

1874-75

## FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION CUP

### FIRST ROUND:

Bell's Life 22/8/74 P.11:

### THE ASSOCIATION CHALLENGE CUP:

"The Football Association Committee held a meeting on Monday evening last for the purpose of drawing the ties for this Cup competition, which has since it was first played (four years ago) given such an impetus to the popular winter game. Twenty-eight clubs have entered, the time to play has been extended to Nov. 14. The draw was as under:-

Pilgrims v South Norwood, Barnes v Upton Park, Harrow Chequers v Civil Service, Shropshire Wanderers v Sheffield Club, Crystal Palace v Cambridge University, Uxbridge v Windsor Home Park, Leyton v Southall, Farningham v Wanderers, Royal Engineers v Great Marlow, Old Etonians v Swifts, Brondesbury v Oxford University, High Wycombe v Woodford Wells, Clapham Rovers v Panthers, Maidenhead v Hitchin;.

At the same meeting the following was inserted as Rule 11:- "The captains of competing clubs shall toss for the choice of grounds for the matches in the first and second series of ties. In the case of drawn matches, the captain of the club who lost the toss shall have the choice of ground for the second match, and so on alternately; but except by mutual consent, it shall not be allowable for a captain to select any ground other than that on which his club is accustomed to play. After the second series of ties, all matches shall be played at the Oval, or upon such other ground as the Committee shall hereafter determine. In the event of any dispute as to the application of this rule, an appeal shall be made to the Committee of the Association, whose decision shall be final."

+(and Reigate Priory, a bye)

SOUTH NORWOOD 1 (W.H. White) PILGRIMS 3 (A.M. Good 2, H.J. Andrewes) (Sat Oct 10<sup>th</sup>) (At Norwood, in the field adjoining Woodside Green)

N.B Sportsman 15/10/74 P.4: "The committee of the Football Association have adjudged the first tie for the Cup on Saturday last in favour of the Pilgrims."

Sportsman 14/10/74 P.4/Bell's Life 17/10/74 P.5/Field 17/10/74 P.418/London Daily News 12/10/74 P.3/Morning Post 12/10/74 P.3/Sporting Life 14/10/74 P.1/Norwood News 17/10/74 P.5/Sporting Gazette 17/10/74 P.976:

SM: "This, the first tie for this season's Association Challenge Cup, was played off at Norwood on Saturday last, the 10<sup>th</sup> inst. The Pilgrims won the toss, and elected to play down hill and with the wind in their favour, and at five minutes past four the ball was started in their favour by Mr W.H. White, the captain of South Norwood. The ball was quickly returned by the visitors and some spirited play occurred in the vicinity of the Norwood posts, which ere long was productive of a goal kicked by Good. A change of ends took place and the home team received the benefit of both wind and hill. For an hour and ten minutes the play, although remarkably fast, was productive of no further result until

Williams ,whose play throughout was very brilliant,succeeded in dribbling the ball up to the Norwood goal.Being charged over,however,he failed to score,and Good,who was backing up,arrived in time to put the ball between the posts.The goal was disputed by Norwood,their captain asserting that Williams was "offside" when he broke away with the ball.This was not admitted by the Pilgrims. Ends were again changed,and with the wind and hill once more in their favour the Pilgrims were not long in placing a third goal to their credit.This goal,however,was also disputed by Norwood,who state that the ball went over and not under the tape.A further reverse of positions brought the play somewhat more into Pilgrims' quarters,and a goal was shortly scored by Norwood ,the ball rebounding off a Pilgrim through the posts.For Norwood the play of (A.F.)Stevens was at times very fine,while W.H.White and Elborough did good service.For the Pilgrims the goal-keeping of J.B.Van Sommer was everything that could be desired,while Good and Williams were most conspicuous forwards."

BL/LDN:"The result cannot be called satisfactory ,as out of the four goals kicked during the game two were disputed.Play began about 4 o'clock,when the Pilgrims having won the toss elected to play with both wind and ground in their favour.They soon began to menace their opponents' lines ,and within five minutes of the kick off a goal was scored for them by Good.Ends were changed and the Pilgrims had enough to do for some time ,to keep their lines intact,while some really splendid runs were made by Stevens, the play of Williams at half back being particularly fine.At length the Pilgrims forced the ball into the Norwood territory and a second goal was kicked for them by Good,though this was disputed on the ground that one of the players had kicked the ball while offside and called just previous to Good sending it between the posts.The Pilgrims claimed it,however,and ends were once more changed.The home party now had to act in turn principally on the defensive ,and after one or two base scrimmages in front of the Norwood goal ,Andrewes(the Pilgrims captain) kicked the ball from the side of the ground under the tape;but this goal was disputed by Norwood who asserted that it went over the tape,although,in the opinion of several who stood near,it was under. Ends were changed for a third time,and with the advantages of wind and hill South Norwood kept the ball for some time in the neighbourhood of the Pilgrims' goal.White made a shot at goal, Andrewes being in front ,bent his head and the ball bounded off his back under the tape.Time was called shortly after ,the Pilgrims claiming the victory ,and South Norwood claiming it to be one goal each."

F:"Play began about four o'clock,the Pilgrims having won the toss,electing to play with both wind and ground in their favour.They at once threatened their opponents' lines,and within a few minutes of the start off,a goal was scored for them by Good.Ends were changed and the Pilgrims had enough to do for some time to keep their lines intact.This,however,they succeeded in doing ,despite some fine runs by Stevens,and the brilliant play of Williams at half back for the opposition.At length the Pilgrims forced the ball into the Norwood territory,and a second goal was kicked for them by Good, though this was disputed on the ground that one of the players having touched the ball when offside just previous to the final kick.The Pilgrims claimed it,however,and once more ends were changed. The Norwood's now had in turn to act principally on the defensive,and after one or two scrimmages in front of the Norwood goal,Andrewes(the Pilgrim captain) kicked the ball from the other side of the ground under the tape;but this goal was also disputed by Norwood,who assert that it went over the tape.Positions were reversed for a third time,and with the advantages of wind and hill,South Norwood kept the ball for some time in the neighbourhood of the Pilgrims' goal.White made a good shot at goal,and Andrewes,being in front,bent his head,and the ball bounded off his back under the

tape. Time was called shortly afterwards, the Pilgrims claiming the victory, and South Norwood declaring the result to be one goal to each side. For the Pilgrims Van Sommer's goal keeping was as usual all that could be desired, while the play of Stevens was most conspicuous for Norwood."

SL: "At the outset the Norwood forwards stubbornly disputed every inch of ground, but the Pilgrims eventually compelled them to fall back in front of their goal, and, after one or two exciting bullies, the ball was sent spinning through the posts by Good, the Pilgrims thus scoring the first goal. Upon changing ends both sides at once settled down to work, and at first it appeared as if the Norwood men would carry everything before them, for they brought the ball down the hill at a terrific pace, and several times the Pilgrims' goal was in danger, but the grand play of Van Sommer prevented any serious results, and the Pilgrims, after having held their own for three quarters' of an hour against the wind, gradually worked their way up the hill, and, after some pretty dribbling, enabled +Redwood to kick another goal, but the Norwood men disputed it on the ground that one of the players had kicked the ball off-side in passing it to Redwood. The Pilgrims, however, claimed it, and owing to their success, after crossing over played with increased spirit, the Norwood men having repeatedly to bring the ball into touch. Eventually another goal was kicked by Andrews, but the ball touching the tape as it passed through, and some affirming that it had passed over, another objection was raised by the home team. Nevertheless, for the third time, ends were changed again, and, after South Norwood had had two or three good bullies, in the Pilgrims' territory, White made a shot at the goal, which bounded off Andrews' back through the posts, time being called immediately afterwards." +Good in other reports

F: "Since the match the disputes have been brought before the committee of the Football Association, and the matter decided in favour of the Pilgrims."

NN: "The first contest in the preliminary ties came off on Saturday last, at Norwood, in the field adjoining Woodside Green. Norwood lost the toss and had to play against the wind; the game at first, and indeed throughout, was very good. After about ten minutes' play one of the Norwood men was unfortunate enough to kick the ball against a Pilgrim, off whose chest it bounded through the posts, thus giving the first goal to the Pilgrims. Ends being changed, the appearance of the game did also, as Norwood on several occasions looked like scoring, but luck was against them, as Providence in the person of Van Sommer, the Pilgrim goalkeeper, invariably interfered. The ball, being taken up to the Norwood end, was passed to a man who was claimed to be off-side. The Pilgrim umpire (whose defective vision we deplore) would not allow the claim, so another goal was scored to the Pilgrims. Again the luck was on the side of the visitors, who claimed a third goal, which was disputed, as the ball undoubtedly went over the tape. The Norwood men now worked harder if possible than before, and succeeded in scoring a goal. The home team, all through the match, appeared to have the best of it, but the fates and the grand goal keeping of Van Sommer were against them; in fact to the latter may be ascribed the result of the match. Stevens played in splendid form, and the back play of Williams and Leeds was exceedingly good."

Sportsman 17/10/74 P.8: "The committee of the Football Association have adjudged the first tie for the Cup on Saturday last in favour of the Pilgrims."

South Norwood: W.H. White (Capt.), C.E. Leeds and +L. Williams (Half Backs); C.H. Barber (Back); F.E. Fletcher, A.F. Stevens, J. Smith, W.C. Elborough, W.P. Hubbard, H.W. Wilson, G.M. Borgnis.

+Not found:only G.Williams found in NN 16/1/75 game

Pilgrims:H.J.Andrewes(Capt.),W.A.Baker(Half Backs),G.K.Wright(Back),J.B.Van Sommer(Goal);  
A.M.Good,A.Williams,T.G.Detmar,E.B.Foley,A.Wohlgemuth,T.F.Letchford,R.Redwood.

UPTON PARK 0 BARNES 3 (F.B.Soden,C.J.Morice,H.A.Hudson)(Sat Oct 24<sup>th</sup>)  
(At West Ham Park,near Plaistow)

Sporting Life 28/10/74 P.1/Sportsman 28/10/74 P.4/Morning Post 26/10/74 P.6/London Daily News  
26/11/74 P.3/Sporting Gazette 31/10/74 P.1024:

SL:"In some respects a better piece of ground might have been selected,but the old-fashioned  
hostelry which the Upton Park Club make their headquarters is such a pleasant one,and the  
surrounding scenery is so thoroughly rural,that there is no wonder at it being a favourite resort of  
football players.The goals were placed at the north end of the Park,and at the hour for commencing  
play the sun was shining,a nice invigorating south-westerly breeze blowing ,and everything  
favourable for the pursuit of the game.Some little delay occurred owing to the late arrival of one or  
two Uptonians,who had to play short-handed at the commencement,but the ball was kicked off at  
twenty minutes past three o'clock by the home team,Barnes having won the toss,playing up-hill with  
the wind in their favour.The play was very fast at starting,but slightly in favour of the Barnes' team,  
who gradually worked the ball into their opponents' territory where,after penning them for some  
time,one or two good shots at goal were made,but the fine play of the goal-keeper,Warner,  
prevented any serious results until after a cry of "Hands" was raised,when Pawle,after a bully,  
brought the ball close up to the goal,which Soden sent through the posts.After changing ends,the  
home team,with the wind in their favour,showed a bolder front,and the play for some time was of a  
more even character,each side in turn holding a slight advantage.At last,however,the visitors worked  
their way to the bottom of the hill,and Soden got away with the ball,and put it between the  
posts,but it having been previously handled,the goal was not allowed;nevertheless ,shortly  
afterwards,Morice ran the ball down very cleverly,and kicked another goal for Barnes.,whilst just  
before time was called,after a spirited bully in front of the Upton goal,and a clever piece of dribbling  
on the part of Hudson,a third goal was secured ,the goal-keeper,who had relieved Warner,making no  
attempt to catch the ball,which he allowed to pass through his legs.After this no further score was  
made,and the Barnes team,who all through had played up with great spirit,and all together,won by  
three golas,their opponents failing to score.The prettiest play was shown by Weston,who was well  
on the ball throughout the game,and made some excellent runs,dribbling on the rough ground very  
cleverly.Of the others,Morice,Soden,Hudson,and Solly played best.For Upton Park Warner did  
wonders as goal-keeper,and Barnett,Hunter,and Compton were conspicuous for good play."

SM:"The visitors won the toss,so had the advantage of the wind at the commencement,though the  
hill favoured their opponents.For the first quarter of an hour the good goal keeping of Warner  
prevented the Barnes' forwards from scoring ,but at last Pawle made a good run up to the mouth of  
the home goal.There he stumbed and fell,but Soden,who was backing up well,kicked the ball  
between the posts.After this Upton,with the assistance of the wind,were able to give the game a  
more even appearance,but it was not long before Soden again shot the ball between the posts.The  
goal,however,was not allowed, as hands had been just previously used,but Morice soon afterwards

scored a goal;after having dribbled the ball from the side of the ground.From this point until the end of the game Upton had to act chiefly on the defensive,and just before time was called their goal again fell to Hudson.On the winning side the play of the backs was most accurate,whilst among the forwards ,perhaps,Weston and Pawle were most conspicuous;for Upton Pak,Warner,Compton,and Micklem played well.”

LDN:”These clubs,having been pitted against each other in the first ties for the Challenge Cup,met to decide the matter on Saturday last,at the West Ham Park,near Plaistow.The visitors were successful in the toss,and chose to play with the wind at their backs,while Upton had the benefit of an incline.Play began at twenty minutes past three by the home party’s kicking off ,and for some ten minutes the play was very fast after which the ball was worked up into the Uptonian territory,and the visitors fairly penned their opponents, one or two shots at goal failing through the excellent play of Warner.Soden secured the first goal for Barnes,the ball having been passed to him by Pawle. Ends having been changed,the Uptonians,with the wind in their favour, showed a much bolder front,and the play for some quarter of an hour was of a most even description.Soden again shot the ball through ,but it having been previously handled,the goal was not allowed.Soon after this Morice took the ball down the ground very cleverly,and kicked a second goal for Barnes,while just before the call of time after a scrimmage in front of goal ,the ball having been well thrown in from touch,Hudson dribbled it a little way and kicked a goal,the match thus ending in a victory for Barnes by three goals to nothing.Morice,Soden,Weston,Hudson,and Solly played well for the winners;as did Warner, Barnett,Compton,and Hunter for the losers.”

Upton Park:+C.Warner(Capt.)(Goal);F.Barnett(Half Back);+S.Preston,J.B.Hunter,T.Micklem, F.Kitson,+F.Wilton,H.Compton,S.R.Bastard,T.C.Curwen,E.Curwen.

+Not found in other UP games this season

(SM has M.Jutsum for S.Preston)

Barnes:C.J.Morice(Capt.);A.Adams(Back),F.P.Francis and A.J.Begbie(Half Backs);H.A.Hudson, F.B.Soden,T.Palmer,F.C.Clarkson,H.E.Solly,V.Weston,F.D.Pawle.

A.Stair(Upton Park) umpired for both sides.

CIVIL SERVICE walked over HARROW CHEQUERS scratched: Bell’s Life 5/12/74 P.5

SHROPSIRE WANDERERS walked over SHEFFIELD CLUB scratched: Bell’s Life 5/12/74 P.5

CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY 0 CRYSTAL PALACE 0 (Sat Nov 14<sup>th</sup>(At Parker’s Piece,Cambridge)

Field 21/11/74 P.561/Sportsman 17/11/74 P.3/Bell’s Life 21/11/74 P.5/Sporting Life 18/11/74 P.1/Sporting Gazette 21/11/74 P.1095:

F:”These two teams met at Cambridge on Saturday,Nov. 14,to play off their first tie for the Challenge cup,but did not succeed in bringing matters to a conclusion,as neither side could get any advantage. The University team was decidedly the lighter and faster,and for the most part of the game pressed

the Palace hard, making several good attempts at scoring, which were frustrated by the decision of Savage, the Palace goal keeper, whose play cannot be too highly spoken of. Raven and Sharpe (backs) represented their University well, and, indeed, the Palace seldom succeeded in getting past them, while Brockbank, Sparham, and Simpson set the Cambridge forwards a brilliant example. For the Crystal Palace, Percy Barlow, Neame, and Woolley must be mentioned as showing fine form throughout, and Currey (back) played with great judgment."

SL: "This, one of the last matches in the first ties for the Association Cup, took place on Parker's Piece, Cambridge, on Saturday. The Palace men kicked off at a quarter past three, but the ball was at once returned to the centre of the ground, and both sides playing well together, nothing definite was accomplished either in the first or second half of the game. The University during the latter half were decidedly the most aggressive, and but for the vigilance of the Palace goal-keeper, would have been hailed the victors. However, the result was a tie, and consequently the teams will have to meet again."

SM: "This match, for the Challenge Cup of the Association, ..... took place upon Parker's Piece last Saturday, and though the Londoners were frequently hard pressed no point was effected, and the game ended in a draw."

Cambridge University: D.R. Hunter (Trinity) (Capt.), C.M. Sharpe (Jesus) (Back), J.B. Woosnam (St. John's) and T.E. Raven (Caius) (Half Backs), J. Brockbank (Trinity), E.J.D. Simpson (Trinity), D.B. Roffey (Jesus), J. Hughes (Jesus), W.S. Harris (Trinity), H.H.W. Sparham (Sidney), M.H. Beaufoy (Trinity Hall).

Crystal Palace: C.E. Smith (Capt.), J.B. Woolley and +P. Currey (Backs), T. Viall (Half Back), F. Alpe, A. Morten (Goal-keeper), E.P. Barlow, F.T. Barlow, A.H. Savage, L.H. Neame, +J.H. Warrington.

+Not traced in CP Ordinary games this season

REPLAY: Sat Nov 21<sup>st</sup> at Crystal Palace Ground)

CRYSTAL PALACE 1 (G.R. Fleet) CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY 2 ("rush" on goalkeeper, E.J.D. Simpson)

Sportsman 24/11/74 P.3/Bell's Life 28/11/74 P.4/(Not in Field)/Sporting Life 25/11/74 P.1/Sporting Gazette 28/11/74 P.1118:

SM/BL: "As the match at Cambridge last week between these two clubs was left undecided, the University sent down a team on Saturday, November 21, to the Crystal Palace ground to try issues again, and after an hour and a half's play in almost total darkness, claimed the victory, being accredited with two goals to one scored by the Crystal Palace. A more unsuitable day for football could not have been chosen; the game was notwithstanding fast throughout, the home team being first to score their goal, kicked by Fleet, after some scientific play. The Cantabs soon retaliated by driving the ball into the hands of the Crystal Palace goalkeeper, and before he could get rid of it, rushing him bodily through the goal. The Palace now did all they knew to make up for this, and some fine play on both sides was the result, Morten, the brothers Barlow, Lloyd, and Armitage (forwards), and Currey (back) setting the Crystal Palace team the best example, while S. Roberts, Sparham, and Brockbank (forwards), and Loder (back) did the same for the other side. The second goal for the Cantabs resulted from a rather lucky shot by Simpson, one of their backs, the ball passing too high for

the goalkeeper to handle. The match was a thoroughly pleasant and satisfactory one, considering the great disadvantage in point of weather both sides had to contend against."

