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FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION CUP

FIRST ROUND:

Field 26/8/76 P.460:"At a meeting of the committee of the Football Association, held at Kennington Oval on Wednesday last, the first ties were drawn in this competition for the coming season.

Druids v Shropshire Wanderers
Panthers v Woodgrange
Royal Engineers v Old Harrovians
Southall v Old Wykehamists
Union v Rochester
Pilgrims v Ramblers
Herts Rangers v Great Marlow
High Wycombe v Cambridge University
Gresham v Forest School
Upton Park v Leyton
South Norwood v Saxons
First Surrey Rifles v 105TH Regiment
Reading Hornets v Swifts
Sheffield Club v Trojans
Saffron Walden v Wanderers
Barnes v Old Etonians
Oxford University v Old Salopians
Clapham Rovers v Reigate Priory

The Queen's Park Club of Glasgow was excused from competition until after the second ties. The ties will have to be played off by Nov. 15."

SHROPSHIRE WANDERERS walked over DRUIDS scratched: Bell's Life 18/11/76 P.9

WOOD GRANGE 0 PANTHERS 3 (E. Farquharson, Others 2) (H.T. 0-0) (WED NOV 8th) (At Upton Park)

Sportsman 9/11/76 P.4/Sporting Life 11/11/76 P.4/Bell's Life 11/11/76 P.9/Field 11/11/76 P.583:

SM:"This, one of the few matches waiting for decision in the first ties, took place at Upton Park, yesterday (Wednesday). The Panthers, who hail from Dorsetshire, were completely lost in the wilds of Upton without a guide, and it was only after considerable trouble that they were at last collected, having arrived in couples, after they had been wandering for hours in the park. It was consequently four o'clock before a commencement was practicable, and as the game had to last an hour and a half, there was certainty that a greater part of the play would take place in the dark. Wood Grange set the ball in motion, and for a time the game was fairly even, and the play fast, though the grass was too long for dribbling, and a snowstorm just before the start had made the ground slippery. Up till half-

time no score had been made, though the Panther forwards—who had worked hard throughout—had more than once approached within easy range of the Wood Grange goal. After the change of ends the Panther forwards began to get more together and the Wood Grange backs were hard pressed. Meanwhile darkness had been fast setting in, and as the light decreased the Panthers improved their position. During the last twenty minutes the ball could not be seen, except by those of the players who were well on it, and the goal-keeper of Wood Grange had a thankless task. About a quarter of an hour before the finish the Panther captain was successful in steering the ball between the posts of the home goal, and before time was called it had passed twice through the same boundaries. The Panthers were consequently at the close left the winners of a not very interesting match by three goals to none.”

SL: “The long journey of the Panthers from Dorsetshire to play in the first ties for the Cup was rewarded by an easy victory, obtained by sheer staying qualities, and the Panthers bid fair to make a name for themselves amongst Association clubs. The rendezvous was Upton Park, and those who went on Wednesday last punctually to the time appointed for commencement were rewarded by having to wait upwards of an hour, and also to encounter a heavy snowstorm, which rendered the ground wet and slippery on the surface. Several of the visitors missing their way from the railway station, it was quite four o’clock ere the ball was kicked off by the Wood Grange captain. Throughout the game was principally confined to the forward players, and the Panthers had decidedly the best of the match throughout, although up to half time no goal had been registered on either side. After changing ends the Dorsetshire Eleven kept their opponents’ backs hard at work, but still the Wood Grange goal-keeper successfully defended his post until about a quarter of an hour before “time”, when it was rapidly getting dark, and the ball, wet and greasy, was hard to see except by those close upon it. Then the captain of the Panthers took advantage of his opportunity and scored the first goal for his side, and this was quickly followed by a couple of others, but by whom obtained it was impossible to see or ascertain. Thus the Panthers won by three goals to love, having had the advantage in their hands throughout, their forward play being far superior to that of their opponents, whose back play and goal-keeping are, however, deserving of every praise.”

BL: “Owing to the inability of the Panthers (who hail from Dorsetshire) to find their way to the Park, it was not until 4 o’clock, and after considerable trouble, that they were all collected. Consequently, having to play for an hour and a half, a portion of the game was carried on in darkness. The ball was started by Wood Grange, and for some time the game was very even and fast, though the ground was rather slippery, and the grass too long for dribbling. Although the Panther forwards worked hard, and on several occasions approached very near their opponents’ quarters, no score was made before half time. After ends were changed, the Wood Grange backs were hard pressed, and as darkness was setting in, the Panthers improved their position.

For the last twenty minutes the ball was scarcely visible, except to those who were well on it, and as the Panthers continually assailed the enemies’ goal, the Wood Grange goalkeeper had a very thankless task. A quarter of an hour before the finish the ball was cleverly steered by E. Farquharson between the posts of the home team goal, and before time was called two more goals were secured by the Panthers, consequently they were the winners by three goals to none.”

Wood Grange: J.H. Self (Capt.) (Half Back), J.R.W. Stephens, G. Hall, F.J. Wall (Backs);
H.G. Housden, +F.C. Fear, J. Eacock, F. Newman, A. Rugg, J.H. Wilson, J.W. Carter (Goal).

+Captain of Forest Rovers

Panthers: E.G. Farquharson (Capt), E. Penny, +E.M. Salmon, R.F. Farquharson, R. Lagden, O. Richards, E.O. Richards, +Jackson, +Ashwell, +Gosse, +Smith.

+Not traced elsewhere

Umpires: R. Sanderson (Upton Park) for Panthers and S.R. Bastard (Upton Park) for Wood Grange.
Referee: C.W. Alcock (Wanderers).

ROYAL ENGINEERS 2 (H.E. Rawson, H. Barnet) OLD HARROVIANS 1 (H.H. Longman) (H.T. 2-0) (SAT NOV 4th) (At Kennington Oval)

Sportsman 6/11/76 P.4/Sporting Life 8/11/76 P.1/Bell's Life 11/11/76 P.9/Morning Post 6/11/76 P.2/Field 11/11/76 P.583/Athletic News 11/11/76 P.8:

F: "This match was played at the Oval on Saturday, and resulted, as was expected, in favour of the Engineers, though not without a hard struggle. At a quarter past one o'clock the Engineers' captain set the ball in motion, and it was quickly taken into Harrow territory. For some time the game was stubbornly contested, and without any definite result, until at last Rawson was enabled, after the ball had been muddled, to credit his side with a goal. The Harrovians were pressed considerably on the resumption, and the weakness of their back play enabled the Sapper forwards to maintain a steady attack. Nothing more, though, occurred until just before half time, when, after some excellent play by Barnet and Blackburn, the former put the ball between the Harrow posts for the second time. After the change of ends, the Engineers again had the best of the fray, though an unfortunate case of handling by one of their team gave the Harrovians a free kick, and a scrimmage that followed resulted in the downfall of the Sappers' goal, H.H. Longman giving the final kick. During the rest of the game the Engineers had the advantage, but time was called without further event, and thus the Harrovians were defeated by two goals to one."

SM: "This match was played at the Oval on Saturday last. Harrovians won the toss, and Rawson kicked off for the Engineers at 1.15pm. The ball was soon returned, but was taken down again into Harrow's quarters. Hands were claimed by Harrovians, but with no result. The Harrovians were then assailed, but by some vigorous play on the part of their backs, the ball was brought into centre. The game was hotly contested for some time, but at length a good run by the Engineers took the ball well down, though the kick by Rawson was ineffectual. Each goal was now in turn menaced, but with no decided advantage to either. The Engineers now made a desperate attack, and the ball being well put in from the side, Rawson kicked the first goal for the Engineers. A corner kick to Engineers was the next event, and the ball went close to Harrovians' quarters. The danger was for a time averted, and the leather well taken over to the other end, but the backs prevented any disaster. Each goal was in turn threatened, but at length the superior power of the Engineers told a tale, and by splendid play on the part of Barnet and Blackburn—who between them took the ball through—the second goal was scored just previous to half-time. Ends were changed, and for a brief period the Engineers had slightly the best of the game. One of their members, however, handled the ball, and from the free kick which followed a goal ultimately resulted, secured by H. Longman. The Engineers now played up well, and were on several occasions within an ace of a score, but one of their team sent the ball over the tape.

From this time the game was stoutly fought. The Harrovians did their utmost to secure another success, but although playing desperately, they failed. The Engineers were thus left the winners by two goals to one."

SL: "This was probably the most important of the many of the Cup ties played on Saturday last, and Kennington Oval was well filled with spectators when the ball was kicked off by Rawson for the Engineers from the Racquet Court goal at about a quarter past one. The Harrovians quickly returned it, but an appeal for "hands" was soon afterwards disallowed, though some time afterwards a similar claim for the Engineers was acceded to, but without in any way affecting the result. From this point, however, the Engineers kept up a constant attack upon the Harrovians' goals, which nevertheless, remained for some time intact thanks to the efficient goal-keeping of Welch. At last, however, even his defensive capabilities failed to withstand such energetic onslaughts, and a run down by Barnet, well backed up by Rawson, enabled the latter at the second attempt (the ball once rebounding off one of the posts) to secure the first goal for his side. Quickly, too, a second resulted, out of a bully in front of the posts, through the combined efforts of Barnet and Blackburn. Ends were now changed, and the game continued to be strenuously fought by either side, the attacks of the Engineers being strenuously repulsed, until they were in their turn compelled to resort to defence instead of aggression. So vigorously, too, were they now assailed, that they were gradually forced back, until an appeal for "hands" was given against them, from so favourable a position that H.H. Longman had little difficulty in securing a goal from the free kick. What time was now left for continuing the match proved unproductive of anything but brilliant play on the part of both teams, and so the match finally ended in favour of the Engineers by two goals to one."

BL: "The Harrovians won the toss, and having elected to play from the racquet court end, Rawson kicked off for the Engineers at a quarter past 1."

Royal Engineers: J. Bowles (Goal); R. M. Ruck, H. E. Goodwyn, J. H. Cowan (Backs);
P. G. von Donop, J. E. Blackburn (Right), J. C., Middlemass, H. E. Rawson (Capt.), C. E. Haynes (Centre),
C. V. Wingfield-Stratford, H. H. Barnet (Left).

Old Harrovians: R. de C. Welch (Capt.) (Goal); H. H. Longman, A. J. Whittaker (Backs); M. P. Betts (Half Back);
G. Macan, A. A. Haddow (Right), C. Colbeck, C. C. Bowlby (Left), F. D. Simpson, C. J. Longman, W. B. Paton
(Centres).

Umpires: J. Kikpatrick and C. J. Chenery. Referee: A. T. Ashwell (Nottingham).

SOUTHALL walked over OLD WYKEHAMISTS scratched : Bell's Life 18/11/76 P.9

ROCHESTER 5 (G. W. Prall, Own Goal, W. K. Ramage, C. R. Gramshaw, G. B. Blakett) Highbury Union 0
(H.T. 2-0) (SAT NOV 4th) (At Borstal, Rochester)

Rochester & Chatham Journal 11/11/76 P2/Bell's Life 11/11/76 P.9/Field 11/11/76 P.583/Sporting
Life 8/11/76 P.1:

R&CJ: "This match was played at Borstal, Rochester, on Saturday last, and resulted in a victory for the home team after a very fast game, by five goals to love."

BL: "This match, in the first ties, was played on Saturday, at Borstal, Rochester. Highbury at the commencement, were one man short, but after a while he made his appearance. Throughout the game the visitors were outpaced, and were ultimately defeated by five goals to nothing. The goals were obtained by Prall, Ramage, G.B. Blackett, and Gramshaw, the fifth resulting from a misskick by a Union man in trying to defend his goal."

F: "Having tossed for the choice of grounds, the Union men had to travel to Borstal, Rochester, on Saturday last, to play the above tie. The ground was everything that could be desired, with the exception of a slight slope, which makes it a little difficult for strangers. The Union won the toss, and elected to play with their back to the little sun that was shining, the wind being in favour of Rochester. The Highbury men at first played one man short, but after a time the missing one put in an appearance. The game was fast from beginning to end, but for the greater part the visitors were rather penned. The first downfall of the goal occurred after about a quarter of an hour's play by the energy of Prall. Repeated shots followed till about ten minutes before half time one of the Union men kicked the ball towards his own goal, and it passed under the tape. Ends being changed, Rochester soon added a third to their score, this time from the foot of Ramage. By the combined play of Rochester, and the good form of F.F. Smith (back), the Union had little or no chance of scoring, and when they had, they were loose, no two men playing together. Pead (forward) alone played in good style, though he wanted someone to assist him. C.R. Gramshaw added another goal to the credit of Rochester, and their captain, G.B. Blackett, obtained the fifth and last goal after a fine piece of play. Thus ended a very pleasant match in favour of Rochester by five goals to none."

