

1875-76

FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION CUP:

N.B. Rule 3 from this season: "Ends shall only be changed at half time.", i.e. no changing ends after a goal (The Royal Engineers in the 1875 Final first drawn match had endured 85 minutes of the 90 and all 30 minutes of extra time playing into a strong north-easterly wind. This was because the Old Etonians scored after 30 minutes and Royal Engineers scored after 35 minutes and there were no more goals. R.E won the 1875 replay 2-0)

FIRST ROUND:

Sportsman 19/8/75 P.4/Bell's Life 28/8/75 P.9:

"THE ASSOCIATION CHALLENGE CUP. On Wednesday week the first ties in this competition were drawn by the committee of the Association with the following result:

Maidenhead v Ramblers; Hitchin v Clapham Rovers; South Norwood v Clydesdale; Southall v Upton Park; Wanderers v First Surrey Rifles; Swifts v Great Marlow; Oxford University v Forest School; Rochester v Herts Rangers; High Wycombe v Royal Engineers; Leyton v Harrow Chequers; Cambridge University v Civil Service; Pilgrims v Old Etonians; Crystal Palace v 105TH Regiment; Panthers v Woodford Wells; Sheffield v Shropshire Wanderers." Also Barnes v Reigate Priory

MAIDENHEAD 2 (W. Goulden, A.T. Price) RAMBLERS 0 (H.T. 1-0) (Sat Oct 23rd) (At Maidenhead)

Maidenhead Advertiser 27/10/75 P.3/Field 30/10/75 P.492/Sportsman 26/10/75 P.4 /Bell's Life 30/10/75 P.9 (no teams)/ Sporting Life 27/10/75 P.4:

MA: "Saturday was again wet for the above match, and although the weather held up while the actual game was being played, the ground was very slippery, and the spectators fell short of the number which would have attended had the weather been fine. Play began very late, too late, in fact, to leave any chance of completing the hour and a half which is ordered by the rules for a cup tie, in anything like proper light, and the consequence was that during the last half an hour it was nearly impossible to see the ball at all. The Ramblers having won the toss, chose to kick down hill, and being a light team, were quickly at work, and kept up the pace merrily for the first few minutes, but weight was bound to tell, and although all our men were not by any means together and some of them very changeable in their positions, they gradually improved, and certainly had the best of the game afterwards. Several good attempts at goal were made during the first half, and some middling tactics were adopted by Prior on the right wing and Mr Nicholson on the left, whilst Price, Couper, and Slocock were always conspicuous in the centre to meet the ball, and tried hard but never quite succeeded. The Ramblers, in the meantime were never idle, and on one or two occasions got the ball down in our quarters, but could not keep it there. Once, just before half-time, when having brought all their backs down to the front, they paid the penalty for their rashness, for Slocock, getting possession of the ball, took it up the entire length of the ground, and passing it to Goulden, who had followed him closely, the latter was able to score the first goal, which was the signal for much cheering.

Ends being changed, and a lemon or two having disappeared in remarkably quick time, business was warmly resumed, the play being confined chiefly to the lower half of the ground, and several corner kicks were well planted on our part, but no success arose out of them; at length a second goal was obtained by Price, after a fine piece of dribbling, he having threaded his way through the greater number of opponents, and eluded the goal-keeper with a sharp side kick. This bit of play was applauded on all sides, and the success was well deserved, as Price had been very persevering throughout. No other score was made, and the game finished in the dark, everyone being delighted to hear the call of "time". Besides those named Nicholls showed his usual good form, and Vardy was always in the right place when wanted, but sometimes had to run hard and turn quickly to get there. The best play shown on the Ramblers side was by two youngsters—Horner and Detmar—Old Forest School boys: they were as active as kittens, and were repeatedly cheered."

F: "This match, one of the first ties in the Association Cup competition, was played at Maidenhead on Saturday last. The Ramblers won the toss, and left Maidenhead to kick off from the railway end. The play for the most part, was at the Ramblers' lines, but with no result until within two minutes of half time, when the Ramblers' backs, having followed their forwards in a run down, were passed by Slocock, who took the ball up unopposed, and passing it to Goulden, the latter scored the first goal for Maidenhead. On change of ends, with the hill against them the Ramblers were hard pressed, and Price scored a second goal for Maidenhead, leaving the latter victors by two goals to none."

SM/BL: "This tie was played at Maidenhead on Saturday, and won by the home club by two goals to none." (No lineups)

SL: "This Association Cup tie match was played at Maidenhead on Saturday last, and won by the home club by two goals to none." (No lineups)

Reading Observer 30/10/75 P.3: "The Pilgrims' sister club, the Ramblers, were playing Maidenhead for their match in the Association Cup ties, so both teams, to the number of 40, came down by the 2.30 train." (No report)

Maidenhead: C.A. Vardy (Capt.), W. Goulden, F. Burnham, W. Nicholls, C. Prior, W. Nicholson, Rev. F. Slocock, R. Couper, A.D. Price, A. Puttick, H. Ive.

Ramblers: W.J. Sang (Capt.), A.W. Figgis, F. Hibbert, T.M. Ford, C. Darby, C. Devitt, A.W. Letts, T.R. Fairbairns, E. Horner, H. Detmar, +H. Hibbert.

+Was there a C. Hibbert?

Umpires: J.H. Clark and C.E. Hart.

CLAPHAM ROVERS walked over HITCHIN scratched: Bell's Life 13/11/75 P.4

SOUTH NORWOOD walked over CLYDESDALE scratched: Bell's Life 6/11/75 P.5

UPTON PARK 1(T.Micklem) SOUTHALL 0 (H.T. 0-0)(Sat Oct 23rd)(At Upton)

Field 30/10/75 P.492/Bell's Life 30/10/75 P.9/Sporting Life 27/10/75 P.4/Sportsman 26/10/75 P.4:

F:"This,one of the first matches for the Association Challenge Cup,was played at Upton on Saturday last,Upton winning by one goal to none.Southall,having choice of goals,elected to play down the hill;the ball was quickly carried into their territory,and a shot from Hedley broke the tape,though the umpires decided against a goal.Shortly afterwards the Upton backs,failing to return the ball,it was carried in close proximity to the Upton fortress,but no score resulted.The Upton forwards played well together,and lead by Micklem,who was in fine form,repeatedly threatened the Southall goal.On changing ends Upton rather pressed their antagonists;and soon afterwards the ball,being middled by Bastard,was well put through the posts by Micklem.No further score resulted,though the Southall goal had repeated narrow escapes.Shortly before time was called Jackson who had made several long runs,eluded the vigilance of the Upton backs,and but for a splendid rush by Warner would most probably have scored.The ground was in very good condition considering the rain that had fallen,and the game very fast throughout.For the winners Micklem,Lewis,and Bastard were most conspicuous; and Clarke,Rowe,and Fewkes for Southall."

SL:"The tie between these clubs was played at Upton on Saturday last.The home team had the kick off,and following up well,carried the ball right into their opponents' territory,a shot being made at goal which was very nearly successful,the ball breaking the tape.Afterwards,the visitors brought the ball down towards the other end,and the game was hotly contested up to half time without any real advantage being gained on either side.On changing ends,however,the Upton men by some good play succeeded in scoring again,Bastard distinguishing himself by giving the final kick.No further advantage was gained by either side afterwards,although Boyd was very nearly equalising matters, he making a good run down and getting a shot at goal,which Warner cleverly stopped,and when time was called the Upton Park team were left the winners of a well-contested game by one goal to nothing.For the winners,T.Micklem and Kitson played exceedingly well,and for Southall,J.Fewkes, H.Clark,C.E.D.Maile,and H.Rowe did good service as well as those gentlemen before mentioned."

BL:"The tie between these clubs was played at Upton on Saturday last.The home team had the kick off,and when time was called the Upton Park team were left the winners of a well-contested game by one goal to nothing."

SM:"This,another of the first ties,took place at Upton Park on Saturday last,when Upton won by one goal to none."(No lineups)

Upton Park:C.Warner(Goal);F.Barnett(Back);H.Hailey,J.H.Self(Half Backs);
H.Compton,J.B.Hunter,T.Micklem,C.L.Lewis,S.E.Sleigh,T.Kitson,S.R.Bastard(Capt.).

Southall:C.Birch(Goal);H.Rowe,H.K.Bartlett(Backs);C.E.D.Maile,S.J.Weston(Half Backs);
R.J.Boyd,H.Clark,J.Fewkes,E.C.Jackson,T.Newell,A.L.Houlder(Capt.).

WANDERERS 5 (J.Kenrick 2,F.B.Maddison 2,C.W.Alcock) FIRST SURREY RIFLES 0 (H.T. 3-0)
(Sat Oct 23rd)(At Kennington Oval)

Bell's Life 30/10/75 P.9/Sheffield Daily Telegraph 25/10/75 P.4/Field 30/10/75 P.492/Sportsman
26/10/75 P.4/Sporting Life 27/10/75 P.4:

SM:"This match,the first fixed of all the opening ties in the competition,was played on Saturday last at Kennington Oval.The Wanderers played without two of their first eleven,whilst the Rifles were unable to secure the services of their best back,Dummler.Owing to the heavy rain the ground was in very bad order for dribbling,and towards the end of the game the light was very bad.Success in the toss proved of no advantage to the Wanderers as there was neither wind nor sun to incommode.The back play of the Rifles was exceptionally weak,or they might have made something like a good fight. As it was the Wanderers had the game in their hands throughout,and it was only the state of the ground that prevented even a more decisive victory to their credit.Almost the first rush gave the Wanderers a goal,through the instrumentality of Kenrick,who charged the goal-keeper while he was trying to regain the ball after mis-fielding it.The next goal was well kicked by Maddison,and before half time Kenrick had been able to secure another goal,making the third for the Wanderers up to this point.Meanwhile Greig,in stopping a shot from one of the Rifles,dropped the ball,and in recovering it was decided to have run with it contrary to the rules,so that a free kick was awarded to Surrey.A judicious hoist was made into the very centre of the Wanderers' posts,and Allport charged the goal-keeper and ball through,but the umpires decided that the ball had already passed between the posts when touched,and as a goal cannot be obtained from a free kick,nothing was scored.After half-time the Rifles played up more vigorously,and more than once the runs of Maynard,Foster,and Allport were only foiled by Greig's vigilance between the posts.On the other hand the Wanderers were not content with the successes already gained,for C.W.Alcock and F.B.Maddison each obtained another goal,and so the Wanderers won by five goals to none-the most decisive defeat ever administered to the Rifles.For the victors,H.Heron,Kenrick and Maddison work hard forward,and Green played well half-back.For the Rifles all the forwards kept well on the ball,but there was very great room for improvement both in the back play and goal-keeping."

F:"As in the previous season the Wanderers were the first to take the field in the competition for the silver cup presented by the committee of the Football Association.The match took place on Saturday last at Kennington Oval,under circumstances of the most uninviting nature.Rain throughout the week had saturated the ground,while during the morning,and even while the game was in course of progress,there was not only a steady downpour,but the air was heavy,and altogether against brisk play.The Wanderers had not their full strength,but,despite this,they completely overpowered their opponents from first to last.It was half past three o'clock before the ball was kicked off on behalf of the Rifles,the Wanderers deriving no advantage from winning the toss.For a minute the ball remained in the territory of the Wanderers,but Kenrick got away with it,and,as the goalkeeper failed to get a firm hold of the ball when he had it,Kenrick had little difficulty in landing the first goal for the Wanderers.During the early part of the game the Rifles were all abroad,the occasional dashes of

the forwards being altogether nullified by the very weak play of the backs;and as a consequence the Wanderers had it all their own way,and Maddison and Kenrick in turn secured the downfall of the Voluteers' goal.Just before half-time,Greig,in his anxiety to save his charge,unmistakeably ran with the ball,and a free kick was rightly awarded to the Rifles within a yard of the Wanderers' posts.The kick was cleverly made,and Allport rushed ball and goalkeeper through the posts;but as Greig had been steadily dropping back,the ball had not been touched until it had passed under the tape,and no goal was therefore allowed.At the end of three-quarters of an hour positions were reversed,but, except that the Rifles worked better together during the second half of the game,there was no change in the aspect of affairs.At times Maynard dribbled very well,and Allport,Foster,and Hooper all worked hard,though on each occasion when chance seemed likely to favour them,the sure goalkeeping of Greig proved an obstacle.Two more goals fell to the Wanderers,through the aid respectively of Alcock and Maddison,and when time was called the Wanderers had won their first tie by five goals to none.For the victors,Green and Stratford(backs),Greig(in goal),Hubert Heron,Kenrick, and Maddison(forwards) were most prominent,and,altogether,the eleven played better together than was the case last season."

SDT:"The second rush gave the Wanderers a goal from the foot of J.Kenrick ,and it soon became evident that the Riflemen were completely overmatched,their back play being of the feeblest character.The second goal for the Wanderers was scored by Maddison and then Kenrick added a third. Not long before half time the Umpires gave a free kick to the Rifles,on account of the Wanderers' goalkeeper dodging with the ball,and the ball lifted into the middle of the posts was rushed through by Allport,though the goal was not allowed,as it was decided that the ball was through the posts when it was kicked ,and a goal cannot be scored from a free kick."

"Not long after the reversal of positions,C.W.Alcock obtained the fourth goal,and just before time Maddison added another...."

Wanderers:W.D.O.Greig(Goal);A.H.Stratford(Back);F.H.Birley,F.T.Green(Half Backs);
C.W.Alcock(Capt.),E.S.Gibney,G.H(ubert)H.Heron,F.Heron,J.Kenrick,F.B.Maddison,C.H.R.Wollaston
(Forwards).

First Surrey Rifles:E.Frost(Goal);F.H.Maynard,J.D.Challoner(Backs);G.Butterfield(Half Back);
R.L.Allport (Capt.),W.Foster,A.R.Kirkpatrick,Y.Kirkpatrick,W.J.Maynard,H.J.Hooper,S.Brunton
(Forwards).

Umpires:J.Hastie(First Surrey Rifles) and J.Kirkpatrick(Civil Service).Referee:J.H.Giffard(Civil Service).

SWIFTS 2 (H.S.Talbot,A.Joll) GREAT MARLOW 0(H.T. 0-0) (Wed Nov 3rd)(At Dolphin Ground,Slough)

Bell's Life 6/11/75 P.5/Reading Mercury 6/11/75 P.4/Field 6/11/75 P.520/Sportsman 4/11/75
P.1/Sporting Life 6/11/75 P.1:

F:"On Wednesday last these clubs met on the Dolphin Ground at Slough to decide the engagement made for them in the first drawing of the cup for the present season.Rumour accredited Marlow with a great improvement of their form of last year,and as the Swifts were far from strong the general expectation was in favour of a hard struggle.Marlow were light and very quick on their legs,and for the first half of the game had all the best of it,Bartholemew and Biggs,on their

respective sides of the ground, dribbling very skillfully. The choice of positions was of little help to Marlow, and their captain decided to take the lower position. Haygarth kicked off a few minutes after three o'clock, and within a few minutes the Swifts' goal almost fell to a hard kick by Biggs. Indeed, for some little time, the Swifts were closely pressed, their backs at first being very erratic. Several times Bartholemew distinguished himself for Marlow by well directed kicks, and two corner kicks for that side caused the Swifts considerable uneasiness. Marlow, then, by good backing up and hard forward play, forced the ball into the very centre of the Swifts' fortress, and many fancied that it had passed through, though fortunately the umpires were on the goal line and decided against Marlow. Up till half time Marlow continued to have a certain advantage, but, after the change of ends, the game underwent a change too. Superior weight now helped the Swifts, and Marlow showed a great diminution of energy, though Bartholemew still worked untiringly, and the two Shaws were always on the ball. For a quarter of an hour after the reversal of positions Marlow not only held their own, but once nearly scored a goal, the ball just passing over the tape from a good kick by Bartholemew. Talbot now unexpectedly got a chance, through a misskick by Faulkner, and a smart kick landed the ball safely between the Marlow posts. Another score followed shortly afterwards for the same club, Joll dribbling the ball well from the centre, and finishing up with a well earned goal. This was the last noteworthy event, and, after the allotted space of an hour and a half, the Swifts were left the victors by two goals to none. Marlow played well at the outset, and there is material for a good eleven out of their team. The weakness of their backs, although Hewitt kicked hard and well at times, lost them the match, and they would do well to estimate the necessity of having a sure and active goalkeeper as one of the most important features of the Association game."

SM: "This match—one of the first ties for the Cup—was played yesterday (Wednesday) on the Dolphin Ground at Slough. The weather was not promising at the outset, but the rain confined itself to occasional threats, and the ground was in excellent order. The Swifts had not by any means their best eleven, and there seemed good reason for the prediction that the sides would be well weighted, as the Marlow men were said to be a fast and well-working team. The Marlow captain won the toss, and as there was little wind, he elected to occupy the lower portion at the outset, Haygarth kicking off on behalf of the Swifts at five minutes past three o'clock. Marlow went to work with great vigour, and the ball was taken up at once into the lines defended by the Swifts, whose backs were at first a little wild in their kicking. Some good dribbling was shown for Marlow by Biggs on one side of the ground, and by Bartholemew on the other, the latter making several well-directed kicks into the heart of the Swifts' goal. For the first half hour the Swifts had to act entirely on the defensive, and once a general rush of the Marlow forwards carried the ball, as was fancied, by the posts, though it was cleverly extricated by E.H. Bambridge, and as the umpires decided, before it had crossed the line. Meanwhile, W.S. Bambridge, Talbot, and the Churchills had been working hard for the Swifts, and when half-time was called, the fight had been for a short period fairly in the middle of the ground. The change of ends was at once utilised by the Swifts, and the ball was taken up into the Marlow quarters to remain there for a short time. Then Bartholemew and the Shaws came again to the rescue, and a fine run down by the first-named took the ball just over the tape of the Swifts' goal. The kick-off was well aided by Talbot, W. Churchill, and Chamberlain, and for a brief period the fight raged just over the mid-way line, until a very bad kick by one of the Marlow half-backs gave Talbot a chance, which resulted in the fall of the Marlow goal. The Swifts, encouraged by this success, played up with renewed vigour, while their opponents got wild and uncertain in their passing. Before long Joll got the ball well under his control, and finished up an excellent run by kicking the second goal for the Swifts, a score that

might have been prevented by greater activity on the part of the goal-keeper. The remainder of the game was void of incident, though the ball was generally in the Marlow half of the ground. The Swifts, therefore, at the end of an hour and a half remained the winners of a well-contested match by two goals to none. Marlow during the first half of the game showed some very good play, Biggs, Bartholemew, and the Shaws dribbling well and passing on with judgment. On behalf of the Swifts, Talbot, E.H. and W.S. Bambridge played well, and W. Churchill worked with great vigour throughout."

Swifts: W.S. Bambridge (Capt.), W.B. Fassnidge, E.H. Bambridge (Half Backs); G.F. Bambridge, F. Churchill, H.S. Talbot (Centres), P. Chamberlain, A. Joll (Left Wing), W. Churchill (Right Wing), E.B. Haygarth (Back), C.J. Curtiss (Goals).

(RM/SL have W.B. Farmer for W.B. Fassnidge and have W.H. Chamberlain for W. Churchill as Right Wing)

Great Marlow: C.M. Foottit (Goal); H.R. Hewett (Back); S.H. Wright (Capt.), +A.C. Faulkner (Half Backs); +W. Sellman, A.C. Bartholemew, J. Biggs, C. Cox, R.H. Shaw, R. Shaw, R. Wellicombe (Forwards).

