

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. SALFORD	D	ROCHDALE HORNETS v. BELLE VUE RANGERS
B	SWINTON v. LEIGH	E	HUDDERSFIELD v. HALIFAX
C	WARRINGTON v. WIDNES	F	BARROW v. OLDHAM ATHLETIC



Tuesday next, at Watersheddings

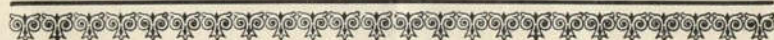
Dec. 27th

OLDHAM "A"

v.

SALFORD "A"

Kick-off 2-15 p.m.



OLDHAM FOOTBALL CLUB

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OLDHAM

v.

LIVERPOOL STANLEY

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at Watersheddings

Saturday, 24th December, 1949

Kick-off 2-15 p.m.

Official Programme - 2d.

To all our readers, members, supporters,
players and friends we extend

"The Compliments of the Season."

WATERSHEDDINGS NEWS AND VIEWS.

It was with very mixed feelings that we at Watersheddings received news of the final score of our match at Workington, after receiving the half-time score, that we were leading by eight points to two. In this game, which was a good game to watch considering the weather conditions, we were unfortunate with the bad knocks which must be taken and given, and the fact that we had to play for twenty minutes in the second half against the elements without the services of our scrum half Morgan, in which period our opponents scored eight of their thirteen points. We can put this down to bad luck. At the half-time whistle Morgan was suffering from the extreme cold, and collapsed in the dressing room, and after medical attention resumed play on the field, but the damage had been done. We have no doubt that had we kept our full team on the field a different score at the final whistle would have been the result. But there it is; but we have the satisfaction of knowing that our team played good football and recorded two splendid tries from concerted movements, which brought great applause from the sporting Workington spectators.

To-day, we commence a series of matches, which is considered by all football clubs to be a nightmare to the players and officials. We play three matches in four days, one at home and two away. These matches are played when the spirit of Xmas cheer abounds the land; but here the player has to be very moderate, and cannot indulge in the activities of his fellow human beings, much as the temptation must be to the player. He must keep himself in condition and prepare himself for the strenuous strain on his energy.

We are not forgetting our players in their sacrifice during the festive season, and all our players and staff are being entertained at a Christmas dinner, on Tuesday evening next, after the Salford match, when we hope we can talk about our Christmas matches of 1949 being one of success all through.

To-day, we extend a welcome to visitors in Liverpool Stanley, one of the Cinderella clubs of our game, a club which has no home of its own. Thanks to the enthusiasm of its Board of Directors and Supporters' Club, assisted by The Rugby League, they hope next season to have a ground of their own, at Knotty Ash, one of the suburbs of Liverpool, on the Widnes side, where a large population is available to draw upon. We wish them well in their new venture.

Early in the New Year we are issuing a brochure of the history of the club, which will be illustrated, and will be on sale at 1/- each. This book gives a history from the commencement of the club to the present day, and will be very interesting reading. All members and supporters should purchase one of these books. To the older members of this club it will bring back memories of the glorious past, and to the present generation, achievements that have been attained; names of players that will live in the history of Rugby League; dates and facts that will settle several arguments that do arise regarding this club. The issue is a limited one, and when on sale, an early purchase is recommended so as to avoid disappointment.

It is regretted that our "A" team have only one fixture during the holidays; this is the fault of the system in operation at present. It is the intention of this club at the next annual meeting of the Rugby League Council to re-create the Rugby League Combination as in pre-war days. This would mean that we should have extra matches with six Yorkshire "A" team clubs in addition to the present Lancashire Clubs.

TO-DAY'S TEAMS

OLDHAM

(RED & WHITE)

9. TRYS
F III
1. BARRACLOUGH, I
 2. BATTEN, R.
 3. WARD, K.
 4. MITCHELL, W. S.
 5. WARHAM, J.
 6. HEYES, F.
 7. SILVA, J.
 8. OGDEN, H.
 9. BROOKS, E.
 10. TOMLINSON, H.
 11. FEARNLEY, A.
 12. LEYLAND, T.
 13. GOLDSWAIN, B. V.
(Capt.)

Reserves :

DALEY, F.
TAYLOR, J.

LIVERPOOL ST.

(BLACK & WHITE)

1. FORSYTH
2. TODD
3. CLARE COX
4. HILL CLARE
5. COX JACKSON
6. COCKRAM
7. HALL
8. DERBYSHIRE
9. KENNEDY
10. ~~THOMPSON~~ BEASLEY
11. SPARKES
12. LEYLAND
13. PRESTON

Referee : Mr. A. BOLTON, Manchester.

Touch Judges : Mr. J. W. AINSCOUGH, Wigan.
Mr. T. TAYLOR, Manchester.