

## THE MATCH OF THE MONTH By "THOR"

## WHAT A SCORCHER!

**H**UDDERSFIELD and Leeds met to open the Fartown programme, and set a tremendously hot standard for the season.

A game packed with thrills, ending all square, had a big crowd on their toes with excitement and hoarse with vocal encouragement in appreciation.

The run of the game was end to end all the time, with the Fartowners on top in the tight but not so well together in the loose.

The home centres disappointed, and the wingers were too well wrapped up to do any damage. Leeds centres seemed to have more penetration but over elaborated, with the result that chances were lost. Batten never seemed to be included in the attack, while Best was the most effective winger on view.

Tynan worked hard, but it was hard work. "Dicky" Williams flashed and promised and then died away, but he always required watching.

Howard had a similar game to "Dicky," both being slightly out of luck. The best half-back was Morgan who was inclined, however, to use the blind side. Givvons hampered Morgan a little in the second half by picking the ball out of the scrum too often, thus slowing down the attack.

The forwards were well matched, with Robson and Prosser the best.

## A JOY TO WATCH.

I have left to the last the two full-backs. Cook was good, hardly putting a foot wrong, but Hunter outshone him at all points. Our crowds are going to enjoy the play of this young man who brings dash and adventure into all he does.

Hunter was undoubtedly the man of the match, his running and kicking being particularly good, but most outstanding was his catching.

## ROOM FOR IMPROVEMENT.

Mr. Dobson has the reputation of being our best Yorkshire referee, but if the best referee cannot get the ball played properly, how can the less efficient control this aspect of the game? No player should be allowed to lean, push or charge, yet these were the usual methods adopted. The method of dealing with the scrum trouble could be effective, but must be applied all the game and not allowed to deteriorate into the old "feet up and prance."

The spectators were good and in holiday mood, but once or twice the referee came in for vociferous condemnation. We shall see far worse games by both teams when they will be winners. The tackling of the Fartowners was good, but the Leeds "spotting" was terrific.

The game gave us all the best in Rugby League, except the goal-kicking which, surprisingly, nobody seemed to worry about, the other thrills compensating for some poorish efforts.

## THOR'S VERDICT

Standard of Play:—  
Huddersfield: Good.  
Leeds: Equally good.

Man of the Match:—  
J. C. H. Hunter (Hudd.).

Goal-Kicking:—  
Did not appear to matter.

Refereeing:—  
Competent but too lenient at "Play the ball."

Behaviour of Spectators:—  
Very vocal.

Ground Arrangements:—  
Adequate.

Programme:—  
Usual moderate effort.

Opinion on the Match:—  
Excellent fare.

## "THOR" HAD TO PAY

**T**HE Huddersfield Club declined to supply "Thor" with a Press Ticket, presumably because of his criticism of Fartown matches made last season.

## THE LAWS OF THE GAME.

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to screw the pack and take the ball with them.

The final point for discussion is that a player may be penalised if he wilfully puts the ball unfairly into the scrum. The half-back is enjoined to "put the ball into the centre of the scrum by a downward movement." As this movement really initiates the scrum, it is fairly easy to pick out if not done correctly, although it must be born in mind that the referee has also to keep his eyes open for the sundry other faults which may appear. You may hear various stories of half-backs being able to spin a ball, or by throwing it in crookedly, obtain some advantage for their side. These tricks of the trade will always be spoken of, but as a general rule referees keep a check on this form of delinquency.

## THE NORTHERN RUGBY FOOTBALL LEAGUE.

At Fartown, Huddersfield, August 23rd, 1947.

|                  | G. | T. | Pts. |           | G. | T. | Pts. |
|------------------|----|----|------|-----------|----|----|------|
| HUDDERSFIELD ... | 0  | 2  | 6    | LEEDS ... | 0  | 2  | 6    |

Attendance: 16,825.

Receipts: £1,289.

