

1871-72

FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION CUP

Field 29/7/71 P.89:

Letter to Editor from C.W.Alcock:

“A Challenge Cup of the value of £25 will be given for annual competition among the Clubs playing Association Rules, and the Committee invite any suggestions from those interested relevant to the arrangements necessary for the satisfactory accomplishment of this object.”

FIRST ROUND:

Field 7/10/71 P.314:

“At a Meeting of the Committee of the Football Association it was decided to present a Silver Challenge Cup for competition among the various clubs playing the rules of the Association. In order to effect the necessary arrangement for the furtherance of this object, and to frame regulations for the guidance of the several matches, a meeting of the Committee will be held at Boy-court, Ludgate-hill, on Monday evening, the 16th, at half-past five o'clock, when all Captains of Association Clubs are urgently invited to attend.”

Field 21/10/72 P.342:

“At a meeting of the Committee of the Football Association, to which all Captains of Clubs playing the dribbling game were invited, on Monday last, it was unanimously resolved that a silver challenge cup be presented for annual competition, open to any clubs belonging to the Football Association. In order to frame a code of rules for the proper regulation of the various contests, a sub-committee was appointed of Messrs C.W.Alcock (Wanderers), A.Stair (Upton Park Club), J.Kirkpatrick (Civil Service), R.H.Birkett (Clapham Rovers), and J.Powell (Barnes Club). A provisional set of rules has been settled by this Committee, subject to the approval of a general meeting to be held on Monday evening next. Owing to the late establishment of the Cup, it is probable that the competition this season will be confined to metropolitan clubs; but every provision will be given to provincial societies to enter. Mr E.C.Morley, the President of the Association, was in the chair and the meeting was attended by representatives of all the leading clubs, notably the Royal Engineers, Harrow Chequers, Wanderers, Clapham Rovers, Barnes, Crystal Palace, Hampstead Heathens, Civil Service, Upton Park, Windsor Home Park and Lausanne.”

Field 28/10/72 P.374:

“The adjourned general meeting of Captains of Association Clubs, for the purpose of approving the rules framed by the sub-committee in connection with this trophy was held on Monday evening last. After the due ratification of the Code provided, the first ties of those Clubs already entered were drawn, with the following result: Wanderers v Harrow Chequers, Crystal Palace v Hitchin, Clapham Rovers v Upton Park, Royal Engineers v Reigate Priory, Barnes v Civil Service, Donnington Grammar School v Queen's Park Club, Glasgow, and Hampstead Heathens. Since this drawing, the Great Marlow Club has signified an intention of competing and others may be expected to enter. The following rule relative to provincial clubs has been specially made to allow these societies every

facility for engaging in the competition:"In the case of provincial clubs it shall be in the power of the committee to except them from the early tie-drawings and to allow them to compete specially against clubs in the same district ,except in the case of the final ties."Secretaries of clubs desirous of contending should communicate at once with the hon.sec. of the Football Association,Mr C.W.Alcock, Grassendale,West Dulwich,Surrey."

BARNES 2 (P.Weston,A.R.Dunnage) CIVIL SERVICE 0 (H.T. 0-0)(Sat Nov 11th)(At Barnes)

Sportsman 15/11/71 P.3/Field 18/11/71 P.446:

SM:"One of the first ties for the Football Association Challenge Cup was played at Barnes on Saturday last between the above clubs,and ended in a victory for Barnes by two goals to none on the part of the Service.The match was deprived of a good deal of the interest that might have attached to it through the Civil Service,coming down,as usual,short handed,playing throughout only eight men to their opponents' eleven.Their captain,with the urbanity which distinguishes the "C.S." in general, and himself particularly,showed at the commencement that he did not wish to take advantage of any external influences that existed by carefully losing the toss,thus enabling Barnes to take advantage of a stiff breeze that was blowing straight down the ground.From the commencement it was apparent that the Civil Service ,through smallness of numbers,would have to play a defensive game,and so well did they all work that when half time was called, no material advantage was gained by their adversaries.With the change of ends and the wind more against them the Barnes men did not flag in their exertions,and though every man of the C.S. worked as if the fate of his side were dependent upon his individual exertions,still fortune,aided by the toe of P.Weston, with the apparent collusion of two Civil Service backs,who shall be nameless,eventually gave Barnes a very flukey goal.With the loss of their goal,the spirits of the C.S. became greatly diluted,and their play displayed such a lack of energy,that within a few minutes of the time the first goal was obtained another very good one was kicked for Barnes by A.R.Dunnage,who had during the whole time been playing in a very quiet and effective manner.From this time until darkness the game was contested very fiercely,but no alteration was made in the score.The match throughout was played in a very much more forcible than scientific manner,and the rule of no hands caused a good deal of argument, which might have been more advantageously employed in the councils of the Association than in the football field,one of the Barnes men in particular drawing a very delicate distinction between "fisting" the ball and handling it,which did not appear to be properly appreciated by the Civil Service.The experience of this match suggests the advisability of umpires being nominated who have no personal interest in the result of the game,and whose decisions upon any points of dispute which might arise should be final.For Barnes C.Weston played with great coolness,and judgment,and with additional years will develop into a player that would credit any team.C.J.Morice also played well, and A.R.Dunnage showed that quietness of demeanour,and no wish to display his powers of repartee, did not detract from the effectiveness of his play.For the Civil Service A.E.Bateman came out in his old form,and played admirably,whilst W.C.Butler,W.H.White,and J.Wearne played hard and well."

F:"This match,one of the first ties for the Association challenge Cup,was played at Barnes on Saturday.Unfortunately,the Civil Service,as is not infrequently the case ,were short of numbers ,and the consequence was a victory for Barnes by two goals to none.For some time the Civil Service,despite their limited supply,succeeded in maintaining their defence so well that ,when half

time was called, no material advantage had been gained by the enemy. After the change of ends the Barnes' eleven played with great vigour, and, although the eight Civil Servants all worked bravely, at last their goal fell to P. Weston in a rather "fluky" manner, with the apparent collusion of two Civil Service backs. With this reverse the Civil Service lost heart, and soon another goal was obtained for Barnes by A. R. Dunnage, this second success being well-merited by the excellent play evinced in its achievement. The remainder of the game was fiercely contested, but the end came without further score. For Barnes P. Weston, C. J. Morice, and A. R. Dunnage played well throughout, and for the Service, A. E. Bateman, W. C. Butler, W. H. White, and J. Wearne."

Barnes: P. Weston (Capt.), E. C. Highton, C. J. Morice, W. R. Collins, E. T. Weston, A. R. Dunnage, V. Weston, W. Bruce, R. W. Willis, H. E. Solly, F. C. Clarkson. (SM/F)

Civil Service: J. H. Giffard (Capt.), W. C. Butler, A. E. Bateman, J. Wearne, C. W. A. Trollope, H. C. Houndle, W. H. White, J. Kirkpatrick (8 men only)

HITCHIN 0 CRYSTAL PALACE 0 (Sat Nov 11th) (At Hitchin)

N.B. Both clubs were allowed through to second round

Sportman 15/11/71 P.3/Field 18/11/71 P.446:

SM: "On Saturday the Crystal Palace Club went to Hitchin to play the latter club for the first tie of the Association Cup. A drizzling rain descended during the first half of the game, and made the ground greasy and slippery, and was rather against rapid locomotion. The Palace won the toss, gaining the advantage thereby of a slight breeze at their backs. The ball was kicked off at three o'clock, and both sides worked with a will, and seemed determined to leave no stone unturned to secure victory. It would be difficult to say which side had the best of it, as the ball was generally kept in the neutral territory, though on one or two occasions the Hitchin goal was imperilled by the impetuous attacks of the Palace forwards, of whom Spreckley and Foster were conspicuous, but the admirable back play of C. A. Baker frustrated all well-meant designs on their parts. As no goals had been obtained at half time ends were changed, but with the exception that Hitchin appeared to have slightly the best of it towards the end, the game remained drawn when time was called, no goal having been got on either side. The Crystal Palace men played well together, and were more conversant with the rules than their opponents, who, however, played up with great spirit, W. T. Lucas, W. G. Haselrigg, and G. Jackson being conspicuous forwards; while for the Palace, besides those mentioned, Bouch and Boden were always well on the ball, and Cockerell, at half back, rendered valuable assistance."

F: "On Saturday last these clubs met at Hitchin to decide their first tie for the challenge cup, given by the Football Association. The game, however, was so even throughout that neither goal had fallen when time was called, and thus the question of superiority between the two clubs still remains in abeyance. For the Crystal Palace, T. F. Spreckley, W. C. Foster, W. Bouch, and F. B. Soden were all worthy of praise for the energy of their play; while for the Hitchin Club, W. T. Lucas, W. G. Hazlerigg, and G. Jackson (forward), and C. A. Baker (back), were most prominent. Both clubs will consequently be drawn in the second ties for the Cup."

