

quarters on the ground. It has been shown in being able to secure this season's Challenge Cup Final for Central Park.

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Batley won the Challenge Cup the first two seasons of the competition in 1897 and 1898. The next two winners were Oldham and Swinton, after which Batley won the cup a third time.

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