## Teams:

Huddersfield:—J. C. H. Hunter; J. Anderson, G. R. Pepperell, J. Bawden and L. W. Cooper; L. Howard and W. G. Morgan (Capt.); H. Wood, H. Whitehead, R. Nicholson, R. S. Robson, P. D. Thomas and A. Givvons.

Leeds:—H. E. Cook; Batten, G. Price, A. T. Cornelius and Best; R. Williams and Tynan; D. R. Prosser, Horsfall, Wheatley, A. Clues (Capt.), Foreman and I. A. Owens.

Referee:—A. S. Dobson, of Featherstone.

## Scorers:

Huddersfield:—Tries: Bawdon, Pepperell. Leeds:—Tries: Williams, Best.



## RECORD OF THE MONTH.

By A. N. GAULTON.

# LEIGH'S RECORD MANY CUP-TIE MOVES

THE end of January brings thoughts of the Rugby League Challenge Cup Competition, with interest quickened by the "dead-line" for the signing of players eligible for the Cup games being fixed for February 1st. Big news among the many transfers has been the signing of Jim Ledgard by Leigh, who paid the record fee of £2,650 for the former Dewsbury full-back. The suspension imposed upon Ledgard by the Dewsbury club automatically expires on his transfer.

Provided the weather is favourable there should be big money for the clubs as a result of the first round games. Such ties as Huddersfield v. Bradford N., Warrington v. Workington, Hunslet v. Widnes, and Wigan v. Castleford, will draw big crowds and help to swell the "pool" which is shared out among the competing clubs at the end of the season.

## THE KIWIS DEPART.

Amid all the excitement of Cup preparations in the Rugby League, the Kiwis have returned to England, unnoticed and without any fuss, and quietly slipped away on their long journey home. Their record in France has not been as good as might have been expected judging by their football over here. They were decisively beaten by France in the final International of the tour at Bordeaux, the score being 25-7.

## BIG PLANS.

Several Rugby League officials went over to Bordeaux and together with French and New Zealand representatives discussed the formation of an International Board. Among the items under consideration were a World Cup Competition in 1951, an exhibition game in Italy, and separate agreements between the different countries on the transfer of players. There is also a hope that Italy and Canada will join the new Board.

## ALL CHANGE!

In addition to Ledgard, many well known names will be seen in new surroundings as a result of January moves. They include Kelly (Leeds to Dewsbury), Hagan Evans (Bradford to Hull), Madden (Huddersfield to Hull), Tavior (Huddersfield to Batley), Griffiths (Oldham to Rochdale), Givvons (Huddersfield to Oldham), Large (Oldham to Workington), Best (Leeds to Featherstone R.), Jones (Oldham to Barrow) and Robertson (Dewsbury to Featherstone R.). Jim Brough, the former

Leeds international, is coaching Batley (in succession to Mick Exley) who up to the present have had a disappointing season.

More Colonials have been persuaded to come to England. Halifax have brought two New Zealanders, Enoka MacDonald and Mugwi John MacDonald (uncle and nephew), to join Rika and Charlie Smith at Thrum Hall. Leeds have signed a 15 stone forward, J. S. Pansegrauw, from South Africa, and Huddersfield also turned to the same country for the signing of I. W. Clark (centre), and K. Morrison, (forward).

Among the R.U. "converts" have been H. Lewis (Morley) to Dewsbury, Welshmen G. Parsons and S. Llewellyn to St. Helens, and J. M. Russell to Hunslet.

The soaring prices of transfers has prompted the Hunslet club to suggest that an independent body should be set up to fix reasonable fees and conduct the transfer of players. There would be other matters to consider, such as the terms clubs would be allowed to offer men open for transfer, but at least Hunslet have provided a starting point if an attempt is to be made to keep transfer fees down.

## THE SCORERS.

Ted Ward, the first player to reach the double century of points, is now well set for his hundred goals. He keeps his lead in both points and goals, but Bawden has reduced the margin considerably during January and is making a bold bid for the posi-



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tion he has held at the close of each of the two post-war seasons. Ratcliffe and Bevan are well ahead in tries and may exceed the total of 48 with which Bevan led the field at the end of last season.

