

1872-73

FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION CUP

FIRST ROUND:

Field 24/8/72 P.202:

“The first ties in the competition for the coming season have been drawn as under:Crystal Palace play Oxford University Association;Clapham Rovers play Hitchin;Barnes play South Norwood;Royal Engineers play Civil Service;Upton Park play First Surrey Rifles;Maidenhead play Great Marlow; Crusaders play Reigate Priory;Queen’s Park,a bye.These ties will have to be played on or before October 31.”

BARNES 0 SOUTH NORWOOD 1(G.V.Walshe) (Sat Oct 19th)(At Barnes):

Sportsman 23/10/72 P.3/Bell’s Life 26/10/72 P.4/Field 26/10/72 P.401/Sporting Gazette 26/10/72 P.754/Sporting Life 23/10/72 P.1:

SM:”The match was looked upon as a certainty for Barnes,as their opponents’ club is quite a modern one,but proved the fallacy of “morals”,for after about ten minutes’ play by some good dribbling by Norwood the ball was brought down to the Barnes goal,which surrendered to a kick from the foot of Walshe.The play was at first very fast,and the Barnes backs had plenty of work,but rain commencing rendered the ground heavy,which told considerably on the Norwoodites,who now had to act on the defensive.Towards the end of the match they freshened up,and seemed to have rather the best of it.During the last ten minutes Barnes,in response to the loud and frequent shouts from their friends, strove hard to score,and in several instances nearly succeeded,but luck was against them.Thus Norwood won by one goal to none.Morice’s dribbling and Butler’s rushes elicited frequent applause,as did Leeds’s back play.For Norwood,R.Smith,J.Smith,and Fleet were always on the ball,and mainly contributed towards the success of the side.”

BL:”The match was looked upon as a certainty for Barnes,as their opponents’ club has not long been established,but after 10 minutes play,by some good dribbling by Norwood the ball was brought down to the Barnes goal,which surrendered to a kick from the foot of Walshe.After a time South Norwood had somewhat the worst of it,but towards the finish they revived,and during the last 10minutes Barnes,in response to the loud and frequent shouts from their friends,strove hard to score, and in several instances nearly succeeded,but luck was against them,Norwood winning by one goal to none.”

F:”The play was at first very fast,and only ten minutes had elapsed before the ball was taken down to the Barnes goal,and its surrender was accomplished by a good kick from the foot of Walshe.Rain now fell with force,and the ground became so heavy that Norwood were placed rather at a disadvantage,and they now had to act very much on the defensive,though towards the end they roused themselves and seemed to have rather the best of the game.During the last ten minutes Barnes strove very hard,and in several instances very nearly succeeded in scoring;but luck was against them,and at the end Norwood remained the victors by one goal to none.”

Barnes:C.J.Morice(Capt.),W.C.Butler,C.H.Warren,A.R.Dunnage,+C.Hudson,
F.C.Clarkson,A.Adams,G.W.Chapman,O.D.Chapman,H.E.Solly,++T.Weston.

+Not found initial elsewhere:only H.A. or J. ++Could be E.J.; V.; or G.

South Norwood:W.H.White(Capt.),C.E.Leeds,A.L.Elborough,W.C.Elborough,
T.Viall,G.V.Walsh,G.R.Fleet,R.Smith,J.Smith,F.White,+Dickinson.

+Not found in other games

FIRST SURREY RIFLES 2 (R.L.Allport,J.H.Hastie) UPTON PARK 0 (Sat Oct 26th) (At Camberwell)

Sportsman 29/10/72 P.3/Bell's Life 2/11/72 P.4/Field 2/11/72 P.438/Sporting Life 30/10/72 P.4:

SM:"Both clubs had striven hard to be well represented on the occasion,but in this respect the visitors had met with only indifferent success.At the outset a little delay occurred consequent upon the non-arrival of the ball,but this rather formidable difficulty was ultimately surmounted,and at half-past three Upton Park kicked off,the home team having won the toss,and selected the upper goal.For about twenty minutes the game was confined to neutral ground,although the straggling disposition of the visitors seemed to offer opportunities to their opponents.Of these they soon took advantage,and the ball,having been worked down to the Upton goal by the military forwards,was at length kicked through by R.L.Allport.After the change of ends the visitors appeared to become alive as to the necessity of infusing a little more vigour into their play,and for some time a series of unsuccessful attacks were made upon the home goal.During one of these attacks A.Makeshift,who had been hovering on the outskirts of the scrimmage,succeeded in middling the ball to F.Wilton,who drove it between the posts,but upon an appeal to the umpire the goal was disallowed on the score of the original kick having been made when the player was off-side.Soon after the new kick-off was made a deluge of rain came down,which,with the accompanying darkness,made running almost impossible,and the ball difficult to see.Play,however,continued,and an easy shot at the home goal having been missed,the ball was once again carried down into the vicinity of the Upton quarters,and J.H.Hastie,suddenly emerging from the gloom,came in with a rush,and placed a second goal to the credit of the Rifles.Although only four minutes remained,play was again resumed,but no further score was made,and at five o'clock the teams thankfully adjourned to the shelter of the mess-room, where the cheery hospitality of the victors soon succeeded in making the Upton players forget their defeat,and with it their chance,for this year at least,of holding the Challenge Cup.Conspicious amongst the 1st Surrey were W.J.Maynard and L.H.Neame,to whose unceasing exertions the result is mainly attributable.Among the Uptonians,W.Freeth's accurate kicking was noticeable,and F.Wilton, in addition to careful dribbling,made his debut on this occasion as a successful charger.Besides these it is perhaps fair to the players concerned to notice the skilful manner in which one or two Uptonians managed to defy the rule and use their hands."

F:"Here,too,there was every prospect of a hard fight,the general opinion being in favour of the Uptonians.The result,however,proved otherwise,as the Rifles worked so hard,and played so well together in comparison with their opponents that they gained the victory,as they well deserved,by two goals to none.Still it must not be imagined that the Surrey eleven had any marked advantage,as had the Uptonians only played up to their usual form,or utilised the chances they had offered to

them at times, they would certainly have averted defeat, if not absolutely won. The first goal fell to the Rifles through the agency of R.L. Allport after about twenty minutes of play, while the second was obtained just before time by J.H. Hastie. These two players, with W.J. Maynard and L.H. Neame, were the life of their side, and among the Uptonians F. Wilton and W. Freeth were most noticeable. A goal was kicked, it must be stated, for Upton, by F. Wilton; but the score was not allowed in consequence of a previous infringement of "off-side."

First Surrey Rifles: J.H. Hastie (Capt.), G. Kelham, H.J. Hooper, R.L. Allport, W.J. Maynard, T. Edmonston, J.H. Lock (Goal), J.D. Challoner, L.H. Neame, Walter Foster, S.W. Greenhow (Back).

Upton Park: C. Warner (Capt.), W. Freeth (Back), F. Wilton (Forward), H. Compton, T. Kitson, P.G. Barnett, F. Kitson, A.M. Jones, E. Curwen, T.C. Curwen, A. Makeshift, sen.

+Not found elsewhere ++Also an E.S. Curwen in 73/74 ordinary games

Umpires: W.A. Willis for First Surrey Rifles and A. Stair for Upton Park

GREAT MARLOW 0 MAIDENHEAD 1 (W.M. Carter) (Sat Oct 26th) (At Marlow Cricket Field) (H.T. 0-0)

Maidenhead Advertiser 30/10/72 P.3/Field 2/11/72 P.438/Sportsman 30/10/72 P.3:

MA: "As we have had so much rain lately, it was hoped Saturday would prove fine for the match with Marlow; but after a slight glimpse of blue in the morning, the sky clouded over again, and it turned out a regular wet afternoon, thereby preventing many from going over as spectators, who are nearly always present to cheer on the red and black, whether at home or away. As this was one of the first ties for the Association Cup, which are obliged by the rules to be played before the end of October, and some of the players having come a long distance on purpose, it was decided to begin irrespective of the weather, or else we think there was quite sufficient reason for putting the match off; however, Maidenhead having won the toss for choice of goals, the ball was kicked off by Marlow at quarter - past three, in pouring rain, the ground being terribly wet and slippery, in fact more fit for sliding and skating than for football.

Maidenhead started in good earnest, and soon had the ball down in the vicinity of the other goal, and for the first ten minutes kept it there; Marlow then worked it through, and for the remainder of the first-half of the game the play was varied, but mostly in favour of Maidenhead, all of the players finding great difficulty in standing at all, running being a most uncertain business, and dribbling being an impossibility. Not long after half-time Carter, who had been on the ball and working very hard from the first, saw an opening, and being well backed up by Mayne and one or two more, worked the ball well up the centre of the field, past the ever watchful backs on the other side, and at last cleverly kicking it between the posts, amid much cheering. This was the means of imparting fresh energy to the Marlow team, and they one and all tried their best to retrieve the loss they had sustained. They very soon brought the ball down towards the Maidenhead lines, and made a succession of capital trials at goal, and had not Wylde, the goal-keeper, been very well up to his business, would most certainly have gained their object; this bit of play on the goal-keeper's part was most notable, and called for great applause from both friend and foe. Maidenhead, after this, had their turn at their opponent's quarters, but without getting any further success, and the remainder of the game

suggests no further remark;the call of "time" being at last gladly received by all,for everyone was thoroughly soaked and uncomfortable.All did their best and played well in their different positions, but we cannot help giving honourable mention to Carter,Collings,and Mayne,with the goal keeping of Wylde,before stated,for Maidenhead,and we also noticed the capital play of Slocock,Case,Wright, and "Darkie",with the assistance of Baines,Reeves,and Treacher,from Wycombe,for Marlow.

