

Will history repeat itself to-day? Wigan drew at Oldham in semi-final of the Lancashire Cup Competition three seasons ago, five points each, and won the replay by 52 points to 3.

We cannot expect a win of anything like that overwhelming nature, but Wiganers will be disappointed if success is not achieved.

It is five years since Wigan won the cup for the fifth time—defeating Leigh at Salford by 20 points to 2—and since then they have failed in the final on two occasions.

When Oster dropped a goal and gave Oldham the lead, on Monday, there were few Wiganers who had hopes of a win or a draw. Sullivan's goal will probably prove to be a most valuable effort.

Oldham missed enough chances in the first half to have made the game safe. On the other hand one must give credit for some very fine tackling by Wigan when all hope of saving the line seemed to have been abandoned.

Oster, the ex-Highfield half-back, was the outstanding player of the match. He must have felt like kicking himself when he dropped the ball as he was running over in the first half.

He, however, compensated for this by a very clever dropped goal, and he almost succeeded in winning the game right on time by a brilliant breakaway.

The question of the date of the replay presented many difficulties. Had Highfield not been at home on Saturday the tie would probably have been decided then, and the league game between Wigan and Oldham down for decision at Water-sheddings, left until later in the season.



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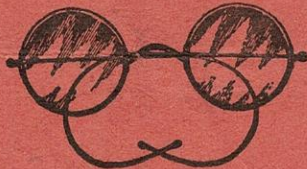
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