SL: "It is somewhat singular that Cambridge University should have played two drawn matches in 1873 for the Cup, and that she should again have made a drawn match in her first ties for the same cup this season. This was on the 14<sup>th</sup> instant, on Parker's Piece, and accordingly the tie was played off at Crystal Palace on Saturday last when the University were successful by two goals to one. The fog was very dense, and altogether the weather, suitable enough for the contestants, was exceedingly unpleasant for spectators, who, however, did not muster very numerous. The Crystal Palace scored the first goal, through the agency of Fleet, but this advantage was soon neutralised by the Cambridge men, with a united rush, working the ball down to the Palace goal-keeper, and driving both him and it through the posts by sheer force. Even play resulted for some time afterwards, until Simpson sent the ball again through the Palace posts, Morten not being able to stop its passage. The University have now to play the Royal Engineers in the Second Cup ties."

Crystal Palace: C.E. Smith (Capt.), +P. Currey (Back), E.P. Barlow, L.H. Neame, F.T. Barlow, C.C. Armitage, A. Morten (Goal-keeper), G.R. Fleet, J.B. Woolley, A.H. Savage, +A. Lloyd.

+Not traced elsewhere

Cambridge University: D.R. Hunter (Capt.), S. Roberts, J. Brockbank, H.H.W. Sparham, J. Hughes, A.B. Loder (Half Back), T.E. Raven, E.J.D. Simpson (Back), +C.E. Ellis, +H.J. Roberts, ++W.S. Harris.

+ Not traced elsewhere ++(SM/BL /SL/SG all wrongly have J.Harris )

WINDSOR HOME PARK walked over UXBRIDGE scratched : Bell's Life 5/12/74 P.5

SOUTHALL 0 LEYTON 0 (Sat Nov 14) Sportsman 17/11/74 P.3/Bell's Life 21/11/74/ P.5/(Not in Field)/Sporting Life 18/11/74 P.1/Sporting Gazette 21/11/74 P.1095/+Uxbridge & West Drayton Gazette 21/11/74 P.4 :

+But Leyton did not play 2 men short: see 28/11/74 paper correction (Add Cox and Self to lineup)

SM: "The above match, one of the first ties for the Association Challenge Cup, was played at Southall on Saturday last, the 14<sup>th</sup> inst., and the result was a most exciting contest, neither side at the call of time having scored a goal. Southall won the toss, but, as there was scarcely a breath of wind, no advantage was gained from the choice of goals, and Leyton kicked off at about 3.30. The ball was quickly returned by one of the Southall backs and taken down to the visitors' territory, where some sharp tussles took place. The home team, although having several corner kicks, were not able to obtain any advantage, and Leyton, getting the ball away, made a determined rush into their adversaries' quarters, but they also were not successful. Up to half time the play was decidedly in favour of Southall. All their shots at goal, however, proved unavailing, owing to the excellent play of their opponents' backs and goalkeeper, but on change of ends there was not much to choose between the teams. The Leyton forwards, working well together, succeeded in passing the Southall backs, and charging the goal-keeper over, but the ball passed outside the post. On the other hand,

Jackson and Boyd for the home team made some good runs down, and the latter, shortly before time was called, seemed on the point of scoring, but unfortunately slipped at the last moment."

SL: "This tie was played at Southall on Saturday last, and a splendid game resulted, neither side succeeding in scoring. Up to half-time Southall rather penned their opponents, but all their tries-at-goal proved unavailing, owing to the good play of the Leyton goal-keeper. Afterwards, however, the visitors worked better together, and were very nearly successful in reducing their adversaries' fortress but once the ball passed just outside the post, and on another occasion just over the tape. Shortly before "time" Boyd took the ball right down to the Leyton goal, but, slipping up at the last moment, lost a capital chance."

Southall: C.S. Houlder (Capt.), A.L. Houlder, R.J. Boyd, E.C. Jackson, S.J. Weston, F. West and W. Baxter (Backs), T. Newell, H. Rowe, J. Fewkes, R.S. Alford.

+Check not T. West: also next round

Leyton: E.W. Scott (Capt.), T.R. Scott, H. Hailey, J. Comerford, J.H. Self, J.W. Biggs, R.H. Biggs, J.R. Dodds, (H.) Cox, W.M. Lloyd, Grouse.

REPLAY: Sat Nov 28<sup>th</sup> at Leyton:

LEYTON 0 SOUTHALL 5 (E.B. Hunt, 4 Others) (At Leyton)

Bell's Life 5/12/74 P.5/Sportsman 2/12/74 P.3/Field 5/12/74 P.613/Sporting Life 2/12/74 P.1:

SM: "The play needs little comment, as the home team were overmatched throughout. Once only, indeed, did they get the ball behind their adversaries' line, and that through a mis-kick of the Southall back. The visitors secured two goals in less than ten minutes from the commencement, the other three following at longer intervals, one kicked by Hunt (half-back), passing just under the tape."

F: "The play needs little description, as the visitors had the best of it throughout, Leyton not once getting the ball behind their opponents' goal line. Two goals were obtained in less than ten minutes from the commencement, and the other three at rather longer intervals."

BL/SL: "These clubs met for the second time on Saturday last the 28<sup>th</sup> inst., to decide their tie for the Challenge Cup. On the first occasion neither side scored, but this match, played at Leyton, resulted in a decisive victory for Southall by five goals to nothing. Within two minutes of the kick-off, the visitors, by a good rush, secured their first goal, and shortly afterwards a second, the ball, being kicked from the corner, and passing through the posts off one of the Leyton men. One goal deserves especial mention. E.B. Hunt, playing half-back, lifted the ball just under the tape, the goal-keeper not being able to get within reach of it. Southall will now have to meet Woodford Wells for the second tie."

Leyton: E.W. Scott (Capt.), J.W. Biggs, R.H. Biggs, W.M. Lloyd, H. Hailey (Back), J.R. Dodds (Goal), ++H. Markham, J. Comerford and J.H. Self (Half Backs), +H. Matchett, ++T.M. Ford.

+Not found in ordinary games for this or last season ++Might be J. Markham and W.M. Ford



Southall:C.S.Houlder(Capt.),A.L.Houlder,+E.B.Hunt and F.West(Half Backs);R.J.Boyd,  
E.C.Jackson,J.Fewkes,S.J.Weston,W.Baxter(Back),H.Clarke,T.Newell.

+Not confirmed elsewhere

WANDERERS 16 (R.K.Kingsford 5,C.H.R.Wollaston 4,C.W.Alcock 2,C.J.Chenery 2,  
G.H.H. Heron 2,J.Kenrick) FARNINGHAM 0(Sat Oct 31<sup>st</sup>)(At Kennington Oval)

Field 7/11/74 P.504/Bell's Life 7/11/74 P.5/Sportsman 3/11/74 P.4(Faded version)/Morning Post  
2/11/74 P.2/Sporting Life 4/11/74 P.4/Daily Telegraph 2/11/74 P.2/Sporting Gazette 14/11/74  
P.1073:

F:"It was rather an unfortunate occurrence in the first drawing for the Cup that there should have  
been so decided a disparity in at least one of the first ties.None the less,Farningham,undismayed by  
the reputation of their antagonists,pluckily determined to take the field rather than scratch-an  
example that might well have been taken to heart by other bodies of longer standing.The two  
clubsmet at Kennington Oval on Saturday,and the game was only interesting on one account-that it  
was productive of the largest score ever,we believe,made in a match.The play was unmistakably  
uneven from the first.The Wanderers scored at the rate of one goal in every six minutes,and at the  
end had in all made sixteen goals to none.Of these sixteen, five were got by R.K.Kingsford,four by  
C.H.Wollaston, +two each by C.W.Alcock and Hubert Heron,and one by J.Kenrick.The one feature of  
the Farningham play was the very brilliant goal-keeping of W.D.O.Greig." +2 also by C.J.Chenery

SM:"A.K.Kingsford got five goals,C.R.Woolaston four,C.W.Alcock,C.J.Chenery,and Hubert Heron each  
two,and J.Kenrick one."

BL:"Another of the first ties for the Association Challenge Cup was played on Saturday at Kennington  
Oval,between the above-named clubs,and ended in the most one sided victory ever recorded,the  
Wanderers winning by sixteen goals to none.The winners were a very strong team and they won the  
toss for choice of ends,commencing play at 3.15,at which time there were not many visitors,  
although the afternoon was fine.Directly after the game commenced,it was palpable to the merest  
observer that the Wanderers would have it all their own way ,for goal after goal on the side of  
Farningham fell with wonderous rapidity.Kingsford was credited with 5,Wollaston 4,Alcock,Chenery  
and Hubert Heron 2 each,and Kenrick with 1.The ground was very slippery,and but for that  
circumstance and the excellent goalkeeping of W.D.O.Greig ,many more goals would have fallen.Mr  
A.Stair,hon sec of the Association, was umpire."

Wanderers:R.de C.Welch(Goal);A.H.Stratford(Back);F.T.Green,F.H.Birley(Half Backs);  
C.W.Alcock,C.J.Chenery,R.C.Barker,C.H.R.Wollaston,R.K.Kingsford(Capt.),G.H(ubert) Heron,  
J.Kenrick.

N.B. Captain listed as either Alcock or Kingsford in reports.

Farningham:W.D.O.Greig(Goal);F.R.Burnside,W.P.English(Backs);G.B.Rashleigh(Capt.),+A.F.B.Winter,  
+C.Pigott,J.H.Taylor,+S.R.Smith,+S.A.Apcar,+A.L.Greig,+R.P.Pigott.

+Not found in other F Ordinary games for this or previous seasons.

Umpire:A.Stair(Hon Sec,Football Association)

GREAT MARLOW 0 ROYAL ENGINEERS 3(A.L.Mein and 2 others) (Sat Nov 7<sup>th</sup>)(At Marlow)

Reading Observer 14/11/74 P.3/Bucks Herald 14/11/74 P.8/Field 21/11/74 P.561/(No report or teams in SM/BL/SL):

BH/RO:"Three goals are nothing(two of which might have been saved only as to a misunderstanding as to claiming "hands")as against a club of such renown,and so well disciplined,professionally and otherwise.Marlow was fairly outpaced,never was the ball away but at least three "sappers" were ready to undermine it.Von Donop and others,whose names,as well as the kicks of goals,we would record,had we but known them,did wonders;but perhaps of the whole 22 the most brilliant bit of play was a run up ,of a striking character,by Bartholemew."

F:"Neither club having any particular desire to undertake the somewhat lengthy journey between Great Marlow and Chatham,recourse was had to the lucky coin,which,on this occasion,however, turned out unlucky for the R.E. team,who consequently had to find their way to Great Marlow.On their arrival there they were most hospitably entertained at luncheon,and shortly after two the game was commenced.For a long time the ball was kept in the vicinity of the Great Marlow goal,and the R.E. forwards had several shots at it,but without success,until at length from a corner kick the ball was passed through by Mein.Ends having been changed,and the ball once more put in motion, Great Marlow made repeated efforts to retrieve their lost ground,but before long the Sappers succeeded in adding two more goals to their score,thus winning the match by three goals to none. The Great Marlow forwards played well together,but if they wish to win they must adopt more offensive tactics.As it was,the greater part of their team seemed to be playing back.For the Royal Engineers,Stratford and Mein played exceedingly well,dribbling and middling the ball very successfully."

Great Marlow:A.C.Faulkner(Capt.),H.R.Hewett,C.M.Foottit,C.J.Simmonds,J.Biggs,  
J.Langley,S.H.Wright,A.C.Bartholemew,R.Wellicome,W.Batting,W.Sellman.

Royal Engineers:Lieut. R.M.Ruck(Capt.),G.C.P.Onslow,C.C.Ellis,G.H.Sim, P.G.Von Donop,  
T.Digby,A.L.Mein,C.V.Wingfield-Stratford,H.E.Rawson,G.T.Jones,+C.H.Mulholland.

+Initials not found elsewhere :check not H.L.Mulholland (see Ordinary game Field 6/2/75 P.134)

SWIFTS 0 OLD ETONIANS 0 (Thurs Nov 5<sup>th</sup>)(At Dolphin Ground,Uxbridge Road,Slough)

Sportsman 7/11/74 P.8 /Bell's Life 7/11/74 P5/Field 14/11/74 P.533/Sporting Life 7/11/74 P.1/  
Windsor & Eton Express 7/11/74 P.3/Daily Telegraph 2/11/74 P.6:

SM:"The Swifts lost the toss,and kicked off,the ball being very soon returned by the Etonian backs,and kept in dangerous proximity to the Swifts goal for the first twenty minutes.The aspect of the game then changed ,and both sides showed some splendid play,the pace being fast,and the dribbling at times very fine,R.H.Benson,A.F.Kinnaird,and J.Sturgis being conspicuous in this respect

for the Etonians, whilst their opponents had good and fast men in E.H. Bambridge, Joll, F. Heron, and Turner. No goals being obtained at half time ends were changed, and the Swifts acted more on the aggressive, the fine back play of E. Lubbock and A.C. Thompson being severely taxed, but they were evaded at times, and several shots of a dangerous nature were made at their goal. Nothing, however, transpired at the expiration of the afternoon's play, and these clubs will again have to do battle to decided superiority."

BL: "The afternoon was fine and there were a pretty good number of visitors, who were accommodated with boards to stand upon, an example which might be followed judiciously at other grounds, especially where charge is made for admission. Messrs. A. Stair and W. Langford were chosen as Umpires and Mr J.H. Giffard officiated as Referee. The Old Etonians won the toss, their opponents kicking off from the goal nearest to Aldin Hall House, and at first the Etonians had a little the best of the encounter, but before half time the Swifts kept the ball well down in the Eton territory. No goal fell, however, and at half time ends were changed. For a short time the Etonians somewhat penned their opponents, but the game was of a very even character for some time, the play all round being very good. Presently, owing to one of the Etonians handling the ball, a free kick accrued to the Swifts, but they were unable to turn it to any advantage, both teams being evidently on their mettle. The next noteworthy incident was some fine dribbling on the part of one or two of the Swifts, and the scene of warfare became the vicinity of the Eton goal, when a somewhat easy chance fell to the home team, the final shot, however, was made very wide of the mark. Once more the Etonians drove their adversaries into the centre of the ground, and again the fast play of the Swifts brought the ball past the excellent back players, and after it had been thrown in from the right hand corner, a fine effort on the part of the Swifts very nearly brought about the Eton downfall, but the ball glanced off the outside of the left-hand post. Several times after this well-sustained attacks were made on the Etonians, but all attempts were ably frustrated by the fine back play of Tindall and Lubbock. Free kicks then fell to the Swifts on one or two occasions, and the game was carried on in the most spirited manner until just before the call of time, when once more an Etonian handled the ball very near their own goal, and the free kick which ensued brought it immediately in front. A determined scrummage followed, but all the efforts on the part of the Swifts were unavailing, and the game ended in a draw. It would be almost invidious to mention anyone in particular, but the accurate kicking of Tindall and Lubbock, and the determined efforts of the captain of the Old Etonians were most praiseworthy; on the side of the Swifts the Herons and Bambridge were the most formidable."

F: "The Swifts lost the toss and kicked off, and play commencing vigorously, it was evident that both sides had excellent pace and good dribbling powers, though the Etonians were superior to their opponents in their back play, E. Lubbock and A. Thompson fully sustaining their well-deserved reputation. The Old Etonians had the best of the fight at the commencement, but their lighter opponents soon settled into work, and not only resisted all attacks, but frequently assailed their enemies' goal on several occasions, when its downfall appeared inevitable. Ends were changed, and the game proceeded, J.R. Sturgis, A.F. Kinnaird, and R.H. Benson making some good runs, and Joll, F. Heron, Turner, and E.H. Bambridge showing excellent form. The middling of the latter player was exceptionally good, whilst Griffith, for the Swifts, did lots of work as half backs, in company with W.S. Bambridge. At the expiration of an hour and a half time was called, and no goal having been obtained, this well-fought match ended in a draw. Numerous visitors were present on the ground, and manifested great interest in the game."

Swifts:J.A.Wild(Goal);W.S.Bambridge(Capt.)(Back); H.Griffith(s) and H.Wright(Half Backs);  
Henry Heron, Frank Heron, E.H.Bambridge, G.Turner, A.Joll, ++C.Tillard, H.Manders.

++Initial not confirmed

Old Etonians: Hon. A.F.Kinnaird(Capt.), Edgar Lubbock(Half Back), A.C.Thompson(Back),  
+A.G.Tindall(Back), F.H.Wilson, C.E.Farmer(Goal), R.H.Benson, J.H.Stronge, ++R.Philpot, +C.J.Courthorpe,  
J.R.Sturgis.

+Not confirmed ++Played for Gitanos

Umpires: A.Stair and W.Langford. Referee: J.H.Giffard(Civil Service)

REPLAY: Sat Nov 14<sup>th</sup>: At Kennington Oval

OLD ETONIANS 1 (A.G.Bonsor) SWIFTS 1 (J.R.B.Owen)(H.T.0-0)(At 2:15pm)

Field 21/11/74 P.561/Bell's Life 21/11/74 P.5/Sportsman 17/11/74 P.3/Morning Post 16/11/74  
P.3/Sporting Life 18/11/74 P.1/Windsor & Eton Express 21/11/74 P.4/Sporting Gazettee 21/11/74  
P.1095:

F: "The excellent form shown by the Swifts on their own ground had secured them a large number of supporters; and, though on Saturday the Etonians were very strong "on paper", many good judges fancied that the Swifts would triumph through better organisation and forward play. Instead of commencing at half past two o'clock, the ball was not kicked off until forty minutes after that time, the Swifts starting it from the eastern end. At first the Eton forwards, notably Stronge, Bonsor, and Kinnaird-maintained a vigorous attack on the opposite lines, and it was more to luck than to any good play of their backs, that the Swifts owed the safety of their goal. During the first part of the game Eton had a decided advantage; but as half time drew near the Swifts began to work to better purpose, and when the time arrived for change of ends the ball was in possession of the Swifts for a kick in from the corner flag. After the alteration of positions the game began faster as the play increased in vigour, with still a slight preponderance to the Etonians. A general rush by the Swifts into Eton quarters then gave Lubbock a chance for a neat run along the side of the ground, and, Bonsor being in readiness in the centre to take the ball, the result was a clever goal for Eton by the latter player. The renewal of hostilities found the Swifts evidently bent on retaliation, and before long, after a good run by Owen, the Eton goalkeeper, failing to handle the ball thoroughly, was forced through his own post, and a score accordingly accrued to the Swifts. The remainder of the game was interesting in the extreme, but, despite the unceasing efforts of both sides, the call of time arrived, leaving the two clubs still on an even footing with one goal each. Lubbock's play at half back for Eton was beyond doubt, the feature of the match."

BL: "Directly after changing ends there was danger again of the Swifts' goal falling, but the ball was kicked too high. In 10 minutes, however, a capital run down by Lubbock was the means of a goal accruing to the Old Etonians, the last kick being made by Bonsor. Without reversing the position of the goalkeepers the game was renewed and the Old Etonians seemed to be again getting the best of it; at last, however, Owen made a fine run down the ground, and the strife was pretty warm in front of

the goal for a second or two,when ,after a short struggle the ball was carried between the posts. From now till the call of time nothing else of a decisive nature occurred ,and the match was again drawn.”

