

1873-74

FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION CUP

FIRST ROUND:

Bell's Life 6/9/73 P5:

"This Cup, at present held by the Wanderers, will be contested for by no less than 28 clubs during the coming football season. The draw has taken place and the first ties have to be decided by the 31st of October, the following being the competing clubs:-

Reigate Priory v Woodford Wells

Crystal Palace v The Swifts

High Wycombe v Old Etonians

Civil Service v Maidenhead

Brondesbury v Royal Engineers

Gitanos v Uxbridge

Farningham v Trojans

Southall v Wanderers

Oxford University v Upton Park

First Surrey Rifles v Barnes (Harrow Chequers in BL and in SM grid)

Amateur Athletic Club v Clapham Rovers

Cambridge University v South Norwood

Great Marlow v Pilgrims

Sheffield Club v Shropshire Wanderers

This year the holders of the Cup will have to play right through the competition, and not, as hitherto, only compete in the final tie."

Field 27/9/73 P.319:

"The first round is to be played before 31st Oct. Afterwards the respective winners play together, commencing with the first pair on the list, as in coursing, croquet meetings, &c. As there will be only seven clubs left at the end of the second round, a bye will be necessary in the third; and it has been arranged that this is to go to the club that stands first on the list, contrary to the general practice in other sports, in which the pairs are first formed, and the bye falls to the unmatched competitor at the end."

See grids set out in Sportsman Aug 30 P.6 and in Sportsman Sept 29th P.8 and Bell's Life 4/10/73 P.12

WOODFORD WELLS 3 (F. Fraser 2, E. B. Beauchamp) REIGATE PRIORY +1 (F. D. Pawle) (Sat Oct 11th) (At Amateur Athletic Ground, Lillie Bridge)

+A goal for Reigate "in a general scrummage" was left as undecided.

Sporting Gazette 18/10/73 P.730/Field 18/10/73 P.402/Sportsman 14/10/73 P.3/Sporting Life 15/10/73 P.1:

F: "Reigate won the toss and elected to commence with the wind in their favour, but despite this advantage they made little headway, and only ten minutes had elapsed before F. Fraser secured the first goal by a clever and well-directed kick. Reigate worked strenuously after the change of ends to regain their loss, but they were unable to prevent the Woodford forwards from coming within very close range of their lines; and eventually, after one shot by T. Spreckley had only been turned by the defence of the goalkeeper, a second goal was obtained for Woodford by F. Fraser. Reigate were now backed by the wind and this, in conjunction with an infusion of fresh energy into their play, enabled them to drive their adversaries back by a well-concerted rush, and allowed F. D. Pawle to make the first score of their party. This disaster induced a visible increase of determination among the Woodford eleven, and so well was their attack maintained that before long a fine kick by E. B. Beauchamp accredited them with a well-earned goal. During the remainder of the game no further incident occurred worthy of notice until just before the call of time, when a final effort of Reigate carried the ball into the Woodford quarters, and just succeeded in landing between the posts. The brothers Spreckley and R. H. Beauchamp worked hard forward as did J. D. Cowley and R. W. Clutton for Reigate. Among the backs G. Laker did good service for Reigate, and F. Kaye and E. B. Beauchamp for Woodford."

SG: "Play now went on for some time without advantage to either party, until just before time the Reigate team sent the ball, or so they thought, through the posts, but the opposite side disputed it, saying that it was stopped in time by the goalkeeper. Mr W. Bouch, who acted as umpire, could not decide it, but Reigate were allowed the benefit of the doubt. At the conclusion of the game Woodford were declared winners by three goals to one and the undecided."

SM: "Nothing further of notice took place until just before time was called, when Reigate made a final effort, and succeeded in getting the ball just under their opponent's goal-line. There seemed some doubt as to whether the ball had actually passed through, so, after a short dispute, the question was waived in favour of Reigate. We must not forget to mention the first-rate play exhibited by Messrs Spreckley, Beauchamp, Cowley, and Clutton for their respective sides: while the fine back play of Messrs E. Beauchamp, F. Kaye, and G. Laker was especially worthy of notice. Mr W. Bouch (Crystal Palace), by mutual consent, acted as umpire."

SL: "This match—one of the first ties in the Association Challenge Cup—took place on Saturday last on the Amateur Athletic Club Ground at Lillie Bridge, and at the close of play, Woodford won by three goals to one and one disputed goal. Reigate won the toss, and shortly after the advertised time—half past three p.m.—Woodford kicked off against a rather strong wind. In spite of this draw-back, scarcely ten minutes had elapsed before F. Fraser obtained the first goal for his party, the ball being muddled down from the side. Ends were now changed, and although Reigate played well together, F. Fraser soon scored another goal from the centre of the play. After this second fall of their goal, Reigate played up with better spirit than they had evinced hitherto, and scored their first success in the shape of a goal by Pawle. Ends were once more changed, and fortune again favoured the Woodford team, for whom E. B. Beauchamp kicked a clever goal from the centre of the ground, he being much aided by the wind. About a minute before no side was called, Reigate in a general scrummage just in front of the Woodford goal, managed, as some averred, to get the ball past the boundary, but according to others, the goal-keeper stopped the ball and threw it out before it had passed the line. The Umpire—Mr W. Bouch C.P.F.C.—not being able to settle the point, gave it as undecided."

Woodford Wells:H.E.Kaye(Capt.),H.D.Carter and A.H.Tozer(Goalkeepers), E.B.Beauchamp and F.Kaye(Half Backs),R.H.Beauchamp,F.Fraser,L.Fraser,T.F.Spreckley,T.B.Powell,W.R.Spreckley.

Reigate Priory:R.W.Clutton(Capt.),A.Sargant(Goalkeeper),G.Laker and R.L.Hesketh(Half Backs), W.A.Laker,(E.)L.Chave,W.Clutton,J.O.Hunt,+J.D.Cowley,F.D.Pawle,W.B.Richardson.

+Also J.H.B.Cowley in ordinary games

Umpire:W.Bouch(Crystal Palace Club) acted as umpire by mutual consent.

SWIFTS 1(M.Jeans) CRYSTAL PALACE 0(H.T. 0-0) (Sat Oct 18th)(New Dolphin Cricket Ground. Slough)

Field 25/10/73 P.435/Bell's Life 25/10/73 P.5/Sporting Gazette 25/10/73 P.749/Sporting Life 22/10/73 P.1:

F:"The Swifts mustered a strong team,as can be seen from their list of players,but their adversaries were by no means so fortunate,as four at least of their best representatives were figuring in the match between Surrey and Middlesex at the Oval.The captain of the Palace having lost the toss kicked off ,and immediately the play became vigorous on both sides,though,despite all the efforts of the opposing forwards,no advantage of any description had fallen to either party when "half time" was reached.The change of ends produced some determined play on the part of the Palace forwards,notably W.Bouch and C.C.Armitage,but in spite of the most strenuous efforts of the visitors,they were steadily driven back until a weak piece of play by their goalkeeper gave M.Jeans an opportunity of achieving a goal for the Swifts.Every means was tried by the Palace after this until the end to recover their position,and the Swifts had more than once to tremble for the safety of their lines;still the excellent play of their backs enabled them to avert all danger,and when "time" put an end to the game they remained victorious by the one goal of the match.For the Crystal Palace,F.Abraham and L.H.Neame(up),and D.Allport and Percy Currey(back) played well;and for the Swifts,E.H.Bambridge,W.Nicholls,W.Wright,and G.Pinniger."

SG:"The Palace,who were rather weakly represented,lost the toss and kicked off.""At half time nothing had been scored by either party.On ends being changed the Sydenham team still played with great spirit but were soon compelled to act on the defensive and by the joint efforts of Joll,Chamberlain and Jeans ,a goal was obtained,the last named giving the final kick."

SL:"This match,one of the first ties for the above Cup,came off on Saturday on the New Dolphin Cricket Ground at Slough,and resulted in a victory,after an hour and a half 's exciting play,for the Swifts by one goal to nothing.On the part of the Swifts,W.S.Bambridge,Haygarth,H.Wright,and Joll were most conscientious,whilst for the Palace,Abraham,Currey,Armitage,and Bouch played well."

Swifts:W.S.Bambridge(Capt.)(Half Back),E.B.Haygarth(Back),H.Ive(Half Back);G.F.Bambridge(Goal); E.H.Bambridge,W.Nicholls,H.J.N.Wright,A.Joll,+G.Pinniger,+M.Jeans,++P.(G.)Chamberlain.

+Marlborough Players ++Eton/Windsor(Capt.):normally listed as P.Chamberlain

Crystal Palace:D.Allport(Capt.)(Half Back);F.Abraham,G.R.Fleet,P.Currey(Back),H.C.Masterman, C.C.Armitage,W.Bouch,F.B.Soden,L.W.Cloete(Back),L.H.Neame,W.Dorling.

Umpire:J.H.Clark.

HIGH WYCOMBE walked over OLD ETONIANS scratched (Field 8/11/73 P.491)

MAIDENHEAD walked over CIVIL SERVICE scratched(Field 8/11/73 P.491)

ROYAL ENGINEERS 5(2 Unknown,G.W.Addison,H.E.Rawson/P.G.von Donop,A.G.Goodwyn)
BRONDESBURY 0 (Sat Oct 11th)(At Chatham Lines)

Bell's Life 18/10/73 P.5/Sporting Gazette 18/10/73 P.730/Field 18/10/73 P.402/Sportsman 14/10/73
P.3/Sporting Life 15/10/73 P.1:

F:"This match,one of the first ties in the competition for the above cup,took place on the Lines at Chatham on Saturday,resulting in the complete victory for the Engineers by five goals to none. Brondesbury at first scratched to their opponents,and it was feared that the Sappers would walk over;but as it was discovered that the withdrawal of their opponents was unofficial,it was arranged that the meeting should take place on Saturday last.Unfortunately,any chance of an even contest were nullified by the shortcomings of Brondesbury,as they were not only weak as a team,but numerically they suffered,having to play throughout with two less than the Engineers,owing to absentees.Brondesbury lost the toss,and Dent kicked off on their behalf from the New Brompton goal,the day being so unfavourable,and the wind so strong down the ground,that the game was almost entirely confined to the lower side of the play(SM:"and rendered back play quite impossible.").As soon as the two teams settled down to their work the game became very interesting;but it was not long before the Engineers made their first score,the ball having been passed up from the lower side of the ground(SM:"straight in front of goal.").After the change of ends,the Sappers received the aid of the wind and only a short time elapsed before a fine piece of play secured for them their second goal.Another alteration of positions,and Brondesbury again kicked off,Sparks,on their behalf making some very fine runs,though all failed when they came to the Engineer backs.At length,Addison,who was playing half back,got away with the ball,and after a run the whole length of the ground finally landed the third goal for the Sappers.After this,though once Sparks by a very fine run endangered their goal,and would doubtless have secured its capture but for the timely intervention of Addison,the Engineers had the best of the fight,and before play ceased had added two more goals to their account,the first from a really excellent piece of play by Rawson and Von Donop,the second by a good though lucky kick just over the heads of the Brondesbury team.For the Engines,Blackburn,Digby,and Nugent all worked energetically,and Dent(half back) slaved hard to prevent the disasters of Brondesbury."

SG:"Owing to some unexplained cause only nine representatives turned up to do battle for the Brondesbury Club."

BL:"During the first quarter of an hour a goal was obtained,and then Brondesbury,nerved for the occasion,defended their lines with great energy.Numerous goals were on the point of being kicked,but were saved by the judicious application of a hand or foot in the nick of time,and indeed,once or twice the ball was taken into something like proximity to the home goal.However in the last 20 minutes the Brondesbury goal succumbed four times,once to a very scientific kick over a

scrimmage by Goodwyn, again to a very pretty run up by Addison, another back, and the others by some good all-round play on the part of the whole team."

SM: "The Brondesbury Club, soon after the drawing of the ties, scratched to their opponents, but owing to there having been a misunderstanding somewhere, on Tuesday last it was determined to play the match on Saturday. Whether it was the short notice, or that the defaulters missed their train at Victoria, we cannot say, but the fact remains that only nine representatives turned up to do fight for the Brondesbury Club."

"Brondesbury having lost the toss, Dent started the ball from the New Brompton goal. It was met by one of the R.E. backs, who kicked it nearly into the river; luckily there was another ball at hand, which was at once thrown in, and the game proceeded. All through the game both balls were in constant use, and on more than one occasion another ball would have come in conveniently."

"Sparks again made a fine run, and this time succeeded in getting the ball past the goalkeeper, who kicked it against him. He had now apparently nothing to do but run some forty yards and the goal was his, but, luckily, Addison again came to the front and spoiled his kick, the ball going behind the R.E. goal-line. This seemed to wake the Sappers up, for the fourth goal fell soon after to Rawson and Von Donop by a beautiful piece of play when within a yard of the goal. This certainly was the best piece of play during the match. The fifth and last goal was the result of a good though lucky kick of one of the backs, who placed the ball just over the heads of the players, who were all in front of goal."

SL: "On Saturday last these two clubs played their tie for the above Cup at Chatham, and the result was that the Engineers, who were much the stronger team, won by five goals to none."

Royal Engineers: Capt. W. Merriman (Goal), Major F. A. Marindin (Capt), Lieutenants G. W. Addison, A. G. Goodwyn (Backs); C. Nugent, H. D. Olivier, C. C. Ellis, P. G. von Donop, J. E. Blackburn, T. Digby, H. E. Rawson.

Brondesbury: W. R. Dent (Capt.) (Half Back), F. J. Sparks, E. G. Venables, J. Tennant, E. A. Hunt, + J. W. Roughton, A. E. Kite, E. Humbert, + S. W. Scott (Only 9 men played).

+Not traced in ordinary games

UXBRIDGE 3 (G. Turner 2, H. Clark) GITANOS 0 (Tues Oct 28th) (At Uxbridge Common)

Bell's Life 1/11/73 P.8/Field 1/11/73 P.463/(No SM in BM Library for Wed Oct 29th)/Sporting Gazette 1/11/73 P.768:

N.B. No Uxbridge paper on line

BL: "Another of the ties for the Association Challenge Cup was played on Uxbridge Common on Tuesday, in the presence of a large number of visitors, the weather being particularly fine. The Gitanos captain won the toss and the Uxbridge captain kicked the ball off, but at the outset it appeared certain that the home team would win, as the Gitanos had only eight players on their side. The surmise proved correct, for at the finish Uxbridge were the victors by three goals to none. Ten minutes had not elapsed after hostilities had commenced ere Uxbridge scored a goal, and the ends

had scarcely been reversed when another was accomplished;but it was not allowed on the plea of "off-side".The goal-keepers,however,were somewhat uncertain as to the correctness of their decision.After this the battle waged with great persistency,and another goal claimed by Uxbridge was disallowed on the score of "hands";then Clark and F.Heron,by their united efforts,achieved another score for Uxbridge,and just previously Turner had made a goal,assisted greatly by F.Heron. Both the Herons,Gardiner,and Turner did great service for Uxbridge;and the Gitanos,who would doubtless have been a hard nut to crack if they had brought down their full complement of players,were much indebted to Giffard,Dasent,and Langford;but they all played with great spirit."

F:"On Tuesday last this match was played on the ground of the former club at Uxbridge.A contest that would certainly,under ordinary circumstances have been keen and exciting,was utterly spoiled by the short muster of the Gitanos,who played throughout under the disadvantage of being three short of their complement.The issue was therefore never in doubt,and the end came,leaving Uxbridge with three goals,and the Gitanos without a score of any sort.Only seven minutes had elapsed before Uxbridge opened the ball by kicking a goal,and soon after the change of ends a second was obtained on their account;though this latter was disallowed on the ground of offside. After this the game became more spirited some excellent play being shown(on both sides).At last Uxbridge again triumphed as some good middling by Hubert Heron produced a goal from the foot of Turner,and before long a claim of hands in favour of Uxbridge(after another goal by Uxbridge was disallowed on a claim of hands:BL) was followed by a third goal,got by Clark,though the ball was well middled by Frank Heron.The Gitanos played with the greatest pluck and determination,but their inferiority in numbers proved fatal to the chance they would otherwise undoubtedly have had. Moreover,their captain,C.E.Farmer,was much hurt during the game,which was another serious blow to their prospects."

Uxbridge:G.Hubert Heron(Capt.),W.M.Gardiner,W.Fassnidge,F.Aldworth,E.Willis,
Frank Heron, E.B.Hunt,Rev.P.G.U.Pickering,Henry Heron,G.Turner,H.Clark.

Gitanos:C.E.Farmer(Capt.),+J.R.Dasent,F.Pownall,F.H.Wilson,W.T.Langford,E.T.Noyes,
J.H.Giffard,R.Philpot.(Played only 8 men)

+John Roche Dasent(Christ Church,Oxford)

TROJANS walked over FARNINGHAM scratched(Field 8/11/73 P.491)

Sportsman 23/10/73 P.4:"This tie,which was fixed to be played off at Farningham on Saturday,the 18th inst.,is determined in favour of the Trojans without a meeting."

WANDERERS walked over SOUTHALL scratched (Field 8/11/73 P.491)

+OXFORD UNIVERSITY 4(C.J.Ottaway,R.W.S.Vidal,W.B.Paton,T.B.Hughes) UPTON PARK 0(H.T. 0-0)
(Wed Oct 29th)(At Surrey Cricket Ground,Kennington Oval)

+N.B. Named as "Oxford Association" for this match

Field 1/11/73 P.463/Sportsman 30/10/73 P.P.3/Sporting Life 1/11/73 P.4/Bell's Life 1/11/73
P.8/Sporting Gazette 1/11/73 P.768/Morning Post 30/10/73 P.7/London Daily News 30/10/73
P.2/Oxford Times 1/11/73 P.3:

BL:"A dense fog prevailed and it was very difficult to distinguish the competitors from any distance. Up to the call of half time the Uptonians, by dint of great perseverance, managed to hold their own against the repeated onslaughts of their adversaries, and when ends were changed no goal had accrued to either party. They had no sooner reversed their goalkeepers, however, when Ottaway, who had on two previous occasions very nearly succeeded, at last carried their fortress, and from this time the luck of the Upton team forsook them. Very little time had elapsed before Oxford scored two more goals from the toes of Vidal and Paton, and presently Hughes accomplished a fourth, at 10 minutes before the time for leaving off play. From this period nothing else decisive was done, and they remained victorious by four goals to none."