The ground was rather small,but had the advantage of not being known to either side.The rain was the great drawback to the enjoyment of everyone,but it was not sufficient to repress the usual chaff from the bystanders,who appeared particularly to glory in the downfall of any of the players,but were on the whole pretty orderly.

Mr J.H.Clark officiated as umpire for Maidenhead and Mr Wood for Marlow,but beyond a few appeals as to "hands",there was nothing requiring their interference."

F:"This,the last of the first ties,was played at Marlow,and ended in a victory for Maidenhead by one goal to nothing.Heavy rain fell during the entire match,and the ground was in frightful condition, making it nearly impossible to stand at times.Maidenhead had rather the best of the game all through,Carter,Mayne,Collings,and Richardson working hard;while Slocock,Shaw,Wright and Case were also prominent.The goal-keeping of Wylde for Maidenhead was also worthy of especial remark,when Marlow at one time got up to close quarters with them."(SM has an almost identical report)

Great Marlow:A.C.Faulkne(Capt.)(Back);J.D.Crossman,Burton(Half Backs),Reeves(Goal), Rev.F.(H.)Slocock,+J.Batting,C.Wright,Case,J.Baines,Shaw,Treacher.

+Uncertain spelling:could be Battling or Batling or Balting

Maidenhead:W.Goulden(Capt.)(Half Back),C.A.Vardy(Back),C.Richardson(Half Back), (J.)W.Wylde(Goal),W.M.Carter A.W.Collings,Rev.A.Austen-Leigh,G.H.Hebbes,+S.Plumbe, ++R.Mayne,W.Basset.

+Initial in doubt ++R.C. or R.G.?

Umpires:W.Wood for Great Marlow and J.H.Clark for Maidenhead.

Sporting Gazette 2/11/72:"On Saturday last two matches were played(at Kennington Oval) for the FA Challenge CupThe weather was moderately fine during the first match ,but it rained heavily once or twice while the second match was being decided."

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OXFORD UNIVERSITY 3 (J.R.Sumner,H.B.Dixon,C.J.Longman)

CRYSTAL PALACE 2 (C.C.Armitage,T.Lloyd)(Sat Oct 26th)(1st of 2 at Kennington Oval)(1.45 pm)

Field 2/11/72 P.438/Sportsman 29/10/72 P.3/Bell's Life 2/11/72 P.4/ Sporting Gazette 2/11/72 P.771/The Observer 27/10/72/Morning Advertiser 28/10/72 P.3/Sporting Life 30/10/72 P.4:

F: "This game was played at the Oval, and was possibly the most evenly contested of all these preliminary struggles. The Oxonians were very formidably represented, as their names will show, and at first they seemed likely to utterly outmatch their opponents, though the latter towards the end played up with such remarkable energy as to produce reasonable doubt whether they would not have completely altered the result had there been a prolongation of half an hour in the time allowed. The ball was kicked off at a quarter to two o'clock, and within the hour three goals had been gained by Oxford, the first by J.R. Sumner after a fine run by C.J. Ottaway; the second by H.B. Dixon after some clever play by Kirke-Smith; the third by a clever side kick from the foot of C.J. Longman. Meanwhile the Palace had failed to score at all, but from this time they set to work with a will and mainly by the strenuous efforts of the Brothers Lloyd, C.C. Armitage and F.B. Soden, by the call of time they had been able to secure two goals, thus leaving the Oxonians with a bare majority of one goal. For the Oxford eleven C.J. Ottaway, R.W.S. Vidal, Kirke-Smith, and J.R. Sumner (forward), and C.C. Mackarness (back) were especially conspicuous throughout the game."

SM: "Oxford lost the toss, and, consequently kicked off at a quarter to two with the sun in their faces, and what little wind there was against them. It was not long before C.J. Ottaway gave the Palatians a taste of his speed, and, being well backed up, he brought the ball quickly down the side, from whence he made a shot at goal, but the ball struck the post and rebounded into play opposite the centre of the goal, where Sumner received it, and sent it flying between the posts, scoring first blood to the dark blues. Ends were changed and the game renewed, but very shortly after Kirke-Smith made himself prominent and unpleasant by running the ball down the side and middling it to Dixon, who quickly reduced the Palace goal for the second time. The ball being started again from the centre the game became more even, and the Palace forwards playing more together, ably assisted by the sides, took the ball several times close to their opponents' goal, at which several shots were made, but without success. The ball now got into neutral ground, where the Oxford men, getting well onto it, they made a successful rush, Longman, by a clever side kick, securing the third goal for his side. Forty minutes more to play, and the prospect not a cheerful one for the representatives of the Palace Club. However, they belong to that class of fellows who never acknowledge defeat, till the end, and invariably play better and harder under adverse circumstances. There was no exception on this occasion, as from this period in the game to the finish the ball was more frequently in the vicinity of the Oxford quarters, and thanks to T. Lloyd, C.C. Armitage, and F. Soden, two goals were credited to the Palace before the call of time. As regards individual play, C.J. Ottaway, Vidal, Kirke-Smith, Mackarness (back), and Chappell particularly distinguished themselves for Oxford; as did C.J. Chenery, T. Lloyd, A. Lloyd, F. Soden, Armitage, and Heath for the Palace. Both sides are greatly indebted to M.P. Betts for kindly undertaking the onerous duties of umpire. It was in a great measure owing to his prompt and courteous decisions when appealed that the match was rendered remarkable for the absence of any angry questions or disputes."

SL: "The Palace team was at the commencement completely paralysed by the energetic efforts of its opponents, who quickly scored three goals in succession, Sumner, Dixon, and Longman being the fortunate obtainers. Towards the close of play, however, the Palace men were more successful, and ere time was called had secured a couple of goals, through the instrumentality of Armitage and Lloyd, Soden having been very conspicuous in his assistance to both those players in bringing down the ball."

SG: "....one by Armitage, middled by Soden, and the other by Lloyd, the ball being helped in its course by Soden."

Oxford University: A.S. Kirke-Smith (Cheltenham) (Capt.), H.B. Dixon (Westminster), C.J. Ottaway (Eton), +F.M. Chappell (Back), C.C. Mackarness (Winchester), ++H.S. King (Charterhouse), W.B. Paton (Harrow), T.B. Hughes, C.J. Longman (Harrow), R.W.S. Vidal (Westminster), J.R.E. Sumner (Harrow). ("late" Schools added from F/SG)

+F /SM/BL/SL all have F.M. Chappell (Probably M for Maddison: he changed his name from Frederick Patey Chappell to Frederick Brunning Maddison in Feb 1873 according to the Early FA Cup Finals Book P.103.

++Not found in other Oxford matches

Crystal Palace: A. Morten (Capt.) (Goal), C.C. Armitage, A.H. Lloyd, T. Lloyd, C.J. Chenery, A.J. Heath, P. Currey, A. Borwick, F.B. Soden, A. Bouch, C.F. Cumberlege.

Umpire: M.P. Betts.

WINDSOR HOME PARK +3 (G.F. Bambridge, F. Gardiner, E.H. Bambridge)
REIGATE PRIORY 2 (R.W. Clutton 2) (Sat Oct 26th) (2nd of 2 at Kennington Oval) (3.20pm)

+Plus 1 disputed goal by F. Gardiner (see below)

BL: "....was commenced on the conclusion of the tie between Oxford and the Crystal Palace Club."

N.B. SG (Re the "offside" goal to Windsor when it was 1-0): "....at last, however, Windsor succeeded in reducing the Priory goal once more, but it was disputed on the plea of "offside" and remained in abeyance." (Reading Mercury 2/11/72 P.6 records the score as 3-2)

Field 2/11/72 P.438/Sportsman 29/10/72 P.3/Windsor & Eton Express 2/11/72 P.4/Sporting Life 30/10/72 P.4/Bell's Life 2/11/72 P.4/Sporting Gazette 2/11/72 P.771/The Observer 27/10/72/ Morning Advertiser 28/10/72 P.3/ Surrey Gazette 2/11/72 P.3:

F: "This meeting was anticipated with some interest, as likely to produce a stiff fight, and so events proved. It was played at the Oval, and was commenced on the conclusion of the tie between the Oxford and the Crystal Palace Club. The Windsor eleven lost no time in scoring, as G.F. Bambridge and F. Gardiner each accredited them with a goal, a third being disallowed on the score of "offside". Nothing daunted however, Reigate worked most pluckily, and the play became most animated, though Reigate were so far in possession of the superiority as to score two goals in succession, both through the energetic and skilful play of their captain. Both sides were now on a level footing, and so they remained for some little time, to the delight of the spectators, until at length, just before the call of time, Windsor made a very decisive move in advance, and were finally hailed the victors of a gallant struggle by three goals (plus one in abeyance as per SG) to two. For Windsor, E. Bambridge, G. Turner (up), Wright and Nicholls (back); and for Reigate, R.W. Clutton, L. Chave, and W.B. Richardson (up), and Hesketh (back) played in excellent style throughout."