SM:”The weather was gloomy,and the ground rather greasy,but the spectators were rewarded by witnessing one of the keenest contests that have ever been seen this season.”

“During the first quarter of an hour Eton had a decided advantage,the backs of the Swifts showing a disinclination to kick,and therein greatly aiding the desperate rushes of the Eton forwards.More than once it seemed that Eton would score through the persistent attacks of Stronge,Bonsor, Ottaway, and Kinnaird,but each time their efforts were frustrated either by the backs or the goalkeeper of the opposition.As time progressed the game assumed the aspect of equality,the Swifts,notably the brothers Heron,E.H.Bambridge,and G.Turner,passing on in the most unselfish manner,and making some really clever runs in conjunction.Just before half time Wild only averted the fall of the Swifts’ goal by a timely hit,but ends had to be changed in the absence of any score.Almost immediately on the recommencement Ottaway seemed to have the fortress of the Swifts entirely at his mercy,but he kicked too high,and the chance was lost.For ten minutes again the game went on without eventful incident,until at last Lubbock,after a neat run down the side,passed the ball to Bonsor,and the latter kept on until he had landed it safely between the opposite posts.Loud applause followed this success for Eton,and again the two sides set to work.For some short time it seemed as if the Etonians would maintain their ground,but at last Owen,who had been unusually idle during the game,forced the ball down the ground,and Philpott,who had momentarily relieved Farmer as goal-keeper,failing to get hold of the ball,was bodily carried through the Eton posts by Joll and the brothers Heron in conjunction.Only a short period now remained for play,and this was unproductive of decisive measures,so that at the close the match remained drawn,with one goal to each side. Lubbock’s play at half back was absolutely faultless,and his kicking marvelous in its accuracy throughout.The Swifts played admirably together forward,but their backs were greatly inferior to those of the opposition.”

Old Etonians:Hon.A.F.Kinnaird(Capt.),F.H.Wilson(Back);A.C.Thompson,Edgar Lubbock(Half Backs); +R.Philpot,A.G.Bonsor,F.J.Patton,R.H.Benson,J.H.Stronge,C.J.Ottaway,C.E.Farmer(Goal-keeper)

+Played for Gitanos

Swifts:J.A.Wild(Goal-keeper),W.B.Fassnidge(Back),W.S.Bambridge(Capt.) and H.Blackett(Half Backs); E.H.Bambridge,+J.R.B.Owen, G.Turner,A.Joll,++Henry Heron,H.S.Talbot,Frank Heron.

++SL has Hubert Heron for Henry Heron :and in 2<sup>nd</sup> replay lineup

+Played for Sheffield v London in Nov 1874:prominent Sheffield player

Umpires:A.H.Stratford for Old Etonians and W.T.Langford for Swifts.Referee:J.H.Giffard.

SECOND REPLAY:Thurs Nov 26<sup>th</sup> :At Dolphin Ground,Slough)(At 3pm)

SWIFTS 0 OLD ETONIANS 3 (C.J.Ottaway,Hon.A.F.Kinnaird,Another)

Sportsman 28/11/74 P.6/Bell's Life 5/12/74 P.5/Field 5/12/74 P.613/Sporting Life 28/11/74 P.4/  
Windsor & Eton Express 28/11/74 P.4:

SM:"Play commenced shortly before three o'clock,and after an hour and a half's hard fight ,the game resulted in a victory for the Old Etonians by three goals to nothing.The Swifts obtained a goal,but it was disallowed.Although the ground was in a very bad and slippery state,there was some excellent play exhibited on both sides.Unfortunately the Swifts were not well represented,owing to some of their best players not being able to be present."

BL:"On the present occasion the Swifts did not muster their best team .and the consequence was that the victory rested with the Old Etonians by three goals to nothing.The play was extremely good and fast throughout despite the slippery state of the ground .One goal was kicked for the Swifts but it was disallowed."

F:"Play began at three o'clock,the Swifts having chosen to kick up the ground,and both sides started off well,the ball remaining for ten minutes well in the centre of the ground,until Ottaway succeeded in evading the Swifts' backs,and kicked a goal ,which the goal keeper failed to prevent,though an easy one.The Swifts were at this period of the game playing a man short,and were otherwise unfortunate in being able to collect a strong team together for this match.The game proceeded, however,very briskly,and Talbot,after a fine run for the Swifts,seemed to have the Etonians' goal at his mercy,but was frustrated when almost on the goal line.The forwards were all playing excellently, Kinnaird,Bonsor,Patton,Preston,and Stronge,working very energetically,while Ottaway kept in the neighbourhood of his opponents' backs. More than a quarter of an hour's play had continued when Kinnaird obtained a creditable goal from a side kick,and before the close of the game a third was secured.As usual the back play of E.Lubbock was a feature in the match,while Fassnidge ,for the opposite side,played his best.The home team worked throughout,as far as the forward play was concerned,admirably,and though in this respect they quite equalled their adversaries,their efforts were not rewarded when time was called,although the ball passed on one occasion after a free kick through the goal of their opponents,but had not on its way touched any player;and other shots, owing to the vigilance of the goal keeper,failed to score."

SL:"These clubs met for the third time on Thursday last to decide their tie for the Challenge Cup,and after an hour and a half hour's hard play,the Old Etonians were victorious by three goals to nothing.The Swifts obtained a goal,but it was disallowed.The ground was in a very bad and slippery state.On account of disappointments,the Swifts were not well represented.The game throughout was very fast,and some excellent play was exhibited on both sides."

Swifts:W.S.Bambridge(Capt.),H.J.N.Wright,E.H.Bambridge,A.Joll,H.S.Talbot,Henry Heron,  
F.Heron,W.B.Fassnidge,G.F.Bambridge,C.Tillard,G.Turner.

Old Etonians:Hon.A.F.Kinnaird;Edgar Lubbock(Back),+H.J.Preston,F.H.Wilson(Back),C.J.Ottaway,  
++R.Philpot,A.G.Bonsor,F.J.Patton,R.H.Benson,J.H.Stronge,C.E.Farmer.

+Oxford University ++Played for Gitanos

N.B It appears from W&E/F lineups that H.J.Preston played and not A.C.Thompson

Umpires: Rev.G.Dupuis and P.E.Chamberlain.Referee:W.Gardiner.

OXFORD UNIVERSITY 6(E.H.Parry 3,T.B.Hughes 2,C.A.Cripps) BRONDESBURY 0 (Sat Oct 31<sup>st</sup>)(At Oxford)

Bell's Life 7/11/74 P.5/Field 7/11/74 P.503:Brondesbury team/Evening Standard 2/11/74 P.2/Sportsman 3/11/74 P.4/Sporting Life 4/11/74 P.4(No lineups)/Sporting Gazette 14/11/74 P.1073:

F:"The afternoon was a most unpleasant one,heavy rain falling nearly the whole of the time,which rendered the going very bad,and made good play very difficult.Oxford won the toss and elected to play down the hill.From the outset it was evident that the Brondesbury team were overmatched,as the 'Varsity forwards were playing well together,and with great pace,while their opponents were not well together,and were apparently nonplussed at the speedy style of the game which the 'Varsity adopted,in spite of the wet ground.The goals,which came rapidly towards the end of the game,were obtained by E.H.Parry(three),T.B.Hughes(two),and C.A.Cripps,and were all the results of well-organised runs on the part of all the 'Varsity forwards.We must congratulate the holders on the team which they have this year.Forward they are as good,if not better,than last year;and while they have to deplore the loss of F.H.Birley and C.C.Mackarness behind ,they have succeeded in finding two excellent backs to supply their loss in J.D.Todd and G.M Reade.The latter is well known to Eton men as a brilliant and safe kick while the former is one of the finest backs we have seen at Oxford; and the play of the two on Saturday,under the great disadvantage of slippery ground and strong wind,was a treat to the spectators.For Brondesbury,who deserve the greatest credit for their pluck in coming so far to play against formidable antagonists,Sparks(forward) and E.Field(behind) worked incessantly to avert defeat."

BL:"Owing to the recent heavy rains the ground was exceedingly slippery ,rendering the process of dribbling almost impossible.From the commencement it was evident that the Brondesbury Club were of little use to the Oxonians ,who are the holders of the trophy ,and the play took place chiefly in the visitors' portion of the ground,and they were beaten by six goals ,three of them being credited to Parry an old Carthusian,and one of the best players at that once formidable school,two were made by Hughes and one by Cripps."

ES:"Sparks was the hero of the one run down,which threatened the downfall of the Oxford goal.At the call of time the University were hailed victors by six goals(three kicked by Parry,two by Hughes,and one by Cripps) to nothing."(No lineups)

SM:"Oxford University(the present holders) won by six goals E.H.Parry,late captain of the Charterhouse Eleven,three,T.B.Hughes two,and C.A.Cripps one,to none.The ground was very greasy,or the defeat of Brondesbury might have been more decisive."(No lineups)

Oxford University: J.B.Moyle(Goal);+J.D.Todd(Back);J.H.Bridges,G.M.Reade(Half Backs); T.B.Hughes,A.H.Johnson,W.S.Rawson,E.H.Parry,R.W.S.Vidal(Capt.),H.S.Otter,C.A.Cripps.

+Only J.M.Todd found

Brondesbury:Edgar Field(Capt.),C.G.Field,E.Humbert,A.Humbert,F.J.Sparks,++J.E.Fowler, W.R.Dent,W.R.Sewell,+A.E.Kite,J.N.Fulton,C.R.Humbert.(F)

+Not found in other Brondesbury games ++Only G.Fowler found:in 2 other games

WOODFORD WELLS 1 (W.R.Spreckley) HIGH WYCOMBE 0 (Sat Oct 31<sup>st</sup>) (H.T.0-0)  
(At Swifts Gound,Dolphin Ground,Slough)

Field 7/11/74 P.503/Sportsman 3/11/74 P.4/Sporting Life 4/11/74 P.4/Berkshire Chronicle 7/11/74  
P.6/Sporting Gazette 14/11/74 P.1073: CHECK WOODFORD PAPER

F/SM:"This match was played on Saturday last at Slough,the Swifts having kindly lent their ground for the occasion,and created considerable interest,being one of the first ties in the Association Challenge Cup contest.After an exceedingly pleasant game the Woodford Wells were declared the victors by one goal to nothing.The High Wycombe captain,winning the toss,elected to kick down the ground: but,notwithstanding this advantage,it was evident from the beginning that they were outpaced by the Essex men,and their goals were subjected to a succession of shots;but Woodford being quite out of luck,none of them took effect.Up to half time no definite advantage had been gained,High Wycombe, by sheer hard work,having kept the goal intact.On changing ends ,Woodford again completely penned their opponents,and soon their efforts were crowned with success.As an opportunity presented itself.W.R.Spreckley piloted the leather safely between the posts.A start being made,it now seemed that Woodford would score freely,the ball being well passed to Wild,who managed to evade the goal keeper,but being too much in front,the goal was disallowed on the score of off side.The Bucks men tried hard to penetrate the opposing lines,but the Woodford backs-Ford and F.Kaye-were quite impassable,the kicking of the former being very much admired by the on-lookers.Luck was still against Woodford,as F.Fraser ,who had especially distinguished himself by his fine runs down the side,made a good shot at goal,but,hitting the tape on the wrong side,nothing came of it.For Wycombe,Blanchard,Dyer,and Baines played a good defensive game;while for Woodford Wells,besides those mentioned,W.Bouch,Powell,and Thomson were most conspicuous.  
+Mr W.Woodford umpired for Wycombe and Mr Clark for Woodford Wells."

SL:"This tie was played on Saturday last on the Dolphin Ground at Slough.The ball,soon after it was started by the captain of the Woodford Wells,was taken near to the Wycombe goal,in close proximity to which it was kept during the first half of time,but no score was made.Soon after change of ends, however,the ball was run down the side by W.Spreckley,who neatly scored a goal for the Wells.Play was resumed,and the ball was kept close to the Wycombe goal until a few minutes before time when Wilde placed a second goal to the credit of Wells,but this was disallowed by the umpire ,on the grounds of off-side,and the match resulted in a victory for Woodford Wells by one goal to nothing. For the winning team,E.W.Thomson,W.Spreckley,and W.Bouch played best,whilst Thomas,Williams, and Baines did good service for their side."

BC:"The ball was started by the captain of the Woodford Wells shortly after three and was soon taken to the Wycombe goal in which proximity it was kept during the first half time,but no score was made.Soon after change the ball was run down the side by Mr Spreckley,who neatly scored a goal,and the ball was kept alone to the Wycombe goal until a few minutes before time,when Wilde placed a second goal to the credit of the Wells,but this was disallowed by the umpire on the ground of off side;the match was continued,and after an hour and a half's play the game resulted in a victory for Woodford Wells by one goal to their opponents' nothing.For the winning team



E.W.Thomson,W.Spreckley,and W.Bouch played best,whilst Thomas,Williams,and Baines did good service for their side.Mr H.J.Clarke officiated as umpire.”

Woodford Wells:H.E.Kaye(Capt.),F.Kaye and W.Ford(Half Backs),H.C.Masterman(Goal),  
T.F.Spreckley,W.R.Spreckley,W.Bouch,F.Fraser,T.B.Powell,W.Wild,E.W.Thomson.

High Wycombe: C.K.Poulter(Capt.),C.Rose and F.(J.J).Blanchard(Half Backs),E.Howland(Goals),  
L.J.Thomas,T.H.Butler,Dyer,+W.Howland,+Youers,+Williams,C.T.Baines.

+Names not traced elsewhere.

(Have added Blanchard initials from TB Record which also has I.Thomas for L.Thomas)

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

CLAPHAM ROVERS 3 (H.S.Bevington,G.Holden,Lear) PANTHERS 0 (Sat Nov 7<sup>th</sup>)(At Winchester School)

(No lineups in AFS and no LINEUPS traced in Bell's Life/Field/Sportsman/Sporting Life )

Sporting Life 21/11/74 P.4:”These clubs met at Winchester on +Saturday last,to play off their first tie in the above competition.The Rovers were unfortunately at the last moment deprived of the services of their captain,R.H.Birkett,and Farquharson kicked off for the Panthers,who with their first rush carried the ball up to the Rovers’ goal line.Matthews(goal),however,was quite equal to the emergency,and quickly returned the ball into neutral territory.This success was only temporary,and the superior dribbling and passing powers of the Rovers soon began to manifest themselves,and the Panthers were afterwards obliged to act strictly on the defensive,whilst Bevington,being well backed up by Leeds,cleverly scored the first goal for the Rovers.Goals were now changed,and the Panthers strove hard to equalise matters,but were unable to break through the Rovers’ lines,while their own goal was frequently placed in jeopardy.Some time elapsed,however,before Holden,after some pretty play,succeeded in placing a second goal to the credit of the Rovers.Encouraged by their successes, the Rovers redoubled their efforts,and Lear succeeded in reducing the Panthers’ fortress for the third time.Nothing further was done.The most friendly spirit prevailed throughout the game,which thus ended in favour of the Rovers by three goals to none.For the Panthers all worked very hard, though Farquharson and ++Ford showed most skill in piloting the ball.For the Rovers,besides those already mentioned,St Quintin,Freeth,and Stanley did good service.”(No teams)

+Was the game actually on Sat 14<sup>th</sup> Nov or was the SL Report just late? ++Fort?:see below

The Wykehamist No 74 Nov 1874 Page 6 :”This match took place on Saturday,November 7<sup>th</sup>,and resulted in an easy victory for the Rovers by 3 goals to 0,although they brought down anything but a strong team.Among the Rovers we noticed W.Field,while Lear and Fort also played for the Rovers and Panthers respectively.”

Clapham Rovers included:W.Field,H.S.Bevington,G.Holden,C.E.Leeds,( )Lear,P.R.St Quintin,  
A.J.Stanley,( ) Freeth.

Panthers included:Matthews(Goal),Farquharson(Capt.),Fort/ford

MAIDENHEAD 1(W.Nicholls) HITCHIN 0(H.T. 0-0)(Sat Nov 14<sup>th</sup>) (At Lillie Bridge)

Maidenhead Advertiser 18/11/74 P.3/Reading Mercury 21/11/74 P.6/Bell's Life 21/11/74 P.5/Morning Post 16/11/74 P.3/(Not in Field)(Not found in SM)/Sporting Life 18/11/74 P.1/Hertford Mercury 21/11/74 P.3/Sporting Gazette 21/11/74 P.1095:

MA:"Our club sent a team to Lillie Bridge, on Saturday last, to contest one of the first ties for the Association Cup with Hitchin, and they returned the victors by one goal to nothing. Owing to the 1.10 train being late, they had to journey to the Westbourne Park instead of turning off at Southall, and, consequently, were late in arriving, and did not begin play until nearly half-past three, making it very dark before the close of the match. Two other matches were being played at the same time, and the proprietors of the ground had put us off with a very bad piece for the purpose, being not only small but uneven, and plentifully spinkled with holes, stones, &c., added to which the goal-posts had been put up at wrong distances, every flag had to be moved, and the ground fresh measured and set out in every way, giving the President, who luckily happened to get there early, a good hour's work to get things ready. The Maidenhead team did not play as well together as we have seen them, and had very bad luck in not scoring more goals than they did; still they had the best of the game throughout, and finished as before stated, in the dark, with one goal to the good. The pace was fast at times, and all the team did their share, Nicholls and F. Nicholson being perhaps a little the most prominent, especially towards the latter part of the game. In the absence of an umpire on the part of Hitchin, Mr Clark took the onerous task for both parties."

BL:"Excellent teams were provided by the respective captains, and a spirited game took place. The toss was won by the Hitchin club and their opponents started the ball from the lower end when some very fast but even play ensued, neither having much advantage until half time arrived, though nothing had been done in the way of scoring. After this Maidenhead, having a slight advantage in slope of ground, they were enabled to keep Hitchin well within their own territory but the excellent back play of the latter prevented them from scoring for some time, the goalkeeper performing his duties in fine style. Presently, however, some excellent attempts were made to bring about the Hitchin downfall, and in the end, after a fine run down by Bassett and Nicholson, and a clever pass to Nicholls, the latter kicked a fine goal, and in this way the game was concluded."

SL:"Instead of tossing for choice of grounds, these teams agreed to play off their tie on Saturday last midway between home and home, Lillie Bridge being the selected spot. Both clubs sent down representative teams, and a very exciting and interesting game ensued, which was decided in favour of the Berkshire team by one goal to nothing. Maidenhead lost the toss, and had to kick off from the lower end, the ground being rather heavy. The play was very fast for some fifteen minutes, the ball repeatedly visiting each end of the ground. After a time, however, the Maidenhead representatives penned their adversaries, and made several good shots at goal, but owing to the fine play of the goalkeeper, they all failed, and at half-time, when ends were changed, neither side had gained any definite advantage. Afterwards, with the benefit of a slight slope in their favour, Maidenhead had considerably the best of the struggle, the ball being kept mostly in their opponents' quarters; but some time elapsed before they were able to score, the fine back play of the Hitchin team averting any serious

results. Hebbes made a good shot at goal, as also did Vardy, but the goal-keeper was never at fault, and although at one time charged by some half-dozen of the Maidenhead forwards, with the assistance of one or two of his side, the ball was just squeezed outside one of the posts, and carried up the hill. It was, however, quickly brought down by Nicholson, again within a short distance of goal, and once more sent over the tape. Ultimately W. Bassett and Nicholson made a fine run down close to the touch line, and the latter dribbled the ball cleverly to Nicholls, who kicked a goal in fine style. Ends having been changed once, each side dropped back into their old positions again, and Woodgate once more kicked off, but although the game was carried on with unflagging spirit till "no side" was called, nothing further was scored, and Maidenhead were declared the victors. We have alluded to the fine goal-keeping of Dawson for Hitchin, and Baily and Woodgate also deserve mention. The forward play of the Maidenhead team was superior to their opponents, and they worked better together. Neither side dribbled much, but the ground was rather rough. Mr J.H. Clark, president of the Maidenhead Club, officiated as umpire for both sides.