+Not checked

Umpires: W.M. Gardiner (Swifts) for Swifts and C.W. Alcock (Hon. Sec FA) for Marlow.
Referee: J.H. Clark (Maidenhead)

OXFORD UNIVERSITY 6 (J. Bain 2, F.D. Simpson, H.W. Otter, W.S. Rawson, E.H. Parry) FOREST SCHOOL 0 (H.T. 1-0) (Sat Nov 6th) (At Kennington Ova)

Bell's Life 13/11/75 P.4/Field 13/11/75 P.551/Sportsman 9/11/75 P.4/Sporting Life 10/11/75 P.4/Morning Post 8/11/75 P.6/Athletic News 13/11/75 P.6/Sheffield Daily Telegraph 8/11/75 P.4/Essex Times 10/11/75 P.5 and 13/11/75 P.8:

BL: "The toss for choice of grounds was won by the Oxford captain, and he elected to play against the wind, selecting the goal nearest the gasometer. At the outset the Foresters had decidedly the best of the fight, and their repeated attacks on the Oxford goal were only frustrated by the superior back play of Rawson, late of Westminster School. Matters proceeded in this way until pretty near half time, when Bain got the ball to himself, and managed to elude the vigilance of the School backs, and was successful in reducing their fortress by a well directed kick. In a very little time the goalkeepers reversed their positions, and with the strong wind in their favour, the Oxonians soon showed their superiority, Bain within ten minutes of the change securing a second goal for the Oxonians. A third goal was made by Simpson, and Otter and Parry each was successful in bringing about the School downfall, when to complete their misfortune, from a free kick by Oxford, one of the Foresters was instrumental in passing the ball under his own tape."

F: "On Saturday last this match, one of the first ties, was decided at Kennington Oval. It was the first appearance of the School in the competition, and the form they have shown during the last two years led many to believe they would make a good fight even against such a formidable team as that of Oxford. The Oxford captain, winning the toss, elected to kick against the wind for the first half and at about ten minutes past three o'clock Childs set the ball in motion on behalf of the School. At first

the Oxford forwards were very slack, while Childs and (Lopez) were active on behalf of the boys, both making some neat runs, though neither succeeded in passing Rawson, whose play was brilliant throughout. There were few incidents worthy of note during the earlier part of the game, and the boys just managed to hold their own until a few minutes before half time, when Bain, who ought to have been hustled instead of having an uninterrupted kick, got a goal from the upper side of the posts. Ends were changed, and, with the wind, the Oxonians had matters much their own way. Within a very short time after the renewal Bain got another goal, and before very long three more were added, by Simpson, Otter, and Rawson respectively, the ball in the last case glancing off the head of one of the Foresters from a neat kick by Rawson. The rest of the play requires little comment, as, with the exception of one very fine run by Lopez the whole length of the ground, the Foresters were subjected to a close siege. Shortly before time Parry contrived to get another goal for Oxford, and so when play ceased the University remained victorious by six goals to none. The victors did not play up to their form of last year forwards, though they have hardly as yet got into their practice. The Foresters at times showed pluck, and an aptitude for dribbling, but their back play was very weak and should be strengthened. Indeed, the match was an instance of the value of good backs in an Association game, and it would be well for clubs to develop this branch of play instead of giving so much preference to dribbling and showy forwards."

SM: "The reputation gained by Forest School last season gave rise to the hope that, this tie, played at Kennington Oval on Saturday last, would be productive of an even contest, more especially as it was the first appearance of the Foresters in the competition for the Cup. The boys last year had undoubtedly a better eleven than usual, their forwards having great pace, and their backs the advantage of weight. This season already, too, they had proved to be in good form, but on Saturday they failed to fulfil the expectations that had been raised by recent victories. The University were not well represented, and at first the Eleven had to play against a strong wind blowing straight down the ground, their captain electing to play under this disadvantage. At first the Foresters played up well, and at times their passing was very creditable, Lopez, Childs, and Fairclough being most conspicuous. For about half an hour the boys fully held their own, and indeed at times it was only the brilliant play of W.S. Rawson, the Oxford captain, as back that frustrated their efforts. On the other hand the Oxonian forwards were not working well, either individually or collectively, although Bain dribbled very neatly first. Nothing noteworthy occurred until just before half time when Bain, who should have been pressed by the School backs, instead of allowed to keep the ball himself, finished up a short run with a well directed kick, which finished just under the tape of the Foresters' goal. Soon afterwards ends were changed, and against the wind it was soon evidenced that the boys would have little chance. Within ten minutes Bain secured another goal, and this was the forerunner of a series of successes for Oxford. Simpson was the next to score, and then Otter and Parry each had a turn, the goal of the former being very easily acquired. Nor was this the last misfortune for the School, as one of their team, in trying to head the ball from a free kick by Rawson, unluckily put it through his own posts, and so the Oxonians scored their sixth and last goal. After half time the boys fell off materially, although Lopez, who made one brilliant run, and Childs, tried hard to stimulate them to fresh efforts. They failed, however, to score, so that Oxford had an easy victory by six goals to none. The back play of the School was very weak, and offered a decided contrast to that of Oxford, Rawson showing the best form we have seen for some time, with wonderful accuracy in judgment and kicking."

Oxford University: R.T. Thornton (St. John's) (Goal); W.S. Rawson (Christ Church) (Capt.) (Back); E.D. Lear (Keble), T.E.B. Guy (Oriell) (Half Backs); J. Bain (New), T.A.C. Hampson (New) (Right Wing),

H.S.Otter(Christ Church),+H.Thornton(St.John's),F.D.Simpson(Oriel)(Centres),E.H.Parry(Exeter),
J.H.J.Ellison(Merton)(Left Wing).

+Not checked

Schools(See Varsity Match Lineup Field 4/12/75 P.639)/History:W.S.Rawson: Westminster;
E.D.Lear:Winchester;T.E.B.Guy:Lancing; J.Bain:Winchester; J.H.J.Ellison:Eton; H.S.Otter:
Westminster;F.D.Simpson:Harrow ;R.T.Thornton(Private); E.H.Parry:Charterhouse

Forest School:W.A.Smith(Goal);E.W.Barker(Back);E.H.Topham,C.T.Fox(Half Backs);
G.B.Childs(Capt.),F.G.Guy,A.M.Lopes,P.Fairclough,C.F.Hardy,T.M.Day,H.R.Hutchings(Forwards).

Umpires: J.W.M.Guy(Pilgrims) for Forest School and G.B.Guinness(New College,Oxford)for Oxford.
Referee: C.W.Alcock (Wanderers).

HERTS RANGERS 4(T.B.Day 2,G.Gilbert,F.J.Sparks) ROCHESTER 0(H.T. 2-0) (Sat Nov 6th)(At Watford)

Watford Observer 13/11/75 P.4/Bell's Life 13/11/75 P.4/Field 13/11/75 P.551/Sportsman 9/11/75
P.4/Sporting Life 10/11/75 P.4:

CHECK ROCHESTER PAPER

WO/F/BL/SM/SL:"These clubs met at Watford on Saturday last to play their match in the first ties for
the Cup.Blackett won the toss for Rochester,and Sparks kicked off for the Rangers at 3.15.The ball
was kept well in the middle of the ground for the first quarter of an hour,when Day made a good run
and kicked a good goal for the Rangers.This seemed to induce vigour into the visitors ,who by a
united rush took the ball into the Rangers' territory,but Jervis and Field were quite equal to the
occasion ,and just before half time the Rangers' forwards working well together ,carried the ball in
front of the visitors' goal ,and Day again shot it under the tape.Ends were changed and the visitors in
turn had the advantage of the slope ,but the Rangers still had the best of the fight,and Gilbert,by a
well directed shot,kicked a third goal for them ,which Sparks soon followed up with a fourth.The
match thus ended in a victroy for the Rangers by four goals to nothing.For Herts Field and Jervis
kicked with great accuracy and judgment,and Greaves,Day,and Sparks worked hard and well for
Rochester. Blackett and J.Scott tried hard to avert defaet "(All 4 reports are the same)

Herts Rangers:R.Smith(Goal);L.Evans(Back);W.J.Jervis,C.G.Field(Half Backs);
G.Gilbert,E.L.Greaves(Sides),F.J.Sparks,J.Macfarlane,C.Geary(Centres),T.B.Day,H.Winser(Sides).

WO/BL/SL/SM all wrongly have R.Evans

Rochester:F.J.Richards(Goal);G.Essell,J.Scott(Backs);G.B.Blackett(Capt. and Half Back);
W.K.Ramage,T.Scott,R.Cobb,G.Prall,J.Shute,G.Gordon.(Only 10 men listed in all sources)

ROYAL ENGINEERS 15 (H.E.Rawson 5,J.C.Middlemasa 5,J.E.Blackburn 2,P.G.von Donop 2,G.Tower)
HIGH WYCOMBE 0(H.T. 6-0) (Wed Nov 10th)(At Surrey Cricket Ground,Kennington Oval)

Field 13/11/75 P.551/Bell's Life 13/11/75 P.4/Sportsman 11/11/75 P.4/Sporting Life 13/11/75 P.4/Sheffield Daily Telegraph 11/11/75 P3:

F:"A still more unequal match was the result of this tie at Kennington Oval on Wednesday last. Indeed the only interest evinced in the game was in the question whether the Engineers, who won the Cup last March, were likely to retain their form of the previous season. By half time the Engineers had scored six goals, the first and fourth by H.E. Rawson, the second and third by J.C. Middlemass, the fifth by J.C. Blackburn, and the sixth by P.G. von Donop. After the change of ends Wycombe were entirely at the mercy of their protagonists, and in quick succession five more goals were obtained by the Engineers, three by Rawson and two by Middlemass. A brief effort on the part of Wycombe prevented any further successes to their opponents for a quarter of an hour, but their exertions had evidently exhausted the Buckinghamshire team, and before the finish their goal had fallen four times more, these scores equally divided between Blackburn, von Donop, Tower, and Middlemass. Wycombe consequently defeated by fifteen goals to none, and a mention of the result will serve to show that noteworthy events on the part of individuals must have been scarce."

BL:"The ball was set in motion at 2:40, Wycombe having won the toss, playing with the wind in their rear, and only 10 minutes had elapsed, when the Engineers scored a goal, the ball glancing in off one of the Wycombe backs. This piece of misfortune was soon followed by a couple of goals in addition, both achieved by Middlemass, and hostilities had scarcely been renewed before Rawson made a short run and added a fourth. After this for a short time the hopes of the Wycombe party were somewhat revived by the team showing a better front and repulsing their adversaries, but presently the tide again turned against them, and Blackburn was once more successful for the Engineers, von Donop gaining a sixth before half time was called. Ends were changed and the Engineers had much the best of the encounter, Rawson adding three, and Middlemass, two goals to the already large score of the Engineers; but the Wycombe team playing up with much determination prevented any additional goals for a quarter of an hour. They again fell to pieces, and before time was called von Donop, Tower and Middlemass each added another goal, the Engineers winning in the end by 15 goals to none, a more decisive victory than has ever been gained in a cup tie."

SM:"It was hardly possible for the committee to arrange, had it been in their power, a match more singularly uneven than the above, which formed the last meeting of the first ties, played at Kennington Oval, yesterday (Wednesday). Indeed it was a foregone conclusion, though High Wycombe behaved meritoriously in meeting such a powerful eleven as that of the Engineers, instead of resorting to the unworthy system prevalent of withdrawing at the very last moment. Soon after half-past two o'clock Von Donop kicked off for the Royal Engineers, Wycombe, who had won the toss, electing to commence with the wind. Eight minutes elapsed before a score was made, one of the Wycombe backs unfortunately interposing himself to a kick by Rawson, and causing the ball to glance between the posts. This was quickly followed by two more, both from the foot of J.C. Middlemass, and within five minutes Rawson added the fourth, after a short run. The game was then maintained more evenly for a short time, but again Wycombe, who had bravely repulsed one attack, were driven back, and the downfall of their goal again secured, this time by J.E. Blackburn. This made the fifth goal for the Engineers, and ten minutes before half time P.G. Von Donop, after a neat run, gained the sixth, the last during the first half of the game. After the change of ends the Engineers did as they liked for some time, as goal followed goal in such quick succession that within a quarter of an hour Rawson had placed three more and Middlemass two more to the credit of the Engineers. By this time the

match had resolved itself into a question of the number of goals by which the Engineers could win, but for a quarter of an hour, the Wycombe team, who occasionally made a brief rally, succeeded in preventing any further disasters. Then a good kick by Blackburn produced another (the twelfth) goal, and before time Von Donop, Tower, and Middlemass had each added one more to the score. Thus the Engineers won by fifteen goals to none, just falling short of the number made in the first ties of last season by the Wanderers against the Farningham Club by one goal. The summary of the winners goals showed five each to Rawson and Middlemass, two each to Blackburn and Von Donop, and one to Tower. The victors as usual played all together, and they had a very useful addition in the ranks in J.C. Middlemass, a hard worker, and sure kick at goal. Their back play, too, was excellent, R. Ruck kicking with great accuracy of judgment throughout."

SL: "Six goals were scored prior to half time, and before no-side was called nine more were added, the game thus ending in favour of the Sappers by fifteen goals to nothing. The goals were kicked by Middlemass (five), Rawson (five), Blackburn (two), Von Donop (two) and Tower (one)."

Royal Engineers: J.G. Lutyens (Goal); +H.E. Goodwyn, C. Maxwell (Goals/Backs); R.M. Ruck (Half Back); P.G. von Donop (Capt.), J.E. Blackburn (Right), (A.) J. Mulholland, J.C. Middlemass, H.E. Rawson (Centres), E.S. Childers, +G. Tower (Left). (All Lieutenants)

+Goodwyn confusing and Tower not confirmed

High Wycombe: +F.J.J. Blanchard (Capt.) (Back), C.K. Poulter (Half Back) ++, L.J. Thomas, S. Reeves (Goal), C. Rose, A.J. Thurlow, F. Dyer, A. Thorne, ++B. Darvill, ++W. Wing, ++R. Smith (Half Back).

+F.R. Blanchard? ++Not checked

Umpires: J.H. Giffard (Civil Service) for the Engineers and C.W. Alcock for High Wycombe.

LEYTON CLUB walked over HARROW CHEQUERS scratched :

Bell's Life 13/11/75 P.4: "This match which was to have been played at the Oval on Saturday (before the Oxford University v Forest School match), did not take place, the Chequers retiring from the contest."

CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY walked over CIVIL SERVICE scratched : Bell's Life 13/11/75 P.4

OLD ETONIANS 4 (F.H. Wilson, Hon. A. Lyttelton, F.J. Patton, A.G. Bonsor) PILGRIMS 1 (T.F. Letchford) (H.T. 1-0) (Tues Nov 9th) (At Kennington Oval)

Sportsman 10/11/75 P.4/Bell's Life 13/11/75 P.4/Field 13/11/75 P.551/Sporting Life 10/11/75 P.3/Morning Post 10/11/75 P.3/Athletic News 13/11/75 P.7:

AN: "Only a small company assembled ..." "The Old Etonians, having lost the toss for choice of goals, kicked off ... from the Harleyford-road end."

SM: "Of the first ties played at the Oval this season the majority have produced one-sided matches, and that between the above clubs, decided at the Surrey Cricket ground yesterday (Tuesday) was no exception to the rule. The Etonians were naturally strong favourites, and they brought a formidable eleven into the field, overpowering the Pilgrims, who were a very light eleven. The Eton captain having lost the toss, deputed A.C. Thompson to kick off, at ten minutes to three o'clock, the Pilgrims preferring to commence against the wind. A good kick sent the ball down into the vicinity of the Pilgrims' goal, and there it was kept until a scrimmage occurring in the very centre of the posts, the Pilgrims were forced through their goal, F.H. Wilson giving the final kick. Soon after the renewal of play another struggle took place close to the Pilgrims' fortress, and Phelps had just taken the ball neatly into the middle of the ground, when it was found that Simpson, one of the Pilgrim forwards, was badly hurt, and the game was stopped. After an interval of a quarter of an hour, a recommencement was made, and as the Eton captain also retired the game was resumed with ten players on each side. Not long afterwards Bonsor had a fine chance of a goal, as the ball hitting the bar of the Pilgrims' goal, rebounded just in front of the posts, but the opportunity was lost, as was one almost as favourable shortly thereafter by Griffiths. During the first half of the match the play was exceedingly slack, and more uninteresting than any we have seen for some time, the forwards on both sides showing a conspicuous want of energy. Indeed, until half time the only noteworthy incidents were an occasional run by Hon. A. Lyttelton, a succession of fine kicks by A.C. Thompson for the Etonians, and the resolute play of Elmslie, the Pilgrims' back. After the lapse of three-quarters' of an hour ends were changed, but the Etonians still had the mastery, the Pilgrims' forwards evidently having little intention of offering any serious obstacle to the runs of Bonsor, Patton, C.M. Thompson, and Hon. A. Lyttelton. Soon after the kick-off the ball again approached the front of the Pilgrims' posts, and a very well directed and sharp kick from the left foot by the Hon. A. Lyttelton secured the second goal for the Old Etonians. Disheartened by this reverse, the Pilgrims gave way again, and the indecision of their backs credited the Old Etonians with two more goals, the first by Patton, the second by Bonsor. From this point the Pilgrims showed marked improvement, and their forwards worked harder, Detmar, T.H. Letchford, and Redwood playing up well, though the first-named would have lent more assistance had he not hesitated so much with and stuck so closely to the ball. The Pilgrims steadily took the ball down into the Eton lines, and a judicious middle by Redwood enabled T.H. Letchford to secure an easy goal. During the last quarter of an hour there was no material advantage to either side, though the Etonians just before the finish nearly forced their adversaries once more through their posts. At the end of an hour and a half a singularly dull and unexciting game came to an end, the Etonians claiming the victory by four goals to one. The Pilgrims disappointed us greatly in their play, although probably the accident to Simpson rather discouraged them. Elmslie played well back for them, but otherwise their team showed neither dash nor skill, making every allowance for inferiority of weight."

F: "The victors were well represented, while the Pilgrims had to play without the aid of some of their best men, notably of J.W. Guy, one of their safest backs. The Etonians, who lost the toss, played with the wind at their backs, and at once got to work, forcing their opponents back to their goal line without any difficulty. A corner kick soon fell to them, and A.C. Thompson dropped the ball so accurately, just under the posts, that the Eton forwards had no trouble taking it through, the last kick being given by F.H. Wilson. Soon after the resumption of play the game was brought to a temporary standstill by an accident to E.J. Simpson, one of the Pilgrims, who fractured his leg, and had to be removed from the field. A quarter of an hour elapsed before the ball was again started, the sides

being again equalised owing to the retirement of the Eton captain, who had revived an old sprain. For a time, in consequence of the unfortunate accident, the spirit of the game suffered, and when half-time arrived no score had been made beyond the one goal for the Old Etonians. After the change of ends the Pilgrims had to face the wind, and in a very short period their goal had fallen three times, the first reverse due to a splendid kick by Hon. A. Lyttelton, the last two secured by Patton and Bonsor, in each case assisted by the indecision of the goalkeeper. Stimulated by these reverses, the Pilgrims played up with increased vigour, showing that their laxity during the early part of the game was not common to them. Detmar, Letchford, Foley, and Redwood all worked well, the last-named making a very neat run along the upper touchline. For some time, mainly owing to the indefatigable exertions of A. C. Thompson at half-back, their efforts were frustrated; but at last, Redwood, taking the ball along the upper side, muddled it so accurately to Letchwood in front of the Eton posts, that the goal had to surrender. Nothing of note occurred during the rest of the game, and at the end of an hour and a half victory was with the Etonians by four goals to one. The winners introduced a new forward, the Hon. A. Lyttelton, who dribbles well, kicks straight, and is likely to prove very useful to them. For the Pilgrims, Elmslie worked hard to keep his team together, and Baker, considering his want of weight, showed pluck throughout."