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## THE KIWIS IN FRANCE.


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|---------|---------------------------------------|----|-----------|---------|----------------------|
| 1947.   |                                       |    |           |         |                      |
| Dec. 28 | France, at Paris .....                | 11 | 7         | 15,000  | 1,500,000            |
| 1948.   |                                       |    |           |         |                      |
| Jan. 1  | Catalans, at Perpignan .....          | 10 | 7         | 15,000  | 2,050,000            |
| " 4     | Pyrenees Languedoc, at Toulouse ..... | 0  | 15        | 17,300  | 1,230,000            |
| " 11    | Lyons Centre, at Lyon .....           | 10 | 20        | 15,000  | 2,200,000            |
| " 12    | Provence, at Cavaillon .....          | 36 | 7         | 10,000  |                      |
| " 15    | Cote d'Azur, at Antibes .....         | 54 | 5         | 10,000  |                      |
| " 18    | France "B," at Marseilles .....       | 41 | 20        | 12,000  | 1,480,000            |
| " 24    | Basques, at Bayonne .....             | 3  | 3         |         |                      |
| " 25    | France, at Bordeaux .....             | 7  | 25        | 22,000  |                      |
|         |                                       |    |           | 172 109 |                      |

Played 9, Won 5, Lost 3, Drawn 1.





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## THE MATCH OF THE MONTH.

By "D'Artagnan."

# A Scramble at Wheldon Road

## Castleford Deservedly Beaten

CASTLEFORD and Huddersfield did not give a very bright exhibition of Rugby League football at Wheldon Road. Both sides seemed to be feeling the effects of their games on the previous day (Good Friday), and also mindful of the fact that their Easter programme was by no means completed. In extenuation of the players, however, it should be pointed out that the strong sun and a very tricky cross-wind proved a great handicap. The wind also blew the dust about, to the considerable discomfort of spectators.

It was a fairly hard match, scrappy at times, with one or two "incidents" of the sort that do occur in this type of a game. Yet the proceedings never degenerated into a rough-and-tumble and, in fact, the best football came in the closing stages when a judicious kick for the corner by Guest gave Skidmore a try, and when Cooper and Devery put in some good runs for Huddersfield. Guest was the pick of the home men, of whom I was most disappointed in Langfield, who seems to have lost that form of twelve months ago which marked him out as a coming international. Of Reid, Huddersfield's Irish capture, I gained the impression that he has not yet "fitted in" to the Rugby League game, but may be a considerable asset when he does.

I do not propose to dwell on the play for there was not a great deal to merit comment. The tit-bit of the afternoon was the try scored by the Huddersfield front row forward, Thomas, who romped over from halfway at a speed that surprised Castleford people. I doubt if there is a faster front row man playing than Thomas, who is, I understand, a brother of the Oldham and Welsh International forward. Cooper also provided a thrill when he used his powerful hand-off to score at the corner, leaving three would-be tacklers sprawled out behind him.

### ALERT SCOT.

The man of the match was David Valentine, Huddersfield's loose-forward. I do not select him for brilliance—there was little of that from anyone—but for sheer hard work throughout. He was here, there and everywhere. I lost count

over-frequent kicking. They played an off-side game, and also, when Bawden or Devery were taking penalty kicks at goal, indulged in the trick of the men on the mark moving back a pace or two towards the kicker. A minor point perhaps, but irritating to the lover of fair play.

After a quarter of an hour or so I was afraid Referee Kendal was in for a bad afternoon. A lot of infringements went unnoticed, especially some of the "play the balls," when Castleford men stood well off-side and were allowed to get away with it. After this early period Mr. Kendal's control tightened and became more efficient.

### PLAYING PITCH NOT A PLAYGROUND.

Ground arrangements were good, but I do seriously criticise the Castleford officials for allowing what seemed to be the entire youth population of the surrounding district to turn the playing area into a playground immediately after the curtain raiser match had ended. Encourage youth by all means, but don't let them run loose all over the pitch just before a big match.