SL: "This tie was played at Borstal, Rochester, on Saturday last. The Union at first played one man short, but after a time he put in an appearance. The game was fast from beginning to end, and resulted in a victory for Rochester by five goals to nil, the combined play of the home team being too much for the Union. The goals were obtained by Prall, Ramage, G.B. Blackett, and Gramshaw, one also resulting from a miss-kick from a Union man in trying to save his goal."

Rochester: C.H.A. Lock (Goalkeeper); F.F. Smith (Back); C.J. Tuffill, W. Lockey (Half Backs); G.W. Prall, J. Shute (Left Wing), W.K. Ramage, +C.O. Fawcus, C.R. Gramshaw (Centres), G.B. Blackett (Capt), J.B. Blackett (Right Wing). +Missing from the R&CJ lineup

Highbury Union: J.R. Brough (Goalkeeper); T.H. Martin, L. Wallis (Backs), +M.G. Dovaston, W.D. Dovaston (Half Backs); H.H. Barnes, J. Clark (Rights), E. Little, R. Pead (Centres), A. Ellesmere, F. Scruton (Capt) (Lefts). +M.E. only appears and once only in other games

PILGRIMS 4 (T.F. Letchford, K.W. Elmslie, C.E. Detmar, F. Lloyd) RAMBLERS 1 (W.J. Sang) (H.T. 2-1) (SAT OCT 14th) (At Lordship Lane, Tottenham: new ground of the Pilgrims).

+N.B.F/SL give Redwood as scoring the 3rd goal for Pilgrims

Sportsman 16/10/76 P.4/Sporting Life 18/10/76 P.1/Bell's Life 21/10/76 P.4/Field 21/10/76 P.491/Sheffield Daily Telegraph 16/10/76 P.4/Athletic News 21/10/76 P.7:

SM: "On Saturday last the competition for the above cup, now held by the Wanderers, was opened with a match between the Pilgrims and the Ramblers, on the new ground of the former at Tottenham. Both clubs have their headquarters at the north of London, and as the Ramblers are in reality an offshoot of the Pilgrims there was a considerable amount of honest rivalry. The weather was favourable, though perhaps a little too warm for football, but the ground was in a dreadful state, the grass being several inches in length and effectually precluding the possibility of any brilliant show in dribbling as well as of any sure kicking on the part of the backs. At a quarter to four o'clock, Sang, the captain of the Ramblers, kicked off, the loss of the toss proving of no disadvantage to them in the absence of wind. At first the play was by no means steady, the backs on both sides being erratic in their kicking. Before either eleven had settled down to their work Andrews got the ball on the upper side, and crossing it neatly at the right moment to Sang, the captain of the Ramblers, secured for his men a thoroughly well-earned goal. The Pilgrims were not long, however, in retaliating, as immediately after the ball had again been set in motion, Lloyd, playing up hard, carried it down to the Ramblers' goal, and T.F. Letchford, alert on the upper side, put it skillfully between the posts, making the game one all. After the kick-off, the play all round showed a great improvement, Lloyd, Wohgemuth, and T. Letchford working hard in the centre for the Pilgrims, and H. Detmar, who dribbled very cleverly at times, Sang and Ford up for the Ramblers. A quarter of an hour passed without further score, but luck was with the Pilgrims, as Elmslie at the end of a run took a kick at the opposite posts, and sent the ball just over goalkeeper's head, a good though fortunate piece of play resulting in the second goal for the Pilgrims. A quarter of an hour remained before half time, and this was unproductive of score for either side, the only incidents being two, and by no means well directed corner kicks for the Pilgrims. After the change of ends the Rambler forwards seemed to feel the effect of the pace during the first half, and their efforts were by no means as sustained as before. The superior weight of the Pilgrims also told its tale, and the Ramblers were steadily driven back. For some time they made a successful resistance, but at last Harrison, one of their half-backs, handled the ball, and a neatly-directed free kick deposited the ball in the very centre of their posts, enabling C. Detmar to kick a goal out of the scrimmage. Soon after the kick-off a neat run by Andrews took the ball to the Pilgrims' goal-line, and Elmslie kicked it behind, but a corner kick to the Ramblers did not result in anything. A fine run by Elmslie the whole length of the ground again placed the Ramblers' lines in jeopardy, and two more free kicks close to their goal made matters look still more serious. All these dangers were averted, but a quarter of an hour before time Lloyd got a favourable opening, and the result was a fourth and last goal for the Pilgrims, the ball having been well put into the middle by Phelps. With the exception of another corner kick to the Pilgrims, the last ten minutes realised nothing for either side, and at the expiry of the allotted period of an hour and a half the Pilgrims were left the winners by four goals to one. Considering that it was the first match, the play was fairly good, Andrews, Sang, and Ford (up), Hibbert and Harrison (backs) playing well for the losers; and Lloyd and T. Letchford (up) and Elmslie (back) for the winners."

SL: "This match, the first this season played in the ties for the Challenge Cup, took place at Lordship-lane, Tottenham, on Saturday last, and resulted in a victory for the Pilgrims by four goals to one. The grass was very damp, and fast play at a discount, but an exceedingly interesting game resulted. The Pilgrims having won the toss, Sang kicked off for the Ramblers from the Lordship end, and for some time the play was wild, neither side settling down. The Ramblers were the first to score, as, taking advantage of the opposing half backs being too far forward, Andrews got away at the side, and, passing to the centre, Sang secured an easy goal for them. The Pilgrims now played up hard, and the

opposite goal soon fell to a shot by T.F.Letchford.From this time the Pilgrims got into better form,but still were not so well together as their adversaries,who withstood their attacks for half an hour when,having worked the ball close to the Pilgrims' goal,Elmslie broke through;and making a truly splendid run the whole length of the ground,secured a second goal to his side by a vigorous kick. Half-time being called,ends were changed and the Pilgrims rapidly assumed the offensive,Lloyd, T.Letchford,and Wohlgemuth making repeated attacks.Several corner kicks resulted,and once the Ramblers got a free kick near their opposite goal,but failed to score,Elmslie returning the ball every time they got past his forwards.Some close play near the Ramblers' goal occurred,Detmar got the ball up,and +Redwood shot it through the posts a third time.This success was soon followed up by Lloyd,who,making a capital run from the centre,dribbled past all the Ramblers,and kicked a well-deserved goal-the fourth and last for his side.Some minutes remained,but no further score was made.Lloyd again made a grand run,but missed the post by a foot,and the call of "time" put an end to the game.For the visitors Lloyd displayed the best form,though all the forwards worked hard,but did little or no passing.Elmslie(back) was firm and unpassable;while for the Ramblers,who played a plucky game against superior weight and skill,H.Detmar,Andrews,and Sweystone(forwards),Harrison and Letts(back) played well,their backing up showing a great contrast to that of their opponents."

F:"This match,the first that has been played this season in the ties for the Association Cup,took place on the ground of the Pilgrims, Lordship-lane, Tottenham, on Saturday last, and resulted in a victory for the home team by four goals to one. The grass was damp and the ball heavy, but some good play was shown on both sides, the result not being as one-sided as had been expected. The Pilgrims, having won the toss, elected to play from the London goal, with the sun at their backs, and the ball was started at 3.45 by the Rambler captain. The play was slow at first, the players not settling down to work steadily and the backs kicking wildly. The Ramblers were the first to score, Andrews taking the ball along the lower touch line, and passing to the centre, it was taken up by the forward men; and, the Pilgrims' backs being scattered, Sang secured an easy goal for his side. Immediately the ball was started, the Pilgrims, nothing daunted, carried the play to the opposite end, vigorously besieging the Ramblers' fortress, and in two minutes T.F.Letchford kicked the first goal for the Pilgrims. Each eleven now redoubled their efforts; and, though it was evident that the Ramblers were overweighted, they played a most plucky game, their passing and backing being certainly superior, while the kicking of their backs, Harrison and Letts, was certainly more effective than that of their opponents. Half an hour had passed without score when the Ramblers got down to the opposite goal; but Elmslie took the ball away, and following up his advantage by a magnificent run the whole length of the ground, passed all the Ramblers, and by a hard kick (BL:"...which only just passed under the line") got another goal for the Pilgrims. Half time was now called, the Pilgrims having a majority of one goal, and until the finish their play rapidly improved, the forwards getting more settled down to their work, so that they had a decided advantage until the call of time. Baker took charge of the posts; and Newsum came half back. The play now was much livelier, and a free kick gave the Ramblers a chance near the opposite goal. This, however, was not taken, and several runs by Lloyd, Phelps, and Wohlgemuth took the ball well into Ramblers' territory; Phelps now had a kick from the corner flag, and the play was desperate round the Ramblers' goal, as, though taken away twice, it was brought up again by Detmar, Lloyd and Wohlgemuth being several times within an ace of scoring. At length +Redwood shot the ball under the tape from the side for the third time (BL:"...Detmar bringing about the downfall of their fortress"). The Ramblers played up again, but could not pass Elmslie, who made several good kicks, returning the ball well into the centre again, and there it was taken up by

Lloyd, who made a straight run past all the visitors, and kicked a well-earned goal—the fourth and last for his side. Several minutes for play yet remained (BL: "...a quarter of an hour before the time for discontinuing play.."), and during this time some good play was shown, Letchford and Lloyd vying with the others in their repeated attacks. The form of the Pilgrims was better now than at the commencement, and several kicks from the corner were of no avail. Lloyd made another good run, but missed the post by a foot, time putting an end to an enjoyable game. The play of the victors was not all that could be wished, as they held their opponents too cheaply at first; but, as this is only the second match of the season, they will doubtless improve in time to make a good fight in the second ties. Lloyd was certainly their best forward, and Elmslie's kicking was fairly good, the back play being erratic."

SDT: "About a quarter of an hour after half time a free kick for hands to the Pilgrims was claimed and allowed, and a neat kick into the centre enabled C. Detmar to put the ball safely between the Ramblers' posts. Nothing more was scored until only 17 minutes remained of time, when a desperate rush by Lloyd resulted in a fourth goal for the Pilgrims."

Pilgrims: A. Wohlgermuth (Capt), F. Lloyd, T. F. Letchford (Centres), K. Wallace. Elmslie (Back), W. A. Baker, W. H. Letchford (Half Backs), J. Fowler Newsam (Goal); R. Redwood, A. M. Good (Right), C. E. Detmar, Morgan J. Phelps (Left).

Ramblers: W. J. Sang (Capt.) (Centre); A. W. Letts (Back); F. Hibbert, A. Harrison (Half Backs); T. R. Fairbairns (Goal), H. J. Andrew (e)s, T. M. Ford (Left), H. Detmar, C. Devitt (Right), H. A. Swepstone, F. Youle. (Centres).

C. W. Alcock (Wanderers/F. A.) was umpire for both sides.

GREAT MARLOW 2 (E. Flint, R. Shaw) HERTS RANGERS 1 (F. J. Sparks) (H. T. 0-1) (Sat Nov 4th) (At Marlow)

N. B. The two reports below appear to reverse the scorers of the 2 Marlow goals.

Bucks Herald 11/11/76 P. 7/Reading Mercury 11/11/76 P. 5/Bell's Life 11/11/76 P. 9/Field 11/11/76 P. 583/Sportsman 7/11/76 P. 4/Sporting Life 8/11/76 P. 1/Athletic News 11/11/76 P. 8/:

SM: "This match was played at Marlow, November 4th, and won by the home (Marlow) team by two goals to one. The Herts Rangers were much heavier than their opponents. For Marlow, Jones, Bartholmew, and the lad Flint, played best, and for the Rangers, Watkins, Sparks, and Evans."

SL: "This tie match was played at Marlow also on Saturday last, and won by the home team by two goals to one, though the visitors were much the heavier team in the bully."

BH: "Mr Barker, winning the toss, elected to kick towards the Crown goal, with the hill in his favour. The battle at once commenced with terrible fury. The Rangers evidently meant to give no quarter—seemed in fact to have made up their minds to literally hew down their lighter and more youthful antagonists by their weight and strength. But Marlow men are not so easily annihilated; many of them seemed, in fact, almost as elastic as the ball which was being driven at such headlong speed to all parts of the field. A man floored bounded up again like a cork, and was again collaring a Ranger before he had gained much way. The vigorous onslaught carried the ball into Marlow quarters, but

not for long. Jones, who played magnificently throughout, cuts his way through the middle of the fight; Baines, too, is ever by his side, and the ball is got back, and Bartholemew, who is always to the fore, gets away and has some most brilliant runs. On the opposite wing Cox and Flint are always doing most excellent work. Against these Barker and Holland on one side, and St John and Watkin on the other—all men very fast and exceedingly good—are trying their utmost. Sparkes, also, a most dangerous foe, is ever on the watch, and makes some splendid tries. The ball, for the most part, is flying about in the Marlow quarters, but the defence is stubborn and effectual against an attack of unexampled force and determination; four or five byes are made, and a couple of corner kicks were ineffectual; two splendid shots are aimed straight at goal; the ball goes like lightning, and players and spectators tremble for the result, but “well done, Hewett” is shouted out—the goal is saved. Then a remarkably fine run up by Bartholemew, with the whole body of players racing after him. It is a capital piece of play; the enemy’s goal is menaced; a sharp scrimmage and a bye only is scored. The ball is kicked away and Watkin gets a fine run down. Shaw gets in the way and receives a tremendous flooner; the ball is well middled. Sparks is lying in wait on the fringe of the players. “Offside” is cried from many quarters; Poulter in the excitement misses the ball; Sparks gets a good shot and the goal is taken. The claim of offside disallowed. Soon after it is half time.