BL: "Play began by the Pilgrims' captain kicking off at 10 minutes to 3 o'clock, and immediately the ball was carried in front of their goal, where it remained until Wilson managed to pass it between their posts out of a scrimmage close in front of their fortress. Very shortly after this the warfare was carried on in the same direction and an unfortunate accident happened to Simpson, one of the Pilgrims, who, on being removed to the tavern, was found to have sustained a severe fracture of his leg. This stopped the game for some time, and when it was renewed the Pilgrims' chance was no means improved. The Etonian captain, however, who had come into collision with Simpson, received a good shaking, and he was obliged to retire, so once more the sides were numerically equal. As may be imagined the unlooked-for catastrophe cast a dampener upon the match, and until half time little occurred to call for comment. On changing ends the Old Etonians again had it all their own way and soon after the Hon. A. Lyttelton made a good kick with his left foot, and secured a second goal for his side. Presently Patton and Bonsor each made a goal, when for the remainder of the game the Pilgrims played up more pluckily, and by some good play on the part of Redwood, Letchford was able to secure a goal for their side about a quarter of an hour before the time arrived for discontinuing hostilities. Nothing else occurred calling for further notice, and the Old Etonians were the winners by four goals to one."

SL: "The Light Blues at once penned their adversaries, but the fine back play of Simpson and Elmslie prevented any serious results for a few minutes until Kinnaird brought the ball down in front of goal, when Simpson tackling him, in kicking the ball, fractured his leg, and had to be carried off the field, the Etonian captain's right leg also being injured by the concussion. Hostilities were delayed for a short time, but upon re-commencing the Old Etonians again had the advantage, and after a good corner kick by Thompson, a goal was secured out of a sharp scrimmage, the final touch being given by Wilson. Nothing else was scored until change of ends, when the Old Etonians scored three goals in rapid succession, kicked respectively by Patton, A. Lyttelton, and Bonsor. Afterwards, however, T. F. Letchford and Detmar ran the ball down, and Redwood, centring it cleverly, the former was enabled to kick a goal for the Pilgrims. From this point to the end the game, though fast, was most evenly contested, neither side gaining any further advantage, though thrice the Old Etonians were within an ace of scoring."

Old Etonians: Hon. A.F. Kinnaird (Capt.), + H.S. Griffiths, E. Lubbock (Backs);
Hon. E. Lyttelton, A.C. Meysey-Thompson (Half Backs); C.E. Farmer (Goal); A.G. Bonsor, Hon. A. Lyttelton,
F.J. Patton, F.H. Wilson, C.M. Meysey-Thompson.

+ (SDT / F / SL have H.F. Griffiths for H.W. Griffiths (as in BL/SM): but more likely H.S. Griffiths as in next round) (AN has H.S. Griffiths)

(See Early FA Cup Finals Book P.129 for Thompson brothers name change explanation)

Pilgrims: K.W. Elmslie (Capt.) (Back); W.A. Baker, W.H. Letchford (Half Backs); J. Henderson (Goal)
M.J. Phelps, + E.J. Simpson, C.E. Detmar, T.F. Letchford, E.B. Foley, A.M. Good, R. Redwood.

+ Not traced elsewhere as playing for Pilgrims

Umpires: J.H. Giffard (Civil Service) for the Old Etonians and C.E. Hart (Ramblers) for Pilgrims.
Referee: C.W. Alcock (Wanderers) .

105TH REGIMENT 0 CRYSTAL PALACE 0 (Sat Nov 6th) (At Aldershot)

Bell's Life 13/11/75 P.4 / Field 20/11/75 P.580 (i.e. a week late with report) / Sportsman 9/11/75 P.4
and Sporting Life 10/11/75 P.4:

F: "One of the first ties for the Challenge Cup was played at Aldershot on Saturday, Nov 6. The Palace won the toss, and elected to play with the wind. At ten minutes past three o'clock the ball was kicked off by one of the Light Bobs, but all the elements seemed to combine to do their utmost to prevent football, as the ground was terribly slippery from the incessant rain, the wind was blowing great gusts, and a slight drizzle tended to complete the list of discomforts shared by the players and lookers on. The ball for the first half was continually near the Light Bobs' goal, notwithstanding several attempts on their part to run it up to the other end. One attempt of Smith to get goal was very well prevented by Sergt. Byrne and Hilliard, whilst Dunn made an excellent run for the Light Bobs. The play of the Crystals was very good, especially that of Smith and Dorking (forwards), and Cloéte and Vigne (half backs). When half time was called neither side had obtained a goal, and no time was lost in changing ends. Certainly during the latter half time the Light Bobs had far and away the best of it, which may certainly be attributed to the excellent forward play of Capt. Daniell, Lieuts. Ferrier and Cooper, who were very ably assisted by their wings, Privates Wright and Scally, and by Ford and Jones (half back). The change of ends made no difference as to the result of the match, for when time was called neither side had obtained a goal, the match thus ending in a tie. The Crystal Palace team lunched and dined with the officers of the 105th Light Infantry." (Only paper with 105th Regiment lineup)

SM/BL: "The ball was set rolling soon after three o'clock, the Crystal Palace captain having won the toss, and electing to play with the wind. The Palace team penned their opponents considerably during the first half of the time, but no goal was the result, owing to the strong defence made. After change of goals they still continued to press hard upon the 105th, though perhaps the ball was kept more in the centre of the ground, and towards the end of the game certainly had the best of it, their forwards, notably Ferrier and Daniel, two or three times being dangerously near scoring. Both sides worked with great spirit; indeed, the play was so even on either side that it would be difficult to

particularise. The game was most pleasant throughout, and the combatants were much encouraged by the impartial cheers of the spectators."

105th Regiment: Lieut. F. C. Cooper (Capt.), Lieuts. + G. H. Ferrier, W. E. Hilliard, R. M. Dunn, Capt. Daniell, Sergt. J. Byrne (Goal), Privs. Wright, Scally, Ford, Jones, Woods (Half Back). (F: in printed order)

+ Could be E. H. Ferrier in this and replay?

Crystal Palace: F. Wilton (Goal); C. E. Smith (Capt.), + W. Bouch (Back); J. H. Vigne, W. B. Cloete (Half Backs); E. P. Barlow, F. T. Barlow, L. H. Neame, ++ W. Dorling, C. C. Armitage, W. H. White.

+ Normally played for Woodford Wells, Clapham Rovers, and Wanderers ++ Normally played for Barnes

Umpire: Blackburn, Royal Engineers.

REPLAY: Sat Nov 20th at Kennington Oval

CRYSTAL PALACE 3 (L. H. Neame, C. E. Smith, E. P. Barlow) 105TH REGIMENT 0 (H. T. 1-0)

Bell's Life 27/11/75 P.9/Field 27/11/75 P.609/Sheffield Daily Telegraph 22/11/75 P.4/Athletic News 27/11/75 P.6/Sportsman 23/11/75 P.3/Sporting Life 24/11/75 P.4:

SM: "The first ties have at last been brought to an end. The only match of the drawing left for decision when the second round was announced by the committee was that between the above clubs, who had met at Aldershot on the 6th inst. without definite result. Saturday last was fixed for the date of the second meeting, this time on the Surrey Cricket Ground at Kennington, and a better day could hardly have been provided, as the wind, though perhaps a trifle too strong, was keen enough to make energetic play a necessity, and the ground was in excellent order. C. E. Smith won the toss for the Palace, and a few minutes to three o'clock the 105th kicked off. The ball was, though, speedily returned, and the military backs soon had enough to do to resist the constant rushes of their adversaries. Indeed, the Palace had little difficulty in maintaining a close siege, and before long a kick by L. H. Neame enabled them to obtain a definite score in a lucky goal. After this, although they had as before the wind to favour them, the military forwards were able to make little headway, though an occasional run by Lieut. Farrier took the ball over the half-way line. At half-time no more goals had fallen to either side, and ends were changed. With the wind at their backs the Palace, as was only to be expected, now had matters much their own way, the resistance met from the opposite backs at no period being desperate. Still, the Palace forwards were unable to add to their first score, until a kick by their captain eluded the goal-keeper, who was at the time altogether off his guard. Nor was this their last success, as a neat kick by Percy Barlow, after a short interval, caused the downfall of the 105th goal for the third time. In the end, after a very one-sided match, the Palace remained victorious by three goals to none. The play of the winning side was good forward, but their backs were very uncertain at times. The losing team seemed to prefer long kicks to dribbling, and with the exception of Lieut. Farrier, who played well throughout, disappointed us altogether, their form being generally poor."

BL: "The Palace team won the toss for sides, and with the wind in their favour, soon carried the ball from the Gasworks end down to the regimental goal, where it remained principally for the first half

of the game,during which time the Palatians had secured one goal,kicked by Neame.When ends were changed,it was thought the 105th would have a chance of equalising matters;but some time elapsed before they could clear their ground of their adversaries.In time,however,one of the soldiers brought the ball speedily along the centre of the ground to the Palace goal,but it failed in its object and soon the military fortress was the immediate scene of strife,and C.Smith scored a second goal.From this time the Palace half of the ground was rarely visited,and when play had lasted just one hour P.Barlow added a third goal.During the remainder of the game there is little to notice,the Palace having decidedly the best of it,and,in the end,winning by three goals to none."

F:"This match,the only one of the ties not decided at first meeting,was played off at Kennington Oval on Saturday last,a fortnight previous having seen the same clubs in opposition without result.This second appearance was not favourable for the soldiers,as their forwards were not at all together, and the backs far from sure.Hence they proved nothing of a match for their adversaries,who won so easily as to make the match altogether uninteresting.The Palace,though they commenced against a stiff breeze,at once began the attack on the military lines.For some time their efforts were frustrated,but at last the Regimental goalkeeper allowed a shot by Neame to escape him,and the result was a goal for the Palace.Nothing further occurred until half time,the ball being generally in the quarters of the soldiers,except when a run by Lieut.Ferrier removed it into those of the opposition.After half time,and with the wind,the Palace completely overpowered their opponents, and before the game ceased,had added two more goals,kicked respectively by C.E.Smith and E.P.Barlow.For the Palace,Armitage and Smith(forwards) and Bouch(back) played well."

AN:"The military team are a moderately good set of football players,the regiment,prior to coming to Aldershot,having been stationed at Sheffield-a locality where the game is practised to a very great extent."

Crystal Palace:C.E.Smith(Capt.),C.C.Armitage,F.T.Barlow,E.P(ercy)Barlow,+W.Dorling,
D.R.Smith,L.H.Neame(Forwards);+W.Bouch(Back),J.H.Vigne,W.B.Cloete(Half Backs);
A.H.Savage(Goal). +Only these 2 Crystal Palace games traced for these players

105th Regiment:Serg.J.Byrne(Goal);Corp.Parkin(Back);Priv.Woods(Half Back);
Lieut. F.C.Cooper (Capt.),Capt.Daniell, Lieuts.R.M.Dunn,G.H.Ferrier,W.E.Hillyard,
Sergt. +Adshead,Privs.Wright,Scally(Forwards).

+Not traced elsewhere

Umpire:C.W.Alcock(Wanderers) for both sides .

PANTHERS 1(R.W.S.Vidal) WOODFORD WELLS 0 (H.T. 1-0)(Sat Nov 6th)(At Winchester)

Field 13/11/75 P.551/Southern Times and Dorset County Herald 13/11/75 P. /Sporting Life 10/11/75
P.4 and Sportsman 9/11/75 P.4(Both have short report and no teams):

F:"The above match,being one of the first ties for the Association Cup,took place on Saturday,Nov.
6th,at Winchester,with the following results.The Panthers,who had won the toss,elected to play from

the farther goal,with the wind,sun,and ground,slightly in their favour.The ball was started by the captain of Woodford Wells at 2.45,and at once carried into the vicinity of the Panthers' stronghold. There some spirited play ensued on the part of the Woodford forwards,so that it seemed likely at first that the brown and yellow striped Panthers would have to succumb to the prowess of their more soberly clad protagonists.Such,however,was not to be.Owing to the prompt and united efforts of the Panthers,all immediate danger was averted,and the ball was carried down to the other extremity of the ground.Their own peril being now over,the Panthers,on their part assumed the offensive,and had not long to wait before the skillful dribbling of Vidal,crowned by a well-directed side kick placed a goal to their account.Play was resumed immediately,and although several brilliant runs down were made on behalf of Woodford Wells, Thomson,and the brothers Spreckley,yet they could not succeed in equalising matters.Just before half time was called the Panthers nearly increased the advantage they had already gained,owing to the joint efforts of Vidal and E.G.Farquharson.Their endeavours,however,were frustrated by the Woodford Wells backs,and resulted only in an unsuccessful corner kick.After change of ends Woodford Wells played up with renewed vigour,but could not succeed in lowering the flag of their opponent,so determined was their resistance offered by the Panthers' backs.Though still having the best of it,the Panthers did not flag in their endeavours,and were on the point of scoring another victory by the exertions of E.Cave and R.Fort,when an unfortunate cry of hands was raised,and the free kick which resulted again put the Woodford Wells goal out of imminent peril.Thus,when time was called,the Panthers were declared victors by one goal to none."

STDCH:"According to the rules of the Football Association,these two clubs having been drawn in the first ties for the association cup,instead of tossing to decide on which club's ground the tie is played out,it was mutually agreed to play the match at Winchester on the Winchester College ground,kindly lent for the occasion.We may here mention the Panthers are simply a country club,whereas the Woodford Wells are or may be termed a metropolitan club,and have the whole of the metropolis from which to recruit their ranks.Nevertheless the result of the game proved the Panthers the strongest team as after fifteen minutes' play Vidal gained a goal for the Panthers after a piece of very fine dribbling.No other advantage was gained on either side,so the game ended in a victory for the Panthers by one goal to nothing."

Panthers:J.Brymer(Goal);C.Williams,E.O.Richards(Backs);C.Paget,+R.W.S.Vidal(Half Backs); E.G.Farquharson(Capt.),A.J.Farquharson,R(.J.)Farquharson,R.Fort, E.Cave,M.++Druit.

+F gives R.W.J.Vidal and STDCH has no initial.L.H.Vidal played for Barnes this season(see below)and for Panthers in 1877/78 First Round

(F:have C.Paget as only Half Back)(Panthers not mentioned in R.W.S.Vidal biography in EFACF)

++Drewitt (no initial) in STDCH

N.B.There were 4 Farquharson playing in one match (E.G. Ronald,H.R. and F.S.)so maybe 5 (with A.J.) playing for Panthers during this period.

Woodford Wells:W.R.Spreckley(Capt.),T.F.Spreckley,G.F.Thomson,A.A.Robertson,W.Wild,F.Fraser, +W.S.Buchanan,A.H.Tozer,H.Spreckley(Back),H.J.Andrews(Back),J.W.Fowler(Goal).

+Normally played for Clapham Rovers

SHEFFIELD CLUB walked over SHROPSHIRE WANDERERS scratched;Bell's Life 6/11/75 P.5.

BARNES 0 REIGATE PRIORY 1(F.Pawle)(H.T. 0-1) (Sat Oct 30th)(Near the White Hart,Barnes)

Bell's Life 6/11/75 P.5/Field 6/11/75 P.520/Sportsman 2/11/75 P.4/Sporting Life 3/11/75 P.1/Sheffield Daily Telegraph 1/11/75 P.4:

BL:"The day was favourable,and the match proved interesting ,and was well contested,ending in favour of Reigate by one goal to nothing.The play all round was exceedingly good."

F:"This match was played on Saturday Oct.30th ,at Barnes,and resulted,after a determined and animated struggle,in favour of Reigate by one goal to none.Barnes,having won the toss,had the choice of goals,and play was commenced by Reigate kicking off at 3.30 precisely.Both sides played up well with varying success,but without any results,until nearly half time,when a claim of hands being allowed to Reigate only a short distance in front of their opponents' goal,the ball,by a well directed kick and successful charge,was forced through the home team's goal,the finishing kick being given by F.Pawle.After this Barnes increased their efforts to equalise matters,and,by their constant incursions and scrimmages near the Reigate goal,made it appear that they would do so;but fortune still remained with their enemies,no other results were obtained when time was called at five o'clock.The play of W.B.Richardson,J.Thomson,F.Pawle,and L.L.Chave(forwards),and W.Read and W.Laker(back),should be specially commended for Reigate,and that of C.J.Morice,H.A.Hudson,and L.H.Vidal for Barnes."

SM:"The above clubs played their first ties for the above Cup on Saturday on the ground of the latter club near the White Hart.Barnes won the toss,and at 3.30 Reigate started the ball,and backing up vigorously,kept the ball well in the Barnes' quarters for a short time.After this Barnes got the ball down to the other end of the field and attacked the Reigate goal,but without success,a very good shot of Clarkson's going about two inches over the tape,and one of Hudson's being well fielded by Sargent,whose goal-keeping was perfect throughout the game.After half an hour's play a good run by Richardson brought the ball back to the Barnes' quarters,and one of their backs having accidentally "handled" the ball,the Reigate Priory had a free kick,which Laker,with a gentle lob,sent right in front of the Barnes' goal,and after a very warm scrimmage the Reigate men succeeded in forcing the ball through the posts.After the change of ends at half-time,the Barnes men had greatly the best of the game,corner-kicks and shots at goal being frequent.Still no score happened,and Sargent may be congratulated on having fairly saved the match for his side by his skilful play in goal.When time was called Reigate Priory had won by one goal to nothing,and all felt that they had had a very pleasant game,the play throughout being very fast.The backs on each side played equally well,and deserve special mention,whilst among the forwards,Richardson and Thomson for Reigate,and Morice and Hadow for Barnes,were all conspicuous for their pretty and effective dribbling."

Barnes:C.J.Morice(Capt),H.A.Hudson,T.Palmer,F.C.Clarkson,L.H.Vidal,V.Weston,A.A.Hadow (Forwards);G.W.Chapman,+L.H.Lawford(Half Backs);A.Adams(Back);H.E.Solly(Goal).

+H.F.Lawford also found for Barnes

N.B. L.H.Vidal played for Panthers in 77/78 First Round

Reigate Priory:W.B.Richardson(Capt.),J.R.H.Thomson,+L.Chave,F.D.Pawle,H.A.Pelly,C.H.Craig,Fraser,
A.W.Bailey(Forwards);W.W.Read,W.A.Laker(Backs);A.Sargant(Goal).

+Also recorded as E.L.Chave

Umpires:G.Laker(Reigate Priory) and S.M.Roberts(Barnes).Referee:Oswald D.Chapman.

SECOND ROUND:

Bell's Life 20/11/75 P.8:

"A meeting of the committee was held at Surrey Cricket Ground on Wednesday evening ,for the purpose of making the drawing for the second ties of this cup,which was as given below.There were present Mr C.W.Alcock,hon sec;Hubert Heron(Wanderers),C.E.Farmer(Gitanos),C.E.Smith(Crystal Palace),and W.H.White(South Norwood).

Upton Park plays Sheffield,Maidenhead plays Old Etonians,Oxford plays Herts Rangers, Panthers plays Royal Engineers,Leyton plays Clapham Rovers,Wanderers plays Crystal Palace or 105th Regiment,South Norwood plays Swifts,Reigate Priory plays Cambridge University."

SHEFFIELD CLUB walked over UPTON PARK scratched(Sportsman 21/12/75 P.3).

Sporting Life 4/12/75 P.4:"Upton Park having +lost the toss,have scratched to the Sheffield club,as they cannot get a strong team to go so far as Sheffield." +For choice of ground

OLD ETONIANS 8(F.J.Patton 3,C.M.Meysey-Thompson 2 ,A.G.Bonsor,G.J.Courthope,H.S.Griffiths)
MAIDENHEAD 0(Sat Dec 11th)(H.T. 1-0)(At Kennington Oval:1st of 2)

Bell's Life 18/12/75 P.9/Field 18/12/75 P.695/Sportsman 14/12/75 P.3/Sporting Life 15/12/75 P.4/
Maidenhead Advertiser 15/12/75 P.3/Daily Telegraph 13/12/75 P.2/Sheffield Daily Telegraph
13/12/75 P.4/Athletic News 18/12/75 P.6/:

F:"The game was fixed to commence at the early hour of one p.m.,to admit of time for another tie at its conclusion..."