SM: "Immediately the tie for the Association Challenge Cup between Crystal Palace and Oxford University had been decided on Saturday last, the Oval was taken possession of by Reigate and Windsor for the purpose of playing off their tie. Reigate won the toss, and elected to kick towards the gas-works, and the Windsor captain started the ball, and almost immediately G.F. Bambridge secured a neat goal. Ends were changed and play became more exciting, and again Windsor were credited with a goal, this time from the toe of Gardiner. An objection was raised as to the infringement of the offside rule, but after some discussion the goal was allowed. Ends were again changed, and some capital play ensued, when a very quick run by W.B. Richardson along the top side, followed by a capital "middle" enabled Clutton to lower the Windsor goal. Again were ends changed, and again a very obvious piece of offside play enabled Windsor to pass the ball between the Reigate posts, but the goal was of course disallowed. Reigate now seemed determined to retrieve their fallen fortunes, and after a good run up the ground, Richardson took the ball past the Windsor backs and had a try at goal, the ball shaving the outside of the post, but to compensate his team for this bit of bad luck, R.W. Clutton made a brilliant rush, and, keeping the ball well to him, again accomplished the downfall of the Windsor goal. The game then stood as above-two goals a-piece-for some little time, and some remarkably good play was shown on both sides, till just before time E. Bambridge secured another goal for Windsor, who thus remained the victors by three goals to two. For Reigate, the play of Clutton, Chave, and W.B. Richardson (forward) was excellent, Clutton and Richardson always being well on the ball; Chave on the top side made some very brilliant runs, and Hesketh (back) played well and steadily; while for Windsor the runs of E. Bambridge and Turner were capital. Wright and Nicolls (backs) being of the greatest assistance to their side. Mr A.H. Lloyd (Crystal Palace) kindly officiated as umpire for Reigate, and it would perhaps, have been more satisfactory had the Windsor umpire not been a member of the Windsor club."

W&EE/SG: "The weather was moderately fine during the first match, but it rained heavily once or twice while the second event was being decided; nevertheless, there was a pretty good attendance. The Oxonians won by three goals to two. At 20 minutes past 3 the Windsor Home Park and Reigate Priory teams made their appearance, and a well-contested game resulted in a victory for Windsor by three goals to two. The Berkshire club won the toss, and their captain had scarcely started the ball when it was carried towards the Priory goal, and its downfall was effected in less than five minutes by G.F. Bambridge. Ends were reversed, and almost immediately their second goal resulted from the toe of Gardiner. The Priory team, who were much lighter than their opponents, then rallied considerably, and the struggle raged furiously in the Windsor territory Clutton, eventually, after the ball had been brought down exceedingly well by Chave, passing it under the line. Once more the goal-keepers changed places, and for some time the Priory had the best of it; at last, however, Windsor succeeded in reducing the Priory goal once more, but it was disputed on the plea of offside, and remained in abeyance. After some little time had been wasted over the matter, hostilities were renewed, when, at the end of one hour, Clutton caused the overthrow of the Windsor goal and matters became even; but, just before the call of time, E. Bambridge ran the ball down to the Priory goal, and kicked it under the line, soon after which play ceased."

SL: "The first two goals fell to Windsor through the agency of G.F. Bambridge and Gardiner. Then came a change and Chave secured a goal for the Priory. An unfortunate dispute soon afterwards arose with respect to a third goal, kicked for Windsor by Gardiner, after a good run down by Wright, and the claim was eventually disallowed by Messrs Alfred Lloyd and F.J. Stevens, the umpires, on the ground that Gardiner was offside. On resuming play Clutton secured a second goal for Reigate, and both

sides were then equal;but just before it was time to leave off,E.Bambridge made a spirited run down the centre of the ground,and won a capitally contested match for his side.”+Not Chitton

N.B.Letter from the Windsor Umpire in Sportsman 31/10/71 P.4 re the disputed goal and the split Umpire decision:”No referee having been appointed,it was left in abeyance,hoping that the game would be decided,irrespective of the disputed goal,and thus save any dispute that might arise from their decision,and it so transpired,Windsor winning by three goals to two,so that no decision was given on the goal in dispute.”

“...and I feel bound to say in defence of my judgment that all the spectators who happened to be close to where off-side was claimed were of the opinion that the man was in play;and when I mention the fact that the knot of spectators who happened to be close to where off-side was claimed was composed chiefly of Oxford and Crystal Palace men,amongst whom were Mr Betts and Mr Ottaway,I think I give sufficient evidence to justify my view of the point in dispute,and exonerate me from all blame of partiality.”

Windsor Home Park:W.Nicholls(jun.)(Capt.),E.H.Bambridge,G.F.Bambridge,G.Turner,
H.Wright,F.Heron, G.H.H.Heron(Back),*F.Gardiner,+A.Cornish,++H.Manders,P.G.Chamberlain.

+Alfred or Arthur ++Not traced elsewhere *Only found W.M.Gardiner(see also next round)

Reigate Priory:R.W.Clutton(Capt.),W.B.Richardson,F.D.Pawle,A.W.Bailey,+W.H.Pelly,
L.Chave,R.L.Hesketh(Back),B.E.Richardson,H.A.Pelly(Back),T.D.Hanbury,+J.Barnes.
(F/SM)(SG/BL/Obs/SL have errors)

+Not traced elsewhere

Umpires:F.J.Stevens(Windsor Home Park) and A.H.Lloyd(Crystal Palace).

ROYAL ENGINEERS 3(Not recorded) CIVIL SERVICE 0 (H.T. 0-0)(Sat Oct 26th)(At the Lines,Chatham)

Field 2/11/72 P.438/Sportsman 30/10/72 P.3/Bell’s Life 2/11/72 P.4:

F:”This contest took place on the lines at Chatham ,and,as was expected,was productive of an easy victory for the Engineers.During the first half-hour the Service,although they only mustered nine,succeeded in frustrating every attack of the enemy,but towards the end their numerical deficiency retarded them severely,and they were reduced to a strict defence,three goals being scored against them in the course of the last thirty minutes.For the Service,F.R.Round, H.W.Primrose,and A.R.Margary were untiring throughout,while for the Sappers Blackburn,Ruck,and Wood were most conspicuous,and Capt. Merriman,as usual,was the very safest of goalkeepers.The Engineers,though they have very few of their old representatives left,showed excellent play throughout,and with the advantage of more practice will become a very dangerous eleven.”

SM:”The toss was won by the Engineers,who elected to play down the hill,with their backs to the sun,the wind being nearly across the ground.For the first half of the game no goal was kicked by either side,notwithstanding the repeated attacks of the Sappers,which were frustrated by the brilliant display of the C.S. goalkeeper,whose play was nearly,if not quite,up to his best form of

bygone days. After the change of ends at half-time the game continued with unabated energy, but the next fifteen minutes told their tale on the wind of the Civil Servants, who were playing only nine men, and shortly after an hour's play, a goal was kicked by the Engineers; rather a lucky shot, as it was from some distance passed just under the tape and above the reach of the goalkeeper. After this reverse for the Civil Service the Engineers continued their efforts with renewed vigour, and before time was called had added two more goals to their score, the Civilians acting during the last part of the game entirely on the defensive. "The ground on Saturday was in a greasy state, and was very tiring to those not in condition, and no doubt prevented on more than one occasion a goal being scored."

Royal Engineers: Capt. W. Merriman (Goal), Major F. A. Marindin, Lieuts. G. W. Addison, A. G. Goodwyn (Backs), Lieuts. G. Barker, R. M. Ruck, + E. A. Cotter, P. G. von Donop, J. E. Blackburn, W. Baddeley, C. K. Wood .

+ Listed as E. A. Cotter in the FAC Lineups for this season (see also third round match below) and only sometimes listed as E. W. Cotter in this season or the previous season: Early Cup Finals records him as Colonel Edmond William Cotter

Civil Service: J. H. Giffard (Capt.) (Back), J. Kirkpatrick, + A. R. Margary (Half Back), H. W. Primrose, F. R. Round, P. V. Turner, * C. R. Hamilton, ++ C. W. A. Trollope, and an old C. S. back (Goals); C. C. Boyle (absent).

+ Not traced elsewhere ++ C. W. L. Trollope traced * Only W. A. B. Hamilton traced

CLAPHAM ROVERS walked over HITCHIN scratched

QUEEN'S PARK, GLASGOW, a bye

SECOND ROUND:

Field 2/11/72 P.438:

"On Thursday evening the second ties were drawn as follows: - Clapham Rovers play Oxford Association, First Surrey Rifles play Maidenhead, South Norwood play Windsor Home Park, the Royal Engineers a bye. The Queen's Park Club, Glasgow, is allowed, according to special provision in rules, to be excluded from competition, until two last drawings of ties."

See also Sportsman 2/11/72 P.8.