Marlow now has the advantage of fighting downhill. After the short pause the battle goes on with, if possible, redoubled fury. The Marlow forwards now become the assailants, Jones, as ever, in the thickest of the *melée*, with Baines not far away. Inch by inch the enemy is fought back, and the Rangers’ goal is reached and vigorously assailed; bye after bye is made, but no fatal shot. And so the game proceeds with varying fortune, for ten or fifteen minutes. At length young Flint, whose play has been second to none, gets a good long shot, and a ringing cheer proclaims that the goal is carried. Now again the fight goes on; the panting athletes on each side straining every nerve. The excitement among players and spectators becomes intense. Marlow, elated by the getting of the last goal, seemed to be first obtaining the best of it, and most of the fighting was now in the Rangers’ territory; various byes are made, and a corner kick or two. Once the Herts goal was saved by the use of hands, and a tremendous bully close to the goal line ensued, ending by the ball being forced away. The light was getting bad and time for the game to end drawing very near, and the opinion gained ground that it would after all end in a draw. It is within two or three minutes; Cox is taking the ball down the side for the last time in magnificent style; the enemy in vain assay to stop him; the ball is capitally middled; Shaw is in waiting and drives it hard and straight, and the umpires’ fiat is that the goal is carried. And then a cheer, which is heard for miles around, announces Marlow’s well won victory. Never was a harder and better fight fought on the Marlow ground, and in all probability never will be.

In addition to those names we have mentioned, the remarkably fine back play of Mr Wright, for Marlow, and Mr Evans, for Herts, deserve special notice. In fact, every man on both sides stood well to his post on this eventful day, not a single white feather did we see. Mr Nicholson of Maidenhead kindly officiated for both teams.

After the match the Rangers were entertained by the Marlow Football Club, at the Crown Hotel. Mrs West placed an excellent dinner on the table, and the gathering all together was a most amicable and enjoyable one. Capt. Barker, in responding to the toast of his health, declared that on this occasion at Marlow, they had met the strongest country team they had yet played against.”

F: "This very interesting match took place at Marlow last Saturday, and as both clubs were very strongly represented, a good and fast game was the result. For the first ten minutes the Rangers held a decided advantage, and being a very much heavier team, and equally fast, Marlow found themselves rather penned. The excellent back play of Wright and Poulter, however, stayed off any disastrous result until the ball was kicked by one of the Rangers backs right in front of the Marlow goal, and Poulter missing his kick, Sparks, who was the nearest man to the Marlow goal, except Poulter and Hewett, kicked the ball between the posts. To the cry of offside the umpire gave a negative reply so that this became a goal, and was the only success attending the Rangers' attack. After half time Marlow played up much better, and the ball was kicked over the tape. Marlow claimed this as a goal, and the umpire gave it as such; but the Marlow(!?) captain refused to accept it. Presently Cox made a brilliant run down the upper side and successfully passing all opposed to him, shot at goal. The ball was, however, stopped; but R. Shaw, who was backing up, was on the lookout and passed it through the posts, much to the delight of the Marlow contingent, which, by the bye, was very large. After some very fast play on both sides, the ball was kicked across the ground by one of the Marlow backs, to Flint, who by an excellent kick, scored the second goal for Marlow just two minutes before time was called. Marlow thus won at the close by two goals to one. For the winners, Jones, Bartholemew, and Flint were prominent, while Wright at back played faultlessly, repeatedly saving his goal from certain downfall. Barker, Field, and Sparkes seemed to do most for the Rangers, though all worked well, and the game was a fast and most enjoyable one in every way, as hands were only occasionally called."

Great Marlow: H.R. Hewett (Goal); C.K. Poulter (Long Back); S.H. Wright (Capt.), R.H. Shaw (Half Backs); A.C. Bartholemew, C. Prior (Right Side), +F.W. Jones, +J.W. Baines, J. Hudson (Middle), E. Flint, C. Cox (Left Side). +Not found elsewhere

Herts Rangers: +H.E. Ellis (Goal); +L. Evans (Long Back); C.G. Field, W.J. Jervis (Half Backs); R.C. Barker (Capt.), S.T. Holland (Right Side), F.J. Sparks, R. Smith, C.G. Geary (Middles); ++C.S. St. John, F.W. Watkins (Left Side)

N.B. R. Evans is apparently incorrect (SL has W.D.O. Greig in Goal :and Edgar Field (who played frequently for HR :C.G. Field cannot be traced elsewhere for HR)

+Not found elsewhere for HR

++As in SL and elsewhere (also E.L.)

Umpire: F. Nicholson was umpire for both teams.

CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY walked over HIGH WYCOMBE scratched: Bell's Life 18/11/76 P.9

FOREST SCHOOL 4 (E. Crawley 2, H. Knowles, P. Fairclough) GRESHAM 0 (At Forest School Ground) (H.T. 2-0) (SAT NOV 4th)

Sportsman 8/11/76 P.4/Sporting Life 11/11/76 P.4/Field 11/76 P.583 :

F: "This tie was played off on Saturday 4th inst., on the ground of the former (Forest School) and resulted in an easy victory for the school by four goals to none".

SM: "This Cup tie was decided on Saturday last on the ground of the former, and ended in an easy victory for the School by four goals to none. Fairclough won the toss and chose the lower goal, Gardner kicking off for the Gresham at 3.40. At first the Gresham brought the ball down with a rush, and it went behind the School goal off their back. From this two corner kicks resulted, the ball being sent behind the second time by one of the forwards, but the School got the leather away, and then settled to their work, not allowing Gresham a chance of a corner kick again. After a few minutes' play the Gresham goal fell for the first time, Crawley giving the final kick. Soon after M'Ewan passed the ball well to Hutchings, who middled it splendidly, and after a scrimmage Knowles kicked it through. Before half time their goal was again in danger a good many times, especially in two instances when "hands" were claimed within twelve yards of the post. Nothing, however, occurred until the School got the hill, when the ball was kept constantly near their opponents' goal, in spite of the exertions of Gardner and Evans, who tried hard to get away, but were stopped each time by the backs. Crawley then kicked another goal, the ball being passed to him by Hutchings. Soon after this the Gresham goal was destined to fall again, the ball, out of a free kick, rolling out of the mob to Fairclough, at half-back, who sent it through for the last time. It now became so dark that the School lost many good opportunities of scoring, and when time was called at 5.10 it was impossible to see the ball. For the School, Hutchings, Crawley, M'Ewan, and Charrington played hard. For the Gresham Gardner and Evans played well forward, and Evans defended their goal most energetically."

SL: "On Saturday last this match in the first ties of the Cup was played on the School ground. At first the boys were slightly penned, and two corner kicks fell to the Gresham, without, however, any result. The boys then settled down, and a goal was quickly obtained for them by Crawley, followed by a second from Knowles, after a good run down by M'Ewan and Hutchings. From this time forth, indeed, the Gresham goal was constantly in danger, but no further actual score resulted before half-time. Subsequently, though, a third goal was obtained by the School, Hutchings again bringing down the ball, and Crawley once more giving the final kick. Yet once more did success await the efforts of the boys, as the ball coming out of a general bully in front of the Gresham posts, Fairclough was enabled to secure a fourth and last goal. The match, which thus ended in favour of the School by four goals to nothing, was concluded almost in the dark."

Forest School: P. Fairclough (Capt.), F. A. Charrington (Half Backs), H. E. Browne (Back), H. R. Hutchings, E. M. Crawley, H. Knowles, A. L. M'Ewan, J. Littlewood, G. C. Mills, L. Horner, F. Sewell (Goal).

Gresham: A. W. Gardner (Capt.), C. Howland, F. M. Gafney (Half Backs), G. R. Ross (Back), J. W. Heslop, A. Cullen, A. Laker, E. P. Griffiths, G. F. Evans, E. F. Blinkhorn, J. Davis (Goal).

UPTON PARK 7 ("Scrimmage", S. R. Bastard, W. R. Spreckley, W. Bouch, T. C. Curwen 2, W. Wild) LEYTON 0 (H. T. 3-0) (SAT OCT 28th) (At Upton Park)

Sportsman 30/10/76 P.4/Sporting Life 1/11/76 P.1/Bell's Life 4/11/76 P.5/London Daily News 30/10/76 P.3/Field 4/11/76 P.554/Athletic News 4/11/76 P.8:

SM: "On Saturday last a match between these neighbouring clubs was played at Upton Park. It was one of the first ties for the Association Cup, and in consequence additional interest was attached to the meeting. There was hardly a breath of wind during the afternoon, so the toss was a matter of little moment, and Upton did not profit from the choice of goals. At half-past three o'clock Scott kicked off for Leyton, and though the grass was very long and not in favour of dribbling, the play soon became brisk, though Leyton at first were short in numbers. Only a few minutes elapsed before the sides became equal, and then the Uptonians began to assume the (of) offensive, Bastard, Winterbotham, the Spreckleys, all playing up with vigour. A corner kick fell to Upton, but it was unproductive, and a quarter of an hour passed without any other noteworthy incident. Then an unfortunate piece of handling by one of the Leyton backs gave Upton a free kick about ten yards in front of the goal, and as the goal-keeper failed to get the ball away, the Upton forwards had no difficulty in forcing it through. After the kick-off the fight was maintained in neutral ground for a few minutes until Wild got a good chance, and, after a very good down on the border of the right touchline, middled the ball very accurately to Bastard enabling him to get another easy goal for Upton. Leyton, incited by these reverses, made a desperate rush after a renewal of play, and some good play of the forwards succeeded in taking the ball well up to the Upton lines. A long kick by Warner, however, returned it into the centre of the ground, and before the Leyton forwards had time to get back, W. Spreckley got well away, and eluding the backs, landed the third goal for Upton. Three goals in half an hour did not look promising for Leyton, but when play was resumed they made a better show, and, though several corner kicks fell to Upton, and once the ball passed just over the Leyton posts, at the end of another quarter of an hour the score still showed three goals to Upton without anything to their opponents. Ends were then changed, and though Leyton were still hard pressed, every now and then a good run by J. Biggs, Secretan, or Matchett, would momentarily relieve their lines. Several times the Uptonians seemed certain of further scores, but half an hour elapsed and the game was still unaltered. A good shot by Bouch then sent the ball into the heart of the Leyton goal, and though the goal-keeper tried hard to save his charge, the ball went off his hands against one of the posts, and thence rebounded into goal. This piece of ill luck had a depressing effect on the play of Leyton, as from this time the game was a series of shots by the Upton forwards. Curwen in quick succession added two goals, and after a good run Wild was instrumental in securing the seventh. This was the last score, and consequently Upton had a hollow victory by seven goals to none. The winners played in excellent form all round, the forwards working hard and well together, while the backs, though they were never severely pressed, kicked fairly throughout. Leyton had in them the elements of a good team, but they were greatly deficient in the rudiments of the game. At times they dribbled neatly, but there was nothing like systematic passing on, and what work was done by the forwards individually was completely wasted through the want of backing up and an ordinary amount of passing on. Secretan played vigorously, Matchett dribbled well, and J. Biggs, and Growse occasionally made a good run, but the back play was weak. It is only fair to the losers to say that their opponents had a great advantage in weight."

SL "One of the first matches in the first ties for this cup was played off at Upton Park on Saturday last, but it was a very hollow affair, and resulted in a victory for the home team by no less than seven goals to none. It may, therefore, under these circumstances, be easily imagined that much cannot be said respecting the play, which was throughout in favour of Upton Park, who were decidedly the better team, as well as the stronger behind the bully, a point in which Leyton were decidedly at a disadvantage. From the commencement Upton assumed the offensive, but it was not until after a

quarter of an hour's play that any decisive point was made, and then a goal resulted from a bully in front of the Leyton posts, after a free kick allowed on account of "handling" by one of the Leyton backs, nor was it long after the kick-off ere Wild made a good run down the ground, and, muddling the ball to Bastard, a second goal resulted, whilst after some spirited play on both sides, a third quickly followed through the agency of W. Spreckley, thus early giving the Upton Park men a formidable lead. But from this point up to half time no further goal ensued, though the ball was in constant propinquity to the Leyton goal, and several corner kicks fell to its assailants. After changing ends the game was rather more evenly contested for about half an hour, although the Leyton men had plenty to do in order to keep their goal intact, but then a good shot by Bouch sent the ball into the very centre of the Leyton goal, and the goalkeeper only half stopping it, it rebounded onto one of the posts, and thence over the line, making a fourth goal for Upton. From this time to the close of play the game consisted of repeated shots at the Leyton goal, which succumbed thrice more – twice to Curwen and once to Wild. The victors played very well together, backing up capitally, and passing the ball from one to the other without the slightest jealousy, whilst the behinds also proved themselves well capable of protecting their goal on the few occasions on which they were required to do so. The Leyton men, as already mentioned, were very weak behind the bully, and though the forwards worked hard individually, they had neither the strength nor organisation of their opponents."