F:"Soon after three o'clock the ball was kicked off, and until half time the two sides were more evenly matched than was expected, though the individual form of the Oxonians was vastly superior, and the Upton goal had twice only escaped capture by the margin of a foot from two well-aimed kicks from the Oxford captain. After the change of ends, however, the Oxonians seemed bent on forcing the game and within a very few minutes C.J. Ottaway had been rewarded for his previous ill success and kicked a goal for +Oxford. After this the Upton Eleven fell off sadly, while the University seemed just settling down to their work, and learning each other's play. No very great length of time again elapsed before R.W.S. Vidal rushed to the front, and accredited Oxford with their second goal; while only another very brief interval occurred before W.B. Paton achieved a similar success, after a good run down by Ottaway along the upper side of the ground. After this third collapse the Uptonians made for a brief period something like a show of resistance, Preston dribbling well more than once, while Wilton, Compton, and Jones kept hard on the ball. The effort, however, soon expired, and the ball was again forced into their innermost lines, enabling T.B. Hughes to secure the surrender of their goal the fourth time (SM: "...due to a fine side kick"). Ten minutes still remained; but the remainder of the game was uneventful, and the end arrived, leaving Oxford in a majority of four goals." +OT: "...it having been middled up to him by Vidal in capital style."

SL:"Another of the ties for the Association Challenge Cup was decided on Kennington Oval on Wednesday last, when the Oxonians won by four goals to love. A heavy fog hung over the ground, and rendered the position of the goal-posts more than dubious, not only to the spectators, but to the players themselves, and mainly to this cause it may be attributed that the University men did not achieve an even more hollow victory. From the very commencement of play, at ten minutes to three, up to the call of "time" at twenty minutes to five, Oxford had decidedly the best of the game, although it was not until half-time had been called, and goals changed (Ottaway had won the toss, and first defended the southernmost goal) that any score could be made. Then four goals fell in rapid succession to Ottaway, Vidal, Paton, and Hughes—the last by a very clever piece of play on the part of the New College man. The behind play of the Oxonians contrasted most favourably with that of their opponents, the most active members of whose team were Kitson, Wilson, and Jones, whilst Jay kept goal capitally."

Oxford University: C.J. Ottaway (Brasenose) (Capt.), R.W.S. Vidal (Christ Church, late Westminster School), H.B. Dixon (Christ Church), W.S. Rawson (Christ Church) (Back), F.J. Patton (Balliol), W.B. Paton

(University),F.H.Birley(University)(Half Back),J.H.Leahy(University),T.B.Hughes(New),
C.A.Cripps(New),F.T.Green(New)(Goal).

N.B It appears that A.F.Leach (New) did not play instead of C.A.Cripps(New):see OT lineup contra
F/SM/SL lineups.

Upton Park:M.Jay(Capt.)(Goal);+S.R.Preston,T.Kitson,H.Compton,A.M.Jones,E.Curwen,
C.Curwen(Back),+C.E.Wilson,Fred.Wilton,J.B.Hunter,F.Barnett(Half Back).

+Not traced in ordinary games

Umpires:C.E.Nepean(Univ.Coll.Oxon) for the University and A.Bannister (Upton Park).

Referee:C.J.Chenery(Wanderers)

FIRST SURREY RIFLES 0 BARNES 0 (Sat Oct 25th)(At Flodden Road,Camberwell)

Field 1/11/73 P.463/Sporting Life 29/10/73 P.4/Sportsman 28/10/73 P.3/Sporting Gazette 1/11/73
P.768:

F:"At half past three o'clock the ball was kicked off by Hooper on behalf of the Rifles,Morice having won the toss for Barnes.It seemed as if Barnes were to be driven right into their goal at the outset,as the ball was carried at once into their territory by the Surrey forwards.The effective play,however,of the Barnes backs soon caused its removal into safer quarters,and until half time the game had been so even that neither side appeared to have had any advantage,the only items worthy of note being a few successful free kicks by the Rifles from the corner posts.After the change of ends the Barnes Eleven settled down to their work,but still the play was very even,and each goal was in turn once seriously endangered.A free corner kick then fell to Barnes,but the result was that the ball,though well directed,had too much elevation ,and passed over the tape instead of between the posts. Again,when only ten minutes remained of time,Barnes obtained another free kick from the corner, and a tough maul ensued in front of the Surrey goal,though Allport managed to extricate the ball cleverly and to take it well away into neutral ground.After this the Rifles played in brilliant form,but still no score was attained,though once they succeeded in forcing the ball just outside one of the Barnes' posts."

SL:"The drill-ground of the Rifles at Flodden-road,Camberwell,was the scene of this "Cup tie" match on Saturday last.The match calls for little comment,and eventually ended in a draw,neither side being able to score.During the earlier portion of the play,the Barnes men had the better of a dull and unexciting contest,in which neither side appeared to exert itself,but after half-time,and Barnes had all but scored a goal out of a good loose bully just in front of the Rifles' goal posts,the Surrey men rallied,and working their opponents back,kept up such a succession of well-directed attacks upon the Barnes' goal,that it seemed frequently in danger of falling.This result,however,had not occurred up to the call of "time".The game therefore ended in a draw."

First Surrey Rifles:H.J.Hooper(Capt),J.D.Challoner,S.W.Greenhow(Backs);J.H.Lock,E.Frost,
T.Edmonston,R.L.Allport,W.Foster,A.F.Stevens,W.J.Maynard,W.A.Willis(Goal).

Barnes:C.J.Morice(Capt.),A.Adams(Back);++G.W.Chapman,H.E.Solly(Half Backs); F.C.Clarkson,
+A.S.Brunskill,V.E.Weston,H.A.Hudson,+++J.B.Wood,R.H.Solly,H.Ellis(Goal).

+Not A.T.Brunskill ++Not C.W.Chapman +++Not traced as a player elsewhere:also see below

Umpire(for both sides):Lieut. Hastie.

REPLAY:SAT NOV 8TH at Barnes:

BARNES 1(H.A.Hudson) FIRST SURREY RIFLES 0 (At Barnes)

Sporting Life 12/11/73 P.4/Field 15/11/73 P.518/(No Sportsman at BM for Tues Nov 11th)/ Bell's Life
15/11/73 P.8/Sporting Gazette 15/11/73 P.809:

SL:"On the 25th ultimo these clubs met at Camberwell,to play their tie match for the Association Cup,on which occasion,it will be remembered,the contest resulted in a draw.On Saturday last, therefore,the Rifles went down to Barnes to play off the tie,and meeting a differently composed eleven,were defeated by one goal to nothing.Whilst on the subject of the composition of the various club elevens engaged in the Cup contests,we may as well remark that it would be better always in the later ties,to play the same eleven that took part in the first match,and we trust that this rule will be generally adopted-it was not-last year."Flodden" field proved less disastrous to Surrey than did Barnes Common.During nearly the whole of the first half of play the home team had the better of the match,and once a run down by P.Weston nearly resulted in a goal,but the ball passed just outside the posts.This was subsequently succeeded by an actual score resulting from a "corner kick " which placed the ball well in the centre of the ground,and enabled Hudson to kick it through the Surrey goal-posts.It was now half-time,and goals were changed.Thenceforward no more score was made,though Allport tried hard to equalise matters for Surrey,but the back play of Stephenson was too good,and kept the goal intact until the call of "time".Brunskill and the two Westons worked well for the victors,who,taking into consideration their comparative unacquaintance with the Association Rules,must be regarded as a fair average team,though we fear they will have to succumb in their next tie,when they meet Oxford University."

F:"For the first ten minutes after the kick off the Rifles had rather the best of the game.Gradually though the aspect of affairs changed,and Barnes began to play so well together that they pressed their opponents,till a neat run by Percy Weston almost resulted in a goal,the ball passing just outside the post.So the game progressed with vigour on both sides,Allport and Brunskill making themselves conspicuous by some clever runs.Nothing,however,was scored until a few minutes before half time, when Barnes having a kick from the corner flag,placed the ball in front of the enemy's goal,and Hudson,rushing to meet it,passed between the posts.After the change of ends the Rifles tried hard to accomplish a score,but the back play of Stephenson enabled Barnes to keep their goal in comparative safety until the call of time,the play during the last ten minutes being of rather an uninteresting nature.For the Rifles,W.C.Foster,W.J.Maynard,and A.F.Stevens played well;while Percy Weston,V.Weston(forward)and C.W.Stevenson(back) were the most efficient representatives of Barnes."

BL" ...but nothing was scored until a few minutes before half time,when Barnes, having a kick from the corner flag,placed the ball well in front of the enemy's goal,and Hudson,rushing to meet it, passed it between the posts."

Barnes:C.J.Morice(Capt.),A.Adams(Back);H.Ellis(Goal);H.E.Solly, C.W.Stephenson(Half Backs); F.C.Clarkson,+Percy Weston,V.(E.)Weston,++G.Wood,+++A.S.Brunskill,H.A.Hudson.

+Captain in 1871/72:probably brought in for this game only as not traced in other games this season

++J.B.Wood in first match

+++3 papers have J.Brunskill and 1 has A.T.Brunskill (In other games the main initial is A.S.Brunskill-used)

First Surrey Rifles:J.H.Hastie(Capt.),J.D.Challoner,S.W.Greenhow(Backs);H.J.Hooper,W.J.Maynard, W.C.Foster,E.Frost,A.F.Stevens,R.L.Allport,T.Edmonston,W.A.Willis(Goal).

CLAPHAM ROVERS walked over AMATEUR ATHLETIC CLUB scratched

Sportsman 28/11/73 P.3/Sporting Life 29/10/73 P.4:"This match was arranged for Saturday last,25th inst.,but owing to the inability of the A.A.C. to get up a team they were compelled to scratch to the Rovers,who will now have to play Cambridge University."

CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY 1 (R.W.Hurrell) SOUTH NORWOOD 0 (Sat Oct 25th)(At Surrey Cricket Ground,Kennington Oval)

Field 1/11/73 P.463/Sporting Life 29/10/73 P.4/Sportsman 28/10/73 P.3/Sporting Gazette 1/11/73 P.768/Bell's Life 1/11/73 P.8/Morning Post 27/10/73 P.3/The Observer 26/10/73/Cambridge Independent Press 1/11/73 P.8:

F:"Play did not commence until twenty-five minutes to four o'clock,in a bad light,and there seemed little likelihood of the latter part of the game being performed in anything but total darkness,as the rules of the competition fix the duration of each match at an hour and a half." "Nothing had fallen to either side during the first half hour,and for a further ten minutes the game remained devoid of any further score,until just as half time was about to be called by the umpires,A.Hurrell secured the ball in the middle of the ground,and,after cleverly evading all the opposing backs,finally eluded the goalkeeper,and safely landed the ball between the Norwood posts.Ends were consequently changed, but the game showed no diminution of vigour,as might have been imagined after the success of Cambridge(SM:"....no delay was allowed to occur before play recommenced.").

On the contrary the excitement increased in proportion as the fight became more furious,both combatants struggling with fresh determination as the time progressed.Once or twice C.Wilson made gallant attempts on behalf of Norwood to break through the Cambridge defence,and on more than one occasion the Cantabs looked dangerous,Kershaw kicking the ball a few feet over the tape of the opposite goal.(play ceased "at five minutes past five o'clock":SM) Still the end came;and

Norwood having been unable to equalise the score of their opponents,remained in the position of the defeated party by one goal.There was little in the way of individual skill to notice on either side,Hurrell for Cambridge showing the best form in dribbling during the match.”

SL:”These clubs met on Kennington Oval on Saturday last to play off their tie for the Association Cup.The weather was fine ,and there was a very fair number of spectators present when,at twenty minutes to four,White kicked off for South Norwood,who had lost the toss,and first defended the southern goal.Just at the start the Norwood men had a slight advantage,and,after some good dribbling by Fletcher and Cecil Wilson,worked the ball down into such proximity to the Cambridge goal-posts,that Viall was able to make a shot at them.Hunter’s vigilance,however,saved their downfall,and being followed up by the active forward play of Bevington,Brockbank,and Kershaw,the ball quickly found its way to the other end of the ground,when a good chance of scoring was frustrated by Geaves “handling”.The “free kick” which followed availed nothing to South Norwood, who just before half-time had their goal captured by a neat piece of play by Hurrell.From this period to the end of the match the play was principally in favour of Cambridge,though the efforts of Cecil Wilson for Norwood deserved the success they were fated not to obtain.Time was called at ten minutes past five,and the Cambridge University Eleven declared the winners by one goal to nothing. The goal-keeping of Hunter is deserving of all praise.”

SM:”....About three-quarters of an hour had now elapsed,and a change of ends was imminent to satisfy the law relating to “half-time”,when Hurrell got away from the middle of the ground,and after a well-executed run,safely guided the ball between the Norwood posts.This success caused an alteration of positions,but no delay was allowed to occur before play was recommenced.”

SG:”no advantage had been gained by either party until within a couple of minutes of half time, when Hurrell dribbled the ball well along the side,and getting it nearly in front of goal shot it between the posts and thus obtained the only goal of the match.”

MP:”Mr C.W.Alcock,captain of the Wanderers,officiated as umpire for the South Norwood,and Mr J.L.Cotton ,late of Trinity College,for the light blues.The South Norwood team wore red and black jerseys and the Cantabs sported blue and white.Mr Bevington won the toss for Cambridge and chose the goal next to the gasometer,the Norwood team defending the one opposite the Harleyford-road.(SM:”having the wind in their faces.”)”

CIP:”H.S.Bevington won the toss,and the Light Blues chose the goal opposite the Gas works,South Norwood defending the territory in a line with the Harleyford road.”

Cambridge University:H.S.Bevington(Harrow and Trinity)(Capt.),A.W.Hurrell(Winchester and Trinity), G.A.Duff(Harrow and Trinity)(Half Backs);R.L.Geaves(Harrow and Caius),J.F.Kershaw (Harrow and Trinity),D.R.Hunter (Repton and Trinity)(Goal);E.Mitford(St John’s),J.Brockbank(Shrewsbury and Trinity),H.H.W.Sparham (Bishop’s Stortford and Sidney Sussex),C.M.Sharpe(St John’s Wood and Jesus)(Back),H.W.Beauchamp(Corpus).

South Norwood:W.H.White(Capt.),C.E.Leeds,G.S.Manvell(Backs);Cecil Wilson,H.W.Wilson, F.E.Fletcher,J.F.Fletcher,C.H.Barber,T.Viall,W.C.Elborough,C.Jordan(Goal).

Umpires:C.W.Alcock (Wanderers) for South Norwood and J.L.Cotton(late Trinity College,Cambridge) for Cambridge University.Referee:C.H.R.Wollaston(Wanderers).

PILGRIMS 1 (E.B.Foley) GREAT MARLOW 0(H.T. 0-0)(Thurs Oct 9th)(Pilgrims Ground,At Hackney Downs)

Field 11/10/73 P.387/Sporting Life 11/10/73 P.4/Bell's Life 11/10/73 P.5/Sportsman 11/10/73 P.6/Sporting Gazette 11/10/73 P.713:

F:"The choice of goals fell to Marlow,and they chose to occupy the lower position,having a strong breeze directly in their faces.Throughout the early part of the game the sides were almost strictly even,though there was a superiority in the back play of the Pilgrims from first to last.Once or twice Shaw and Langley showed good dribbling form for Marlow,but they were not so well supported as they should have been,the former,during the first half hour,displaying the best individual play on either side.When three-quarters of an hour had expired no score had been obtained,so that ends were changed,and not long after this alteration had been effected the only goal of the day was secured,E.(B.)Foley,thanks to a good throw in from the touch line,being the fortunate donor of the final blow.After this the game was maintained with great vigour,the Pilgrims appearing to play better against –than they had previously done with- the wind.Indeed,they showed up better towards the end of the game,though on one occasion the Marlow Eleven had an excellent opportunity of securing a goal.This chance,however,was lost,and the end arrived with the advantage still in the possession of the Pilgrims to the extent of one goal."

SL:"This first tie for the Association Challenge Cup was played on Thursday,the 9th inst.,on Hackney Downs,when the Pilgrims won by one goal to nothing.At the agreed time for commencing(four o'clock),Great Marlow were two men short ,and pending the arrival of the absentees, who, however,quickly arrived,the Pilgrims lent Great Marlow one of their reserves.The latter club had the choice of goals ,and the Pilgrims kicked off shortly after four,and up to half-time neither side had scored,the game being very evenly contested.There was some very neat crossing by Great Marlow, whilst the Pilgrims made some very good runs down.Not long after half-time had been called C.Detmar very neatly dribbled the ball by the posts to the Great Marlow goal-line,when it went into touch,C.Detmar threw it well in front of goal,and E.B.Foley ,who was conveniently situated there, breasted it between the posts.The loss of their goal infused additional vigour into the play of the Great Marlow men,but it availed them nothing,for the Pilgrims also appeared to get fresher as the game neared its end,and when "time" was called the result was as mentioned above,one goal only having been scored.For Great Marlow,Hewitt,as back,played a sound game;and Shaw and Langley were conspicuous for the energy of their forward play.For the victors,Von Sommer's goal-keeping was excellent,and with him in goal the Pilgrims felt easy.Andrewes' back play was certain as usual ,and among the forwards,Good,and the brothers Detmar played an excellent game."

BL:"The Marlow team played with great pluck,and at half time no advantage had been gained by either party.Ends having been changed the Pilgrims were not long in obtaining a goal,the ball being thrown in from touch and subsequently bounding through the posts off Foley's breast."