HM: (As per SL Report but with the following added at the end: "The goal was objected to on the ground that the man who kicked the goal was "off-side", but the umpire, on being appealed to, stated that he saw no "off side", which was no doubt very true, as it was then getting very dark, and five or six of the Maidenhead men were between him and the goal-posts.")

Maidenhead: C.A. Vardy (Capt.) (Back); J.W. Baker, F. Burnham, W. Bassett, A.S. Brown, R.T. Denne, W. Goulden (Half Back), G.H. Hebbes, W. Nicholls (Half Back), F.W. Nicholson (Goal), C. Prior.

Hitchin: E. Woodgate (Capt.), R.C. Bassett, A. Bailey, H. Bailey (Backs), E. Dawson (Goal), J. Gardner, G. Jackson, W.T. Lucas, J. Taylor, S. Tuke, J. Wilkinson.

Umpire: J.H. Clark (President, Maidenhead Club), officiated for both sides in the absence of any Hitchin umpire..

REIGATE PRIORY, a bye : missing in the draw.

## SECOND ROUND:

Bell's Life 21/11/74 P.5: "Notwithstanding that three of the ties were left for future decision, at a committee meeting of the Football Association, held at Staple Inn on Monday, the second draw was proceeded with as follows:-

Wanderers v Barnes, Clapham Rovers v Pilgrims, Shropshire Wanderers v Civil Service, Oxford University v Windsor Home Park, Woodford Wells v Leyton or Southall, Maidenhead v Reigate Priory, Royal Engineers v Cambridge University or Crystal Palace, Old Etonians or Swifts, a bye

"Amongst other matters decided at the meeting, it was arranged that those "ties" which had been left drawn must be all settled by the 28<sup>th</sup> of November, that play should commence punctually at a quarter to 3 o'clock, and if at the expiration of the usual time, a match still remained undecided, there is to be another half hour's play."

WANDERERS 4(C.W.Alcock 2 ,J.Kenrick,C.H.R.Wollaston) BARNES 0 (Sat Nov 21<sup>st</sup>)(At Kennington Oval)

N.B. Not 5-0 as in Wanderers History as 1 C.W.Alcock goal disallowed(see below)

Sportsman 24/11/74 P.3/Field 28/11/74 P.585/Bell's Life 28/11/74 P.4/Morning Post 23/11/74 P.6/Sporting Life 25/11/74 P.1/Sporting Gazette 28/11/74 P.1118:

SM:"With a praiseworthy determination to lose no time in deciding matters,these two clubs fixed Saturday last as the day for their meeting,though the second ties had only been drawn on the previous Monday.The toss for choice of ground fell to the Wanderers,and they naturally selected their own trysting-place at Kennington Oval.The thick fog that enveloped the south of the Thames made the selection unfortunate ,but still the match took place,though at first there were grave doubts about the practicality of play,and as it was the two goals were invisible from the middle of the ground.The Wanderers,with two exceptions,mustered the same team as that which defeated Farningham, H.W.Beauchamp of the Cambridge eleven of last year,and F.B.Maddison ,of the victorious Oxford eleven of 1873-1874 being substituted for R.Barker and C.J.Chenery.The play needs little description, as Barnes were completely overmatched,and the Wanderers had the game in their own possession throughout.For some little time,despite ceaseless attacks,the Wanderers failed to score,until at last C.W.Alcock broke the spell with the first goal.This he followed up with another;and again after a second change of positions,with a third,the ball in this last case passing under the tape ,though hitting it smartly on its transit.To this goal a protest was entered by the Barnes goal-keeper,despite the assertions of the bystanders,and,as the umpire was not in sight at the time,the Wanderers waived their just claim.After this two more goals fell to the home club,one by J.Kenrick and one by C.H.Wollaston,the latter effecting this just as time was called.The Wanderers therefore won by four goals and one disputed goal to none.The goalkeeper of the victors touched the ball once,but with this one exception their lines were never threatened.Barnes played with less vigour than was expected,while their backs on some occasions injudiciously tried to dribble-a line of policy which might have been very expensive had the ground been dry instead of greasy and slippery."

F:"These were the first two clubs drawn in the second ties,so that there was a fitness in their match being the first on the list.It took place on the Surrey Cricket Ground at Kennington Oval on Saturday last,and,as was expected,resulted in an easy victory for the Wanderers.At the time appointed for the commencement of the game it was doubtful whether play would be practicable,as the fog was so dense that it was impossible to discern anything at the distance of a few yards.Shortly before three o'clock,however,a start was made,and for an hour and a half the game was maintained under circumstances very unfavourable,the greatest difficulty being experienced in tracing the proper road to the respective goals.It was some time before any score was effected,the Barnes goal-keeper maintaining an excellent defence.At last the Wanderers opened their account with a goal from the foot of their captain,C.W.Alcock,after a short run.No long period followed the change of ends before the same player again came to the fore with another goal for his side,and to this he added a third and unmistakeable score at a short interval.The last success though was not acquiesced in by the Barnes goal keeper,and an appeal to the umpire,who was not in sight, induced the Wanderers to resign their claim.Their concession was soon rewarded by another goal, due to J.Kenrick, and just as

play ceased C.H.Wollaston managed to get the ball for the fifth time between the Barnes posts. The victory accordingly remained with the Wanderers by four goals, and one disputed, to none. Barnes played up with little vigour, or they would have made a better fight. Their backs too were hardly so accurate as they should have been, in this matter contrasting most unfavourably with those on the victorious side. For the losers, F.D.Pawle worked hard up, and P.Weston kept goal very well."

BL" ...although it was so dark (dense fog) as to prevent the possibility of seeing either goal more than 20 yards off, the captains resolved to proceed with the game."

"Some little time elapsed, however, before their goal could be captured, when Alcock obtained a couple, following presently with a third, which struck the tape and glanced underneath, but the affair was questioned, and as the umpires were too far off to see, they gave Barnes the benefit of the doubt. After this the Wanderers gained a couple more goals, Kenrick scoring one and Wollaston the other. P.Weston kept goal well for Barnes, but Welch, the custodian of the other side, saw very little of the ball."

SL: "This match, the first of the second ties, was decided on Saturday last, in unfavourable weather a thick fog hanging over the ground, shrouding both players and goal-posts from view, consequently what few spectators there were present could discern but little of the play. The Wanderers won the toss, and Barnes kicked off, the ball passing out of sight. However, it was quickly found, and the Wanderers soon drove their opponents back into their own lines, two goals being scored in quick succession, both kicked by Alcock. After this, the Barnes team played better together, but they were evidently overmatched, the weight, pace, and dribbling powers of the Wanderers being superior, and they were penned during the greater part of the game. Two other goals were scored before no side by Kenrick and Wollaston and the Wanderers won by four goals to nothing. P.Weston kept goal for Barnes very effectively, and Morice and Francis played up well, but, of the Wanderers, all performed well so comment is unnecessary."

Wanderers: C.W.Alcock (Capt.), F.H.Birley and F.T.Green (Half Backs); F.B.Maddison, G.H.H (Hubert) Heron, J.Kenrick, +R.K.Kingsford, H.W.Beauchamp (Half Back), A.H.Stratford (Back), R.de C.Welch (Goal), C.H.R.Wollaston. +Also listed as Captain

Barnes: C.J.Morice (Capt.), A.Adams (Back), F.P.Francis and H.E.Solly (Half Backs), J.H.Vigne, F.D.Pawle, H.A.Hudson, F.C.Clarkson, T.Palmer, V.Weston, +P(ercy) Weston (Goal).

+Not otherwise listed as playing for Barnes

Umpire: A.Stair (Assistant Hon. Sec. Football Association)

CLAPHAM ROVERS 2 (H.S.Bevington, W.Field) PILGRIMS 0 (Sat Dec 5<sup>th</sup>) (At Kennington Oval: 1 of 2 both scheduled to start at 2.30pm)

Sportsman 8/12/74 P.3/Bell's Life 12/12/74 P.5/Field 12/12/74 P.637/Sporting Life 9/12/74 P.1/Morning Post 7/12/74 P.2/Sporting Gazette 12/12/74 P.1167:

SM: "On the same day and on the same ground as the match immediately preceding, these two clubs, drawn in the second ties, met to decide matters. At the outset the Rovers had the

advantage, and only a quarter of an hour had expired when H.S. Bevington secured a goal on their behalf. Then came some hard fighting, but again the Clapham eleven were the more favoured, though it was a long time before Walter Field contrived to score their success. During the rest of the play the Pilgrims strove hard, and at times with great show of superiority, to recover their losses, but still the end came without further result, so the Rovers were left the conquerors by two goals to none."

BL: "Play commenced at 3 o'clock. The Rovers having won the toss placed their goalkeeper at the end of the ground nearest Harleyford-road. It soon appeared that the Rovers were the fastest players, and scarcely a quarter of an hour elapsed before Bevington, greatly assisted by Holden, brought about the downfall of the Pilgrims' goal. After the change of ends the play was more even, and each goal in turn became the scene of strife. Towards 4 o'clock the Rovers headed their adversaries and precisely at the hour Field secured a second goal. From this time the Rovers had it pretty much their own way, the Pilgrims' goal on several occasions undergoing very narrow escapes; but no other score fell to the Rovers, the game ending in their favour by two goals to none."

F: "In less than a quarter of an hour from the commencement of the game H.S. Bevington kicked a goal for the Clapham Rovers, having been greatly assisted by Holden. On change of ends some very fast play ensued, the contest being so equal that three-quarters of an hour's hard work followed before the Clapham Rovers secured a second goal, kicked by W. Field. From this time the Clapham Rovers had decidedly the best of it, and on several occasions the Pilgrims' goal had very narrow escapes, the ball several times passing just over the tape. On time being called, though, nothing else had occurred of a decisive nature, so the Clapham Rovers thus won by two goals to none."

SL: "After about twenty minutes' play Holden got hold of the ball, with which he ran down the ground and then passed to Bevington, who kicked a very clever goal. Upon changing ends the Pilgrims appeared to play better together, and certainly gave more trouble to their opponents, whose backs, however, seemed equal to the demands upon their energies, and, after about another half hour's play, Field scored a second goal for the Rovers. Nothing more was done ere "time" was called and play ceased."

Clapham Rovers; R.A.M.M. Ogilie (Capt.) (Half Back), A.E. Robinson (Back), H.S. Bevington, P.R. St. Quintin, W. Field, A.W. Hurrell, A.J. Stanley, C.E. Leeds, + T.E. Worlledge, G. Holden, (J.) C.E. Kelle (Goal).

+In the papers as J.E. but T.E. in all Ordinary games recorded

Pilgrims: J.W.M. Guy (Capt.) (Back), K.W. Elmslie and W.A. Baker (Half Backs), G.K. Wright (Goal), A. Williams, A.M. Good, M.J. Phelps, T.F. Letchford, T.G. Detmar, C.E. Detmar, E.B. Foley.

Umpire: A. Stair (Upton Park) for both elevens.

SHROPSHIRE WANDERERS 1 (D. Adams) CIVIL SERVICE 1 (L. Heygate) (Mon Dec 14<sup>th</sup>) (At Kennington Oval)

Bell's Life 19/12/74 P.5/Sportsman 15/12/74 P.3/(Not in Field)/Sporting Life 16/12/74 P.4/Sporting Gazette 19/12/74 P.1191:

BL: "Her Majesty's servants won the toss and elected to place their goalkeeper at the end of the ground nearest the gaswork, play commencing at 2:50. At first the ball was carried right into the mouth of the Service goal, but some of the prominent forwards of the Service team soon returned it into neutral territory. Some little time after the Salopians, who were playing very fast, managed to bring the ball down close to the Service goal and Adams kicked it through. Ends were changed, and still for a while the Countrymen kept possession of the Service ground, and one other goal was kicked, but it was not allowed on the plea of offside, in reply to which a free kick accrued to the Civil Servants who, pulling themselves together, managed to confine their opponents to their own territory, and just as time, which had been somewhat extended, was about to be called, Heygate scored a goal for the Service, consequently the game had to be drawn. Umpire B. Randal; Referee W. H. White."

SG: "The Service, however, about a minute before the call of time managed to score a goal, Heygate kicking the ball between the posts for them. The game was thus left drawn."

SM: "This, the last of the second round ties, was played at the Oval yesterday (Monday). The result was a +victory for Shropshire by one goal (H. Wace) to none." +1-1 Draw

SL: "These clubs decided their second tie at Kennington Oval on Wednesday last. The ground was not in the best condition being rather greasy from recent rains. The Civil Service won the toss, and the Wanderers kept the ball in neutral territory for a short time, but after ten minutes' play, H. Wace, after a clever piece of dribbling, made a good shot at the Service goal, which, being missed by the custodian, passed through. After change of ends, the Wanderers drove their opponents instantly back again into their own lines, and after a cry of "hands" the Service were allowed a free kick; nothing, however, came of it and although the Civil Service played up better towards the finish, they were unable to score anything decisive before time was called, when the Shropshire Wanderers were declared the victors by +one goal to nothing. Giffard, Kilpatrick, and Deacon were a tower of strength to the Civil Service; and Edwards, H. Wace, Adams, and Denning played in good form for the Wanderers" +1-1

+Shropshire Wanderers: C. E. Wace (Goal); H. V. Chapman (Back); G. Mason, J. E. de W. Denning (Half Backs); H. Wace, J. G. Wylie, A. T. Ward, J. Hawley Edwards (Capt.), D. Adams, C. F. Edwards.

+No ordinary games to compare

Civil Service: J. H. Giffard (Capt.) (Back), W. Lindsay and W. A. B. Hamilton (Half Backs), G. F. Congreve (Goal and Long Behind), J. Kirkpatrick, E. W. Wylde, H. F. Deacon, +K. Otter, H. C. Houndle, L. Heygate, +F. R. Round.

+Not found in Ordinary games for Civil Service: SG has O. T. Otter.

Umpires: H. S. Otter (late of Oxford University) for Civil Service and B. Randal for Shropshire Wanderers.

Referee: W. H. White.

REPLAY:

SHROPSHIRE WANDERERS walked over CIVIL SERVICE scratched because they could not travel as far as Shrewsbury for the replay: see Bell's Life 26/12/74 P.6/Sportsman 22/12/74 P.3

OXFORD UNIVERSITY walked over WINDSOR HOME PARK scratched

WOODFORD WELLS 3(W.Wild 2,W.Bouch) SOUTHALL 0 (Sat Dec 5<sup>th</sup>)(At Woodford)

Sportsman 9/12/74 P.3/Bell's Life 12/12/74 P.5/Field 12/12/74 P.637/Sporting Life 9/12/74 P.1/Sporting Gazette 12/12/74 P.1167:

SM/BL:"This match,one of the second ties in the above competition,was played at Woodford last Saturday,and resulted in favour of Woodford Wells by three goals to none.Southall kicked off,but the ball was quickly returned,and before ten minutes had elapsed the home team secured the first goal by a good kick from Wild.Owing to the extremely heavy state of the ground anything like brilliant play was out of the question,but Southall worked very hard ,and for some while the play was more even.They were,however,again forced back,and the ball being well-middled by H.Kaye,Bouch kicked it through.After this the Woodford men fell away somewhat in their play,the visitors,on the contrary,making a desperate effort to retrieve their losses,and twice the ball was forced near to the Woodford lines,though the activity of the goal keeper prevented any mishap. This woke the home team up,and they carried the ball well down to their opponents' end , and Wild,seizing an opportunity,obtained the third goal for his side.During the remainder of the afternoon the play was very fast,both sides working hard,but when time was called neither side had been able to alter the state of the match."

F:"These clubs met on Saturday last,on the ground of the former at Woodford,to decide their second tie.Southall kicked off,but the ball was smartly returned,and after about ten minutes' play,Wild placed the first goal to the credit of his side.The game was a little more even on changing ends,but Woodford played well together,and secured two more goals before the call of time,one kicked by (Bouch),and the other by Wild.As Southall failed to gain anything ,Woodford Wells were pronounced victorious by three goals to none."

SL:"Southall,losing the toss,kicked off,but were soon forced back,and their opponents,playing up with much spirit,were enabled,after about ten minutes' play,to score the first goal through the agency of Wild.The change of ends brought no better luck for the visitors,for they again had to act on the defensive and Bouch obtained the second goal after the ball had been well middled by H.E.Kaye. This aroused Southell to renewed exertions ,and for a while the play was carried on in neutral ground,and twice the Woodford lines were endangered by the furious rushes of the opposing forwards ;the home team,however,gradually forced the visitors back,and soon added the third goal to their credit, from a clever kick by Wild."

Woodford Wells:H.E.Kaye(Capt.),W.Ford and F.Kaye(Backs),H.C.Masterman(Goal),W.Bouch,W.Wild, T.B.Powell,T.F.Spreckley,F.Fraser,R.H.Beauchamp,W.T.Sale.

Southall:C.S.Houlder(Capt.),E.B.Hunt and F.West(Backs),S.J.Weston(Goal),E.C.Jackson,R.J.Boyd, A.L.Houlder,T.Newell,J.Fewkes,H.Clarke,W.Baxter.



MAIDENHEAD 2 (F.Burnham 2) REIGATE PRIORY 1 (W.A.Laker)(Sat Dec 5<sup>th</sup>)(At the Queen of England Ground,Hammersmith)(H.T.1-0)

Maidenhead Advertiser 9/12/74 P.3/Sportsman 10/12/74 P.4/Bell's Life 12/12/74 P.5/Berkshire Chronicle 12/12/75 P.8/Field 12/12/74 P.637/Sporting Life 9/12/74 P.1(No teams)/Sporting Gazette 12/12/74 P.1167:

MA:"Curiously enough,our little club has generally proved successful when it has essayed two matches on the same day.This was the case on Saturday last,when one eleven journeyed to Hammersmith to play off the second tie for the Cup against Reigate Priory,whilst a second entertained Reading Hornets on our own ground.In the former contest the play was very fast at times,and was carried on with unflagging spirit throughout;the chief drawback being the too frequent call of "hands".The game was rather in favour of the Reigate men at first,owing to their playing more together than ours,whilst the principal part of the hard work in the centre was done by Mr Wright,who played a good strong game all through.About 25 minutes after the commencement of play there was a chance given,and Prior,who had been very active at the right side,planted the ball well in front of the Reigate goal,and after a little play on the part of Hebbes and a few others, Burnham made a good side kick and shot it through.There was some talk of off side,but the umpire gave it as "legitimate".Soon after the change of ends the Reigate men equalised matters by getting a goal,a very lucky one,as the ball struck the goal post high up and bounded in.At this part of the game the play was pretty equal,but the ball continually found its way into touch,and the call of "hands" was frequent.Just before the expiration of an hour the 2<sup>nd</sup> goal was credited to our team,and,like the first,was kicked by Burnham;and close on the finish of the match a third was managed by F.Nicholson and Hebbes,but not being distinctly seen from the middle of the ground by the umpire,and being considered "off side" by our opponents,in which opinion many of the bystanders concurred,it was not allowed in the score.For Reigate Clutton,Chave,Richardson,Read,and Thomson distinguished themselves,the goal being kicked by W.Laker.Mr Clark was again compelled to fill the thankless post of umpire without any assistance."

