

HALF-TIME SCORES

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

A ⁵ ₅	BELLE VUE RANGERS v. WARRINGTON	D	WIDNES v. WIGAN
B ¹³ ₅	LEIGH v. WHITEHAVEN	E	BARROW v. SALFORD
C ⁴ ₂	SWINTON v. ROCHDALE H.	F	SOUTHPORT v. OLDHAM ATHLETIC

Saturday next, Oct. 29th

at Watersheddings

OLDHAM 'A'
v.
WARRINGTON 'A'

Kick-off 3-0 p.m.

OLDHAM
FOOTBALL CLUB

OLDHAM
v.
ST. HELENS

at Watersheddings

Saturday, 22nd October, 1949

Kick-off 3-0 p.m.

Official Programme - 2d.

WATERSHEDDINGS NEWS AND VIEWS.

Our visit to Wigan, on Saturday last, proved what a large majority of people anticipated. We were beaten by a good team, and a compliment must be paid to the team that represented Oldham on this day, which contained what we may call six reserves. On their display one can call them very efficient reserves, so well did they fit in the scheme of things; in fact they amazed the Wigan spectators by the way they opened out the game, and our three tries were the outcome of very good movements, covering a large portion of the field of play, in fact the Wigan defence was beaten to a frazzle by the swiftness of the moves. The same can be said of the Wigan tries, some of which were very well executed and of the copybook style. There is no doubt we were up against the best side in the Rugby League, and our team was far from disgraced from the exhibition that they gave, in fact it is a long time since our team got an ovation from the spectators at the conclusion of the match. Of course, there is room for improvement, but this cannot be attained in one match; the fact of the players all training together is very important, but the most essential thing that matters is playing together, knowing the individuals weakness and strong points. A team of triers, and a team playing as one unit will always pay dividends and hold its own with the best in the game.

Two of our players, Keith and Byrne, are new to first-team football, and it is as well not to be too critical as to their ability. Experience is a dear school, but we have confidence that they will make the grade in senior football—time alone will tell.

Several local players are having an opportunity to show their ability in our "A" team: McKeown (Centre), Cawthorne (Forward), Watson (Forward) and Dawson (Scrum-half) are all having trials, and another Centre still to try out is Malony, who has just returned from the Services. Our locals are having every opportunity and encouragement from the Committee, and any player who fancies his chance is invited to come along for interview with the Club Management. The Test and International player of the future is a junior player somewhere to-day, and there is always room at the top for a good man in all spheres of life, and whatever local juniors that may leave this town for other clubs we wish them well; but the opportunity is in Oldham, provided the individual has confidence in himself, and profit by coaching and experience.

WEMBLEY FINAL TICKETS—1951.

A system of allocation of tickets has 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 for 1951.

This scheme will ensure that supporters can be sure of their tickets each year if they so desire.

Allocations for the above Final Tickets will be made to all Northern League Clubs, District Leagues, Cumberland Commission, Welsh Commission and Supporters Clubs.

The scheme provides that all orders must be submitted to the Rugby League Headquarters, on or before July 1st, and paid for by Sept. 1st, otherwise there can be no guarantee that they will be fulfilled. Further particulars can be supplied from the Secretary of this club.

MEMS.

It is pleasing to know that another old player of this club has joined the management side of Rugby League Football, Joe Corsi having joined the Committee of the Cardiff Rugby League Club. No doubt his experience of the game in the north will be an asset to the organisation he now attached to. Joe has varied interests in his native Cardiff, in business and socially.

TO-DAY'S TEAMS

OLDHAM

(BLUE JERSEYS)

1. GLANVILLE, H.
2. BATTEN, R.
3. WARD, K.
4. MITCHELL, W. S.
(Capt.)
5. BYRNE, R.
6. HEYES, F.
7. GILMORE, G. P.
8. ANTHONY, L.
9. KEITH, J.
10. TOMLINSON, H.
11. LEYLAND, T. H.
12. TOMLINSON, A.
13. DONEGAN, J.

Reserves :

TAYLOR, J.
SPENCER, W.

ST. HELENS

(RED & WHITE)

1. LOWE, J.
2. LLEWELLYN, S.
3. STOTT, J.
4. GREENALL, D.
5. McCORMICK, S.
6. HONEY, J. A.
7. BALL, J.
8. NORRIS, W. J.
9. BLAKEMORE, R. E.
10. WHITTAKER, W.
11. ASTON, L.
12. PARSONS, G.
13. PRESCOTT, A. J.

Reserves :

BEESLEY, F.
GRUNDY, J. H.

Referee : Mr. G. S. PHILLIPS, Widnes.

Touch Judges : Mr. T. TAYLOR, Swinton.
Mr. T. MORAN, Wigan.