

HEAD OF THE RIVER.

BATTLE OF THE "EIGHTS".

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The River Dee, at any rate, portion which flows through Chester, makes history.

This is the first Head of the River Race which has ever been rowed upon it. Eleven crews, some local, others from London, Manchester and Liverpool, compete. It is difficult to get excited--

--about the race, because it's not a question of--

--who gets first past the post, but who rows the course in the shortest time. The distance is $3\frac{1}{2}$ miles. Liverpool Victoria, Manchester University and Royal Chester are bunched, and going strong, but who is winning nobody--

--can know until the--

--time-keepers compare watches, and agree to agree. In the North this Dee event will give a tremendous filip to rowing. Manchester University has never tried racing an eight before, but they are doing extremely well. Nearing the finish--

--of the course, the Thames Rowing--

--Club wins, and receives the penant of victory for their pains.