SM/BL/BC:"These clubs met in the second ties on Saturday last at the Queen of England Ground , Hammersmith,Maidenhead winning by two goals to one.Reigate having won the toss,the ball was started by Vardy for Maidenhead,and for half an hour the game was fairly level,till Prior making a good run down the side,middled the ball ,and after a sharp scrimmage in front of the Reigate goal,it was kicked through by Burnham.On change of ends Reigate played up hard ,and one of their opponents handling the ball in front of goal,gave them a chance,and Laker cleverly kicked the ball through the posts.Ends were again changed,when Burnham a second time lowered the Reigate fortress.For the remainder of time the Surrey men tried hard to retrieve the game,the Richardsons, Clutton,and Chave especially distinguishing themselves,but the back play of the Berks men,which was much better than their forward,enabled their side to keep the advantage they had gained.The game seemed thoroughly enjoyed by all ,the Reigate men showing the best dribbling form,but they did not play so well together as their opponents,and to that alone we must ascribe their defeat."

F:"Reigate won the toss,and Vardy started for Maidenhead,the game being very level throughout, with hard work by both sides.The Reigate forwards dribbled better than their opponents,but they did not play so well together,thus enabling the Maidenhead backs to stop their attempts at goal. F.Burnham kicked the two goals for Maidenhead,and W.A.Laker that for Reigate.For the winners

F.Wright worked hard forward with Goulden(back),and for Reigate,the brothers Richardson, Clutton, and Craig played well.”

SL:”These clubs,who were drawn together in the second ties,met on Saturday last at Queen’s Grounds,Hammersmith,and the game resulted in a victory for Maidenhead by two goals to one.A third goal was credited to Maidenhead just before time was called but disallowed on the ground of “off-side”.(No lineups)

Maidenhead:C.A.Vardy(Capt.)(Back),W.Goulden,A.Walton(Half Backs),W.Nicholson, F.Wright,G.H.Hebbes,C.Prior,W.J.Baker,F.W.Nicholson(Goal),+H.D.Compson,F.Burnham.

+H.E. in MA but H.D. in all Ordinary games

Reigate Priory:R.W.Clutton(Capt.),C.H.Craig,L.Chave,W.B.Richardson,B.E.Richardson, (W.)W.Reade,W.A.Laker,J.R.H.Thomson,E.C.Hanbury,G.Laker,A.Sargant.

ROYAL ENGINEERS 5 (C.H.Mulholland,H.E.Rawson,P.G.von Donop,W.F.H.Stafford,Own goal)  
CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY 0 (Sat Dec 5<sup>th</sup>)(At Kennington Oval :1 of 2:both scheduled to start at 2.30pm)

Sportsman 8/12/74 P.3/Bells Life 12/12/74 P.5/Field 12/12/74 P.637/Morning Post 7/12/74 P.2/Sporting Life 9/12/74 P.1/Sporting Gazette 12/12/74 P.1167:

SM:”It is certain that Cambridge lost considerably by the absence of two of their backs-A.B.Loder and C.Sharpe-as well as of Roffey,one of their fleetest forwards,but with their best eleven they would not have triumphed,to judge by the superiority of the Engineers in backing up and in energy of forward play.As there were two ties to be played simultaneously on the Oval,this match took place on the ground in front of the pavilion,Hunter,the captain of Cambridge,kicking off from the eastern end against the wind.It was not very long before the Engineers scored,as the weak back play of the University gave them several chances,and only about a quarter of an hour had passed when Lieut.Mulholland drove the ball for the first time between the Cambridge posts.The usual change in positions was productive of little change in the position of the two parties,and after several energetic assaults on the University goal,it again fell to a very brilliant piece of play by Lieut Rawson.Another alteration of ends occurred,but still without any improvement in the aspect of affairs for Cambridge.A free kick to the Engineers soon afterwards enabled Lieut Von Donop,who secured the ball cleverly on the very edge of the goal line,to direct it into the centre of the Cambridge posts,and a desperate rush of the forwards carried it safely through.After this third reverse,the Cambridge forwards played up better ,and Hunter and Sparham had some good runs,as well as more than one good opportunity,though each kick miscarried.Then again the Sappers burst away,and the result was a fourth goal,this time from the foot of Lieut Stafford.Nor was this the last,as about a quarter of an hour before time another loss befel Cambridge,the Engineers remaining the victors in the end by five goals to none.The victors all played well,both backs and forwards,while Sparham and Hunter worked hard up for the University.”

BL:”As the Cantabs had been successful in a game with Oxford on Saturday week a good contest was anticipated ,but it turned out a most one-sided affair,the Engineers winning by five goals to none. It

should be mentioned, however, that owing to the examinations, Cambridge lost their two best back players, Messrs. Loder and Sharpe. Cambridge lost the toss and the ball was started by their captain from the eastern end of the ground against the wind, and very little time elapsed before the Engineers, who it could be readily seen, were much too strong for their opponents, scored a goal, Mulholland giving the kick that passed it through the posts. Ends were changed and still the game proceeded unevenly, Rawson by some capital play making the second goal for the Engineers. Once more the goalkeepers reversed their positions, but without any alteration to the aspect of affairs, and a free kick accruing to the Engineers von Donop chiefly was enabled thereby to add another goal to their list. After this the Cantabs made great exertions; their play became better, and once or twice the Engineers' goal was in danger but the final kick failed. Presently another goal was made by the Engineers, Stafford being credited with its downfall, and within 15 minutes of the call of "time" the Cambridge fortress was once more captured, the ball having been kicked by a Cantab and glancing between the posts off an Engineer. Mr F.H. Birley (of the Wanderers) was umpire for the Engineers Mr E. Field for Cambridge and Mr C.W. Alcock was referee."

F: "The match between these two clubs, drawn together in the second ties, was looked forward to as likely to produce one of the keenest contests in the competition. On Saturday, the 28<sup>th</sup> ult, Cambridge had, without difficulty, defeated Oxford, the present holders of the Cup, and consequently the prospect of witnessing an even match in their meeting with the Engineers drew a large assemblage of spectators to Kennington Oval on Saturday last. Unfortunately Cambridge lost two of their best men, A.B. Loder and C. Sharpe, both backs; while the Engineers were in full force. From the first it was evident that the Cantabs were overmatched, as their forwards were badly organised, and their backs, unused to the positions, were of little use. The Engineers commenced with a stiffish breeze, and it was not very long before, after some good middling by one of the right wings, Lieut Mulholland secured the first goal for the Army. Ends were changed, but the transfer of the wind to the Cantabs proved of little help to them, and not long after their first success, the Engineers had obtained a second goal—thanks to a very clever piece of play by Lieut Rawson. A short time of more even strife followed the second change of ends, until Lieut Von Donop, getting the ball just on the edge of the Cambridge goal line, sent it neatly in front of the posts, and a general rush by the Military forwards again sent it through. Some good runs by Hunter and Sparham then for a time removed the play into the lines of the Engineers, but several likely chances were missed, and the ball again passing into the University quarters, was driven up by Lieut Stafford, and not relinquished until another goal had fallen to his side. This, too, was again followed by a fifth and last for the Engineers; and though the Cantabs worked well together until the last quarter of an hour, the Engineer backs were equal to every emergency, the match thus ending in an easy victory for the Engineers by five goals to none. The play of the winners was perfect at every point, Lieut Onslow showing very prominently as half back. Sparham made several good runs for Cambridge, but the forwards generally were overweighted."

SL: "The Cambridge eleven was weakened by the absence of two of their best men A.B. Loder and C. Sharpe, but though the presence of these two might have lessened their heavy defeat, it could not in our opinion, have affected the actual result." +SG: "(backs) and Roffey (forward)"

Royal Engineers: Major W. Merriman (Capt.) (Goal); Lieut. T. Digby (Three Quarter Back); Lieuts. G.H. Sim and G.C.P. Onslow (Half Backs); P.G. von Donop, W.F.H. Stafford, A.L. Mein, C.V. Wingfield-Stratford, C(T.) Barker, H.E. Rawson, +C.H. Mulholland.

+Initials not found

Cambridge University:D.R.Hunter(Capt.),S.Roberts,H.H.W.Sparham,J.Hughes,J.Brockbank,  
E.J.D.Simpson(Back),G.A.Duff and ++T.E.Raven(Half Backs);+C.C.Ellis,W.S.Harris(Goal),  
H.T.Luddington.

+Royal Engineers?Not listed for CU ++Not J.E.Raven

Umpires:F.H.Birley(Wanderers) for Royal Engineers and for Cambridge :Edgar Field(Clapham Rovers)  
for Cambridge University. Referee:C.W.Alcock(Wanderers).

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THIRD ROUND:

Bell's Life 19/12/74 P.5:

"At a committee meeting of the Association held on Wednesday evening,the draw for the third ties  
took place as given below,and they will have to be settled by Jan. 31,1875:Woodford Wells v  
Shropshire Wanderers or Civil Service,Wanderers v Oxford University,Old Etonians v  
Maidenhead,Royal Engineers v Clapham Rovers

SHROPSHIRE WANDERERS 1(W.R.Fletcher) WOODFORD WELLS 1 (T.B.Powell) (Sat Jan 23<sup>rd</sup>)(At  
Kennington Oval:1 of 2 :Started "soon after 3 o'clock")

Bell's Life 30/1/75 P.5/York Herald 25/1/75 P.8/Sportsman 26/1/75 P.3(No teams)/Field 30/1/75  
P.107/Sporting Life 27/1/75 P.1(No teams):

SM:"At about quarter past three o'clock this match commenced.The play on both sides was fast and  
spirited,although an agreeable contrast to the play in the preceding game.The two elevens were  
fairly matched at the outset,as Woodford were fast,and worked well together,while Shropshire  
played hard forward and showed some good form back.A misunderstanding between the Shropshire  
backs at last gave Woodford an opportunity,and the result was a goal for Woodford,neatly got by  
T.Powell.Some brilliant forward play then followed,H.Wace with J.H.Edwards and Denning making  
some very good runs.As the game progressed the Shropshire eleven improved,but still Woodford  
kept them off until at length Fletcher made matters even with a goal for the Wanderers.During the  
short time that remained Shropshire had the best of the play,but all their efforts were unavailing,  
and no further goal fell to either party.By mutual consent it was agreed to play another quarter of an  
hour with a view,if possible,to decide matters,but even this extension failed to produce any definite  
result,and so the result of the tie must remain in abeyance."

BL:"The ball was set in motion soon after 3 o'clock ;the Shropshire team,having won the toss,  
selected the western end.For the first half hour there was little to choose,play being most even ;but  
shortly the Woodford men began to press their adversaries ,and on several occasions the goal was in

danger. Powell, at last, by a well directed shot, sending the ball between the posts. Ends were changed, and the Wanderers, who had a considerable advantage in weight, made the most strenuous efforts to equalise matters, and the warfare was carried on with great energy, the play being especially fast, despite the greasy nature of the turf. As a natural consequence, heavy falls were frequent on both sides, but it was not until a quarter past 4 o'clock that the northerners were able to secure a goal out of a scrimmage close in front of the Woodford fortress. During the remainder of the time both did all in their power to secure another goal but to no purpose. When the time arrived for discontinuing play the game remained on even terms. After a long discussion it was decided to continue play for half an hour longer, but no other goal resulting, the match was drawn, and they will have to play another day, which was not decided upon."

F: "The Shropshire eleven worked very hard, but although favoured with the wind, made little impression, Woodford having a light and fast team, with forwards all on the ball and well together. For some time the game was very even, but at last T. Powell, turning to account a momentary hesitation on the part of one of the Shropshire backs, gained a neat goal for Woodford. For a short period after the change of ends Woodford still held their own, but they hardly looked like lasting so much as their opponents, who seemed in excellent condition, and played a hard and vigorous forward game throughout. Once or twice H. Wall got past all the Woodford backs to no purpose, but at last a good run by the Shropshire forwards in concert, enabled Fletcher to secure the downfall of the Woodford goal. During the rest of the game, the Wanderers had the best of the play, but they were not favoured with luck, and time was called with one goal to each side. After some consultation it was agreed to continue the game for one quarter of an hour, in the hope of something decisive for one or the other. Still, though the Wanderers outstaged their opponents, the result was the same, and as no further score was made the match had to be drawn. The best form on either side was shown by H. Wall, who not only played up hard but dribbled skilfully and with great judgment." (No lineups)

+Shropshire Wanderers: J. Hawley-Edwards, jun. (Capt.), L. L. Kenrick (Back), H. V. Chapman, A. T. Ward (Half Backs), H. Wace, C. E. Wace (Goal), G. F. Thomson, D. Adams, J. E. de W. Denning, B. V. Randel, W. R. Fletcher.

+Not listed in Other games so names not cross referred

Randall, R. V. Randel or B. V. Randel?

Woodford Wells: W. R. Spreckley (Capt.), W. Ford (Back) F. Kaye, W. Bouch (Half Backs), W. T. Sale, H. C. Masterman (Goal), T. B. Powell, T. F. Spreckley, W. Wild, F. Fraser, R. H. Beauchamp.

Umpires: T. Green (Wanderers) for Shropshire Wanderers and A. Stair (Upton Park) for Woodford Wells. Referee: C. W. Alcock.

REPLAY: Sat Feb 6<sup>th</sup>: At Kennington Oval:

SHROPSHIRE WANDERERS 2 (B. V. Randel, F. Fraser, o.g.) WOODFORD WELLS 0 (After Extra Time)

N. B Sportsman 6/2/75 P. 6: "Should neither side be victorious at the end of an hour and a half, the game will be continued until five o'clock, if necessary."

Sportsman 9/2/75 P. 4/Bell's Life 13/2/75 P. 5/Field 13/2/75 P. 159/Sporting Life 10/2/75 P. 1:

SM: "The decision of this match at the Oval on Saturday last brought the third ties to a finish. A fortnight before the two clubs had played for an hour and three-quarters without a victory, but on this occasion the Shropshire eleven showed better form than in the first meeting, and Woodford had the worst of the game throughout. Soon after three o'clock the ball was kicked off on behalf of Woodford, the Wanderers occupying the western end. For a short time the play was vigorous on both sides, despite the greasy condition of the ground, the Wanderers showing a decided propensity for charging on the slightest provocation. At first the play was not uneven, but at last a lucky chance fell to the countrymen, as Randall, coming away fast along the upper side, and on the verge of the off-side limits, landed the ball at the second attempt in the Woodford goal after having sent it at the first shot hard against one of the posts. On the change of goals the Shropshire forwards made a vigorous rush into Woodford quarters, and the latter were once again the victims of misfortune, as Frazer, baulking one of the backs in his kick, unluckily gave another goal to Shropshire after a short interval. After a further alteration of positions the game became very animated, W. Bouch, Frazer, Powell, and Sale making some good runs for Woodford, and on several occasions taxing very severely the powers of the Wanderers' goal-keeper, once even all but overpowering his resistance. During the latter part of the match Woodford fell off considerably in their exertions, and the last few minutes showed them closely penned, H. Wace and J. H. Edwards working strenuously to increase the successes of Shropshire. More than once they seemed certain to score, but time arrived without other incident, and victory accordingly rested with the Wanderers by two goals to none. Their triumph, too, was well deserved, as they played a hard, dashing, and unselfish game up from first to last, while their backs were not only resolute, but quick and sure of their kick. Woodford were hardly in form back, while their forwards would have done better if they had adhered more strictly to their places during the game."

BL: "Play began a little after 3 o'clock when, in about ten minutes (Randall) kicked a goal for Shropshire, and after ends were changed both sides worked with great energy, but the greasy state of the turf caused many to fall, and prevented good dribbling. Neither side appeared to get much advantage, and the game was carried on with great energy for fully half an hour longer, when the Woodford team were unfortunate, one of their players passing the ball between his own goal posts. From now until nearly the call of time play continued very evenly, but towards the finish the Shropshire Wanderers pressed the Woodford team very much, and the match ended in favour of the Northern team by two goals to none."

F: "The Shropshire Wanderers, who play a vigorous and charging game, worked together better forward than before; while the Woodford backs were not only unreliable in time of danger, but with a few exceptions, their forwards seemed to lack their former energy, and certainly did not play as well as their opponents. At first the play was full of vigour on both sides, and it was some little time before a score was made. Luck befell the Wanderers at length, as Randall, who was just on side, got away along the upper touch line, and, after making a bad shot that drove the ball against one of the posts and back into play, succeeded in securing a rather lucky goal for Shropshire. Soon after the change of ends the Wanderers made a desperate rush into Woodford quarters, and one of the defending side, injudiciously getting in the way of one of his own backs, was unlucky enough to present Shropshire with their second goal. The rest of the game did not produce any further incident to establish a score. On several occasions Woodford got into Shropshire's territory, and twice ought to have made a goal, having two good chances of a safe kick. On their behalf, Fraser, Sale, and Powell made a good run every now and then, while for Shropshire, Edwards, Wace, and Denning, were untiring ups. During the last quarter of an hour, the Wanderers quite overpowered their opponents ;

but they were not able to add to their previous successes, although their victory was complete at the finish by two goals to none. The winners are a hard-working team, and are not unlikely to render a still better account of themselves in the remaining ties."

SL: "From the close and severe struggle that ensued between these teams on the occasion of their first meeting on the 30<sup>th</sup> ult., when the game ended in a tie, each side scoring a goal, an interesting encounter was anticipated last Saturday, when they again met at Kennington Oval. The Salopians this time turned up in splendid condition, and took a strong lead at starting, completely pressing their opponents, and after one unsuccessful shot, Randall sent the ball clean through the posts, while soon after the change of ends the Shropshire forwards carried the ball close up to their opponents' goal, where Fraser in baulking a kick, unluckily gave them another goal. After these reverses, the Woodford Wells men tried hard to score, and Fraser, Powell, and Bouch made some good runs, but the fine back-play of Edwards and Ward prevented any serious results, and the Salopians continued to have the best of the struggle to the end, ultimately being declared the victors by two goals to nothing."

+Shropshire Wanderers: J.H. Edwards (Capt.), A.E. Edgerley (Back), G. Mason, A.T. Ward (Half Backs); H. Chapman, J.E. de W. Denning, H. Wace, E. Badderley, B.V. Randel, D. Adams, C.E. Wace (Goal)

+Not listed in other games (SM/F/SL have Randall)

Woodford Wells: T.F. Spreckley (Capt.), W. Ford (Back), F. Kaye, J. Poole (Half Backs), H.C. Masterman (Goal), T.B. Powell, W. Bouch, F. Fraser, W. Thomson, W. Wild, W.T. Sale.

