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No. 4.

SATURDAY, 16th SEPTEMBER, 1950

Kick-off 3-0 p.m.

CLUB NOTES.

TO-DAY we renew acquaintance with our Oldham friends from Watersheddings and games with Oldham always recall past cup-tie struggles. Like Batley, the Lancashire team has commenced the season well. On the same number of matches played Batley are one point in front in the League table, but as regards scoring records Oldham have a big advantage. They have scored 111 points to opponents 42 compared with Batley's record of 41—40.

Batley are proud of Perry's goal-kicking record. He has kicked 19, but Goldswain has kicked 25 for Oldham and Platt has scored eight tries. Goldswain had a bag of six goals against Wakefield Trinity last week, Batley's cup-tie opponents, who were well beaten by the Lancastrians. However, a hearty welcome to Oldham, whom we hope to beat and thus keep our place well up in the League table.

UNBEATEN RECORD GONE.

Defeat was expected sooner or later in the League programme, and it was not a big surprise that Whitehaven were the first team to lower the colours. The two sides fought a keen struggle at Mount Pleasant when Perry's goals proved invaluable. At Whitehaven Batley had ample possession of the ball but just could not force home that advantage. Too many passes were dropped, there were too many instances when the man in possession lost the ball, but Batley's greatest fault was too much kicking and therefore aiding the other side. The threequarters impressed by their speed, but penetrative power was lacking.

THAT PENALTY KICK.

So important are the revised laws of the game respecting the penalty kick that they are printed again for the benefit of the keen observer.

1. A penalty kick shall be awarded against any player who is guilty of a deliberate breach of the Laws provided that this shall not be to the disadvantage of the non-offending side. The point at which the penalty is awarded shall be referred to as the mark.

2. A player may take a penalty kick by punting, drop-kicking or place-kicking the ball from any point on the line behind the mark and equi distant from the touch-line.

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3. All players of the kicker's side must be behind the ball when it is kicked. The players of the side against which the penalty is awarded shall retire to a distance not less than ten yards from a line drawn through the mark at right-angles to the touch-line or to their goal-line if the mark is less than ten yards from their goal-line. They shall not raise their hands above their heads or make any movement to interfere with the kicker. If the ball fails to reach the mark or if a player of the kicker's side infringes a scrum shall be formed at the mark. If a player of the side opposing that of the kicker infringes the kick shall be retaken.

NEXT WEEK'S CUP-TIE.

The meeting of Batley and Wakefield Trinity at Mount Pleasant next week (kick-off 5.45 p.m.) is being anticipated as eagerly as any cup-tie game since Batley and Dewsbury met at Crown Flatt last September. The fact that Wakefield were well beaten by Oldham last Saturday must not be accepted as an indication that that is the best Wakefield can do. Neither must League records be considered as a pointer to the result. In cup-ties all teams, more or less, start from scratch. Wakefield are as keen cup fighters as any team, whether away from home, or at Belle Vue, and they will play to the last whistle. The probability is that Bill Hudson will be in the Trinity forward line against former colleagues, and Jack Perry will be in a similar position in regard to Wakefield. Everyone hopes for a good open, clean game, whichever side wins.

NEXT HOME MATCHES

TUESDAY, 19th Sept.

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Kick-off 3-0 p.m.

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1950				1950			
Aug. 19	Belle Vue R.	away	3-0	Dec. 26	Dewsbury	home	2-15
22	Castleford	home	6-30	30	Hunslet	away	2-15
26	Whitehaven	home	3-0				
30	Featherstone	away	6-30	1951			
Sept. 2	Hull K. R.	away	3-0	Jan. 1			2-15
	(V. Cup)			6	Bradford	home	2-15
5	Hull K. R. do	home	6-30	13	Dewsbury	away	2-30
9	Whitehaven	away	3-0	20	Featherstone	home	2-30
16	Oldham	home	3-0	27	Liverpool S.	away	2-45
23	Wakefield	away	3-0	Feb. 3	Halifax	home	3-0
30	Leeds	home	3-0	10	1st rd. R.L. Cup		3-0
7	Widnes	home	3-0	17	1st rd. R.L. Cup		3-0
Oct. 14	Halifax	away	3-0	24	Bradford	away	3-0
21	Huddersfield	away	3-0	Mar. 3	2nd rd. R.L. Cup		3-0
28	Hull	home	3-0	10	Hull K. R.	away	3-0
Nov. 4	Oldham	away	3-0	17	3rd rd. R.L. Cup		3-0
11	Hull K. R.	home	3-0	24	Widnes	away	3-0
18			2-30	26	Bramley	home	3-0
25	Liverpool S.	home	2-30	27	Wakefield	home	3-0
Dec. 2	Bramley	away	2-30	31	Huddersfield	home	3-0
9	Hunslet	home	2-15	April 7	Castleford	away	3-0
16	Hull	away	2-15	14	Belle Vue R.	home	3-0
23	Keighley	home	2-15	21	Keighley	away	3-0
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