

For Rugby League fans - it's a "north-west passage" to Wembley, as near rivals, Barrow and Workington Town, prepare to support their local claims to challenge-cup supremacy - on the national sporting stage

A Royal guest, the Duke of Edinburgh, graces this showpiece of the Northern game. Then, to an encouraging roar, Barrow kick off. The first North-West final is on.

Yet - what a different road to fame the Clubs have travelled. Barrow's long years of service to the League have yet to be rewarded by ~~cup~~ ^{MAJOR} honours. In contrast, Workington (in white shirts) celebrating only their tenth anniversary, have already won both Cup and the ~~League~~ ^{LEAGUE} - and here, a penalty kick by Paskins puts them two points up

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Twice before Barrow have reached the Final - only to be disappointed. Now they're determined to take home that trophy for the first time

And here's the inspiration they need - a forty yard penalty by Skipper Horne.

~~Willy Horne~~

Two points all, at half-time, then ~~strikes~~ Horne leads a scoring-rush.

First - a penalty goal.

Then, before Workington had time to hit back - ~~Horne~~ ^{Horne} strikes again - with a dropped goal.

Barrow six. Workington two. And bad luck for the Cumberland side, as John Roper (at eighteen, the babe of the side) is carried off.

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Now the fates hit Workington again. MacKesting, a former player, scores a try against them.

And without effort - Horne kicks his fourth goal. Barrow 11. Workington 2

Amid terrific excitement, the Lancashire fans are cheering their side home and Dennis Goodwin, too - another try.

Up comes Skipper Horne, and, it's two more points. Barrow leading 16-2.

Gallantly, Workington comes fighting back, and Ken Faulder cuts-in, to touch down their first try

~~A vital kick~~ Paskins, an Australian, adds much-needed points.

But before Workington can press home their recovery - Castle rounds off a seventy-yard dash for Barrow

And here's goal number six coming up for ~~strikes~~ Horne.

Barrow are nearly home; but Workington go down fighting, with a Gibson try
Paskins again ~~and~~ adds the goal points. But the leeway is too great - Barrow
win by twenty-one points to twelve - and a happy ~~Skipper~~, ^W Willy Horne,
leads his team to receive the trophy from the Duke of Edinburgh.

A consoling ^{WORD} ~~word~~ for young John Roper - who returned, so courageously, to
the fray, after that painful shoulder-injury.

A proud day for Barrow. After two final defeats - it certainly is third
time lucky. And Skipper Horne - the man who inspired them to their first
cup victory - is borne off in triumph.