I can make no comment on the Castleford official programme, as I found it impossible to buy one at the ground. On making inquiries I was told that they were only on sale in the town. Since buses containing visiting supporters generally travel straight through the town to Wheldon Road, this seems a rather unfair arrangement. But perhaps the Castleford programmes are for home spectators only?

| "D'ARTAGNAN'S" VERDICT    |   |
|---------------------------|---|
| Standard of Play:—        | Castleford—Few ideas.                             |
|                           | Huddersfield—Not at their best.                   |
| Man of the Match:—        | D. D. Valentine (Huddersfield).                   |
| Goal-Kicking:—            | Two brilliant goals by Devery; the rest moderate. |
| Refereeing:—              | Fair, after a bad start.                          |
| Behaviour of Spectators:— | Very good.  |
| Ground Arrangements:—     | Good, but playing area should be kept clear.      |
| Programmes:—              | Unobtainable at the ground.                       |
| Opinion of the Match:—    | Too scrappy, with few sustained moves.            |

of how many telling tackles this Scot made, but I should think they equalled those of any other two players on the field.

I am afraid I cannot congratulate Castleford on their display. I do not refer alone to their lack of tactics and

### The Northern Rugby Football League

At Wheldon Road, Castleford, on March 27th, 1948.

|            | G. | T. | Pts. |              | G. | T. | Pts. |
|------------|----|----|------|--------------|----|----|------|
| CASTLEFORD | 2  | 1  | 7    | HUDDERSFIELD | 4  | 4  | 20   |

Attendance: 10,000.

#### Teams:

Castleford—Lewis; Ward, Guest, Skidmore and Lloyd; Fisher and Langfield; Harris, Jones, Nicholls, Foreman (Capt.), Staines and Mugglestone.

Huddersfield—G. R. Pepperell; Anderson, Bawden, Devery (Capt.) and Cooper; Reid and Walsh; Thomas, Whitehead, Meek, Robson, Baxter and Valentine.

Referee—Mr. R. Kendal, of Keighley.

#### Scorers:

Castleford—Goals: Guest (2). Try: Skidmore.

Huddersfield—Goals: Devery (2), Bawden (2).

Tries: Devery, Thomas, Cooper, Meek.



# How The Finalists Reached Wembley

Exclusive "Rugby League Review"

**T**WELVE Finals for the Rugby League Challenge Cup have been played at the Empire Stadium, Wembley. In 1912 the Final was played at Wigan; the Competition was suspended during 1940: 1941 and 1942 played at Wigan; the highest victory at Wembley was by Halifax in 1931 (22-8); the 1933 Final produced the most points, 115-0, as Wigan beat Wakefield. Halifax and Widnes have each twice won the Cup at Wembley: Widnes were also runners-up in 1934. Wigan, Huddersfield, Leeds, and Salford have each won and lost at Wembley. Salford were finalists in 1935. Leeds reached Wembley in 1947 without having a point scored against them. Widnes (1937), Barrow (1938), and Warrington (1939) were runners-up. Four Cup holders have been knocked out of the following season's Competition by the ultimate winners of the Cup.