F: "At half past three o'clock Scott kicked off for Leyton, the opposite team having gained no advantage on the choice of positions. It was at once evident that Upton were better together, and a corner kick was soon secured against Leyton. For a quarter of an hour the Upton forwards assailed the Leyton lines without success, but at last a free kick fell to them only a few yards from the Leyton posts and in the scrimmage the ball was rushed through. Soon after this a very fine run by Wild along the side took the ball down to the Leyton goal line, and a clever kick into the centre gave Bastard an easy shot, scoring the second goal for Upton. A desperate rush by the Leyton forwards now took the ball up into Upton quarters, but the attack was repelled by Warner, and a fast run by W. Spreckley placed the third goal to the credit of Upton. Nothing more was obtained before half time, and after the change of ends the game was also for some time fairly even, the Leyton ups making a hard attempt at times to break through the opposite backs, though without success. It only wanted about a quarter of an hour of time, when Bouch, by a good kick, sent the ball straight into the Leyton goal, and the goalkeeper could only partially stop it, so that it hit one of the posts and rebounded into goal. Just before this, one of the Leyton backs had been compelled to retire, and during the short time that remained Upton had it all their own way. Leyton appeared to be utterly demoralised and before the end their goal had fallen thrice more, Curwen twice achieving its downfall by good shots, and Wild once. Thus Upton had a hollow victory by seven goals, a success well merited by good hard forward play. Leyton were a much lighter team, but had they only worked together they might have fought a good fight, as there was no want of energy among the forwards, and at times the dribbling was neat, though somewhat cramped and slow."

Mr C.W. Alcock acted as umpire for both sides.

Upton Park: T. Micklem (Capt.), W. Bouch (Half Backs); C. Warner (Back); F. Wilton (Goal); W. R. Spreckley, T. C. Curwen (Right Wing), S. R. Bastard, F. L. Woolley (Left Wing), T. F. Spreckley, W. Wild, F. Winterbotham (Centres).

N.B. The 2 Spreckleys played for Woodford Wells in 75/76.

Leyton:+W.Mason(Goal);A.Weakley(Back);A.J.Secretan,J.Comerford(Half Backs);
+E.W.Scott(Capt.),J.W.Biggs,R.H.Biggs,W.M.Lloyd,G.P.Matchitt,R.Growse,H.F.Goldby(Forwards).

+Not traced elsewhere Only T.R.Scott in ordinary games

SOUTH NORWOOD 4 (E.A.Ram 2,W.H.White 2) SAXONS 1 (J.W.Sharpe)(H.T. 3-0)
(SAT NOV 4th)(At Norwood)

Norwood News 11/11/76 P.3/Bell's Life 11/11/76 P.9/Field 11/11/76 P.583/Sporting Life 8/11/76
P.1/Sportsman 6/11/76 P.4:

BL:"Soon after the start the home team,settling down to their work ,frequently attacked the Saxons' goal,and at last,a capital shot of Ram's secured the first success.This was followed very quickly by two more obtained by W.H.White ;but after ends were changed the visitors made a determined effort ,and a long shot by Sharpe hit their opponents' tape,and was allowed to score(see below). Norwood, in a short time, obtained a fourth goal kicked by Ram,and two others,kicked by W.H.White, were disallowed on the plea of "offside."

F:"This tie was played on Saturday last at Norwood.The Saxon captain having won the toss,W.H.White kicked off for Norwood at 3.15.At first the game was carried on pretty evenly,but after a quarter of an hour the home team began to play better together,and soon scored their first goal from a good side kick by Ram.Two more goals followed in quick succession,both kicked by W.H.White,the ball in the first instance having been brought nearly the length of the ground by Stevens,and well middled.After half time ends were changed and the Saxons exerted all their energies to recover their lost ground,and a shot by Sharpe was allowed to score,although in the opinion of everyone near the goal at the time the ball went over the tape.A fourth goal was soon after obtained for Norwood by Ram.W.H.White kicked two other goals ,which were disallowed on the ground of offside."

SL:"This match,in the first ties,was played at Norwood on Saturday last,and resulted in a victory by four goals to one.After the home team had once settled down to their work the visitors' goal was frequently assailed,and at last was captured by a clever side shot of Ram's,whilst two more goals followed in quick succession by W.H.White.After ends were changed the Saxons worked hard,and a long shot by Sharpe hit the Norwood tape,and was allowed to score.The fourth goal for Norwood was soon after kicked by Ram,out of a bully in front of goal.Two other goals ,kicked by W.H.White, were disallowed,on the plea of "off-side".The Saxons' defeat may be mainly attributed to their weak dribbling,all the forwards kicking as if they were backs."

SM:"This match was played on Saturday,when Norwood won by four goals to one.Two were kicked by Ram and two by White.Leeds and Wilson played well for Norwood,and Ellis for the Saxons."(No teams)

NN:"This match was played at Norwood on Saturday last.The Saxons won the toss and chose the lower goal,where the ground is more level at the other end.The home team did not get together at first,and the play was confined to the centre of the ground.After a time,however,they began to pass to one another,and a goal was scored for them by a good side kick by Ram.From this time to the

finish the game was one continual discussion, as the Saxons were evidently playing on the win tie or wrangle principal, which, however, did not avail them very much as two more goals were scored for Norwood by W.H. White. After half-time, when ends had been changed, the game was continued in much the same manner with, if possible, more wrangling on the part of the Saxons, who were apparently intent on displaying their powers of polite repartee to make up for their deficiency in the knowledge of Association rules. Some good dribbling by Wilson enabled Ram to score the fourth goal for Norwood, which was quickly followed by another by W.H. White; this, however, was not allowed on the ground of off-side. Aided by the darkness, the Saxons succeeded in getting a shot at the Norwood goal, which was very cleverly stopped by F. White, eliciting a hearty cheer from the spectators. Shortly after another kick by the Saxons struck the Norwood tape and went over, but as the umpire was too far off to give a decision, and the whole of the Saxon eleven were prepared to take their affidavits that it went under, the Norwood captain bowed to the force of overwhelming asserverations, and the goal was allowed, notwithstanding the opinion of the on-lookers that it was no goal. During the last few minutes Ram and Wilson again got away with the ball and passing it to W.H. White enabled him to score a fifth goal. Leeds, Knight, and Stevens played quite up to form."

South Norwood: W.H. White (Capt.), C.G. Broadhurst, +R.W. Mead (Half Backs); C.E. Leeds, D. Rennoldson (Backs); F. White (Goal); A.F. Stevens, E.A. Ram, H.B. Gray, W.S. Knight, H.W. Wilson.

+Westminster School (normally listed as R. Mead)

Saxons: F.E. Haslam (Capt.), +J.M. Turner (Backs); F.B. Montague, R. Rutherford (Half Backs); R. Wiskard (Goal); T.H. Bubb, D. Ellis, R.D. Green, J.W. Sharpe, F. ++(S.) Stafford, J. Willcocks.

+Only F.M. Turner traced ++2nd initial could be G.

Umpire: W.E. Rowlinson.

105TH REGIMENT 3 (Private Morris, Lance Corp. Ford, Capt. Ferrier) FIRST SURREY RIFLES 0 (H.T. 0-0) (SAT NOV 11th) (At Colchester)

Field 18/11/76 P.614/Sporting Life 15/11/76 P.1/Bell's Life 18/11/76 P.9/Essex Standard 17/11/76 P.8:

F: "The tie between these two clubs was played at Colchester on the 11th inst. The Surrey Rifles won the toss, and determined to play with the first half time with the wind, which was strong. During that time the ball was constantly in the vicinity of the 105th goal, but no advantage had been gained when half time was called. On changing ends the ball was run up by the wings and middled when it was cleverly headed through by Morris, thus scoring the first goal for the 105th. The ball was again started and after about twenty minutes a second goal was scored by Ford. It then became dark, and in the last ten minutes a third goal was scored by Capt. Ferrier, thus leaving the 105th the winners by three goals to none. The back play of the 105th was very strong, and they played well all round.

For the 105th, Ferrier, Ford, Wright, and Barter played well. For the 1st Surrey Rifles, Allport, Featherstonhaugh, Challoner, Butterfield, deserve great credit, Challoner especially for his back play."

ES: "One of the ties for the Association Challenge Cup, was played at Colchester on Saturday, the contending teams being the 105th Regiment, and the 1st Surrey Rifles. The game was on the whole remarkably even throughout, and there was some first rate individual play on both sides. With the wind, during the first half time, the Rifles kept the ball well up to the Military goal, and got a few shots, but they failed to secure a goal, and once or twice were gallantly driven back to their own dominions, and their goal placed in jeopardy.

At half time the 105th got the wind, and after about a quarter of an hour's play obtained a pretty goal from a corner kick; and subsequently gave the Rifles all their work to defend their goal. The visitors, moreover, showed signs of exhaustion, though their pluck was undiminished, and they once or twice ran the ball up the ground exceedingly well; but the 105th ultimately penned them and secured two more goals before time was called. During the last twenty minutes of the game, however, it was almost dark, and it was with the utmost difficulty that even the players could see the ball. The match was watched with great interest by a large number of Military and civilian spectators, notwithstanding a strong and biting wind. The visitors partook of lunch with the Military team before the game, and subsequently dined with them; Mr Osmond D. Orpen, captain of the Colchester Football Club, acted as umpire in the match." (No teams)

SL: "This match, one of the final ties in the first round of the Association Challenge Cup ties, was played at Colchester on Saturday last, and won by the Army men by three goals to none. The names of the players have not been forwarded to us." (No teams)

BL: "This was another of the final ties in the first round of the Cup, and was played at Colchester on Saturday last, the 105th winning by three goals to none." (No teams)

105th Regiment: Lieut. Cooper (Capt.), Lance Corp. Ford (Right Wing), Private Wright, Private Morris (Left Wing), Capt Ferrier, Lieut. Hilliard, Lieut. Barter, Private McCormick (Forwards), Private Jones, Private Woods (Backs), Capt Symons (Goal).

First Surrey Rifles: R. L. Allport (Capt.), M. H. Featherstonhaugh (Back), (J.) Kirkpatrick, J. D. Challoner (Half Backs), + T. Maynard, + F. Maynard (Left Sides), T. G. Thompson, H. J. Hooper (Right Sides), J. E. Tidd, T. Danford (Centres), G. Butterfield (Goal)

+ May well be W. J. Maynard and E. Maynard

Umpire: Osmond D. Orpen (Captain, Colchester FC)

SWIFTS 2 (+ F. Rawson, A. Joll) READING HORNETS 0 (H. T. 1-0) (SAT NOV 4th) (At Dolphin Ground, Slough)

Reading Mercury 11/11/76 P.7/Reading Observer 11/11/76 P.3/Bell's Life 11/11/76 P.9/London Daily News 6/11/76 P.3/Field 11/11/76 P.583/Sportsman 6/11/76 P.4/Sporting Life 8/11/76 P.1:

F: "These clubs met to contest their first tie on Saturday last, on the Swifts' ground at the Dolphin, Slough. The Hornets won the toss, and elected to defend the goal nearest the road. At half past three, the Hon. J. Bligh kicked off up a slight incline. The ball was very promptly followed by the Swifts, and, after keeping it close to their opponents' lines for a couple of minutes, a goal was kicked for

them by Rawson. Several good runs were now made down the side of the ground by Gibson, but some clever passing on the part of the Swifts' forwards again carried the warfare into the Hornets' domains. Sillence then got in possession, and bringing the ball right down the centre of the ground, he had a splendid chance of kicking a goal, had he made a side shot instead of a straight. As it was, however, he kicked much too hurriedly, and the ball passed a couple of yards over the tape. After the change of positions the Swifts most unmistakeably penned the Hornets. The latter's goal was repeatedly imperilled, but some time elapsed before Joll placed a goal to the credit of the home party. Several corner kicks fell to the Swifts, but they were unable to turn them to much account, and at the conclusion of the match no further score had been obtained by them. When time was called, therefore, the Hornets were defeated by two goals to none. Sillence, Lucas, and Gibson showed prominently for the losers, as did Talbot, Foster, and Joll for the winners."