OXFORD UNIVERSITY 3 (A. S. Kirke-Smith, H. B. Dixon, C. J. Ottaway) CLAPHAM ROVERS 0 (H. T. 0-0)
(Sat Nov 23rd) (In the Parks, Oxford)

Field 30/11/72 P.542/ Bell's Life 30/11/72 P.8/Sportsman 27/11/72 P.1:

F: "This match was played in the Parks at Oxford on Saturday last, the result being a comparatively easy victory for Oxford by three goals to none. Play was delayed, owing to the late arrival of some of the Clapham side, until after 3 o'clock, the Rovers in winning the toss securing the assistance of a gale of wind. Despite this disadvantage, however, the Oxonians by a general rush at once drove the ball behind their adversaries' lines, and even at this early period it was not difficult to predict the ultimate result of the struggle. Some pretty runs were made by W.E. Sprott, and A.P. Vansittart, but R.W.S. Vidal and W.B. Paton on the one side, and C.J. Ottaway and A. Kirke-Smith on the other, were quite equal to the occasion. Nothing happened until after the change of ends at half time when the Oxonians, with the help of the wind, made a general rush and drove the ball through the posts of the Clapham goal, the final kick being administered by A. Kirke-Smith, who had brought the ball well up. The Rovers now strove hard to retrieve their loss, but to no purpose, as only a few minutes had elapsed before, after a run by R.W.S. Vidal and J.R. Sumner (SM" ..and the former middling it") H.B. Dixon was able to accredit Oxford with another goal. Another success fell to Oxford, for once more R.W.S. Vidal middled the ball with his accustomed skill and a good kick by C.J. Ottaway was the means of producing the third and last goal. From this point the Rovers worked hard to recover some of their lost ground, but despite the good example of their captain, and the excellent forward play of J. Kenrick, they were unable to make any headway against the good backing up and fast play of the Oxonians. The kicking of the half backs on each side, of R.H. Burkett for the Rovers, and C.C. Mackarness and F.H. Birley for Oxford was a noticeable feature of the game. Mr C.E. Nepean (University College) was umpire by mutual consent of the two sides."

BL: "The Rovers, having won the toss, elected to kick with the wind, which at that time was blowing a gale in their favour." "Nothing of any interest happened until the change of goals at half time, when the Oxonians, favoured by the wind, made a rush, headed by the captain and drove the ball straight through the posts of their adversaries, the final kick falling to Kirke-Smith, who had brought it well up" "A very few minutes had elapsed before Vidal and Sumner brought the ball up the side, and the former middling it gave Dixon a chance at goal, which he immediately took advantage of. Only one more goal was added to the score Vidal again having middled the ball with his usual accuracy, Ottaway, by a good kick, obtained a third advantage."

Oxford University: A.S. Kirke-Smith (Capt.), C.J. Ottaway, R.W.S. Vidal, +F.M. Chappell, H.B. Dixon, F.H. Birley, C.C. Mackarness, J.R.E. Sumner, H.S. King, W.B. Paton, F.J. Patton.

+F/BL/SM all have F.M. Chappell: See First Round match note.

Clapham Rovers: R.H. Birkett (Capt.) (Back), R.A.M.M. Ogilvie, J. Kenrick, W.F. Richmond, C.C. Bryden, H.A. Bryden, W.E. Sprott, +J. Rose, A.P. Vansittart, C. Bergman, ++J.C. Constable.

+H. Rose in 4 other games: no J. Rose traced ++Not traced elsewhere

Umpire: C.E. Nepean (University College) for both sides.

MAIDENHEAD 3 (W. Goulden, G.H. Hebbes, A.W. Collings) FIRST SURREY RIFLES 0 (H.T. 0-0)
(Sat Nov 23rd) (At "Park Field", Maidenhead)

Maidenhead Advertiser 27/11/72 P.2/Berkshire Chronicle 30/11/72 P.5/Sportsman 27/11/72 P.1/Bell's Life 30/11/72 P.8/Field 30/11/72 P.542/Sporting Life 27/11/72 P.1/The Observer 24/11/72/Morning Advertiser 25/11/72 P.6:

MA:"On Saturday last a numerous and respectable company,including many of the fair sex, assembled in the Park Field to witness a very interesting football match between eleven members of the 1st Surrey Rifles Club,and eleven of the Maidenhead Club.This match derived especial interest from a report that the opponents of Maidenhead had never been defeated,as well as in consideration of it being a contest for the second ties of the Association Cup.Early in the week it was announced that Messrs Carter,Lloyd,and Lovett,could not put in an apearance for Maidenhead,and without these champions many anticipated an inauspicious turn of fortune,but the energetic exertions of Mr.J.H.Clark brought relief,by inviting and inducing two distant members of the club to come over and give their support,and Messrs Wells and Collings came and rendered great and undeniable assistance,and frequently reminded the spectators of their indomitable pluck on many previous occasions,on this same verdant spot of ground.

At 2.42 the ball was kicked off by Surrey,who,having won the toss,elected to play up-hill.Some very good play was exhibited on both sides;but a strong wind blowing from the south-west very much interfered with the down-hill players,who could not possibly dribble the ball against it,and consequently it was constantly being kicked out of bounds.On half-time being called,the players of Maidenhead,with the advantage of the wind now afforded them,roused themselves,and resolved to secure a goal.They quickly rushed three or four byes in succession,and once the ball was kicked only about six inches over the very centre of the tape.This increased their confidence,and gave additional earnestness to their endeavours,which were at last crowned with success by the very skilful and resolute action of their Captain(Goulden),who,after working the ball past two or three of his opponents,and thereby inducing the goal-keeper to leave his post,by a very masterly and strategic dribble,he passed it by a side kick into the goal,and thus secured Victory No. 1.This skilful manoeuvre on the part of the Maidenhead Captain encouraged others to try and follow suit,and after great exertions and combined good play,a second goal was kicked by Hebbes.The game now appeared a one-sided affair;altogether the opponents of Maidenhead were dispirited;and Collings,who had, throughout the game,been playing with great spirit and determination,resolved to attempt a third goal,and with the assistance of Wells,Mayne,Richardson,and Wyld(who backed him up most gallantly),he succeeded in kicking the ball exactly through the centre of the goal.This extraordinary good play on his part called forth cheers,loud and strong,from the spectators.Three goals to nothing were thus obtained by the Maidenhead players;and considering they were playing against first-class men,real masters of the game,resolute in all their actions,and never,we believe,previously defeated by any club by more than one goal,sufficiently proves the undeniable fact that the Maidenhead players on their own ground,and excited by the applause of an admiring crowd,can yet hope to maintain the invincibility of their goal against all players."

SM/BL:"This match,which was played at Maidenhead on Saturday,the 23rd inst.,resulted in a signal victory for the home team by three goals to none.The Rifles won the toss and elected to play with the wind –which was blowing a small gale-in their favour.Till the call of half time the game was as even as possible,but as soon as ends were changed the weight and superior condition of the home team began to tell,and the Surrey goal-keeper running out to the ball,which he missed,the first goal was kicked for Maidenhead.The Rifles now made a desperate attempt to retrieve their fortunes,but

the home team would not be denied, and two more goals were kicked for Maidenhead. The high wind prevented any dribbling, and the tactics of the home team were much better suited to the circumstances than those of the Rifles, who seemed quite at sea. Heavy charging, quick running, and long kicking told their tale, as the result proved. For Maidenhead, Wells, Wild, and Wheatley particularly distinguished themselves; Foster and Edmonston alone did any service for the Rifles, who generally seemed half asleep." (BC has an identical report except the first sentence is differently worded)

SL: "The high wind rendered any dribbling impossible, and the style of play in vogue with the Maidenhead club, viz, heavy charging, long kicking, and fast running, gave them a great advantage in such unfavourable weather. For Maidenhead, Wells, Wild, and Wheatley played well; while Foster and Edmonston did their best for Surrey." (Very similar report in F)

Windsor & Eton Express 30/11/72 P.2: MAIDENHEAD: "The football field on Saturday last was a scene of great excitement, there being a very large assembly present to witness the contest between this club and that of the 1st Surrey Rifles. There were two reasons for bringing so many together, namely, it was reported that the Surrey gentlemen had never been defeated and it was a contest for the second ties of the Association Cup. The game commenced at 2.40, and Maidenhead played against a very strong wind, and even with this against them they kept their opponents at a very respectful distance from their goal, and it was the general opinion that after half-time, when the change was made, they would carry all before them, and this turned out to be correct. Every man played with a determination seldom displayed, and the result was a splendid victory. The first goal was kicked by the captain (Goulden), the second by Hebbes, and the third by Collings. Their opponents after the first goal seemed somewhat dispirited, and never really rallied afterwards, although they displayed some excellent play throughout the game. As to the Maidenhead, all appeared to do their utmost, and played well together. Each wore on the occasion a uniform cap, kindly presented by Mr +A.H. Clarke, of Lowood, the President, who served as umpire, and Mr J. Richardson, Ray Park-villas, acted as umpire for the Surrey gentlemen." (No lineups) +J.H. Clark

Maidenhead: W. Goulden (Capt.), +A. Wylde, F. Wells, A.W. Collings, C. Richardson, R.G. Mayne (Half Back), F. Nicholson (Goal), C.A. Vardy (Back), Rev. A. Austen-Leigh, G.H. Hebbes (Half Back), ++A. Wheatley.

+There were two brothers and their name is often listed as "Wild" ++Initial not confirmed elsewhere

First Surrey Rifles: J.H. Hastie (Capt.), G. Kelham, W.A. Willis, W.P. Hubbard, J.H. Lock (Goal), T. Edmonston, H.J. Hooper, W.J. Maynard, S.W. Greenhow (Back), W.C. Foster, J.D. Challoner (Back).

Umpires: J.H. Clark (Lowood) for Maidenhead and T. Richardson for 1st Surrey Rifles (who had not brought one).