Pilgrims:H.J.Andrewes(Capt.)(Back),J.B(erger) Van Sommer(Goal),C.Child,H.Bott(Half Backs);
C.Detmar,T.G.Detmar,M.J.Phelps,A.M.Good,C.A.Hampton,A.Williams,E.B.Foley.

Great Marlow:J.G.Crossman(Capt.)(Half Back),+A.H.Allen,+V.Frisby,H.R.Hewett(Back),
S.H.Wright,C.M.Foottit,H.Shaw,J.Langley,W.Batting,C.J.Simmonds,J.Elliott(Goal)

+Not traced elsewhere

Umpire:C.W.Alcock

SHEFFIELD CLUB 0 SHROPSHIRE WANDERERS 0(Thurs Oct 30th)(At Bramall Lane,Sheffield)

Sporting Life 1/11/73 P.4/Bell's Life 1/11/73 P.8/Sheffield Daily Telegraph 31/10/73 P.3/Sheffield Independent 1/11/73 P.10:

N.B.No Shropshire Papers on line for 1873

SL:"The match was one of those arranged to be played for the Association Challenge Cup.Three players took part in the match on the Sheffield side who are selected to play in the next great contest on Saturday at Bramall-lane in the match Sheffield v London-viz. Messrs J.C. and W.E.Clegg,and Mr T.C.Willey.The weather was favourable,and the attendance numbered quite 500,among them being several ladies.At a quarter to three O.Spencer kicked off.The match was particularly even and interesting ,at first the Sheffield men having a slight advantage,but when the players warmed up fairly to their work it was very questionable which side played best.At half-time no score had been made,but on changing ends Fretson was found to be hors de combat on the Sheffield side ,and two or three others considerably shaken and bruised.Nevertheless,under this disadvantage,and against the wind,they held their own manfully,and once very nearly succeeded in achieving a victory.Ultimately,after very hard struggles,the game ended in a draw,neither side being able to score.For the Wanderers,the captain played superbly,and he was well backed up by F.Spencer and Wylie.Wace proved a most efficient goal-keeper.On the Sheffield side the brothers Clegg,T.C.Willey,H.E.Dixon,Ellison,and Sorby,more especially distinguished themselves.As the match ended in a draw it is probable that the Sheffield team will visit Shrewsbury to decide the tie."

BL:"...the match on Thursday,at which there were upward of 600 visitors,was one of a series of first ties.At 2.40,Sheffield having won the toss,their opponents kicked off.The home team quickly had the ball in the Shropshire goal,it going just outside the post.It was soon apparent that dribbling was the art most practised by the visitors.W.E.Clegg showed prominently,and soon afterwards,J.G.Wylie made a splendid run for Shropshire.A good shot at goal by Wigfull was the next specimen of noteworthy play .The Shropshire goal was again in great danger,T.Willey and J.C.Clegg having kicks at goal in quick succession.A magnificent run by M.Ellison received a hearty round of applause. The advantage of play was now held by Shropshire;but it was only short-lived as Sorby and Dixon had each shies at their opponents' stronghold.A superb bit of dribbling was then shown by W.E.Clegg, and a combination of good play by Shropshire resulted in a narrow escape of the Sheffield territory.Half time was then called.Dixon showed good heading powers.A fine kick at the goal by J.C.Clegg was well saved by the goalkeeper,who came into collision with the goal post in stopping the ball.A really magnificent run by Edwards nearly effected the downfall of the Sheffield goal, steering it past Chambers,the custodian;but his final kick went just outside the post.Another shot by Wylie soon afterwards went over the Sheffield goal.Dixon showed capital play,after which J.C.Clegg made a fine back kick to the Shropshire goal.Dixon again showed capital play.Time was played out without anything being scored,the match thus ending in a draw."

SI: "This match was played on Thursday, at Bramall Lane, about 600 persons being present. The match ended in a draw,, neither team scoring."

Sheffield Club: H.W. Chambers (Capt.), J.C. Clegg, W.E. Clegg, T.C. Willey, +F.J. Fretson,
+W. Chesterman, H. Sorby, H.E. Dixon, M. Ellison, J. Wigfull, John Willey.

+Not traced in other games

Shropshire Wanderers: +O. Spencer (Capt.), C.E. Wace, ++J.G. Wylie, H. Chapman, +G.F. Thompson,
S.C. Meire, F. Spencer, A.T. Ward, B.V. Randel, J.E. de W. Denning, +W. Dunn.

+Not traced in other games ++Normally played for Sheffield

N.B Believe B.V. Randel to be correct see also 74/75)

Umpires: F.S. Chambers for Sheffield Club and W.A. Matthews for Shropshire Wanderers.

REPLAY: Mon Nov 17th (At Shrewsbury):

SHEFFIELD CLUB 0 SHROPSHIRE WANDERERS 0

N.B. Only FA Cup tie ever to be decided on the toss of a coin.

Sheffield Independent 19/11/73 P.4 (Wed paper)/Sportsman 20/11/73 P.4/Sporting Life 22/11/73
P.4/Sheffield Daily Telegraph 19/11/73 P4:

SI/SM: "As it was one of the first ties for the London Association Challenge Cup it was necessary for a decision of some sort to be arrived at, and it was ultimately arranged that the Sheffielders should visit Shrewsbury. The cutlery town were scarcely so strongly represented as was anticipated as Mr W.E. Clegg is at present in London. Mr J.R.B. Owen, who played so well in the recent London match, was unable to be present, and Mr A. Kirk-Smith, for the same reason, was an absentee. The ground is perfectly level, and there is no wind; and although the Wanderers won the toss it was of no advantage. M. Ellison was disabled and after the match had to go to a surgeon, whilst shortly after half time Mr R. Wake had to retire, so that the Sheffield team were rather at a disadvantage. This superiority in numbers caused the Wanderers to have slightly the best of the play, particularly at the finish. The match ultimately ended in a draw, neither team scoring—a proof how evenly balanced the teams must be. After the match the players dined together at the "Raven", where it was agreed to toss which should be conceded victorious, and the Sheffield captain (Mr Chambers) won. We should have specially mentioned the magnificent play of Messrs H. Sorby and J.C. Clegg for Sheffield, and the almost marvelous skill of Mr Hawley-Edwards, the Shropshire captain. The Sheffield Club in their second tie are drawn with the Pilgrims, a metropolitan club, and the contest between them is arranged for Saturday next in London. The following are the names of the Sheffield team:-
H.W. Chambers (Capt.), J.C. Clegg, T. Willey, J. Willey, H.E. Dixon, H. Sorby, M. Ellison, J. Wigfull, C. Webster, R. Wake, C. Vickers." (SI and SM)

SL: "The second match between these clubs for the first ties in the Cup was played on the Shrewsbury Racecourse, and resulted again, as in the case of the previous match, played at Bramall-lane, Sheffield, on October 30, in a drawn contest. Neither side scored at all."

"It was subsequently agreed to toss for the next ties, and the Sheffield captain won. The Sheffield Eleven, therefore, play the Pilgrims on Kennington Oval this (Saturday) afternoon."

SDT: "Singularly, as in the previous match, two of the Sheffield players—Mr M. Ellison and Mr R. W. Wake—were disabled early and had to retire. The match from the commencement was remarkably fast, and the Wanderers, as before, charged heavily. The play was very even at the commencement, but as was to be expected from superior numbers the Wanderers held a slight advantage towards the finish, but they could not succeed in scoring, and consequently the match ended in a draw. At the dinner afterwards it was arranged to decide by tossing which side should claim the victory, and fortune favoured Sheffield. For Sheffield Messrs H. Sorby and J. C. Clegg rendered the most effective service, whilst Mr Hawley-Edwards played magnificently for the Wanderers." (No teams)

Shropshire Wanderers: +J. Hawley Edwards (Capt.), C. E. Wace (Goal), ++J. G. Wylie, H. Chapman, G. F. Thompson, S. C. Meire, F. Spencer, A. T. Ward, B. V. Randel, J. E. de W. Denning, W. Dunn.
(SL)

+ "jun." in other games ++ Sheffield player

Sheffield Club: H. W. Cambers, J. C. Clegg, T. C. Willey, John Willey, H. Sorby, H. E. Dixon, +C. Webster, R. W. Wake, +C. Vickers, M. Ellison, J. Wigfull.

+ Not traced in other games

SECOND ROUND:

Bell's Life 8/11/73 P5: "The Second Ties have been +drawn as under:

The Swifts v Woodford Wells

High Wycombe v Maidenhead

Royal Engineers v Uxbridge

Trojans v Wanderers

Oxford University v Barnes or First Surrey Rifles

Cambridge University v Clapham Rovers

Pilgrims v Sheffield or Shropshire Wanderers."

+ The ties had already been drawn in a grid at the beginning of the season

SWIFTS 2(E.H.Bambridge,W.Nicholls) WOODFORD WELLS 1(R.H.Beauchamp) (Sat Nov 22nd)(At Dolphin Ground,Uxbridge Road,Slough)

Field 29/11/73 P.566/Sporting Life 26/11/73 P.4/Sporting Gazette 29/11/73 P.849/London Evening Standard 25/11/73 P.6/Sportsman 25/11/73 P.3/ Bell's Life 29/11/73 P.5:

F :”This was one of the second ties in the competition for the above cup.The match was played on the Dolphin Ground,Slough,on Saturday last,and resulted,after a hard fought and well contested game,in favour of the Swifts by two goals to one.Unfortunately,the wind in the afternoon became very strong and unfavourable for football,as it blew straight down the ground.Owing to the late arrival of several of the visitors’ team,play did not commence until nearly half past three o’clock.The ball was then kicked off by the captain of Woodford Wells(H.E.Kaye),the Swifts having won the toss.The home team then carried it down to the visitors’ goal,assisted considerably by the wind,and kept in their neighbourhood for quite half an hour,but without anything coming off,the Woodford Wells goal keeper being always on the spot when wanted.Their forwards,too,occasionally broke through,and ran the ball well up towards the Swifts’ goal;but the splendid back play of E.B.Haygarth and W.S.Bambridge prevented any further advance.Up till this time so well did the half backs and goal-keeper play for the Woodford Wells,that all attempts of the Swifts’ forwards to obtain a goal were successfully frustrated.The home team, however,were not to be denied,and a few moments before half time a splendid rush was made by Manders,Ryland,Joll,and E.H.Bambridge,and after a little smart play in front of the Woodford goal, E.H.Bambridge obtained a goal for his side.Ends were changed,and in turn the visitors soon took the ball down into the quarters of the home team,mainly by the good play of T.Spreckley and R.H.Beauchamp,the last-named finally placing the ball successfully through the posts.Ends being again changed,the play became very fast and exciting on both sides,Beauchamp Brothers,and Fraser for the visitors,and Manders,Ryland,and E.H.Bambridge for the Swifts,working very hard.The latter soon took the ball down,and after a little neat play W.Nicholls ,by a well directed kick,placed the second goal to the credit of his side.For the remainder of the game the play was very exciting,the visitors’ forwards trying hard to alter the result;but the Swifts’ half backs were equal to each occasion;and nothing further being scored when “time” was called,a most interesting and pleasant game ended in favour of the home team.”

SL:”This match came off at Slough on Saturday last ,and terminated,after some spirited play,in favour of the Swifts by two goals to one.A strong wind blew down the ground,which prevented the contest at the onset from being so keen as it otherwise would have been,for the Swifts,winning the toss,kept the ball well in their opponents’ quarters,the visitors only occasionally being able to get away with the ball,mainly through the excellent dribbling and forward play of Fraser,T.Spreckley,and E.Beauchamp.The goal-keeping on the part of the visitors was exceptionally good,and although the advantage of the wind enabled the Swifts to make repeated attacks upon their enemies’ goal,it was not until nearly half-time that they succeeded in scoring,when,after a good scrummage in front of goal,E.H.Bambridge kicked the ball through.Ends were changed,and the visitors,who played beautifully together,with the advantage of the wind,scored a goal by a fine kick by R.H.Beauchamp. From this time the Swifts worked better together,and brilliant all-round play was shown on both sides,Ryland,E.H.Bambridge,Jeans,and Manders being conspicuous on the ball,whilst the back-play of the home team was admirable;as also that of E.Beauchamp as half back on behalf of the visitors. The Swifts,however,made great efforts to obtain a second goal,which they eventually succeeded in doing ten minutes before the close of the game,Nicholls giving the final kick.For the remainder of the

time play was even brisker than ever, but all efforts on the part of the visitors proved unavailing, and they had to succumb, after playing a plucky game, nearly the whole time against the wind, and somewhat heavier opponents."

SG: "The home team won the toss and had the decided advantage of wind in their favour. Nearly half time was reached, however, without scoring, when the superior weight of the Swifts forced the ball through, the final kick being given by E.H. Bambridge. Ends were changed and Woodford played up with such energy as to soon equalise matters, a goal being secured for them by R.H. Beauchamp. The game went on without anything occurring in favour of either side until ten minutes from time when Swifts managed to obtain a second goal kicked by Nicholls."

LES: "About ten minutes previous to half time a good goal was kicked by E. Bambridge after a charge in front of goal, the Swifts being the heavier team. Woodford Wells, however, played up with renewed energy; and five minutes after, R. Beauchamp kicked a goal, thus bringing the score level. The game went on without any advantage to either side till just before the finish, when Swifts scored a second goal, thus winning by two goals to one." (No lineups)

Swifts: W.S. Bambridge (Capt.) (Half Back), +H.J.N. Wright (Half Back), E.B. Haygarth (Back), E.H. Bambridge, W. Nicholls, ++H. Manders, C. Prior, +++W.G. Ryland, J. Curtis, M. Jeans, A. Joll.

+Not found elsewhere ++Listed for Marlborough +++F has H.G. Ryland

Woodford Wells: H.E. Kaye (Capt.) + (Goal), F. Kaye, A.H. Tozer and E.B. Beauchamp (Half Backs); T.F. Spreckley, W.R. Spreckley, T.B. Powell, A.E. Hooper, F. Fraser, ++E. Gardom, R.H. Beauchamp.

+SM/SG have him as Goalkeeper to half time. ++Not traced for this team elsewhere

Umpire for both sides: Hubert Heron (Committee of the FA)

MAIDENHEAD 1 (W. Wild) HIGH WYCOMBE 0 (Sat Nov 22nd) (At Maidenhead)

Field 29/11/73 P.566/Bell's Life 29/11/73 P.5/Sporting Life 26/11/73 P.4/Sporting Gazette 29/11/73 P.849/London Evening Standard 25/11/73 P.6/Sportsman 25/11/73 P.3:

N.B. No Maidenhead Advertiser available for 1873

F: "This match was played on Saturday last at Maidenhead, and resulted in a victory for the former club by one goal to none. Wycombe having won the toss, the ball was kicked off by Maidenhead at three o'clock, and immediately taken down to the Wycombe lines, and there kept for some time, though the wind, which blew with great force obliquely across the ground, carried it continually out of play at the lower corner. At length, after repeated attempts, the ball was muddled to W. Wild, and he got it by a second kick, after rebounding from the goalkeeper, safely through the Wycombe posts. From this time until the end Maidenhead had to play a hard game up-hill, and against the wind, though despite this double (dis)advantage, they had the best of the fight still, threatening the Wycombe lines several times, and compelled the Wycombe goalkeeper more than once to throw the ball away to avoid the danger. Wycombe, on the other hand, played up with great resolution towards

the finish, making some good runs the entire length of the ground, one by Darvill deserving special notice. Still Maidenhead maintained these advantages until the close, and thus won by one goal."

BL/SL: "One/Another of the second tie matches for the Cup was played between these clubs at Maidenhead, on Saturday last, Messrs J.H. Clarke and W. Wood acting as umpires. Neither club had contested in the first ties, as the Old Etonians scratched to High Wycombe, and the Civil Service to Maidenhead. The visitors won the toss, and chose first to defend the railway goal, and to kick against the wind. In twenty minutes the first goal was secured by Maidenhead-W. Wild being the fortunate player to kick the ball between the posts-and ends were changed. Nicholson now came up in the bully, and took a very active part in the proceedings, twice very nearly succeeding in scoring another goal, the ball in each case only just missing its mark. Though the wind was against them during the latter portion of the play-one hour and ten minutes-yet the Maidenhead men held their own, and thus won the match by one goal to love. Maidenhead will now have to meet either the Royal Engineers or Uxbridge, according to the result of the match to take place this day (Wednesday), between these clubs."

LES: "Nothing much occurred for the first twenty minutes, after which the only goal of the match was kicked by Wild, who after making a shot which bounded back off the goalkeeper, again kicked the ball, and the second time it went through off one of the goal posts."

N.B Only short reports similar to the ES Report, and with no lineups on 29/11/73 in Reading Mercury and Bucks Herald.

Maidenhead: J.A. Wild (Capt.) (Half Back); W. Wild, C.A. Vardy (Back), F.W. Nicholson (Goal); W. Bassett, Rev. A. Austen-Leigh, W. Goulden (Half Back), G.H. Hebbes, F. Wells, + C. Bicknell, R.T. Denne.

(BL/SG/F/SM/SL all wrongly have J.T. Denne) + Only found H.E. Bicknell in MA 1874

High Wycombe: C.T. Baines (Capt.) (Half Back), T. Kedge, C. Rose, L.J. Thomas, F. Reeves (Goal), T. Butler, T. Bethell, T.C. Smales, C.K. Poulter (Back), B. Darvill, W. Turner (Half Back).

(SG/F/SM all wrongly have C. Kase)

Umpires: J.H. Clark for Maidenhead and W. Wood for High Wycombe.

