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RUGBY CUP FINAL.

A battle of the Roses. Hunslet ~~xxxxxx~~ Yorkshire versus
Widnes ---

Lancashire. Hunslet is now out and the Widnes team takes the
field. ---

The King was to have been ~~xxxx~~ ---

present but Lord Derby expresses His Majesty's regret at being
absent -----

-----This is, of course, the Rugby League Final, and Rugby
League football.-- a different brand from the Rugby Union
game. -----

---Only thirteen a side, six forwards instead of eight.
The teams are very evenly matched and their members are all
local men from the towns named. In fact, every Widnes player
was actually born in Widnes. After being pressed, Widnes
breaks away and cleaves the Hunslet ranks. The rush is soon
stopped and touch is found. ~~xxxxxxxxxxxx~~ ---

----A scrum is formed; Hunslet breaks through, gains ground
and at last scores-----

---at the opening, Widnes made the pace, and drew first
blood, but Hunslet's team kept to---

---their planned tactics and gradually turned the play in
their favour. There's another couple of points----

----against Widnes. Hunslet is superstitious; they have
numbered their thirti-enth player ,Beverley, fourteen.
Whether that influenced the game or not, I don't know---

---but Hunslet won, elevenpoints to five.