SM: "The above clubs met on the Dolphin ground, Slough, on Saturday afternoon, and played their first tie for the Challenge Cup, the Swifts winning, after the usual hour and a half's play, by two goals to nothing. The game commenced at half past three o'clock, Reading, who had won the toss, kicking for the first time down hill. Soon after the ball was started, Joll, Talbot, and Rawson, by some good passing play, took it to the visitors' goal, and the last named, by a well-directed kick, scored the first goal for the home team. On the ball being again started some good play was shown in the centre of the ground, until Gibson for the strangers got away the ball, and made an excellent shot at the Swifts' goal, but unfortunately did not score, the ball passing just over the tape. A few minutes before change Reading was again pressed, and Joll and Rawson, who played well together, ran the ball down, Rawson missing the goal only by a few inches. After change the play became very fast, the strangers trying all they knew to equalise matters, but in spite of all their efforts, Joll again got well on to the ball, made an excellent run half the length of the ground, and made a second goal for the Swifts. From this stage up to time the home team pressed their opponents very much, occasionally getting the leather dangerously near their goal. Nothing more was scored, and thus at the expiration of time the Swifts were victorious by two goals to nothing. On the part of the Swifts, Joll, Talbot, Hon. I. Bligh, and Rawson played hard and well throughout; for the visitors, Talbot, Ives, and Marks."

SL: "The tie between these clubs took place at the Dolphin Ground, Slough, on Saturday last. The weather was fine, and the attendance large. The match began at half-past three, when Bligh kicked off for the Swifts slightly uphill. The ball was smartly followed up, and within two minutes Rawson placed a goal to the credit of the Swifts. This early success incited the Hornets to renewed efforts and several incursions were made by them into their opponents' territory. Once Sillence got the ball to within eight yards of their adversaries' goal, but he kicked too hurriedly, and the ball went about two yards over the tape. No further score was made by either team up to half time, when ends were changed. With the advantage of the hill the Swifts penned their opponents much more than they had done in the first half, and Joll kicked a second goal for them. Although several corner-kicks fell to the Swifts, they were unable to turn them to any substantial account. When "time" was called at five o'clock the Swifts were pronounced victors by two goals to none."

Swifts: W. S. Bambridge (Capt.) (Goal); +B. Farrer, +Hon. Ivo F. W. Bligh (Backs); E. H. Bambridge, E. C. Bambridge (Half Backs); A. Joll, ++R. C. Forster (Right Wing), H. S. Talbot, F. Rawson (Centres), A. J. Bright, +J. Wilson (Left Wing).

+All Eton College ++Not traced this season: last Season Captain of Nantwich?

N.B. W.S.Rawson is wrong

Reading Hornets:G.Sillence(Capt.),L.A.R.Simpson(Centres),G.J.Gibson,H.Lucas(Right Wing),G.Talbot,
+D.C.Marks(Left Wing),A.J.Richardson,F.O'B.Loughnan(Half Backs);+H.F.Rogers,+H.Ive(Backs),
N.Day(Goal).

+Reading F.C.

Umpires:J.G.Crossman(Swifts) and G.Gibson(Hornets).Referee:R.T.Denne(Cooper's Hill).

SHEFFIELD CLUB walked over TROJANS scratched: Bell's Life 18/11/76 P.9

WANDERERS walked over SAFFRON WALDEN scratched: Bell's Life 18/11/76 P.9

BARNES walked over OLD ETONIANS scratched ; Bell's Life 18/11/76 P.9

OXFORD UNIVERSITY walked over OLD SALOPIANS scratched : Bell's Life 18/11/76 P.9

Field 4/11/76 P.554: "The first ties have been considerably reduced by walks over. The Trojans scratched to Sheffield Club, Saffron Walden to Wanderers, Etonians to Barnes, Druids to Shropshire Wanderers, Old Salopians to Oxford University, Old Wykehamists to Southall."

CLAPHAM ROVERS 5 (D.R.Hunter,E.Cazenove,W.S.Buchanan,C.C.Tayloe,R.H.Birkett)
REIGATE PRIORY 0 (H.T. 2-0)(SAT NOV 11th)(At Balham)

Sportsman 14/11/76 P.4/Sporting Life 15/11/76 P.1/Bell's Life 18/11/76 P.9:

N.B.Surrey Advertiser and Surrey Gazette not on line for 1876

SM: "This match, one of the first round of Cup ties, was played on Saturday at Balham, and resulted in a victory for the Rovers by five goals to none. Play commenced at half-past three. The Rovers quickly took the ball towards the goal of their opponents, by whom it was handled in its course. A free kick was claimed, and in the subsequent scrimmage, Hunter, assisted by the Reigate goal-keeper, scored the first goal for the Rovers five minutes after the game had commenced. After this the Reigate men played up with great spirit until, at four o'clock, another goal was obtained by Cazenove for the Rovers from a corner kick. From this point until half-time the game kept near the Reigate goal. After ends were changed the game was still in favour of the Rovers, and at half-past four, after a good piece of passing, Buchanan scored a third goal for them. Shortly afterwards a corner kick was gained, and +C.Tayloe sent the ball through the Reigate goal for the fourth time. By the combined rush of the Rovers, headed by Birkett, a fifth goal was soon gained. Darkness was now coming on so fast that the whereabouts of the ball was often a matter of doubt. Nothing further of importance occurred until time was called. The Reigate men-although from the first the result was not doubtful-played a losing

game very pluckily, the brothers Richardson, Thomson, and Pawle distinguishing themselves most. The back-play of the Rovers was throughout very good, and of the forwards we may mention Buchanan and Stanley as having played well."

SL: "On Saturday, in bright but cold weather, this match, one of the final ties in the first round of the Challenge Cup, was played on the Rovers' ground at Balham, and ended in favour of the Clapham Rovers by five goals to love. Play commenced at half past three. The Rovers quickly took the ball into the quarters of their opponents, by one of whom it was handled. A free kick was claimed, and out of the bully which resulted in front of the Reigate goal, Hunter scored the first goal for the Rovers within five minutes of the commencement of the game. The Reigate men now played up better, but in spite of their efforts, Cazenove kicked a second goal for the Rovers from a corner kick. No further goal was kicked before half-time, although the Reigate goal-keeper had all his work cut out to avert the constant attacks of his adversaries. After the change of ends, and some good passing and dribbling, Buchanan scored the third goal, two more goals followed in quick succession, kicked by +Tayloe and Birkett respectively, when darkness came on and effectually prevented any further score. From the first, it was apparent that the Reigate men were overmatched; but, notwithstanding this fact, they played up pluckily throughout, the brothers Richardson being most conspicuous. For the Rovers, Buchanan and Stanley were most energetic, but none of the team played up to their average form."

Clapham Rovers: C. C. Tayloe (Goal); R. H. Birkett, C. J. M. Fox (Backs); R. A. M. M. Ogilvie (Capt.), N. C. Bailey (Half Backs); D. R. Hunter, F. L. Rawson, W. S. Buchanan, W. F. Richmond, A. J. Stanley, E. Cazenove (Forwards).

Reigate Priory: C. H. Craig, J. R. H. Thomson, +J. T. Richardson, W. B. Richardson, F. D. Pawle, W. W. Read, R. Sprange, W. Laker, G. Laker, +H. A. Pelly, A. Sargant (Goal).

+Not traced elsewhere

QUEEN'S PARK "reserved"

SECOND ROUND:

Bell's Life 18/11/76 P.9: "On Thursday evening the Committee of the Football Association met at Kennington Oval to draw the second ties. Eighteen clubs were left in at the end of the first drawing, exclusive of the Queen's Club, of Glasgow, which is excused from competition until the next round. The following clubs were drawn together for the second ties which will have to be played off on or before the 17th of December:

Clapham Rovers v Cambridge University
Sheffield Club v South Norwood
105TH Regiment v Oxford University
Upton Park v Barnes
Royal Engineers v Shropshire Wanderers
Wanderers v Southall

Panthers v Pilgrims
Great Marlow v Forest School
Rochester v Swifts
Queen's Park,bye

CLAPHAM ROVERS 1(C.J.Fox) CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY 2 (J.H.Hughes,"a "rush":see below) (H.T. 1-0)
(SAT DEC 16th) (At Kennington Oval)

Bell's Life 23/12/76 P.9/Morning Post 18/12/76 P.8/Sporting Life 20/12/76 P.1/Sportsman 18/12/76
P.4/Sheffield Daily Telegraph 18/12/76 P.4/Field 23/12/76 P.765/Sporting Chronicle 20/12/76 P.3:

BL/MP:"This,one of the second ties for this trophy,was played at the Oval,Kennington,on Saturday
afternoon,the competing sides being Cambridge University and the Association players of the
Clapham Rovers.The Rovers won the toss,and elected to play from the end of the ground nearest the
entrance gateway.At 2:40 Jarrett,the Cambridge captain,started the ball,and from the outset the
Rovers had much the best of the fight,but their efforts were so well opposed that they were only
able to score just before half time,the goal being kicked by Fox,an old Westminster.After change of
ends the Cantabs showed much improvement,and ten minutes before time was called Hughes was
successful in equalising matters.On recommencing,the struggle was carried on with the greatest
determination on both sides,and just as "time" was about to be called Prior and Hughes,out of a
loose scrimmage just in front of the Rovers' goal,kicked the ball between the posts,and the
Cambridge team were hailed the winners by two goals to one."

F:"General opinion pointed to a hard fight on the occasion of the meeting of these clubs,drawn
together in the second round for the Association Cup.Such expectations were fully realised when the
match took place on Saturday last at Kennington Oval,though the state of the ground,soddened by
continuous rain,completely militated against the display of any noticeable individual form.At a
quarter to three o'clock the University captain kicked off from the lower end,the Rovers,who had
won the toss,electing to play down the hill.At the outset the Clapham forwards,who were the
heavier body,drove their opponents back,and more than once the University goal was in danger,
especially on two occasions,when shots by Stanley and Fox sent the ball just over the tape.
Considering the condition of the ground and the greasy ball,the backs on both sides kicked with
great accuracy,and after the first twenty minutes the game began to grow exciting.As the University
forwards became more used to the mud,the play showed a tendency to approach the Clapham lines
, and a smart run by Lowis along the right touch line evoked considerable applause.Just before half
time a general rush of the Clapham forwards caused Cambridge to retreat ,and from a scrimmage
close to the posts,consequent on a well-directed corner kick by Rawson,+Richmond obtained a goal
for the Rovers.For some little time after the change of ends the University had to act on the
defensive;but as the game advanced the Rovers,who seemed to be exhausted by their earlier
efforts,showed a visible falling off in their forward play.Fox dribbled well and worked hard,but the
University steadily gained ground,and about a quarter of an hour before time a very neat run by
Hughes gave them a well-earned score.On the re-commencement of play both sides struggled hard
for the coming goal,the back play all round being very good.Time was nearly up,and there seemed
every prospect of a drawn game,but three minutes before the end a desperate rush of the
Cambridge forwards took the ball down to the Clapham posts ,and a scrimmage ensued ,which
resulted in the downfall of the Rovers' goal,thanks to the united efforts of Hargreaves,Hughes,and

Prior. The University thus won an exciting match by two goals to one. All the backs played well, while of the forwards Fox was most prominent for the Rovers, and Hughes and Lewis worked very hard for Cambridge." +Fox in the other reports

SM: "The weather could hardly have been more adverse or the ground in a worse condition, so that the game did not take place under the most favourable circumstances. Indeed, it commenced in heavy rain, and was maintained until the end in a partial downpour. The Rovers won the toss, and as they chose to kick towards the rink Jarrett had to start the ball at the lower end at a quarter to three o'clock. The University forwards did not settle down as quickly as those of the opposite side, and at first the ball was kept entirely in the Cambridge quarters. More than one infringement of the rule relating to hands by the University caused Clapham to hold the lead, and Stanley and Fox were both within a foot of the Cambridge goal, Fox again sending the ball only a few inches over the tape. After this the University got better together, and some fine runs by Lewis along the right touch line kept the Clapham backs well on the alert. It seemed as if the first half would be unproductive, but when only three minutes were wanting before change of ends a corner kick fell to the Rovers, and from the scrimmage that followed on Rawson's shot from the post, Fox cleverly landed a goal for the Rovers. After the alteration of positions the Cantabs were at first kept on the defensive, but only for a time as they steadily improved, and some vigorous play by Hughes, Lewis, Luddington, Prior, and Hargreaves gave them the ascendancy. A quarter of an hour before time a smart run by Hughes gave Cambridge a goal, a claim of off-side being disallowed by the umpires. Play was resumed with increased vigour, but fortune was with the University, and after a hard scrimmage close to the Clapham posts, in which Prior, Hargreaves, and Hughes were most conspicuous, the ball was rushed through the posts a few minutes before time. This was the last goal of the match, and the University won consequently by two goals to one. For Cambridge Jarrett was as usual indefatigable, and Bury kicked strongly and well. All the forwards worked hard, while for Clapham the backs were all in form, and Fox dribbled at times very skilfully among the forwards."

SL: "To make many remarks about a match played in a heavy downpour of rain from its commencement to its conclusion, as was the case on Saturday last at Kennigton Oval, would not only be superfluous, but well nigh impossible, and it will therefore suffice to state that, after a capital game throughout, the University won by two goals (Hughes and Hargreaves) to one (Fox)."