SL:"The Etonian forwards at once took the ball into their opponents' territory,and,after one or two good bullies,Kinnaird had a chance of scoring ,but missing his kick,the Maidenhead managed to get the ball away ,taking it to the upper ground.The Etonian backs,however,soon returned it again,and after a cry of hands,from a free kick Bonsor sent the ball clean through the posts,but the shot was worthless,owing to the ball not touching any of the players.However,shortly afterwards Patton scored a goal for the Old Etonians.This proved to be the only success up to half time.After change of

ends the Maidenhead men were completely penned, and it was apparent their previous efforts had told upon them, as the Etonians had matters all their own way to the end. A second goal was scored from a corner kick by Bonsor, the goal-keeper in stopping the ball passing it under the tape. Subsequently Maisey kicked another, and five others followed in quick succession, gained by Courthope, Patton (two), Griffith, and Maisey respectively, and the Etonians were declared the victors by eight goals to nothing. Just before time was called the Maidenhead men, with a combined rush, worked the ball right up to the Eton posts, and they claimed a goal, but it was disallowed."

SM: "This was the first of the two ties fixed to be played at Kennington Oval on Saturday last. The Old Etonians were not represented by their full strength, but they overpowered their opponents throughout, and won in the easiest fashion by eight goals to none. Kinnaird kicked off for the Etonians at a quarter past one o'clock, and until half time the play all round was exceedingly slow, a goal by F.J. Patton for the Etonians being the only result before the change of ends. After the reversal of positions the Etonians carried everything before them, the back play of Maidenhead being of the weakest description. During the second part of the game the Etonians added seven goals to their score, two of these due to Patton, two to Maisey, one to Courthope, one to Griffiths, and one to the Maidenhead goal-keeper from a corner kick by Bonsor. For the victors Patton (forward) and the Hon. E. Lyttelton (back) played exceedingly well."

BL: "This was the first of the second ties of the Association Challenge Cup arranged to be played at Kennington Oval on Saturday last. The weather was dull and damp, consequently the visitors did not muster in great force. Play began at 1.20, Kinnaird, for the Old Etonians, kicking off from the gasworks end, and soon his side began to show its superiority, but half an hour elapsed before a goal fell (kicked by Patton). After ends were changed at half time the game was more than ever in favour of Old Etonians, and they were eventually declared conquerors by eight goals to none, Patton scoring two more, Massey two, Bonsor one, Courthope one and Griffith one."

F: "The play at the outset on both sides was very poor, and there was a total absence of any attempt to dribble, the Maidenhead forwards working with so little energy as to give undue work to the backs. Despite the weakness of Maidenhead, the Etonians made little advance, and at half time they had only secured one goal, for which they were indebted to Patton. After the change of ends the play of the Maidenhead backs deteriorated, as well as that of the forwards, and the game became utterly uninteresting, the Etonians having everything their own way. The Maidenhead goalkeeper gave them their second goal, and before the end six more had fallen to their share, Patton and Maisey each scoring two, and Courthope and Griffiths each one. Just at the very finish Maidenhead made a desperate rush, and apparently got a goal, but it was not sufficiently clear to the umpires that the ball had passed between the posts, and so the score was not allowed. The Etonians won by eight goals to none, and, as they had nothing like their full strength, their hollow victory was the more surprising. Patton and Courthope worked hard throughout, but the play all round was not up to the mark."

Old Etonians: Hon. A. F. Kinnaird (Capt.), E. Lubbock (Back), M. Farrer (Back), Hon. E. Lyttelton (Half Back); F. J. Patton, H. Sedgwick, A. Trower, + H. S. Griffiths, A. G. Bonsor, G. J. Courthope, C. M. Meysey-Thompson.

+See First Round: H. S. Griffiths in all London sources

Maidenhead: C. A. Vardy (Capt.) (Back); W. Goulden, F. Burnham (Half Backs); F. W. Nicholson (Goal); (G.) H. Hebbes, F. Hayne, W. Nicholls, R. W. Nicholson, W. A. Blackwell, P. Copas, W. Goldsmith.

Umpires:H.Chambers(Sheffield Club) for Old Etonians and J.H.Clark for Maidenhead .
Referee: J.Kirkpatrick(Civil Service).

WANDERERS 3 (C.W.R.Wollaston 2,F.Heron) CRYSTAL PALACE 0 (H.T. 1-0)(Sat Dec 11th)(At Kennington Oval:2nd of 2)

Sporting Life 15/12/75 P.4/Bell's Life 18/12/75 P.9/Field 18/12/75 P.695/Sportsman 14/12/75 P.3/
Norwood News and Crystal Palace Chronicle P.6/Sheffield Daily Telegraph 13/12/75 P.4/Athletic
News 18/12/75 P.6:

SM:"Following immediately on the +above,came the meeting between these clubs.The Palace won the toss,and Alcock kicked off for the Wanderers at a quarter to three o'clock.The play was exceedingly fast,and throughout on both sides the forwards worked hard,while there was an amount of charging fortunately unusual in such contests.The Crystal Palace backed up well,although there was not the same individual skill noticeable on the side of the Wanderers.From the first the Wanderers kept their opponents in a defensive attitude,and it was only the very brilliant goal-keeping of Savage that prevented the success of many attacks on the Palace goal.Nothing fell to either side in the way of a score until a minute before half-time,when,after a good run by Maddison, Wollaston kicked a goal for the Wanderers.Soon after the change of ends ,the Crystal Palace goal fell again to F.Heron to whom the ball had been middled by Wollaston,but the umpires ruled that the former was off-side,and no score was allowed.Some vigorous play followed on the part of the Palace forwards,Smith,ably supported by the Barlows,trying hard to get past the Wanderers' backs,but without success.About a quarter of an hour before the finish,F.Heron,after a neat run,got the second goal for the Wanderers, and this was quickly followed by another,the result of a short run by Wollaston.This was the last score of the day,and after an hour and a half the match ended in favour of the Wanderers,whose goal-keeper had not once touched the ball,by three goals to none.For the Wanderers,Birley and Maddison both worked hard;and for Palace,Smith,the Barlows,and Armitage(up). Savage's goal-keeping was remarkable for activity,and his precision throughout was exceptional." +Old Etonians v Maidenhead

BL"The second match was commenced at 10 minutes to 3 on Saturday,and the Wanderers,who had mustered a very strong team,had it pretty much their own way.A goal was not secured for them, however,until just as half time was about to be called ,when after a corner kick,Wollaston was successful in passing it under the bar.The goalkeepers had hardly reversed their positions ,when F.Heron kicked the ball through the posts,but the score was not allowed on the plea of offside.After this the Palace had several narrow escapes ,but some time elapsed before F.Heron and Wollaston each scored a goal in quick succession,and in the end,the Wanderers,who had played best throughout,won by three goals to none."

F:"The play of the victors all round was much better than anything they have shown all season, Maddison working hard throughout.It should be stated that the ball did not once pass beyond the Wanderers' goal line."

SL: "Directly after the conclusion of the above, these teams came on the ground to play off their match in the second ties, and, after a well-contested game, the Wanderers won by three goals to love. The Crystal Palace men at the outset held their own, and it was only just before half time that a goal was scored by the Wanderers from the foot of Wollaston. Upon ends being reversed F. Heron, who had made some good runs, kicked the ball under the bar, but being off-side, the goal was disallowed. Towards the close the Wanderers had the best of the struggle and F. Heron and Wollaston each scored a goal in quick succession, it being nearly dark when time was called. Thus the match ended in favour of the Wanderers by three goals to nothing. The Crystal Palace team played up most energetically throughout, Smith, Armitage, Barlow, and Cloete especially distinguishing themselves. The goal-keeping of Savage was also very fine, and but for his endeavours more goals would have been lost. Of the Wanderers, Wollaston, Maddison, Birley, and the two Herons deserve a word of praise for good play."

Wanderers: W.D.O. Greig (Goal); A.H. Stratford, W. Lindsay (Backs); F.H. Birley, F.T. Green (Half Backs); C.H.R. Wollaston, G.H. (ubert) H. Heron, Frank Heron, C.W. Alcock (Capt.), +F.B. Maddison, J. Kenrick.

+Formerly known as F.B. Chappell

Crystal Palace: C.E. Smith (Capt.), A.H. Savage (Goal); D.R. Smith, E.P. Barlow and J.H. Vigne, F.T. Barlow, C.C. Armitage, W. Dorling, W. Bouch (Back), M. Ferguson, and W.B. Cloete (Half Backs).

N.B. BL/SM/F/NN have D. Smith, E.P. Barlow, H.J. Vigne as Half Backs but only list 10 men missing
F.T. Barlow: SL/AN/SDT all have 11 men including F.T. Barlow

Umpires: F.W. Chambers (Sheffield Club) for Wanderers and A.E. Oelricks (Crystal Palace) for Crystal Palace. Referee: R.L. Allport (First Surrey Rifles).

SWIFTS 5 (J.M. Post, W.S. Bambridge, W.T. Sale, H.S. Talbot, A. Wild) SOUTH NORWOOD 0 (+H.T. 3-0) (Sat Dec 11th) (At Dolphin Ground, Slough)

+N.B. F/SL/SDT/AN have Sale scoring 3rd goal just before half-time, but others have his goal early in the 2nd half: No report on Norwood News.

Bell's Life 18/12/75 P.9/Field 18/12/75 P.695/Sportsman 14/12/75 P.3/Sporting Life 15/12/75 P.4/
Athletic News 18/12/75 P.7/Sheffield Daily Telegraph 13/12/75 P.4:

SDT: "The Swifts, who are a powerful club, were the favourites and as they had enlisted the services of four members of the Eton College, they were additionally strong."

(J.B.T. Chevalier, L. Bury, E.J. Ruggles-Brise, and J.M. Post: all members of the 1875 Field Eleven: see The Field Game page 86: J.M. Post also recorded as C. Post)

F: "A very strong team was brought into the field by the Swifts on Saturday last to do battle against the South Norwood Club. The match was one of the second ties for the Challenge Cup, and consequently great importance was attached to the result by both sides. A visiting team always suffers under a great disadvantage, from the difficulty there is to get their best team together; and South Norwood were certainly no exception to this rule. The ground, especially when the recent weather is

considered, was in excellent order. Play began at three o'clock, when Norwood, who had won the toss, elected to defend the goal nearest the road, having the advantage of a slight incline, and also of what wind there happened to be. Bury kicked off for the Swifts, and Norwood promptly returned the ball. Ruggles-Brise missed his kick, and the ball being well followed up by the victors, was forced over their opponents' line. Up to this time the Swifts had been playing one short; but Talbot now put in an appearance, thus making the sides numerically equal. For the remainder of the game the Swifts most unmistakably penned their opponents. Post and Chevalier conducted the ball well down the ground, and the former shot it under the tape, thus securing the first goal for the Swifts. The ball had not long been restarted when Bambridge, who worked most indefatigably throughout, got it a little at the side of the ground, and bringing it nearly under the posts, secured a second goal. One or two good attempts were made by Elborough to get away with the ball, but to no purpose. The attacks of the Swifts were incessant, and a little previous to the call of half time Sale cleverly kicked a third goal. Ends having been changed, the ball was still kept, with trifling exceptions, in close proximity to the Norwood lines. Two other goals were obtained by the Swifts, one kicked by Talbot, and the other by Wild out of a loose scrimmage. The Norwood team being unable to score anything, the Swifts were thus victors by five goals to none. For the winners, Bambridge, Chevalier, Brise, and Talbot showed prominently, as did Elborough, W.H. White, and Gray for the losers."

SL: "The Swifts bid fair to prove formidable competitors for the Cup this year, for on Saturday last, at Slough, they scored a more easy victory than any previously obtained by them, winning by five goals to love. Their eleven varied in great measure from that previously played, and four of the Eton College Eleven featured in their victorious ranks. So easily was the present victory achieved, and so completely did the Swifts have the game in their hands throughout, that it may be mentioned that their goal-keeper never once touched the ball. The day was raw and damp, though no rain absolutely fell, and there was a fair number of spectators present on the Dolphin Ground, at Slough, when at three o'clock Bury kicked off for the Swifts; South Norwood having won the toss, and with the hill and wind in their favour, elected first to defend the goal nearest to the road. For the first few moments the ball was in the neighbourhood of the goal-line of the Swifts—who commenced with ten men, Talbot being the late arrival—but subsequently the home team had the match in their own hands, and ere half-time was announced by Mr E.H. Bambridge (who kindly officiated as umpire for both sides), no less than three goals had been recorded in their favour. The first was scored by Post and Chevalier who ran the ball down between them, the former giving the final kick. The next fell to Bambridge, who, by a pretty piece of play, brought the ball down from the side of the ground, and middling it carefully, sent it between the posts ere White could stop it on its course, and the third fell to Sale, after another good exhibition of dribbling. On changing ends, and with the hill and wind favouring them, the Swifts had never once to fear the downfall of their goal, and keeping the ball always in the front, and in the neighbourhood of the South Norwood posts, had added a couple more goals ere "time" was called. Of these the first was credited to Talbot, after a dodging journey down the play, in which he showed good tactics, pace, and dexterity, and the second to Wild, who, out of a loose bully, in front of the Norwood goal, got hold of the ball and sent it flying through the posts."

SM/BL: "The second tie for the above competition was played off on Saturday last at Slough, and proved less exciting than was anticipated, the home team gaining a victory by five goals to none. Play began at ten minutes to three o'clock, and although the home team had lost the toss, and were playing ten men against a slight wind, no perceptible advantage was gained by their adversaries, and upon the arrival of the eleventh Swift, it became apparent that the visitors would have plenty to do.

The game started briskly, and continued so during the first half-time, when two goals had been scored, for the Swifts by C. Post and W. S. Bambridge. Upon change of ends repeated onslaughts were made upon the South Norwood fortress, and gallantly repulsed by C. E. Leeds, Elborough, and D. Rennoldson, whilst Freere, White, and J. B. Jones lost no opportunities forward, an excellent run or two being made by them, a score only being prevented by the magnificent kicking of R. Brise and Bury. The Swifts increased their efforts to score, whilst their opponents appeared somewhat less energetic, and three goals were scored for the Swifts during the remainder of the play— one falling to Sale, another to Talbot, and a third from a scrummage in front of goal. Besides those mentioned, Chevalier, Sale, Talbot, Post, and Evans played well.”

Swifts: W. S. Bambridge (Capt.), H. S. Talbot, W. T. Sale, J. A. Wild (Goal), + J. B. T. Chevalier, + J. M. Post, ++ L. Evans, W. B. Fassnidge, H. W. Griffith, + E. J. Ruggles-Brise (Half Backs), + L. Bury (Back)

+ Eton Field Eleven ++ Normally played for Herts Rangers

South Norwood: W. H. White (Capt.), C. E. Leeds (Back), D. Rennoldson, W. C. Elborough (Half Backs), F. White (Goal), H. B. Gray, E. R. Freere, G. A. Hicks, T. B. Jones, C. Wilson, H. W. Wilson.

Umpire: E. H. Bainbridge (Swifts) for both sides.

REIGATE PRIORY 0 CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY 8 (A. C. Cole 4, D. B. Roffey 2, H. H. W. Sparham, D. Q. Steel) (H. T. 0-4) (Sat Dec 11th) (At Little Bridge Ground, West Brompton)

Sportsman 14/12/75 P.3/Bell's Life 18/12/75 P.9/Field 18/12/75 P.695/Sporting Life 15/12/75 P.4/Sheffield Daily Telegraph 13/12/75 P.4/Athletic News 18/12/75 P.6:

SM/BL: "This another of the second ties, was played on Saturday, December 11, on the Lillie Bridge Ground. Reigate won the toss, and the Cambridge captain kicked off a little after three o'clock. The game was very one-sided, the Cantabs, who had it all their own way throughout, before half-time was called having secured four goals, two of which fell to Cole and one each to Roffey and Sparham. Ends were then changed, but the Reigate men were continually penned by their opponents, and although the latter part of the game was played in darkness, Cambridge scored four more goals, two by Cole, and one each by Roffey and Steel, thus remaining victors by eight goals to none. For Cambridge all the forwards worked hard and well, Cole being perhaps the most conspicuous, and the backs returned the ball in good style, the Reigate never once during the game having succeeded in getting past them. For Reigate Priory Bailey and Richardson played best."

F: "This match, one of the second association ties, was played at Lillie Bridge on Saturday December 11th. Reigate won the toss, and shortly after three o'clock the Cambridge captain kicked off. The game was very one-sided, and before half time was called Cambridge had scored four goals, two secured by Cole, and one each by Roffey and Sparham. After ends were changed the Reigate were still penned, and when no side was called Cambridge had gained four more goals (Cole two, Roffey and Steel, one each), thus winning the match by eight goals to none. For Cambridge all the forwards played hard and well, Cole perhaps being the most conspicuous and the backs returned the ball with great precision, Reigate never during the game being able to get past them. For Reigate Priory Bailey and Richardson played best"

Reigate Priory:A.W.Bailey(Capt.)(Half Back);W.A.Laker,+G.Laker(Backs),A.Sargeant(Goal);
W.B.Richardson,C.H.Craig,W.J.Waterlow,L.Chave,E.C.Hanbury,F.Kirby,++D.Sprange

.+G.Laker was normal Back with W.A.Laker not J.Laker

++N.B. M.Sprange in 76/77 match:could be R.(B.) Sprange

Cambridge University:E.Mackean(Trinity)(Goal);W.Stuart Harris(Trinity)(Back);D.B.Roffey (Jesus)
(Capt.),B.G.Jarrett(Christ's),E.C.Foa(Trinity Hall)(Half Backs); A.C.Cole(Trinity),D.Q.Steel(Trinity Hall),
+H.T.Luddington,F.B.Champion(Jesus),H.H.W.Sparham(Sidney),E.J.D.Simpson(Trinity)(Forwards).

+College St John's?

CLAPHAM ROVERS 12(E.G.Smith,R.L.Geaves 4,A.J.Stanley,R.H.Birkett 2,W.S.Buchanan,
J.R.Dodds(o.g.),D.R.Hunter 2) LEYTON 0(H.T. 5-0) (Sat Dec 18th)(At Kennington Oval)

N.B Slight variation in scorers in various papers(see reports below)

Field 25/12/75 P.725/Sportsman 21/12/75 P.3/Sporting Life 22/12/75 P.1/Bell's Life 25/12/75
P.7/Athletic News 24/12/75 P.7/Sheffield Daily Telegraph 20/12/75 P.4:

F:"This match,the last of the second ties,was played on Saturday last at Kennington Oval.There was reasonable ground for predicting an uneven game from the known strength of the Rovers,and Leyton increased the inequality by only mustering ten players instead of eleven throughout the contest.The Rovers,though they did not play quite up to their usual form,completely overpowered their antagonists,and the result was a signal victory to their account.At half time five goals had been scored,and the second half of the game increased the total by seven,so that the Rovers won by twelve goals to none.Of the twelve goals Geaves obtained three,Hunter two,Birkett,Bevington, Buchanan,Stanley and Smith,each one,and two were the result of mistakes on the part of E.W.Scott and Dodds on the Leyton side."

SM:"This tie was played at Kennington Oval on Saturday.The game was so utterly one-sided that any details are unnecessary.Leyton numbered one short throughout,but their play was very inferior at every point,and the Rovers had a hollow victory by twelve goals to none.The goals were got by Geaves(three),Hunter(two),Birkett,Buchanan,Bevington,Stanley,and Smith each one,while one glanced off the shoulder of E.W.Scott from a free kick by Birkett,and one was kicked through by one of the Leyton eleven during a scrimmage."

