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### EDITORIAL NOTES.

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#### Creeping Up.

Our victory over Widnes last Saturday, coupled with the defeat of Leeds at Wakefield, and the loss of points to Dewsbury and Huddersfield, has considerably enhanced our chance of figuring in the Supplementary Competition of the League at the end of the season. We have now advanced to the sixth place, with St. Helens Recreation and Leeds immediately above us. The Recs. appear to be somewhat strongly entrenched, but a casual glance at the figures given below will suffice to show that we are in a fairly good position ourselves, and that it is quite possible to pass our two above-named opponents. One little point in our favour is the fact that St. Helens Recs. have to visit Watersheddings, and as that games does not take place until Easter Saturday, it may mean a most important fixture. Before that time, however, we are hoping that we shall have crept into that charmed circle known as the "First Four," and have made ourselves pretty cer-

tain of again participating in the League Semi-finals. It will want a bit of doing, but with ordinary luck we should just about manage it. Here is the table showing the position of the first eight clubs:—

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Huddersfield .	26	15	10	1	59.61
Dewsbury . . .	27	15	10	2	59.25

#### Bravo! Widnes.

It's a good few days since Widnes last won a game at Watersheddings, but when they did win they scarcely played better football than was the case last Saturday, even though they were beaten by sixteen points to two. On the run of the play our friends from the chemical spa (?) were certainly deserving of a better fate than to be beaten by such a score. We have generally looked upon Widnes as a team of spoilers, whose chief characteristics were keen spotting and bustling for-

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ward play. On Saturday, however, their fine open play was quite a revelation. They flung the ball about and took their passes in beautiful style, and had they scored once or twice in the first half they would only have had their deserts. Their full back, Brassington, was in tip-top form and commenced some delightful passing movements with his three-quarter line. On the whole, the Widnes team had no cause to complain so far as having a fair share of the game was concerned, and there was no taint of disgrace in being beaten in such a game. Perhaps our fellows were scarcely seen at their best, but that does not detract in the least from the good performance put up by Widnes. We shall be interested to know how they fare in to-day's Cup-tie.

**A Big Attraction.**

We have a very important League fixture at Watersheddings next Saturday, when we receive a visit from Batley, a team which has loomed large in the public eye during the past few weeks. They just managed to beat us at Batley on November 15th, but afterwards there was a bit of a slump in their performances, and they, like ourselves, had anything but a merry Christmas. Then, however the champions had a turn of the tide, and during the past two months they have improved out of all recognition. Their defeat of Swinton in the first round of the Cup was a rattling good

performance and stamps them as most dangerous opponents. Given fine weather we should have a rattling good game and a big crowd at Watersheddings next Saturday.

**The Cricket Club in Clover.**

Even the proverbial "oldest member" of the Oldham Cricket Club cannot recall to mind such a happy occasion as that which marked the club's annual meeting a few days ago. To be able to present a balance sheet showing the club to be absolutely clear of debt, and with a nice little nest egg in hand, was a state of affairs which would have been looked upon as Utopian some few seasons ago. But yet such was the happy state of affairs. We heartily congratulate our friends upon this very pleasing position of the club. They did remarkably well in a playing sense last season, and it was only sheer bad luck that robbed them of holding at least one trophy. Then again, the Cricket Club members may congratulate themselves upon having such an enthusiastic committee. They are a body of workers whose zeal for the welfare of the club could scarcely be excelled. They have an excellent president in Dr. Low, and in Mr. W. H. Taylor they possess a real live secretary, whose devotion to the club has been a very potent factor in bringing about the present happy financial position. We again congratulate our cricketing friends upon their success.

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To-day we welcome Warrington as our opponents in the second round of the Rugby League Challenge Cup. So far as this season is concerned honours are even between us, each club having been successful in its home League engagement. That being the case, to-day's game is of exceptional interest, and the fact that we have the choice of ground is a factor which cannot easily be overlooked. Two or three of our players were somewhat badly knocked about at Leigh, but we are hoping to be able to field our full strength in to-day's encounter. We are fully aware of the fact that our opponents of to-day are redoubtable cup-tie fighters and have achieved some glorious successes in the past. We think, however, on this occasion, we should just about be able to come out top dog. But whatever the result may be, we feel certain that we shall have a good interesting game.

It was quite a treat to see all the smiling faces at the annual meeting of the Oldham Cricket Club. Our Pavilion has not sheltered such a happy crowd for a long time. Members of the committee were strutting about like Park Lane millionaires, and the condition of the money market was never in such a pronounced state. There was quite a struggle for seats on the committee, and it must have been almost a record for a candidate to poll over 140 votes.

Amongst the new members of the Oldham Cricket Club Committee are two enthusiastic supporters of the game in the persons of Mr. Thomas Jenkinson and Mr. Frank Ingham Bradshaw. The last mentioned is the well known entertainer. We can imagine our cricketing friends having some happy musical convivals after the evening's business is finished.

### PAVILION GOSSIP.

Those Widnes chaps gave us a bit of a gruelling in the first half last Saturday. We were somewhat lucky not to have a try or two scored against us before we fairly got into our stride.

Speaking about cricket, we are reminded of the "Mindere's Stand," and mention of that famous mound reminds us of a minder's story. This was a Shaw minder. (Funny how all these funny minders are supposed to come "fra Shaw.") Anyhow, this minder had long been out of employment. One evening, however, he was told of a vacancy at a certain mill and that if he put in an application the following morning he

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Oldham.			Opponents			
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Half-Time.....			Half-Time.....			
Tries Scored by .....			Tries Scored by .....			
Goals Scored by .....			Goals Scored by .....			
	G.	T.	P.	G.	T.	P.
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unemployed one duly put in an  
appearance the following morn-  
ing and met the manager.  
"Well," said the manager after  
telling him he thought he could  
start him, "I suppose you've  
brought your cards." With a  
flourish the man's hand flew into  
into his pocket and producing a  
pack of playing cards he said,  
"I have, tha' owd sport; here  
thi are see thi, a new pack,  
never been played wi!" He's  
still on the unemployed list.

It took Halifax and Feather-  
stone a long time to decide who  
should go into the second round  
of the Rugby League Cup. In  
the three games not a single try  
was scored. The ball must have  
been too heavy to carry over the  
line. Probably there was a stone  
in it. If so, it must have been  
a Featherstone, for the colliers  
evidently knew more about it  
than Halifax, hence they parti-  
cipate in to-day's contest.

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Tuesday pancake jokes flying  
round about the Pavilion, but  
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to equal the story we heard a  
few years ago. The scene was  
a well-known pub within a hun-  
dred miles from Greenacres Hill  
Stores, and on this Shrove Tues-  
day evening the host and hostess  
were regaling their customers  
with the savoury pancakes. One  
of the company had a rather  
decent "twist." He was only  
a little chap, but he had a big  
appetite. After he had consumed  
his fifth pancake, he ventured to  
express the desire for "just an-  
other, a thick 'un this time!"  
He had his heart's desire. A  
couple of jokers slipped quickly  
into the kitchen, cut up half a  
copy of the "Sporting Chron-  
icle." This they mixed with the  
batter, and the pancake was  
duly served. It might, perhaps,  
have been a trifle more tough  
than the previous five which our  
friend had consumed, but it  
went down all right. For days  
afterwards you could scarcely  
stop that little fellow from air-  
ing his views on racing, boxing,  
and various other branches of  
sport. You see that last pan-  
cake had absolutely filled him—  
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to the top of his form. He is  
only little, but what there is of  
him is good. He was a great  
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