"Up for the Cup" at Wembley Stadium - the Rugby League "Battle of the Roses" between Helifax - (the team of great traditions) and Warrington, renowed Cup fighters...

81,000 fans were packing the stadium when Halifax (in their zebra-striped jerseys) kicked off. And the knowledgable Northern crowd settled down to watch a great tactical battle - if not a classic encounter...

They expected Halifax, with their fine pack (rated by the experts the best in the League) to keep the game tight - and this they did - relying on their superior forward strength

In contrast - Marringxhor Warrington hopes rested on an open game - to create soring-chances for their flying wingers.

The result was a mauling forward battle - a close-contact battle of solid GET AWAY
endeavour. And when Halifax did they get - they found the Warrington side no mean exponents of defensive strength.

Then came a score - Warrington were caught offside and Welshman Tyssul.
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Halifax two points up - a slender lead maybe - but when midded backed up
by a great defence - a possible winning score. So the game stayed close - negetive tacties that Ot one stage brought a slow hand clap from the
crowd.

Another determined thrust by Halifax brought play down to the Lancashire 5" and again - an official decision brought a scoring chance.

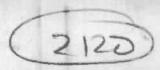
And Griffiths made no mistake ...

The second half - Warringson still four points down. Now more than ever - attack was their only policy. Somehow, they must force a way through that cast-iron defence to save the game.

They did - but not via the ground - Bath - their Australian forward kicking a penalty goal

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Then Bath kicked another penalty goal to level the scores at four-each - the first Final draw for over forty years.