UXBRIDGE 1 (Own goal) ROYAL ENGINEERS 2 (A.G. Goodwyn, Not recorded) (Wed Nov 26th) (At Uxbridge Common)

Sportsman 2/12/73 P.3/ Sporting Life 29/Bell's Life 6/12/73 P.5/11/73 P.4/Sporting Gazette 6/12/73 P.868/Field 6/12/73 P.589/London Evening Standard 29/11/73 P.6:

N.B. No Uxbridge Gazette on line

SM: "The visitors arrived at Uxbridge at one o'clock, and were very hospitably entertained at lunch by their opponents. After this a move was made to the football ground, on which great care had evidently been bestowed, as the touch-line was well marked out with white paint and flags, and a space had also been cordoned off in rear of the goals to prevent the spectators getting between the

posts. The Sappers won the toss, and chose to play with the wind and hill in their favour; the former was blowing very strong straight down the ground. At about 2.45 Hubert Heron kicked off on behalf of Uxbridge, and almost immediately Frank Heron, by a good run, being well backed up by his side, made a threatening attack on the R.E. goal. Sim, who was in goal, saved the goal with his hands, and the ball was at once taken down to the Uxbridge goal, which very nearly fell to a good kick by Olivier, the ball hitting the post and bounding into play. However, soon after, a free kick for handling was claimed close to goal, and from it a goal was scored, the ball having been breasted through by one of the Sapper forwards. On ends being changed, the Uxbridge men again kicked off, and it was expected that the visitors would again have their work cut out, as the wind was now against them; but the forwards seemed to get on better against the wind than with it, and more than once the Uxbridge goal was threatened, though not seriously. At last Hubert Heron got hold of the ball, and ran it down the ground, and it was kicked behind by one of the R.E. forwards who had come to the rescue. The usual penalty, a free kick from the corner, was enforced; but Leach and Nugent took the ball away a few yards, but one of the Uxbridge backs got hold of it, and lifted it over all the forwards' heads close to goal. One of the R.E. backs attempted to volley it, and in doing so kicked the ball through his own goal over his shoulder; the goalkeeper had run out to back him up, and prevent the ball from going behind, there was thus no one there. This ought not to have happened, as there was no one within twenty-five yards of the goal at the time. Ends were again changed, and the Sappers kicked off, and almost immediately scored their second goal. There now remained half an hour more to play, and the game became very exciting. The Sappers, as before, took the ball into the Uxbridge territory and it remained there for the rest of the game, except on one or two occasions when the Herons, Gardiner, or Turner made a rush with it; but they were never able to get as far as the goal keeper, who, except on one occasion mentioned above, never touched the ball. A good run, terminating in a difficult shot at the R.E. goal, was made by Gardiner at the last minute; but unfortunately for his side, the ball missed the much-desired goal."

SL: "A miserably dull afternoon, with a light drizzling rain falling at the time of commencing play in this match, on Uxbridge Common on Wednesday last, did not prevent a numerous company from being present when the ball was kicked off at half-past two. The gathering was then both large in numbers and respectable, many ladies being present, and apparently taking a great interest in the proceedings; an interest which they proved by most pluckily withstanding the severe drifting storm of rain which swept down the ground and wetted everyone through and through during the last twenty minutes of play. As time progressed, however, the crowd kept on increasing until it at length appeared as if the whole of the rougher population of Uxbridge had flocked on to the Common, and the succession of yells and shouts which greeted the victory of the Engineers would have disgraced a "bear garden" and were as unpalatable to the home team as to the visitors. Having lost the toss, Uxbridge were the first to play against a strong wind blowing down the ground, and Hubert Heron kicked off at about a quarter to three. At first, notwithstanding the wind, the home team held their own, and, in fact, through a really fine run down the centre of the ground, Frank Heron carried the ball down to the Engineers' goal, in front of which a tremendous scrummage ensued, ending, however, in the ball being cleverly extricated and brought back again by Wood, Von Donop, and Leach. Then the superior training and backing up of the Engineers aided by the wind, began to tell, and from a "free" kick by Goodwyn, the ball bounded off two or three of the players through the posts. Ends were at once reversed, and the second twenty minutes' play was as nearly as possible a counterpart of the first, the Engineers having the advantage, and often endangering their opponents' goal, which was frequently

saved by Willis and Pickering, until Turner, Hubert Heron, and Gardiner got the ball away between them, ran it down the ground, when the goal-keeper making an unfortunate kick, sent it through the posts. Ends were a third time changed, and the play continued for a little while very evenly, but the Engineers, again favoured by the wind, playing better together, and showing very superior dribbling powers, pressed their opponents hard, despite the excellent back play of Pickering and good kicking of Fassnidge, and at last secured a second goal. With the wind at their backs, and a tremendous drifting rain, the Uxbridge men once more essayed to equalise matters, but their individual efforts- Jackson, Turner, the brothers Heron, and Aldworth, all working hard-availed nought against the superior strategy and combined exertions of the Engineers. The ground was terribly wet and slippery, and falls were frequent. Wood and Von Donop played splendidly, and Goodwyn as half-back kicked with that accuracy which has given him such a reputation in the football world. It was just time when Gardiner, Hubert and Frank Heron and Turner made an expiring effort, and the final kick by the first-named sent the ball flying by the side of the post on a level with the tape. Thus the Engineers were left victors of this hardly-contested match by two goals to one. In fine weather the game would have been a most enjoyable one, as it was it proved more exciting than had been expected. Umpires, Mr Heron, sen., and Lieut. Blackburn.” +second time

SG:”The first goal was soon....obtained by the visitors, the ball bounding through off the breast of one of the forwards. Ends were changed and the home party played up in a most plucky manner; Pickering being especially good at half back. A goal was then scored by Uxbridge through the combined efforts of Gardiner, Hubert Heron and Turner. Ends were again changed and the Engineers scored a second goal. Just before the call of time Gardiner made a very good though unsuccessful shot at the Engineers’ goal.”

Uxbridge: Hubert Heron (Capt.), W. Fassnidge (Back), Rev. P. G. U. Pickering (Half Back); E. Willis (Goal), E. B. Hunt, +F. Aldworth, W. M. Gardiner, Henry Heron, Frank Heron, G. Turner, ++P. Jackson.

+All papers wrongly have T. Aldworth ++Not found elsewhere

Royal Engineers: Major F. A. Marindin (Capt.) (Capt.) (Half Back), Lieuts. G. W. Addison, A. G. Goodwyn (Half Back), G. H. Sim (Back); P. G. von Donop, J. E. Blackburn, C. Nugent, H. D. Olivier, T. Digby, H. P. Leach, C. K. Wood.

(SL/LES have Capt. Merriman (Goal) instead of listing J. E. Blackburn who they both list as Umpire; BL/F do not list Umpires but list J. E. Blackburn as playing and not Capt Merriman)

Umpires: Capt Daubrez for Royal Engineers (SM/SG :and have J. E. Blackburn as playing and not Capt Merriman) and Heron, sen. for Uxbridge

WANDERERS walked over TROJANS scratched.

OXFORD UNIVERSITY 2(F.J.Patton,+C.A.Cripps) BARNES 0 (Sat Nov 22nd)(In the Park,Oxford)

Oxford Journal 29/11/73 P.5/Evening Standard 25/11/73 P.6/Oxford Times 29/11/73 P.5/Sporting Life 26/11/73 P.4/Sporting Gazette 29/11/73 P.849:

OJ/ES:"This match was played at Oxford on Saturday last,and notwithstanding the strong wind was contested in a spirited manner.The game went on with varying fortunes until just before half time, when a neat goal was obtained for Oxford by Patton.Ends were changed and Barnes,with the advantage of the wind,pressed their opponents hard for some time till the united efforts of Vidal and Ottaway brought the ball back to their goal where unfortunately one of their side handled it.The visitors had to pay the penalty,and the Oxford forwards coming up drove the ball between the posts.Nothing else was obtained though the Oxford goal was once in danger , owing to the absence of their goalkeeper.The University thus won their second tie by two goals to love.Vidal and Ottaway were ,as usual,the backbone of the forward strength ,though their efforts were brilliantly resisted by Highton and Stephenson,while Mackarness and Adams behind ably supported their compeers."

SL/OT:"On Saturday last this match was played at Oxford ,and won by the University by two goals (obtained by Patton,and out of a general scrummage entailed by a rush after a free kick allowed for the ball being handled by the Barnes players) to love.We have not received the names of the two elevens,but Vidal,Patton,Ottaway,and Mackarness played well for Oxford,as did Solly,Adams, Highton,and Stevenson for Barnes."

N.B 1st goalscorer from Oxford Journal and 2nd goalscorer from 1874 Football Annual.

SG:"These clubs played off their second tie on Saturday last in the Park at Oxford.The University eventually won by two goals to nothing,although their opponents played up well.For the losers,Solly,Adams,Highton,and +Stevens tried hard to avert defeat;and for the 'Varsity ,Vidal,Paton,Ottaway,and Mackarness were conspicuous.Barnes:C.J.Morice(Captain),F.C.Clarkson, C.W.Stephenson,++H.(S).Jackson,A.Adams,A.S.Brunskill,V.Weston,A.C.Highton,H.E.Whitmore, H.E.Solly,and T.Palmer"+Stephenson ++Not H.G.Jackson

TRY Oxford Almanack and Register and Oxford University Football Minutes 1872-1883

N.B. Goal,the Chronicle of Football 22/11/73-25/4/74 has nothing.

Oxford University: ();C.C.Mackarness(Three Quarter Back);(),(); (),(), (),C.J.Ottaway,C.A.Cripps,R.W.S.Vidal,F.J.Patton.(4 names from OJ/SG and +Cripps from Football Annual) +Check as had wrongly put Chitty

Barnes:C.J.Morice(Capt.),F.C.Clarkson,C.W.Stephenson,H.S.Jackson,A.Adams,A.S.Brunskill, V.E.Weston,A.C.Highton,H.E.Whitmore,H.E.Solly,T.Palmer.(SG)

N.B. Sportsman 20/11/73 P.4 : "This,one of the second ties for the Association Cup,will be played at Oxford on Saturday.The following will represent Barnes:-

C.J.Morice,C.W.Stephenson,A.C.Highton,F.C.Clarkson,A.Adams,C.F.Cumberledge,H.E.Solly, H.S.Jackson,V.Weston,+J.Brunskill,and H.A.Hudson."

Sporting Life 22/11/73 P.4:"At Barnes,Barnes v Oxford University,probable players:-

Oxford:F.H.Birley,H.B.Dixon,F.T.Green,T.B.Hughes,A.F.Leach,J.H.Leahy,C.J.Ottaway(captain),
W.B.Paton,+P.J.Patton,W.S.Rawson,and R.W.Seal(y)-Vidal. +F.J.Patton

Barnes:A.Adams,+A.T.Brunskill,F.C.Clarkson,C.F.Cumberlege,A.C.Highton,H.A.Hudson,H.S.Jackson,
C.J.Morice(captain),H.E.Solly,C.W.Stephenson,V.Weston.” +A.S.Brunskill

CLAPHAM ROVERS 1(“Out of a scrimmage”) CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY 1 (H.W.Beauchamp)(Sat Nov
15th)(H.T. 0-0)(At Balham,Rovers Headquarters)

Field 22/11/73 P.545/Sporting Life 19/11/73 P.4/Bell’s Life 22/11/73 P.4/Goal 22/11/73
P.10/Cambridge Independent Press 22/11/73 P.7:

F:”This,the first match in the second ties of the Association Challenge Cup,came off at Balham on
Saturday last,a well-contested match resulting in a draw,with one goal to each side.At about half
past three o’clock,Birkett having lost the toss,kicked off for the Rovers,and the ball was at once
taken down to the Cambridge lines,where it remained for a brief space.The University,however,
soon getting used to the ground,brought it out of danger,and in turn threatened the Rovers’ goal,
some pretty though ineffectual runs being made on both sides.Shortly before half time a run by
Bryden brought the ball down to the Cantabs territory,and there it remained until change of ends.
Both sides now woke up in earnest,and seemed determined to prevent the match from ending in a
draw;Beauchamp,Geaves,and Sparham on the one side,and Holden,Field,and Kenrick,notably
making some very good runs;whilst Birkett and Ogilvie,and their antagonist Robinson,were in great
form back.By dint of some good hard work the Rover forwards took the ball up to the Cambridge
lines,and seriously menaced their fortress on several occasions.Beauchamp,however,managed to get
away,and after a brilliant run,in which he was well backed up,scored the first goal in favour of
Cambridge.The Rovers,nowise daunted,played up with redoubled ardour,and taking the ball down
altogether,forced it bodily through the posts.thus equalising matters.Although the game continued
for another ten minutes,it was too dark to play with any accuracy,and the game ceased with the ball
close to the home goal.”

SL:”On Saturday last the first encounter in the second ties for the Association Challenge Cup took
place in the Clapham Rovers’ field at Balham,a field remarkable for its uneven formation and its
wonderful powers of retaining wet.Situated on a slope,both from end to end and side to side,it is
strange how much more frequently the players kicking up the hill have the advantage,and also how
the ball prefers the higher to the lower ground.The situation of the ground is most picturesque,and
its open character is much in its favour,whilst in the summer the road is hid from view by a belt of
trees and undergrowth,in which a meandering path forms a pleasant and shady walk.It was nearly
half-past three before a commencement was made,Birkett then kicking off for the Clapham Rovers,
who had lost the toss,and first played with the hill in their favour.For the first few minutes,and
before the visitors got used to the ground,the ball was kept in the neighbourhood of the University
goal,but it was not long ere the Cantabs brought it back again into the centre of the field.Varied by
occasional rushes on either side,here the chief portion of the play took place until half-time, when,
however,the ball was well in the vicinity of the Cambridge posts.One run by Beauchamp deserves
particular notice,inasmuch as he got the ball away when it was in most dangerous proximity to his
goal,and ran it right up the ground until it was well in the Rovers’ half of the debatable ground.Here

we may as well remark that throughout the whole afternoon the back play of Ogilvie and Robinson was unexceptionable, the former by unanimous expression of opinion after the match voted to have exhibited the best play of anyone engaged in the match. Birkett was ubiquitous, as was also Kershaw, whose dribbling, together with that of Geaves and Field, was generally admired. Kenrick, Kolle, Beauchamp, and Sparham worked very hard in the bully, and the brunt of the contest may fairly be said to have been borne principally by those we have enumerated. On ends being changed the Clapham men worked far better together than they had hitherto done, and for the greater part of the rest of the play kept the ball well up in the Cambridge quarters. Once again did Beauchamp come to the rescue and saving his own goal from falling, and being backed up by his side, brought the ball right down the centre of the field and to the front of the Clapham posts, finally eluding the vigilance of their keeper, and placing the first goal to the credit of Cambridge. This fairly nettled the Rovers, who, following up on Birkett's kick off, worked down the ball, and out of a general scrimmage in which Tayloe, Field, and St Quintin were very active, equalised matters by scoring a goal. It was now getting dark, and "time" was called, but on its being pointed out to the umpires that the prescribed hour and a half had not elapsed, the match was continued in almost perfect obscurity for another quarter of an hour, during which the greater advantage was on the side of Cambridge, though no score was made. Thus, in a draw, ended an even match, which will shortly be played over again at Cambridge."

BL"....Beauchamp was mainly instrumental in carrying the ball back to the Rovers' lines, the result being the first score for Cambridge. This roused the Rovers to further activity, and they were not long in wiping out the chalk. After this it got very dark, but as they had not played the proper time the game was continued for 15 minutes longer, though nothing else of a decisive nature was done."

Clapham Rovers: R.H. Birkett (Capt.) (Back), H.A. Bryden, W.S. Buchanan, Walter Field, G. Holden, J. Kenrick, C.E. Kolle, R.A.M.M. Ogilvie (Half Back), P.R. St. Quintin, C.C. Tayloe, T.E. Worledge.

Cambridge University: H.W. Beauchamp (Corpus), H.S. Bevington (Trinity) (Capt.), J. Brockbank (Trinity), +E.R. Downe (Trinity), G.A. Duff (Trinity), R.L. Geaves (Caius), D.R. Hunter (Trinity) (Goal), J.F. Kershaw (Trinity), C. Newton (Trinity Hall) (Half Back), A.E. Robinson (Trinity) (Back), H.H.W. Sparham (Sidney Sussex).

+Check initials and not Dawn

Umpires: A. Morton and J.L. Cotton

REPLAY: Sat Nov 29th (At Parker's Piece, Cambridge)

CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY 1 (E. Mitford) CLAPHAM ROVERS 1 (J. Kenrick)

Bell's Life 6/12/73 P.5/ Field 6/12/73 P.589/Sportsman 2/12/73 P.3/Sporting Life 3/12/73 P.4/Goal 6/12/73 P.9/Cambridge Independent Press 6/12/73 P.8/Sporting Gazette 6/12/73 P.868:

BL: "At 10 minutes to 3 o'clock the ball was kicked off by the Rovers, who mustered only ten at the outset, the University, who won the toss, electing to play with the wind. It was not long before Kenrick, the missing Rover, arrived, and his advent was most fortunate, for no very great length of time had elapsed before he was able to secure a goal for his side, the ball having been taken up by a

general run of the forwards .”

”.....only two minutes remained when fortune,rather late in the day ,smiled on Cambridge,and that brightly enough.Here the ball hit Beauchamp,and the claim of “hands” was made by the Rovers ,but it was not allowed ,and the Clapham goalkeeper,making no attempt to save his goal,Mitford was able to drive the ball between the posts.”

F:”This was another of the second ties,and moreover,the match on Parker’s Piece,Cambridge,was the second encounter between the two clubs-in these ties the first meeting at Balham on Nov 15 having ended in a tie,with one goal to each side.At the outset the Rovers were one short of the allotted number,but in due time the absentee,J.Kenrick,arrived,and soon signalled his appearance most effectively by kicking a goal for Clapham.Ends were consequently changed,and the play proceeded with fresh spirit,the Cambridge forwards,notably Hurrell and Smith,striving most resolutely to recover the ground they had lost.On the other hand the Rovers were as earnestly bent on maintaining their right,although still towards the end the University had slightly the best of the fray;still the Clapham eleven were able to hold their advantage until just at the very finish,when a piece of good fortune turned the scale and made the balance even between the contending sides. Here Beauchamp struck the ball,and a claim of “hands” was made by the Rovers;but it was disallowed,and Mitford having meanwhile kicked a goal for Cambridge,play ceased,the match thus producing a second drawn game.”

