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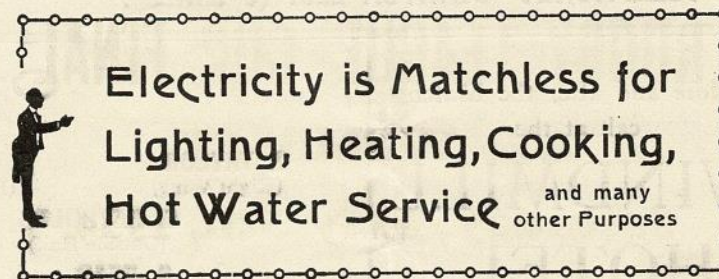
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of course means that the Yorkshire clubs do ditto, an inter-County Final is assured for Wembley on May 5th next.

It will be seen from the undermentioned particulars how the two teams have qualified for the Semi-Final:—

**OLDHAM.**

1st Round v. Dewsbury, at Oldham.	Won by 19 points to 2
2nd „ v. “Recs.” at St. Helens.	Drawn, 7 points each
2nd „ (Replay) „ at Oldham.	Won by 18 points to 5
3rd „ v. Bramley, at Oldham.	Won by 8 points to 6.

**WIDNES.**

1st Round v. Leeds, at Widnes.	Won by 12 points to 3
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(Outside Half)

7. GIVVONS  
(Inside Half)

8. READ

9. SCAIFE  
(Front Row Forwards)

10. CLAYTON

11. THOMAS (Capt.)  
(Second Row Forwards)

12. ASHWORTH

13. BUTTERWORTH  
(Loose Forward)

13. MILLINGTON

11. MC.DOWELL

12. RATCLIFFE

8. SILCOCK (Capt.)

9. JONES

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**NOTES—continued.**

From these records it appears that Widnes have had the hardest path to the penultimate stage, although Oldham supporters may not agree with this conclusion.

Up to the present Widnes have met Yorkshire clubs only, whilst Oldham, in encountering St. Helens Recs in the second round at St. Helens and forcing a draw which they concluded with a win in the replay, met their only Lancashire opponents, so that to-day's teams have done good service for their County in the race for honours, as between them they have eliminated five Yorkshire teams.

It is the boast of Widnes that theirs is a purely local thirteen, and it is certainly a credit to them to have again reached the Semi-final, a feat they have only performed once before, that was in Season 1929-30 when they reached the Final, in which they defeated their near neighbours and rivals, St. Helens, by two goals two tries, ten points, to one try, three points

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And what of Oldham, their record since the inception of the Cup Competition in Season 1896-7 is an envious one, as this is the eighth time they have reached the Semi-final, and on three of the seven previous occasions they have succeeded in carrying off the trophy, they appeared in the Semi-finals first in the Season of 1898-9, followed by appearances in 1907-8, 1912-13, 1924-5, 1925-6, 1926-7, 1927-8, and now on the present occasion, they won the trophy in 1898-9, 1925-6, 1927-8, whilst their achievement of appearing in the Final in four consecutive Seasons is certainly something to be proud of. It will be remembered that Oldham won the Lancashire Challenge Cup on this ground on November 18th last by defeating St. Helens Rees., and this may give them added confidence, they played a good open game on that occasion, and if they can reproduce it to-day, and Widnes respond in a similar manner, it should be a great game with very little dividing the scores at the finish.

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