Umpires: A.H. Stratford (Wanderers) for Shropshire Wanderers and W. Spreckley (Woodford Wells). Referee: C.W. Alcock (Wanderers).

OXFORD UNIVERSITY 2 (F.D. Simpson, H.S. Otter) WANDERERS 1 (F.H. Birley) (Sat Jan 30<sup>th</sup>) (At Kennington Oval: 1<sup>st</sup> of 2: Started 1.15pm)

N.B. Wanderers goal also put down as W.S. Rawson own goal: see SM/F reports below.

Sportsman 2/2/75 P.3/Bell's Life 6/2/75 P.5/Field 6/2/75 P.185/London Daily News 1/2/75 P.3/Sporting Life 3/2/75 P4:

SM: "On Saturday last one of the third ties took place at Kennington Oval. As it was necessary to have two matches in the same afternoon, it was arranged that these two clubs should meet first, and accordingly the fixture was made for one o'clock, to allow time for the Royal Engineers and Clapham Rovers to try conclusions afterwards. The Wanderers, who had played brilliantly throughout the season, were considered certain victors, but they played much below their form, and suffered defeat by two goals to one. About a quarter after one o'clock the Oxford captain kicked off, the Wanderers having, at the last moment, owing to an accident, to find a substitute for one of their most useful men, A.H. Stratford. As usual the Wanderers got to work slowly, and Oxford greatly surprised the spectators by scoring two goals in succession—the first, a lucky one, by F.D. Simpson, the second from a good shot by H.S. Otter, though the goalkeeper ought to have saved it. After this second reverse the Wanderers played up better, and it was not long before W.S. Rawson, in attempting to spoil a free kick

to the Wanderers, unluckily gave them a goal, the ball glancing off his head. Shortly after the change of goals consequent on this third score, Hubert Heron again put the ball between the Oxford posts, but he was voted to have been "off side" and nothing resulted. From this point until the end the play was slightly in favour of the Wanderers, who during the game were hardly pressed. Still luck was all against them, and, though once or twice they got the ball into the very front of the Oxford goal, it was always safely removed. The Oxford Eleven, though they showed no brilliancy of individual play forward, worked hard and well together, while their opponents showed badly one and all, Kingsford being utterly disabled early in the game, and Birley much hurt. For Oxford Otter played well forward, and Bridges and Rawson (backs) never missed a kick."

BL: "....play began at 1:15, the Wanderers winning the toss, and taking the western end, and Bridges kicked off. After playing ten minutes the attack was commenced by Oxford, and the ball was stopped by Birley, who received a slight injury, and Simpson kicked a goal for Oxford. Ends were changed, and a fine attack was made by Oxford, and Otter gained another goal at 1:30. Soon after the Wanderers charged and Heron kicked through (offside). At 1:54 the Wanderers made an attack, and "hands" were called. Birley had the kick and it glanced through off the head of an Oxford man. Some time after Kenrick got a free kick (not allowed). Nothing else particular occurred but after some dashing play Oxford won by two goals to one. The Oxonians played very well throughout but the Wanderers were very much out of form, and Birley and Kingsford were injured during the game."

F: "The meeting between these old opponents in the third ties was more than usually interesting, as, while Oxford at present held the cup, their adversaries won it the preceding two years, and hence the Oval was well attended on Saturday afternoon last, even at so early an hour as one o'clock. It was necessary that this tie be decided at this unusual time, as the game had to be concluded by three o'clock in order to allow room for another tie between Royal Engineers and Clapham Rovers. The Wanderers had shown such brilliant form during the season, that Oxford were voted to have no chance; but the result was contrary to such expectations. Oxford took advantage of the laxity of play shown by the Wanderers, and, added to the indecision of the opposing back and goal keeper, scored two goals in quick succession, the first by E.J. Simpson, the second from a good shot by H.S. Otter. After this the Wanderers steadily improved in their play, and during the last hour had decidedly the best of the game. Several times they seemed to have the Oxford goal entirely at their mercy, but they were in no way assisted by luck; and on each occasion when a score seemed certain, the ball was removed into the middle of the ground. Once, from a free kick by Birley, the Oxford back interposed his head, and the result was a goal for the Wanderers; and again Hubert Heron drove the ball between the Oxford posts, but he was properly given as off-side, and no goal was allowed. A good rush by the Oxford forwards towards the end seriously endangered the Wanderers' line, but generally during the latter part the game was all in favour of the Wanderers. Still, time arrived with only one goal to their account, and Oxford accordingly won by two goals to one. The victors were a hard-working eleven, but they were certainly fortunate on this occasion. The Wanderers suffered severely by the absence of their regular back, A.H. Stratford, and besides, were under the disadvantage of having another cripple in R.K. Kingsford, who was completely disabled at the commencement. For Oxford, W.S. Rawson played back excellently, and J.H. Bridges kicked well, while Hampson was an effective goalkeeper."

SL: "At a quarter past one o'clock, Bridges, having lost the toss, kicked off for the University. Kenrick made a good run down for the Wanderers, but the ball was taken away from him ere he reached the



goal, and the ball being taken rapidly back again, it was not long ere Simpson scored the first goal for Oxford, Birley, in attempting to stop the attack, receiving a bad kick in the groin, and being for a time incapacitated from active play. A free kick was the next event of importance, claimed by the Wanderers from an infringement of the handling rule (No 8), and Birley assayed it, but failed to score a goal. The next success was once more gained by the Oxonians, and a second goal was secured by Otter, after some capital dribbling on the part of the old Westminster School captain. Once more the Oxford men pressed their opponents hard, and Bain nearly secured a third goal, but the ball passed just outside the posts. Now ensued a change in the state of affairs, and the Wanderers assumed the offensive, until at last Heron kicked a goal, but as he was evidently "sneaking", or, as it is called "off-side", at the time, it was at once disallowed by the umpires. Again, on resuming play, the Wanderers assumed the offensive, and charging in a body down the centre of the ground, were within a short distance of the University goal, when "hands" were again called, and Birley from the free kick, scored a goal, the ball bounding off the head of one of the Oxonians. From now until the call of "time" nothing more was scored on either side, though Kenrick, from a free kick, sent the ball again under the tape, but the goal was disallowed, as the ball had not touched anyone in its passage. Thus Oxford won by two goals to one."

Oxford University: J.H. Bridges (Capt.), W.S. Rawson and F.S. Hewson (Backs), J.(G.) Bain, P.H. Fernandez, R. Fort, H.S. Otter, E.H. Parry, F.D. Simpson, +J.S.M. Walker, T.A.C. Hampson (Goal).

+Not found in other games

Wanderers: C.W. Alcock (Capt.); F.B. Maddison and R.K. Kingsford (Centres), R. Barker and J. Kenrick (Lower Side/Right Sides), G. Hubert Heron and C.H.R. Wollaston (Upper Side/Left Sides), F.H. Birley and F.T. Green (Half Backs), W.T. Toynbee (Back), R de C. Welch (Goal).

Umpires: C.J. Chenery (Crystal Palace) for Wanderers and G.C. Walker (Oxford University) for Oxford.  
Referee: Mr J. Kirkpatrick (Civil Service): he did both matches this day: see also match below.

OLD ETONIANS 1 ("bully after a free kick") MAIDENHEAD 0 (Sat Jan 23<sup>rd</sup>) (At Kennington Oval: 1 of 2: Started 1.30 pm) (H.T. 1-0)

Sportsman 26/1/75 P.3/Bell's Life 30/1/75 P.5/Field 30/1/75 P.107/Sporting Life 27/1/75 P.1/Windsor & Eton Express 30/1/75 P.4/York Herald 25/1/75 P.8/Maidenhead Advertiser 27/1/75 P.3:

N.B. The BL and YH reports and lineups are almost identical.

SM: "At half past one o'clock these clubs commenced play, the Old Etonians being regarded as sure to obtain a hollow victory. The play throughout was slack, and that the Etonians were apparently out of all form was evidenced by the fact that Maidenhead, though imperfectly represented, held them towards the finish. At first the Etonians, with the wind, penned their adversaries, and it was not very long before the goal-keeper, in saving his goal, hit the ball out of harm's way. An appeal of "foul" was made to the umpires, and they both, illegally as we claim, gave a free kick to the Old Etonians, enabling them to force the ball through the Maidenhead goal without difficulty. The remainder of the game was not interesting. Eton obtained another goal through the foot of A.G. Bonsor, but Maidenhead

claimed a previous infringement of the handling rule, and Eton waived their claim. Nothing more fell to either side, so that victory remained with the Etonians by one goal to none. We understand that the Maidenhead Club contemplate a protest to the committee of the Football Association, but on what ground remains to be seen. The decision of the umpires is final, and the committee can have no right to jurisdiction in the matter."

BL: "Play began at half past 1 o'clock, Eton winning the toss and selecting the western goal, which gave them the advantage of a stiff breeze from the north west. Hostilities had hardly commenced, when the Etonians worked the ball down into the mouth of the Maidenhead goal, and in about five minutes Eton claimed a goal, as the Maidenhead goalkeeper handled the ball. The Umpires then allowed the Etonians a free kick, and by this means they were able to pass the ball between the posts. We believe that the matter has been referred to the committee, but there is no appeal against the Umpires' decision."

F: "As two cup contests had to be played on the same ground on the same afternoon, it was arranged that the clubs here mentioned should begin at the early hour of one o'clock, so as to allow time for the decision of the other fixture between Shropshire Wanderers and Woodford Wells. Neither side was fully represented, as the Etonians played without Benson and Ottaway, while Maidenhead had certainly a weak team. It was generally thought that the Etonians would have a very easy task, and speculations were hazarded respecting the number of goals they were likely to obtain. They gained a decided advantage too at the outset, as the toss gave them the help of a strong wind blowing straight down the ground. By this means they were able to pen their opponents, though they played loosely, and allowed more than one good chance of a shot at goal to escape. Some little time elapsed before anything of note occurred, the Maidenhead forwards showing no great energy or skill in dribbling. At last the Maidenhead goal keeper, being hard pressed, hit the ball away, and so saved his goal; but a claim of foul was raised by the Etonians, and both umpires awarded a free kick, the consequent bully producing the fall of the Maidenhead goal. Ends were changed, and the game proceeded, the play all round being surprisingly tame, and the runs on either side void of brilliance. For some time the Maidenhead eleven held their own, but at last the Etonians forced their way through, and A.G. Bonsor placed the second goal to the credit of his side. Here too, an objection was raised on the ground of handling by one of the Etonians, and their captain relinquished his claim. The latter part of the game was no more spirited than the first. Occasionally Baker and Mitford made a run for Maidenhead, and A.G. Bonsor and J.H. Stronge for Eton, but nothing decisive occurred, and time was called with victory to the Etonians by one goal to none. Maidenhead, impugning the umpire's decision in the case of the first Etonian success, have lodged a protest with the committee of the Association, so that it would perhaps be unfair to offer an opinion on the case at present."

SL: "At starting, both teams played up vigorously, but the Etonians, favoured with the wind, penned their opponents at times. After change of ends, however, the struggle became more even, each in turn holding a slight advantage, and the Etonians succeeded in kicking a goal after a free kick. Another goal was scored, but a cry of "hands" was raised and again, like the former one, it was disputed by the Maidenhead men on the ground of the infringement of Rule VIII. The matter will doubtless have to be referred to the Association Committee. Nothing further was scored by either side until time was called."

W&E: "Walton also kept goal for a time." "Play began at about half-past one, the Maidenhead players kicking off from the Gasworks end with the wind against them. Within a few minutes the Etonians took the ball down the ground, and made a brilliant attack upon their opponents' goal. Nicholson averted this by stopping the ball and throwing it back into play. In doing so the Etonians alleged that he infringed the rule as to handling the ball, which they contended did not allow him to throw it into play. The rule, by the way, states that the goal keeper, who is the only person privileged to handle the ball, may "use his hands in defence of his goal", and by the majority of spectators the objection was evidently considered frivolous. The umpires, however, both supported the Etonians, and the referee was, of course, not appealed to. A kick at goal was allowed, and out of the scrimmage which ensued a goal was obtained. The remainder of the game was very finely contested, Lubbock being especially conspicuous, and at the call of time the Etonians claimed a victory by one goal to love. The Maidenhead players, however, objected to this, and the matter will, we believe, be decided by the committee of the Football Association, who have the power in cup ties to reverse the umpires' decision."

MA: "It frequently happens that when our club wishes to turn out extra strong on any particular occasion, and has arranged a good team, two or three fall out at the last moment; this was the case on Saturday last, for not only had Mitford deserted us, and gone over to play for another club, but at the eleventh hour substitutes had to be found for Price and Wright; in fact the team appeared at the Oval only ten strong, but luckily Mr Nicholson, who is always ready for an emergency, happened to be there, and so kindly made the eleventh man; and a right good one he proved, doing a deal of hard work at the left side, and calling forth repeated applause from those looking on. Play was set to commence at one o'clock, but owing to the late arrival of two or three Old Etonians, the ball was not kicked off by Vardy, who had lost the toss, till nearly half-past. A stiff breeze was against the Maidenhead men, the ground was slippery, and their opponents soon knocked up their quarters and put F. Nicholson at goal on the qui vive, but he was equal to the call and stuck well to his post(s), till shortly a general rush of the enemy brought the ball straight at him, and as they all followed close on to the ball he had only time to ease it on one side with his hands, and so save the goal. This is an every day occurrence, and was thought nothing of, but a cry of "hands" being raised by the Etonians, and an objection being made to his right of throwing the ball, a free kick was accorded by the umpires, and after a general scrimmage, the weight of course brought the ball through; but a strong protest was made, and the majority of the spectators agreed in the illegality of the umpires' decision. On changing ends the Maidenhead team played better together, and began to find their opponents were not up to their usual form, thereby enabling them to make a better fight of it, though, of course, weight would tell, and it was useless trying to pass the two best backs in England; so that after some sharp fighting on both sides a second goal was kicked for Eton by Bonsor, but was disallowed on account of "hands". From this time up to the end of time nothing more was done on either side; the last quarter of an hour or twenty minutes finding the Maidenhead men with their second wind and having decidedly the best of it. Play was slow throughout on both sides, the hardest work for our team being at the sides, where Baker, Prior, and W. Nicholson were continually kept on the move, while Vardy and Nicholls did good service at back, the whole team, of course, playing under great disadvantage in not knowing the ground. A formal protest has been lodged at head quarters, and will be heard before the committee next week."

Old Etonians: Hon. A. F. Kinnaird (Capt.), Edgar Lubbock and A. C. Meysey-Thompson (Half Backs); F. H. Wilson (Back); C. E. Farmer (Goal), + H. J. Preston, A. G. Bonsor, + H. W. Bonsor, J. H. Stronge, ++ R. Philpot, F. J. Patton . + Not found elsewhere ++ Gitanos

Maidenhead: C. A. Vardy (Capt.) (Back), W. Goulden and W. Nicholls (Half Backs), C. Prior, G. H. Hebbes, W. Nicholson, F. Burnham, J. W. Baker, A. G. Brown, F. Nicholson and + A. Walton (in turn goalkeepers)

Umpires: J. R. Dasent (Gitanos) for the Etonians and A. Stair (Upton Park) for Maidenhead.  
Referee: C. W. Alcock (Wanderers).

Sportsman 3/2/75 P.4: "The committee decided that they had no jurisdiction affecting the decision given by umpires in the recent tie between the Old Etonians and Maidenhead Club, and consequently, the award to the former club remained unaltered."

ROYAL ENGINEERS 3 (A. L. Mein, W. F. H. Stafford, H. E., Rawson) CLAPHAM ROVERS 2 (H. S. Bevington, "bully") (Sat Jan 30<sup>th</sup>) (At Kennington Oval: 2<sup>nd</sup> of 2: Started at 2.55pm)

N.B. 2<sup>nd</sup> Clapham goal also described as scored "in a rush".

Sportsman 2/2/75 P.3/Bell's Life 6/2/75 P.5/Field 6/2/75 P.185/Sporting Life 3/2/74 P.4:

SM: "Soon after three o'clock all was in readiness for the second meeting. The Engineers were greatly fancied, and justly, from their performances, but the Rovers played up with such pluck that the issue was in doubt until the finish. The Clapham forwards settled down at once, and not many minutes had passed before they scored a goal, the ball being passed through by H. S. Bevington. The change of goals produced play still more spirited than before, R. S. Geaves playing well for the Rovers. At length the Engineers broke through the opposition presented to their attacks, and Lieut Mein equalised the score with a first goal to their account. Meanwhile both had shown really brilliant form, and before long a very fine run by Von Donop, ending in a clever middle to Stafford, enabled the Engineers to make another goal, this piece of play being the best shown during the afternoon. With one goal to the good the Engineers seemed to have the game in their own hands, but the Rovers were undismayed, and their forwards never slackened their efforts. Shortly matters took a new turn altogether, as in a body the Clapham forwards rushed the ball up through the Engineer defences, and a thoroughly well-earned goal was the result of an admirable exhibiton of backing up. The remainder of the game was stiffly contested, R. A. Ogilvie making more than one effective run for Clapham. A third goal for the Engineers was obtained, though, before the end, and the Rovers, despite a determined resistance, had to endure defeat by three goals to two. The victors suffered materially by the absence of G. Onslow, their full back. For the Rovers, R. H. Birkett played back in excellent style throughout, as did A. Ogilvie, H. S. Bevington, and R. S. Geaves."

BL: "At 2.55 these teams followed in the same ties, and the Rovers having won the toss, the Engineers kicked off from the gasometer end, the play throughout being very fast on both sides. Twenty minutes after, the Rovers making a fine attack, Bevington won a goal. Ends were changed, and a fine charge by the Engineers resulted in Mein sending the ball through. At a quarter to 4 von Donop made a capital run down, middled the ball to Stafford, who passed it under. Exactly one hour after commencing the Rovers made a brilliant attack, and out of a fierce "bully" the Rovers gained a

goal.Four minutes had scarce elapsed when the ball was kicked out by the Claphamites,and,being thrown in,Rawson gained a goal for his side;therefore the Engineers won by three goals to two.Messrs. A.Stair(Upton Park) and C.C.Tayloe(Clapham Rovers) were umpires and Mr J.Kirkpatrick(Civil Service) referee.”

F:”The Rovers began with the sun at their backs,and it was not very long before their forwards forced their way through the Sapper backs,and obtained a goal through the direct instrumentality of H.S.Bevington.The change of ends brought more fortune to the Engineers,as, after some very hard work on both sides,the score was again equalised,thanks to Mein,who placed a goal to the credit of the soldiers.Another alteration of positions followed,and still fortune favoured the Engineers,as after a very neat run along the lower side,Von Donop cleverly planted the ball in front of the Clapham posts,and Stafford had little difficulty in eluding the goal-keeper.Undeterred by this second reverse, the Rovers played up with great determination,and some fine play was shown on their behalf by R.L.Geaves and H.S.Bevington up ,as well as by R.H.Birkett(back).Slowly,amid great excitement,the Clapham forwards drove the ball up from the middle of the ground,and heedless of opposition, carried the ball in a mass between the Engineers’ posts,securing a second goal by one of the best pieces of combined play seen for some time.With two goals to each side there seemed some chance of a draw,but the Engineers were able to realise a third before the close,and so the Rovers were defeated,after a very spirited contest,by three goals to two.The defeated eleven played well individually and collectively without anything like selfishness.The Engineers were hardly as strong as usual back,but the absence of their usual half back,G.Onslow,will to some extent account for their weakness in this respect.”