SM:”...victory was rested from the hands of the Rovers within a moment of time;indeed,no kick was made after the heave which brought the combatants to even terms.At the commencement of the game the play was of a wily and spirited character,and when about a quarter of an hour had elapsed a goal fell to the honour of Kenrick,for the good of the Rovers.Ends were afterwards changed,and although the strife grew far more exciting,nothing was done till on behalf of the Cantabs Mitford kicked a goal.The ball touched Beauchamp amidst shouts of “hands” from the Rovers,but on an appeal being made the umpire decided in favour of the kick.It was stated that,but for the cry of “hands” the goal-keeper of the Rovers(Tayloe) could have averted the tie;and on the other hand, there were those who imagined that the ball would have been quite out of the goal-keeper’s reach. Thus for a third time the strife will have to be renewed.”

CIP/SL(“From our own correspondent”):”The return match between Cambridge University and the Clapham Rovers took place on Parker’s Piece,at Cambridge,on Saturday afternoon,to settle the tie which was the result of their match at Balham a fortnight since.The weather was scarcely so favourable as could be wished,as just before the hour for commencing,rain began to fall,and though it did not come down very fast,or in great abundance,it sufficed to make the ground very greasy and dangerous,so that falls were extremely numerous,but no serious hurt was suffered.The Rovers were two men short on their arrival,and had to borrow a couple of emergencies.The contest generally was very exciting,and this second tie match renders it necessary for a third to be played before either team can play in the third Cup ties.The Clapham Rovers kicked off at about ten minutes to three,with their backs to the west;and playing with great pluck and determination succeeded in scoring the first goal before they had played twenty minutes,Kenrick being the fortunate player.Sides were at once changed,and the University kept the ball in the neighbourhood of their enemies’ goal.Over and over again was the Varsity foiled in the attempt at a goal,until just prior to “time”when Mitford got a good kick at the ball,and being charged by Beauchamp,a cry of “hands”was raised by the Rovers, whose goal-keeper,supposing that the call to be well-founded,made no effort to prevent the ball

going between the posts. The goal was claimed and allowed by the referee, Mr L.G. Mortimer. Thus the match ended in a second tie. The spectators mustered very numerously. The third match between these teams will probably take place in London, after the end of term, and Kennington Oval is mentioned as the likely rendezvous."

Cambridge University: H.S. Bevington (Trinity) (Capt.), C. Newton (Trinity Hall) (Half Back), A.E. Robinson (Trinity) (Back); H.H.W. Sparham (Sydney Sussex), A.W. Hurrell (Trinity), J. Brockbank (Trinity), H.W. Beauchamp (Corpus Christi), E. Mitford (St John's), +E.S. Smith (Trinity), D.R. Hunter (Trinity) (Goal), G.A. Duff (Trinity).

+E.G. Smith (Trinity) (former Capt of CU)??

Clapham Rovers: R.H. Birkett (Capt.) (Back), R.A.M.M. Ogilvie (Half Back); C.C. Tayloe (Goal); P.R. St. Quintin, W. Field, T.E. Worlledge, A.J. Stanley, C.E. Leeds, J. Kenrick, W.S. Buchanan, G. Holden.

Referee: L.G. Mortimer.

SECOND REPLAY: Sat Dec 20th at Kennington Oval

CLAPHAM ROVERS 4 (E. Field 2, J. Kenrick, G. Holden) CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY 1 (S. Roberts)

Sportsman 23/12/73 P.3/The Observer 21/12/73/Bell's Life 27/12/73 P.3/Sporting Life 24/12/73 P.4/Field 27/12/73 P.668/Goal 27/12/73 P.13/Cambridge Independent Press 27/12/73 P.2/ Morning Post 22/12/73 P.3:

SM: "On Saturday last the above-named clubs met for the third time during the present season, having twice previously contested without either side obtaining any decided advantage, the first match taking place at Balham, and the second on the University ground at Cambridge. Naturally, after two such matches there was a great amount of interest manifested in the present encounter, and few were prepared to see the representatives of the light blue so signally defeated as they were, the Clapham Rovers eventually scoring four goals to their opponents' one. In consequence of being one short, the Cantabs were forced to fall back upon the generosity of the home team, who without hesitation lent them the services of *J.O. Cotton, a member of their own club. At twenty minutes to three the Clapham Rovers, having won the toss, selected the Harleyford road goal, thus having the advantage of a slight wind. The Cambridge captain, Mr Bevington, kicked off, and the ball being well followed up, was carried into the vicinity of the Rovers' goal, but Birkett, St Quintin, and Kenrick were always equal to the occasion, and prevented any decided advantage being obtained by the Cantabs. Shortly the ball was gradually brought into middle play, and then forced still further down by the Rovers, who, by the aid of E. Field, scored the first goal. Almost directly after ends were reversed the University made some fine rushes, and Roberts getting hold of the ball made a splendid run in and made a goal for his side, the game thus being "one goal all". After this the Rovers seemed to have it all their own way, and in rapid succession placed three more goals to their credit, Field obtaining the first of these by taking the ball through after a sharp tussle, Kenrick kicking the next after a splendid run, and the third being made chiefly by the aid of St Quintin, who dribbled the ball right up to the University lines, and +Howard, after determined opposition by Mortimer, at length kicked it through and thus scored the fourth goal for the Rovers." +Holden

OBS: "The Cantabs were one short of their complement, and their opponents generously lent them a man, when at twenty minutes to three o'clock the Claphamites, who were successful in winning the toss, selected the end of the ground nearest to Harleyford-road, their backs being against a slight breeze blowing from the north west. Play began in the most spirited manner, neither having much the best of it for nearly half an hour, though it was apparent that the Rovers had the advantage in the weights, and moreover played better together. At last the ball was worked well into the Cambridge part of the ground, when one of their side handled the ball, and a free kick was allowed from the upper side of the play, from which the ball dropped well in front and close up to the Light Blue goal line, and W. Field was successful in passing it under. On changing ends some capital runs were made on both sides, and the game very evenly contested, but scarcely ten minutes had elapsed ere Roberts made a most brilliant run from the centre of the ground, and fairly outpaced his foes until within twenty feet of the Rovers' goal when he made a clever kick, and matters were equal. Once more the goalkeepers reversed their positions, and the next worthy incident was a capital long shot at goal, which was well stopped by the Cambridge custodian, but directly after a free kick fell to the lot of the Rovers, and the ball striking the chest of E. Field, it glanced under the tape. The Cantabs now seemed to go off their play, and Kenrick in a very short time got the ball to himself, and by first-rate dribbling took it cleverly through the ranks of his adversaries, and by a final kick from the lower corner scored a third goal for the Rovers. Once more the ends were reversed, and the game was principally confined to the Cambridge territory, where presently another free kick accrued to the Rovers, and although it was a long shot, and the goalkeeper stopped the ball, it was quickly returned by Holden, who was instrumental in scoring a fourth goal for the Clapham team. With the exception of a good shot from the side by a Cantab, which struck against the Rovers' post, and was soon carried out of danger, nothing of note occurred until time was called."

BL: "To begin with, the Cantabs were a man short, but the Rovers lent them a member of their club, +Mr J.O. Cotton, and they started on an equality at 20 minutes to 3 o'clock."

"At last, from a free kick by St Quentin, the ball was well dropped in front of the Cambridge goal, and E. Field had little difficulty in sending it under the line. Even play, at first, after changing ends, was the result, but the Cambridge lines ere 10 minutes had elapsed, became once more invested; suddenly, however, Roberts by a fine exhibition of dribbling, took the ball down, and when within 20 feet of the Rovers' goal, made a good shot past the custodian of the fortress. Each had now obtained a goal, and after the goalkeepers had changed positions a capital shot was made at Cambridge, which was well stopped, but presently another free kick fell to the lot of the Rovers from the side, and the ball striking against E. Field it glanced through. Once more ends were reversed, and the conflict had hardly been renewed when Kenrick made a most brilliant run, nearly the whole length of the ground, and by a clever side kick with the right foot another goal was scored for the Rovers. It was now three goals to one, and when once more hostilities were resumed Cambridge got a free kick, but nothing resulted, and immediately the ball was carried into the University lines, and from now on the fight was mostly in favour of the Claphamites. Very shortly the Rovers had another free kick, and the ball was directed for their adversaries' goal, but quickly returned. The next shot, (G). Holden's, however, went clean between the posts, and with the exception that on one occasion a Cantab made a shot at the Rovers' goal, which glanced off the post on the outside, nothing else occurred until the call of time." *J.L. Cotton

SL: "Now came the "conquering tug of war", and it resulted most decisively in favour of the Clapham Rovers by four goals to one. The Cambridge team, was, however, weakened at the last moment very much by the unavoidable absence of M. Leaf (Trinity) and that good half back, C. Newton (Trinity Hall) whose places were filled by *J.O. Cotton ("late of Trinity) and A.E. Robinson. Winning the toss, the Rovers selected the Harleyford-road goal, and at about a quarter to three the Cambridge captain kicked off. During the earlier portion of the play the ball was kept in close proximity to the Clapham goal, in whose defence, Kenrick, Birkett, and St Quintin worked most strenuously, as did Bevington, Roberts, and Brockbank in opposition. At last the Rovers forced back their opponents, and worked the ball well up into the Cambridge quarters, when the ball being handled, and a free kick allowed, E. Field succeeded in kicking the ball through the Cambridge posts. Scarcely, however, had ends been changed ere the score was equalised by Roberts, who, well aided by Bevington, ran down the ball, and by a judicious kick, sent it flying through the Clapham goal. Ends were again changed, but henceforth the Rovers had the better of the match, three goals falling to them in quick succession. The first resulted from the ball, after a free kick, rebounding through the posts from the breast of E. Field; the second, through the agency of Kenrick, who, by a fine run up against the wind, succeeded in eluding the vigilance of all the Cambridge backs; whilst the third was obtained by the joint efforts of Holden and St Quintin, who, despite the efforts of Tennyson, Brockbank, and Roberts, dribbled up the ball until they were enabled to again send it through the Cambridge goal-posts. Up to the call of "time" no further score had been achieved ." +J.L. Cotton

F: "The University was very imperfectly represented, and hence the Rovers this time enjoyed the supremacy, winning by four goals to one. For a few minutes the Cantabs had rather the best of it, but the Rovers at last got away, and after a case of handling, E. Field secured a goal on their account. This advantage they did not enjoy long, for, very shortly after a good run by H.S. Bevington, S. Roberts landed a well-earned goal for the University. From this point the Rovers had the best of the fight, and before the end had secured three more goals, thus forcibly asserting their claim to meet the Sheffield Club in the third ties."

Clapham Rovers: R.H. Birkett (Capt.) (Back), R.A.M.M. Ogilvie (Half Back), P.R. St. Quintin, W.S. Buchanan, J. Kenrick, G. Holden, W.F. Richmond, T.E. Worlledge (Goal-keeper), C.E. Kolle, E. Field, W. Field.

Cambridge University: H.S. Bevington (Trinity) (Capt.), L.G. Mortimer (Trinity Hall) (Goal), A.E. Robinson (Trinity) (Back), J. Brockbank (Trinity), S. Roberts (Trinity), D.R. Hunter (Trinity) (Goal-keeper), L. Tennyson (Trinity, late Eton), E. Mitford (St John's), H.W. Beauchamp (Corpus), R.L. Geaves (Caius), *J.L. Cotton (late Trinity) "substitute" a member of the Clapham Rovers Club).

*J.L. Cotton (in some reports and lineups incorrectly listed as J.O. Cotton) (who went to Brighton College and played in the Varsity match) was provided by the Clapham Club: see below. ONLY TIME IN ANY FA CUP TIE THAT THE OPPOSITE SIDE'S MAN PLAYED THE WHOLE GAME FOR THE OTHER SIDE!?

Umpires: +C.F. Woolaston and C.E. Tayloe. +C.H.R. Wollaston was often referred to as C.F. Wollaston

SHEFFIELD CLUB 1(H.Sorby) PILGRIMS 0 (Sat Nov 22nd)(At Kennington Oval)

Sportsman 25/11/73 P.3/London Evening Standard 25/11/73 P.6/Field 29/11/73 P.566/Sporting Life 26/11/73 P.4/Sheffield Independent 24/11/73 P.4/Sheffield daily Telegraph 24/11/73 P.3/Bell's Life 29/11/73/Sporting Gazette 29/11/73 P.849/Morning Post 24/11/73 P.6/ Goal 6/12/73 P.11:

SM:"On Saturday last the representatives of the latter club journeyed so far as the Surrey Cricket Ground at Kennington Oval to contend against the Pilgrims,the match being one of the ties in the second drawing for the Association Cup.In the first round the Sheffielders had played a home-and-home match with the Shropshire Wanderers,but in neither case had a definitive result been obtained.It was then determined that the two clubs should toss for right to participate in the rest of the competition,and in this toss Sheffield were the fortunate party.Play was commenced soon after three o'clock,the Pilgrims kicking from the Harleyford-road goal with the wind blowing obliquely across the ground,very slightly in their favour.The Sheffield Eleven at once settled down to their work,and drove their opponents,who were a very light eleven, back until Owen made a good run and almost secured the downfall of the Pilgrims' goal at the very outset,the ball hitting the ropes at the side of the left post and rebounding into play.After another good attempt by the same player, and some more desperate rushes by the rest of the side,Sorby got the ball well at his feet,and a cleverly-aimed long kick finally enabled him to place a well-earned goal to the credit of the northern club.Ends were changed but the play still showed a decided preponderance in favour of Sheffield, Owen as usual working most vigorously,while all around showed the dash always associated with Sheffield football.The Pilgrims suffered woefully from lack of weight,as they were forced back until the end,so that whatever dribbling they may have had had no chance of an outlet.On one or two occasions,chiefly by the energy of Good,the Pilgrims compelled their adversaries to kick off from behind their goal line,but the Sheffielders,with these few exceptions,had everything their own way.Indeed,but for the very effective play of J.B.Van Sommer,the Pilgrims' goalkeeper,who proved himself not only the safest,but the coolest player in this position that we have seen for many years,it is impossible to estimate how many goals Sheffield would have got,the want of weight on the side of the Pilgrims effectively settling their chances.Sheffield won by one goal to none,and have thus established their claim to a place in the third ties.For the victors the brothers Clegg,Owen,and Sorby played well.For the Pilgrims,H.J.Andrewes, A.M.Good,and J.Phelps."

LES:"These clubs met at Kennington on Saturday to decide their second round tie for the Challenge Cup.The match was eventually won by the northern team,who may be said to have had the best of it throughout.The Pilgrims won the toss,and chose the Hayleyford-road goal,having the wind slightly in their favour.(Pilgrims had Gasometer goal:MP)After a little play in the centre of the ground the Sheffielders took the ball towards the Pilgrims' goal,and twice put it in danger,but no decided advantage was obtained till some time after Sorby kicked a goal.After changing goals the fine play of J.C.Clegg,Owen,and Dixon kept the ball near the Pilgrims' goal,which was well defended by Van Sommer.Nothing else being got by either side,Sheffield were left the winners by one goal to nothing .For the losers, Van Sommer,Andrewes,Baldwin,Phelps,and Good tried hard to avert defeat;and for the winners,Dixon,W.E. and J.C.Clegg,Owen,Sorby,and Chambers were conspicuous."(No lineups)

F: "At first it became apparent that the Pilgrims would have but little chance, as the Sheffields, who numbered in their ranks three of the eleven who usually represent Sheffield against London, were considerably heavier, and literally overpowered their antagonists by the energy and resolution of their forward play. About a quarter of an hour had elapsed when +J. Sorbey procured a well-earned goal for Sheffield, and ends were changed. This was generally regarded as the forerunner of other successes for the same side, and, but for the splendid goalkeeping of J. B. Van Sommer, the score would have been considerably multiplied. Indeed Van Sommer saved several goals in really brilliant form, and his display was throughout irreproachable, his judgment being extraordinary from first to last, and his adroitness superior to anything we have seen for some time. So Sheffield won in the end by only one goal, after as one-sided a match as can possibly be imagined." +H. Sorby.

SL: "This match came off on Kennington Oval on Saturday last, and its result in favour of Sheffield by one goal to "love", leaves the powerful Northern Eleven to contend in the third ties against either Cambridge University or Clapham Rovers. The Pilgrims won the toss, and elected first to defend the Harleyford-road goal, which, however, after a quarter of an hour's play, during which the ball was chiefly down in the Pilgrims' territory, fell to a good kick by Sorbey. Ends were at once changed, and the game continued with varying fortune until "time" was called, although no further score was made. Principally during this latter portion of the match the ball was kept well down in the neighbourhood of the Pilgrims' goal, in the attacks upon which Sorbey, J. C. Clegg, Owen, and Dixon were chiefly conspicuous. The goal-keeping of Van Sommer was, however, quite equal to the emergency, and his play throughout - he had plenty to do - deserving of great credit. Little difference will be found in the list of probable players published in the Sporting Life of Saturday last and the following one of those who actually played."

SI: "When once the ball was clear Sheffield at last achieved what they had so often been near gaining, and Mr Sorby for the countrymen gained a goal exactly at half past three, after a good display on the part of Dixon and the two Cleggs."

Sheffield Club: H. W. Chambers (Capt.) (Goal); John Willey, H. E. Dixon, J. C. Clegg, H. Sorby, W. E. Clegg (Back), J. R. B. Owen, J. Wigfull and R. G. Wake (Half Backs), C. Vickers (Back), A. Marsden.

Umpire: W. Chesterman

Pilgrims: H. J. Andrewes (Capt.) (Back), C. A. Hampton and H. Bott (Half Backs); Morgan J. Phelps, A. Williams, T. G. Detmar, A. M. Good, C. G. Hibbert, C. E. Detmar, T. B. Baldwin, J. Berger Van Sommer (Goal).