|             |                | 1929              |     | 1930            |                     | 1931 |    | 1932       |              | 1933 |         | 1934            |              | 1935     |   | 1936 |                   | 1937    |   | 1938 |          | 1939 |   |
|-------------|----------------|-------------------|-----|-----------------|---------------------|------|----|------------|--------------|------|---------|-----------------|--------------|----------|---|------|-------------------|---------|---|------|----------|------|---|
| 1st Rd.     | Wigan          | 5                 | 525 | G.T.Pts         | 0                   | 0    | 0  | Dewsbury   | 8            | 737  | G.T.Pts | 0               | 0            | G.T.Pts  | 0 | 0    | 0                 | G.T.Pts | 0 | 0    | 0        | 0    | 0 |
| 2nd Rd.     | Wigan          | 2                 | 416 | Hunslet         | 0                   | 0    | 0  | Dewsbury   | 4            | 214  | G.T.Pts | 0               | 0            | Dewsbury | 2 | 0    | 4                 | G.T.Pts | 0 | 0    | 0        | 0    | 0 |
| 3rd Rd.     | St. Helens     | 1                 | 0   | 2               | Wigan               | 1    | 0  | 2          | Warrington   | 2    | 0       | 4               | Dewsbury     | 2        | 0 | 4    | Dewsbury          | 2       | 0 | 4    | Dewsbury | 2    | 0 |
| Replay      | Wigan          | 2                 | 725 | St. Helens      | 1                   | 1    | 5  |            |              |      |         |                 |              |          |   |      |                   |         |   |      |          |      |   |
| Semi-finals | Wigan          | 2                 | 1   | 7               | St. Helens Rec.     | 2    | 1  | 7          | Castleford   | 0    | 1       | 3               | Dewsbury     | 3        | 1 | 9    | (At Huddersfield) |         |   |      |          |      |   |
| Replay      | Wigan          | (At Swinton)      |     |                 |                     |      |    |            |              |      |         |                 |              |          |   |      |                   |         |   |      |          |      |   |
|             |                | 2                 | 313 | St. Helens Rec. | 3                   | 2    | 12 |            |              |      |         |                 |              |          |   |      |                   |         |   |      |          |      |   |
| FINAL       |                | (At Leigh)        |     |                 |                     |      |    |            |              |      |         |                 |              |          |   |      |                   |         |   |      |          |      |   |
|             |                | WIGAN             |     |                 |                     |      |    |            |              |      |         |                 |              |          |   |      |                   |         |   |      |          |      |   |
|             |                |                   |     |                 |                     |      |    |            |              |      |         |                 |              |          |   |      |                   |         |   |      |          |      |   |
| 1st Rd.     | Widnes         | 1                 | 620 | Bradford N.     | 0                   | 0    | 0  | St. Helens | 3            | 1    | 9       | St. Helens Rec. | 2            | 1        | 7 |      |                   |         |   |      |          |      |   |
| 2nd Rd.     | Swinton        | 2                 | 1   | 7               | Widnes              | 1    | 1  | 5          | Leeds        | 1    | 1       | 5               | St. Helens   | 3        | 4 | 18   |                   |         |   |      |          |      |   |
| Replay      | Widnes         | 0                 | 2   | 6               | Swinton             | 1    | 1  | 5          |              |      |         |                 |              |          |   |      |                   |         |   |      |          |      |   |
| 3rd Rd.     | Widnes         | 2                 | 519 | Hull            | 1                   | 1    | 5  | St. Helens | 2            | 6    | 22      | Hunslet         | 2            | 1        | 7 |      |                   |         |   |      |          |      |   |
| Semi-finals | Widnes         | 2                 | 2   | 10              | Barrow              | 0    | 1  | 3          | St. Helens   | 1    | 1       | 5               | Wigan        | 1        | 1 | 5    |                   |         |   |      |          |      |   |
| Replay      |                | (At Warrington)   |     |                 |                     |      |    |            |              |      |         |                 |              |          |   |      |                   |         |   |      |          |      |   |
|             |                |                   |     |                 |                     |      |    |            |              |      |         |                 |              |          |   |      |                   |         |   |      |          |      |   |
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| FINAL       |                | WIDNES            |     |                 |                     |      |    |            |              |      |         |                 |              |          |   |      |                   |         |   |      |          |      |   |