Hitchin: C. F. Reid (Capt.), W. T. Lucas, F. Shillitoe, W. Hill, G. D. Baker, H. E. Baker, C. A. Baker, W. G. Hazlerigg, T. C. Mainwaring, G. Jackson, E. Woodgate.

Crystal Palace:D.Allport(Capt.),A.Morten,J.Cockerell,A.J.Heath,W.Bouch,C.E.Smith,
F.B.Soden,H.Daukes,W.C.Foster,T.F.Spreckley,J.Turner(Goal keeper)(SM/F)

MAIDENHEAD 2 (G.Young 2) GREAT MARLOW 0(H.T. 0-0)(Sat Nov 11th)(At Maidenhead)

Reading Mercury 18/11/71 P.6/Bucks Herald 18/11/71 P.5-6:

RM:"It was a most exciting and interesting game throughout ,and was witnessed by a great number of spectators.Some excellent play was shown on both sides ,but a decided victory was gained by Maidenhead ,they having gained two goals."

B.H:"On Saturday last the first match with Maidenhead was played on the Maidenhead ground,and although the north wind was very cold for those standing about,and rain threatened several times,a great many people turned out to see it,including as usual,several ladies.Additional interest was excited on this occasion when it became known that the Maidenhead and Marlow Clubs,both members of and subscribers to the Football Association in London,had entered for the "Challenge Cup" given by that society ;and by their rules had been drawn to play the first ties together,so that in point of fact it was two matches in one.Half past two was the time fixed upon to begin play,but owing to the Marlow men being backward in coming forward it was twenty past three before all were ready and even then there was a delay ,for the Marlow "Eleven" turned out to be "Twelve" , one having consequently to put his coat on again.Maidenhead won the toss and elected to play from the railway goal.On the ball being kicked off Maidenhead went in with a rush,and quickly got it up to their opponents' goal;then Marlow pulling themselves together,worked the ball down towards the railway,and had the best of it for some little time,capital dribbling play being noticed at frequent intervals,between Rev. E.Leigh,for Maidenhead,and Mr Ottoway,for Marlow;just then Maidenhead made a great effort,worked the ball slowly,but surely in the right direction,the principal part of the play being done by Young(who showed splendid form throughout the match),and though repeatedly foiled in his attempts,at last saw an opening,and made a good try at goal,only missing his mark by a yard or so.The hardest work up to this time,besides that mentioned,had been done by Monnington, Lloyd,Richardson,Goulden,and Hebbes ,for Maidenhead;and by Wright, Crossman, Ottaway,Clay,and Batting,for Marlow,with an additional long kick from Vardey and Faulkner respectively,also a run up by Carter from Maidenhead goal to middle of the field,and a fine run nearly the length of the ground by Bevan,interspersed by some very clever dodging by Austen Leigh and Price,the latter playing very carefully and neatly,and once bringing the ball with judgment to within a yard or two of the dreaded posts;also Richardson by a similar bit of play immediately after.Just before half time ,Tindall made a fine run down for Marlow,and being backed up with spirit just then,and the red and black men being rather winded,a near shave of the local goal was the result;but a miss is as good as a mile.Ends being changed ,and play resumed,Marlow led off well at first but were soon penned and then Austen-Leigh getting the ball began the finest run down of the match ,cleverly passed Faulkner,who presented a seemingly impassable barrier,and gradually working it down to within a trifle of goal,and well backed up all this time by his own side,made his efforts as straight as possible ,but the goalkeeper sending it back,it was met by Young again wriggled(if we may use the word) up to the front,and then successfully kicked between the posts amid loud cheering.Being then kicked off afresh,Ottaway considered that it was his turn for a bout,and kept the ball, by some beautiful play, to himself for a considerable time until Lloyd took it away from him and,with the help of Carter,brought it down till they got it behind goal thus keeping Marlow on the qui vive ,and also on the defensive,giving them

very little breathing time ;for hardly had they got it back into the middle after this when Young, determined to keep up the charter while he was about it,again “persuaded” it in and out amongst sundry obstacles ,and again made the right spot –counting a second goal for Maidenhead. Marlow,thinking this was no joke,led off with a will, looking like mischief,and soon got up into the neighbourhood of the tree,but Lloyd made another little arrangement on the quiet with his leathern friend,accompanied it down the whole length of the field,making one believe he was going into the navy,instead of the army,so well was he up in navigation.This fine bit of play was soon followed by another on the part of Hebbes,who had a capital try at goal,the ball only clearing the top of the left post;also an attempt by Carter,and some very active business on the part of F.Nicholson, who had been keeping goal all the early part of the game.Marlow now tried all they knew to wipe out part of their defeat,and just before time was called,and when all the players were scattered about the field,they made a first-rate rush up the centre of play,and would very likely have gained a goal had they backed up better.Time being called soon after this spirited match came to an end.”

Maidenhead:W.Goulden(Capt.),Rev. A.Austen-Leigh,T.N.Carter,Lloyd,J.W.Monnington,G.Young, F.Price,C.A.Vardy,F.W.Nicholson,G.H.Hebbes,C.J.Richardson.

Great Marlow:A.C.Faulkner(Capt.),S.H.Wright,C.J.Ottaway,C.Clay,Tindall,J.Batting, J.Stockbridge,J.D.Crossman,Beven,T.Kedge,Nicholl.

Umpires:J.H.Clark(Lowood) for Maidenhead and W.Wood for Marlow.

UPTON PARK 0 CLAPHAM ROVERS 3(J.Kenrick 2,A.Thompson)
(Sat Nov 11th)(At Upton Park)

Sportsman 15/11/71 P.3/Bell’s Life 18/11/71 P.5/Field 18/11/71 P.447/Sporting Life 15/11/71 P.1:

BL:”At 3.30 the game commenced ,and was kept up with great spirit for a quarter of an hour ,when Kenrick landed the leather safely between the posts,this success being greeted with cheers by his fellow players.Ends were changed,and the home team appeared to lose heart for a short time ,and in a rush of the Rovers another goal was secured by A.Thompson,play only having lasted 35 minutes.From this period the home team could do very little against the superior play of the visitors,and ere time was called Kenrick had obtained another goal.”(SL similar report)

SM(F Report has almost all the same facts but altered language):”The above match,which was for the first ties of the Association Challenge Cup,was played at Upton on Saturday,and resulted in an easy victory for the former by three goals to nothing.For the first quarter of an hour the home team played up well together,and the game was very even.At length,after a good rush of the Rovers, Kenrick,by a first-rate piece of play,succeeded in getting the first goal.After this the Upton men seemed to lose spirit,and hardly a quarter of an hour had elapsed before Thompson,who was backing-up well,was rewarded by a goal.After change of ends the game got much slower,but nevertheless Kenrick,who played magnificently during the whole time,secured one more goal about ten minutes before time.Besides Kenrick,Ogilvie and Wace played well for the Rovers;and Warner(back),Freeth,and Curwen for Upton tried their best to alter the aspect of the game.”

Upton Park:C.Warner(Capt.),W.Freeth,M.Jutsum,F.Wilton,T.Kitson,H.Compton, E.Curwen,W.B.Gardner,A.M.Jones,F.Barnett,C.E.Wilson.

Clapham Rovers:R.H.Birkett(Capt.),J.Kenrick,R.Ogilvie(Backs),W.R.Dent,G.Holden,
A.Nash,A.J.Nash,P.St.Quintin,A.Thompson,C.C.Tayloe,C.E.Wace.

Umpire:E.Freeth

WANDERERS walked over HARROW CHEQUERS scratched and ROYAL ENGINEERS walked over

REIGATE PRIORY scratched,as could not fix dates for their matches(Field 25/11/71 P.463)

DONINGTON GRAMMAR SCHOOL,Lincs v QUEEN'S PARK,Glasgow,could not arrange date so both
allowed through to second round(see below).

HAMPSTEAD HEATHENS,a bye.

Field 25/11/71 P.463:

"In consequence of the Royal Engineers and Reigate Priory Clubs being unable to fix a day for their
match before the 24th inst.,the Reigate Priory Club has retired in favour of the Royal Engineers.The
Harrow Chequers have also been compelled ,for the same reason, to make way for the Wanderers.
The second ties will be drawn on Wednesday evening next.

SECOND ROUND:

The Field 2/12/71 P.492:

"The second ties were drawn on Wednesday last ,with the following result:-Barnes v Hampstead
Heathens,Crystal Palace v Maidenhead,Royal Engineers v Hitchin,Wanderers v Clapham
Rovers,*Donnington Grammar School v Queen's Park,Glasgow."

*Sportsman 2/12/71 P.6:"In the last instance,the two clubs,being unable to arrange a date for
deciding their first round tie owing to the short notice received,were permitted to be included in the
second drawing."