SL:"Last Saturday,in dull and miserable weather,and on soft turf,these clubs played off their tie at Kennington Oval,to witness which only a few spectators assembled.Unfortunately Leyton turned up short handed,A.Weakley,one of their best players,being absent,and the game proved one-sided throughout.The Leytonians for the first half kicked towards the Gasworks,the ball being started about three o'clock,and so effective was the play of the Rovers that five minutes had barely elapsed ere the ball was sent flying through the Leyton posts by Smith.Directly the ball was set in motion again Beaufoy made a fine run,passing the ball cleverly to Smith,who muddled to Geaves,and the latter kicked a goal beautifully.Another goal was scored immediately afterwards by Stanley and this was followed in quick succession by two others,by Geaves and Birkett respectively.Change of ends

brought no change to the fortunes of Leyton, who were mostly penned to the end, and before time was called seven more goals, gained by Geaves (two), Hunter (two), Birkett (one) and Buchanan (one) were added to the Clapham Rovers' score, leaving them victors by twelve goals to nothing. One goal was given to the Rovers by the Leyton goal-keeper, who, through a mis-kick, sent the ball between the posts. We may remark that all the Leyton did their best to avert defeat, and that the Rovers seldom played better."

BL: "Leyton won the toss, and soon after 3 o'clock the ball was started, their team being one man short. Five minutes had scarcely elapsed before Smith kicked a goal, and it was quite clear the Rovers were much too strong, and goal after goal succumbed with great rapidity. At half time four more goals had been captured, two by Geaves, one by Stanley, the other by Birkett. Directly after changing over three goals fell immediately, kicked by Buchanan, Geaves and the Leyton goalkeeper. The Leyton men, however, did all they could to turn the tide, but without avail, and they were in the end beaten in the easiest manner possible by 12 goals to none, Hunter scoring two, Birkett and Geaves gaining the others."

AN: "Smith speedily opened the ball for the Rovers with a goal, and this was followed with one from Geaves, the latter also getting another after Stanley had assisted on the score with a third. Just before half time, Birkett by a judicious free kick, planted the ball neatly in front of the Leyton posts, and as it touched Scott, and passed neatly between the posts, the result was the fifth goal for the Rovers. The change of ends produced no variation in the play, though Growse and Wrightson occasionally made an effort and got the ball over the mid-way line. Birkett soon got to work with another goal, and six more were obtained before the call of time; Hunter of this number gaining two, Birkett, Bevington, and Geaves one, while the one remaining was kicked by one of the Leyton team out of a general scrimmage.

Clapham Rovers: R.H. Birkett (Capt.), E. Field (Half Backs); R.A.M.M. Ogilvie (Back); A.F.M. Gamble (Goal), W.S. Buchanan, R.L. Geaves, A.J. Stanley (Centre), H.S. Bevington, D.R. Hunter (Left Wing), M.H. Beaufoy, +E.G. Smith (Right Wing).

+Not E.J. Smith

Leyton: E.W. Scott (Capt.), +G. Moojen (Back), T.R. Scott, R.G. Evans (Half Back); W.M. Lloyd, J.W. Biggs, A.J. Secretan, F.B. Wrightson, R. Growse, J.R. Dodds (Goal). (Only 10 men: A.H. Weakley absent)

+Normal clubs Forest and Woodford Wells

Umpire: C.W. Alcock (Hon Sec Football Association)

HERTS RANGERS 2 (G. Gilbert, F.J. Sparks)

OXFORD UNIVERSITY 8 (F.D. Simpson 2, E.H. Parry, J. Bain, T.A.C. Hampson, W.S. Rawson, and 2 from "general scimmages") (H.T. 1-4) (Sat Dec 18th)

(At Hertford Grounds at Nascott, close to Cassiobury Park, Watford)

Sportsman 21/12/75 P.3/Field 25/12/75 P.725/Sporting Life 22/12/75 P.1/Bell's Life 25/12/75 P.7/
Morning Post 20/12/75 P.2/Athletic News 24/12/75 P.7/Sheffield Telegraph 20/12/75 P.4:

SM: "On Saturday the second ties in this competition were brought to an end. The above match took place on the ground of the Rangers, and the play was very fast throughout, though the game was exceedingly one-sided. The Oxford captain won the toss and chose the lower goal, having the play slightly up hill. The Oxonians soon asserted their superiority, and the Rangers for a quarter of an hour had to act on the defensive, except when their lines were relieved by an occasional run of Barker and Sparks. About twenty minutes after the commencement, however, a general run of the Rangers forwards took the ball along the side into close proximity to the Oxford goal, and a neat shot by Gilbert took it between the posts. After the kick-off the Oxford forwards settled down into their best form, and the Rangers were not only hard pressed, but were so unequal to the task of defending their line against the constant attacks to which it was subjected, that before half time the Oxford had secured four goals, two by Simpson, and one each by Parry and Bain. Just previous to change of ends, Bridges, who had been playing very well half-back for Oxford, had to retire through indisposition, and during the second half of the game the University only mustered ten to eleven. Still, in spite of this disadvantage, the Oxonians had matters much their own way, and ultimately won by eight goals to two."

F: "These clubs were drawn together in the second ties for the Cup, and a meeting was arranged to take place at Nascott, near to Cassiobury Ground, Watford. The ground was a very uneven one, and there was no calculating as to where the ball would bound. This made the play of the backs a most difficult task, especially to the less practised players. There was a fair sprinkling of spectators, considering the damp, uncomfortable state of the weather. Play began at three o'clock, the University, who had won the toss, defending the lower goal. Barker kicked off for Herts, and the game at once became very fast. The Rangers forwards at first pushed the pace a little but they were repeatedly repulsed by the determined back play of Rawson. The game had proceeded for about a quarter of an hour when the Hertford forwards conducted the ball along the side of the ground, and, middling it to within six yards of the Oxford goal post, Gilbert by a rather clever shot kicked the ball through. The ball having been set in motion again, the Oxford forwards played up very hard, and for some time most completely penned their opponents, till a goal was kicked for them by Simpson. Matters having been thus equalised, both teams made most determined efforts to score; but the University proved not only too strong but too experienced to allow the Rangers to have much advantage, and Perry kicked a second goal. Save one or two runs by Sparks and Barker, the ball was kept in the Rangers' territory, and two other goals were kicked for Oxford. Half time having arrived, ends were changed; but a few minutes prior to this Bridges, became so indisposed that he was unable to take further part in the game. Up to the time of his retiring he had played very well, at half back, and had been constantly at it, returning the ball after the many short runs of the Hertford forwards. During the latter half of the time Hertford were still penned, and only about three times was the ball taken over the centre of the ground. Four other goals were kicked for them, but mostly out of loose scrimmages, it being impossible to discern who gave the final kick. Sparks, who played a good game throughout, kicked a second goal for his side. The light became very bad, and when time was called at 4.30 the ball could scarcely be seen thirty yards off. The University won the match by eight goals to two. If the field at Nascott is to be devoted to football, it would be a great improvement to have it made a little less lumpy. The Hertfordshire men certainly played in a most creditable manner, especially when the strength of the team against whom they contested is taken into consideration; the want of condition in them, however, was painfully evident towards the close of the game. The Oxonians played nearly as fresh at the end as they had at the beginning. The safe kicking and good

generalship of Rawson, their captain, also the manner (without too much shouting) in which he kept his men at it, proved of great service, and will assuredly stand them in good stead when they meet stronger clubs."

BL: "The toss for choice of ends was won by Oxford, and the captain chose the lower goal, and the ball had not long been set in motion before it became evident that the Oxonians were superior; but the first goal fell to their opponents after 20 minutes play, Gilbert making a capital shot. The University men, however, settled down steadily, and at half time they had scored no less than four goals, Simpson being credited with two, Parry and Bain obtaining the others. Previous to ends being changed, Bridges, one of the Oxford half backs, had to retire, and despite the fact that the Oxford team was one man short, they won by eight goals to two."

AN: "The first score was made by Rangers, Gilbert with a side shot neatly securing the fall of the University goal. After this the Oxonians pressed their opponents, though Barker and Sparks made some desperate attempts to break away. Simpson soon made matters even with a goal for Oxford, and before half time three more had fallen to the same side, kicked by Parry, Bain, and Simpson respectively. After the change of ends the play was very fast, the Oxford forwards, as usual, playing a hard and unselfish game. Hampson and Rawson each got a goal for the University, and to these were added two more, the results of a general scrimmage in each case. One more goal fell to Watford from the foot of Sparks, but this was all, and so Oxford gained another marked success by eight goals to two. Rawson's play for Oxford was brilliant throughout, and Sparks, Barker, and Longman worked hard for the Rangers."

SDT: "... a ground singularly unfitted for football, being very irregular and heavy."

Herts Rangers: R. Barker (Capt.), E. Humbert (Goal); W. J. Jervis (Back); +W. E. W. Collins, C. G. Field (Half Backs); E. L. Greaves, ++G. Gilbert, J. Barnard, C. J. Longman, T. B. Day, F. J. Sparks.

+Not traced elsewhere ++G. Gilbert played for King's Langley :?W. Gilbert

Oxford University: W. S. Rawson (Christ Church) (Capt.) (Back); J. H. Bridges (Oriental), H. H. Longman ((University) (Half Backs); T. A. C. Hampson (+New) (Goal); E. H. Parry (Exeter), C. A. Denton (Trinity), C. H. T. Metcalfe (University), F. D. Simpson (Oriental), H. S. Otter (Christ Church), J. H. J. Ellison (Merton), J. Bain (New).

+Not Merton

ROYAL ENGINEERS walked over PANTHERS scratched: "This match was to have been played at Chatham on Friday, Dec 18, but the Panthers declined to meet their formidable opponents." :Bell's Life 25/12/75 P.7.

THIRD ROUND:

Sporting Gazette 1/1/76: "The third ties for the English Association Cup have been drawn as follows: Wanderers v Sheffield Club, Royal Engineers v Swifts, Oxford University v Cambridge

University, Old Etonians v Clapham Rovers. All these matches must be played off on or before the 31st inst to leave plenty of time before the end of the season for the decision of the fourth ties."

WANDERERS 2 (F. Heron 2) SHEFFIELD CLUB 0 (H.T. 0-0) (Sat Jan 29th) (At Kennington Oval: 1 of 3)

Field 5/2/76 P.147/Sportsman 1/2/76 P.3/Bell's Life 5/2/76 P.8/Sporting Life 2/2/76 P.4/Sheffield Daily Telegraph 31/1/76 P.4/Sheffield Independent 31/1/76 P.4/Athletic News 5/2/76 P.7:

F: "This was the first of the three ties fixed for decision on the Surrey Cricket Ground at Kennington on Saturday last. The match was begun under the cheering influences of a bright sun, but hardly a quarter of an hour had elapsed before, to the general dismay of players and onlookers, the dense fog that had prevailed during the morning spread over the ground, enveloping everything and preventing the spectators having anything but an occasional glimpse of the ball when it came into their immediate vicinity. Birley lost little for his side in not winning the toss, and Sheffield gained nothing by occupying the western goal. The kick-off by Birley was returned by the Northerners, and for a short time the fight was inclined more towards the Wanderers' lines. Then Frank Heron made a short run, and Hubert Heron and Wollaston took the ball rapidly along, the last-named making a clever shot, which was almost successful, the goal-keeper just reaching the ball in time to put it behind his goal-line. The corner kick by Maddison, who had previously, from a similar kick, dropped the ball onto the bar of the Sheffield goal, fell short, and, after a short scrimmage, Hughes, by a well-timed shot, sent the ball just over the cross bar surmounting the Northern posts. Meanwhile Matthews and Cursham had been making vigorous efforts for Sheffield, and once, J.C. Clegg, by a cleverly directed kick, landed the ball sharply in the centre of the Wanderers' posts, but only to have it well returned by Greig. Until half time no goal had been obtained by either side, but it was evident that the Wanderers were improving in their play, and the rest of the game saw them unmistakably in the ascendant. The Sheffield backs fell off materially during the second portion of the contest, and at last an unlucky piece of handling by Wake, in the very mouth of his goal, gave a free kick to the Wanderers, the result of which was that Frank Heron, after a short scrimmage safely directed the ball between the posts. Soon after this, Ellison, the Sheffield captain, was unfortunate enough to strain the muscles in his leg, and for the rest of the match his services were lost to his side. Desperate efforts were made by the Northern forwards to improve matters, but still the Wanderers held a decided advantage, and Frank Heron at last accredited them with a second goal, breasting the ball between the posts out of a general scrimmage. These were the only scores made, as although Kenrick soon after put the ball between the Sheffield posts, he was off-side, and the goal was not allowed, consequently at the end of an hour (and a half), the Wanderers were left victorious by two goals to none."

SM: "This was the first of the three matches to be played at Kennington Oval on Saturday last. During the early morning a dense fog prevailed in the south-eastern districts of London, but soon after noon the sun broke through, and there were some hopes of a pleasant afternoon. Ill-fortune has, however, always marked the visits of Sheffield football players to London, and the weather on Saturday proved true to its traditions. At twenty minutes to two o'clock Birley kicked off from the eastern goal, the authorities at the Oval having arranged that this match and that between the Royal Engineers and Swifts should be decided on the portion of the ground usually devoted to football purposes, while for the tie between Old Etonians and Clapham Rovers was provided a place extending from the racquet-court, and parallel with the eastern fence, to a length of 110 yards. A

quarter of an hour after the kick-off by the Wanderers matters assumed a very dull aspect both for the players and spectators, as the fog again asserted its supremacy, and during the rest of the afternoon it was almost impossible to discern the ball at even a short distance—a state of affairs very disappointing to a large number of on-lookers, who had counted on a long afternoon of football. During the first half of the game the Sheffields made a good fight with their metropolitan opponents. Some good play was shown by the northern forwards, notably by Matthews and Cursham, and some good kicking by Ellison and Wake. Once Hubert Heron almost got the ball between the Sheffield posts, but the goal was very well saved by Chambers just at the crisis, although at the expense of a corner kick to the Wanderers. Up till half-time the game had been by no means uneven, although the more certain kicking of the Wanderer backs, in comparison to that of their opponents, had enabled the Londoners to claim a slight advantage. After the change of ends, however, the Wanderers began to show a decided superiority, and in about ten minutes, an unlucky piece of handling by Wake, in the very centre of the posts, gave the Wanderers a free kick, Frank Heron being able to get an opening out of the scrimmage that followed to get a goal for the Wanderers. Soon after the game had been resumed, the Sheffield captain unfortunately strained his leg, and had to retire, a loss of some importance to the northern eleven. Another case of hands close to the Sheffield posts seemed to augur well for another success to the Wanderers, but there was no result. Not long afterwards the Wanderers' forwards again bore down heavily on the opposite backs, and the ball coming into the centre, was breasted through the Sheffield goal by F. Heron. This was the last score of the match, time being called about ten minutes afterwards, with the game to the Wanderers by two goals to none. For the victors, F. Heron (forward), and Birley and Lindsay (back) were most conspicuous; for Sheffield, Cursham, Matthews (forward), and Ellison (back)."

BL: "On Saturday last three of the third ties for this trophy were decided at Kennington Oval, the fog being denser than any we have experienced during the present winter. All the morning the metropolis was enveloped in a thick mist, but towards 2 o'clock it cleared off, and the sun shining forth, it was fondly anticipated that the remainder of the day would be fine. 1 o'clock was the hour fixed for the first match, but it was 20 minutes to 2 before the ball was kicked off by Birley, from the end of the ground nearest the gasometers. Play began very evenly, neither side having much the best of the conflict, there being every indication of a close and exciting game; but hostilities had only lasted 20 minutes when the sun became obscured by fog, and the players were scarcely discernable 20 yards off, this unfortunate condition of weather continuing throughout the afternoon. Up to half time no goal had fallen, but the Wanderers' back play was decidedly superior, and this gave them a trifling advantage. On changing over the metropolitan team began to show a manifest advantage, and scarcely ten minutes had elapsed before a cry of "hands" was raised close in front of the Sheffield posts. A free kick accrued to the Wanderers, and F. Heron was enabled to score a goal out of the scrimmage that ensued. The game had hardly been renewed before the captain of the Sheffield team was rendered hors de combat, having injured his leg, and he was ultimately compelled to retire, which proved a great loss to his side. Once another goal seemed likely to be scored by the Wanderers, in a similar fashion to the first, but it was not until within 10 minutes of the call of time that F. Heron was instrumental in obtaining another goal, and thus the game ended in favour of the Wanderers by two goals to none."

ADD SDT OR SI REPORT

Wanderers:A.H.Stratford,W.Lindsay(Backs);F.H.Birley(Capt.),F.T.Green(Half Backs);
W.D.O.Greig(Goal),C.H.R.Wollaston,G.H(ubert)H.Heron (Upper Side),T.B.Hughes,
F.B.Maddison(Centres);F.Heron,J.Kenrick(Lower Side).(BL order)

Sheffield:W.H.Chambers(Goal);M.J.Ellison(Capt.),W.R.Wake(Backs);W.E.Clegg,T.C.Willey(Half Backs);
J.C.Clegg,+A.W.Cursham,J.Matthews,H.Sorby,R.A.Sorby,J.G.Wylie.

+Normally played for Notts Club

Umpires:C.W.Alcock(Wanderers) and F.J.Whelan(Sheffield).Referee:J.Kirkpatrick(Civil Service)

OLD ETONIANS 1(A.G.Bonsor) CLAPHAM ROVERS 0(H.T. 1-0)(Sat Jan 29th)(At Kennington Oval :2nd of 3)

Bell's Life 22/1/76 P.5:"On Saturday(15/1/76) afternoon the Old Etonians and Clapham Rovers were to have played one of the third round ties for the Association Challenge Cup at Kennington Oval ,but as neither side turned up no match took place."

Field 5/2/76 P.147/Sportsman 1/2/76 P.3/Bell's Life 5/2/76 P.8/Sporting Life 2/2/76 P.4/Athletic News 5/2/76 P.7/Sheffield Daily Telegraph 31/1/76 P.4:

F:"This match was played on a piece of the Oval extending from the racquet court parallel with the eastern fence.It was generally expected that the play would be hard and fast,as the clubs were evenly matched,although the Rovers had to play without two of their most useful forwards, H.S.Bevington and R.L.Geaves.The Rovers' captain,having won the toss,elected to defend the goal adjoining the tavern,and at three o'clock Kinnaird kicked off for the Old Etonians.The Clapham backs were soon pressed by the persistent onslaught of the Eton forwards,and,after vain attempts to raise the siege,their goal was placed in serious jeopardy by a well-directed shot from Kinnaird,the ball passing just over the bar.By a desperate effort the Rovers forwards now took the ball well into Eton territory,and it was only the unerring kicking of the Hon.E.Lyttleton and Thompson that prevented a disaster to the Etonians.Again,however,the ball travelled into Clapham quarters,and about ten minutes before half time,a shot by Bonsor gave a goal to the Etonians.Until half-time the Rovers had still to act on the defensive;but after the change of ends they rallied to some extent,and during the rest of the game showed a bold front.On several occasions Buchanan,Hunter,and Smith worked the ball well up into the immediate vicinity of the Eton posts,but in spite of all attacks,the Etonians were able to maintain the advantage they had gained,and accordingly the victory rested with them by one goal to none."