SL:”....the actual first success achieved fell to the Rovers ,for whom Bevington kicked a goal.It was not long ,however,ere Mein equalised matters by kicking a goal for the Engineers,and this was quickly followed by a second scored by Stafford.The next success fell to the Rovers ,who equalised matters,when Geaves brought down the ball,by scoring a second goal out of a general bully in front of the Engineers’ posts.The last goal of the day was,however,destined to add one more leaf to the laurel-crown earned,not only this season,but also the previous one,by the Engineers,and to place a third goal to their credit through the aid of Rawson.Thus the Engineers won by three goals to two.”

Royal Engineers:Major W.Merriman(Capt.)(Goal),Lieut.G.H.Sim(Three-Quarter Back), Lieut.R.M.Ruck,Lieut.+(J.C.)Magregor(Half Backs),Lieut.P.G.von Donop,Lieut.W.F.H.Stafford(Right Wing), A.L.Mein,C.V.Wingfield-Stratford(Left Wing),H.E.Rawson, +C.H.Mulholland, R.V.Phillpotts(Centres). +To be confirmed

(BL /F /SL have F.W.Rawson for H.E.Rawson)(SL has T.Digby for C.H.Mulholland)

Clapham Rovers:R.H.Birkett(Capt.),A.E.Robinson(Back),R.A.M.M.Ogilvie(Half Back),A.J.Stanley(Goal), R.L.Geaves,H.S.Bevington,W.S.Buchanan,+E.Mitford,W.Field,C.E.Leeds,P.R.St Quintin.

+Not traced in other Ordinary games CR Lineup

Umpires:A.Stair (Upton Park) for Royal Engineers and C.C.Tayloe(Clapham Rovers) for Clapham Rovers.Referee:J.Kirkpatrick(Civil Service).

#### FOURTH ROUND(SEMI-FINALS)

Field 6/2/75 P.185:"The fourth ties were drawn on Monday last,the Old Etonians against the Shropshire Wanderers or Woodford Wells,the Royal Engineers against Oxford University.The undecided match in the third ties between Shropshire Wanderers and Woodford Wells will be played off at Kennington Oval this afternoon,commencing at three o'clock."

OLD ETONIANS 1(A.G.Bonsor) SHROPSHIRE WANDERERS 0 (Sat Feb 27<sup>th</sup>)(At Kennington Oval :1<sup>st</sup> of 2:at 1.30pm)

Sportsman 2/3/75 P.3/Field 6/3/75 P.240/Bell's Life 6/3/75 P.5/Morning Post 1/3/75 P.2/Sporting Life 3/3/75 P.4:

SM:"These were the first clubs to compete,the Old Etonians winning the toss,and electing to commence with a very strong wind blowing straight down the ground behind them.Eton,with Bonsor,Benson,Kinnaird,and Patton,soon commenced to press their opponents,and despite some brilliant runs by Wace and Edwards in the centre,the Shrewsbury lines were seriously threatened.For half an hour the Wanderers held out,but at length Farmer brought the ball along into the neighbourhood of the Shropshire goal ,and a sure kick by Bonsor sent it safely between the posts. The change of ends transferred the wind to Shropshire,but still Eton held the advantage,and a free kick for running by the Shrewsbury goal-keeper was only averted by the desperate play of the Shropshire forwards.Some excellent dribbling and passing on marked the play of the Shrewsbury eleven,and once they also got a free kick straight in front of the Eton posts,but a timely kick by Bonsor relieved Eton of their difficulty.After this some excellent play was shown by Fletcher for the Wanderers,and Benson for Eton,each making some fine runs along the lower side of the ground.No further score though was attained,and at the end of an hour and a half the Etonians were left the victors by one goal to none.For the victors Thompson's back play was brilliant throughout,and Benson throughout showed prominently."

BL:"The match.....commenced at 1.30 ,the Old Etonians,who had won the toss,taking the goal nearest the gasometers,with a strong breeze in their favour.With this advantage,and the fine play of some of the Eton forwards,the Wanderers were at once hardly pressed,but playing with great spirit,they withstood the attacks for upwards of half an hour,at which time Farmer brought the ball down to the Shropshire goal ,and Bonsor was successful in passing it between the posts."

F:"This was the first of the two matches played at Kennington Oval on Saturday last,and,as the winners would form the contestants in the final,considerable interest was attached to this double meeting.At half-past one o'clock the ball was kicked off by the Shropshire captain,the Etonians,on winning the toss,gaining the help of a strong wind straight down the line of play.At first the Shropshire backs were a little erratic,and it seemed as if the Eton forwards would score at a very early period of the game.Some good runs were made by Bonsor,Kinnaird,and Patton on their behalf;while for the Wanderers H.Wace worked very hard,and Hawley Edwards at times dribbled very effectively.For half an hour nothing was obtained by either party,but at this point Farmer got a clear chance ,and,passing the ball skilfully to Bonsor ,a goal was achieved for the Etonians by the aid of the latter player.For a time,after the change of ends,the Shropshire eleven made a better fight with the

wind;but they were not able to obtain anything but a momentary advantage,the Etonians playing hard up,ably supported by the brilliant kicking of A.C.Thompson at half back.During the latter part of the game W.H.Fletcher made some very neat runs on the lower side of the ground for Shropshire ,but the lead was certainly with the Etonians,R.H.Benson towards the end dribbling with consummate skill.Once or twice the Etonians seemed sure of an increase to their score,but nothing more favoured them,and the expiration of an hour and a half left them victors by one goal to none.The Shropshire eleven,who suffered greatly by the absence of Denning,one of their best forwards,played hard up,and passed the ball very cleverly,but their backs were much inferior to those of their adversaries.A.C.Thompson especially distinguished himself for the Etonians throughout.”

SL:”The game made little description.Winning the toss gave the Old Etonians the upper goal with a strong wind at their backs,through the agency of which they kept the ball mostly in their opponents’ quarters,but the back play of the Salopians was so good that it was only just before changing ends that anything definite was scored,when Farmer made a fine run,and passed the ball to Bonsor,who kicked it through the posts cleverly.After the sides reversed positions,the Wanderers played up with great spirit,and,aided by the wind,kept the ball well outside their lines,making one or two shots at goal;but they were unable to score before time was called,consequently the Etonians remained the victors by one goal to nothing.The play of Lubbock,Kinnaird,Thompson,Benson,and Bonsor for the Etonians was particularly brilliant,and Edwards,Ran

dall,and Ward distinguished themselves in the ranks of the Salopians.”

Old Etonians:Hon. A.F.Kinnaird(Capt.),C.E.Farmer,A.C.Thompson,E.Lubbock(Half Backs),  
F.H.Wilson(Back); +J.Quentin-Hogg(Goal),A.G.Bonsor,++J.H.Preston(Centres), J.H.Stronge(Right  
Side),R.H.Benson,F.J.Patton(Left Side) .

+Check initial and spelling ++H.J.Preston in last round

N.B.Doubt about defensive positions.C.E.Farmer was down to play in goal,but appears to have played forward as C.J.Ottaway was not available to play.

+Shropshire Wanderers:C.E.Wace(Goal),G.Mason ,H.V.Chapman and A.T.Ward(Half Backs),  
B.V.Randel,A.Mason(Right Side),L.Kenrick(Back),W.H.Fletcher(Left Side), H.Wace,  
D.Adams,J.Hawley-Edwards(Centres)

+Not checked

(F/SL have has Randall)

Umpires:J.H.Giffard(Ciivil Service) for Old Etonians and C.J.Chenery(Wanderers) for Shropshire Wanderers.Referee:C.W.Alcock(Wanderers):he also refereed the next match on the same day see below.

ROYAL ENGINEERS 1(H.W.Renny-Tailyour) OXFORD UNIVERSITY 1(J.Bain) (Sat Feb 27<sup>th</sup>) (At  
Kennington Oval :2<sup>nd</sup> of the day at 3.15pm)

Sportsman 2/3/75 P.3/Bell's Life 6/3/75 P.5/Field 6/3/75 P.240/Morning Post 1/3/75 P.2/Sporting Life 3/3/74 P.4/Sheffield Daily Telegraph 6/3/75 P.6:

SM:"At a quarter past three o'clock the Oxford captain kicked off against the wind,the spectators having by this time increased in numbers so steadily as to reach over a thousand.The Oxonians were a singularly light eleven,and during the first few minutes the Engineers forced them back,in spite of some very good back play by Bridges and Rawson.Some vigorous rushes were made by Stafford, Mein,Stratford,Von Donop,and Rawson,and at last a general run gave Renny-Tailyour a chance of scoring a neat goal.After the change,the Oxonians with the wind settled down to work more decisively,and as the game progressed they increased their advantage.A splendid kick with the left foot by Otter was the first assault on the Engineers' goal,and this was followed in quick succession by two excellent shots from Fernandez and Bain.Meanwhile Renny-Tailyour,after a long run,had just failed to reduce the Oxford goal a second time,and the ball had hardly been returned before Bain, crossing the Engineers' goal,turned the ball cleverly and secured a well-earned goal for Oxford amidst great excitement.Again ends were changed,and until the end play was of the most vigorous description,the Oxford forwards working ably together ,well supported by the back play of J.H.Bridges and W.S.Rawson,both of whom did a large amount of useful work.During the last few minutes Oxford struggled hard to increase their score,but without success,and when time was called a tie was declared ,after the best and hardest match that has been seen on the Oval this season. The Oxonians deserve credit for their play throughout,especially for the admirable manner in which they worked together."

BL:"The second match commenced on the same ground at 3.15 ,when there was a great increase of visitors.The wind became stronger,and of course,it was much colder.Oxford lost the toss and had to face the keen air,the Engineers going to the eastern goal,and the military ,assisted by the strong winds,were soon engaged in the territory of their adversaries;but the excellent back players of the Oxford team kept them at bay for at least ten minutes ,after which Renny-Tailyour was enabled to score a goal for the Engineers. With the wind in their favour the Oxonians were at a better advantage ,and working well together,several assaults were made on the Engineers' goal,which narrowly escaped capture on three occasions.Shots by Otter,Fernandez and Bain only just passing over the tape.The next notable incident was a capital run down by Renny-Tailyour ,and once more it looked like a second goal for the Engineers.

A combined rush by the Oxonians carried the ball again into the mouth of their opponents goal ,and,after a sharp tussle on both sides ,Bain,by a very clever side kick,eluded the vigilance of Major Merriman ,who had been kept well up to his work as goalkeeper.Once more the goalkeepers changed positions ,and for the remainder of the time both sides worked with the most tremendous energy to make another goal,but to no purpose,and when time was called the match had to be drawn.Mr J.H.Giffard(Civil Service) was Umpire for the Engineers ,Mr F.H.Birley(Wanderers) for Oxford ,and Mr C.W.Alcock was Referee."

F:"The reputation of these two clubs invested this last meeting prior to the final with unusual interest,and the spectators mustered in greater force than at any previous fixture of the present season.It was generally fancied that the Engineers would prove the victors,though rumour attributed great improvement to the Oxonians since their defeat of the Wanderers,and many were quite prepared to see them able to cope even with the redoubtable Sappers.The Oxford eleven were a very light team,and they did not make a good start in losing the toss,and thus having to face a



breeze of some force. The Engineers usually lose little time in getting to work, and they overpowered their opponents for the first few minutes, Stafford, Stratford, Mein, Renny-Tailyour, and Von Donop making persistent attacks on the University lines. Luck, too, soon favoured the Engineers, as only ten minutes had passed when a short scrimmage occurred near the Oxford goal, and Renny-Tailyour, always on the alert, got it safely between the posts. Soon after the change of ends Renny-Tailyour got clear away with the ball, and the Oxford goal seemed again at his mercy, but this time he failed, and a fine chance was lost. The Oxford forwards now began to settle down, and the game approached the military lines, the University having been much indebted from the first to the accurate and powerful kicking of their captain, as well as to the cool play of W.S. Rawson, their back. Before long a really wonderful left shot by H.S. Otter nearly compassed the fall of the Engineers' goal, and this was shortly followed by a fine kick by P.H. Fernandez, only frustrated by the excellent defence of Major Merriman. Still the Oxford forwards pressed on, and at last, (J.) Bain, dribbling the ball neatly across the goal by a clever side kick, put it safely between the posts well out of the reach of the goal keeper. Another alteration in positions gave the wind again to the Engineers, and during the rest of the match the play on each side was vigorous in the extreme, the last part of the game being most exciting. There was little to choose between the two elevens, though during the last few minutes Oxford had slightly the advantage; neither goal, though, was seriously menaced, and when time was called the victory was undecided, each side having scored a goal."

Royal Engineers: Major W. Merriman (Capt.) (Goal), Lieut. G.H. Sim (Three Quarter Back), G.C.P. Onslow, R.M. Ruck (Half Backs); P.G. Von Donop, C.K. Wood (Right Side), A.L. Mein, C.V. Wingfield-Stratford (Left Side), H.W. Renny-Tailyour, H.E. Rawson, W.F.H. Stafford (Centres)

Oxford University: R.T. Thornton (Goal), W.S. Rawson (Back), J.H. Bridges (Capt.), F.S. Hewson (Half Backs), H.S. Otter, W.A.S. Merewether, F.D. Simpson (Centres), J. Bain, P.H. Fernandez (Right Side), T.A.C. Hampson, E.H. Parry (Left Side).

Umpires: J.H. Giffard (Civil Service) for Royal Engineers and F.H. Birley (Wanderers) for Oxford University. Referee: C.W. Alcock (Wanderers)

REPLAY: Fri Mar 5<sup>th</sup> : at Kennington Oval:

ROYAL ENGINEERS 1 (H.W. Renny-Tailyour) OXFORD UNIVERSITY 0 (H.T. 0-0)

Sportsman 6/3/75 P.3/Field 6/3/75 P.240/Bell's Life 6/3/75 P.2/Morning Post 6/3/75 P.7/Sporting Life 6/3/75 P.3:

SM: "Yesterday (Friday) in unexceptional weather, and with the ground in good order considering the hard frost of the previous evening, the ball was kicked off at half past three o'clock by Bridges for Oxford, the Oxonians occupying the eastern end. There was little wind to favour either party, so that the play was very fast on both sides. At first the Engineers as usual seemed to take the lead, but the game assumed the aspect borne by the previous contest, Bridges and Rawson showing perfect back play for Oxford, and Onslow and Ruck for the Engineers. Some neat dribbling was shown by Parry, Otter, Simpson, and Bain on the one hand, by Renny-Tailyour, Stratford, Stafford, and Rawson on the other. Up to half time nothing fell to either side, though both goals were more than once threatened. Soon after the change of ends Oxford seemed to have a good chance, as Parry was within

a few yards of the Engineers' post;and soon afterwards,as many of the spectators asserted,the Oxonians did get the ball under the tape,though the umpire nearest to the Engineers' line did not allow the goal.Then some hard play took place in the centre till Ruck lifted the ball neatly over the bully ,and almost obtained a goal for the Engineers,the ball hitting the tape smartly and going over.The last quarter of an hour showed no diminution of vigour on either side,and another dead heat seemed imminent when,just as the umpires were ready to call time,the Engineers pulled the match out of the fire,as after a run by Mein and Renny-Tailyour,a short scrummage occurred,enabling the forwards to plant the ball safely between the Oxford posts,so gaining the victory at the very finish by a goal."

F:"Yesterday afternoon was fixed for the second meeting of the above clubs to bring to a definite issue the undecided match of the previous Saturday.The weather was in every sense favourable,with a bright sun,and just sufficient wind to make exercise pleasant ;but the ground,though in good condition generally,was in some parts greasy and unfavourable for dribbling.Despite this drawback, however,a most spirited game followed the kick-off by Oxford at half-past three o'clock.The Engineers had the sun at their backs ,and the play of their forwards was so resolute that at times the Oxonians were pressed,though,as in the first contest,the brilliant play of J.H.Bridges and W.S.Rawson again prevented any success to the Engineers.After the first quarter of an hour the game settled down into a more even aspect,and some fine runs were made by Parry and Bain for Oxford ,by Stafford, Rawson,Renny-Tailyour,and Stratford for the Engineers.Before half time each team had more than one good chance;but both goal keepers were on the alert,and nothing was attained,though each fortress was seriously menaced once.Just before half time the Engineers made a desperate attempt to break through the Oxford lines,but without success.Soon after the change of ends Parry got the ball down close to the Engineers' goal,but his kick just missed the posts;and again the Oxonians almost succeeded in achieving a goal,many of the spectators asserting positively that the ball had gone under the tape.Then the Engineers in turn assumed the offensive,and a neat kick by Ruck hit the Oxford tape,but the ball went over instead of under.During the last few minutes both sides made strenuous efforts,and,just when matters seemed hopeless, Mein got the ball away from the Engineers' quarters,and,with the aid of Renny-Tailyour,it was taken up to the Oxford posts,and out of the scrummage that followed the Engineers kicked a goal,thus winning the match within a few seconds of time."

BL:"The afternoon was particularly fine and bright and there was again an immense attendance of visitors,who were particularly demonstrative in cheering on the respective sides.Oxford lost the toss and started the ball from the eastern end of the ground,the Engineers' captain selecting the goal nearest the Harleyford-road,thereby having the sun which was shining brilliantly at their backs.A most even contest was then commenced ,the Oxonians for the first half of the game having,if anything,a slight advantage,but when the time arrived for the goalkeepers to change ends,no goal had resulted to either.After that ceremony had been performed the Engineers seemed to have the best of it ,and many times the Oxford goal was in danger ,but only saved by the excellence of their goalkeeper .Matters went on pretty evenly and the time for discontinuing play was rapidly approaching ,so that it seemed entirely possible that another draw would result .Such ,however,was not to be the case,for Stafford and von Donop kept making such brilliant runs that at length out of the mouth of a scrummage in front of the Oxford goal,Renny-Tailyour,who was in waiting,sent it under the line,directly after which time was called."

SL: "Yesterday (Friday) afternoon the undecided match in the fourth ties between these teams was played at Kennington Oval, and brought to a satisfactory conclusion. The Dark Blues had the best of the struggle during the first half, making one or two shots at goal, but failing to score. After changing ends, the Engineers played up with great spirit, but although several times within an ace of scoring, it was not until within one minute of "time" that out of a fierce rally in front of goal Renny-Tailyour was able to kick the ball through, and win by one goal to nothing. The Engineers played the same team as on Saturday last, but R.W.S. Vidal and A. Thompson were substituted for Merewether and A. Hampson in the Oxford eleven." (No teams)

Royal Engineers: Major W. Merriman (Capt.) (Goal), Lieut. G.H. Sim (Three-Quarter Back), G.C.P. Onslow, R.M. Ruck (Half Backs); P.G. Von Donop, C.K. Wood (Right Side), A.L. Mein, C.V. Wingfield-Stratford (Left Side), H.W. Renny-Tailyour, H.E. Rawson, W.F.H. Stafford (Centres).