CLAPHAM ROVERS 0 WANDERERS 1(Hon T.H.Pelham)(Sat Dec 16th)(At Clapham)

Sportsman 20/12/71 P.3/Bell's Life 23/12/71 P.10/Field 23/12/71 P.559:

F:"The result was a game remarkable for its consistent equality,although fortune favoured the
Wanderers so far as to allow them to utilise the one only absolute chance they had during the
game.At three o'clock the ball was kicked off by T.S.Baker on behalf of the Rovers,the Wanderers.
though they had won the toss,in the absence of any wind or advantage of position,deriving little
advantage therefrom.At first the Rovers,though by no means pressed,had to act slightly on the
defensive,and not more than a quarter of an hour had elapsed before a clever run along the side of
the ground by W.P.Crake carried the ball into the possession of the Hon. T.H.Pelham ,and enabled
the latter,by a well aimed kick to secure a goal for the Wanderers."

SM:"On Saturday last the above clubs met for the second time this season.The occasion of the
meeting was the second round in the competition for the Association Challenge Cup,the draw for
the ties having thus pitted two of the strongest clubs in London against one another.An even
contest was generally anticipated,and these expectations were more than realised,as the match was

from first to last maintained with great equality, although the result was a victory for the Wanderers. Owing to the reprehensibly late arrival of some of the latter, the game, instead of being commenced at half past two, was delayed until three o'clock, and consequently, during the last quarter of an hour was sustained in almost total darkness. Both sides were strong, although at the last moment the Wanderers were compelled to fill the places of A.C. Thompson and R.H. Benson with others of their body. At three o'clock the ball was kicked off by T.S. Baker on behalf of the Clapham eleven, and for some little time there was no noticeable inequality, the well-concerted rushes of the Clapham forwards being ably repelled by the efficient play of the Wanderers' half back (E. Lubbock). Meanwhile the Wanderers' forwards had been working with praiseworthy energy, and at last, after some brilliant dribbling by W.P. Crake, a chance of a kick at goal was offered the Hon. T.H. Pelham, and steadying himself cleverly for the shot, the latter by a neat kick secured the fall of the Clapham goal. Ends were consequently changed, and the fight again resumed with unabated vigour by both parties. Again the equality that was visible at the outset was the prominent feature of the play, and until the end there was indeed no sign that it was likely to be disturbed. Once in turn was each goal seriously threatened, by C.W. Alcock on the one hand, and on the other, by the Rovers, after a really splendid run down by G. Holden, but Birkett and Welch were equal to the emergency, and the danger was averted. Thus, in the absence of any score to the Rovers, when time was called, at half past four, the Wanderers were in possession of a well-earned victory, after one of the most pleasantly contested games of the season. The victors worked together better than usual, and discarded much of the selfish style that is sometimes displayed by certain of their members, but their success, it must be admitted, was in no small measure attributable to the fine and plucky play of E. Lubbock, who, as half back, was irreproachable. The Rovers in some instances, failed to display their customary energy and skill, but no such exception can be taken to the names of Ogilvie, Kenrick, and Holden, who were certainly the most prominent representatives of Clapham. Kenrick throughout was especially useful, and Holden on several occasions elicited well-earned applause by his excellent dribbling. For the Wanderers, A.G. Bonsor deserves especial praise, and M.P. Betts worked as hard as he charged."

Clapham Rovers: R.H. Birkett (Capt.) (Goals), C.C. Harvey (Back), J. Kenrick, R. Ogilvie (Half Backs); T.S. Baker, C.C. Bryden, G. Holden, C.L. Huggins, A.J. Nash, P.R. St. Quintin, R.S.F. Walker.

Wanderers: E. Lubbock (Half Back), R. de C. Welch (Back), C.W. Stephenson (Goal), C.W. Alcock, M.P. Betts, E.E. Bowen, A.G. Bonsor, W.P. Crake, T.C. Hooman, P.T. Rivett--Carnac, Hon. T.H. Pelham.

Umpire: A.Y. Nash

CRYSTAL PALACE 3 (A. Lloyd, W. Bouch, C.J. Chenery) MAIDENHEAD 0 (H.T. 0-0)
(Sat Dec 16th) (At Crystal Palace)

Sportman 19/12/71 P.3/Bell's Life 23/12/71 P.10/Field 23/12/71 P.559/Bucks Herald 23/12/71 P.6/Reading Mercury 23/12/71 P.6 (No teams in RM)/Sporting Life 20/12/71 P.1:

SM: "On Saturday, the 16th inst., the above clubs met at Sydenham for the first time, having been drawn together in the second round of ties for the F.B.A. Challenge Cup. The ground was rather rotten from the effect of the frost, and the afternoon being very damp and uninviting, there were very few spectators, the majority of those present having come from Berkshire, with the most praiseworthy intention of supporting their playing representatives. The visitors, having won the toss, took the upper goal, and at 3.15 the ball was kicked off, the Crystal Palace team being all out of

joint through the absence of their goalkeeper, who was under impression that the play would not commence until the lamps were lighted. The Maidenhead men immediately took the offensive, and for some time had certainly the best of the game, their play being thoroughly sound in principle, and their backing-up good, while the Crystal Palace, with their right men in the wrong place, and their captain in goal, where he could do little to direct his forces, were only saved from defeat by the superior speed of their forwards, among whom Armitage and Bouch were invaluable for their persistent following and quick rushes with the ball. When shortly before half time the Palace were reinforced by the arrival of their late member, matters assumed a more even aspect, and at half time both goals had been threatened, but neither captured. Shortly after the change of ends the visitors had the best chance of a goal which fell to their lot throughout the match, but luck and a Palace back interposed in the nick of time, and the score was still "love all". Very soon, however, a different state of affairs prevailed, and a good goal was obtained for the Crystal Palace by A. Lloyd, the result in part from a judicious throw in from touch. Almost immediately afterwards W. Bouch secured a second goal, by a long side kick, the ball grazing both the tape and the goalkeeper's hands. Darkness was now getting on, and it was getting difficult to judge distance; but both teams continued to play as if the match had still to be decided. Within a few minutes of time a third "goal" was obtained for the Crystal Palace by C. J. Chenery, who had worked hard and unselfishly throughout, and thus at the finish the home team were adjudged the victors by three goals to none. It is fair to state that the Palace ground is only about half the size of that to which the Maidenhead Club is accustomed, and that although on paper their defeat appears decisive, to the spectators the contest bore a very even aspect, and in no degree savoured of a "nil". For the visitors Vardy (back) and Austen-Leigh, and Monnington (forward), were the most valuable, while their captain was always in the right place, and lost no opportunity for effective attack. With perhaps one exception, the victorious forward players did the maximum of work permitted by the human condition; though we noticed a tendency to advance in a bunch instead of in line, which error no doubt partly excuses another—that of continued dribbling when a judicious change by a cross kick would be the true game. In these respects the Maidenhead men certainly had the advantage of their opponents, and as the former attain more individual skill we expect to see them take a high stand. Their want of speed may perhaps be the combined result of a very large ground and long flannel trousers."

F: "At a quarter past three o'clock the ball was started on behalf of the Crystal Palace, and so even had been the play up till half time, that neither goal had fallen though each had been once menaced. The change of positions, however, produced a complete alteration in the state of affairs, as soon afterwards, in quick succession, two goals fell to the Crystal Palace; the first by A. Lloyd after a good throw in from touch; the second by a long side-kick from the foot of W. Bouch, the ball grazing the tape as well as the hands of the goalkeeper. To the end the game was continued with the greatest spirit, but the Maidenhead goal was destined still to surrender once more, as, just before time, C. J. Chenery achieved the third success for the Palace..."

Crystal Palace: D. Allport (Capt.), A. J. Heath (Backs), A. Morten (Goal); H. F. Abell, W. M. Allport, C. C. Armitage, W. Bouch, C. J. Chenery, A. Lloyd, C. E. Smith, T. F. Spreckley.

Maidenhead: W. Goulden (Capt.), Rev. A. H. Austen-Leigh, W. M. Carter, G. H. Hebbes, J. W. Monnington, T. W. Nicholson, F. W. Nicholson, C. J. Richardson, G. Wells, G. Young, C. A. Vardy.

N. B. BH has W. N. Carter, F. Nicholson and R. Nicholson: CHECK MAIDENHEAD PAPER: May be R. W.

BARNES 1 (Highton: not known which one) HAMPSTEAD HEATHENS 1 (R. Barker) (Sat Dec 23rd) (At Barnes)

Sportsman 28/12/71 P.3/Bell's Life 30/12/71 P.8/Field 30/12/71 P.577:

BL: ".....and some good dribbling by Barker, who was well backed up by his side, secured the first goal." "After an hour and eight minutes determined play, the Barnes team secured a goal, obtained by a run of the two Hightons, although nearly prevented by the ball first touching the goal-post."

