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All the play, but none of the luck. This was Highfield's share last Sat. The Tunstall Laners are to be commiserated with in their match against Oldham.

If the final transfer of that brilliant movement, which ended in Bate completing the effort under the posts, was forward, then Referee Houghton has a clearance, for it even failed to catch the notice of the Oldham spectators.

What are Oldham thinking about to-day After the gruelling administered to them last Saturday, have they an idea that something is waiting for them in the Cup-tie.

But excuses at one side, Highfield have only themselves to blame for not beating Oldham, for they were good enough, as, apart from Bate's effort, two splendid chances frittered away, and recurrences of these sort mean a decline in the League ladder. The half-backs were good but the three's were painfully slow in getting rid of the ball which makes it hard shoulder work for the pack which playe manfully. Highfield have nothing to be afraid of in this department of their team. Our Oldham visitors showed Highfield how to

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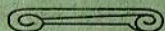
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Full Back

1 Winstanley

Three-quarters

2 Johnson

3 Crossman

4 Bate

5 Langshaw

Half-backs

6 Spencer

7 Hurst

Forwards

8 John Fairhurst

9 Joe Fairhurst

10 Jackson

11 West

12 Mann

13 Gaskell

Oldham

Full-back

1 Knapman

Three-quarters

2 Rix

3 Hall

4 Davies

5 Finnerty

Half-backs

6 Tighe

7 Bates

Forwards

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10 Marlor

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"Play the ball" rule last Saturday, for the Larner's compared very unfavourably with the Cherry and White's in this point of the game. It was surprising how keen Oldham were when a man was tackled, the forwards swooping to the spot *en-bloc*, to be followed by the usual manoeuvre resulting in the visitors backs handling the ball. Watch this, Highfield! Oldham will have a job to improve on Finnerty at wing three-quarter, for he was a dangerous man last Saturday. He completed a beautiful effort when Tighe broke through. They, along with Knapman, were Oldham's big men, for the full-back played a sterling game.

Wigan just managed to snatch the game against the Rec's last Sat., the home team showing some of their old time football. Sullivan is proving the back bone of the Wigan team. How many times this season has he removed the bogey by his wonderful judgement. He will want it this afternoon. Some unbeaten certificates look like being lost to-day by Rugby League Clubs.

Will the Wily Waddams cease coupling the names of two well-known League forwards with that of the Wigan Club. It is palpably unfair to all three sections. Give the dinner time to cook.

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