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(Salford City Reporter).

Although I have no doubt that by now most of you will have devoured your Christmas puddings and turkeys I hasten to wish you all a Merry Christmas. We had hoped that at this stage of the season the Reds would have been in the "first four," but recent reverses have proved costly, and the team has slipped down a few places in the league table. The first half of the season has been top heavy with away fixtures. Fortunately the team is within striking distance of the leaders, and if they can turn home advantage to its fullest use in the New Year, and if they can kill the injuries "bogey" they should be in a challenging position at Easter. Two large ifs I know, but. . .

Our opponents are traditional visitors to the Willows at Christmas time, and the game is usually a hard one. Formed in 1870—nine years before the Reds started—Oldham were one of the founder members of the Rugby League, and they were the first Lancashire club to win the Challenge Cup. I wonder how many of the older supporters can remember that historic match at the Willows on February 22, 1908. Oldham had been undefeated in thirty consecutive games, and it was Salford, on a waterlogged ground, who put an end to the fine run with a five-points to nil victory.

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