

HALF-TIME SCORES

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

A	WARRINGTON v. WIGAN	D	BRADFORD N. v. LEEDS
B	BELLE VUE R. v. HALIFAX	E	LIVERPOOL STANLEY v. SALFORD
C	BARROW v. HUDDERSFIELD	F	TOCKPORT v. OLDHAM ATHLETIC

Saturday next at Watersheddings

25th March, 1950

Oldham

v.

Castleford

Kick-off 3-0 p.m.

**OLDHAM
FOOTBALL CLUB**

OLDHAM

v.

WIDNES

at Watersheddings

Saturday, 18th March, 1950

Kick-off 3-0 p.m.

Official Programme - 2d.

RUGBY LEAGUE FINANCE.

It is pretty obvious that certain clubs in the Rugby League are down in the mouth as regards their financial position, and that certain clubs bring about this crisis, temporary or otherwise, through their own misgivings, for expenditure to exceed income, whatever the sport or business may be, must ultimately account for the destiny of the organisation concerned.

As regards our own position it is difficult to keep an even keel with the rising prices of everything concerned with a sports club. Everything has a trend to increase in cost, the principal item being the cost of new players—inflation if one may call it so, and it becomes a headache to balance the budget. The financial position of this club is not bad, neither is it good, and it is letting no secret out, that more new faces would have been seen in the ranks of our teams had the financial position been better than what it is. The position is one which requires careful attention, and I have no doubt that the Committee are capable of placing the club on a sound financial basis. It is obvious that the income of this club is not at present large enough to cope with the expenditure which is necessary. The price of member's cards and the prices of admission are amongst the cheapest in the Rugby League, and to improve the financial position and to be able to compete with other clubs in the acquisition of players of known ability who come in the transfer market, serious consideration will be given to increase the prices with a view to securing more income from this source.

We at Watersheddings pride ourselves on our accommodation from a spectators point of view; plenty of covered accommodation, and a full view of the play from all points of the ground. This in itself is worth something to the spectator in comparison to several grounds in the Rugby League, and also first-class soccer grounds.

WATERSHEDDINGS NEWS AND VIEWS.

Another six weeks will see the end of season 1949-50, and after to-days match we have four matches at home and five matches away, and at the present time we stand in a better position than we did at the end of season 1948-49, as the comparison below denotes:—

	P.	W.	L.	D.		Pts. for	Pts. against
Season 1948-49 ...	36	12	21	3	...	283	450
At present ...	26	12	11	3	...	290	296

At the end of season 1948-49 we finished in the 23rd position of the league and before to-days match we are in the 18th position. We can therefore look back with a little satisfaction that an improvement has been made, little though it may appear. The Committee face the future with confidence; they know the shortcomings of the team and of its requirements to put it in its rightful place in the Rugby League.

To-day we introduce as a curtain raiser our "B" team, which consists of local players, against Warrington & District Amateur Rugby League Team. Judgement on these boys should not be too critical, as this is the first occasion that they have played together as a team. It is the Committee's intention to go ahead with a "B" team, and the possibility that next season they will be installed on a ground of their own and play against some of the best junior teams in both counties, and also District League Teams.

TO-DAY'S TEAMS

OLDHAM

(RED & WHITE)

1. PLATT, L.
2. WARHAM, J.
3. WARD, K.
4. MITCHELL, W. S.
5. BATTEN, R.
6. HEYES, F.
7. MORGAN, W. G.
8. OGDEN, H.
9. KIETH, J.
10. ANTHONY, L.
11. LEYLAND, T. H.
12. FEARNLEY, A.
13. GOLDSWAIN, B. V.
(Capt.)

Reserve :

SUGDEN, J.

WIDNES

(BLACK & WHITE)

1. BRADLEY
2. KINSEY
3. HUTTON
4. SALE
5. MALONE
6. FLEMING
7. ANDERSON
8. NAUGHTON, D.
9. BAND
10. WILCOX
11. HIGGINS
12. LEIGH
13. REYNOLDS

Reserves :

APPLETON

NAUGHTON, J.

Referee : Mr. H. SQUIRES, Ossett.

Touch Judges : Mr. C. C. SNOWDEN, Cheadle Hulme.
Mr. S. INMAN, Wigan.