

HALF-TIME SCORES

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

A	HUDDERSFIELD v. WIGAN	D	ST. HELENS v. WARRINGTON
B	ROCHDALE v. HALIFAX	E	WIDNES v. SWINTON
C	SALFORD v. LEIGH	F	DARLINGTON v. OLDHAM ATHLETIC

Saturday next at Watersheddings

11th March, 1950

OLDHAM 'A'

v.

SWINTON 'A'

Kick-off 3-0 p.m.

OLDHAM FOOTBALL CLUB

10
OLDHAM

v.

BELLE VUE RANGERS

5
at Watersheddings

Saturday, 4th March, 1950

Kick-off 3-0 p.m.

Official Programme - 2d.

WATERSHEDDINGS NEWS AND VIEWS.

It now appears that our game against Castleford, at Castleford, will have to be an evening match. Twice this league match has had to be postponed, and we appear to be in for a busy time from now to the end of the season in completing our engagements.

The rest last Saturday will no doubt be a tonic to our team, and has enabled our players to recover from the hard knocks received in the home match against Whitehaven on the 18th February.

A friendly match at Watersheddings has been arranged for Easter Monday against a French Rugby League Team—Bordeaux. This match will be an all pay match, as the French Club are under a guarantee. The expense of bringing a team from France is very high, and it is in agreement along with Halifax and Wakefield Trinity, who with us, have guaranteed the expenses of the trip.

The Frenchmen play at Halifax on Easter Saturday, and at Wakefield on the following Tuesday. We therefore appeal to our supporters to roll up on Easter Monday and watch this fast moving French team in action. No matter what the weather conditions are, they are an attraction, and believe in the open passing game in preference to kicking.

To-day our visitors are Belle Vue Rangers, whose Manager is the genial Tom Spedding, and at this point would like to record our congratulations, late though it may be, in his appointment as Manager of the English Rugby League Team which leaves this country on the 20th of April for Australia and New Zealand.

In our league match at Belle Vue, on the 31st December, we met with an unexpected defeat by nineteen points to six. No doubt our players were suffering from a heavier holiday fixture than the Rangers, and on the day we were deservedly beaten by a better team. However to-day, we have a chance of seeking revenge, but we cannot take matters for granted against our opponents, and our team will have to be on the top of their form to record a victory.

THE TOURING TEAM.

No doubt by now readers will be conversant with the constitution of the team which is to tour Australia and New Zealand, during May, June and July, and there must be many disappointments by players who have been under observation and who have failed to catch the eye of the selectors. Twenty-six players can only be selected, and whoever are the selectors they would have to stand criticism for their opinions and views; such is the difficult task of a particular body of men to chose a touring team. It always has been and always will be.

We at Watersheddings are disappointed that we have not at least one representative making the trip, for on the form displayed at Wigan on Wednesday last, in the International match, our Captain, B. V. Goldswain, was very much in the picture, and completely outshone his opposite number, but there it is, the selection has been made and all must abide with the decision of the selectors. We at Oldham have our own opinion as no doubt other club managements have regarding their players.

To the team that is selected we wish them well and trust that they will uphold the grand tradition of previous touring teams. May success be yours. A good journey and a safe return.

To the Managers, Messrs. Spedding and Oldroyd, who have a difficult task ahead—both are capable of weathering any storm—may their efforts be crowned with success, with a return of the mythical ashes.

TO-DAY'S TEAMS

OLDHAM

(RED & WHITE)

- 10
- 29 Goals 1. BARRACLOUGH, I.
2. WARHAM, J.
3. WARD, K.
- 1 TRY 4. MITCHELL, W. S.
5. BATTEN, R.
6. ~~HEYES, F. CHALMERS~~
7. MORGAN, W. G.
8. OGDEN, H.
9. DEAN, J.
10. ANTHONY, L.
- 1 TRY 11. FEARNLEY, A.
12. LEYLAND, T. H.
13. GOLDSWAIN, B. V.
(Capt.)

Reserve :

TOMLINSON, H.

BELLE VUE RANGERS

(BLUE & WHITE)

- 5
- 1 Goal 1. GREGORY, A.
2. NORBURN, J.
3. THATCHER, R.
4. MORGAN, H. A.
5. PIMBLETT, H.
6. PRICE, R.
7. REES, D.
8. AYLES, E.
9. HUNT, W.
10. GWYTHYR, E.
- 1 TRY 11. TIERNEY, M.
12. PHILLIPS, D. V.
13. DAY, B.

Referee : Mr. F. SMITH, Barrow-in-Furness.

Touch Judges : Mr. A. BURGE, Astley.

Mr. R. TYSON, Barrow-in-Furness.