N. B. BL designates C. A. Hampton as vice-captain, forward.

Umpire: C. W. Alcock

THIRD ROUND:

Bell's Life 6/12/73 P.5: "The Trojans were not bold enough to meet the redoubtable Wanderers, therefore the Cantabs and Rovers are the only clubs remaining that have not decided who are to take place in the third ties, which have been +drawn as follows :- The Swifts, a bye, Royal Engineers v

Maidenhead,Oxford University v Wanderers and Sheffield will have to meet either Cambridge or the Clapham Rovers.”+Ties were predetermind as above

ROYAL ENGINEERS 7 MAIDENHEAD 0 (Wed Dec 10th)(At Maidenhead)(No record of scorers)

Field 13/12/73 P.612(Maidenhead team in column 3 on P.613)/Sportsman 13/12/73 P.5/ /Sporting Life 17/12/73 P.4:

N.B.Only 3 players listed in Maidenhead History:no Maidenhead Advertiser available for 1873

F:”As a contrast with the atmosphere in London,the day in Berkshire was perfect ,with not a breath of wind,and a bright clear sky,while the ground had been most carefully laid out and bush-harrowed, so that,with the exception of being slightly slippery,nothing better could have been desired.There is not very much to be said about the game,which was very one-sided.The Engineers had mustered the strongest team they had turned out this year ,while Maidenhead were most unfortunate in losing the services of some of their best men.The consequence was that after the first rush (when the Engineers,who are,without exception the very worst starters in England had to do all they knew to save their goal)the home team were penned all through the match,and out of the numberless shots at their goal seven proved successful.Maidenhead fought an up-hill game with much pluck,but were unable to score,and the Engineers therefore remained the victors by seven goals to none.After the match the Engineers were most hospitably regaled by Mr Hall-Say on the ground.For Maidenhead Denne,Bicknell,and Wells worked hard to avert defeat,and Vardy’s play behind was very good.For the Engineers,Goodwyn,Wood,and Rawson played extremely well,while Renny-Tailyour was quite in his old form.”

SM:”The Royal Engineers were playing the strongest team they have turned out this year,while Maidenhead were most unfortunate in losing the services of some of their best men.”

Berkshire Chronicle 30/12/73 P.8:”The grand football match,on Wednesday afternoon,with the Royal Engineers,resulted in a decisive defeat for the Maidenhead Club,by +(seven) goals to nothing.The Captain,and one of the best men for the home team,were ,at the last moment,unable to be present.The first goal was gained by the military after about twenty minutes’ struggle.There was a large muster of spectators.”(No teams) +Not six

SL:” Played on Wednesday last at Maidenhead.A lovely day,a ground most carefully prepared and levelled,a large number of onlookers,and a most one-sided match.The Engineers played an exceptionally strong team,and Maidenhead the reverse,several of the best men being unavoidably-notably Mr J.A.Wild,the captain-absent.Except just at the beginning,the home team was penned throughout,and beaten by seven goals to love.”

Royal Engineers:Major F.A.Marindin(Capt.)(Back),H.W.Renny-Tailyour,H.P.Leach,A.G.Goodwyn(Half Back),P.G.von Donop,H.D.Olivier,J.E.Blackburn,C.K.Wood,T.Digby,H.E.Rawson,G.H.Sim.

Maidenhead:W.Goulden(Capt.)(Half Back),Rev.A.Austen-Leigh,C.A.Vardy,G.H.Hebbes, W.Bassett,R.T.Denne,+A.L.Stranasham,(H.)Bicknell,F.Wells,F.Burnham,W.Wild. +Corrected

Umpires:R.H.Clark for Maidenhead and Hubert Heron for Royal Engineers.

WANDERERS 1(C.W.Alcock) OXFORD UNIVERSITY 1(F.B.Maddison)(Sat Dec 6th)(At Kennington Oval)

Field 13/12/73 P.612/ Sporting Life 10/12/73 P.4/Bell's Life 13/12/73 P.8/ Sportsman 9/12/73 P.3/Sporting Gazette 13/12/73 P.888/Oxford Times 13/12/73 P.5/Morning Post 8/12/73 P.6:

F:"The meeting had been kept almost a secret,as the desire was against a large attendance,owing to the frequent incursions of anxious partisans into the limits of play;but although the fixture had been only privately circulated amongst the friends of the two clubs,there were upwards of three hundred spectators present during the game.Owing to the late arrival of some of the Oxonians,the commencement of play was delayed until almost three o'clock-much too late considering the shortness of the days.The first success fell to the Wanderers,as their captain won the toss for choice of positions,although there was hardly a breath of wind to interfere with the play,and no sun to dazzle the players.The ball was kicked off by the Oxford captain,the Oxonians only having two backs and a goal-keeper,while their opponents had one half back,two backs,and a goal keeper.For the first few minutes the University had rather the best of the fight,the play being especially fast and furious . At length,after some little skirmishing,the ball was taken into the front of the Wanderers' posts,and a goal kicked by W.Paton.Unfortunately,though,just previously it had been handled by R.K.Kingsford, and a foul claimed by the Oxford captain,so that the goal was disputed by the Wanderers,and after a very warm and animated debate the umpire allowed the claim.Hence a free kick was given to Oxford,but the Wanderers were bent on protecting their rights,and their resolve produced a scrimmage that lasted fully a quarter of an hour.For some time the balance of power was fairly even, but gradually the Wanderers began to creep forward,and the bully was steadily forced away to the side of the goal,till at length the ball was safely removed,and the play once again took a reasonable shape.Both parties for the moment seemed rather exhausted,but only for a moment as C.W.Alcock soon afterwards got away,and,eluding the Oxford backs,landed a clever goal for the Wanderers by a very fine side kick.This success caused the usual change of ends,and it seemed as if the Wanderers were going to increase their score,as they carried the ball once again into the Oxford lines,and thence seriously menaced the goal,the ball hitting one of the posts on one of these occasions and rebounding into play.After this the game steadied itself ,and the interest increased as each side was in turn threatened,Hughes,Vidal,and Maddison showing brilliant forward play for Oxford,and Alcock,Barker,Crake,and Wollaston for the Wanderers.A neat run by Vidal now jeopardised the lines of the latter,one of the Wanderers' backs unfortunately,in trying to save his charge,driving the ball over his goal line.The free kick from the corner flag,too,was so well directed by Vidal that the ball flew straight into the centre of the posts,and Maddison,utilising a momentary hesitation on the part of the opposition,secured a goal for Oxford amid loud applause.The remainder of the game was unproductive of any further incident ,and play ceased with darkness already set in,a good run by Wollaston at the very end being unsuccessful only owing to his inability to discern the Oxford posts.Thus the most spirited match that we have ever seen under Association rules terminated in a tie,with one goal to each side,and another meeting will be requisite.The back play was throughout most brilliant,that of F.H.Birley for Oxford,and L.S.Howell for Wanderers,being exceptionally fine.For the University R.W.S.Vidal's dribbling showed great skill in the same line."

SM: "There was a good attendance of visitors, and after a splendid game—each side obtained a goal—Alcock scoring for the Wanderers, and Maddison for the Oxonians. The celebrated club won the toss, and the Oxonians, represented by C.J. Ottaway, kicked off from the Gasworks end, the wind blowing across the ground. Both sides were the best that could have been selected, as will be seen by the list of names, which consisted of some of the most prominent men of the day at cricket, football, and on the running-path. The match was carried very evenly on both sides, and a most spirited game resulted some of the very best play of the season being exhibited. The first goal was obtained by Alcock before half time was called, and Maddison scored for Oxford soon after four, the game having commenced at seven minutes before three o'clock."

SL: "With no notice having been given that this tie in the third round of the Cup would be played on Saturday last, there is little cause to wonder that one of the best-contested and even matches ever witnessed was played to "almost empty benches". Mr A. Stair was chosen as umpire for both sides and at a few minutes before three o'clock—the Wanderers having won the toss and selected the Harley-road goal—Ottaway kicked off. The game was evenly contested for some time, Alcock, Chenery, and Wollaston for the Wanderers, and Ottaway, Vidal, and Paton being most conspicuous for their respective sides. At length the ball was got down to the Wanderers' goal, through whose posts it was kicked by Paton. A plea of "hands" was, however, claimed and allowed and a free kick resulted. Now ensued a capital loose bully just in front of goal, and no Eton rouge was ever more hotly contested. At last, Welch managed, with the help of Howell, Crake, and others of his side, to get the ball away from its dangerous proximity to his posts, and soon afterwards Alcock got hold of it, dribbled it down in capital style, and amidst great cheering, scored the first goal for Wanderers. After ends had been changed, the match was continued with unabated vigour, Vidal and Chenery especially being prominent on the ball. At last the former got a chance, and with the help of Maddison, equalised the score by obtaining a goal for the University. No further goals being made, the match thus ended in a draw, and it will have to be played over again at Oxford, or elsewhere, as may be arranged for convenience sake, at a date yet to be fixed, but which we trust will be made public."

BL: "....Alcock by a fine piece of dribbling managed to score a goal for the Wanderers. Ends were consequently changed, when Vidal and Chenery both distinguished themselves by their fine play and the Oxonians exhibited the greatest energy, which was rewarded, soon after 4 o'clock with a goal from the foot of Maddison, who dribbled the ball well. Matters were now equalised and the game continued equally until the call of "time"."

OT: "The first goal was obtained by Alcock before half-time was called, and Maddison scored for Oxford soon after four, the game having commenced at seven minutes to three o'clock."

Wanderers: C.W. Alcock (Harrow) (Capt.), R.C. Barker (Westminster), W.P. Crake (Harrow), C.J. Chenery (Marlborough), R.K. Kingsford (Marlborough), H.S. Otter (Westminster) (Back), C.H.R. Wollaston (+Oxford), A.C. Thompson (Eton) (Half Back), Edgar Lubbock (Eton) (Half Back), L.S. Howell (Winchester) (Back), R. de C. Welch (Harrow) (Goalkeeper). +Lancing (F gives Schools)

Oxford University: C.J. Ottaway (Capt.) (Eton) (Brasenose), R.W.S. Vidal (Westminster) (Christ Church), A.H. Todd (Eton) (University), T.B. Hughes (Winchester) (New), H. Freeth (Eton) (Oriental), W.B. Paton (Harrow) (University) (Half Back), F. Brunning Maddison (+Rossall) (Brasenose), W.S. Rawson (Westminster) (Christ Church) (Back), F.H. Birley (Winchester) (University) (Half Back), C.C. Mackarness (Winchester) (Exeter) (Back), C.E.B. Nepean (Charterhouse) (University) (Goal) . (F gives Schools and SL gives Colleges)

(+EFACF gives Maddison at Marlborough School:was F.P.Chappell:see above)

Umpire(for both sides):A.Stair.

REPLAY: (Sat Jan 31st)(In the Parks,Oxford)

OXFORD UNIVERSITY 1 (T.B.Hughes) WANDERERS 0(H.T.0-0)

Field 7/2/74 P.136/Bell's Life 7/2/74 P.9/Sportsman 4/2/74 P.4/Sporting Gazette 7/2/74 P.114/
Sporting Life 7/2/74 P.4:

N.B No report found in Oxford Journal or Oxford Times

F:"On Saturday last these clubs met at Oxford to decide their last of the third ties in the above competition.They had played previously,on the 6th of December,at the Oval,but without definite result,as each secured one goal.Unfortunately the second meeting was robbed of all its interest by the weak representation of the Wanderers,who,principally owing to the exigencies of the elections, lost all their backs,A.C.Thompson,E.Lubbock,and L.S.Howell,as well as their two best forwards, +C.F.Wollaston and Capt.Kenyon-Slaney.Consequently the match was spoiled in every way,the game resolving itself into the question of whether the Wanderers would be so far successful as to prevent any score on the part of their opponents.It was twenty-five minutes to four o'clock before the fight commenced ,the reputation of the players engaged having collected a very large assemblage of spectators,most noticeable amongst the crowd being his Royal Highness Prince Leopold.The Wanderers were in occupation of the lower portion of the ground,and thither the ball travelled immediately it was set in motion by the Oxford captain.A momentary relief was given by a well-managed run through the joint efforts of C.W.Alcock and C.J.Chenery,and it seemed as if the Oxford goal would be in serious peril.A short scrimmage,though in front of the Oxford post,was the only result,and then the Wanderers were driven back,the Oxonians throughout showing considerable pace,as well as unity of action.On the other hand,the Wanderers worked hard,and at times dribbled skilfully enough ,but their usual disinclination to pass the ball was painfully evident during the game, and so Oxford derived a considerable advantage.For a long time the game proceeded without any prominent incident,except that R.W.S.Vidal seemed to be unopposed on the right side of the ground,and that J.W.Leahy,R.H.Benson,and +D.Johnson were all displaying fine form along the touchline on the opposite side.Once or twice Oxford had a free kick from the corner;but still,despite all their resolution,half time was called,and ends changed.Immediately after this event,the Wanderers,by a determined rush,forced the ball into the Oxford territory,and J.H.Bridges,in attempting to save his lines,kicked the ball apparently between the Oxford posts .Unfortunately though,the wind carried it back instead of forward,and the goal-keeper was able to get it away safely ,preventing the chance of a stroke of luck for the Wanderers.The game then proceeded without fresh incident,and an hour and a quarter had passed without any score.Fortune was,however,on the side of Oxford,as at this time,a free kick from the corner flag by R.W.S.Vidal landed the ball well in front of the Wanderers' posts,and the goal-keeper,in trying to rescue his charge,only sent the ball more out into the centre of the goal,allowing the Oxford forwards to force it through without difficulty.The applause was loud and long at this triumph for the University,and the play was resumed without the slightest delay.During the quarter of an hour that remained the Wanderers

once or twice looked formidable, but their weakness back mitigated greatly against their chances, and Oxford had an obvious advantage until the end. So the Wanderers, after holding the cup for two years, have lost their chance of retaining it, as seemed likely, and Oxford will have to meet the Clapham Rovers, the final resting between the winners of this heat and the Royal Engineers. The Oxonians played admirably throughout, their forwards especially showing greater pace, generally than can be said of any other club that we have seen this season. For the Wanderers, A.H. Stratford (back) displayed very promising form, and C.J. Cheney and R. Barker worked hard throughout."

+C.H.R. Wollaston

BL: "Unfortunately, however, the Wanderers were placed at a great disadvantage, owing to being deprived of the services of their usual backs, A.C. Thompson and Edgar Lubbock being detained by electioneering matters and L.S. Howell by illness. One of their best forwards, C.H.R. Wollaston, was also absent, and after reaching the ground a telegram arrived stating that Captain Kenyon-Slaney was detained in barracks in London on the off chance of there being any call for the military during the elections. The attendance of spectators was very large, and amongst others present was His Royal Highness Prince Leopold. Shortly after half past 3 o'clock, the Wanderers having won the toss and chosen the lower ground the ball was kicked off by their opponents, who lost no time, and soon drove the ball behind the Wanderers' goal line. It was, however, speedily returned by the visitors, and the game progressed without advantage to either side for over an hour and a quarter and it began to be the opinion of many the match would prove a draw. This, however, was not to be as R. Barker unfortunately drove the ball over the Wanderers' goal line, and Oxford being entitled to a free kick, R.W.S. Vidal was deputed to do his best; this he did with a vengeance sending the ball directly in front of one of the goal posts, and the goalkeeper just touching it, and, putting it more into the centre, Paton and Hughes were able to secure a goal for Oxford. This was the only advantage gained during the afternoon, and Oxford thus won by a goal. The Wanderers played pluckily and well, but, owing to the circumstances before mentioned, were overmatched."

SM: "This contest was looked forward to with much interest, not only on account of the prestige of the two contending clubs, but as in their prior heats both had vanquished their then opponents with great ease, the meeting between these "giants" was expected practically to decide who would finally hold the cup. The Clapham Rovers in their preliminary heats had been too closely pressed, and in two instances had to have an "undecided" ere they could claim victory, so their projects are not regarded with much favour by unprejudiced followers of the game. To return, however, to the match on Saturday. The Wanderers appeared at Oxford in a very forlorn state, as, though their captain had managed to bring together the right number, he could but regard his team with mingled feelings, for they were by no means the flower of the flock. The University, on the other hand, played quite as formidable a team as it was imagined they would, all their best men being on the spot. Weak, however, as the Wanderers unquestionably were, they managed right gallantly to uphold the name of the club, and it appeared until nearly time for closing the match as if it would be left undecided, so well did the visitors work. If this had been the case the Wanderers would have been very fortunate, as in the play off they doubtless would have been materially strengthened. Just before an hour and a half's play had been concluded R.W.S. Vidal managed to get the ball in the middle, and by a general rush it was sent through the Wanderers' goal. After this success for Oxford no further advantage was gained by either side up to the call of "time". (No lineups)

SL: "On Saturday last the contest was renewed in the Parks, at Oxford, when although the visitors and two years' holders of the Cup had a poor team in comparison to that which could be mustered from the powerful ranks of the Wanderers, they managed to keep the University men at bay until close upon "time" when R.W. Sealy-Vidal, of Christ Church, muddled the ball close to the Wanderers' goal, and being well backed up, a general rush of the Uxonians sent it through the posts."

Oxford University: C.J. Ottaway (Capt.), R.W. Sealy-Vidal, T.B. Hughes, J.W. Leahy, W.B. Paton,
+Rev. A.H. Johnson, R.H. Benson, F.H. Birley, F. Brunning Maddison (Half Backs), J.H. Bridges (Back),
C.E.B. Nepean (Goal).

+Johnson is listed in all lineups as D. Johnson, but he was probably Rev. A.H. Johnson.

