasing to note that Disciplinary Committee of the Rugby Football League are taking very severe measures to stamp out rough play, and especially the increasing tendency of players to indulge in unnecessarily vicious head tackling. Players are to be told that the main object of a tackle is to effectively hold the player in possession and not to maim him, and that when foul play of this nature is reported by referees, the Disciplinary Committee will impose very severe penalties. The Committee are also perturbed at the surprisingly large number of "tripping offences" which are being reported. Club Committees are asked to do all in their power to ensure that their players conform to the Laws of the game.

R.L. CUP FINAL.—Allocation of Tickets.

A system of allocation of tickets have been approved which, it is hoped will give every opportunity to regular supporters of the game to have priority in the purchasing of Cup Final Tickets. The system will apply to 1951 and the succeeding Cup Finals. It does not apply to the 1950 Cup Final. With reference to the final at Wembley next May, all 21/- and 10/6 tickets have been disposed of, but we expect an allocation of 150 tickets at 7/6 and 150 at 4/6. Applications for these tickets will be taken in strict rotation when applying to the Secretary, Pavilion, Watersheddings.

LANCASHIRE CUP FINAL.

The Final for the above Cup between Leigh and Wigan will be played at Warrington, on October 29th, 1949. Our first team are due to play Warrington at Warrington on this date; this match will now be postponed until later in the season.

TO-DAY'S MATCH.

Featherstone Rovers are our opponents to-day, and this is one of their rare visits to Watersheddings. We extend to them a welcome. They can truly be described as a team of triers, and will make our team go all out for the whole of the match, and we trust that at the final whistle, we can look back upon the game with pleasure.

TO-DAY'S TEAMS

OLDHAM	FEATHERSTONE R.
(RED & WHITE)	(BLUE & WHITE)
1. BARRACLOUGH, I.	1. TOWNSEND, T.
2. BATTEN, R.	2. CRABTREE, T.
3. WARD, K.	3. TENNANT, W.
4. PLATT, L.	4. CHURCH, F.
5. WARHAM, J.	5. ATLESS, D.
6. HEYES, F.	6. GILBERTSON, C.
7. GILMORE, G. P.	7. RUSSELL, J.
8. OGDEN, H.	8. HEMINGWAY, F.
9. BROOKS, E.	9. WOOD, A.
10. TOMLINSON, H.	10. LAVIN, J.
11. "WAKEFIELD" I.	11. KENT, M.
12. LEYLAND, T. H.	12. RICHARDSON, F.
13. GOLDSWAIN, B. V. (Capt.)	13. PAYNE, L.
Reserves :	Reserves :
MITCHELL, W. S.	LAMBERT, C.
DONEGAN, J.	FLAVELL, J.

Referee : Mr. E. THOMAS, Halifax.
Touch Judges : Mr. C. M. MOSELEY, Manchester.
Mr. T. MONKS, Wigan.