|             |                |                   |     |                 |                     |      |    |            |              |      |         |                 |              |          |   |      |                   |         |   |      |          |      |   |
| 1st Rd.     | Dewsbury       | 1                 | 0   | 2               | Halifax             | 0    | 0  | 1          | Bradford N.  | 0    | 0       | 0               | York         |          |   |      |                   |         |   |      |          |      |   |
| 2nd Rd.     | Swinton        | 0                 | 0   | 0               | Halifax             | 0    | 0  | 2          | York         | 2    | 3       | 13              | Huddersfield | 1        | 0 | 2    |                   |         |   |      |          |      |   |
| 3rd Rd.     | Halifax        | 1                 | 0   | 2               | Oldham              | 1    | 0  | 2          | Salford      | 1    | 0       | 2               | York         | 3        | 2 | 12   |                   |         |   |      |          |      |   |
| Replay      | Halifax        | 1                 | 0   | 2               | Halifax             | 1    | 0  | 2          |              |      |         |                 |              |          |   |      |                   |         |   |      |          |      |   |
|             |                | (At Huddersfield) |     |                 |                     |      |    |            |              |      |         |                 |              |          |   |      |                   |         |   |      |          |      |   |
| Semi-finals | St. Helens     | 1                 | 0   | 2               | Halifax             | 4    | 1  | 11         | York         | 3    | 3       | 15              | Warrington   | 1        | 1 | 5    |                   |         |   |      |          |      |   |
| FINAL       |                | (At Rochdale)     |     |                 |                     |      |    |            |              |      |         |                 |              |          |   |      |                   |         |   |      |          |      |   |
|             |                | HALIFAX           |     |                 |                     |      |    |            |              |      |         |                 |              |          |   |      |                   |         |   |      |          |      |   |
|             |                |                   |     |                 |                     |      |    |            |              |      |         |                 |              |          |   |      |                   |         |   |      |          |      |   |
| 1st Rd.     | Huddersfield   | 2                 | 5   | 19              | Dewsbury            | 2    | 1  | 7          | Warrington   | 2    | 10      | 34              | Leigh        | 0        | 1 | 3    |                   |         |   |      |          |      |   |
| 2nd Rd.     | Barrow         | 0                 | 0   | 0               | Huddersfield        | 0    | 0  | 0          | Barley       | 2    | 2       | 10              | Warrington   | 4        | 4 | 20   |                   |         |   |      |          |      |   |
| Replay      | Huddersfield   | 1                 | 0   | 2               | Barrow              | 0    | 0  | 0          |              |      |         |                 |              |          |   |      |                   |         |   |      |          |      |   |
| 3rd Rd.     | Swinton        | 1                 | 1   | 5               | Huddersfield        | 3    | 2  | 12         | Wigan        | 2    | 1       | 7               | Warrington   | 3        | 1 | 9    |                   |         |   |      |          |      |   |
| Semi-finals | Leeds          | 1                 | 2   | 8               | Huddersfield        | 6    | 6  | 30         | St. Helens   | 1    | 1       | 5               | Warrington   | 4        | 4 | 20   |                   |         |   |      |          |      |   |
| FINAL       |                | (At Wakefield)    |     |                 |                     |      |    |            |              |      |         |                 |              |          |   |      |                   |         |   |      |          |      |   |
|             |                | HUDDERSFIELD      |     |                 |                     |      |    |            |              |      |         |                 |              |          |   |      |                   |         |   |      |          |      |   |
|             |                |                   |     |                 |                     |      |    |            |              |      |         |                 |              |          |   |      |                   |         |   |      |          |      |   |
| 1st Rd.     | Leigh          | 0                 | 2   | 6               | Hunslet             | 1    | 2  | 8          | Widnes       | 3    | 2       | 12              | Leeds        | 0        | 1 | 3    |                   |         |   |      |          |      |   |
| 2nd Rd.     | Castleford     | 2                 | 0   | 4               | Hunslet             | 2    | 0  | 4          | Hull K.R.    | 0    | 0       | 0               | Widnes       | 2        | 2 | 10   |                   |         |   |      |          |      |   |