SOUTH NORWOOD 1 (W.H. White: Disallowed/Disputed) WINDSOR HOME PARK 1 (Disputed)
(H.T. 1-0) (Sat Nov 23rd) (At Kennington Oval) (H.T. 0-0)

N.B. Recorded either as a 1-0 win for South Norwood, or a 1-0 win for Windsor Home Park (see below). Both goals were disputed and the FA ordered the tie to be replayed.

Bell's Life 30/11/72 P.8(No teams)/Sportsman 27/11/72 P.1(No Windsor Park lineup)/Field 30/11/72 P.542(No Windsor Park lineup)/Morning Advertiser 25/11/72 P.6 :

N.B.No Norwood News available for this game or the replayed game.

BL/SM:"These clubs met at the Oval on Saturday last to play one of the second ties for the Cup.The South Norwood won the toss,and with the assistance of a cross breeze kept the ball well in the vicinity of the Windsor goal.A run down by White resulted in a goal,which the Windsor Home Park disputed on the plea of "hands".No further score was made when half time was called.The wind having changed the Home Park now had the benefit of half a gale at their backs,and the ball was played behind,but before an appeal could be made to their umpire the Home Park took a kick off from the South Norwood goal line,which resulted in a goal.This was objected to by South Norwood, as the ball had been previously played behind by a Home Park man before the kick upon which they claimed the kick off.The match thus terminated in an unsatisfactory manner,and will be laid before the committee of the Association to decide."

F:"This tie took place at Kennington Oval on Saturday,and was productive of a spirited,if not a very agreeable game.Indeed,charging seemed to be the main ambition of most of the combatants,and with a few exceptions dribbling was almost entirely ignored.Norwood had the first call of the wind,and before half time W.H.White obtained a goal on their account,but both umpires were agreed as to the infringement of the handling rule,and the score was disallowed.After the change of ends Windsor had the game in their own hands,and before long,after a free kick by one of their side,from behind the ball was driven through the Norwood posts,this being the only score achieved up to the call of time.After the cessation of play an appeal was lodged against the Windsor goal by the Norwood captain,and a threat of reference to the Committee of the Association."

South Norwood:W.H.White(Capt.),C.E.Leeds,+J.Cockerill(Half Backs),G.R.Fleet,R.Smith,J.Smith, A.L.Elborough,W.C.Elborough,++H.C.Houndle,T.Viall,F.E.Fletcher.(A few F added initials)

+Listed in one ordinary game for Crystal Palace ++Also played for Civil Service

Windsor Home Park:W.Nicholls,W.S.Bambridge,P(ercy).G.Chamberlain,E.H.Bambridge, W.Mansfield-Gardiner,H(enry).Wright,G.H.H.Heron, G.Turner,R(eginald)Smith,H.Clark,F.Heron.

Umpires:F.J.Stevens for Windsor Home Park(see MA)

REPLAY(Ordered by the Football Association):Sat Dec 7th at Kennington Oval

WINDSOR HOME PARK 3(H.Clark,F.Heron,W.Mansfield-Gardiner) SOUTH NORWOOD 0(H.T. 0-0)

Sportsman 11/12/72 P.4/Bell's Life 14/12/72 P.8/Field 14/12/72 P.593/Sporting Life 11/12/72 P.1/Windsor & Eton Express 14/12/72 P.2:

SM/W&EE:"This match,which formed the last in the second ties for the above competition,was decided on Saturday last,and resulted in a signal victory for Windsor by three goals to none.The same clubs had already met for the same purpose on Saturday,November 23,but the issue was very unsatisfactory,each side having obtained one goal,and each objected to the score made by the

other. The consequence was an appeal to the committee of the Football Association, and the decision of that body was that the match should be re-played on or before Saturday last. Windsor began under the disadvantage of a strong adverse breeze, and for the first half of the time the game was not very uneven, the Norwood eleven once or twice making some good runs, though in these there was evidently the lack of the concentration that was visible in the forward play of their opponents. At half time, in the absence of any score, ends were changed, and from this time the Windsor eleven had the game so entirely in their own hands that before the call of time they had gained three goals (Clarke, Heron, and Gardiner), and one not allowed, Norwood having failed to obtain any success. Norwood were overmatched throughout, their opponents in point of backing-up as well as in other respects, being much superior. Indeed the Windsor eleven played together in the most praiseworthy manner, and on this point they would set a worthy example to many more pretentious clubs. For Norwood G.R. Fleet tried hard more than once to make a hostile incursion into the Windsor ground, but he was not supported, and failure always resulted. On the other side Hubert Heron played with great coolness and judgment back, as well as showing great skill in dribbling."

F: "This match, which ended in a disputed game, when played on the 23rd ult., was re-played on Saturday last on the Oval, in the presence of numerous spectators. The Windsor captain, who had lost the toss, started the ball at five minutes past three o'clock, against a strong wind. For the first half time the play was very even, the only noteworthy feature being a good run by H. Heron, followed by a well-meant shot at the Norwood goal, which was very well saved by White. On ends being changed the Windsor men, who now had the wind at their backs, carried the ball well into their opponents' quarters, and, ultimately, through the agency of Clark, secured the first goal. The Norwood team now did their utmost to retrieve their lost fortunes, and once succeeded in placing the ball between the goal post and its supporting strings. The Windsor men, however, quickly carried it back, and, after a short scrimmage, E. Bambridge succeeded in kicking the ball through the Norwood posts, but this, however, was not allowed on the plea of "hands". A short time after this F. Heron placed another goal to the credit of Windsor. Several runs were now made by Fleet and others of the Norwood eleven, but the Windsor goals were never again in danger. About twenty minutes before time was called Gardiner, by a good piece of play, secured another goal for the Berkshiremen, thus leaving them victors by three goals to nothing. Mr C.W. Alcock, Hon. Sec. of the Football Association, kindly officiated as umpire for both teams."

NEW :

N.B. There is no Norwood News for 14/12/72 on line. However, Norwood News 1/2/73 P.5 has a Report with South Norwood team for this match, that is over a month later

Windsor Home Park: W. Nicholls (Capt.), W.S. Bambridge, P. (Percy) G. Chamberlain, E.H. Bambridge, W. Mansfield-Gardiner, H. Wright, G.H.H. Heron, G. Turner, R. (Eginald) Smith, H. Clark, F. Heron.

South Norwood; W.H. White (Capt.) (Goal), R. Smith, G.R. Fleet, J. (F.) Fletcher, T. Viall, F.E. Fletcher, A.L. Elborough, C.E. Leeds, W.C. Elborough, A. Seward, J. Cockerill.

Umpire: C.W. Alcock (Hon Sec, Football Association) was umpire for both sides

ROYAL ENGINEERS, a bye.

THIRD ROUND:

Field 30/11/72 P.542:

“The third ties were drawn on Wednesday evening last.Oxford Association plays Royal Engineers; Maidenhead plays South Norwood or Windsor Home Park;Queen’s Park,Glasgow,a bye.The Committee have decided that Norwood and Windsor shall replay their match by Saturday Dec.7th.”

OXFORD UNIVERSITY 1 (A.S.Kirke-Smith) ROYAL ENGINEERS 0 (Mon Dec 9th)(At Kennington Oval)(F says Tuesday!)

Field 14/12/72 P.593/Sportsman 10/12/72 P.3/Bell’s Life 14/12/72 P.8/Sporting Life 11/12/72 P.1:

F:”The Engineers have ever been in the football world one of the finest clubs who play these rules;and although Oxford have only engaged in public contests this year,still they have shown that they are not to be despised.Thus a large number of spectators assembled to watch the decision of the game,expecting to see some fine play ;nor were they disappointed,as a more perfect exhibition of charging,dribbling and huddling has seldom been seen.Oxford won the toss and elected to kick with the wind,which was blowing strongly towards their opponents’ goal.In spite of this,the Engineers, who played splendidly together,not only defended their goal,but,owing to the tremendous efforts and fine play of their backs,aided by Renny-Tailyour and Von Donop forward carried the ball behind the Oxford goal line,and on its being kicked from the corner flag almost succeeded in reducing their opponents’ goal.All this time Oxford had been playing with ten men,but the arrival of Mackarness after the first twenty minutes allowed them another man forward ,and,seeming to awake from the lethargy which they certainly had displayed up till this time,they penned the Engineers,and after one or two,attempts ,with a unanimous charge brought the ball in front of the goal ,when their captain(A.Kirke-Smith) put it through with a good kick.Thus first blood was claimed for Oxford,and the Engineers had the advantage of a strong wind,and it certainly seemed,from their former play,that they would now be irresistible.Oxford ,however,rose to the occasion,and till time was called defended their goal against some of the most splendid charges en masse ever witnessed.To attempt to praise Nepean’s play during this part of the game is useless;he was everywhere he was needed,and several times,by his splendid play and coolness,saved the goal for his ‘Varsity.The Oxford backs displayed great judgment and kicking powers,never seeming to lose their heads,though the fierce and rapid charges of the Engineers gave them little time to collect themselves.For the first half hour after goals were changed,Oxford were compelled to act almost entirely on the defensive;but,seeming to gain strength as they played,they now carried the game into the Engineers’ half of the ground,conspicuous being Vidal,Ottaway,Dixon,and Kirke-Smith,and three times the goal was in imminent danger of falling,being only saved by the judgment of their captain,Merriman.No more goals were scored on either side until time was called;thus Oxford were declared the winners by one goal to nothing.To sum up,the Engineers decidedly played better together,seeming to know exactly each other’s play.Oxford,on the contrary,during the first half of the game,appeared strange to one another,though in individual play they excelled their

opponents. The fact, however, of defending their goal for more than one hour against such a club as the Engineers speaks for itself, and no comments are required. To select anyone for praise would be invidious; all played well and honestly, and no ill-feeling was shown by either side. Messrs Chenery and Kirkpatrick acted as Umpires, and gave universal satisfaction."