Oxford University: R.T. Thornton (Goal); W.S. Rawson (Back); J.H. Bridges (Capt.), F.S. Hewson (Half Backs); H.S. Otter, R.W.S. Vidal, F.D. Simpson, J. Bain, P.H. Fernandez, A.H. Johnson, E.H. Parry.

Umpires: F.H. Birley (Wanderers) and J.H. Giffard (Civil Service). Referee: C.W. Alcock (Wanderers).

FINAL : Sat. Mar 13<sup>th</sup> : at Kennington Oval :

ROYAL ENGINEERS 1 (H.W. Renny-Tailyour) OLD ETONIANS 1 (A.G. Bonsor) (F.T. 1-1) (After Extra Time)

Field 20/3/75 P.276/Bell's Life 20/3/75 P.8/Sportsman 16/3/75 P.3/Morning Post 15/3/75 P.2/Sporting Life 17/3/75 P.3:

F: "After a competition extending over just five months, these clubs were left in to contend in the final tie for the cup, recently relinquished by Oxford University, and held by the Wanderers during the two first years of its institution. Saturday last was the day chosen for the meeting, and as the two clubs were in public form evenly matched, it was not surprising that the Surrey Cricket Ground at Kennington should have been visited by a very large number of spectators, in the anticipation of a stiff fight. Careful preparation had made the ground in fine condition; but the weather was not so favourable as it might have been as a very strong breeze from the north-east blew straight down the ground, and spoiled the play of the backs materially at times. The Engineers, losing the toss, had therefore a serious drawback at the outset, and at half-past three o'clock Onslow kicked off on their behalf against the wind. At first their backs were altogether unable to make headway, and the Etonians, by vigorous forward play, kept the ball well up in their lines, R.H. Benson allowing a good chance to escape. Not long after this a fine shot by A.F. Kinnaird almost eluded the vigilance of Major Merriman, and it was only owing to the vigorous rushes of Rawson, Von Donop, Renny-Tailyour, and Stratford that the ball was at last moved into the quarters of the Old Etonians. For half an hour the Engineers faced the wind without loss, but here a corner kick fell to the Etonians, and a gust catching the ball well-aimed by Bonsor carried it between the Engineers' posts just out of the reach of their goalkeeper. Ends were changed, but the Etonians soon had their success neutralised, as within five minutes their backs were charged in the act of kicking by the Sapper forwards, and in the scrimmage the ball was taken safely into the Etonians' goal. With the second change of positions the Engineers had again to cope with the wind, but on the other hand the Etonians were severely handicapped

owing to an accident to C.J.Ottaway,who had to retire with a sprained ankle.Fifty-five minutes remained,but still nothing was achieved by either side,though Mein,Rawson,Von Donop,Wood,and Stratford of the one side,and Kinnaird,Stronge, Benson,Patton,and Bonsor of the other,worked untiringly up.With one goal to each club at the end of the regulation period of an hour and a half it was agreed to play on for an additional half hour in the hope of a settlement.This extra period produced some of the best play of the match,notably some good runs by Mein for the Engineers and by Patton and Kinnaird for the Etonians,but,despite the most vigorous efforts of the forwards,the half-hour expired with the game still undecided.The back play of Onslow for the Engineers was very neat and effective and without doubt the feature of the match.”

BL:”On Saturday afternoon what should have been the final tie of the Challenge Cup during the year took place at the Oval,Kennington under the Association rules,and considering the coldness of the weather,there was a large attendance of visitors,who must have numbered over 1,000.The teams left in were the Royal Engineers and the Old Etonians,and play began at 3.35,the latter winning the toss,and selecting the goal nearest to the gas works,with an extremely strong and cold north-easterly wind at their backs.With such advantages they soon returned the ball to the Engineers’ quarters,and made repeated attacks upon their fortress,which had many hairbreath escapes,corner kicks and free kicks for Eton frequently occurring.Matters went on in this way for half an hour,when a corner kick to the Old Etonians was entrusted to Bonsor ,and,helped by the wind,the ball bounded under the line.With the change of ends the Engineers soon showed their superiority,and five minutes had scarcely elapsed before Von Donop ran the ball a short distance along the right side,planting it in front of the Old Etonians’ goal,and Renny-Tailyour,who was in waiting,had little difficulty scoring the goal.Once more the Old Etonians had the wind in their favour,Ottaway and Kinnaird being especially conspicuous,and Von Donop and Onslow doing a great share of the Engineers’ work.An unfortunate accident then deprived the Etonians of the services of Ottaway,who received a severe kick on the ankle,and had to be carried off the ground.This made the game more equal,as the side playing against the wind had much uphill work,and the battle continued without any further advantage to either side until the call of time,though it was manifest the Engineers were the best players.After some little delay it was decided to continue playing for another half hour,in the hope of concluding the match,changing ends after fifteen minutes’ play.No goal,however, resulted and the game had to be decided another day.The Engineers wore scarlet and blue jerseys and stockings,and blue serge knickerbockers,the Old Etonians being dressed in blue and white,which difference of uniform made the players on either side very discernable.”

SM:”The prospect of witnessing a keen struggle for the cup held by Oxford University until dispossessed by their recent defeat by the Sappers,caused the Oval at Kennington to be frequented by a large number of football enthusiasts on Saturday last,in spite of the chilling influences of a stiff north-easterly breeze.The ground was in splendid condition,but the wind was far from propitious , either for players or onlookers,as it blew straight down the line of play,and each captain had reason to be anxious about the toss.In this matter the Old Etonians were successful,and at half past three o’clock Onslow kicked off for the Engineers,with the wind dead in their faces.At first the game was very slow,as every kick of the military backs was spoiled ,and ground lost rather than gained,as the wind blew the ball back over their heads.Hence the Etonians had little difficulty in maintaining the offensive,and before long Benson missed a fine chance ,the ball being put straight in front of the Engineers’ posts from the side by Ottaway.Soon afterwards,too,the Etonians nearly triumphed, Major Merriman only just averting a neat shot by Kinnaird.Some hard play by the Engineers’

forwards, notably, Rawson, Von Donop, and Renny-Tailyour then extricated their side for a time, and the very fine kicking of Lieut. Onslow aided considerably to keep the ball over the midway line. For half an hour the game remained without decisive issue, but here a corner kick fell to the Etonians, and the ball was so skilfully handled by Bonsor, with the proper allowance for the wind, that it went between the posts before Major Merriman could divert its course. Ends were changed, but the Engineers soon retorted, as the forwards, bearing down in a body, charged the Eton backs before they could get their kick, and the goal-keeper was unable to prevent them forcing their way between the posts. Again the Engineers had to struggle against the wind, but their disadvantage in this respect was soon counterbalanced by a loss to their opponents, Ottaway, who sprained his ankle, being compelled to retire. During the rest of the game some very fine play was shown all round, but nothing was done, and an hour and a half expired with only a goal to each side. Before the commencement, however, it had been arranged, in the event of a draw, to continue play for an additional half hour. During this period the game was more interesting, and the play faster, as the wind had dropped slightly. At half time the score was still equal, and as the Engineers had now the wind to help them, the spectators were evidently, to judge by the applause, prepared for a score. Some brilliant runs by Kinnaid, Patton, Benson, and Kenyon-Slaney though prevented any such achievement, and at half past five o'clock matters still remained undecided. The Etonians all played hard and well, and considering that for nearly an hour and a half they had only ten men their performance was most creditable; on the other hand the Engineers during the two hours only had the wind with them for twenty minutes."

SL: "These teams met at Kennington Oval on Saturday last to play off the final tie, and the weather being fine, a large company assembled to witness the play, which was of a most exciting character. The Etonians won the toss, and selected the upper goal, with a strong wind at their backs, through the agency of which they kept the ball mostly in the Sappers' territory, making one or two shots at goal, and after thirty minutes' play, from an excellent corner kick by Bonsor, a goal was secured. Ten minutes after change of ends, however, Von Donop made a fine run, and after a bully in front of goal, the ball glanced off Renny-Tailyour's knee through the posts, thus matters were equalised. Reversing positions gave the Etonians the benefit of the wind again, and some determined attacks followed on each side, but, unfortunately, at this critical moment Ottaway came into violent collision with one of the Engineers, and sprained his ankle, which compelled him to retire; nevertheless, the Engineers were unable to lower their citadel, before time was called. Afterwards, in order, if possible to avoid another meeting, it was agreed to play for an extra half hour, ends being changed at the expiration of the first quarter, but, nevertheless, neither gained any definite advantage up to the end, and the match therefore ended in a draw, each side having scored a goal. The Engineers' colours were scarlet and blue; those of the Old Etonians, light blue and white."

MP: "Saturday last was the day appointed for the match, which took place at the Oval, Kennington in the presence of quite 1,000 spectators. The Old Etonians won the toss, and at 25 minutes to 4 the Engineers kicked off against a very strong wind. Thus aided the Light Blues quickly took the ball up to the Sappers' goal line but several times they were very sharply repulsed by the Military, who, considering the strong wind against them, kept their opponents wonderfully at bay. At length after several corner kicks had fallen to the lot of Eton, the ball was once again taken up and kicked above the tape, on which it fell, Merriman in trying to stop it touched it almost simultaneously, and the ball bounded behind the goal. A corner kick was allowed to Eton, and so judiciously was it made by

Bonsor that, guided by the wind, it glided between the posts. Ends were changed, and, with the wind at their backs, ten minutes had scarcely elapsed before a goal was kicked for the Sappers. Von Donop kicked the ball along the cover side of the ground, and Renny-Tailyour forced it under the tape. Again the sides crossed over. The game proceeded without further advantage to either side. At about a quarter past 4 the Etonians lost the services of Ottaway who had shown brilliant form. This player received a violent kick in the ankle, and, being knocked over, had to be carried off the ground. At 5.5 after the usual hour and a half's play, and the score being still level, it was resolved to continue for another half hour but, though ends were changed after the first quarter, nothing further occurred and the match was thus left drawn. A second meeting will take place tomorrow at the Oval."

N.B. It is considered that A.G. Bonsor's goal for Old Etonians should not have been allowed as it went in direct from the corner kick.

Royal Engineers: Major W. Merriman (Capt.) (Goal); Lieut. G. H. Sim (Three-Quarter Back); Lieut. G. C. P. Onslow, Lieut. R. M. Ruck (Half Backs); Lieut. P. G. Von Donop, Lieut. C. K. Wood (Right Side), Lieut. Lieut. H. W. Renny-Tailyour, Lieut. H. E. Rawson, Lieut. W. H. Stafford (Centres), Lieut. A. L. Mein, Lieut. C. V. Wingfield-Stratford (Left Side).

Old Etonians: C. E. Farmer (Goal); F. H. Wilson (Back); A. C. Thompson, E. Lubbock (Half Backs); R. H. Benson, Capt. W. S. Kenyon-Slaney (Right Side), F. J. Patton, A. G. Bonsor, C. J. Ottaway (Centres), Hon. A. F. Kinnaird (Capt.), J. H. Stronge (Left Side).

Umpires: J. H. Giffard (Civil Service) for Royal Engineers and J. R. Dasent (Gitanos) for Old Etonians.  
Referee: C. W. Alcock (Wanderers)

SM: "The match will be played off at Kennington Oval this (Tuesday) afternoon. Play will commence at two o'clock, and as this is the last important match of the London season football players should seize the opportunity of witnessing another hard struggle."

REPLAY: Tues Mar 16<sup>th</sup> : at Kennington Oval:

ROYAL ENGINEERS 2 (H. W. Renny-Tailyour 2) OLD ETONIANS 0

Sportsman 17/3/75 P.3/Field 20/3/75 P.276/Bell's Life 20/3/75 P.8/Morning Post 17/3/75 P.6/Sporting Life 17/3/75 P.3:

SM: "The undecided match of Saturday between these two clubs was played off at Kennington Oval yesterday (Tuesday) afternoon. Unfortunately much of the interest attached to the second meeting was lost by the imperfect representation of the Old Etonians, A. C. Thompson, Capt. Kenyon-Slaney, R. K. Bonsor, and C. J. Ottaway all being unable to play. Still the Engineers had to make vigorous efforts to achieve the victory, the Eton forwards all playing hard from first to last. Some time elapsed before either side made any decided move. At length one of the Eton forwards handled the ball in the very front of his goal, and with the free kick that followed the Engineers rushed the ball through the Etonian goal. Some spirited efforts by the Etonians followed the change of ends, but again the Engineers pressed forward, and the ball again found its way between the Eton posts, though a previous infringement of the off-side rule nullified this success. Not long afterwards, though, another

onslaught was made, and this time Renny-Tailyour safely secured the second goal for the Engineers. After this nothing more was achieved by either side, and accordingly the Engineers are the possessors of the Cup for the next twelve months by two goals to none. The Etonians played a hard and plucky game throughout, but the contest generally was somewhat uninteresting, owing to the preponderance of long kicks."

F: "On Tuesday last the tie was played off at the Oval, the Engineers being represented, as before, while the Old Etonians had several changes that greatly crippled their team. Kenyon-Slaney, Ottaway, and Benson, of the forwards, were unable to be present, so that T. Hammond, + A. Lubbock, and C. E. Farmer had to take their places, while F. H. Wilson was advanced to help Lubbock at half back in the absence of A. C. Thompson, and M. Farrer and Capt. Drummond-Moray had to officiate as back and goalkeeper in lieu of F. H. Wilson and C. E. Farmer, promoted to the front. There was very little wind this time, so that the choice of positions was of very little moment. In spite of their comparative weakness, the Old Etonians played up so pluckily that for a long time the Engineers were unable to make any decided advance. At last an unfortunate piece of handling by T. Hammond close to the Etonian posts gave a free kick to the Engineers, and, with a vigorous dash, they carried the ball between the Eton posts. The change of ends produced little change in the aspect of affairs, though the Etonians had one or two corner kicks, and once Farmer nearly secured the downfall of the military goal. Before long the ball again found its way between the posts; but an appeal for off-side was allowed, and the score disallowed. Without further event the game continued for a further quarter of an hour of time, when a general rush of the Engineers' forwards enabled Renny-Tailyour to secure the second goal for his side. The Etonians worked hard until the end, but without effect, and time was called, leaving the Engineers the winners of the cup by two goals to none. The game was very slow in comparison with that of the previous Saturday, the kicking being very erratic." + Brother of E. Lubbock

BL: "The teams again met on Tuesday afternoon, but the contest was by no means so interesting as that of Saturday, owing to the absence of four of the best players who took part in the first match, viz. Messrs C. J. Ottaway (who met with an accident), A. C. Thompson, Capt. Kenyon-Slaney, and R. H. Benson. Play was announced to commence at 2, but the ball was not set rolling until past 3 o'clock, when the Etonians, who lost the toss, started from the end of the ground nearest the gas works, and the warfare, notwithstanding the inequality of sides, was carried on an equality for some time. After about a quarter of an hour the Engineers began to show a little superiority, one of the Old Etonians handling the ball close in front of their goal, which gave the Engineers a free kick, and they managed to force the ball under the tape. An appeal of off-side was then made by the Etonians, and the ball had to be replaced, but the downfall of the Eton fortress was inevitable as it collapsed immediately afterwards. When ends were changed very little advantage accrued to either side, and each goal in turn was seriously menaced, but the back play of both teams was so well sustained that the ball was soon carried out of danger. In this way play continued until about fifteen minutes of the call of time, when the Engineers had all the best of it, and penned their opponents several times, Renny-Tailyour at last scoring a second goal for the "Sappers". From this time to the finish nothing particularly noteworthy occurred, the Etonians playing up with great determination to avert defeat, but without avail, for when time was called the Engineers were hailed the winners by two goals to none. The umpires and referee were the same as on Saturday."

SL: "Yesterday (Tuesday) the Old Etonians and Royal Engineers again met at Kennington Oval, when the ground was in fine condition and the weather all that could be desired. The Etonians, unfortunately, were only able to muster a poor eleven—Kenyon-Slaney, Ottaway, Thompson, and Benson being unable to play—nevertheless they made a good fight of it. Play did not begin until five minutes past three o'clock, when the Etonians kicked off from the upper end. The Engineers had a trifle the best of the play at starting, and after about fifteen minutes Patton unfortunately handled the ball right in front of the Eton goal, when it was carried through. An appeal on the ground of off-side, however, being made, the goal was disallowed, and the ball replaced in its old position, but the Engineers, after a sharp bully, forced it through the posts again, thus gaining the first goal. After the change of ends, the game was most evenly contested, each team in turn holding the advantage, and several shots were made at both goals; the fine back play, however, on each side prevented any serious results until within a quarter of an hour of time, when the Engineers completely penned their opponents, and after several spirited bullies in front of goal, forced it through. The play during the last ten minutes was rather tame, nothing being scored by either side, consequently, the Royal Engineers were hailed the victors by two goals to nothing. The Sappers all round performed well, and of the Etonians, Edgar Lubbock and Kinnaird played in grand form throughout. Bonsor unfortunately injured his knee early in the game, but although lame, he played pluckily right up until the finish. The Engineers' team was the same that played on Saturday last, and the four substitutes in the Eton ranks were Drummond-Murray (goal-keeper), T. Hammond, Alfred Lubbock, and M. Farrer."

MP: ".....the weather and ground were very favourable for a good game. There was a moderate attendance to witness this, the last important match of the season in London. The Engineers won the toss and selecting the Harleyford-road goal, the leather was started at three o'clock. Both sides soon showed they meant their utmost. The Etonians unfortunately had not their full strength, as four of the Saturday team was replaced by others, which fact added to the concentration of the Engineers' play and gave the latter a great advantage. The Etonians began by forcing the fighting, and for some time kept the military well employed, but the soldiers compelled them to retreat ...." (see below for the SDT description of the first Engineers' goal).

SDT: "At last, after an energetic run by the Engineers' forwards, the ball approached the front of the Eton goal, and there Hammond was unlucky enough to handle it. Onslow first kicked it so that it rebounded from one of the Umpires between the posts, but the ball was returned for a second kick, and in the scrimmage the Engineers forced the Etonians, ball and all, through the goal (the Etonians all went down in a heap: see the MP Report). After the change of ends the Etonians worked hard to retrieve their loss Kinnaird, Farmer, Patton, Hammond and Bonsor all striving most energetically, and more than once pressing the military backs very closely. Again though the Engineers bore down all opposition, and the Eton backs being charged down, the ball was carried once more between the posts of the Etonian goal, though this time a claim of offside was made and allowed by both Umpires and Referee, Renny-Tailyour being the offender. On several occasions after this the Eton forwards threatened the opposite goal, and not only were some corner kicks secured but Farmer and Patton, separately, almost secured a goal by well directed kicks. The Engineers, however, were not to be denied, after a fine run by Main, Renny-Tailyour and Stafford forced the ball to the outside of the Etonian posts, and a neat kick by the former gave the second goal to the Engineers (at 4:15 according to the MP Report).



MP: "Both teams were getting used up owing to the tremendously fast play .The Engineers now forced the fighting ,but up to the call of time nothing further of note occurred except that Farmer nearly scored a goal for Eton,the ball just going over the tape."

SDT described the game in summary as "much slower than either of their three last contests as there was an excess of long kicking throughout on both sides."

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