SM:"At three o'clock Kinnaird kicked off for the Etonians from the northern end,the general impression being in favour of a hard and evenly-contested game.At first the Etonian forwards pressed heavily on the Clapham backs,though Birkett and Field not only worked vigorously,but kicked well.Once a fine shot by Kinnaird carried the ball over the tape of the Clapham goal,and again after the Rovers had momentarily succeeded in raising the siege the Etonians compelled them to act on the defensive.For upwards of half an hour nothing had been scored,but here Bonsor was able to elude the Clapham backs,and the result was a goal for the Old Etonians.From this point until half-time the play was fairly even,with a slight preponderance on the side of Eton.During the second part

of the game the Rovers worked hard, and more than once it seemed as though they would effect a score to counterbalance that of their opponents. The Etonians, however, were able to maintain their advantage until the end, thus winning a stiff contest by one goal to none."

BL: "This was the second match and commenced at 3 o'clock, the Rovers having won the toss and selected the goal nearest the Racket Court, the goals being fixed north and south."

BL: "Presently the Etonians bore down on their opponents repeatedly, and again the Clapham lines became the scene of operations, and after one or two ineffectual attempts to capture their goal, Bonsor was successful in passing the ball under the line, play having lasted about 35 minutes. In 10 minutes from this time the goal-keepers reversed their positions, and moderately even play was carried on for about 20 minutes, when the fog became thicker if anything, and the players could hardly be seen as they rushed about the ground after the ball. Towards the close of the game the Rovers made great exertions to equalise matters without avail, and they had great trouble in keeping their ground clear. Just before the call of time, however, the Rovers by a united rush, carried the ball down very nearly to the Eton goal, but nothing resulted, and the Old Etonians won by +(one) goal to none." +Wrongly recorded as "three goals to none".

AN: "Play in this game began on a piece of ground from north to south, parallel with the wicket, and the ground being in good condition, the players on both sides set to work in earnest from the outset; rapid movement being the order of the day. It soon became apparent that the Old Etonians had the advantage, and the greater portion of the play took place in the Rovers' portion of the ground until half-time, the only goal made during the game being kicked by Bonsor, about ten minutes before the goal-keepers had changed ends. During the latter portion of the match the play was more even, but the Rovers were unable to score, consequently the Old Etonians won by one goal to none."

N.B. This game was inexplicably postponed from Sat Jan 15th :

Sportsman 18/1/76 P.3: "...was not played at the Oval on Saturday, although weather and ground were both favourable."

Sporting Life 19/1/76 P.1: "No notice was posted as to the cause for the postponement, which occasioned some surprise as the ground was in very fair condition."

Old Etonians: F.H. Wilson (Goal); M.G. Farrer (Back); A.C. (Meysey-) Thompson, Hon. E. Lyttelton (Half Backs); Hon. A.F. Kinnaird (Capt.), A.G. Bonsor, Hon. A. Lyttelton, C.M. (Meysey-) Thompson, W.S. Kenyon-Stanley, J.H. Stronge, +H. Sedgwick (Forwards).

+Not confirmed

Clapham Rovers: R.H. Birkett (Capt.), Edgar Field (Half Backs); R.A.M.M. Ogilvie (Back); A.F.M. Gamble (Goal); G. Holden, W.S. Buchanan, D.R. Hunter, Mark H. Beaufoy, E.G. Smith, C.J.M. Fox, +N.C. Crowdy (Forwards).

+Not found elsewhere: only F.D. Crowdy (Westminster School)

Umpires: J.H. Giffard (Civil Service) for the Old Etonians and A. Nash (Clapham Rovers) for the Clapham Rovers. Referee: T.F. Spreckley (Woodford Wells).

ROYAL ENGINEERS 1 (H.E.Rawson) SWIFTS 3 (W.S.Bambridge,C.W.Selwyn,W.T.Sale)(H.T. 0-1)(Sat Jan 29th)(At Kennington Oval)(3rd of 3)

Field 5/2/76 P.147/Sportsman 1/2/76 P.3/Bell's Life 5/2/76 P.8/Sporting Life 2/2/76 P.4/Sheffield Independent 31/1/76 P.4/Sheffield Daily Telegraph 31/1/76 P.4/Athletic News 5/2/76 P.7-8:

F:"These clubs commenced their tie on the conclusion of that between the Wanderers and Sheffield,and this was,oddly enough,the only one of the three matches regarded as likely to be in any way one-sided.The Engineers were greatly fancied,but the result proved that they had been overrated,as unquestionably the best eleven won,and the Swifts are to be congratulated on a thoroughly well-merited success.The Engineers won the toss,and W.S.Bambridge set the ball in motion for the Swifts at half past three o'clock.The density of the fog prevented any close observance of the play,but in a few minutes it was seen that the Engineer forwards were threatening the opposite goal,and a smart shot was stopped by Wild.Talbot then got the ball well away along the centre for the Swifts,and Selwyn,continuing the run,was lost in the mist,though a loud shout proclaimed the downfall of the Engineers' goal,due to a kick by W.S.Bambridge,to whom Selwyn had muddled the ball.After the kick-off the play was fast and vigorous .Rawson and Middlemass,in the centre,trying hard to pass the opposite backs,though each attack was well met by Bury(a member of the Eton College Eleven,and a useful recruit for the Swifts) and Haygarth.Nothing more was scored until half time,and it was expected that even yet there was a great chance for the Engineers,who notoriously play well up to the very end,instead of relaxing their efforts.The Swifts,however, speedily made their position still firmer,as,within a few minutes,a splendid run by Joll enabled Selwyn to give them another goal;and again,at a very short interval,Sale accredited them with their third success. The Engineers,who up to this point had played in anything but their best form,now made vigorous efforts,and at length these were crowned with a goal,well secured for them by their captain.To the last they played up with undiminished energy,but the back play of the Swifts was too good to admit of any success,Haygarth being especially brilliant throughout.Time came without further incidents, and so the Swifts were hailed the winners by three goals to one.They played well at every point,their forwards working hard,and their backs kicking unerringly.In the latter respect the Engineers were weak,and the loss of Onslow was a great blow to them,though generally the play of their eleven was not up to the standard of former years."

SM:"The Engineers,it may be remembered,are the present holders of the Cup and that they were much fancied were proved by the odds,as much as 3 to 1 being laid in their favour.It was half past three o'clock before the captain of the Swifts kicked off from the eastern end,and at once the Sappers made a dash into the neighbourhood of the goal defended by the Swifts.The final rush over, however,it was seen that the Engineers were hardly playing in their old form,their backs being faulty on more than one occasion.After a short run by Talbot,Selwyn carried the ball along the side,and middling cleverly,enabled W.S.Bambridge to secure a well-earned goal for the Swifts.Some very even play followed,Rawson,Middlemass,and Childers working hard in the middle for the Engineers,while Talbot,Joll,and Sale were equally pertinacious on the side of the Swifts. Nothing more happened up to half-time,though more than once the Engineers seriously menaced the opposite posts.After the change of ends the Swifts soon made their success decisive,as,within a few minutes,Selwyn,after a fine run by Joll,gave them their second goal,and soon after a third fell to them after a kick by Sale.

Nettled by these reverses the Engineers played up with some of their wonted vigour, and at length their efforts were rewarded by a goal from the foot of their captain. They tried every means, too, to add to this score, but without success, and when time was called, the Swifts were the unexpected winners by three goals to one."

BL: "At half past 3 o'clock the Royal Engineers (the holders) met the Swifts, and the captain of the latter had hardly kicked off before the Engineers by a combined rush, carried the ball right down to their opponents' goal; but it was soon apparent that the Sappers were not quite up to their usual form, especially in the back play. In 10 minutes after the game had commenced Talbot made a short run, and Selwyn carrying the ball along the side of the ground, sent it very cleverly into the centre of the play, thereby enabling W.S. Bambridge to score the first goal for the Swifts. After this some very even play took place, neither side having much advantage, the battle continuing in this way until half time. Once or twice, however, the Engineers had seriously threatened the Swifts' goal, but soon after the change of ends Joll made a brilliant run, which Selwyn was able to convert into a goal, and this was quickly followed by a third kicked by Sale. These unlooked for reverses on the part of the Engineers seemed to stimulate them to still further exertion, and they tried very hard to retrieve their lost laurels, their well known dash becoming more and more apparent, and at last their captain succeeded in putting the ball between the Swifts' posts. Their old fire, however, returned to them too late and they were eventually defeated by three goals to one."

SDT: "Within a quarter of an hour of the victory of the Wanderers these two clubs appeared on the same ground. Odds of 3 to 1 were wagered on the Engineers, and how they were justified will be gathered from the sequel. They were a lighter team than usual, and they suffered greatly by the absence of Lieut. Onslow who is without doubt their best back. The Swifts had the privilege of kicking off, Rawson having won the toss and chosen the western goal."

Royal Engineers: H.E. Rawson (Capt.), J.C. Middlemass, E.S. Childers (Centres),
C.V. Wingfield-Stratford, C.K. Wood (Left Wing), P.G. Von Donop, H.H. Barnet (Right Wing), R.M. Ruck,
+H. Philpotts, H.E. Goodwyn (Backs); ++J. Sinclair (Goal).

+Initial not confirmed ++Various initials are recorded (not found J)

Swifts: W.S. Bambridge (Capt.), E.H. Bambridge, E.C. Bambridge (Half Backs); E.B. Haygarth,
L. Bury (Backs), H.S. Talbot, A. Joll, G.F. Bambridge, +C.W. Selwyn, W.T. Sale (Forwards), J.A. Wild (Goal).

+Eton Field Eleven

Umpires: W.H. Chambers (Sheffield Club) for the Engineers and J.F. Hall (Hon. Sec. Sheffield Association) for the Swifts. Referee: C. Prior (Great Marlow).

CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY 0 OXFORD UNIVERSITY 4 (J. Bain 2, E.H. Parry, Own goal) (H.T. 0-1) (Mon Jan 31st) (At Kennington Oval)

Field 5/2/76 P.147/Sportsman 1/2/76 P.3/Sporting Life 2/2/76 P.4/Bell's Life 5/2/76 P.8/Athletic News 5/2/76 P.8/Sheffield Daily Telegraph 1/2/76 P.7/Sheffield Independent 1/2/76 P.7:

F: "Additional interest was attached to the third hosts, from the fact that the two Universities had, singularly enough, been drawn together, and there was no small amount of speculation as to whether or not Oxford would repeat the easy victory it gained in the annual Inter-University match on Nov. 27 last, by four goals to one. The Cup match presented difficulties to the Cantabs unknown to Oxford, as they were unable to claim the valuable services of the brothers Lyttelton, who had already played for the Old Etonians, and were thus debarred from representing any other club. Oxford, too, had enjoyed the opportunity of a week's practice after vacation, while Cambridge had not then gone up and were consequently out of work. The match was played at Kennington Oval on Monday last, and the secretary of the Surrey Club, in honour of the occasion, had provided for play that portion of ground extending from the press box to the tree adjoining the racquet court—a judicious step, enabling every part of the game to be seen from the pavilion, which was well filled at every point. Rawson lost the toss, and Roffey chose to play with his back towards the sun; the Oxford captain starting the ball at a quarter past three o'clock. At first the play was by no means uneven, as Hughes and Roffey, on their respective sides of the ground, worked hard for Cambridge, and for a few minutes the Oxford backs were a little wild. A very fine run by Cole, who took the ball right through the Oxford forwards, elicited hearty applause, and the ball was kicked over the Oxford line by one of the defending side, though the corner kick by Roffey was not well aimed, and the chance was lost. Oxford, nettled at this attack, now carried the ball in a body right up to the Cambridge lines, and Simpson, by two well-directed shots, sent it just over the bar. Some weak play of the Cambridge backs also gave two corner kicks to Oxford, but in neither case was there any result. The game continued with varying incidents until within two minutes of half time, when Bain got possession of the ball on the left side, and, thanks to a bad piece of play by Harris—who interposed, instead of allowing the goal keeper to have a chance, and sent the ball between his own posts—secured a lucky goal for Oxford. Cambridge made a desperate effort to regain their loss, and when half time was called, had just carried the ball over the Oxford line within two yards of the posts. After the change of ends, Oxford completely overpowered their opponents for a time, and in a few minutes Bain came again to the fore, sending the ball, which had been passed to him by Bridges, a second time between the Cambridge posts. The goal was not allowed in consequence of him having been off-side; but immediately after, Simpson, getting the ball well up in the Oxford lines, after a short run, passed it to Hampson, who in turn was backed up by Bain, and the last-named, putting it right in front of the Cambridge posts, enabled Parry to kick an easy goal. The fight had hardly been resumed before the Oxford forwards bore down with a fierce onslaught, and Rawson returning the ball, Harris was again unfortunate enough to head the ball into the Cambridge goal. It seemed now as if Oxford would have everything their own way, although Jarrett whose play had been most brilliant from the first, strained every nerve to preserve his lines. Again, however, Bain and Hampson got away along the pavilion side, and the former was once more directly instrumental in the downfall of the Cambridge goal. Four goals had now fallen to Oxford in a little over an hour, and it seemed likely that they would increase their score during the twenty-five minutes that remained. Nor was any effort spared by their forwards to make the victory more decisive, but the Cantabs—thanks to the efficient back play of Jarrett, and the energy of Hughes, Prior, and Roffey—held their own until the end, Oxford thus winning by four goals to none. With the exception of Jarrett, who worked tirelessly throughout, the backs of Cambridge were very weak, and with greater strength at this point they would have made a good fight. For Oxford, Bain and Simpson (forwards) and Rawson (back) were most noticeable, while Otter made one brilliant run just over half-time."

BL: "The last of the third ties took place at the Oval on Monday in very favourable weather, the ground being marked out for play in front of the Pavilion, and there was a good attendance of visitors. Cambridge did not provide their strongest team, but having won the toss elected to play with the sun at their backs, Rawson, the Oxford captain kicking off at 3.15. Fast play, owing to the excellent state of the turf, was the most noticeable feature for some time when some clever dribbling by Cole was the chief means of bringing about a corner kick for Cambridge, but no goal resulted. A fine rush by the Oxford forwards then caused the Cambridge fortress to be invested, and, once or twice, shots were made which, however, failed to pass under the tape.

The next incidents worthy of notice were a couple of corner kicks by Oxford, but it was left to the Cantabs themselves to bring about the fall of their own goal, one of their back players unfortunately sending the ball between their posts. Nothing particular occurred until nearly half time when three of the Cambridge team made a run right down the centre of the ground to the Oxford goal, which did not, however, end satisfactorily."

"After the goalkeepers had changed ends the Cantabs fell off in their play, and their positions had not long been reversed when Bain made a goal for the opponents; but it was not allowed, owing to an infringement of the offside rule. Very shortly after this Parry was successful in scoring a second goal for Oxford, and they became so formidable that the ball was scarcely ever out of the Cambridge half of the ground, another Cantab presently sending it under his own line, and Bain added a fourth no less than three goals collapsing in less than 15 minutes."

AN: "Delightful weather, with the additional attraction of an important match, drew together a large number of spectators on Monday at Kennington Oval, when the members of the sister Universities played off the last of the third ties for the Association Challenge Cup. On this occasion the goals were pitched in front of the pavillion, and at three o'clock both teams turned out to decide which eleven would have to contend in the fourth ties. Cambridge won the toss, and at ten minutes past three o'clock Rawson, with the sun in his eyes, and a gentle southern breeze against him, kicked off from the entrance end, having the famous old tree much beloved by cricketers in his rear. The Oxonians carried the ball on towards the Cambridge goal, and a good struggle took place in front, Otter, Metcalf, and H.D. Simpson being finely met by their adversaries, who, after a futile corner kick by Oxford, ran the ball over past the goal line. This gave a free kick to Rawson, and his followers backing up well went over in a body, and again laid siege to the Cambridge fortress. Some dashing play was now exhibited by both teams, and the ball alternatively visited each end, Roffey, E. Simpson, Jarrett, Mason, and Prior on one side, and Rawson, Bain, Bridges, and Parry on the other, particularly distinguishing themselves, though no advantage of any material consequence was obtained by either. At length Cambridge made a brilliant charge, which threatened mischief, but Thornton, who kept goal admirably throughout the afternoon, turned away the danger. For more than half an hour things went on in much the same manner, when, after a combined attack by Oxford, Otter who had dribbled the ball for some distance over the ground, made a shot at goal, and the ball, glancing from the leg of one of the Cambridge backs, passed under. At half time ends were changed, Oxford, if anything, playing with earnestness, while Cambridge seemed slightly to fall away. At the expiration of five minutes the Oxonians made another fierce onslaught and Bain cleverly kicked through, but the goal was disallowed on an appeal of offside. A few minutes later H.D. Simpson, after a rapid run, middled the ball to Parry, who scored a second goal, which brought forth great cheering from the dark blue adherents. Oxford still continued to hold the lead, and pressed Cambridge considerably within their own territories, till at length Rawson, an opportunity offering, kicked straight at goal, when

one of the Cambridge team, making a battering ram of his head, jumped up, but unfortunately for himself he bumped the ball behind instead of forward, and, to add to the misfortune of Cambridge, they shortly afterwards suffered another loss through the persevering energy of Bain. Cambridge gallantly did all they could to wrest something from the hands of fate, but to no purpose, for, with the exception of a spirited attack on the Oxford stronghold, when Price kicked too high, nothing of moment took place, and when time was called the Oxonians were declared victors by four goals to none."

SM: "...not only did Cambridge lose two of its most useful players, in the brothers Lyttelton, who consider the Old Etonians to have a prior claim on their services for the Cup, but also an active forward in H. Wace, and a hard-working back, E. C. Foa, the last of whom arrived on the ground too late to play. The game was played parallel to the pavilion, and the selection of ground was judicious, as the inclosure afforded space for a large number of spectators, attracted by a bright sun and a genial afternoon."

Cambridge University: E. Mackean (Trinity) (Goal); W. Stuart-Harris (Trinity) (Back); B. G. Jarrett (Christ's), G. Mason (Jesus) (Half Backs); D. B. Roffey (Jesus) (Capt.), A. C. Cole (Trinity), H. H. W. Sparham (Sidney), G. A. Duff (Trinity), H. T. Prior (Pembroke), J. Hughes (Jesus), E. J. D. Simpson (Trinity) (Forwards).

(BL/SM/F have 12 names including E. C. Foa (Trinity Hall) (Back) who is not listed in the other sources because he arrived too late to play: see SM report)

Oxford University: R. T. Thornton (St. John's) (Goal); W. S. Rawson (Christ's Church) (Capt.) (Back); J. H. Bridges (Oriental), F. M. Buckland (University) (Half Backs); E. H. Parry (Exeter), C. A. Denton (Trinity) (Right Side), F. D. Simpson (Oriental), H. S. Otter (Christ's Church), C. H. T. Metcalfe (University) (Centres), J. Bain (New), T. A. C. Hampson (New) (Left Side) .

Umpires: D. R. Hunter (Clapham Rovers) for Oxford and F. T. Green (Wanderers) for Cambridge.
Referee: C. W. Alcock (Wanderers).

