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"Up for the Cup? It's the Rugby League's great day at Wembley - with Lord Alexander to welcome worthy finalists. First, the favourites, Halifax (in hopped jerseys) - they're no strangers to Wembley. And from the Red Rose County, St. Helens - determined that after four losing finals - this ^{was} ~~is~~ their year!

An encouraging roar from eighty thousand fans greets the opening attack - and it's St. Helen's - sweeping downfield - striving for those vital early points.

But Halifax, (the big-match team), are not to be caught napping. They stand firm - and then - back they come. And with both teams keeping the game close - it develops into a dour struggle.

Then comes a roar from Lancashire fans, as Howard crosses the Halifax line: but an offending forward-pass quashes the score.

A tough even game. Then, with fifteen minutes to go - a lightning manoeuvre by St. Helen's, forces an opening for Carlton.

And Austin Rhodes adds the goal points.

That famous Halifax defence is cracking, and three minutes later, Llewellyn (on the other wing) dashes over for a second try.

And despite the ~~skiff~~ difficult angle, Rhodes made it St. Helen's ten - Halifax nil.

A brief Yorkshire recovery brought a penalty goal: but, in the final minutes, Skipper Prescott carries the ball (and defenders, too) over for the final try.

This time Rhodes hit a post: but that was soon forgotten. For St. Helen's, this was that long-awaited final victory. Halifax were beaten by thirteen points to two - and Alan Prescott, (an inspiring skipper) was leading his team to receive that trophy....

After long years of disappointment, St. Helen's had overcome the odds ~~to~~ ~~gain~~ ~~their~~ ~~greatest~~ ~~triumph~~ to score their greatest triumph.