SM: "This match, one of the third ties for the Association Challenge Cup, and one to which great interest was attached, as the two contending clubs were rightly considered to have equally good chances of wresting the trophy from the present holders, took place yesterday (Monday) afternoon at the Oval, the ground having been lent for the purpose by the Wanderers. The result was, Oxford one goal."

Oxford University: A.S. Kirke-Smith (Capt.), C.J. Ottaway, H.B. Dixon, R.W.S. Vidal, F.H. Birley, C.C. Mackarness, C.E.B. Nepean, + F.M. Chappell, J.R.E. Sumner, C.J. Longman, W.B. Paton.

+BL/F/SL all have F.M. Chappell for F.P. Chappell: see again above. Probably there was an interim period when he was known as Frederick Maddison-Chappell to explain this constant inconsistency.

Royal Engineers: Capt. W. Merriman, Lieuts. G.W. Addison, W. Ord, A.G. Goodwyn (Backs), J.E. Blackburn, G. Barker, H.W. Renny-Tailyour, R.M. Ruck, H.H. Muirhead, + E.W. Cotter, P.G. von Donop.

+Again listed as E.A. Cotter

Umpires: Chenery and Kirkpatrick.

WINDSOR HOME PARK 0 MAIDENHEAD 1 (G.H. Hebbes) (H.T. 0-0) (Sat Dec 21st) (At Slough Cricket Ground)

Maidenhead Advertiser 24/12/72 P.3/Sportsman 24/12/72 P.3/Bell's Life 28/12/72 P.3/Field 28/12/72 P.645/Sporting Life 24/12/72 P.4:

MA: "We have to record a victory for Maidenhead over Windsor on Saturday last, this being the last of the third ties for the Cup. Owing to the Windsor men refusing to toss as to where the match should be played—which is the usual mode of deciding the matter, and in fact the rule always followed—it was arranged to make use of the Slough cricket ground as a neutral spot, and accordingly, the rain having stopped, for a wonder, a large number of spectators, among whom were a number of ladies, assembled to look on and support their respective teams. The 1.10 train from Maidenhead took a strange contingent of adherents of the home club. The ground was a puzzling one to strangers, and very holding and slippery from the late rains. Play commenced at twenty minutes to three. The pace was very fast throughout, trying the wind of both teams severely; the play was very good on both sides, and the contest remarkably severe, the final result being one goal to nothing in favour of Maidenhead. We do not intend giving a detailed account of the match, as the "Club Poet" has gone fully into its merits and particulars, but we must in this case be the "Club Trumpeter", and remark that it is very creditable to so young a club to be thus forward in the competition for the Cup, even if they get no higher than they are, a result which we cannot hope to achieve."

Poem(extracts):

“For strength and weight began to tell,”Wells” charged with all his might;Few can retain the ball for long,when he is in the fight.

To see him charge and take the ball,is certainly a treat;He by such play has often caused His enemy’s defeat.

And Hebbes brought his “patent” boots,Which kicked three goals before;And now he very cleverly,Kicked at the ball once more.

And into goal he sent it then,No one could stop its course;For Hebbes’s “patent” boots,indeed,Kick with terrific force.”

SM:”This,the last match for the third ties for the Association Cup,came off on Saturday last,on the Slough Cricket Ground,in the presence of a large number of spectators,including several ladies.Rain held off,and the sun actually tried to shine,but the ground was very slippery and holding.Windsor won the toss,and played down the ground with what little wind there was at their backs.They lead off very fast-in fact,the pace on both sides was stiff throughout.For the first ten minutes Windsor seemed to have the best of it,Maidenhead feeling their way cautiously,and knowing the tackle they had to meet,as well as being strange to the ground.They,however,scored the first bye,and after that the game was very even for some time,the play being shown all round,sharp interchanges and charges continually taking place.Tries at goal were well attempted on both sides,but the defenders were up to their work,and no advantage was gained by either up to half time.The ball was once kicked through the Windsor posts from a free kick after hands,but did not of course score a goal.On ends being changed both teams went to work in earnest,and Windsor not playing quite so well together as usual,the Maidenhead men were able to work the ball down unpleasantly near their opponents’ quarters,and ultimately,about twenty minutes before the end of the match,after some capital side play and hard backing-up,the ball was well landed in the Windsor goal by Hebbes ,amid great cheering from the friends of the scarlet and black.Windsor now made tremendous exertions to equalise matters,but it was no use,and Maidenhead,having plenty of wind left to finish,held their own,and were declared the winners by one goal to nothing.Each of the twenty-two players shone in turn,but we spotted Carter,Basset,Richardson,Wells,and Leigh,in addition to Hebbes above named, for Maidenhead;with Bambridge Brothers,Heron Brothers,and Gardiner for Windsor,as being generally there or thereabouts.”

N.B This description of the goal was criticised by a letter from W.S.Bambridge (Windsor Home Park)in Sportsman 28/12/72 P.6:”Maidenhead won by a goal ,but it was not “after some capital side-play,and hard backing up,”but from a free kick allowed Maidenhead because a Windsor man had cleared the ball behind the goal-lines.Windsor paid the greatest penalty possible,for not a defender was able to kick the ball before it was through the goals,so well had the ball been kicked from the corner flag to a man in front of goal.”

F:”Up to half time the game had been very equal ,both sides striving their utmost;but the only achievement of any description had been that the ball was once +kicked through the Windsor posts from a free kick after hands,this of course producing no goal according to law.After the change of ends the game assumed a still more determined aspect ,but still no result attended the efforts of either party,until about a minute before the cessation of hostilities Hebbes was able to land a goal for Maidenhead amid great excitement.To make matters even Windsor now set to work with the

greatest resolution, and their play became more and more energetic as their hopes grew less. Maidenhead, however, were able to resist all their attacks, and time was called with the one goal to Maidenhead as the only score of the match. For Maidenhead Hebbes, Bassett, Richardson, Leigh, and Wells; for Windsor the Bambridges, the Herons, and Gardiner played well" +By Mayne (see Poem in MA)

SL: "On Saturday this match in the third ties for the Association Challenge Cup was played on the new cricket ground at the Dolphin, Slough, between the Windsor Home Club and the Maidenhead Clubs, and it was one to which much interest was attached. The weather was fine during the game, but the ground was in a very bad state. Play commenced at three o'clock, and after a brilliant exhibition of skill on the part of the Maidenhead team, the game resulted in a victory for them by one goal to nothing. We have not received the names of the players, but those who have taken part in the previous Cup contests on behalf of the same clubs are as follows:-(Not followed)

Maidenhead: W. Goulden (Capt.), Rev. A. Austen-Leigh, W. M. Carter, C. Richardson, C. A. Vardy, G. H. Hebbes, R. Mayne, F. Wells, A. Wylde, F. Price, W. Basset.

N.B. Maidenhead wore scarlet and black.

Windsor Home Park: W. Nicholls (Capt.), E. H. Bambridge, W. S. Bambridge, G. F. Bambridge, G. H. H. Heron, F. Heron, W. Mansfield-Gardiner, Reginald Smith, G. Turner, Percy G. Chamberlain, A. Cornish (Goal).

Umpires: W. Wood for Windsor and J. H. Clark for Maidenhead.

FOURTH ROUND:

Sportsman 4/1/73 P.8: "On Tuesday evening last the committee of the Football Association met for the purpose of drawing the fourth ties for the above cup. The result was as under, the Glasgow Club again, oddly enough, drawing a bye: Oxford Association plays Maidenhead Club. Queen's Park, Glasgow (a bye) ."

+OXFORD UNIVERSITY 4 (H. B. Dixon, W. B. Paton, J. R. E. Sumner, R. W. S. Vidal) MAIDENHEAD 0 (Sat Feb 1st) (In the Parks, Oxford)

+SM describes club as "Oxford Association"

N.B. AFS has C. J. Ottaway as scoring the third goal.