Wanderers: C.W. Alcock, R.C. Barker, C.J. Chenery, W.P. Crake, R.K. Kingsford, H.S. Otter,
+W.F. O'Shaughnessy, R. de C. Welch and S.R. Tatham (Half Backs), A.H. Stratford (Back),
Hon. A.F. Kinnaird (Goal). +Harrow Chequers

Umpire: H.B. Dixon (Oxford University)

CLAPHAM ROVERS 2 (+G. Holden/R. Ogilvie, W.S. Buchanan) SHEFFIELD CLUB 1 (A. Kirke-Smith)
(Sat Jan 17th) (At Peterborough)

+Reports attribute this goal to either G. Holden or R. Ogilvie, but it appears that R. Ogilvie kicked the ball and G. Holden rushed it through.

Bell's Life 10/1/74: "With regard to the Association Challenge Cup, we hear that the match between the Clapham Rovers and the Sheffield Club will be played at Peterborough on Saturday Jan 17th, instead of a fortnight later, as previously arranged; the Rovers, who had received a pressing invitation to go to Sheffield, being unable to induce a team to journey so far."

Field 24/1/74 P.90/Bell's Life 24/1/74 P.4/Sheffield Daily Telegraph 19/1/74 P.4/Sheffield Independent 19/1/74 P.4/Sportsman 20/1/74 P.3/Sporting Life 21/1/74 P.4/Sporting Gazette 24/1/74 P.74/Goal 24/1/74 P.7:

F: "While one team of the former club was contesting on the home ground by Rugby rules and another at Barnes by Association, a third came off victorious for the challenge cup at Peterborough against the above-mentioned northern club. The ball was put in motion soon after half-past two o'clock by the captain of the Rovers, Sheffield having won the toss and selected the goal favoured by a slight breeze. The spectators were numerous, and, judging by the vociferous and eccentric cheering, it was evident that the inhabitants of Peterborough were not often able to view a football match. Before a quarter of an hour had elapsed the Southerners secured a goal by a fine piece of "backing up", no fewer than six or seven going through goal with the ball. Excited by the downfall of their fortress Sheffield strained their utmost to place themselves on an equality with their opponents, and the magnificent runs of Kirke-Smith must have been turned to some account if he had been properly supported, the back play and backing up seeming to be the weakest points of the Northerners. Before half-time the Rovers had obtained a second goal by a good kick from Buchanan, who, considering his weight, must be thought one of the best performers at the dribbling game. At this

point of the contest some very fine play was exhibited by Kirke-Smith, the brothers Clegg, and Ellison on the one side, and Buchanan, Kenrick, and Holden on the other, until W.E. Clegg was injured in front of his adversaries' goal, which proved particularly unfortunate to the Southerners. Play having been stopped for a minute or two owing to this accident, the Yorkshiremen, with their usual cuteness, chose to throw the ball up, which done, Kirke-Smith, by a splendid and violent kick, drove the ball between the Rovers' posts, thus securing for Sheffield their only goal. The back play of the London team was irreproachable, while their forwards, one and all, worked well. For Sheffield, Kirke-Smith did all that any man could do, and it would be curious to know how they would have got on without him."

BL: "On arrival at the ground, which, by the by, is a dry and level one, but with a slight drawback in the way of a cart road across it, it was apparent that the locals were anxious to make an acquaintance with rules to which they are strange, as Peterborough Club owe their allegiance to Rugby, and fully 800 spectators would be present. The spills, which were rather numerous, seemed to delight them most. The Clapham Rovers played remarkably well together, their runs being excellent, bearing down on their opponents' citadel with almost overpowering energy, and they eventually won a most exciting match by two goals to one. The back play of Birkett (captain) and Ogilvie was superb, and the forwards were "all there". The Sheffield team, too, must be creditably mentioned for the gallant fight they made, and it must be borne in mind, the London rules vary from Sheffield in the all-important one of off-side. We must take the opportunity here of protesting against the loss of time entailed in the throw-in from the side, and would advise the Association to introduce some rule similar to the kick in of Sheffield. The play of Kirke-Smith was remarkably dashing and effective, and the brothers Clegg, Sorby, Ellison, and Dixon were in capital form for "the "Blades". The play throughout was keen, without merging into ill-feeling, and each side seemed bent on winning if possible. The play throughout was extremely fast. At 2.40, Sheffield, having won the toss, Birkett kicked off against a slight breeze, which, however, lulled after a short interval. The first performances at all noteworthy were capital runs by J.C. Clegg and Kirke-Smith. W.E. Clegg also made a fine kick, when at 2.55. a phalanx of the Rovers brought the ball up the field, and, obtaining a free kick from a foul about 20 yards from the goal, Ogilvie landed the ball in its mouth, where a short scrum occurred, and Holden seized a favourable opportunity to kick the ball, which rolled against the goal post and through about a foot. Ends were changed, and in 10 minutes Buchanan secured a really magnificent goal by a superb shot, which went spinning with great force under the cord and out of reach of Ellison, the custodian. The direction of play was again reversed, and some furious charging for Sheffield was shown by Dixon. The Blades then made a raid on the Rovers' stronghold, which was excellently saved, and soon after this a magnificent kick from the corner by J.C. Clegg again placed it in jeopardy, the ball dropping quite in front, from which, after a scrum, it emerged. Ogilvie then showed magnificent kicking, and a shot of his from a free kick, placed the Sheffield goal in danger. The play from this time fluctuated very much, Ogilvie and Birkett showing tremendous back play for the Rovers, and Dixon using his shoulder to great advantage, Sorby dribbling well, and Kirke-Smith showing vigorous and scientific play for Sheffield. At 10 minutes to 4 the goal for Sheffield was secured by Kirke-Smith by a brilliant kick, the goal keeper vainly endeavouring to stop the ball. W.E. Clegg had just previously been severely kicked under the chin by Birkett as he was bending down to head the ball, and had to relinquish play. Marsden, one of the Sheffield backs, was also partially disabled some time previously, and continued to play, although lame. These accidents were

unfortunate for the Blades. Time was played out without further score, the Rovers thus winning two goals to one."

SG:"about 800 people assembled to witness the match"

SDT:"The ancient city of Peterborough was the rendezvous fixed on for the decision of this match ,being a point as near midway as possible,between the Metropolis and Sheffield,so that each side had a like distance to travel. "

"Mr Ogilvie had the free kick,and measuring the distance very accurately he shot the ball straight for the Sheffield goal.Then a short "scrimmage" ensued ,+but the ball on emerging on Mr Holden's side was well shot through by him."

"The Rovers got the ball in dangerous proximity to the Sheffield goal ,but it was smartly shot out into the centre of the ground to Mr Buchanan,who,with a fine,clean,hard kick, sent it back with lightening celerity fair into the Sheffield goal."

"...the ball was thrown up and after a short scrimmage it emerged towards Mr Smith, who shot it through...with such force that the goalkeeper could not stop it,though he just touched it with his hand.There being but twenty minutes longer to play our players set to work in earnest to secure another goal,though they were now one man short (W.E.Clegg who received a kick on the jaw)and had another disabled(A.Marsden).Mr Smith and Mr Ogilvie both had a stiff encounter,and each going down.About this time Mr Ellison,the Sheffield goalkeeper,changed places with Mr Wigfull . After Mr Buchanan had made a good shot at the Sheffield goal,Mr Ellison made a fine run and being obstructed went on with such force that he prostrated a friend as well as a foe."

SI/SM:"Sheffield won the toss,and decided to kick with a wind,which,favouring them very slightly,blew across the ground.The Rovers' territory was at once invaded,after their captain,Mr Birkett,had kicked off at 2.40.The efficiency of the Rovers' backs,however,caused the leather to travel quickly back to the Yorkshiremen's end,where J.C.Clegg got possession of it and executed a pretty run.Kirke-Smith also made an excellent run,when a splendid kick was made by W.E.Clegg.Chambers then appealed to the Rovers' umpire for a foul,who gave it,but it was in favour of his own side.Ogilvie thus had a free kick,and landing the ball into the mouth of the goal,a scrimmage occurred,and Holden put it through about a foot,grazing the goal-post in its passage.Play just lasted quarter of an hour when ends were changed,and the game proceeded without loss of time.The first noteworthy incident was an excellent charge by Dixon.The ridiculous nature of the rule which directs that the ball should be thrown in from the side was then exemplified,a great amount of time being cut to waste.At five minutes past three the Rovers obtained a second goal by a really magnificent kick of Buchanan's,the ball going beyond the reach of Ellison,who made a good attempt to stop it.Dixon again proved himself irresistible,one of the Rovers being prostrated before his rigorous rush.An onslaught was then made by the "Blades" upon the Rovers' goal,and a splendid shot right into its mouth was capitally saved.The game was now,as,indeed,all throughout, remarkable for its fast nature,the play being here,there and everywhere.A splendid shot by J.C.Clegg from the corner dropped quite in the mouth of the goal,but after a short scrimmage the Rovers got rid of what looked most dangerous.Sorby about this time showed good dribbling play.Ogilvie for the Rovers, proved himself a most formidable antagonist,his kicking being marvelously accurate,and a kick from a foul by him dropped in the very precincts of the Sheffield goal;but the ball was steered

clear of the attacking force, and Kirke-Smith, being on the alert, made a good run on receipt of it, but Birkett, the captain and back of the metropolitan team defeated him when it was beginning to look dangerous, and by a heavy kick transferred it to the forwards. The play was keen, and fluctuated very much as regards advantage and the wind now settled. A good run was then made by Holden for the Rovers, and Kirke-Smith executed a similar specimen of play for Sheffield. The back players of the Rovers appeared about this time to have a knack of what used to be known in Sheffield of "holing it" when it was in anything like danger from which it had to be thrown in from the side, and thus much time was cut to waste. A really magnificent kick by J. Wigfull only just cleared the cord. The Rovers then effected a landing in the Sheffield territory, but Sorby by excellent play averted the danger, and shortly afterwards a body of Rovers made a raid towards the Sheffield goal, but Marsden exhibited good back play. A good kick by Birkett was then made, Dixon having previously shown superiority. Sheffield invaded the Clapham citadel, who in return retaliated, and M. Ellison saved the goal at a critical moment, and he, Marsden, and a Rover were all upset together, Marsden receiving a kick on the leg which temporarily disabled him. A fine run was then made by one of the Rovers, which resulted in the Sheffield goal being again threatened, Kirke-Smith, and W. E. Clegg in concert then made a pretty run, and a specimen of judicious heading play by T. Willey provoked loud laughter from the spectators. W. E. Clegg had then to leave the field, being kicked as stated above, by Birkett, in heading the ball. Play was suspended at this time, and it was agreed to throw the ball up. A scrimmage was formed, and Kirke-Smith forcing the ball through, landed a splendid goal for Sheffield at 3.50, the custodian attempting in vain to stop its passage, but it was going too fast, and a little on one side from him. A meeting, toe to toe, between Kirke-Smith and Ogilvie, resulted in the former being slightly hurt. Ellison was then relieved from his position of goal keeper by Wigfull, and being fresh, exhibited most energetic play. The Sheffield colours were then nearly lowered again by Buchanan, the ball just going outside the post. Ellison made a good run, and concluded by charging two opponents, all three coming down. The Rovers' goal was then threatened, and the ball returned to the other end, where Marsden made a good kick at cover goal, considering he was partially disabled. A good run by Kirke-Smith was well stopped by Ogilvie, but the latter shortly afterwards was most heavily spilled by Dixon, who turned him a complete somersault. A good run was then made by J. C. Clegg, and St. Quentin kicked one just outside the Sheffield goal post. A rush by the Rovers was well saved by Wigfull. Birkett again showed fine back play. Time was then called, the Rovers thus winning by 2 goals to 1. One fault noticeable in most Sheffield teams is the neglect of playing up at first. The Sheffield Club played best towards the finish on Saturday, and seem to require waking up at commencement."

SL: "The weather was fine, and there was a very large attendance of about 1,000 persons. After about a quarter of an hour's play, and out of a sharp scrimmage, in front of the goal-posts, Holden scored the first goal for the Rovers, whilst, after another fifteen minutes' play, Buchanan obtained a second goal for the same side. Some capital and even play now succeeded, during which Marsden was disabled, and W. E. Clegg so badly kicked that he had to retire. Smith now secured the only goal that the Sheffield men could lay claim to, and when "time" was called, the Clapham Rovers had won by two goals to one."

Clapham Rovers: R. H. Birkett (Capt.) (Back), C. C. Tayloe, G. Holden, R. Ogilvie (Half Back), J. Kenrick, A. J. Stanley, W. S. Buchanan, C. E. Kolle, P. R. St. Quintin, M. Beaufoy, Walter Field.

Umpire: F. C. Jacomb.

Sheffield:H.W.Chambers(Capt.),J.C.Clegg(Half Back),W.E.Clegg,A.Kirke-Smith,T.C.Willey,J.Willey,
H.E.Dixon(Back),H.Sorby,M.Ellison(Goal),A.Marsden,J.Wigfull.

Umpire:F.J.Fretson.

SWIFTS,a bye

FOURTH ROUND:

ROYAL ENGINEERS 2(H.W.Renny-Tailyour 2) SWIFTS 0 (Wed Jan 28th)(At Kennington Oval)

Field 31/1/74 P.111/Maidenhead Advertiser 4/2/74 P.3/Bell's Life 31/1/74 P.5(Short
report)/Sportsman 29/1/74 P.4/Morning Post 29/1/74 P.3/Sporting Life 31/1/74 P.4:

F:"On Wednesday last this match ,one of the two which form the fourth ties in the competition,was played at Kennington Oval.Some interest was attached to the meeting,as the Swifts during the season had been showing good form,while there was a rumour that Lieut.Goodwyn,who had for some years done the Sappers such invaluable service as half back,had already sailed for India,his loss being estimated as greatly prejudicial to the chance of the military.Punctually at three o'clock the two elevens took the field,the weather being dark and threatening,while the ground is in the worst condition possible from the heavy rains of late.The backs for the Engineers were Major Marindin and Lieut.Onslow(half backs),G.H.Sim(back) and T.Digby(goals);for the Swifts W.S.Bambridge and H.Wright (half backs),E.B.Haygarth(back),and P.Chamberlain(goals).The play of the backs on the side of the Swifts was at first very faulty,and the forwards of the Engineers rushed on in a style that brooked no opposition.Indeed it was only a few minutes before a well-executed run along the upper side of the ground carried the ball towards the goal of the Swifts,and a dashing run by H.W.Renny-Tailyour forced it right through the posts.Ends were then changed,and again for a short time the Engineer forwards made desperate attacks.The middling and general play of P.G.von Donop upon the lower side being excellent.By degrees,though,the Swifts became more used to each others' play,and several fine runs were made in the centre of the ground by +H.S.Talbot and ++W.M.Carter, both of whom worked with untiring energy throughout.During the early part of the game the back play was not brilliant on either side,and on three separate occasions the goal of the Engineers was placed in the direst peril,though on each occasion the Swifts were unfortunate,Major Marindin once arriving in time to intercept the ball as it seemed certain of passing between the posts.For a considerable time the play proceeded without remarkable incidents,though P.G.von Donop on the lower side,C.K.Wood on the upper line,and H.E.Rawson in the centre once or twice were within a few inches of the Swifts' goal,the ball passing several times just outside the posts as well as over the tape.Towards the end the Swifts flagged greatly in their exertions up,though they showed a decided improvement back in substituting W.Nicholl as one of their half backs.About a quarter of an hour before the finish H.W.Renny-Tailyour had a good chance of another goal,but the ball came too high,and glanced from his head outside the post.For this ill-success,however,he soon made amends, as about ten mnutes before the call P.G.von Donop,by a good piece of middling,enabled him to obtain a second goal,and so secure the victory for the Engineers by two goals to none.The state of the ground was very much against individual play ,but von Donop dribbled skilfully throughout,and so did E.H.Bambridge and H.S.Talbot on the opposite side.Unquestionably the better eleven won,but

the Swifts showed some excellent play at times,if deficient in the method of playing together shown by their opponents.The back play of the Swifts was weak in the extreme,and had they been better represented they would have made a good fight.As it was the match was one of the most stubbornly contested,as well as one of the most pleasant,that we have seen this season." +/+ see below

MP:"The Engineers won the toss, and in less than 10 minutes of play secured a goal ,which was supplemented by another at 4.20."

BL:"The Engineers were in good form,the goals being both kicked by Lieut.Renny-Tailyour,and he was generally on the ball,being well backed up by the captain,Major Marindin,and Lieuts. von Donop and Stafford,but the whole side were in capital form,and they have proved themselves to be nearly the best team of football players in England."

SM:"Though defeated, too much praise cannot be given to the Swifts for the plucky manner in which they played,and had they kept more together at the finish the result might not have had the one-sided complexion it bears."

SL:"The first goal was not long in being secured by Renny-Tailyour(whom we are glad to see able to play again after a severe accident),but then some desperately hard scrummages ensued,as well as some capital individual play,notably by E.Bambridge for the Swifts and Von Donop for the Engineers, and it was upwards of an hour ere the second goal was achieved,also by Renny-Tailyour."

Royal Engineers:Major F.A.Marindin(Capt.),Lieut.G.H.Sim(Half Backs),T.Digby,G.Onslow(Backs); H.W.Renny-Tailyour,H.D.Olivier,H.E.Rawson,P.G. von Donop,G.T.Jones,C.K.Wood,W.F.H.Stafford.

Swifts:W.S.Bambridge(Capt.),H.J.N.Wright(Half Backs);E.B.Haygarth(Back),E.H.Bambridge, E.H.Parry,+H.S.Talbot,G.F.Bambridge,++W.M.Carter,P.Chamberlain,W.Nicholls,M.Jeans.

+Newbury player :not S.H.Talbot as in all except MA ++F/MA have W.M.Carter(played for Maidenhead in FAC 72/73) and SM/SL have D.M.Carter,but MP has "F.N.Carter(Oxford University)"

Umpires:C.W.Alcock(Wanderers) for the Engineers and A.Stair(Upton Park) for the Swifts.

OXFORD UNIVERSITY 1(R.W.S.Vidal) CLAPHAM ROVERS 0 (Sat Feb 28th)(At Clapham Rovers Headquarters at Balham)

Bell's Life 7/3/74 P.4/Sportsman 3/3/74 P.3/Field 7/3/74 P.232/ Sporting Gazette 7/3/74 P.203/Sporting Life 4/3/74 P.3/Goal 3/4/74 P.3:

N.B.No report found in Oxford Journal or Oxford Times.

