

### Chatty Pars.

Oldham have at last lost their Colonial record.

Barrow go from success to success at Little Park, Roose. They have now eight victories to their credit there this season, and their home record is second to none in the Union.

Harry Gifford has now become "mine host," and all followers of the game will wish him success in his new undertaking.

What a powerful hand-off Coles, the Wigan wing three-quarter, possesses.

St. Helens Recs. sadly missed Greenall and Owen at Central Park.

Dick Ramsdale surprised his Wigan friends on Saturday with his speed and strong dribbling.

Wigan indeed have a magnificent forward in Woods.

What has come over Broughton Rangers? Even their forwards were lacking in dash at Leigh.

When are Leigh going to solve their half-back problem?

M'Loughlin is proving the mainstay of the St. Helens team. His sensational runs through the Batley defence aroused great enthusiasm.

Travener was an improvement on Lawley in the St. Helens last line of defence.

F. Burge signalled his return to the Australasian team by scoring three tries.

Wigan still hold the club record for Australasian matches with £2,600.

What price Wigan and Leeds as the contesting teams?

Salford are making great progress with their arrangements for the third Test match.

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## LANCASHIRE COUNTY CUP.

### To-day's Final Tie.

At the end of last season the Broughton Rangers ground was the venue for the final of the Northern Union Cup. This afternoon it has the honour of accommodating the finalists of the Lancashire County Cup, and a game full of interest is looked forward to. The Cliff is an ideal spot for a final tie, for it is so central, and neither Oldham nor Warrington will cavil at the choosing of this ground.

The competition this season has proved full of interest, and has produced some really exciting games, besides attracting big crowds. Warrington have only contested the final once before, when they were beaten by Broughton Rangers at Wigan. The famous Jack Fish was play-

ing that day, and fractured an arm.

Oldham, on the other hand, are seasoned cup fighters so far as the County Cup goes, for they have appeared in the last stage on six occasions, and up to this afternoon had won the trophy on four occasions, in 1907, 1910, 1913, and 1919.

The records of the clubs in the competition this season are as follows:—

### OLDHAM.

1st Round.—Oldham, 1-0-2;  
\*Rochdale H., 0-0-0.  
2nd Round.—Oldham, 1-5-17;  
\*St. Helens, 1-1-5.  
3rd Round.—\*Oldham, 4-3-17;  
Barrow, 1-2-8.

### WARRINGTON.

1st Round.—Warrington a bye.  
2nd Round. — \*Warrington;  
1-1-5; St. Helens Recs., 0-1-3.  
3rd Round. — \*Warrington,  
2-3-13; Leigh, 2-1-7.

It will be seen that Oldham have had the most difficult task to reach the final; still, they have shown themselves to possess a virile attack, and in the three games have scored 36 points against 13; while Warrington in their two games have registered 18 points against 10. It will not be the first time that the teams have met in cup fare, for in 1899 in the second round of the Northern Union Cup Oldham defeated Warrington at Watersheddings by fourteen clear points. Then in 1906 the teams met at Warrington in the third round of the Lancashire Cup, and Oldham lost by 10 points to 2. In 1907 the teams were in opposition again, this time for the Challenge Cup, and Warrington triumphed by 17 points to 3, and the final on that occasion was played on the Broughton Rangers ground. Last season

the clubs were drawn together in the second round of the Northern Union Cup at Watersheddings, and Oldham won by three tries. Each team therefore has two victories to its credit, and the match this afternoon is a sort of "rubber" affair. May the best side win.

So far as the League is concerned, the Lancashire clubs are making a good show. It is true that Halifax and Leeds are at the head of affairs; still, they cannot afford to make mistakes. Leigh are third on the list, with St. Helens Recs. fifth, and Wigan next. Broughton Rangers, unfortunately, are doing badly, and they can only claim five points out of a possible 22. They have not had the best of luck with their players, injuries having repeatedly upset their combination. Still, they have no need to be discouraged, for they have players capable of lifting them up the ladder.

The positions in the chart of to-day's Cup finalists were 10th and 13th, and their records are:

|             | <i>P</i> | <i>W</i> | <i>L</i> | <i>D</i> | <i>For</i><br><i>Pts.</i> | <i>Agst</i><br><i>Pts.</i> | <i>Total</i> |
|-------------|----------|----------|----------|----------|---------------------------|----------------------------|--------------|
| Oldham ...  | 12       | 7        | 4        | 1        | 157                       | 101                        | 62.50        |
| Warrington. | 11       | 6        | 5        | 0        | 112                       | 125                        | 54.54        |

The new scrummage instruction comes into force on Monday. May it prove successful.

Lancashire do not intend playing only county-born players for their county match at Warrington.

The Northern Union have given the Lancashire County Union £60 to pay rents of fields for junior clubs.

The Northern Union have been asked to take two teams to London to play an exhibition game for St. Dunstan's.

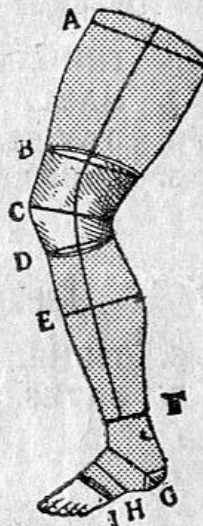
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## THE EVERTON MATCH.

There were many who criticised the action of the Lancashire County Committee in taking a match to Goodison Park, Everton, on Wednesday, but the officials were rewarded by the enterprise shown, for there was a crowd of 24,000, representing £950 to see a Lancashire thirteen and the Australasians play. And the match was not a success purely from a financial point of view.

The spectators who attended were treated to a brilliant exposition of the game. The passing movements were delightful to behold, and the crowd were roused to a high pitch of enthusiasm. There was in it much food for thought for Rugby

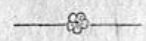
Unionists, and there could be no mistaking the fact that the people on Merseyside appreciate the finer points of the game. We never heard a dissentient note, and this match is bound to do the game good.

The Lancashire Committee were not out for profit, seeing that the Colonials took 65 per cent. of the "gate" and the Everton Club 10 per cent. They were keen on showing the public what the Northern Union can accomplish, and the selected teams played up to their reputation. It may be thought because the Australasians won by 29 pts. to 6 that Lancashire were swamped. This was far from being the case. The county thirteen played really well, but found the tourists right at the top of their form. We all know the remarkable speed of the

Colonials, and it was this which carried them to such a success.

What a forward the tourists possess in Frank Burge. He signalled his return to the team at Oldham last Saturday by scoring three tries, and he followed this up at Everton by registering five, and all were well worth seeing. Yes, Northern Unionism made good with this match.

There is talk of another exhibition match in London, and if it is as pleasing as the Everton affair it is certain to captivate the crowd.



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