SM: "This match, being one of the ties for the Challenge Cup, was played at Barnes on Saturday last, and after an exciting struggle, ended in a draw, one goal falling to each side. The Hampstead Heathens' captain was fortunate enough to win the toss for goals, by which he had the advantage of a slight breeze. For some time the ball was kept well in the centre of the ground, but a united rush by Barnes, and a good kick by Dunnage, very nearly ended in the downfall of the Hampstead Heathens' goal. After this escape the latter seemed to play up with more vigour, and some good dribbling by Barker, who was well backed up by his side, secured them the first goal. On reversing positions Barnes seemed determined to equalise matters again, and made one or two splendid rushes to the very threshold of their opponents' goal, but were there frustrated by the cool play of the Hampstead Heathens' backs. But after an hour and eight minutes the determined play of the Barnes' team secured them a goal, obtained by a good run of the two Hightons, although nearly prevented by the ball first touching the goal post. Darkness checked any further play. For the Hampstead Heathens, Barker and Erskine (forward) showed some excellent play, and the Hightons by their hard work did good service for Barnes." (F Report very similar)

Barnes: P. Weston (Capt.), A. C. Highton, E. C. Highton, W. Bruce, A. Adams, E. T. Weston, C. Ommanney, A. R. Dunnage, Todd, L. T. Williams, *Squiz (SM/BL/F)* (Presumably Squiz is a made up name as F/AFS have "Another")

Hampstead Heathens: J. P. Tatham (Capt.), S. R. Tatham, C. B. Dimond, H. Latham, R. B. Michell, A. Leach, H. P. Leach, H. W. Beauchamp, R. Barker, A. M. S. Erskine. (10 men)

(SM/F/BL have H. P. Leach but AFS has G. P. Leach : see replay, They were separate players : see 3rd Round match and A. Leach also)

REPLAY: Sat Jan 6th at Barnes (again)

BARNES 0 HAMPSTEAD HEATHENS 1 (G. P. Leach) (H. T. 0-0)

Bell's Life 13/1/72 P6/Field 13/1/72 P.40/Sportsman 9/1/72 P.3:

BL: "The game, as before, was contested on the Barnes ground, and the Heathens again played one man short." "No decided advantage was obtained by either side before half time..." "From time to time the Heathens had decidedly the best of the game, and G. Leach, after several near attempts, succeeded by a good kick in placing the ball between the Barnes' goal posts, thus winning the game for the Heathens by one goal to nothing."

F: "Barnes having won the toss, selected the upper goal, and play commenced at a quarter past three o'clock, the Heathens, as in the first match, mustering one less than their opponents. Until half time no advantage was gained by either party, though once the Hampstead goal was seriously imperilled by

a fine general rush of the Barnes eleven. After change of ends, however, Barnes had the worst of the fight, and, after several ineffectual attempts, the Heathens just at last before time secured a goal through a good kick from the foot of G.P. Leach."

SM: "For the Barnes, C. Warren and E.T. Weston were always up with the ball and played a first-rate game throughout. For the Heathens, Barker at the side, and Mitchell in the centre, played in splendid form and assisted most materially to their victory, while S.R. Tatham kicked with his usual judgment and never-failing coolness."

Barnes: E.T. Weston (Capt.), P. Weston, J. Graham (Backs); A. Adams, A.R. Dunnage, H. Ellis, A.C. Highton, E.C. Highton, C. Ommanney, H.E. Solly, C. Warren.

Hampstead Heathens: J.P. Tatham (Capt.), S.R. Tatham (Half Back), R. Barker, A. Bird, C.B. Dimond, A.M.S. Erskine, G.P. Leach, A. Leach, J. Marshall, R.B. Michell (10 men).

N.B. There appear to be 4 Leach playing for HH: G.P./H.P/A/W

HITCHIN 0 ROYAL ENGINEERS 5 (No scorers traced) (Wed Jan 10th) (At Kennington Oval)

N.B. Postponed from the previous Thursday due to the dangerous illness of his Royal Highness the Prince of Wales (see Bell's life 16/12/71 P.9)

TRY RE LIBRARY FOR SCORERS

Field 13/1/72 P.40/Sportsman 13/1/72 P.6:

F: "This match, one of the second ties for the Association Cup, took place at the Oval on Wednesday last. The result was, as generally foreseen, a signal victory for the Engineers, as the Hitchin team, who only numbered eight in all, were overmatched, and their opponents had the game all in their own hands, securing five goals to none. For Hitchin W. Hill and *W.F. Lucas worked hard throughout."

SM: "These clubs met at the Oval on the 10th inst. to play off their tie for the Association Cup. The result was in favour of the Engineers by five goals to none. This easy victory was attributable to the Hitchin Club (only) bringing eight men to the post. The game is deserving of little comment, as it was a one-sided affair from beginning to end of the play, which lasted one hour in a thick fog. For the Hitchin Club W. Hill and +F. Lucas worked hard." +Probably W.T. Lucas as normal captain

Hitchin: +W.T. Lucas (Capt.), W. Hill, ++T.C. Mainwaring, H.O. Crow, E. Woodgate, T.M'Kenzie, A. Bailey, A. Dawson (only 8 men); Absent: C.F. Reid, W. Hikes, W. Foster.

+See above reports ++H. Mainwaring in both line-ups but T.C. Mainwaring regular player

Royal Engineers: Capt. W. Merriman (Capt.), Capt. F.A. Marindin, Lieuts. A. Bogle, G. Barker, H. Clarke, W. Ord, H.E. Mitchell, H.B. Rich, Sherrard, H.W. Renny-Tailyour, Carter. (F/SM order)

+N.B: Hitchin team in first round had W.T. Lucas and T.C. Mainwaring.

N.B. The game apparently only lasted about 60 minutes, but the result stood: EFACF P.40 gives 50 minutes.

QUEEN'S PARK walked over DONNINGTON GRAMMAR SCHOOL scratched.

THIRD ROUND:

Field 13/1/72 P.40:"The third ties for the Cup have been drawn thus:Wanderers play Crystal Palace Club,Royal Engineers play Hampstead Heathens,Queen's Park Club ,Glasgow,by the law relating to provincial clubs,is exempted from competition until the next drawing.The match between the Wanderers and Crystal Palace will be played on Saturday next."

WANDERERS 0 CRYSTAL PALACE 0 (Sat Jan 20th)(At Clapham Rovers Ground,Clapham Common)

N.B. Both teams allowed through to the next round.

Bell's Life 27/1/72 P.8/Field 27/1/72 P.85/Sportsman 23/1/72 P.3/Sporting Life 24/1/72 P.1:

BL:"The Crystal Palace team worked well together ,Chappell,Ottaway and Chenery all showing untiring energy.The Wanderers,on the other hand,however,were by no means in their usual form,but Thompson's kicking was brilliant throughout."

F:"On Saturday last,this match,one of the third ties in the competition for the above cup,was played on Clapham-common,the ground having been kindly lent for the use of the contending clubs by the Clapham Rovers.The Wanderers were hardly so well represented as they might have been,while the Crystal Palace captain had collected an exceptionally strong team,and,by adhering throughout to defensive tactics,succeeded in averting the defeat that was generally anticipated for his side.At a quarter past three o'clock the ball was kicked off on behalf of the Crystal Palace,who had lost the toss,and were reduced to occupy the lower portion of the ground,though,to compensate for this disadvantage,they had the assistance of a slight breeze.The backs on either side were D.Allport(half back),A.J.Heath and P.G.Rouquette(backs),and A.Morten(goal keeper),for the Crystal Palace; A.C.Thompson(half back),E.Lubbock(back),and C.W.Stephenson(goal keeper),for the Wanderers.For the first quarter of an hour the Wanderers closely besieged their opponents ,and C.W.Alcock and A.G.Bonsor each made an excellent try at goal ,that by the former just passing over instead of under the tape.In this way the game continued until shortly before half time ,when the Crystal Palace forwards,conspicuous amongst whom were Armitage,Chenery and Lloyd,made several well executed rushes,but the backs of the Wanderers were fully equal to the attack ,and the call of time arrived without the achievement of a goal by either side.Consequently,ends were changed,but there was little alteration in the aspect of affairs,as,despite the well-concerted play of the Palace forwards,they were unable to keep their adversaries away from the neighbourhood of their goal.Shortly before the end of the game C.W.Stephenson ,after having just previously threatened the goal,absolutely succeeded in landing the ball between the Crystal Palace posts;but the umpires decided that the handling rule had been infringed ,and the claim of the Wanderers was not admitted.After this the Wanderers worked with redoubled vigour ,but their efforts were unsuccessful,and time was called at a quarter to five o'clock ,leaving the match drawn,without any score to either club."

