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| | Goals | Tries | Points |
|---------------|-------|-------|--------|
| I. J. FOWLER | 24 | 6 | 66 |
| B. WILLIAMS | 5 | 14 | 52 |
| G. A. KILBEY | 5 | 10 | 40 |
| H. MURRAY | — | 11 | 33 |
| H. REES | — | 11 | 33 |
| FRED CARTER | — | 8 | 24 |
| W. PRICE | 8 | 2 | 22 |
| ALBERT CARTER | — | 5 | 15 |
| F. GALLAGHER | — | 5 | 15 |
| W. SCOTT | 1 | 4 | 14 |
| W. BRENNAN | — | 1 | 3 |
| G. DOUGLAS | — | 1 | 3 |
| N. GARDINER | — | 1 | 3 |
| J. BYKES | — | 1 | 3 |
| J. ROBINSON | 1 | — | 2 |
| | 40 | 77 | 289 |

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CLUB GOSSIP.

The climatic conditions last Saturday were not at all enjoyable, from either a "playing" or even "watching" point of view; true, football is a winter game, and is not generally played under "front of the fire" conditions, but such days as last Saturday are the limit, and it is nice to feel that such days, generally speaking, do not come too often in a season.

The game was one of mudlarking, rather than football, for much of the play was affected, movements which promised well, were often spoiled by the wet and heavy ground conditions, and it would therefore be unfair perhaps to unduly criticise the play.

We played uphill the first half and were only leading by 5 pts. to 3 at the interval, but we are perfectly in order in saying that Bramley were very fortunate in only being 2 pts. in arrears, for we had many "near things," and on the run of the play we had been much superior; the defence of Bramley, however, had been remarkably strong and determined.

There was nothing specially interesting in the second half; we were able to keep our line intact, and we scored two more tries and one goal, making the final score 2 goals, 3 tries, 13 points, to Bramley: 1 try, 3 points. Our scorers were Kilbey, Gallagher and Rees tries, and Fowler 2 goals.

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Additional interest was lent to the game by reason of the fact that J. Smith (formerly of Bramley), appeared in our team, and Rushworth and Tommy Harkness formerly

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of Batley) appeared in the Bramley team, and the latter was certainly the outstanding man on the Bramley side, his defence being a great feature.

The attendance was very disappointing, and the gate was easily the smallest during the past three seasons, but of course we realise that the attraction wants to be a tip top one indeed to get spectators to even think of turning out in such rainstorms as last Saturday.

Our score in each of the past three games, against Bradford, Huddersfield and Bramley, has been 2 goals, 3 tries

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The cup has been won 14 times by Yorkshire clubs, and eight by Lancashire clubs. Last season Lancashire was certainly very fortunate in the draws, and so again this season, for in the first round of sixteen games, ten of the games are in the County Palatine, and there is no mistaking the fact that there is a great deal in the luck of the draw.

We cannot complain at all about our luck in this direction, for even if we could have had our own wish, we think we could not have satisfied ourselves better. Surely the rest can be left with our team.

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| 3—REES | | | |
| 4—WILLIAMS | | | |
| 5—KILBEY | | | |
| Half Backs. | | | |
| 6—SCOTT | | | |
| 7—FOWLER (Capt.) | | | |
| Forwards. | | | |
| 8—GALLAGHER | | | |
| 9—GARDINER | | | |
| 10—SMITH | | | |
| 11—MORTIMER | | | |
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Our game with Oldham to-day should be one of the "tit-bits" of the 1st round, and we fully realise that we shall have to go "all the way" if we mean to be in the draw for the 2nd round.

We all know about the capabilities of our visitors, they are at present at the top of the Lancashire League, and also in the "top four" of the Rugby League, having only lost six games out of 26 games played, and incidentally during the past fortnight they have beaten the Wigan "cracks" at home and away.

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To assume therefore that we have an "easy thing" on would be madness on our part, but at the same time, our team and officials are fully confident that we can pull it off all right.

Our friends from Oldham will hardly need reminding of the fact that we beat them here earlier in the season by 21 points to 5 points in the league game, and although their team contains four changes from that which opposed us in October, we think we can repeat that result to-day.

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| | For | | | Against | | | |
|-------------|-----|----|----|---------|------------|------------|-----------------|
| | P. | W. | L. | D. | G. T. Pts. | G. T. Pts. | % |
| (3) Oldham | 26 | 20 | 6 | 0 | 38 66 | 274 | 28 34 158 76.92 |
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It is exactly fifty years ago to-day since the Oldham club played its first game, and the best Jubilee Celebration to them, under the circumstances, will be a victory,—but to us a big disappointment. Therefore we must see that they celebrate it in a manner more to our liking.

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Next Saturday we play the return league fixture with Oldham at the Watersheddings, and our Reserves play

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