Clapham Rovers: C.C. Tayloe (Goal); R.H. Birkett, Edgar Field (Backs); R.A.M.M. Ogilvie (Capt.), N.C. Bailey (Half Backs); C.J. Fox, F.L. Rawson (Right Wing), +M.H. Beaufoy, W.F. Richmond (Centres), A.J. Stanley, D.R. Hunter (Left Wing).

+Not traced

N.B.F.L. Rawson not F.N. Rawson (even though in all 7 sources and in AFS: see also 1st round

Cambridge University: C.E. Hammond (Goal); +J.R. Morgan, L. Bury (Backs); B.G. Jarrett (Capt.), Q.E. Roughton (Half Backs); A.B.S. Widnell, ++H.T. Prior (Right Wing), J. Lewis, W.Y. Hargreaves (Centres) J.H. Hughes, H.T. Luddington (Left Wing).

+Not traced ++Probably not A.T. Prior

Umpires: P.G. Cazenove (Clapham Rovers) and T. Micklem (Upton Park). Referee: C.W. Alcock (Wanderers)

SHEFFIELD CLUB 7(J.R.B.Owen 5,A.W.Cursham,W.A.Matthews) SOUTH NORWOOD 0(H.T. 2-0)
(SAT DEC 2nd)(At Kennington Oval)

Sheffield Daily Telegraph 4/12/76 P.4/Sportsman 4/12/76 P.3/Sporting Life 6/12/76 P.1/Bell's Life
9/12/76 P.9/Sheffield Independent 4/12/76 P.4/Athletic News 9/12/76 P.6/Sporting Chronicle
7/12/76 P.4:

SDT:"On Saturday last the second match of the second ties took place in London,at Kennington Oval.The opposing elevens represented respectively the Sheffield Club and the South Norwood Club.What interest might have been centred in the meeting was utterly spoiled by the weather,as rain fell from early morning,and a heavy downfall throughout the game not only reduced the number of spectators to a mere handful,but completely spoiled the play,as it was completely impossible to stand on the slippery ground.The Sheffield captain won the toss,but there was little to favour the choice,and Norwood kicked off at three o'clock under no disadvantage.For a short time Norwood made something like a fight of it,though the Sheffield Club had nothing like its best team. Ram,who is a very small and light player,made some quick runs for Norwood at the outset,but it soon became evident that the Sheffielders would have the game in their own hands,as their forward play was far superior to that of South Norwood,and the backs of the southern club were very unreliable.Owen,who has been lost to the football field for some time,soon showed that he was in something like his old form,and the result was a first goal for Sheffield.A nasty blow in the face at this time caused Ram to retire for a short time,and so Norwood had to play with only ten men.After some even play a good run by the Norwood forwards took the ball up to the Sheffield line,but it was returned to Owen,and getting well away that player outdid all the opposite backs,and placed another well deserved goal to the credit of his club.Soon afterwards Owen again nearly procured the surrender of the Norwood goal,but the danger was averted,and at the end of three quarters of an hour half time was called.During the second half of the game South Norwood were completely overpowered and details of the play are unnecessary.Owen,soon after the change of sides,again guided the ball between the opposite posts,and not long after Cursham,with a neat shot,also put it through.South Norwood rarely got the ball away,and the backs of the Sheffield club had an easy time of it.Again Owen came to the aid of the Sheffielders,and to this fifth success Matthews added another after a very short interval.Darkness was fast setting in during the last quarter of an hour,but Owen was not yet satisfied,and seven minutes before time the South Norwood goal had once more to surrender to his attack.The Sheffield Club had thus an easy victory by seven goals to none.Of the seven goals five were secured by Owen,and though he was obviously out of condition he showed that he still retained much of his old force,and that he had lost none of his aptitude for goal kicking. The backs all played well,and of the former Bradbury,of the young players,showed considerable promise.The goal-keeper,Harrison,never once touched the ball."

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BL: "It soon became apparent, however, that the Norwood team were overmatched, and before half time was called Sheffield had scored a couple of goals, kicked by Owen, who had particularly distinguished himself. With the change of ends matters were no better for the Norwood team, and for the greater part of the time the ball was continually in their half of the ground. Owen made another goal, Cursham added a fourth, then Owen and Matthews, the latter one, and the former two, made in all seven goals to Sheffield, who did not give their opponents an opportunity of scoring, and completely penned them towards the finish."

SI: "In a heavy downpour which never abated until the finish of the match the two teams, with hardly fifty onlookers, took the field just before three o'clock..."

SM: "On Saturday these clubs met at Kennington Oval, having been drawn together in the second round of the competition for the above Cup. Sheffield players have never been lucky in the weather on the occasion of their visits to London, and Saturday last showed no exception to the general rule. Rain fell throughout the morning, while instead of showing any signs of abatement it increased in force as the time approached for play, and it was descending in torrents when the ball was started by South Norwood, exactly at three o'clock. The ground was in the very worst condition, so that brilliant play was out of the question, and the backs were severely handicapped. The first quarter of an hour was enough to foretell the result, as while the Sheffield forwards played hard and with discretion, those of Norwood struggled and passed with extraordinary inaccuracy, wasting their energies uselessly time after time. At first the Norwood backs kicked fairly, but they gradually fell off, and as the game progressed their kicking became very wild. At the outset a few good runs by Ram relieved the monotony of the game, and for a time enabled Norwood to keep their lines intact. Owen had more than once got dangerously close to their goal, and at last he succeeded in guiding the ball between the South Norwood posts. About this time Ram, getting the ball full in his face, had to retire

for a few minutes and Norwood were one short. Sheffield had in consequence a further advantage, and after some hard play, Owen, with a brilliant run, placed a second goal to the credit of his side. When half-time was called, two goals had fallen to the Sheffield Club, and ends were changed. The second portion of the game was void of all interest, as Norwood rarely got any distance over the midway line, and they were completely overpowered until the close. Owen was the first to score, and then Cursham getting the ball cleverly round with his left foot added a neat goal. Again Owen came to the rescue and after a goal by Matthews, the seventh and last fell to Owen, who thus secured five of the seven goals which fell to the Sheffield Club. At the expiration of an hour time was called, South Norwood having failed to achieve any score. All the Sheffield team played hard and well, while for Norwood, Ram (forward) and Broadhurst (back) at times showed prominently." +and a half

SL: "...Sheffield won the toss, chose the Crown Baths side of the ground, and at three o'clock Wilson started the ball for the Norwood Eleven. From the very commencement it was evident that the Sheffielders were much too active for their opponents, who from the commencement never once had any chance, though individually some capital play was exhibited. At the expiration of a quarter of an hour Owen kicked a goal, and soon afterwards repeated the performance. Ends had been changed for but a very short time before Owen added a third goal to his score. Two more goals followed in rapid succession, the first falling to Cursham by a fine shot out of a bully, and the other to Owen. The next two were obtained almost in the dark, Sheffield being indebted to Matthews for the first, and Owen, once again, for the last. Sheffield, therefore, left off victors by seven goals to none, Owen having been instrumental in obtaining no less than five of the goals."

Sheffield Club: W.H. Jackson (Goal); H.W. Chambers (Capt.), +E.H. Greenhalgh (Backs); J.C. Shaw, R.A. Sorby (Half Backs); ++J. Bradbury, A.W. Cursham, W.A. Matthews, +++H. Wood, S.S. Dixon, J.R.B. Owen (Forwards).

+Captain, Notts Club ++Brincliffe F.C. +++Owlerton F.C.

South Norwood: F. White (Goal); C.W. Haig-Brown, C.E. Leeds (Backs); F.A. Buckle, C.J. Broadhurst (Half Backs); W.H. White (Capt.), E.A. Ram, A.F. Stevens, Cecil Wilson, W.S. Knight, H.W. Wilson (Forwards).

Umpires: C.W. Alcock for South Norwood and W.H. Wake (Sheffield Club).

Referee: J. Kenrick (Wanderers).

OXFORD UNIVERSITY 6 (J. Bain, A.H. Todd, A.F. Hills 2, R.W.S. Vidal 2) 105TH REGIMENT 1 (Private Ford) (H.T. 1-0) (THURS DEC 14TH) (At Kennington Oval)

N.B. Oxford University beat Wanderers 1-0 the day before at Kennington Oval.

Sportsman 15/12/76 P.3/Sporting Life 16/12/76 P.4/Bell's Life 16/12/76 P.9/Sheffield Daily Telegraph 15/12/76 P.4/Field 16/12/76 P.731:

SM: "This match, one of the second ties, was decided yesterday (Thursday) at Kennington Oval in the presence of a rather scanty number of spectators. The ground showed the effects of the hard usage it had had of late, and it was some time before the forwards became at all accustomed to the slippery surface. Capt. Ferrier won the toss for the soldiers and chose the goal nearest to the

gasworks, which gave his team a very slight advantage of wind. The Oxonians were soon at work, and their forwards set down to attack the military stronghold, though the Regiment, bent on defence, for a long time were able to resist all the attacks of the University. Some very fine runs were made by Vidal, who was in quite his old form, and several of his kicks from the side were remarkable for their accuracy. For half an hour all the efforts of Oxford had proved fruitless, but at last Bain got away on the upper side, and a smart kick of his resulted in the downfall of the military goal. On the renewal the University still pressed very hard on the opposite lines, but nothing more had been scored when half-time arrived. The change of positions at the end of three quarters of an hour was productive of better fortune for the University. Within a very few minutes Todd, after a short run, secured the second goal; and soon afterwards Hills was instrumental in its downfall for the (third) time. On the kick-off the 105th made a desperate rush, and a fast run by Lieutenant Barter took the ball down to the Oxford posts. Before he could get rid of the leather, Alington was charged down, and a hot scrummage, in which most of the players on each side were hard at work on the ground, ensued between the posts, resulting finally in the ball being forced over the line. After this the Oxonians gave their opponents no quarter, and the runs of Vidal, Rogers, Parry, and Todd kept the military backs well employed. A very fine shot from the side by Vidal produced the fourth goal for Oxford, and soon after Hills again had a chance which he was not slow to utilise. The last few minutes' play took place in almost total darkness, but Vidal could see well enough to drive the ball again through the posts of the 105th goal. Very shortly after this sixth success of Oxford time was called, and Oxford were left in a majority of five goals. The play of the victors was very good all round, and the three backs all kicked with judgment as well as strength. For the soldiers Capt. Ferrier dribbled very well at times, and Lieut Barter and Private Wright lent efficient service."

BL: "Almost directly the 105th part of the ground was invested, and continued to be the scene of action for some time, their goal being repeatedly threatened, and nothing but their plucky play saved them from an overthrow. At last (F: after half an hour) Bain managed to pass the ball underneath their goal lines, after which the same determination was maintained, but Capt. Symons in their goal was most energetic in repelling the attacks of the Oxonians, which were most persistent. Half time showed no further score to Oxford, but the Dark Blue team, having the wind in their favour, they were more dangerous than ever, and soon Todd and Hills added a second and third goal to their credit. These reverses completely woke up the Military and by great exertion they carried the ball right down to the Oxford goal and now a scrimmage in front of the posts forced it through, Ford making the final kick. On recommencing the Soldiers went all to pieces, Vidal gaining two and Hills another in less than 10 minutes, and when time was called Oxford had won by six goals to one."

F: "The form shown by the 105th when they defeated the First Surrey Rifles in the first ties at Colchester, led many to believe that they might make a good fight against the opponents provided for them by the second drawing. The Oxonians, too, had been little before the public eye, so that there was some hope of a good and hard game when the clubs met at Kennington Oval on Thursday last. The first few minutes of play, though, served to dispell any such illusions. Capt. Ferrier won the toss, and with it the aid of a slight breeze blowing up to the western goal. This extraneous ally was not likely to do the Regiment much good, as Oxford were down at once on their lines, and a series of assaults began on the military defences. Several times it seemed that the Oxford attack must overcome the resistance of the military backs, and once a very fine shot from the side by Vidal was only frustrated by the adroitness of the goalkeeper. For half an hour all the assaults of the University were foiled; but at length a fast run by Bain, followed by a kick, resulted in the surrender of the goal

defended by the 105th. Soon after the kick-off Capt. Ferrier, supported well by Lieut. Barter and Private Wright, made a vigorous rush into Oxford territory, but this was the only occasion the ball got any distance over the midway line before the call of half time. After the change of ends the game assumed an aspect altogether one-sided. The play of the Oxford forwards was very good, especially that of Vidal, whose dribbling frequently elicited hearty applause. Not long after the recommencement Todd shot the ball, for the second time, between the posts of the military goal. This was soon followed by another score from the foot of Hills, who worked hard, though with energy somewhat misapplied by frequent and useless excursions far into touch. An energetic rush by Lieut. Barter now gave the Oxford goal-keeper his one chance of distinction, but he was charged down with the ball, and a furious bully took place in the centre of the posts, in which the military ultimately triumphed. A few minutes after the kick-off a splendid side kick by Vidal – one of his old shots – resulted in a well-merited goal, amidst no slight applause. The last quarter of an hour was devoid of all interest, and was not remarkable for the best of light, but it enabled Oxford to add two more goals (Hills and Vidal) to their account, and at the end the victory was theirs by six goals to one.”