SM:"The Wanderers,though strong back,were by no means represented at their best forward ,while the Crystal Palace Club,on the other hand,by the introduction of several new members,were able to muster the strongest eleven they have brought into the field for some time.The Wanderers won the toss,and chose to occupy the upper goal,though there was a slight breeze from the lower end of the ground.At a quarter past three o'clock the ball was kicked off on behalf of the Crystal Palace Club ,

and for some time, mainly through the play of A.G. Bonsor and G.G. Kennedy, the Wanderers kept a well-sustained fire on the Palace goal—the ball once, indeed, from a kick by C.W. Alcock, passing just over the tape. After several efforts, however, the Wanderers were driven back, but only for a time, as, despite the energetic rushes of A. Lloyd, C.C. Armitage and others, the back play of the Wanderers prevented any hopes of a successful issue to the attacking party. Again the ball passed into the territory of the Crystal Palace eleven, and there it remained chiefly, with the exception of a few moments' removal into neutral ground, but at half time there had been no score to favour either side, and ends were consequently changed. During the latter part of the game, too, the Wanderers had the best of the fight, and on several occasions the opposite goal was only preserved by the excellent defence of its keeper. Once a short run by C.W. Stephenson landed the ball between the posts, but the goal was not allowed, on the ground of "handling", and despite all their efforts the same ill-success attended the Wanderers to the end, the contest terminating without any absolute score to either side. The Crystal Palace team worked well together forward, Chappell, Ottaway, and Chenery all showing untiring energy. The Wanderers, on the other hand, were by no means in their usual form forward, as their play was good individually, but collectively in need of much improvement. Of their backs, however, it can only be said that they were impassable, and that Thompson's kicking was throughout most brilliant."

Wanderers: C.W. Alcock, M.P. Betts, A.G. Bonsor, W.P. Crake, E.H.M. Elliott, T.C. Hooman, G.G. Kennedy, E. Lubbock (Back), C.W. Stephenson (Goal), A.C. Thompson (Half Back), A.H. Thornton.

Crystal Palace: D. Allport (Capt.) (Half Back), A.J. Heath, P.G. Rouquette (Backs), A. Morten (Goal), C.C. Armitage, C.J. Chenery, F.P. Chappell, C.J. Ottaway, A. Lloyd, W. Bouch, C.E. Smith.

Umpires: A. Stair (Upton Park) for the Wanderers and T. Lloyd (Crystal Palace) for Crystal Palace.

ROYAL ENGINEERS 3 (Scorers not known) HAMPSTEAD HEATHENS 0 (Sat Jan 27th) (At Chatham)

TRY RE LIBRARY FOR SCORERS

Field 3/2/72 P.109/Sportsman 31/1/72 P.3:

F: "This match, one of the third ties for the above cup, took place at Chatham, on Saturday last. The result was a victory for the Engineers by three goals to none, after a stiff fight. The Heathens at first mustered only nine men, but were reinforced midway through the game by the arrival of one of the two missing members. The ball had not been long started before some spirited play by Lieuts Rich and Renny-Tailyour took the ball into the front of the Heathens' goal, and after an exciting scrimmage it was safely guided between the posts. The game throughout was contested with great spirit, but the numerical advantage of the (Engineers) told heavily, and before time they had added two more goals to their score, thus winning by three goals to none. For Hampstead Barker and J.P. Tatham played up well, and for the Engineers, Lieuts Rich and Mitchell."

SM: "The above match was played at Chatham on Saturday, January 27th, and resulted in a victory for the Engineers by three goals to none. This was one of the matches of the third ties for the Association Challenge Cup. The Heathens at first had to face the Sappers with nine men, and were reinforced about half way through the game by the arrival of one of their two missing members. The ball had not been started any great length of time when, after some spirited play on the part of Lieuts. Rich and Renny-Tailyour, it was taken close in front of the Heathens' goal, and after an exciting

scrimmage driven between the posts. The game throughout was hardly fought, but the superior numbers of the Sappers told heavily, and before the end of the game they had added two more goals to their score, thus winning by three goals to none. For the Heathens Messrs Barker and S.N. Tatham played up well throughout; whilst for the Royal Engineers, Lieuts Mitchell and Rich were conspicuous."

Royal Engineers: Capt. F.A. Marindin, Lieuts. W. Ord, G. Barker, H.E. Mitchell, H.B. Rich, E.W. Cresswell, H.W. Renny-Tailyour, Carter, E.A. Cotter, A.G. Goodwyn. (+10 men only listed)

Hampstead Heathens: J.P. Tatham (Capt.), S.R. Tatham, A. Bird, C.B. Dimond, R. Barker, A.M.S. Erskine, H. Latham, H.P. Leach, G.P. Leach, R.B. Mitchell. (10 men)

QUEEN'S PARK, a bye.

SEMI-FINALS:

Field 10/2/72 P.127: "At a committee meeting of the Association, held on Wednesday last, the fourth ties in the competition for the above cup were drawn with the following result: Wanderers play Queen's Park Club, Glasgow, Royal Engineers play Crystal Palace Club. Both of these matches will be played in London, as well as the final tie."

ROYAL ENGINEERS 0 CRYSTAL PALACE 0 (Sat Feb 17th) (At Kennington Oval)

Bell's Life 24/2/72 P.5/Field 24/2/72 P.177/Sportsman 22/2/72 P.3:

BL: "The ball during the first half of the game was kept in the Crystal Palace territory, but was only prevented from being driven between the goal-posts by the greatest exertions on the part of the Crystal Palace back players,.... On ends being changed the game was confined more to the middle of the ground, and some good runs by Chenery and Ottaway were much applauded by the spectators." (SM has same wording as above)

F: "The match, one of the fourth round of ties for the above cup, was played at the Oval on Saturday last, and resulted in a draw, no goal falling to either side. The Engineers having won the toss, chose the upper position, gaining the advantage of the wind, and giving their opponents the sun in their faces. At five minutes to three o'clock the ball was started, and the Palace had all their work to do in keeping off the persistent and combined attacks of their opponents. Up to the call of half time the Military had undoubtedly the best of the fight, the Palace goal keeper being several times called upon, and the play keeping very much in the Palace territory, from whence it was occasionally removed for a space by the long kicks of Rouquette and the runs of Ottaway and Bouch. The forward play of the Engineers was, as usual, very solid and unanimous, and their back (Goodwyn), with a good wind to help him, enabled the forwards to devote themselves entirely to offensive tactics. After the change of ends at half time, the game assumed a very even aspect, although the Palace had scarcely the same advantages which their opponents had enjoyed, the sun and the wind having both become less powerful. No goal having been scored when time was called, it was proposed by the Engineers to prolong the game for half an hour, but their adversaries, with perhaps more discretion than valour, declined the suggestion. It may be mentioned that several of the Crystal Palace were throughout the match unfit to play, in consequence of injuries from the previous Saturday, Allport and Armitage being, in fact, fair samples respectively of the positive and comparative cripple. For the Engineers

Carter and Mitchell were the most conspicuous among the forwards, and Goodwyn's back play was excellent. Ottaway and M'Lean were perhaps the most effective of the Palace team, but as a rule there was too much dribbling, and not sufficient dash among the Sydenham players."

Royal Engineers: Capt. F.A. Marindin (Capt.), Lieuts. W. Ord, G.W. Addison, H.E. Mitchell, H.B. Rich, E.W. Cresswell, H.W. Renny-Tailyour, Carter, A.G. Goodwyn, H.H. Muirhead, E.A. Cotter.

Crystal Palace: D. Allport (Capt.), C.J. Chenery, C.J. Farquhar, C.J. Ottaway, A. Morten, W. Bouch, F.P. Chappell, P.G. Rouquette, L.H. Neame, C.C. Armitage, A. Lloyd.

(F has F.M'Lean for F.P. Chappell in report and lineup - may be a pseudonym)

REPLAY : Sat Mar 9th at Kennington Oval:

ROYAL ENGINEERS 3 (H.E. Mitchell, H.W. Renny-Tailyour 2) CRYSTAL PALACE 0

Bell's Life 16/3/72 P.8 / Morning Post 11/3/72 P.2 / Field 16/3/72 P.237 / Sportsman 16/3/72 P.6:

BL: "Play began soon after 3 o'clock and the contest was pretty equal for some time, the territories of both being in turn invested; but this state of things did not exist for any great length of time, as the Crystal Palace team, who were clearly overweighted, soon began to show signs of weakness, and a short time only had elapsed when their goal was invested, and Lieut. Mitchell sent the ball under the line. Ends were reversed and operations were repeatedly carried on in the quarters of the Palace and their goalkeeper had a very narrow escape of being carried through, being severely mauled just in front of the goal post. After this the ball was again set in motion, and in a very short time Renny-Tailyour brought it from the centre of the ground and kicked a splendid goal. Once more the goalkeepers changed ends, and again the Engineers carried the ball down the ground towards their opponents' line, where the battle was renewed with increased vigour. Very little time elapsed ere the goalkeeper again got mauled, and the post where the melee took place swayed about in the most astonishing way, and it certainly looked as if the fragile erection would come to grief. The overthrow of the goal, however, was frustrated for a time, but before the hour for discontinuing play Renny-Tailyour was once more successful in reducing the Palace goal. Very little dribbling was displayed in the match, and those who took a most prominent part on the side of the Engineers were Rich, Mitchell, and Renny-Tailyour. For the Crystal Palace, Chenery was, perhaps, the most prominent, but the greatest praise is due to A. Morten, the duties of goal keeper in this match being most onerous."

