HALF-TIME SCORES

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

A SALFORD v. ST. HELENS

B CASTLEFORD v. SWINTON

C HUNSLET v. LEIGH

D WIDNES v. HUDDERSFIELD

E WIGAN v. BELLE VUE RANGERS

F CREWE ALEX. v. OLDHAM ATHLETIC

Saturday next, at Watersheddings

Dec. 17th

OLDHAM "A"

v.

WORKINGTON 'A'

Kick-off 2-15 p.m.

OLDHAM
FOOTBALL CLUB

17

OLDHAM
v.
BARROW

3

at Watersheddings

Saturday, 10th December, 1949

Kick-off 2-15 p.m.

Official Programme - 2d.

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WATERSHEDDINGS NEWS AND VIEWS.

It was a glorious victory, on Saturday last, against worthy opponents in Warrington, in which no quarter was given, and hard knocks were taken and given. In comparison with the result of last seasons match at Watersheddings when Warrington gave us the heaviest defeat by thirty-seven points to nothing, I think we have a better team to field than last season, even allowing our visitors of Saturday last the absence of three internationals. There is an abundance of team spirit amongst our players, and what is more, the will to win ; not that we always expect to win, even the best of teams have to admit defeat, but there appears to be a different atmosphere prevailing at Watersheddings. The Committee are all out to provide a team worthy of the name of Oldham, but this takes time, and one must proceed with caution owing to the limited amount of finance at the disposal of the club.

All clubs like to make a good bargain, and none can afford a bad one. The increase in our playing staff this season has been one of undoubted progress when one mentions Goldswain, Fearnley, Morgan, Keith and Cunliffe, and in to-days match with the "A" team at Barrow, we have on trial one of the best forwards playing in local football, in T. Jennings, an amateur International, and Captain of the England Amateur International Team.

We hope that the weather will be more kind to us for to-days match, as the inclement weather of last Saturday resulted in our gate receipts amounting to £544 compared with last season's receipts against Warrington of £1,067, so we have a considerable leeway to make up.

To-day, we have attractive visitors in Barrow, who no doubt will give us a good and open game, and their team contains players of well-known ability as follows : **Jones**, full-back, Welsh International, was previously with Wigan ; **Lewthwaite**, a local boy, International and Tourists ; **Toohey**, centre, was scrum half on being transferred from Wigan ; **Parker**, centre, a local boy and very fast ; **Castle**, wing, a recent addition from the Coventry R.U. club, a Warwickshire County player ; **Horne**, out half, International and Test Match player, is just running into his best form ; **Spencer**, scrum half, a local player ; **Longman**, front row forward, had trials with Oldham prior to joining Barrow, Cumberland County player ; **Woods**, hooker, a local product ; **Thompson**, front row forward, an experienced player, has seen service with St. Helens, Oldham and Dewsbury, and was transferred to Barrow a few weeks ago ; **Ayres, R.**, second row forward, the veteran of the side, a whole-hearted player and a local product of junior football ; **Grainger**, another local, and **Oxley**, loose forward, Barrow born, has seen service with Rochdale Hornets as a centre before being transferred to his present club.

ITEMS OF INTEREST.

Frank Lees, one of our old players, who was signed from Rochdale Hornets, Nov. 8th, 1945, as wing three-quarter, and during the war was a "guested" player with this club, has emigrated to New Zealand. Frank sailed with his wife and family on Nov. 26th last, via Australia for Christchurch, New Zealand.

That in the season 1907/8, from Sept. 7th to Feb. 19th, 1908, this club played 30 consecutive matches without defeat, is this a record for the Rugby League?

That on March 11th, 1922, when Oldham played Huddersfield, at Watersheddings, there were 22,752 spectators who payed £1,979 9s. 4d., and at the Oldham v. Halifax game at Watersheddings, on March 13th, 1926, 22,917 spectators paid £1,645 17s. od. The largest gate receipts taken on this ground is £2,432 11s. 6d., when 18,145 spectators paid for admission against Halifax, 19th March, 1949.

SUPPORTERS' CLUB NEWS.

The Committee wish to thank all patrons who contributed to the collection last Saturday for the G. F. Hutchins Memorial Fund, which realised the sum of £7 os. 6d., and although we were disappointed with the amount, it was, we hope, due to the inclement whether.

DANCES.

We have plenty of tickets for the Xmas Eve Dance and New Year's Eve Dance at Lees Store, price 2/6 each, and we respectfully solicit the support of all members and their friends at our dances. Also, a reminder of the dance to be held at Hill Stores, on Saturday, 21st January, 1950 Tickets may be obtained from any member of the Committee, price 3/6 each.

Remember, that for the sum of 1/- annually you may become a member of the Supporters' Club.

We take this opportunity of wishing all our members a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

TO-DAY'S TEAMS

	OLDHAM 17	**BARROW** 3	
	(RED & WHITE)	(BLUE & WHITE)	
1GOAL	1. BARRACLOUGH, I	1. JONES, J.	
2 TRY	2. BATTEN, R.	2. LEWTHWAITE, J.	TRY
1 "	3. WARD, K.	3. TOOHEY, A. E.	
	4. MITCHELL, W. S.	4. PARKER, R.	
	5. WARHAM, J.	5. CASTLE, F.	
	6. HEYES, F.	6. HORNE, W.	
1 TRY	7. MORGAN, W. G.	7. SPENCER, A.	
	8. OGDEN, H.	8 ~~LONGMAN, F. H.~~	
	9. BROOKS, E.	9 WOODS, W.	
	10. TOMLINSON, H.	10 THOMPSON, N.	
	11. FEARNLEY, A.	11. AYRES, R.	
	12. LEYLAND, T.	12. GRAINGER, J.	
1 TRY	13. GOLDSWAIN, B. V. (Capt.)	13 OXLEY, W. B.	

Reserves :

PLATT, L.

TOMLINSON, A.

Referee : Mr. T. ARMITAGE, Huddersfield.