Oxford University: E.H. Alington (Goal); O.R. Dunell (Back); E.H. Parry (Capt.), W.S. Rawson, J.H. Savory (Half Backs), R.W.S. Vidal, H.S. Otter, A. (rthur). H. Todd, A.F. Hills, P.J.M. Rogers, J. Bain (Forwards).

105th Regiment: Capt. Symons (Goal); Private Jones, Private Woods (Backs); +Private Parkin (Half Back); Lieut. Cooper, Private Ford (Right Wing), Capt. Ferrier (Capt.), Lieut. Adamson, Lieut. Barter (Centres) Private Wright, Private Morris (Left Wing).

+Not traced elsewhere

BARNES 0 UPTON PARK 1 (T.C. Curwen) (H.T. 0-1) (At Barnes) (SAT DEC 9th)

Field 16/12/76 P.733/Sportsman 16/12/76 P.8/Sporting Life 13/12/76 P.1:

F: “This match was played on the Barnes ground last Saturday, in the presence of a small number of spectators. Hudson started the ball at about a quarter to three o’clock, and for the first few minutes Barnes threatened their opponents’ goal. Soon, however, the ball was returned, and, from a foul, Curwen managed to put it through the posts. The match, which was a very even and hard-fought one, needs but little description, no one showing any very brilliant form; Hudson, Gipps and Lawford being most conspicuous for Barnes, and T. Spreckley, Winterbotham, and Micklem for Upton. During the last few minutes of the game Barnes tried hard to score, and, the Upton goalkeeper being hurt, they nearly succeeded in doing so, but Micklem and Beauchamp frustrated all their efforts; so at the call of time Upton remained victorious by one goal to nothing.”

SM: “At Barnes, Upton Park beat Barnes, after a hard fight, by one goal to none..” (No teams)

SL: “At Barnes, on Saturday last, Barnes won their second match in the Cup ties by one goal to love.” (No teams)

Barnes: C.J. Morice (Capt.), A. Adams, H.F. Lawford (Backs), J.H. Vigne, V. Weston (Half Backs), H.A. Hudson, F.C. Clarkson, A.H. Gipps, W. Dorling, T.N. Tyndale, G.W. Chapman (Goal).

Upton Park:F.Wilton(Goal);T.Micklem(Capt.),E.B.Beauchamp(Backs);H.Hailey,M.Jutsum(Half Backs),T.F.Spreckley,W.Wild(Right),S.R.Bastard,W.R.Spreckley(Left),T.C.Curwen,F.Winterbotham (Centre).

Umpires:F.Barnett and O.D.Chapman.Referee:C.Warner.

SHROPSHIRE WANDERERS 0 ROYAL ENGINEERS 3(R.S.Hedley,and 2 Untraced)(H.T. 0-0)
(SAT DEC 9th)(At Racecourse,Shrewsbury)

Bell's Life 16/12/76 P.9/Birmingham Daily Post 11/12/76 P.5/Field 16/12/76 P.733/Sportsman
16/12/76 P.8/Wrexham Advertiser 16/12/76 P.7:

BL:"These clubs met on the race course Shrewsbury,on Saturday last,to compete in the second ties for the Association Cup.There was a very large attendance notwithstanding that a charge was made for admittance.Play commenced at about a quarter to 3,the visitors having kicked off.For some time the teams appeared to be very equally matched,and some good play was witnessed.A capital run and attempt at goal was made by Wylie on behalf of the Wanderers,but it was cleverly saved by the goalkeeper,and when half time was called neither side had gained any advantage.On ends being changed ,the Engineers,playing a faster game,soon drove the ball into their opponents' territory and Hedley succeeded in obtaining a goal.From this point the game was virtually over,and the visitors' goal was never threatened,and before time was called the Engineers had added two more goals to their score,thus winning the match by three goals to none."

BDP:"On Saturday last a well-contested match was played at Shrewsbury between the Shropshire Wanderers and the Royal Engineers in the second ties for the Association Cup.Although a charge was made for admission to the ground,an immense number of persons assembled The match was commenced about a quarter to three,the Engineers having the kick-off.For some time the Wanderers' goal seemed in imminent peril,but by dint of some very plucky play and skilfull generalship,the ball was driven to the other end of the ground,and,by a smart kick from Wyley,right into the Engineers' goal,but it was stopped by the goalkeeper.When half time(3.30) was called no goal was scored,and up to this stage the game seemed a tolerably even one.Hitherto,however,the Wanderers had had the benefit of the wind and a slight slope of the ground,and the loss of these advantages,with the superior "form" of the Engineers,began to tell,and very speedily the Wanderers had to assume the defensive.Their goalkeeper(Gilkes) let a ball slip him,and the Engineers scored the first goal,subsequently scoring two more in quick succession.When time was called the match stood :Engineers,3 goals,Shropshire Wanderers,0.For the Engineers Hedley kicked one of the goals,and his play,together with that of C.W.Stratford was greatly admired.On the Shropshire side, Edwards, Riley,Chapman,and Kenyon Slaney were especially distinguished.At the latter part of the game the goalkeeper was changed,Randall acting in that capacity at the close,during which time one of the goals was taken.The Engineers,who only arrived from Chatham just before the match,returned the same evening."

SM:"...and.at Shrewsbury,the Shropshire Wanderers were defeated by the Royal Engineers by three goals to none." (No teams)

F: "The toss to decide on the scene of action having declared in favour of Shrewsbury, the Royal Engineers found their way thither. Ten of them succeeded in reaching the town in safety, and later on in life the eleventh man put in an appearance. Play commenced about three. The Shropshire Wanderers having won the toss, commenced with a very slight wind in their favour. For the first three-quarters of an hour the game was very even, both goals being in turn assailed, and each goalkeeper being kept busy, though neither side succeeded in scoring during the first half of the game. The play was decidedly fast Kenyon-Slaney and Wylie making good runs for the Shropshire Wanderers, and Stratford playing magnificently on the lower side for the Sappers. Shortly after the change of ends the eleventh Engineer appeared upon the scene of action, bringing good luck to his side, for almost immediately after his arrival the Shropshire goal fell to a dashing piece of play on the part of Hedley, who, though a very recent importation into the R.E. team, promises to be a most valuable addition to it. The Shropshire Wanderers had hitherto been playing with great determination, but the loss of the goal seemed to dispirit them altogether, and they fell to pieces in the most unmistakable manner. The Sappers, on the contrary, seemed inspirited by their success and kept up a well-sustained attack on the Shropshire goal, which fell twice more before the close of the game. Several times the Wanderers had good opportunities of attacking the R.E. goal; but the very forward play of some of their team did not find favour in the eyes of the umpire, though the soldiers also were not faultless in this particular. The tie was therefore concluded in favour of the Engineers by three goals to one."

Shropshire Wanderers: +A.H. Gilkes (Goal); +G. Mason, L.L. Kenrick (Backs); H.V. Chapman, A. Mason (Half Backs); B.V. Randal, +A.P. Ward (Right), J. Hawley-Edwards (Capt.), J.G. Wylie (Centres) ++J.E. de W. Denning, Capt. W.S. Kenyon-Slaney (Left).

+ Not traced elsewhere ++ Played for Southill Park with his Brother F.V. Denning and once traced with him and J.F. Denning

Royal Engineers: C.E. Haynes (Goal); H.E. Goodwyn (Back); R.M. Ruck, J.H. Cowan (Half Backs); P.G. von Donop, J.E. Blackburn (Right), H.E. Rawson (Capt.), O.E. Ruck, R.S. Hedley (Centres), C.V. Wingfield-Stratford, J. Bowles (Left).

SOUTHALL 0 WANDERERS 6 (Scorers not traced) (H.T. 0-2) (SAT DEC 16th) (At Southall)

Bell's Life 23/12/76 P.9/Sportsman 18/12/76 P.4/Sporting Life 20/12/76 P.1/Lloyds Weekly Newspaper 17/12/76 P.7:

BL: "This match also one of the second ties, was decided on Saturday last, at Southall. The Wanderers had the advantage throughout, and won by six (one disputed) goals to none"

SM: "This match, one of the second ties, was decided on Saturday last, at Southall. The Wanderers had the advantage throughout, and won by six (one disputed) goals to none."

SL: "This match (in the second ties of the Cup) was played at Southall on Saturday last, victory resting with the Wanderers by five goals. No score was made till nearly half-time, when two goals were credited to the Wanderers and the remainder after half-time."

LWN: "Only two goals were kicked before half time ,and of the other three,one was kicked after a claim for hands ;but the umpires not seeing it a goal was given."

Southall:H.Clark(Capt.)(Goal);H.Rowe,S.J.Weston(Backs);H.K.Bartlett,A.L.Houlder(Half Backs); C.S.Houlder,E.S.Gibney,E.C.Jackson,J.Fewkes,+R.Baxter,J.Pullen(Forwards).

+BL/SM have T.Newell (confirmed as a player)for R.Baxter:also in Sportsman 16/12/76 P.4/Sporting Life 16/12/76 P.4 team for the game,but SL/LWN have R.Baxter.

Wanderers:Hon. A.F.Kinnaird(Goal);F.T.Green,A.H.Stratford(Backs);W.Lindsay,F.H.Birley(Capt.)(Half Backs); C.H.R.Wollaston, G.H(ubert)H.Heron,H.Wace,C.E.Smith,F.B.Maddison,J.Kenrick(Forwards).

PANTHERS 0 PILGRIMS 1(A.Watson)(H.T. 0-1)(SAT DEC 9th)(+At Bailey Gate,nr. Wimbourne nr Blandford, Dorset) +Bailie Gate,Sturminster Marshall(under this in Southern Times paper)

N.B.Panthers played in Brown and Yellow(Southern Times 10/4/75 P.5)

Sportsman 11/12/76 P.4/Sporting Life 13/12/76 P.1/Bell's Life 16/12/76 P.9/Lloyds Weekly Newspaper 10/12/76 P.1(No Panthers lineup)/Field 16/12/76 P.733:

Bell's Life 2/12/76 P.9:"The Pilgrims have lost the toss with the Panthers ,and the tie between these clubs,therefore,in all probability,will have to be played in Dorsetshire."

LWN:"The London Team left for Southampton on Friday night ,going on to Wimbourne on the following morning.The Panthers are not much known in London,but they have taken part in the cup ties for the last two years;their team contained several Oxonians of note.""At first the Panthers played up well,but Watson got a goal for the Pilgrims just before half time.After the game was all in favour of the Pilgrims,who did not get another goal."

BL:"There was a good attendance of visitors,and the visiting team held the advantage nearly the whole time,winning by one goal to none."

F:"This match in the second ties took place on the 9th,at Bailey Gate ,near Blandford,Dorset,the Pilgrims winning by one goal to none.The Londoners broke the journey at Southampton ,leaving Waterloo on Friday evening.The morning was truly lovely,and for December was exceptionally fine,the bright sun breaking up the mist which hung over the marshy ground between Southampton and Lyndhurst. Play commenced at 2.45,the ground being in good condition and accurately measured.A large number of the neighbouring gentry and farmers were present at the fray ,the sides being lined with spectators,while several carriages and waggonettes filled with the gentler sex lent a charm to the scene.Wohgemuth won the toss;but there was little to choose between either goal.The home captain kicked off,and his men followed up with vigour ;but Elmslie transferred the play to the centre with a hard kick.Letchford worked the ball on,and,passing to the side,Detmar got a long run.The Panther backs returned the ball ,and play was for some time very even,till Newsum and Phelps made a long run on the right touch line,and,passing to the centre,a scrimmage took place near the goal.E.Farquharson next broke away,and passed all the London backs;but Elmslie followed him up and regained the ball just in front of the Pilgrims' goal.Kennedy and R.Farquharson made two runs in quick succession,but the visitors ,who at first acted on the defensive,met every attack,

and their passing on gradually gave them an advantage .Detmar got a neat run on the left,but Dupuis again sent the ball back.Shortly after E.Farquharson made a brilliant run in the centre,but was overtaken twenty yards from the posts,his shot failing,and the Pilgrim goal keeper got the ball away from the only serious attack during the whole of the game.After some very even play during which Baker kicked vigourously at half back,the Panthers flagged a little ,want of condition telling on their heavy men.The Pilgrims were slow in taking advantage of this ;but just before half time Baker made a hard shot ,and directly after Watson kicked a goal;the goal keeper,who tried to bring the ball out again,being promptly charged through the posts.The usual change of ends did not alter the aspect of affairs,the Pilgrims easily holding their own until time.Several well-sustained runs by Kennedy, Lagden,and the brothers Farquharson relieved their lines;but Elmslie and Redwood were equal to all emergencies ,the back play being very good on each side.Detmar made another run,dribbling completey round the Panthers opposing him,and but for Richards charging at the right moment the goal would have fallen.Several times the ball went out near the goal line,and it was thrown in well by Watson;but on each occasion,luck was against the Pilgrims.Newsum then made a run on the right ,and,pasing on Letchford ,got right up to the posts but again failed to score.Towards the end the severe charging of the Panthers ,who were a remarkably heavy team,had disabled several of the visitors,Phelps,Wright,and Baker being almost hors de combat;but play was vigourously kept up on both sides,the Panther captain particularly working hard ,while Wohlgemuth, Letchford and Watson showed up well for the Pilgrims.A run by Newsum was the last of note ,the ball being down by the Panthers' goal line at the call of time.The game was most enjoyable ,and very well contested ,each side showing great energy.For the Panthers,whose university men carried off the palm,Kennedy, E.Richards and the Farquharsons were a host in themselves ,and a bit of practice together might have told a different tale.The Pilgrims,though disappointed of several of their best men on account of the distance,were a hard-working eleven,the forwards passing better than usual,and the backs acting well together.The runs of Detmar were the chief features of the match."