FOURTH ROUND:

Bell's Life 5/2/76 P.P.8:

"On Wednesday, at a meeting of the Football Association, the draw for the fourth ties took place with the following result:

Wanderers v Swifts

Oxford University v Old Etonians

It has been arranged that the first match between the Wanderers and Swifts should be played at the Oval on Saturday, Feb 12, and the tie between Oxford and Old Etonians at the same place the following Saturday." (First match in fact was on Sat Feb 26th)

OLD ETONIANS 1(J.R.Sturgis) OXFORD UNIVERSITY 0 (H.T. 0-0)(Sat Feb 19th)(At Kennington Oval)

Field 26/2/76 P.241/Bell's Life 26/2/76 P4/Sportsman 22/2/76 P.4/Sporting Life 23/2/76

P.4/Morning Post 21/2/76 P.3/Windsor & Eton Express 26/2/76 P.4:

F:"On Saturday last this match,the first of the two ties in the fourth round,was played at Kennington Oval.Oxford have throughout been fancied for the Cup this year,and as they are a light and fast team,and the ground was in excellent order,the general feeling was strongly in their favour on this occasion.The Eton captain elected to kick from the southern end ,with a stiff breeze and powerful sun behind him;and at twenty minutes past three o'clock Rawson kicked off for Oxford.The Eton forwards,bent on making the best use of their opportunities,soon began to attack the Oxford stronghold,despite the vigorous play of Rawson,and two corner kicks fell to them,though neither was sufficiently well-directed to be of use.Some short runs were made by Parry,Denton,and Bain for Oxford,but the Eton half backs were quite equal to all attacks,and every now and then Oxford had to retire before the dashing runs of the Hon.A.Lyttleton,Kenyon-Slaney,Bonsor,and Kinnaird too more than once endangered the safety of the Oxford lines;but the goal keeping of Thornton was very secure,and at half-time nothing had fallen to either side.With the wind to help them it was generally expected that the Oxonians would now be able to make their mark,but these hopes were not realised.It certainly seemed as if the University had been somewhat exhausted by its struggles against the wind,as,with the exception of an occasional run by Bain and Parry,the latter of whom made one very fine rush,followed by a kick into the centre of the Eton goal,the Etonians had the best of the play.When fourteen minutes remained of time a good run by Slaney,Alleyne,and Bonsor took the ball up to the Oxford line,and a corner kick accrued to the Etonians ,so well directed by Thompson that Sturgis was able to breast the ball between the posts.During the short time that was left the Etonians worked very hard to retrieve their loss,and a fine kick by Parry unluckily hit the Eton cross bar,and rebounded into play.At the end of an hour and a half Eton had gained a well-earned victory by one goal to none.Rawson's play was admirable throughout for Oxford,and all the Eton backs were in fine form.Oxford lost the services of Simpson,one of their best forwards,and the half-backs were at times far from strong."

BL:"This,one of the fourth ties for the Association Challenge Cup,was played at Kennington Oval,on Saturday last,in the presence of a large number of visitors,the day being fine.The toss was won by the Old Etonians,and they selected the western end,with the strong wind behind them.At 3.20 Rawson set the ball in motion,and some of the most magnificent play ever witnessed took place on either side,each goal in turn being repeatedly threatened,and once Meysey-Thompson made a fine kick,which nearly resulted in a goal,the ball going rather wide.The Old Etonians now began to press the Oxonians somewhat,and once or twice capital shots were made at the Oxford fortress,but their excellent goalkeeper being on the alert,the downfall was averted.Up to half time no goal had fallen ,and directly after changing ends,although the Oxonians had the wind in their favour,they had great difficulty in keeping their adversaries out of their ground,and repeatedly their goal was in jeopardy,the Oxford goalkeeper again saving his side from downfall.Within five minutes of the call of time a corner kick fell to Eton,and the ball being well placed by Meysey-Thompson,Sturgis kicked it through. On renewing the game Oxford made a splendid charge down to the Etonians' goal,and Parry tried a kick,but the ball touched the crossbar,and bounded back into play,the game thus ending in favour of the Etonians by one goal to none."

SM: "At half time nothing had been scored by either side, though it was expected that the aid of the wind would enable the Oxonians to reap some decided advantage during the second half of the game. Whether as a result of their struggles against the wind, or from other causes, however, their forwards failed to play up to their usual standard, while in some instances, the half-backs not only got too forward, but were very weak. Rawson played admirably, and with great judgment, as he always does, the Hon. A. Lyttleton keeping him constantly at work. Throughout the play had shown a slight preponderance on the side of the Old Etonians, until within six minutes of time, when a desperate rush on the Oxford backs resulted in a corner kick for the Old Etonians, and A. C. Thompson timed the shot so cleverly that Sturgis was able to breast it through, the far side of the Oxford goal being unprotected. The few minutes that remained were not usefully employed by the Oxonians, and just before time one of their forwards sent the ball hard against the cross-bar of the Eton goal. Unfortunately, however, it rebounded into play, and was taken away by the Etonians, the finish of a well-fought and very fast game showing another unexpected victory to the Etonians by one goal to none."

W&EE: "The Oxford team had on all hands been regarded as the probable winners of the Challenge cup this year. It certainly, therefore, caused great surprise that they should have been defeated. Play began at 3.20, and lasted an hour and a half, at the end of which time the Etonians were pronounced to be the winners by one goal to none. The ball was breasted between the posts by Sturgis, after a corner kick."

Old Etonians: Quintin Hogg (Goal); Hon. E. Lyttleton, A. C. Meysey-Thompson (Backs); A. F. Kinnaird (Capt.) and M. G. Farrer (Half Backs); J. R. Sturgis, Capt. W. S. Kenyon-Slaney, H. P. Alleyne, Hon. A. Lyttleton, A. G. Bonsor, Hon. C. M. Meysey-Thompson (Forwards).

N.B. A. C. Thompson called himself Meysey-Thompson and C. M. Thompson called himself C. M. Maisey.

Oxford University: R. T. Thornton (Goal); W. S. Rawson (Capt.) (Back); T. E. B. Guy, F. M. Buckland (Half Backs); J. Bain, T. A. C. Hampson, C. H. T. Metcalfe, H. S. Otter, E. H. Parry, P. H. Fernandez, C. A. Denton (Forwards).

Umpires: J. Kirkpatrick (Civil Service) and Hubert Heron (Wanderers). Referee: C. W. Alcock (Wanderers).

WANDERERS 2 (F. H. Birley, C. H. R. Wollaston) SWIFTS 1 (W. T. Sale) (H. T. 2-0) (Sat Feb 26th) (At Kennington Oval)

Sporting Life 1/3/76 P.4/Bell's Life 4/3/76 P.5/Sportsman 29/2/76 P.3/Field 4/3/76 P.270/Sheffield Daily Telegraph 28/2/76 P.4/Morning Post 28/2/76 P.2/Athletic News 4/3/76 P.8:

SL: "The last match in the fourth ties for the competition for this Cup was played at Kennington Oval on Saturday last, and after a capital contest, in which the play on both sides was very fast and spirited, resulted in a victory for the 1871-72 and 1872-73 Cup Holders—the Wanderers—by two goals to one. The afternoon was fine, though the wind was strong, and the attendance was in consequence a good one. The ground was marked off in front of the Pavilion, which was thereby brought into requisition for a large number of spectators, and at a quarter past three Haygarth kicked off from the racket court end for the Swifts, who had lost the toss, and at first played with the wind against them. At the outset the Wanderers had the better of the play, and being aided by the wind, and several long

kicks by Birley, at times seriously endangering the Swifts' goal. This, however, Wild succeeded in defending until the Swifts' forwards, with a good and combined run, took down the ball to the other end—a clever piece of play which eventuated in the ball passing outside the Wanderers' posts. Again in their turn the home team assailed the Swifts' goal, and a couple of corner kicks fell to the Wanderers in rapid succession, the one from Wild having kicked the ball behind, and the other on account of "hands". From the first Maddison kicked the ball too hard, so no result accrued, but from the second Birley scored a goal, the ball, judiciously middled, passing under the tape off the body of one of the Swifts. From this point until half-time the Wanderers kept up a continued onslaught on their opponents' goal, which again fell just before half time, through the combined efforts of Maddison, the brothers Heron, Kenrick, and Wollaston in a general bully, the last-named making the final kick. Ends were now changed, and Hubert Heron made a splendid run down the side, which was only foiled at last by the vigilance of Wild. Now the Swifts rallied, and, with the brothers Bambridge, Selwyn, and Sale in the van, instituted a series of combined attacks on the Wanderers' lines, which were at last crowned with success, and resulted in a goal, Sale giving the ultimate kick. The rest of the game was confined principally to the centre of the ground, each eleven in turn getting a slight advantage, which, however, the good play of the backs on both sides rendered abortive of result, and so when "Time" was called the Wanderers had won by two goals to one."

BL/AN (Same report): "...the afternoon being moderately fine, the attendance was large, the game being played on a piece of ground marked out in front of the Pavilion. The Wanderers, who were strongly represented, won the toss, and Haygarth kicked off for the Swifts from the eastern end at a quarter past three o'clock, when their opponents, who had a strong wind at their backs, soon showed to advantage, though twenty-two minutes elapsed before a goal was scored. A corner kick having accrued to the Wanderers, owing to a handling of the ball, by one of the Swifts, Birley took the kick, and the ball striking one of the opposing side it went between the posts. Some excellent play was then shown by both sides, the contest being carried on pretty evenly, the Wanderers, if anything, having a little the best of it, and it was not until half time was just about to be called after a fine rush by the London team, that, Wollaston brought about a second downfall of the Swifts' goal. Immediately after this ends were changed, and it was thought, with the wind in their favour the Swifts might equalise matters but the Wanderers still maintained a trifling superiority, the only incidents during the next 15 minutes being a fine run by Kenrick for the Wanderers and a similar performance by Sale for the Swifts. The latter at the expiration of the time named made great exertions and they made a grand attack on the Wanderers' fortress, which eventually succumbed to the foot of Sale. This stimulated the Berkshire team to greater exertions, and for the rest of the time there was little to choose between the sides, but as no other goal fell, the Wanderers were the winners by two goals to one. It should be mentioned that the Swifts lost the services of Talbot, one of their best players, who dislocated his arm in a Rugby match on the previous Thursday."

SM: "The expectation of witnessing a hard fight on the meeting of these powerful clubs, who had to decide the right of meeting the Old Etonians in the final tie on March 11, on Saturday last attracted a large number of spectators to the Surrey Cricket Ground at Kennington. Each captain had succeeded in collecting a strong eleven, as though H.S. Talbot was absent from the side of the Swifts, owing to a recent accident, they were strengthened by the presence of more than one efficient member of the Eton College Eleven. At a quarter past three o'clock Haygarth kicked off for the Swifts and Birley, who had won the toss on behalf of the Wanderers, judiciously elected to play with a very high wind at his back. With this formidable ally the Wanderers had little difficulty in maintaining the offensive, some

good dribbling being shown by Frank Heron in the centre, and by Wollaston on the pavilion side. A desperate rally by the Swifts then took the ball far away into the opposite lines, and it passed dangerously close to the posts of the Wanderers' goal. It was soon, however, returned, and a corner secured against the Swifts, though Maddison sent the ball right across the posts to the opposite touch-line. Just previous to this Wild had saved the fortress of the Swifts cleverly from a free kick, and soon after he was again to the fore, stopping a hard shot by Wollaston. An infringement of the rule relating to handling next gave Birley a free kick, and this time Wild was unfortunate enough to touch the ball as it passed between his posts, the Wanderers thus scoring a somewhat lucky goal. After the renewal the Swifts were still unable to make much headway against the wind, though Sale was indefatigable in the centre, and Bright and Joll worked hard on their respective sides of the ground. Nothing further occurred until just as half-time was about to be called, when a smart shot by F. Heron sent the ball straight to Wild in goal, and before he could get it securely away, Wollaston had rushed in, finally placing it safely between the posts. After change of ends the Swifts played up with much greater vigour than their opponents, and after a lapse of about twelve minutes, a splendid run by Sale, who passed all the Wanderers' backs in turn, gave the Swifts a goal, the result of the best piece of play shown during the game. Immediately after this Greig had to use his hands twice in defence of the Wanderers' goal, and it seemed as if the Swifts were likely to add to their score. As time advanced, however, the Wanderers played up in improved form, and not only held their own, but at times had a slight advantage, winning in the end by two goals to one. For the Swifts Bright made one brilliant run, and E. H. Bambridge, Joll, Sale, and Haygarth all worked hard; while for the Wanderers the brothers Heron, and Wollaston (forward) were very conspicuous, and Birley set his men a good example by the energy of his play."

F: "On Saturday last, this match, the last before the final tie, was decided at Kennington Oval. Both clubs were known to have good elevens, and as there was every reason for predicting a fast and even game, there was an unusually large number of onlookers. Despite the heavy rains of the few preceding days, the ground was in excellent order, but the play was greatly marred by a stiff breeze blowing almost directly down the ground. The choice of positions fell to the Wanderers, and as Birley elected to kick with the wind, Haygarth set the ball in motion for the Swifts at a quarter-past three o'clock. The Wanderers at once began to press their antagonists, the Herons and Wollaston keeping the backs of the Swifts well on the alert. Then a splendid run by the Swifts forwards for the moment relieved their lines, and the ball was carried up into the immediate vicinity of the Wanderers' posts. The wind soon took it back, and after a corner kick by Maddison, and an attack on the Swifts' fortress, well repelled by the goalkeeper, a free kick to the Wanderers for "hands" enabled Birley to secure a goal for his side, the ball just touching Wild's hands. After the Wanderers still continued to be the assailants, until just before half time Wollaston, by a quick following up, got the ball again between the posts of the goal defended by the Swifts. After the change of ends a fine run by Hubert Heron was only stopped at the critical moment by Wild. The Wanderers then for a time fell off materially in their forward play, and the Swifts were able to assume the offensive; a very fine run by Sale accrediting them with a well merited goal after an excellent display of dribbling. For a few minutes afterwards the Wanderers were still hard pressed, but they rallied, and until the finish had slightly the best of the play; Hughes, Kenrick, and Hubert Heron each having chances of which they did not avail themselves. Indeed the Wanderers' forwards showed a decided weakness in their shots at goal, waiting too long before they kicked. At the finish the Wanderers were left the victors by two goals to

one. For them Wollaston and the Herons forward played well, and Birley and Lindsay back. For the Swifts, Sale and Bright forward, and Griffith and Haygarth back."

Field 4/3/76 P.270:

"LIMITS OF GROUND : Sir, before the football season closes I wish to enter a protest against the small grounds available on the Oval for Association Cup ties. Last Saturday the ground was 110 yards long, by 60 yards broad, and a stiff wind was blowing. The consequences of this combination were : firstly, that the ball was nearly as much out as in play; secondly, that when thrown in it could be landed in the middle of play; thirdly, that heavy men out of condition were made more than equal to smaller and more active men in perfect trim; fourthly, that scarcely any brilliant dribbling was displayed, although the teams numbered not a few good dribblers; and lastly, that the heavy men charged light men far too frequently, as they had plenty of breathing time while the ball was being fetched from the cricket pitch.

The conclusion to be drawn from this, to my mind, is that a ground 110 yds by 60 yds, is too small, and that there should be some size fixed by the Association committee for cup matches. At present the length of a ground may be any distance between 100 yards and 200 yards, and the breadth any distance between 50 yds and 100 yds. This is much too vague, and it would be well if the size were confined within smaller limits. There are several rules in force that make the game too much one of chance, but these will be altered probably in course of time; but the size of a match ground for the principal matches might, and ought, to be fixed definitely as soon as possible, without regard to the place where the matches are played.

At present football seems made to suit the Oval, instead of the Oval being made to suit football."

The College, Marlborough, March 2. W.S. BAMBRIDGE"

N.B. Original date for the game was Feb 12th but postponed:

Field 12/2/76 P.178: "The fourth tie between Wanderers and Swifts, arranged to take place to-day, has been postponed till Feb. 26."

Wanderers: W.D.O. Greig (Goal); A.H. Stratford, W. Lindsay (Backs); F.H. Birley (Capt.), F.T. Green (Half Backs); C.H.R. Wollaston, G.H. (ubert) H. Heron (Right Side), Frank Heron, T.B. Hughes (Centres), J. Kenrick, F.B. Maddison (Left Side)

Swifts: J.A. Wild (Goal); L. Bury, E.B. Haygarth (Backs); Ernest H. Bambridge, H.W. Griffith (Half Backs); +C.W. Selwyn, A. Joll (Right Wing), W.T. Sale, G.F. Bambridge (Centres), W.S. Bambridge (Capt.), +A.T. Bright (Left Wing).

+Not T.A. Bright ? +Eton Field Eleven

Umpires: W.S. Buchanan (Clapham Rovers) for the Wanderers and A.J. Willis (First Surrey Rifles) for Swifts. Referee: J.R. Dasent (Gitanos).

FINAL: Sat Mar 11th: At Kennington Oval:

WANDERERS 1(J.Hawley Edwards) OLD ETONIANS 1(*A.G.Bonsor)(H.T.1-0)

*There is no evidence from contemporary sources as to the scorer.

SG:"The Wanderers' goal was the result of a clever shot by Hawley Edwards,while that gained by the Old Etonians was rushed through by their forwards out of a loose bully resulting from a corner kick."

Sportsman 14/3/76 P.4/Sporting Life 15/3/76 P.3/Bell's Life 18/3/76 P.4/Athletic News 18/3/76 P.335(P.7)/Field 18/3/76 P.328/Sheffield Daily Telegraph 13/3/76 P.4/Sheffield Independent 13/3/76 P.4/Sporting Gazette 18/3/76 P.275:

SM:"On Saturday last the expectation of witnessing a hard struggle between the Wanderers and the Old Etonians,the two clubs left in to contend for the possession of the Cup until next spring,attracted an unusually large attendance of spectators to the Surrey Cricket Ground,at Kennington.Under any circumstances the reputation of the two clubs would have produced an attendance above the average,but the weather was so favourable,in addition,as to account for the thick ring of on-lookers, a computation estimating the numbers at 2,000.Birley won the toss for the Wanderers,and elected to play with a strong wind and the sun at his back.At twenty minutes past three o'clock the Etonians kicked off,and it was soon evident that the two elevens would be matched,although the force of the wind spoiled the game greatly,and made the forward play appear slack.Each club had made one alteration in its ranks since its last contest;the Etonians,who only played three backs,while the Wanderers had four,substituting J.E.C.Weldon as back for M.G.Farrer,while the Wanderers displaced F.T.Green,one of their regular half-backs,for F.B.Maddison,who had in previous matches been one of the forwards,and added J.Hawley-Edwards to their ups.For a few minutes the Old Etonians utilised their kick off to keep the ball away from their quarters,but despite the excellent play of their half-backs,the Wanderers,helped by the wind,began to assume the offensive,Wollaston and Hubert Heron playing well together on the upper side of the ground.Three corner kicks fell to the Wanderers-the third so well directed that it hit one of the Eton posts-and more than one free kick for hands,but all were unsuccessful.For nearly half an hour the Etonians kept their opponents at bay,but at last Wollaston,getting the ball cleverly past Thompson,took it into the centre,and thence Hawley-Edwards,by a cleverly directed kick,shot it just under the bar of the Eton goal.From the first the Hon.A.Lyttleton had been prominent by his skilful dribbling for the Eton forwards and more than one good run had been made by Alleyne,Bonsor,and Kenyon-Slaney,while the kicking of the Hon.E.Lyttleton at half back constantly elicited applause.Before half-time the Wanderers had more than once lost a good chance of a shot at the Eton posts by hesitation,so that when three quarters' of an hour had passed,only one goal had been scored.After the change of ends the Etonians set to work to make the best of their opportunities and they soon began to menace the Wanderers' positions.In a few minutes a corner kick fell to Eton,and neatly directed by Meysey-Thompson,the result was a scrimmage,in which the Eton forwards scored a goal though the posts had been overturned in the rush.For a brief period after this the Wanderers had slightly the worst of it;but during the last half hour the forwards played up well,supported as they were by the excellent kicking of Birley and Lindsay,and also in some degree by the fact that the Eton captain had to retire into goal,and that Meysey was lame towards the finish.Some fine runs were made and some neat passing displayed by Wollaston and Hubert Heron,while more than once Hughes distinguished himself on the other side of the ground.Several times the Eton goal was again threatened,but without effect,

and when time was called at the end of an hour and a half the game was undecided, each side having scored one goal."