Sportsman 8/2/73 P.6/Sporting Life 5/2/73 P.4:

No Maidenhead Advertiser available for 1873

SM: "For this, the fourth tie for the Association Cup, three clubs only were left in, viz., +Oxford Association, Maidenhead, and Queen's Park, Glasgow, the two first being drawn to play first together. The match came off on Saturday last, in the Parks, Oxford. In the previous ties each club had defeated three other teams-Maidenhead having shown themselves superior to Great Marlow, First

Surrey Rifles, and Windsor Home Park, while Oxford had conquered the Crystal Palace, Clapham Rovers, and, after a splendid match, Royal Engineers. Thus from previous performances, Oxford were considered the better team, and the result of the match left no doubt that such was really the case. The weather was bitterly cold, and the hardened ground made contact with mother earth anything but pleasant, but in spite of the frost a considerable number of spectators were present to see the game, and notably a contingent of enthusiastic "Maidenheadites", whose applause and vociferations were worthy of a better cause. The ball was kicked off shortly before three o'clock by the Oxford captain, and Maidenhead, who, by winning the toss, had secured a fair wind in their favour, were at once forced to act on the defensive. For some time they bravely defended their goal, but after the lapse of some twenty minutes H. B. Dixon, aided by a friendly kick from the Maidenhead back, secured the first goal for the Oxonians. With the wind now in their favour the Oxonians kept up a nearly continuous fire on their opponents' goal, and, but for the coolness and judgment of their goal keeper, Maidenhead would, indeed, have fared badly. As it was shot after shot was brilliantly stopped, and for fully half an hour Oxford could gain no further advantage, until a sharp run and hard kick, by W. B. Paton, at length reduced the goal. After the change of ends Maidenhead showed up in better form, Carter being especially conspicuous for his determined efforts to pass the Oxford backs, but the latter were equal to every attack, and only twice during the game did the ball pass behind the Oxford lines. Meanwhile Vidal, Sumner, and Paton enabled Sumner to gain a third goal for the 'Varsity. Again with the wind Oxford had it all their own way, Vidal at length getting the fourth goal by a wonderful shot from near the left-hand corner, the ball, though well caught, being too hot for the keeper to hold. After this no more goals were scored, so that when time was called the Oxonians remained victors by four goals to none. The Oxford team was the same that defeated the Engineers in December last on the Oval, but with the exception of Sumner, Vidal, and Paton, the forwards showed that they were in anything but fit condition after the disipations of the "Vac.", but Mackarness and Birley (backs) and C. E. Nepean (everywhere in turn) exhibited quite their old form. For Maidenhead Carter was by far the most energetic forward, while too much praise cannot be given to the goalkeeper for his admirable defence. By the bye, we cannot but question the policy of the Maidenhead captain in having the goals made broader before the match, though no doubt it is better to play strictly according to law."

SL: "The Glasgow Club having again drawn a bye, the Oxford Club had to play Maidenhead, and the match came off at Oxford on Saturday last. Oxford, owing mostly to the vigorous play of Vidal, Sumner, and Paton, penned their opponents almost the whole time, and obtained four goals to none. Oxford have now defeated in succession, the Crystal Palace, the Royal Engineers, Clapham Rovers, and Maidenhead, and have now to play Queen's Park, Glasgow, for the honour of contending against the Wanderers, the present holders of the cup.

The names of the players have not been sent to us."

Oxford University: A. S. Kirke-Smith (Capt.), C. J. Ottaway, H. B. Dixon, R. W. S. Vidal, F. H. Birley and C. C. Mackarness (Backs), + F. M. Chappell, J. R. E. Sumner, C. E. B. Nepean, W. B. Paton, C. J. Longman.

+See above

Maidenhead: W. Goulden (Capt.), W. M. Carter, + J. W. Baines, C. A. Vardy, R. Mayne, C. Richardson, G. H. Hebbes, F. Wells, A. W. Collings, W. Basset, F. Nicholson (Goal).

+Played for Bucks v Berks on 20/2/73 when Little Marlow was listed as his club

Umpires:J.H.Clark for Maidenhead and J.H.Bridges for Oxford.Referee:E.Garnier.

SEMI-FINAL:

OXFORD UNIVERSITY walked over QUEEN'S PARK, GLASGOW.

Sportsman 25/2/73 P.3:"The Queen's Park Club, of Glasgow, has scratched to Oxford University, so the latter has now to meet the Wanderers for the possession of the cup. The match will in all probability be played in London on Saturday, March 22."

FINAL: Sat Mar 29th at Amateur Athletic Club Ground, Lillie Bridge Grounds, West Brompton:

WANDERERS 2 (Hon.A.F.Kinnaid, C.H.R.Wollaston) OXFORD UNIVERSITY 0

Sportsman 1/4/73 P.3/Bell's Life 5/4/73 P.4/Field 5/4/73 P.314/ Sporting Gazette 5/4/73 P.240/
Sporting Life 2/4/73 P.4:

SM:"On Saturday last the final match to decide the right of holding the silver cup presented by the committee of the Football Association took place at Lillie-bridge. The struggle for supremacy rested between the Wanderers, who were the holders during the previous year, and Oxford University, the latter club having defeated early in the season the Royal Engineers, who were the runners-up in the spring of 1872. Owing to the difficulty of arranging suitable dates, the match had to be fixed for the day of the boat race, and in order to prevent the players from missing the sight, it was agreed to commence play at eleven o'clock in the morning. The day itself was not favourable for either side, as the Oxonians lost the valuable aid of C.E.B. Nepean, while on the other hand the Wanderers were not only unable to get the assistance of their half-back, A.C. Thompson, but were further prevented from securing F.H. Wilson in his place, and they were also crippled by the absence of W.P. Crake and T.C. Hooman. Owing to late arrivals, the play did not commence until half-past eleven o'clock, the Wanderers, though they had won the toss for choice of positions, deriving no advantage from the success. Owing to the laws framed for the competition preventing the appointment of umpires connected with either of the clubs interested, some difficulty was experienced in the selection, though eventually Messrs. J.R. Dasent (Gitanos) and J.H. Clark (Maidenhead) were found to officiate, the former for Oxford and the latter for the Wanderers, Mr A. Stair (Upton Park), assistant hon. sec. of the Football Association, acting as referee. The Oxonians followed their kick-off with great resolution, and at first they held a decided advantage, keeping their opponenets strictly on the defensive, the Wanderers even at this early stage of the game feeling the want of a qualified half-back. Indeed, at the outset, it seemed that the Wanderers would have all the worst of it, and but for the unwearied defence shown by F.S. Howell (their back) without doubt some of the constant attacks made by the Oxford forwards would have been successful. For twenty minutes the game thus proceeded with a visible superiority to Oxford, the whole eleven working well together and with great energy.

Gradually, though, the Wanderers aroused, and almost half an hour had passed when Kinnaid took advantage of a favourable opportunity, and by a splendid run outpacing the opposite backs, he placed a very well obtained goal to the credit of the Wanderers, to the intense delight of their eleven. Ends were changed and the play showed a fresh infusion of vigour, J.R. Sturgis and A. Kinnaid making some

fine runs on behalf of the Wanderers, and A. Kirke-Smith and W. R. Sumner on the side of Oxford. Again though a good piece of individual play crowned the Wanderers with success, as W. S. Kenyon-Slaney, by a well-executed run, once more helped to carry the ball between the Oxford posts, but both umpires allowed the claim of "off-side", and so this success was not allowed. The Oxonians now tried every plan to retrieve their ground, and in the hopes of strengthening their attack, with questionable judgment determined upon the removal of their goal-keeper. For a short time no disaster followed the ruse, but at length C. H. Wollaston, after a speedy run, reduced the Oxford goal by means of a neat kick with the left foot, thus placing the second goal to the credit of the Wanderers, entirely owing to the absence of the man between the posts. Again positions were reversed, and still, as before, the Oxonians had more than one chance, as they drove the ball almost into the very centre of the Wanderers' posts. Instead of "middling" the ball through from the side of the ground, they seemed anxious to force it through the middle of the goal, and in this they were unsuccessful, as when time was called at one o'clock the Wanderers were in the possession of two goals without any score to the credit of their opponents. Collectively the Oxford eleven played exceedingly well, and they were certainly most formidable antagonists. In point of individual skill, on the other hand, the Wanderers were superior, as A. F. Kinnaird, C. H. Wollaston, and J. R. Sturgis on several occasions easily eluded the Oxford backs, even with the help of the very persistent charges of F. C. Maddison. The success of the Wanderers was in a great measure due to the extremely brilliant play of their captain forward, as well as to the unvarying precision of their back (L. S. Howell). Among the Oxonians, A. Kirke-Smith, C. J. Longman, W. E. Sumner, and F. C. Maddison played up well, and both backs showed excellent form." +As per F Report below but in fact J. R. E. Sumner

BL: "As early as an hour as 11 o'clock was named for the commencement of play, so that the game would be over in time to enable the competitors and visitors to see the boat race, but the ball was not kicked off by the Wanderers, who lost the toss, until 11.30. The Oxonians chose the western goal, and for a time they had the best of the fight, which was carried on in the most spirited style; presently, however, the Wanderers got better together, and they began to keep their opponents in their own territory, and eventually Kinnaird got the ball to himself at the lower side of the play, and brought it towards the Oxford goal in such splendid style, that, despite the strenuous exertions of some of the fastest Oxonians to overhaul him, he eluded their efforts and the goalkeeper's (who should have charged him instead of remaining at home) also. Ends were changed, and still the play was in favour of the Wanderers, some very fast runs being exhibited by Kinnaird and Kenyon-Slaney, the latter once managing to pass the leather under the tape: but on an appeal by the Oxonians it was not allowed, the ball being out of play. Forty minutes had elapsed since the ball was set in motion, when at this time, Oxford, from a free kick right in front of the Wanderers' goal, sent the "sphere" between the posts, but this could not be credited to them, as a goal cannot be immediately obtained from a free kick. From this time play progressed pretty evenly until ten minutes to 1 o'clock, when Wollaston scored another goal for the Wanderers, and thus the match ended, time being called at the hour. Some of the finest play ever witnessed was exhibited in this match. The Oxonians were an excellent team, their best players perhaps being Kirke-Smith, Ottaway, and Maddison, whilst to Kinnaird, Wollaston, Sturgis, and Howell, the success of the Wanderers may be said to be greatly indebted."

