

HALF-TIME SCORES

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

A	WIDNES v. BARROW	D	HALIFAX v. WHITEHAVEN
B	SALFORD v. WARRINGTON	E	DEWSBURY v. BRADFORD
C	ROCHDALE H. v. WIGAN	F	OLDHAM ATHLETIC v. DONCASTER

Saturday next at Watersheddings

1st April, 1950

Oldham

v.

Bramley

Kick-off 3-0 p.m.

OLDHAM
FOOTBALL CLUB

OLDHAM

v.

CASTLEFORD

at Watersheddings

Saturday, 25th March, 1950

Kick-off 3-0 p.m.

Official Programme - 2d.

WATERSHEDDINGS NEWS AND VIEWS.

Our match at Watersheddings on Saturday last, against Widnes, was not one of those games we could put down as a classic; far from it. From a spectators point of view it was just a game of how not to play Rugby League Football. Continual spotting by both sides tends to close the game up, bullocking rushes by forwards in possession of the ball, one is apt to lose sight of the ball altogether. What the customers require is to see plenty of the ball, good passing movements, and one or two tries scored; then one derives a little satisfaction of having your money's worth. However, it was one of those games that a draw just represented what it was worth. We hope for better things in to-days match against Castleford, this match being a postponed match from November 19th, 1949, when the match was brought to a premature close owing to fog descending after fifty-two minutes play with the score five points each.

FIXTURES 1950-51.

An effort is being made, and we hope successfully, to revert back to our old-time fixtures with Swinton, that is Christmas Day at Watersheddings and Good Friday at Swinton; also, provisional application has been made to play Rochdale Hornets, at Rochdale, on New Year's Day, 1951, and at Watershedding on Easter Saturday, 1951.

INJURED PLAYERS.

Our list of injured players who are out of action is gradually being reduced. Our only one being Edgar Brooks, who is in training, and hopes to be ready for action shortly. With the strenuous and lengthy holiday programme we cannot afford to have any injuries, and we hope for the best.

LANCASHIRE COMBINATION. SUPPLEMENTARY COMPETITION.

Our "A" team have been drawn against Swinton "A" on the two leg principle in the above competition, and the provisional date to play at Swinton has been fixed for Wednesday, 29th March, 1950, and the return match at Watersheddings, Tuesday, 11th April, 1950, both evening matches.

REVISED FORM OF THE LAWS OF THE GAME.

Mr. W. Fallowfield has done good work in compiling a revised form of the laws of the game which will come before the Annual Meeting of the Rugby League in June, 1950 for confirmation and possible amendments. The main purpose in re-writing the Laws is to present them in indexed form with marginal notes, so that one can refer to any point of play with the minimum of difficulty. As far as has been possible all laws relating to the same aspect of play have been included in the same section. Minor amendments to the present Laws have been made to achieve more simplicity in presentation, some of which are quoted as follows:

KNOCK-ON.—Previously approved by Council that present law be amended to allow advantage law to be applied to knock-on irrespective of whether the player knocking-on plays the ball a second time or not.

DEAD BALL LINE.—Limits extended from 6-8 yards to 6-12 yards in accordance with the present practice in Australia.

BLOWING FOR HALF-TIME OR NO SIDE.—Previously approved by Council that present law be amended to allow final whistle to be blown when ball is out of play or a player holding the ball is tackled.

USE OF SUBSTITUTES.—Permissible under certain conditions—previously approved at International Conference.

FIELD GOAL.—Previously approved that Field Goal be deleted from the Laws

Other minor amendments are: Heights of Corner Flags; Metal Studs of Football Boots—permitted if extremities are rounded off.

BALL IN TOUCH.—The ball is considered to be in touch where it first crosses the line. This is contrary to Council Ruling of 1908, which decreed that when a ball enters touch and swerves back to drop on the touch line then the ball is deemed to have entered touch where it drops, but it is felt that this ruling itself is contrary to the laws governing touch-play.

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. SILVA, J.
8. OGDEN, H.
9. KIETH, J.
10. ANTHONY, L.
11. FEARNLEY, A.
12. LEYLAND, T. H.
13. GOLDSWAIN, B. V.
(Capt.)

Reserve:

SUGDEN, J.

CASTLEFORD

(AMBER & BLACK)

1. LEWIS
2. FISHER
3. ALDRED
4. BROUGHTON
5. LLOYD
6. FERGUSON
7. LANGFIELD
8. HARRIS
9. JONES
10. ANDERSON
11. HOWARD
12. STAINES
13. MUGGLESTONE

Referee: Mr. S. ADAMS, Hull.

Touch Judges: Mr. H. MORAN, Widnes.

Mr. W. AINSCOUGH, Wigan.