| Replay      | Hunslet        | 4                 | 5   | 23              | Castleford          | 0    | 0  | 0          |              |      |         |                 |              |          |   |      |                   |         |   |      |          |      |   |
| 3rd Rd.     | Hunslet        | 1                 | 0   | 2               | York                | 0    | 0  | 0          | Halifax      | 0    | 1       | 3               | Widnes       | 2        | 1 | 5    |                   |         |   |      |          |      |   |
| Semi-finals | Huddersfield   | 2                 | 1   | 7               | Hunslet             | 3    | 2  | 12         | Widnes       | 2    | 1       | 7               | Oldham       | 2        | 0 | 4    |                   |         |   |      |          |      |   |
| FINAL       |                | (At Wakefield)    |     |                 |                     |      |    |            |              |      |         |                 |              |          |   |      |                   |         |   |      |          |      |   |
|             |                | HUNSLET           |     |                 |                     |      |    |            |              |      |         |                 |              |          |   |      |                   |         |   |      |          |      |   |
|             |                |                   |     |                 |                     |      |    |            |              |      |         |                 |              |          |   |      |                   |         |   |      |          |      |   |
| 1st Rd.     | Castleford     | 3                 | 8   | 33              | Astley & Tyld. C.L. | 2    | 0  | 4          | Leeds        | 0    | 1       | 3               | Huddersfield | 2        | 0 | 4    |                   |         |   |      |          |      |   |
| 2nd Rd.     | Liverpool      | 1                 | 0   | 2               | Castleford          | 1    | 2  | 8          | Huddersfield | 0    | 2       | 6               | Oldham       | 0        | 0 | 0    |                   |         |   |      |          |      |   |
| 3rd Rd.     | Castleford     | 2                 | 2   | 10              | Hunslet             | 0    | 1  | 3          | Huddersfield | 2    | 0       | 4               | Widnes       | 0        | 0 | 0    |                   |         |   |      |          |      |   |
| Semi-finals | Barrow         | 1                 | 1   | 5               | Castleford          | 1    | 3  | 11         | Huddersfield | 3    | 5       | 21              | Hull         | 1        | 1 | 5    |                   |         |   |      |          |      |   |
| FINAL       |                | (At Swinton)      |     |                 |                     |      |    |            |              |      |         |                 |              |          |   |      |                   |         |   |      |          |      |   |
|             |                | CASTLEFORD        |     |                 |                     |      |    |            |              |      |         |                 |              |          |   |      |                   |         |   |      |          |      |   |
|             |                |                   |     |                 |                     |      |    |            |              |      |         |                 |              |          |   |      |                   |         |   |      |          |      |   |
| 1st Rd.     | Leeds          | 4                 | 3   | 18              | Dewsbury            | 2    | 1  | 7          | Barrow       | 1    | 2       | 8               | Warrington   | 4        | 3 | 17   |                   |         |   |      |          |      |   |
| 2nd Rd.     | Str'm & Mitch. | 0                 | 1   | 3               | Leeds               | 2    | 3  | 13         | Halifax      | 1    | 0       | 2               | Warrington   | 1        | 0 | 2    |                   |         |   |      |          |      |   |
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| 3rd Rd.     | Hull           | 2                 | 0   | 4               | Leeds               | 1    | 1  | 5          | Warrington   | 1    | 1       | 5               | Halifax      | 3        | 3 | 15   |                   |         |   |      |          |      |   |
| Semi-finals | Leeds          | 2                 | 2   | 10              | Huddersfield        | 1    | 1  | 5          | Warrington   | 2    | 1       | 7               | Salford      | 1        | 0 | 2    |                   |         |   |      |          |      |   |
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Game will be the forty-seventh Final and the thirteenth of the series at Wembley. In 1943, 1944 and 1945, decided on the home and away principle on the grounds of the respective finalists. Huddersfield (1933) kicked the most goals (6). Wigan (1931) won the "Battle of the Roses" and 3 all-Yorkshire duels. Yorkshire clubs have been successful on 8 occasions. Warrington have been runners-up twice. (1939) were drawn at home in each of the three rounds of the Competition. Wigan scored the most points in reaching the Final in 1938—120 points. Halifax (1931) registered the least—25 points.

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