F: "On Saturday last the competition for the season was brought to an end, the final tie taking place on the ground of the Amateur Athletic Club, at Lillie Bridge. The last struggle between the Wanderers, who had won the cup the previous year, and Oxford University, the latter having passed through all

the early ties with decided success, defeating, among others, the Royal Engineers, the runners up on the establishment of the cup. For the convenience of those desirous of witnessing the boat race, it was arranged to commence play in the morning at eleven o'clock, the rules stipulating that the contest should last an hour and a half. Neither side was represented by its full strength, as C.E. Nepean was absent from the ranks of Oxford, while the Wanderers were unable to secure the services of either A.C. Thompson or F.H. Wilson as half backs, besides losing the valuable aid of W.P. Crake and T.C. Hooman, forwards. The spectators had apparently come in the hope of witnessing the victory of Oxford, as every item of play on their side was vociferously applauded, and every individual studiously encouraged. At the outset, indeed, it appeared that the Wanderers would fare very badly, as they soon felt the want of a capable half back, and during the first quarter of an hour the Oxonians kept their adversaries strictly employed in defending their lines, A. Kirke-Smith especially endangering the lines of the Wanderers by a series of brilliant runs. As time progressed, however, the Wanderers settled down to their work, and when about twenty-five minutes had expired, A.F. Kinnaird, getting hold of the ball, passed all the Oxford backs, and finally landed a very fine goal for the Wanderers by the best piece of play shown during the match. Ends were changed, and for a short time the Wanderers, animated by their first success, more than held their own. Not long afterwards a short and speedy run by W.S. Kenyon-Slaney drove the ball a second time between the Wanderers' posts, but both umpires agreed that he was "offside" at the time of commencing the run, so the claim was disallowed. Play was consequently resumed without any change of positions, and both sides set to work with a fresh infusion of vigour, +W.E. Sumner and C.J. Longman doing their utmost for Oxford, while back, F.H. Birley had been showing great precision in kicking from the first. Several times the Wanderers were driven back into the very front of their posts; more than once the Oxonians enjoyed the privilege of a free kick from the corner flag; but all their efforts were useless, owing to the desperate resistance offered by L.S. Howell, the Wanderers' back. Oxford now attempted the expedient of playing without a goal-keeper, and this move proved fatal to their hopes, as about ten minutes before time, after a short run down the left side of the ground, C.H. Wollaston, by a clever kick with the left foot, secured a goal that would have been easily prevented with a goal-keeper in charge. During the short time that remained Oxford failed to realise any score, and thus the Wanderers were left in possession of a victory that entitles them to hold the cup for the second year in succession. The Oxonians played up harder and better together than any eleven that we have seen for some time, and collectively they had the best of the play. The Wanderers, however, showed all their wonted skill individually, in some instances outpacing their opponents altogether. On their side side A.F. Kinnaird was throughout remarkable for extreme brilliance in dribbling, showing certainly the best form of the match. J.R. Sturgis, too, worked hard from first to last, and C.H. Wollaston dribbled as neatly as ever, while L.S. Howell (back) saved the lines that he had to defend on innumerable occasions. For the Oxonians, A. Kirke-Smith, +W.E. Sumner, and C.J. Longman were most effective forwards, and F.H. Birley, and C.C. Mackarness (back) deserve the highest praise for excellence of play." +Correctly listed in lineup as J.R.E. Sumner

SG: "On Saturday morning this match, being the final tie for the Challenge Cup at the Association games, was commenced at half past eleven at the Lillie Bridge Grounds, West Brompton. The Wanderers were the holders, and several matches had been played in the ties, Queen's Park, Glasgow having scratched in favour of the University of Oxford. The attendance, no doubt owing to the hazy state of the weather, was somewhat limited, not more than 150 persons being in attendance. The Wanderers lost the toss, and kicked off from the railway goal, but Oxford played well together, and

kept the ball in their opponents' ground until five minutes to twelve, when Kinnaird brought the ball up at a terrific pace, and, despite the efforts of Oxford, kept clear all the way, and lowered their goal, "the keeper" being only able to just touch the ball without stopping it. Having changed ends the game progressed evenly for ten minutes, when Kinnaird made another fine run, but Maddison just caught him in time, sending him a regular purler. At six minutes past twelve, Kenyon-Slaney brought the ball up from the lower end, and eventually it was passed through the Oxford goal; but an objection was made that the ball was not in play, and the goal was disallowed. Soon after this Kinnaird made another fine run, but again his opponent Maddison sent him to grass, play having lasted forty minutes. At twenty minutes past twelve Oxford gained a goal from a free kick, but of course it was disallowed, and from then play progressed pretty evenly, rather in favour of Oxford, until ten minutes to one. Ottaway came to grief, and was placed hors de combat. Taking advantage of the panic in the Oxford ranks as a result of this contretemps the Wanderers made a grand effort, and Wollaston, bringing the ball down from the centre of the ground, scored a second goal for the Wanderers. In the last five minutes play Ottaway again pluckily joined in; but no other results took place, the Wanderers winning by two goals to none. For Oxford, Kirke-Smith, Ottaway, and Maddison were conspicuous; whilst Sturgis, Howell, and Kinnaird were best for the victors, the goal keeping on both sides being good." (Same as The Observer 30/3/73 report)

SL: "For the second year in succession the Wanderers have (now gained) the possession of the Cup, beating as they did on the ground of the Amateur Athletic Club at Lillie Bridge, on Saturday morning, a most powerful University team. In fact, taking the two (elevens) together, we doubt much if twenty-two better players could be selected. Only in one particular could Oxford have bettered (because) as it seems to us that Leach did not have sufficient nerve and (daring for) the post of goal-keeper. Most happy was the selection of (Lillie) Bridge as the scene of the match, for, about half-way between (the) West-End of London and Fulham many were induced (to witness) the football, ere going to take up their positions along (the) riverside for the University boat race. There was consequently (a) very large gathering (of which a few were ladies) present (when at) half-past eleven, Kingsford kicked off for the Wanderers, (who had) lost the toss. There was no wind, the sun was bright, and the weather warm and pleasant. Messrs J.H. Clark and J.R. Dasent (acted) as umpires, whilst Mr A. Stair took the post of referee. For (some) time the University goals were in some danger, but as the (players) warmed to their work, the ball was gradually carried down to the other end of the ground, where Welch and Howell had (enough to) do to ward off the repeated attacks of Ottaway, Vidal, and (Kirke-)Smith. About half an hour had elapsed when Kinnaird got the ball out of a bully close to the Wanderers' lines, and ran it right (down) the ground, eluding all attempts on the part of his opponents to (stop) him, and finishing up a splendid piece of play by safely landing (the) ball between the University goal-posts. This magnificent and successful effort was heartily applauded, and the Oxonians themselves joined in the general cheering. Subsequently the University again penned their opponents, but again Kinnaird got (clear), though this time Mackarness stopped him, but Kenyon-Slaney with Wollaston came to the rescue, and continuing (the) run, scored a second goal. This, however, caused an appeal, which was given in favour of Oxford, as Kenyon-Slaney, (who) made the final kick, was adjudged to have been "off-side" (at) the time. On resuming proceedings, a free kick was claimed (and) granted to Oxford, and Mackarness made a capital kick (sending) the ball right through the posts, but as in its progress it touched no player of the opposite side, it could not be counted, (and) the game continued on the same terms as before. Shortly (before) the close of time, Wollaston, who had been conspicuous in the (game) throughout, obtained a

second goal after a clever run, and the match ended in favour of the holders of the Cup by two (goals to) nothing. The brilliant forward play of Kinnaird was undoubtedly the feature of the match, nor must praise be withheld from (Bowen) for accurate behind play and sure kicking. Howell's back, and Welch's goalkeeping on many occasions saved their goals (from) the perpetual attacks which Longman, Kirke-Smith, Maddison, Vidal and Ottaway made upon them, and they deserve great (praise) for their brilliant efforts. As already mentioned, Kinnaird was a host in himself, and Bonsor was always to be seen wherever the ball was. Kenyon-Slaney and Wollaston were most prominent (of) the other forwards, and the former played particularly well."

N.B. Words in brackets in SL Report above are presumed as the margins obscure them in online copy.

Wanderers: R. de C. Welch (Goal); +L.S. Howell (Back); E.E. Bowen (Half Back);
C.H.R. Wollaston, R.K. Kingsford, A.G. Bonsor, Capt. W.S. Kenyon-Slaney, C.M. Thompson,
J.R. Sturgis, Hon. A.F. Kinnaird (Capt.), Rev. H.H. Stewart.

+Old Wykehamist's only game for Wanderers this season and his only other game for them was a 3rd Round match v Oxford University in 1873/74

Oxford University: A.J. Leach (St John's) (Goal); C.C. Mackarness (Exeter) (Back); F.H. Birley (University) (Half Back), *C.J. Longman (University), A.S. Kirke-Smith (University) (Capt.), R.W.S. Vidal (Christ Church), +F.M. Chappell (Brasenose), C.J. Ottaway (Brasenose), H.B. Dixon (Christ Church), W.B. Paton (University), J.R.E. Sumner (Trinity).

*Wrongly listed as G.H. Longman in SM/SL and History of Oxford University F.C.

+Recorded variously as F.C. Maddison or F. Chappell-Maddison (see above for change of name)

Umpires: J.R. Dasent (Gitanos) for Oxford and J.H. Clark (Maidenhead) for the Wanderers.
Referee: A. Stair (Upton Park)