BL:"One of the hardest contested matches we have witnessed this season was played at the headquarters of the Clapham Rovers,Balham,on Saturday last,the weather being beautiful and springlike,a trifle too warm perhaps for football.The ground was rather rough,by no means adapted for good playand in places very hard going,the effect of the recent rains;but there was a large attendance of visitors to witness the match,it being the last tie for the Association Challenge Cup, which has been for two years held by the Wanderers,and the winners,Oxford University,will now

have to play the Royal Engineers in the final heat for the trophy on Saturday next at Kennington Oval. At about 3.30 the Oxonians, who were successful in the toss, compelled their opponents to kick off from the goal nearest the road against rather strong wind and for some little time the ball was kept well in the centre of the ground, when at last the superiority of Oxford became manifest, and very little time had elapsed before Ottaway had a shot at the Rovers' goal, but the ball bounded back into play off the post. After this some good form was shown on both sides, desperate attacks on the Rovers' goal following, and out of a scrimmage close in front of their fortress Vidal managed to send the ball under the line.

When ends were changed the game became fast and furious, and the Claphamites made most strenuous exertions to stem the tide, the Oxford goal being once or twice in jeopardy, owing to their handling the ball, but their free kicks, though very close, did not avail them much. When the game had lasted upwards of one hour nothing more decisive was done by either side, both playing up with great determination, Ottaway and Maddison being the most conspicuous in the Oxford rushes, and Birley's back play was most noticeable, but their repeated attacks were admirably met by the Rovers' goal keeper. As the time began to get short the Clapham men made the greatest possible exertions to equalise matters, and on one occasion the University goal would almost certainly have fallen but for a fine piece of play on the part of Nepean, who was just in time to avert the course of the ball, though he fell in the attempt. Within ten minutes of the period agreed upon for play Oxford sent the ball under the Clapham line, but the goal was not allowed on the plea of "off-side", and from now till the finish the hostilities were carried on in the immediate vicinity of the Clapham goal, although nothing further was scored. Birkett, Field, and Ogilvie were especially energetic for the Rovers, who we might add were not so well represented as they could have been, whilst on the Oxford side, Ottaway, Maddison, Birley, and Vidal were the most marked."

SM: "The last match of the fourth ties for the above cup took place on Saturday last on the Clapham Rovers' ground at Balham, and after a splendidly-contested game the visiting team-who, it may be remarked, played beautifully throughout-were ultimately declared the winners by one goal to nothing. The play was altogether so evenly balanced that we almost think that had the Rovers been able to play their best team the result would have been different: as it was they were obliged to play substitutes in place of four of their best men, viz, C.C. Tayloe, M. Beaufoy, J. Kenrick, and C.E. Leeds. The University won the toss, and selected the lower goal, and at half past three the ball was set in motion by the Rovers. The visitors soon gave evidence of their quality, and at once commenced to press their opponents, and succeeded in forcing the ball three times in rapid succession behind the Rovers' goal-lines, and after about twenty minutes' play Vidal, always on the alert, shot the ball through the opposing goal-posts out of a loose scrimmage. Ends were changed, and the home team made strenuous efforts to retrieve their loss, and so avert defeat, but all to no purpose, as when "no side" was called by the umpires they had failed to obtain the coveted goal, though they had on several occasions threatened its downfall. For the winners, Birley, Vidal and Maddison worked splendidly; while for the losers Birkett, Ogilvie, Buchanan, the brothers Ernest and Walter field, and St Quentin played in their very best form, an example which might have been followed with much advantage by others in the team. "

N.B. Mackarness not able to play for Oxford:G

F: "This match, which formed the conclusion of the fourth ties, was decided on Saturday last on the ground belonging to the Rovers at Balham. There was every reason to predict a hard fight, as both clubs had shown excellent form throughout the competition; and, as Oxford were pronounced the most brilliant players, Clapham had nonetheless a large number of supporters on the score of the reputation they had gained for energy and general utility of style. The Clapham captain lost the toss, and by him accordingly the ball was set in motion shortly before half-past three o'clock. At first matters boded ill for Clapham, as the Oxonians at once settled down to their work, their method of playing together being simply admirable. For more than a quarter of an hour the Rovers held their own; but at this point, unluckily for them, a free kick was given to Oxford from the corner post, and the ball being planted well into the centre of the Clapham lines, a general scrimmage enabled R.W.S. Vidal to secure a goal for Oxford amidst great excitement. This early success was considered by some to be the forerunner of more triumphs for Oxford; but the Rovers, instead of being dispirited, were stimulated to fresh exertions by their reverse, and during the rest of the game worked so zealously as to upset all such calculations. Until the end, indeed, the play was very even, and each goal was threatened in turn. On two occasions, from runs by Vidal and Maddison, the Clapham posts were seriously assailed, and a similar number of times was the goal of the University imperilled by the attacks of W. Field and P.R. St Quintin. Moreover Buchanan once seemed to have the Oxford fortress at his mercy, but he unfortunately slipped at the crucial moment, and the chance was lost. So, in the absence of any other score than that above-named, Oxford remained the victors by one goal to none, and will have to meet the Engineers in the final match for the possession of the cup. For the winners W.S. Rawson played well up, and F.H. Birley (back), while the Rovers all worked so well as to defy distinction."

SL: "Play had not continued for many minutes ere the Oxonians worked down the ball, and Nepean kicked a goal out of a general scrimmage."

G: "...that dangerous goal-getter Vidal kicked a neat goal."

Oxford University: C.J. Ottaway (Capt.) and F.H. Birley (Half Backs), F.T. Green (Back), C.E.B. Nepean (Goal), F. Brunton Maddison, R.W.S. Vidal, W.S. Rawson, J.H. Bridges, R.H. Benson, Rev. A.H. Johnson, C.A. Cripps.

Clapham Rovers: R.H. Birkett (Capt.) (Back), R.A.M.M. Ogilie (Half Back), Edgar Field (Goal), G. Holden, Ernest Field, C.E. Kolle, Walter Field, W.F. Richmond, P.R. St. Quintin, T.E. Worlledge, W.S. Buchanan.

N.B. All the lineups have errors

Umpires: and J. Brockbank for Oxford University and C.H.R. Wollaston for Clapham Rovers.

FINAL:

SAT. MAR 14th at Kennington Oval:

OXFORD UNIVERSITY 2 (C.C. Mackarness, F.J. Patton) ROYAL ENGINEERS 0

Field 17/3/74 P.287/Sportsman 17/3/74 P.3/Bell's Life 21/3/74 P.5/Sporting Life 18/3/74 P.4/Sporting Gazette 21/3/74 P.261-262/Oxford Times 21/3/74 P.2/Goal 21/3/74 P.9-10:

F: "On Saturday last one of the largest gatherings of the season – though the attendance hardly came up to the estimate of 5000 given in the daily papers – assembled at the Oval to witness the match, for the possession, for the season 1874-5, of the challenge cup, the blue ribbon of the Association game. Early in the season football prophets had assigned the final struggle for the cup as likely to lie between the Wanderers, Oxford University, and the Royal Engineers; and the result has proved the accuracy of the prediction. A combination of unfortunate circumstances, however, prevented the Wanderers, in their contest with the University, from playing their full strength; and as the latter club also succeeded in vanquishing the Clapham Rovers in the fourth ties, the real interest in the competition centred in Saturday's match, although it was known that the Engineers had been deprived of the services of their principal back-Lieut. Goodwyn—who was ordered on foreign service at an early stage in the competition. About a quarter past three o'clock the teams made their appearance upon the ground, which was in excellent condition, and well defined by ropes. The toss having been won by Oxford, the ball was kicked off by the Engineers, who were in possession of the gasometer goal, with the wind almost dead against them. From the outset both teams gave evidence of their individual excellencies. A threatening run by Ottaway and Vidal was stopped by Von Donop, who, dribbling the ball along the side of the ground, and passing several of his opponents, was eventually stopped only by the Oxford back, this piece of play on the part of Von Donop eliciting from the spectators the first outburst of cheering. After some ten minutes' indecisive play, the Oxford forwards again got away with the ball, and, bringing it into close proximity to the Sappers' goal, it was ultimately kicked behind by one of their own side, the advantage of a corner kick thus accruing to the Oxonians. From this kick a loose scrimmage ensued in front of the military goal, and Mackarness, who was in waiting behind, getting hold of the ball, kicked it sharply over the heads of the bully through the posts, the goal keeper being apparently unaware of its presence until it had passed him.

Ends being changed, the Engineers redoubled their efforts to place themselves upon an equality with their opponents, but the back play of Oxford was of too perfect a nature to admit of any success, and ere long a combined attack of the University forwards enabled F.J. Patton to shoot the ball under the tape and thus score a second goal for the University. Again the ball was started, and the play became even faster than before. Von Donop, Digby, and Renny-Tailyour each assailed the Oxford goal, the first making a long and brilliant run along the upper side of the ground, while the last-named succeeded so nearly in scoring as to kick the ball against one of the posts, each of these efforts being rewarded by great cheering on the part of the spectators. The Oxford forwards, however, never relaxed their attacks, and just before the call of time a well-judged shot from the corner flag—a penalty kick—landed the ball under the tape and between the posts of the Sappers' goal, but the claim of a goal was not advanced, and no appeal was made, the incident passing off unnoticed. No further noteworthy event occurred before "time" which was called by the referee at a quarter to five o'clock, the result being that Oxford won the match by two goals to none, and are holders of the cup during the coming season. To this result the faultless back play of F.H. Birley contributed in no small degree, although he received able assistance from R.W.S. Vidal, C.J. Ottaway, and F.B.C. Maddison, all of whom exhibited great powers of dribbling. On the other side, P.G. Von Donop, H.W. Renny-Tailyour, and T. Digby were most conspicuous, the runs of the first-named being very effective."

SM: "Favoured with fine weather and with the prospect of a grand contest, upwards of 2000 people visited the Surrey cricket ground on Saturday afternoon last to witness the last tie for the possession

(annual) of the Association Cup. In 1872 and 1873 the Cup was held by the Wanderers, and would have become their absolute property had they succeeded in winning again this year. Unfortunately for them they had to meet the dark blues on their own ground at Oxford, and took down such a miserably weak team that they were forced to submit to a most decisive defeat, only, however, as it transpires, at the hands of the new holders of the cup, as in the match on Saturday the University, after a magnificent contest, were declared the victors by two goals to love. The Engineers began badly by losing the toss, and were compelled to kick off from the Gasometer end against a somewhat strong wind. Both teams soon gave evidence of their excellence, and the ball vacillated between the goals, being first at one end and then the other. Von Donop distinguished himself greatly by means of a very fine piece of dribbling play, but was eventually stopped by Ottaway, who forced the ball well back into the opposition territory again. Shortly after this a claim of "hands" was allowed against the Sappers, and almost immediately afterwards the Engineers sent the ball behind their own goal line, and as a consequence a corner kick was allowed to the Oxonians, which resulted in a loose scrimmage directly in the jaws of the R.E. fortress, and it was not long before the ball was well kicked through the posts by Mackarness, who thus was credited with the first goal for the University. Ends were changed, and the game became more than ever spirited, the Engineers, seemingly aroused to fresh efforts, strongly attacking the Oxford goal, and almost overthrowing the same. The 'Varsity men, however, were much elated with their primary success, and determined not to let slip a chance, they—chiefly by the aid of Ottaway, Maddison, and Vidal—again overcame all opposition, and rapidly carried the ball back into the Engineers' quarters, and finally Patton shot it between the posts, and thus obtained the second goal for the University. The all-round play which followed was very brilliant, but although both goals were imminently threatened on more than one occasion, no further advantage accrued to either side previous to the call of "no side" by the referee. When we remember how well all played, it seems almost invidious to make special mention of individual play, but, nevertheless, we cannot close without a word of extra praise for Ottaway, Birley, Rawson, Patton, and Vidal for the 'Varsity, and Renny-Tailyour, Digby, and Von Donop for the Engineers."

BL: "Both teams have exhibited excellent form in all their previous contests, and it was expected that one of the hardest struggles that has yet taken place would be the result of the meeting on Saturday. The Royal Engineers, however, were not up to the mark in their back play, and suffered defeat at the hands of the Oxonians to the extent of two goals to nothing. Oxford won the toss, and at a quarter past 3 o'clock the ball was kicked off by the Engineers from the end of the ground nearest the gasworks, and against a moderate breeze. Notwithstanding, the ball was quickly taken into the Oxonian lines where it remained for a few minutes. At length the running powers of Oxford began to tell, and it turned the Engineers, headed by Von Donop, made a brilliant run towards the Oxford fortress, but they were unable to secure its downfall. For some time the Engineers were unable to make any good resistance against the spirited onslaughts of their opponents, and only 10 minutes had elapsed from the time hostilities had commenced when Mackarness, one of the Oxford backs, had little difficulty in passing the ball under the line. Ends were reversed and the Engineers' forwards played with great spirit, keeping their adversaries well within their own lines, and presently an excellent shot in front of the Oxford goal by Renny-Tailyour only just missed its mark. The next noteworthy feature of the play was a brilliant run by Ottaway and another by Benson; but the Engineers were equal to the occasion, and by some capital play once more visited the Oxford goal. Ottaway and Patton then in turn dribbled the ball down to the Sappers' territory, and the last named gave it the final kick, which carried it safely between the Engineers' posts. Only 20 minutes

had expired from the time the ball had been set in motion and matters began to look rather blue for the military; they, however, played up most pluckily, but Oxford still kept them confined to their own half of the ground; after the game had lasted 15 minutes longer they rallied, and the game continued more evenly until the call of time. On several occasions the Oxford goal was severely menaced, owing to the dashing play of Von Donop and Renny-Tailyour" and Digby made himself conspicuous. Maddison, Ottaway, Vidal, Birley, and Rawson were, perhaps, the best of the Oxonians; but there was little to choose in any of the team, as all played well."

SL: "The final tie for this Cup was played on Kennington Oval, on Saturday last, in the presence of a very large number—we should say over 2,000 of spectators—attracted as well by the lovely weather as by the reputation which each team possessed in the Football world of being composed of men fast and clever, and also accustomed to play well together. Both clubs had worked their way fairly through the prior contests, and, solely on their merits, obtained the proud position of being left in to the final match. It was quite a quarter past three o'clock ere the ball was kicked off by Major Marindin—the Engineers, who had lost the toss, first having to defend the goal nearest the gasometer, with a slight wind against them. The play was variable for the first few minutes, the Engineers taking down the ball, the Oxonians then having a slight advantage, and again Von Donop taking the ball along the side of the ground well down into the Oxford territory. Ottaway, however, soon reversed the order of things, and, aided by the violation of the "hands" rule, and of the Engineers unfortunately kicking the ball behind their own goal-line, it was not long ere a corner kick was allowed to Oxford, from which, out of a loose bully in front of the Engineers' goal, Mackarness was successful in sending the ball between the Engineers' posts. Ends were at once changed, and the Engineers had a momentary advantage, but Vidal, Ottaway, and Maddison quickly got away, and, well backed up by the remainder of their side, ran the ball well down, and Patton was enabled to kick a second goal for the University. Ends were once more changed, but no further score resulted. The play continued good on both sides, and the Engineers made such strenuous efforts to recoup themselves that the Oxford men were more than once obliged to use all their powers to avert the incessant attacks which threatened their goal. Two or three times the ball was sent flying over the tape, and once Renny-Tailyour made so good an attempt that the goal was only saved by the ball hitting one of the side posts. When, however, "time" was called, the final match had ended in favour of Oxford University by two goals to "love"."

SG: "The Engineers did not appear quite up to their usual form in their back play, whereas that of the Oxonians was most perfect. The forwards on both sides were very fast and, as we have mentioned, the Oxonian goal had two narrow escapes."

OT: "At about a quarter past three the match commenced, and at once the Royal Engineers carried the ball down to their opponents' goal-line, where it remained for fully five minutes. Then, however, the 'Varsity forwards began to hold their own, and gradually brought the ball down to the other end of the ground, where it remained until one of the Engineers unfortunately kicked it behind his own line. A kick from the corner for Oxford resulted, and in the scrummage which ensued, C.C. Mackarness, the Oxford back, seizing the opportunity, by a magnificent shot secured the downfall of the Engineers' goal. Emboldened by this success, the 'Varsity continued their vigorous attacks on their opponents' goal, and within ten minutes of their first success, after a run by R.W.S. Vidal, who succeeded in passing the backs and crossing the ball well to F.J. Patton, the latter by a good side shot obtained a second goal for Oxford."

Oxford University:C.E.B.Nepean(University)(Goal);C.C.Mackarness(Exeter)(Back);F.H.Birley (University) and F.T.Green(New)(Half Backs);R.H.Benson(Balliol),F.Brunning Maddison(Brasenose), W.S.Rawson(Christ Church,late Westminster School), C.J.Ottaway(Brasenose)(Capt.), Rev A.H.Johnson(Fellow of All Soul's College),R.W.S Vidal(Christ Church,late Westminster School),F.J.Patton (Balliol) (Forwards).+Formerly F.P.Chappell:listed as F.B.Chappell-Maddison in the newspaper lineups.

Royal Engineers:Capt.W.Merriman(Goal);Major F.A.Marindin(Capt.)(Back);Lieut.G.W.Addison,Lieut. G.C.P.Onslow(Half Backs);Lieut. P.G.von Donop,Lieut. J.E.Blackburn,Lieut.H.E.Rawson,Lieut. H.W.Renny-Tailyour,Lieut. H.D.Olivier,Lieut. C.K.Wood,Lieut T.Digby.

(F/BL/SM/SG/G all wrongly have Blackman)

C.H.R.Wollaston(Wanderers) for Oxford University and A.Morten(Crystal Palace) for Royal Engineers.

Referee:A.Stair(Upton Park)