MP: "The Royal Engineers and the Crystal Palace Club played a match at football at the Oval, Kennington, on Saturday. The match was consequent on the result of the match played on Monday last between the Wanderers and the Queen's Park Club, Glasgow, for the fourth ties for the Association Challenge Cup, which ended in a draw, and as the Scotch gentlemen were unable to visit the south again this season they were compelled to withdraw, consequently the Wanderers will have to meet the visitors of Saturday to finally contest for the cup. The day was extremely fine, and there was a very large assemblage of spectators. Play commenced soon after three o'clock, and it was the first time that the alteration in the rules of the association, assimilating them more to the Rugby code, were put in force. At first the game was evenly contested, each goal in turn being invested. At last the Engineers, who were a most powerful team and very fast, kept the ball near the Palace quarters, and they were not long in securing a goal, the final kick being made by Lieutenant Mitchell. On ends being changed some of the most spirited play ever witnessed ensued for more than half an

hour,when another goal was very cleverly kicked by Lieutenant Renny-Tailyour for the Engineers. Although the Crystal Palace eleven tried all they knew to turn the tide in their favour,scarcely ten minutes "had elapsed before a third goal fell to the R.E.'s,Renny-Tailyour being once more instrumental in its downfall."+the AGM changed some rules the week before but not clear what it meant here.There was a change whereby :“After the change of ends at halaf time ends shall not again be changed”

F:“The game was contested with great spirit and energy,as both sides were well represented.The Engineers played in fine form and well together,so that it would be invidious to select any individual for special praise.The Crystal Palace eleven worked hard to retrieve their laurels,and several good runs were made by their forwards,notably by C.J.Chenery,though without success.Their goalkeeper, A.Morten,was kept well employed throughout,and special mention must be made of the masterly way in which he managed to save many goals,as well as to get rid of the ball when closely pressed.”

Royal Engineers: Capt.W.Merriman(Goal),Capt.F.A.Marindin(Half Back),
Lieuts.G.W.Addison(Half Back) ,E.W.Cresswell, H.E.Mitchell,H.W.Renny-Tailyour,
H.B.Rich,A.G.Goodwyn(Half Back),H.H.Muirhead,E.A.Cotter,A.Bogle.

Umpire:J.H.Giffard for the Engineers.

Crystal Palace:D.Allport(Capt.),W.M.Allport,C.C.Armitage,A.Bouch,W.Bouch,
F.P.Chappell,C.J.Chenery,A.Lloyd,A.Morten(Goal),P.G.Rouquette,T.F.Spreckley.

(F has T.J.Spreckley)(SM has F.J.Spreckley)

WANDERERS 0 QUEEN'S PARK 0 (Mon. Mar 4th)(At Kennington Oval)

Bell's Life 9/3/72 P.8/Glasgow Herald 5/3/72 P.5/Field 9/3/72 P.217/Sportsman 2/3/72 P.6 and
5/3/72 P.3/Morning Post 5/3/72 P.6/The Scotsman 5/3/72 P.7:

Glasgow Herald 4/3/72:“Today(Monday)the match between Queen's Park(Glasgow) and the English Wanderers ,for the silver challenge cup presented by the committee of the Football Association,will be played in London,on the Surrey Cricket Ground.The Glasgow Eleven arrived in London yesterday morning,having travelled by the East Coast route by the train leaving Glasgow five minutes to nine o'clock on Saturday night.”

BL:“.....we believe it is the first time that a club from over the border has ever visited the south of England ,two only of their team being resident in the metropolis,most of whom arrived in London on Sunday morning.They were an excellent eleven,the most active team we have seen for some time ,and we must congratulate them on having kept a very strong team of Wanderers at bay,and bringing the match to a draw,but it appears they will be unable to contest again in London at present,so they retired in regard to the cup contest in favour of their opponents.”“On the close of the match the two teams dined together in the pavilion of the Surrey Club.”

F:“On Monday last the above match took place at the Oval,forming one of the fourth ties for the above cup.Before proceeding to the details of the contest itself we may remark that the Glasgow eleven,by their visit ,have earned for themselves the distinction of being the first Scotch club that has ever journeyed so far southward as London,and that their enterprise in venturing so long a

distance to contend against such powerful foemen is the most remarkable event in the annals of modern football. At twenty minutes to four o'clock, in most propitious weather-though exception might be taken even here on the ground that it was too warm for football-and on a ground in perfect condition, the ball was kicked off by Wotherspoon on behalf of Queen's Park, the captain of the Wanderers electing to play for the first half of the game in opposition to both wind and sun. Any impressions that the Wanderers would have an easy victory were soon dispelled, as the Scotchmen played in such energetic style and followed the ball up so quickly, after the Sheffield fashion, that for the first quarter of an hour they rather surprised their English opponents. After the first burst the play settled down into a more even groove, but still the Glasgow eleven caused the Wanderers no little anxiety, and on two occasions, had they only been able to dribble, without doubt the goal of the Wanderers would inevitably have fallen, the ball being entirely in their possession. As it was, in each case the danger was averted, and the play proceeded, Wollaston, Stewart, Emmanuel, and Parry all showing good form for the one, and Wotherspoon, Weir, Taylor, and Ker for the other side. The next event was a good run down the side of the ground by C.W. Alcock, at the end of which the ball was well muddled to Pelham, but the chance was allowed to escape, and so another from a "bully" right in front of the posts just as half-time was called. After change of positions the fight still raged just as keenly, with hardly any preponderance to either side, despite some good runs by Emanuel and Bonsor. During the last ten minutes the Wanderers worked with the greatest resolution, but although they once drove the ball just over the tape of the Scotch goal, and at the end had an easy chance which their captain failed to utilise, their efforts came too late, and at ten minutes past five o'clock the game was declared drawn. Thus, in the impossibility of remaining for a second trial, the Glasgow eleven withdrew from further competition, leaving the Wanderers to contend in the final tie. The play of the Scotchmen was most creditable throughout, as their forwards worked with unwearying energy, and their backs, Ker and Taylor, both showed great pluck and precision of kicking. Their style of play is very much after the fashion of Sheffield, as they dribble little, and usually convey the ball by a series of long kicks, combined with a judicious plan of passing on, while their method of driving the ball with the head is precisely the same as that adopted in Sheffield. We may state, with the exception of two of their members who are resident in Surrey, that the Scotch players all traveled from Scotland for this one match, and that their appearance in London may fairly be termed the most interesting incident of the present season."

GH: "Thus the game proceeded with but little to favour either party, and at half time ends were changed according to regulations. During the latter part of the match, the Glasgow eleven were as active as before, but towards the end the superior dribbling of their opponents stood them in good stead and during the last ten minutes the Scotch goal was twice seriously endangered. The ball from a kick-off by C.W. Alcock once passing as close to their tape as to necessitate an appeal to the umpire. In the face of an adverse decision, the game was continued, and in the absence of any other score at the call of time, the game was declared drawn. (SM: "Again one or two opportunities were given to the Englishmen, but none were sufficiently easy, except one at the end to C.W. Alcock, which was missed..") The play of the Glasgow 11 was most creditable, as their forwards worked well together, and their backs kicked with great accuracy. On the other hand, the Wanderers dribbled and played skilfully, industrially, but collectively."

SM: "The above match, one of the fourth ties in the competition for the above cup, was played at the Oval, yesterday (Monday) afternoon. The contest is remarkable as being the first occasion on which a Scotch club has visited London, and no small interest was evinced to see how the Glasgow eleven

would fare in opposition to one of the strongest of the Association clubs. The majority of the Scotch players left Glasgow on Saturday night, and reached London on Sunday morning, only two of their number being resident in London or its neighbourhood. At three o'clock yesterday afternoon they arrived at the Oval, and all preliminaries having been satisfactorily settled the game was commenced at twenty minutes to four o'clock. Everything was in favour of a good match, as the weather was most propitious, with but little wind to favour either side, and the ground was in the best condition. The kick-off fell to the Northerners, as the captain of the Wanderers won the toss, making use of his privilege to play the first half of the game against what little wind there was, and with the sun in the faces of his eleven. The Scotch eleven were much inferior in point of weight to their antagonists, but for this defect they admirably atoned by the energy of their play, which enabled them at the outset to surprise and rather overcome their opponents. For the first ten minutes, indeed, the game was slightly in their favour, the rushes of the Scotch forwards, well led by R. Smith and Wotherspoon, enabling them to enjoy an advantage. Gradually, however, the Wanderers recovered, and the play became very even until half-time, each side in turn having chances, which outsiders seemed to think should have been utilised. At half-time nothing had been scored, and according to the laws made and provided ends were changed. Still, after this move, there seemed little preponderance on either side, although Parry and Wollaston showed most skilful dribbling for the Wanderers, and Wotherspoon and Weir worked hard for the opposite eleven. Towards the close of the game the Wanderers made strenuous exertions, and once a good shot by their captain only just passed over the tape, the point being so fine as to necessitate an appeal to the umpires. Again one or two opportunities were given to the Englishmen, but none were sufficiently easy, except one at the very end to C. W. Alcock, which was missed, to admit of any score, and consequently when time was called, at ten minutes past five o'clock, the necessary period of an hour and a half having expired, the match was drawn. A proposition from the Wanderers to continue for another half-hour was not accepted. Thence it has remained for the Queen's Park Club, in their inability to play again in London, to withdraw in favour of the Wanderers from further competition. That the Scotchmen played well throughout must be owned, as the Wanderers were strongly represented, and this was certainly the stiffest match they have had during the present season. The Glasgow eleven worked with the most untiring determination, and though they lacked the skill of their opponents in dribbling they set them a worthy example in point of energy and activity. Of their forwards Wotherspoon and Weir were certainly the most prominent, while of the backs Ker showed great precision in kicking. Until the end the Wanderers hardly played up to their usual form, although Parry, Wollaston, Pelham, and Bonsor at times were prominent.