SL:"The final match in the competition for the Football Association Challenge Cup was played at Kennington Oval on Saturday afternoon last, in the presence of a very large company of spectators, many of whom were ladies. The afternoon was fine but a very strong south-westerly wind blew three-parts across the ground during the first half of the play, greatly assisting the Wanderers, who had won the toss, and of course elected to commence the match with the wind at their backs, in case it might shift, or become less violent-as indeed it did-later in the day. The Etonians did not play by any means well together so that despite their individual superiority to their antagonists, the latter had decidedly the better of the game throughout, as they backed up well, whilst the play of their forwards was in every respect equal to that of the Etonians, Birley's kicking being especially accurate and well-timed. Play commenced at twenty minutes after three o'clock, Meysey-Thompson kicking off for the Etonians, who had first to defend the Gasometer goal. The ball was at once carried down into the Eton portion of the ground, where for some minutes the chief part of the play was carried on until Kinnaird made a good run, but could not get by Stratford, who made a good kick, which aided by the wind, sent the ball flying down to the Light Blue goal. Desultory kicking now followed for some time, until Maddison secured a corner kick, from which, however, the ball was taken behind the line by the wind. Several times "hands" were called by either side, on the most frivolous pretexts, but no advantage accrued therefrom. Repeated attacks were now made upon the Etonian goal, but Quentin Hogg proved a capital custodian, and in every case failure resulted until a general advance on the part of the Wanderers enabled Wollaston and Hawley Edwards to obtain the first goal in the match after about thirty-five minutes' play. The remaining ten minutes before half time were fully occupied by the Etonians defending their goal from the further assaults of the Wanderers, who, however, had not succeeded in adding to their score ere ends had to be changed. Not many minutes had then elapsed before a general attack was made upon the Wanderers' goal, which fell in more senses than one, as owing to the wind and its defenders being forced back upon the posts, they were knocked down, and ball, Wanderers, and Etonians in a body went through the space between them which the tape should have covered. Thus both sides were equal. The remainder of the match calls for little comment. The Wanderers played the best, but with the wind against them, the excellent back play of Thompson and Edgar Lyttelton, and superior weight in the bully to contend with, they could never get the ball at any time, except once, behind the Eton goal, where Kinnaird, having hurt himself, was in charge in place of Quentin Hogg, who went up to Welldon's place, the latter being short behind in lieu of E. Lyttelton. The latter portion of the match, with this exception, was mainly in the centre and Wanderers' portion of the ground. Thus the match ended in a draw, and the two elevens have to meet on Saturday next to decide the struggle for the possession of the Cup."

BL:"Played on Saturday, the afternoon being fine, there was a good attendance at Kennington Oval, to witness the final tie of the Association Challenge Cup, between the Wanderers and Old Etonians. Play was commenced at 3:23, the last-named team kicking off with a strong wind against them, but the game was carried on with great spirit by both sides, without much advantage to either for thirty-five minutes, when some capital play on the part of the Wanderers enabled them to score a goal, kicked by Hawley Edwards. After half time the Old Etonians had the advantage of the wind, and they were not long in equalising matters, the ball going between the Wanderers' posts out of a loose scrimmage. From now until the call of time nothing of a decisive nature occurred, and the match ended in a draw, slightly in favour of the Wanderers."

AN: "The weather was fine, and there were about 2,000 spectators present. Play was announced for three o'clock, but it was quite 25 minutes past that hour before it was commenced. There was a strong wind blowing across the ground, against which the Etonians kicked for the first half of time. The Light Blues followed up their kick-off, and for a few minutes kept the ball in their opponents' territory; but the Wanderers with the wind at their backs, soon began to act on the aggressive. The infringement of the rule which forbids "handling" was frequent, and at one time threatened to cause the downfall of the Etonian goal, as a free kick to the Wanderers fell within six yards of their goal. The Wanderers had several corner kicks also, but were unable to turn them to any account. At length, after about half an hour's play, the ball was taken to the upper part of the ground, and Edwards, by a dexterous side kick, and assisted by the wind, scored the first goal for the Wanderers. Half time was soon after called, and ends were changed. The Etonians now had the wind in their favour, and kept the ball well in the Wanderers' ground. One of the Wanderers kicked the ball behind his own lines, and the usual corner kick fell to the Etonians, from which the ball was driven through. It should be stated that there was some little confusion, owing to the goal falling to pieces, but there was no doubt that it would have been a goal supposing the posts to have been up, and the umpire allowed it. The game was pretty even towards the finish, though two of the Etonians were slightly hurt, which prevented their playing in the form shown in the first part of the match. Nothing further was scored and the result was a tie."

F: "These two clubs were the last left in of those who had taken part in the competition of the present season, and Saturday last was selected as the date of the final tie, at the head-quarters of metropolitan football, Kennington Oval. An altogether favourable day was hardly to be expected from the unpleasant weather prevalent during the week; but matters might easily have been worse, as, though there was a boisterous wind that completely spoiled the game, the sky was clear, the sun was warm enough to be pleasant, and the ground was dry, all these essentials combining to produce a larger assemblage of spectators than usual, numbering over fifteen hundred. With the wind blowing great guns down the ground, the choice of positions was a matter of moment, and, as Birley won the toss for the Wanderers, the Etonians had at first to face both wind and sun. At twenty minutes past three o'clock Eton kicked off, and for the first quarter of an hour the play was somewhat uninteresting, the forwards on neither side showing any great amount of energy. Gradually the Wanderers, with Wollaston working hard on the upper side, and Edwards and F. Heron in the centre, and supported by the excellent kicking of Birley, began to threaten the Eton defences, three corner kicks in succession falling to their share. None of these, though all were well aimed, proved successful, and it was left for Wollaston and Edwards to compass the downfall of the Eton goal, the latter securing this result by a well-aimed kick just under the bar after the ball had been well brought to him by Wollaston. Until half time, despite the energetic rushes and excellent dribbling of the Hon. A. Lyttleton and the very fine kicking of his brother at half-back for the Etonians, the Wanderer forwards pressed their opponents; but several likely chances of a shot at goal were allowed to escape, and at the end of three quarters the only score had been one goal to the Wanderers. The change of positions of course transferred both wind and sun to the Etonians, and at first the Wanderers were a little abroad. Before long a corner kick fell to Eton, and after a good shot by Thompson the ball was carried between the Wanderers' posts, which had been torn up in the scrimmage, by the forwards. This advantage made the aspect of affairs more promising for Eton, and for a short time they still held a slight advantage. As the game progressed, however, the Wanderer forwards got better together, and some fine runs were made by Hubert Heron and Wollaston,

Hughes, besides, working hard on the right side. Meysey, shortly before the close, went lame, and Hogg had to come half back to allow Kinnaird, who was another cripple, to take charge of goal. The Wanderers under these circumstances were well handicapped, and during the last quarter of an hour pressed hard on the Eton lines, though when time was called no further score had been made than one goal to each eleven, and the game was accordingly drawn. For the Etonians, Hon. A. Lyttleton, Alleyne, and Slaney played well forward, and Wollaston, Hubert Heron, and Hughes of the ups on the other side. The Eton half-backs both played exceedingly well, as did Birley, Lindsay, and Stratford for the Wanderers."

F: "The match will be played off at Kennington Oval this afternoon, commencing at three o'clock. In the event of a tie at the end of an hour and a half play will be continued for an additional half hour."

SI: "The Wanderers have a dribbling team, with two backs, the Etonians a hard working lot of forwards and some of the very best English backs; Wanderers, as usual, having two half backs, and two backs, while the Etonians, according to their custom, played two half backs and only one back."

Wanderers : W. D. O. Greig (Goal); A. H. Stratford, W. Lindsay (Backs); F. B. Maddison, F. H. Birley (Capt.) (Half Backs); C. H. R. Wollaston, G. Hubert H. Heron (Upper Side), C. Francis W. Heron, J. Hawley Edwards (Centres), T. B. Hughes, J. Kenrick (Lower Side).

N. B. Forward positions from SDT line-up.

Old Etonians: Quintin Hogg (Goal); J. E. C. Welldon (Back); A. C. Meysey-Thompson, Hon. E. Lyttleton (Half Backs); Hon. A. F. Kinnaird (Capt.), J. R. Sturgis (Upper Side), A. G. Bonsor, Hon. A. Lyttleton, C. M. Maisey (-Thompson) (Centres), Capt. W. S. Kenyon-Slaney, H. P. Alleyne (Lower Side).

N. B. Forward positions from SDT lineup.

Umpire for the Etonians: R. A. M. M. Ogilvie (Clapham Rovers) and for the Wanderers: W. H. White (South Norwood) and Referee : W. S. Buchanan ((Clapham Rovers)

REPLAY: Sat Mar 18th: At Kennington Oval:

WANDERERS 3 (C. H. R. Wollaston, T. B. Hughes 2) OLD ETONIANS 0 (H. T. 2-0)

Sportsman 20/3/76 P.4/Sporting Life 22/3/76 P.3/Bell's Life 25/3/76 P.4/Field 25/3/76 P.354/Sporting Gazette 25/3/76 P.305/ Athletic News report missing as P.341/342 not on line/Sheffield Daily Telegraph 20/3/76 P.4/Sheffield Independent 20/3/76 P.4:

SM: "The competition of the present season has at last been decided, and the Cup, for the third time since its institution fallen into the hands of the Wanderers. Public interest during the late contests has been excited to a higher degree than usual by the stubborn contests between the Old Etonians and Oxford, the Wanderers and the Swifts, the four clubs to whom the issue was ultimately left after the holders-Royal Engineers-had been unexpectedly knocked out by the Swifts. The two clubs last left in were the Wanderers (who won the Cup in 1872 and 1873) and the Old Etonians, who were only defeated by the Royal Engineers in the final of 1875. It will be remembered how the final tie of the present competition was fixed for Saturday, the 11th inst, and how on that occasion the game was undecided, each club scoring one goal. The arrangement was that the drawn match should be played

off at Kennington Oval on Saturday last, and as on the previous Saturday the spectators mustered in force to the extent of fully 1500. The ground, though a little hard, was in excellent order; but the weather was not so favourable, as the wind was bitterly cold, with the occasional threat of snow. The Old Etonians, as last year, were unfortunate in playing off the final owing to accidents, as (C.M.) Meysey was hurt in the previous encounter, Kinnaird was lame, and practically useless, and (A.C.) Meysey-Thompson, Welldon, and Hogg were all unable to play; the places of (C.M.) Meysey, (A.C. Meysey-)Thompson, Welldon, and Hogg being filled by J.H. Stronge, E. Lubbock, M.G. Farrer, and F.H. Wilson. The Etonians won the toss, and chose the easterly goal, the wind blowing very sharply straight across the ground. The play at the outset was more rough than scientific, as the Eton forwards were evidently bent on forcing the pace, to judge from the heavy rushes of Bonsor and Hon. A. Lyttleton. For the first ten minutes the Wanderers were apparently unable to combat the fierce opposition, but they gradually began to get used to the tactics of the Etonians, and the play became a little looser. The first noticeable event was an excellent run by Hubert Heron and Wollaston along the upper touch-line and soon afterwards, Hawley Edwards, from the side, middled the ball cleverly in front of the Eton goal. Twice a hard scrimmage took place close to the Eton posts, but the defending side by desperate efforts freed their lines, and in the first case a good run by Kenyon-Slaney, and in the second a long kick by Bonsor, took the ball into the middle of the ground. Some excellent runs were made by the Hon. A. Lyttleton, Bonsor, Stronge, and Alleyne, for the Etonians, and more than once Greig's activity was required to save the Wanderers' goal. It was evident, however, that the Wanderers were getting steadily into form, and as time progressed their forwards improved visibly in their style of playing together. Half an hour elapsed without noteworthy incident, but here H. Heron and Wollaston took the ball down the side, and a general attack of the forwards carried the Eton goal, Wollaston administering the final kick. The ball was kicked off again without delay, and the Wanderers, having taken advantage of a momentary abatement of energy on the side of the Etonians, took the ball in a body to the Eton goal, and Hughes amidst great applause, planted the ball for the second time between the Eton posts. After the resumption of hostilities, the play became a little more even, the Hon. E. Lyttleton playing admirably at half back for the Etonians, while Birley was never away from the ball, doing his side great service by his accurate and judicious kicking. At half-time nothing more had been obtained, and ends had to be changed. The Wanderers got to work immediately the ball was started again, and some well-concerted play by Kenrick and Hughes on the lower side, with Edwards and Heron in the centre, removed the fight again into the Eton defences, and Hughes added to his other success another well-earned goal. This third reverse aroused the Etonians to renewed exertions, Alleyne commencing with a splendid run from his goal-line straight down to the Wanderers' fortress. Hon. A. Lyttleton, and Bonsor, too, were indefatigable, the former's neat dribbling eliciting frequent and well-deserved applause. Still it was evident that the Etonians had a hopeless cause, as the play of their opponents all round was excellent, the forwards working in far better style than they have as yet shown this season. Despite several well-made attacks on the Eton lines, the Wanderers failed to increase their score, and when time was called the victory was with them by three goals to none. Considering their eleven the Etonians made a very creditable fight, and had A.C. (Meysey-)Thompson been able to play, to allow Farrer to go back in place of Lubbock, who had been ill, and was altogether out of form, there would have been a good chance of a hard and exciting game. The Hon. A. Lyttleton, Bonsor, Stronge, and Alleyne worked hard forward, and the play of Hon. E. Lyttleton at half-back was admirable throughout. For the Wanderers, Wollaston, Hubert Heron, and Hughes were most prominent forward, and Birley and Lindsay back."

SL: "On Saturday afternoon last, in bright but bitterly cold weather, quite 1,500 spectators assembled at Kennington Oval to witness the final match for the Association Challenge Cup. The original match was fixed for and played on Saturday, the 11th inst., but at the call of "time" each eleven had scored one goal, and the match had to be left as drawn. This time, however, the Etonians had an inferior team, as Meysey-Thompson, Welldon, and Quentin-Hogg were unable to play, and in their places Farrer, Edgar Lubbock and Stronge were to be found. These did their duty well, but were not in the same practice as those whom they represented. Eton this time won the toss, and selected the Gasometer goal, and at half-past three Birley kicked off for the Wanderers from the Harleyford-road end, a cold north-easterly wind blowing at the time. For about half an hour the play was of a very even character, while "free" kicks abounded through the same vexatious and unmeaning calls of "hands" which had been so frequent during the last match. A general charge of the Wanderers then enabled them to score a goal, Wollaston being the player credited with the final kick, and this was almost directly afterwards followed by a second kicked by Hughes. Half-time was now called, but still the Wanderers held their own, and pressing down on their antagonists, quickly added a third to their previous successes. During the remainder of the play, perhaps the Old Etonians had slightly the better of the contest, although they could not succeed in reducing the long score against them, so that at the finish the Wanderers were left victorious by three goals to love."

BL "They again met on Saturday last, at the same place, and although the afternoon was bitterly cold, there must have been upwards of 2,000 visitors upon the ground. The Old Etonians won the toss, and their opponents started the ball from the western end at 3:25, but as the wind blew directly across all day, there was little advantage to be gained from position. At first the play was carried on with great spirit in the centre of the ground; each goal in turn then became seriously menaced, but quite half an hour had elapsed before anything particularly brilliant occurred by any of the players on either side. Bonsor then made a particularly brilliant run along the southern side of the enclosure, but to no purpose, for the ball soon visited the Etonian quarters, when, after some energetic play on the side of the Wanderers right in front of their adversaries' goal, Wollaston kicked it through, and but a few minutes elapsed before Hughes performed a similar operation. Directly after this half time was announced, and in a very short time Hughes was again successful. The Old Etonians now made every exertion to place themselves on a more equal footing, but to no purpose, for, as a rule, they could not keep the ball out of their own territory, and on the conclusion the Wanderers were declared the winners by three goals to none."

F: "On Saturday last these two clubs, who had played a drawn game on the previous Saturday in their first encounter of the final tie, decided the right to hold the cup for the next twelve months. The match took place at Kennington Oval, and there was again an unusually large number of spectators, despite the keen wind and the generally uninviting appearance of the weather. The Etonians had to substitute F.H. Wilson for Q. Hogg in goal, E. Lubbock—who was altogether out of practice—for A.C. Meysey-Thompson at half-back, M.G. Farrer for J.E.C. Welldon at back, and J.H. Stronge for C. Meysey(-Thompson) forward, though the only real loss to the Etonians by these changes was the absence of Meysey-Thompson. The Eton captain won the toss; but, as the wind was blowing straight across the ground, the choice of positions was of little moment. At 3.30 Birley kicked off on behalf of the Wanderers, and for some little time the Etonians had a little the best of the fight, charging evidently being the order of the day on their side. At the end of a quarter of an hour Hubert Heron and Wolloaston took the ball in fine style along the upper side of the ground into Eton territory, and once there it was not easy of removal, despite the brilliant play of the Hon. E. Lyttleton at half back.

Several times the Wanderers got dangerously close to the Eton fortress;but in each case the attack was foiled,and,in their turn,Slaney,Bonsor,and Stronge for the Etonians pressed onwards into the quarters of the Wanderers.For half an hour the Eton backs resisted the onslaught of the opposite forwards;but at length Wollaston eluded the half-backs,and,after some tough play in front of the posts,landed a goal for the Wanderers amidst some little excitement.Not content with this one success the Wanderer forwards made a desperate rush immediately the ball had been kicked off,and again carrying it as a body into the Eton lines,secured their second goal through the aid of a well-timed free kick from the foot of T.B.Hughes.This was the last event before half time,and ends were changed with the Wanderers in possession of two goals.That the Etonians were determined to lose no chance of recovering their losses was shown by the vigorous style in which they played during the second part of the game.Individually they showed excellent form,but their forwards were by no means so together as the Wanderers,and within a few minutes after the kick-off,some fine play by Edwards,F.Heron,Kenrick,and Hughes resulted in another goal,Hughes again administering the final kick.The rest of the game was productive of some hard play on both sides,Alleyne and Bonsor making some fine runs for the Etonians,while the Hon.A.Lyttleton was always the source of trouble to the Wanderers' backs,his dribbling throughout being very close and effective.The Wanderers had a little the best of the fight until the end,but no other score was obtained,and at the end of an hour and a half the Etonians were defeated by three goals to none.For the Wanderers,Wollaston, Edwards,and Hughes worked hard throughout,and Birley played in splendid form,half back,ably supported by Lindsay throughout. For the Etonians,the Hon.A.Lyttleton,Alleyne,Bonsor,Stronge,and Kenyon-Slaney all played up hard,and the Hon.E.Lyttleton kicked with marvellous precision throughout."

Wanderers:W.D.O.Greig(Goal);A.H.Stratford,W.Lindsay(Backs);F.B.Maddison,F.H.Birley(Capt.)(Half Backs),C.H.R.Wollaston,G.H(ubert)H.Heron(Right Side), C.Francis.W.Heron, J.Hawley Edwards(Centres),T.B.Hughes,J.Kenrick(Left Side).

N.B.No forward positiond traced:listed as per Keith Warsop EFCF positions.

Old Etonians:F.H.Wilson(Goal);Edgar Lubbock(Back);M.G.Farrer,Hon.Edgar Lyttleton(Half Backs); H.P.Alleyne,A.G.Bonsor(Right Side),J.R.Sturgis,Hon.Alfred Lyttleton,Capt. W.S.Kenyon-Slaney (Centres),Hon.A.F.Kinnaird(Capt.),J.H.Stronge(Left Side).

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N.B. EFACF P.136 in the F.H.Wilson Biography states:"He replaced the unavailable Quintin Hogg as goalkeeper in the 1875-76 replay as established in contempory accounts of the game,although modern records erroneously credit Hogg with the appearance."

Bell's Life 25/3/76 P.4 and Sheffield Independent 20/3/76 P4 and Manchester Evening News 20/3/76 P.4 all wrongly have Q.Hogg.

Umpires:R.A.M.M.Ogilie(Clapham Rovers) for the Old Etonians and A.H.Savage(Crystal Palace) for the Wanderers.

Referee:W.S.Rawson(Captain,Oxford University Eleven)

