

HALF-TIME SCORES

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

A	BELLE VUE RANGERS v. LEIGH	D	SWINTON v. ST. HELENS
B	HUDDERSFIELD v. HULL	E	WARRINGTON v. SALFORD
C	LEEDS v. DEWSBURY	F	WREXHAM v. OLDHAM ATHLETIC

Next Home Match at Watersheddings

4th March, 1950

Oldham

v.

Belle Vue Rangers

Kick-off 3-0 p.m.

OLDHAM FOOTBALL CLUB

OLDHAM

v.

WHITEHAVEN

at Watersheddings

Saturday, 18th February, 1950

Kick-off 3-0 p.m.

Official Programme - 2d.

WATERSHEDDINGS NEWS AND VIEWS.

And so Wembley is not to be for us, having had to take the knock-out from Bradford Northern in the first round of the Rugby League Challenge Cup. The exit in the first round we can put down to bad luck. In the first leg at Watersheddings we were definitely on top of our opponents with a five points lead when we were unfortunate to lose the services of our centre W. S. Mitchell after a half-hours play, and who was off injured for the rest of the game, suffering from concussion. The loss of this player no doubt turned the game in favour of our opponents. Mitchell, at present, is playing as well as ever, and is a much feared man when in possession of the ball, as all opponents know, and they also realise the splendid defence he can put up. Had we kept our full complement of players on the field I am fully convinced that we should have been in round two of the cup; but there it is. We have had to take the knock.

Number two game at Bradford, on Saturday last, put a different complexion on the first game played at Watersheddings; there is no doubt which was the best team, and I am sure that when the final whistle was sounded our opponents were very thankful. Although we had eleven points to clear off, our players set out to achieve this with a spirit that gave one confidence and they played as a team. Opportunities came along with good play, and with the least bit of luck and steadiness we should have been well ahead on points at the finish. The score of eight points to six in our favour did not represent the play of the game; our opponents six points being the result of penalties for infringements that must be avoided in future by our players. Every player in our team did his work well, and it is a compliment to the players that the same team has been selected for to-days match.

The attendance at Bradford was rather disappointing, even allowing for the weather, a little over thirteen thousand paying for admission, and the receipts being £1,236. Our team had a good following of supporters and they must have been delighted at the exhibition of football given by our players although disappointed at the ultimate result of the round.

The official attendance at Watersheddings on the 4th February, 1950, was 18,052, and the receipts £2,263 10s. od.

SUBSTITUTE PLAYERS.

Numerous correspondence has been received from well-wishers of the club regarding the accident to Mitchell, which put him out of action in the first match against Bradford Northern, the majority suggesting that in cases like this a substitute should be allowed, and one suggests that a player of the opposing side should retire . . . Both would be open to much abuse.

Many years ago, substitution for injured players came before the annual meeting of the Rugby League, but it received very little support, and we are afraid that if proposed again it would fall on stony ground.

NEW PLAYERS.

Our "A" team on Saturday last gave a good display against Rochdale Hornets "A" and won by 23 points to nil.

Our latest capture, C. Winslade, gave a very good display in his first game of Rugby League, and more will be heard of this player in the future. Eric Wigggett, of Austerlands R.F.C., second row forward was called upon to play at short notice, and his display was so encouraging, that he has been signed on. Both the above-mentioned players are only eighteen years of age, Winslade being 6' 1½" and Wigggett 6', and have the making of fourteen stone players. With luck these players, we hope will make their grade in first-class football.

TO-DAY'S TEAMS

OLDHAM

(RED & WHITE)

1. BARRACLOUGH, I.
2. WARHAM, J.
3. WARD, K.
4. MITCHELL, W. S.
5. BATTEN, R.
6. HEYES, F.
7. SILVA, J.
8. OGDEN, H.
9. DEAN, J.
10. ANTHONY, L.
11. SUGDEN, J.
12. LEYLAND, T. H.
13. GOLDSWAIN, B. V.
(Capt.)

Reserves :

FEARNLEY, A.
TOMLINSON, H.
CHALMERS, J. D.

WHITEHAVEN

(CHOCOLATE, BLUE & GOLD)

1. McKEOWN, J.
2. FEARON, J.
3. FEARON, S.
4. GARR, J. *PROUD*
5. CORNELIUS, A. T.
6. WARRY, V.
7. LITTLE, C.
8. SMITH, L.
9. ANDERSON, H. A. B.
10. LIVINGSTONE, R. *DOVER*
11. MAXWELL, T.
12. GRAHAM, J. H.
13. LEWIS, H.

Reserves :

PROUD, T.
DOVER, A.

Referee : Mr. L. J. DALBY, York.

Touch Judges : Mr. W. AINSCOUGH, Wigan.

Mr. J. WOODWARD, St. Helens.