After the close of the match the Glasgow eleven dined with their opponents. The toast of the Queen's Park Club was received with full honours, the enterprise and determination evinced in journeying so long a distance for the good of football being the subject of lengthy commendation from the chairman. The Football Association was also warmly received, and hopes expressed of a return match in Scotland during next season." +The two Smiths

Wanderers: C. W. Alcock, A. C. Thompson, A. G. Bonsor, R. E. W. Crawford, Hon. T. H. Pelham, R. de C. Welch, C. H. R. Wollaston, H. Emanuel, H. H. Stewart, E. H. M. Elliot, W. Parry.
(GH has C. Stephenson instead of Elliot: who took his place)

Queen's Park: R. Gardner (Capt.) (Goal), Joseph Taylor, Donald Edmiston, W. Ker (Back), James Smith, Donald Wotherspoon, Robert Leckie, W. McKinnon, Robert Smith, A. Rhind, W. Gibb.

N.B It appears that as Queen's Park History P.41, which gives the above christian names ,that W.McKinnon,A.Rhind,and W.Gibb played and not J.Hepburn, J.E.A.Walker,and J.Weir:whose names are wrongly listed in all the published lineups with the reports in all the English and Scottish newspapers referred to above)

Umpires:A.Stair(Upton Park) for the Wanderers and J.Kirkpatrick(Civil Service) for Queen's Park.

Referee:T.Lloyd,jun.(Crystal Palace)

N.B. Wanderers walked over Queen's Park scratched due to travelling difficulties for the replay.

FINAL:Sat Mar 16th at Kennington Oval:

Sportsman 12/3/72 P.3 and 13/3/72 P.3:

"The final tie in the above competition will take place at the Oval on Saturday afternoon next,play commencing at three o'clock punctually.The two clubs with whom the last struggle rests are the Wanderers and the Royal Engineers,and as both will be represented by their best forces,an exciting match is sure to be the result.The players will be selected from the following:

Wanderers:C.W.Alcock,A.G.Bonsor,(A.H.Chequer:M.P.Betts),W.P.Crake,R.E.W.Crawford,
T.C.Hooman,E.Lubbock, C.W.Stephenson,H.H.Stewart,A.C.Thompson, R.C.Welch,R.W.S.Vidal,
C.H.Wollaston.

Royal Engineers:Capt.Marindin,Capt.Merriman,Lieuts.G.Barker,Ord,Addison,Mitchell,Cresswell,
Renny-Tailyour,Rich,Goodwyn,Muirhead,Cotter,Bogle.

Admission to the ground will be 1s."

WANDERERS 1(M.P.Betts) ROYAL ENGINEERS 0

Field 23/3/72 P.261/Bell's Life 23/3/72 P.5/Sportsman 19/3/72 P.4/Sporting life 20/3/72 P.3:

+N.B. M.P.Betts played under the pseudonym "Chequer" :see reports below)

F:"On Saturday last the final tie in the competition for the silver challenge cup,recently presented by the committee of the Football Association,took place at Kennington Oval.The possession of the trophy for the first year thus rested between the two most powerful of all the Association clubs ,and the interest felt on all sides in the chances of the contest was forcibly displayed ,becoming steadily intensified as the day approached for the settlement of the question.It must be conceded that popular sympathy was certainly with the Engineers in some measure,owing to the fact that the forces from which they can derive an eleven are much more limited than those of their opponents, while the general feeling,too, seemed to be in favour of a victory for the Sappers,on the grounds that they were likely to outstay their adversaries ,as well as to outmatch them by the superiority of their general play.Both parties succeeded in mustering their full strength;and indeed everything augured well for an exciting struggle,as the ground was in the very best condition,and the weather was so propitious in every way ,that the assemblage of spectators was much above the average, despite the counter attraction of the University crews,and an increase in the rate usually charged for admission into the ground.Within a few minutes of three o'clock the ball was kicked off on behalf of

the Engineers, the ill-success of their captain in the toss for choice of positions causing them first to labour under a double disadvantage, in having both wind and sun in their faces. The game was at once commenced with remarkable vigour; the Wanderers, with the evident determination of making full use of their weight forward, attacking with an amount of energy that was well sustained throughout. Thus at the outset the Engineers were closely pressed, and only a quarter of an hour had elapsed when R.W.S. Vidal, after a good run, middled the ball so cleverly to A.H. Chequer that the latter was able to effect the reduction of the military goal with but little difficulty. Ends were then changed; but despite that they then enjoyed the advantages previously held by the Wanderers, the Engineers were not only unable to make any advance, but were far from successful in keeping their opponents at bay. Indeed, although they worked hard and well, the general play of the Wanderers was so effective, and the kicking of their backs (Thompson and Lubbock) so admirable, that all the efforts of the Sappers were of no avail, being in most cases repulsed before they approached so far as to place the enemy's lines in peril. On the other hand, the Wanderers continued to press on without the least cessation of energy, and until the end they maintained a decided advantage, preserving their goal entirely free from danger, with the exception of one occasion, when a fine run by Lieut. Muirhead brought the ball within a few yards of the centre of their posts. Soon after the first achievement, the Wanderers secured what appeared to be a second goal from a kick by C.W. Alcock, but a previous infringement of the handling rule by C.H. Wollaston negated this second success, and play was resumed. During the rest of the game several opportunities were offered to the Wanderers of increasing their score; but so resolute was the front offered by Capt. Merriman, the goalkeeper of the Sappers, and so judicious his defence, that further reverses were avoided for his side. So time was called soon after half-past four o'clock, and the Wanderers thus remained entitled to act as the custodians of the cup for the term of one year, having gained this privilege after the fastest and hardest match that has ever been seen at the Oval, and by some of the best play on their part, individually and collectively, that has ever been shown in an Association game. The Engineers, it is only just to state, displayed all their accustomed energy and excellence of organisation; but their back play was by no means equal to that of the victors, and indeed it may safely be said that the Wanderers could hardly have enjoyed the supremacy so decisively during the game had it not been for the absolutely faultless kicking of their two backs, E. Lubbock and A.C. Thompson. Each was in brilliant form, but the admirable manner in which they worked together was the great feature of the match, Thompson displaying especial energy throughout. On the side of the Engineers Capt. Merriman's goalkeeping was perfect, and to him alone was due the preservation of the military fortress from further surrenders. As an instance of the determination of the Sappers, it may be noticed that Lieut. Cresswell had his collar bone broken in a charge ten minutes after the commencement of play, and continued until the close of the contest."

BL: "The weather was remarkably fine, too hot for the winter game, but there were not a great number of visitors to the Oval on Saturday afternoon, the reason being possibly that an admission fee of 1s was charged." "The Engineers were the favourites but the Wanderers on this occasion got one of their very best teams together, and, as will be seen, had the best of the Engineers nearly the whole time, and won by a goal to nothing. The Wanderers won the toss, electing to play with the wind and sun at their backs, and directly they began to show a manifest advantage, playing with the greatest determination; consequently they took the Engineers somewhat by surprise, and for the first quarter of an hour their goal was greatly invested. After this matters became slightly more on an equality, and the centre of the ground was the scene of strife. At last Vidal got hold of the ball, and

bringing it down to the Engineers' territory +Chequer was successful in passing it under the tape. The goalkeepers then changed ends, and although the Wanderers had to confront the wind and sun they, by some of the most splendid play ever witnessed, continued to hold their advantage, and no very great time had elapsed ere Alcock was instrumental in getting the ball past the goalkeeper, but it was not allowed on account of one of his side having previously handled the ball. The game was continued with the greatest determination on both sides, and on one occasion the Wanderers' goal was in the greatest jeopardy, but (the) goalkeeper by a well judged kick managed to avert what appeared an inevitable goal. From this time the Wanderers had the best of it and once or twice they were within an ace of scoring another goal, the ball on one occasion striking against one of the posts; but when "time" was called no other goal had resulted. For the Engineers it would only be fair to state that one of their best players (Lieut. Cresswell) had the misfortune to fracture his collarbone very shortly after the commencement of play, notwithstanding he maintained his post until the finish of the game."

SM: "Within a few minutes of three o'clock the ball was set in motion by the Engineers, the assemblage of spectators being very fashionable, though the numbers were hardly so large as might have been expected, owing, possibly, in some measure to an advance in the price charged for admission. The captain of the Wanderers won the toss, and thus at the outset his side gained not only the aid of the wind, but a considerable advantage in addition in having a very powerful sun at their backs. At once the Wanderers set to work with the greatest determination, and at the outset their play forward displayed more co-operation than is their custom, the backing up being vastly superior to anything they have shown during the present season. By this means, and with the aid of faultless kicking on the part of their backs, they were able during the first quarter of an hour to besiege the Sappers closely, to the surprise of many of the spectators. Thus consistently they maintained the attack, till at length, after some judicious middling by R.W.S. Vidal, the goal of the Engineers fell to a well-directed kick by +A.H. Chequer. Ends were now changed, but any expectation of an alteration in the state of affairs were unfulfilled, as without any diminution in energy the Wanderers, although now faced with wind and sun, continued to besiege the lines of the Engineers without allowing any opportunities to the forwards on the latter side of effecting the rushes for which they are noted. Not long after the above goal the ball was again driven between the posts of the military goal by C.W. Alcock, but owing to a previous breach of the handling rule by another Wanderer, the claim was rightly disallowed. Still the game was maintained with the most remarkable amount of animation on both sides, Renny-Tailyour, Mitchell, and Rich striving hard to pass the backs of the enemy. Once Muirhead, by an excellent run, did succeed in driving the ball into the vicinity of the Wanderers' fortress, but A.C. Thompson interposed at the right moment, and the leather was safely removed. After this one or two chances were offered to the Wanderers, but none were realised, although more than one would doubtless have been successful but for the extremely efficient goal-keeping of Capt. Merriman. On one occasion a protracted bully raged on the very edge of the Engineers' lines, and once during its course the ball was absolutely driven against one of the posts; but here, too, the Wanderers failed to score. During the latter part of the game it was generally imagined that the Engineers would outstay their opponents, but until the finish the play continued as fast as ever, and soon after half-past four o'clock time was called, the Wanderers thus gaining the privilege of holding the cup for a year by one goal. It was generally admitted that the play all round was superior to anything that has been seen at the Oval. The Wanderers unquestionably surprised the spectators by the effectiveness of their play collectively, and certainly they have never shown to such

advantage as in this contest. The Engineers played hard and well throughout, but they were outmatched in this instance, as they only on two occasions endangered the enemy's goal. It was in some measure the superiority of the backs on the side of the Wanderers that tended to produce the defeat of the Sappers, as the certainty of kicking displayed by Lubbock and Thompson throughout enabled the forwards of the victors to attack without fear. In extenuation of the reverse suffered by the Engineers, it should be stated that one of their best players, Lieut Creswell, broke his collar-bone about ten minutes after the start, and too much praise cannot be afforded to him for the pluck he showed in maintaining his post, although completely disabled and in severe pain, until the finish. Thus ended one of the most pleasant contests in which the Wanderers have ever been engaged, the posts of umpires and referee being absolutely sinecures. On behalf of the Wanderers, though all played up throughout in fine form, R.W.S. Vidal and T.C. Hooman attracted notice by their skilful dribbling. The umpires were G.H. Giffard (Civil Service) for the Engineers, and J. Kirkpatrick (Civil Service) for the Wanderers, A. Stair (Upton Park) acting as referee."

SL: "The early morning of Saturday last had been dull, varied with occasional gleams of sunshine, but as the afternoon progressed prospects brightened, and by three o'clock, the time fixed for commencement, the weather was mild and pleasant. So much lately has been said and written about the Association games, and so much more interest now attaches to football generally, that a tolerably large muster was present, amongst whom were several prominent old Etonians distinguished in their day, attracted in a great measure by the well-known prowess of their younger school fellows, Edgar Lubbock, Thompson, and Bonsor, though also coming to see how far the Association differed from the somewhat similar rules of their boyhood. The result of the visit was to vote the "off-side" rule a very slack one and capable of considerably more stringent enforcement. Alcock won the toss for choice of goals, and elected to kick from the westernmost, a strong wind being in his favour. At a few minutes after three the ball was kicked off by Captain Marindin, and at first was carried down towards the Wanderers' goals, but not many minutes had elapsed ere it was brought back to the centre of the ground, and thence taken on into the neighbourhood of the Engineers' goal, which after a few ineffectual attacks, at length succumbed, the ball being kicked through the posts after a general bully in front of the goal. Ends were at once changed, and it was thought that, with the wind to aid them, the Engineers would be able to turn the tables; but they could not, though several times a brilliant rush on their part would bring the ball well down the ground. Towards the end, moreover, their own goals were not only most dangerously besieged, but the ball was once more driven through the posts, though the score was disallowed, as Betts, who gave the final kick, was palpably "offside". Several times, also, the cleverness of the goal-keeper, Capt. Merriman, was sorely taxed, but he proved equal to all emergencies, and did his devoir most skilfully. On the part of the Wanderers, Lubbock and Thompson proved, as they invariably do, most difficult "behinds" to circumvent, while Bonsor, Vidal, and Crake worked hardest in the bully, the old Etonian doing a tremendous amount of work, while the scientific dribbling of the Westminster captain frequently elicited marked plaudits from the lookers-on. Renny-Tailyour played very skilfully and with great pluck, but the general backing up of the Engineers was far inferior to that of their opponents, while they were also not so fortunate in their "behinds". Mitchell, Muirhead, Boyle, and Marindin also worked hard. When play ceased the Wanderers' Club had thus become the first holders of the Challenge Cup. It was a general subject of talk that the turnstile at the lower end of Kennington Oval would be a great convenience to persons living in Belgravia as it would save them the trouble of having first to walk back across the ground to get out, and then to retrace their steps outside the dilapidated palings that at present surround the

Surrey County Cricket Ground. We regret to state that Lieut. Cresswell was disabled by breaking his collar-bone early in the match."

Football Annual 1872 P.45: "The play throughout this match was the best ever seen in an Association Match. Odds of 7 to 4 were wagered on the Engineers at the outset, but the fine backing up and general excellence of individual play on the part of the Wanderers enabled them to press the Engineers closely during the whole game, lasting over an hour and-a-half, the goal of the victors being only twice in danger. Time after time the Wanderers appeared likely to add to the goal won early in the match, but the wonderful goal keeping of Captain Merriman prevented any further success. R.W.S. Vidal and T.C. Hooman played well up for the Wanderers, and A.C. Thompson and E. Lubbock, back, were only passed once during the game."

Wanderers: R. de C. Welch (Goal) (Harrow); E. Lubbock (Back) (Eton); A.C. Thompson (Half Back) (Eton); C.W. Alcock (Harrow), E.E. Bowen (Cambridge), A.G. Bonsor (Eton), M.P. Betts (Harrow), W.P. Crake (Harrow), T.C. Hooman (Charterhouse), R.W.S. Vidal (Westminster), C.H.R. Wollaston (Oxford).

N.B. W.G. Grace was listed as one of the possible players for Wanderers (see SL 13/3/72 P.3 and 16/3/72 P.3)

N.B. Schools and Universities added from Football Annual 1872 P.45

Royal Engineers: Capt. W. Merriman (Goal); Capt. F.A. Marindin, Lieut. G.W. Addison (Backs); Lieut. A.G. Goodwyn (Half Back), Lieut. H. Mitchell, Lieut. E.W. Creswell, Lieut. H.W. Renny-Tailyour, Lieut. H.B. Rich, Lieut. H.H. Muirhead, Lieut. E.W. Cotter, Lieut. A. Bogle.

N.B. No positions in above RE lineups in fact

Umpires: J. Kirkpatrick (Civil Service) for the Wanderers, and J.H. Giffard (Civil Service) for the Engineers.

Referee: A. Stair (Assistant Hon. Sec., Football Association).

Field 23/3/72 P.261: "Wanderers Club. The annual dinner of the above club will be held on Thursday, the 11th of April next, at the Pall Mall Restaurant, Charing Cross, when the presentation of the Association Cup will take place. Application for tickets may be made to the Hon. Sec., Mr C.W. Alcock, Grassendale, West Dulwich, S.E. The Cup will be presented by the President of the Football Association." (See also Sportsman 11/4/72 P.3 and 13/4/72 P.8)