SM:"This match,one of the second ties,was played on Saturday,the Pilgrims winning by one goal to none.The Pilgrims having lost the toss went down into Dorset,via Southampton,to meet the home team on their ground at Bailey Gate,near Wimborne.The morning was lovely ,a bright sun making the match very pleasant.A large number of neighbouring aristocracy including a goodly proportion of ladies,were present,and the ground was lined with waggonettes and carriages.Wohlgemuth won the toss,and the Panther captain kicked off shortly before three.Several good runs by Detmar and Newsam took the ball near the Panthers' goal,and a capital shot by Phelps sent the ball just over the tape.E.Farquharson then broke away in the centre,but was stopped by Elmslie,the Londoners at first having to play a defensive game,though thanks to the good play of their backs,the Panthers did not score.Kennedy,Richards,and Farquharson several times made runs,but were not backed up sufficiently by their men.Shortly before half time Baker placed the home goal in danger by a hard kick,and directly after Watson kicked a goal for the Pilgrims,the goal-keeper,who tried to bring the ball out after it had passed through,being promptly charged through his posts.Play after half-time was fast,the Panthers being a heavy lot,and charging frequently.The clever passing on of the Pilgrims enabled them to maintain the advantage until the call of time.On several occasions their forwards were within an ace of scoring,Letchford and Newsam twice getting up close.For the Panthers,the brothers Farquharson,Kennedy,and Lagden(ups);Richards and Dupuis(backs) worked hard,but their team showed little passing.The Pilgrims,who,owing to the distance were deprived of the services of some of their best men,had little difficulty in holding their own.Detmar made several capital runs,

and often dribbled right away from the heavy men opposing him. Wohlgemuth, Letchford, and Newsam (forwards) played well, and the backs showed good kicking, Baker especially doing good service."

SL: "This match in the second ties was played at Bailey Gate, Blandford, Dorset, on the 9th inst., the Pilgrims winning by one goal to none. The play was very fast and even, the better passing of the visitors giving them an equivalent for the superior weight of the Panthers. The goal was kicked by Watson, who charged Brymer through the posts. Newsam, Baker, and Wohlgemuth played well, and Detmar dribbled very neatly. For the Panthers, Kennedy, Richards, and the brothers Farquharson did most."

Panthers: +Rev. T. Brymer (Goal); Rev. G. R. Dupuis (Back); E. O. Richards, E. Penny (Half Backs); E. G. Farquharson (Capt.), R. F. Farquharson, R. Lagden (Centres), E. Cave, (G.) E. Richards, C. Cadie, +Kennedy (Sides).

+Not traced elsewhere

Pilgrims: J. Henderson (Goal); K. Wallace Elmslie, R. Redwood (Backs); W. A. Baker, G. K. Wright (Half Backs); J. F. Newsam, M. J. Phelps (Right), A. Wohlgemuth (Capt.), T. F. Letchford (Centres), C. E. Detmar, A. Watson (Left).

FOREST SCHOOL 0 GREAT MARLOW 1 (C. Cox) (H.T. 0-1) (Wed Nov 29th) (At Forest School, Walthamstow)

Bucks Herald 2/12/76 P.8/Bell's Life 2/12/76 P.9/Field 2/12/76 P.675/Sportsman 30/11/76 P.4/Sporting Life 2/12/76 P.4/Sheffield Daily Telegraph 2/12/76 P.6/Athletic News 2/12/76 P.6:

BL: "The heavy rain of the previous night had made the ground very slippery, which was a disadvantage to the visiting team. Nevertheless, the match was carried on very evenly until very nearly half time, when a corner kick for the second time fell to the Marlow side, and this time they were successful in passing the ball under the school tape. On changing ends the boys, who had the hill to help them, were expected to present a much bolder front; but such was not the case, though towards the finish they rallied considerably and once made an excellent shot at the Marlow goal, and its downfall was only averted by the skill of the custodian of the "fortress."

F: "This match, the first of the second ties, was played on the School ground at Walthamstow, on Wednesday last. The Foresters have not been successful, while Marlow have shown fair form, and the general impression was an easy victory for the latter on the present occasion. The ground, however, was very slippery owing to the heavy rain overnight, and this told more on the heavier team of Marlow than on their less weighty opponents. Marlow kicked off from the upper position, and at first the game was neither particularly fast nor noticeable for any good individual play, though Hutchings played well, and dribbled with considerable skill for the School. A corner kick to Great Marlow was entrusted to Flint, but it was wanting in power and the ball fell short. Soon afterwards, and just before half time, the School incurred the same penalty again, and Shaw guided the ball so skillfully from the corner, that it dropped just between the posts, and Cox breasted it through. After the change of ends the aspect of the game showed little change, though once the Forest goal was a second time nearly

captured. During the last twenty minutes the Marlow backs were better employed, but their resistance was never overtaxed, and at the end of an hour and a half Forest School had to acknowledge a defeat by one goal to none."

SM: "Yesterday (Wednesday), these clubs, drawn together in the second round of this competition, met on the School ground at Walthamstow to decide which would have the right of entry into the third ties. The few blades of grass to be seen under favourable circumstances (on the area reserved) for the School football still bore the traces of (rain which) had fallen overnight, and the well-trodden footpath which intersects the ground, was a quagmire () by the School forwards, but dangerous to those who had not been made acquainted with its treacherous (nature) on previous occasions. The slippery surface was in favour (of the School) who were the lighter team, the Marlow forwards (at first) appearing at a great disadvantage. Marlow occupied the upper position at the outset, but the Foresters worked well up the hill, and the game for a long time was very even. Hutchings made some quick runs along the right side for the School, but the forwards showed little skill in passing, and the Marlow half backs were rarely passed. In time a corner kick was obtained by the Marlow (team) but the School forwards got the ball away. (Without) exception no advantage fell to either side; but just before the change another corner kick was secured by Great Marlow, this time with a (happier) result. Shaw was entrusted with the care of the ball, and a splendid shot right into the front of the posts enabled Cox to get the ball (steered) through, scoring the only goal of the match. With the hill to help them it was expected that the boys would make a better show; but for a time they were pressed, and once the ball was saved from another passage between the School (posts) only by the timely intervention of Brown. Towards the end the Foresters worked better together, and several times it seemed that the game might end in a tie. Once Hutchings made a fine shot, but the Marlow goalkeeper was equal to the emergency, and when time was called soon afterwards, the only score of the day had been made by Marlow." N.B. Sections in brackets unreadable in on line version

Forest School: A.L. McEwen (Goal); P. Fairclough (Capt.), H.E.(J.) Browne (Backs); F.A. Charrington, F. Sewell (Half Backs); H.R. Hutchings, G.C. Mills, W.M. Tapp, H. Knowles, J. Littlewood, (W.) E.M. Crawley (Forwards).

Great Marlow: H.R. Hewett (Goal); C.K. Poulter (Back); S.H. Wright (Capt.), *C.A. Vardy (Half Backs); +C.D. Olive, ++F.W. Jones, ++J.W. Baines, C. Prior, C. Cox, E. Flint, R. Shaw (Forwards). (BH initials)

+Not traced elsewhere ++Played in first round but not found elsewhere *Maidenhead

ROCHESTER 1 (J. Blckett) SWIFTS 0 (H.T. 1-0) (Sat Dec 16th) (At Borstal, nr. Rochester)

Rochester & Chatham Journal 23/12/76 P.2/Windsor & Eton Express 30/12/76 P.4 (Late Report)/ Bell's Life 23/12/76 P.9/Field 23/12/76 P.765/Sportsman 20/12/76 P.4/Sporting Life 20/12/76 P.1:

F: "The above match for the privilege of playing in the third ties was decided on Saturday at Borstal, near Rochester. The home team played a very strong eleven, whilst the long journey deprived the Swifts of the services of several of their best men; but they still put on the field a good representative team, and an entertaining game was fully expected. Some difficulty being experienced for finding the ground, play did not begin until ten minutes to three. The ball played with was first of all objected to, by the visitors' captain as not being an Association ball: one way it measured the required length but the other was much smaller. The ground itself was in splendid condition, but the site chosen for

the match was one of the worst that could possibly be selected, it being on the side of a steep hill, with the river running along the lower side. Consequently, the home team knowing the ground well, had a considerable advantage over the strangers. The Swifts' captain having lost the toss, had to kick off against a high wind, and for a few moments the play was carried on by the backs of either side. Then Joll and Forster worked the ball up, and menaced the home goal; but the sure kicking of Kirkby saved its downfall, and for half an hour the play rested principally between the forwards of both teams, the home players passing on most unselfishly, and consequently bringing the ball down the hill, but with no result until a centre shot enabled Blackett to place the ball safely over the head of the visitors' goalkeeper. After the kick off from the centre the Swifts worked hard to obtain a goal up-hill, and had several corner kicks by E.C. Bambridge, but without success, and at half time the ball was well in the middle of the ground. The play of Joll, Forster and Haygarth for the Swifts, and of G. Blackett, Shute, Kirkby, and Ramage was almost faultless. On changing ends the play became even faster than before, the Swifts making it very warm for the home goalkeeper Lock, who defended his posts shot after shot in a most magnificent manner, showing wonderful coolness. Again corner kicks were placed within a few feet of goals by E.H. Bambridge, but again saved by Lock. The home team tried hard to break away, but were always well met by Haygarth, who safely returned the ball into Rochester territory, where the play became hot and fast. At the latter part of the game the home team had to play wholly on the defensive, and strengthened their back play, thus preventing the Swifts of at least making a draw of it. When no side was called therefore, Rochester had won by a goal to love. The play of the victors was good all round, and it would be difficult to choose anyone for particular mention. Their passing was noticed as being unselfish throughout, and the back kicking accurate; whilst for the losers, Joll, Forster, and E.C. Bambridge played at times with considerable judgment, Haygarth very rarely losing a chance. Atkinson as goalkeeper during the whole game, did not have occasion to touch the ball except when the goal was obtained, and then it was out of his reach. Too much praise cannot be given to Lock, who, by his gallant defence of goals, certainly saved and won the match for Rochester."

SM: "About a hundred and fifty people witnessed the above clubs play off the second ties for the Cup, at Borstal, near Rochester, on Saturday last, December 16. The ground was in good condition, and the afternoon, though dull, was not wet. At 2.45 E.H. Bambridge kicked off for the Swifts. The home team, playing with a slight wind in their favour, gained the first corner kick, but did not make good use of it. This was followed by one or two good shots at the Swifts' goal. On the first occasion the ball passed two inches above the tape. About ten minutes before the call of half-time, J. Blackett, by a well-directed shot, obtained a goal for Rochester. Ends were changed. The Swifts, with the wind at their back, soon brought the ball into their opponents' territory. Lock was quite up to the attack, and saved two well directed shots at his goal. The ball was again taken into the centre of the ground, and the match continued very even by each side in turn gaining a little advantage of the other. Joll, Rawson, and E. Bambridge worked hard to equalise matters, but they could not succeed, and at the call of "No side", the Rochester team were declared the winners by one goal to nothing. The continual passing of the Rochester men may somewhat account for their victory."

SL: "The weather was everything that could be desired, and the ground in good condition. Rochester won the toss, and chose to play with a slight wind in their favour, and the ball was kicked off at a quarter to three by Bambridge. Both teams quickly settled down to their work, and a splendid game ensued, Joll and Short on the wing playing in fine form for the visitors. The home team had the game mostly their own way for the first half of time, and despite the fine back play of Haygarth, had

repeated shots at the Swifts' goal, which at last succumbed to J. Blackett. On changing ends the Swifts worked hard to equalise matters, and Lock now had some hard work to keep his goal intact. This, however, he succeeded in doing, and at the call of "time" Rochester had won by one goal to nothing."

Rochester: C.H.A. Lock (Goal); F.F. Smith (Back); M. Kirkby, W. Lockey (Half Backs); G.W. Prall, J.A.B. Shute (Right Wing), W.K. Ramage, C.O. Fawcus, C. Mansfield (Centres), G.B. Blackett (Capt.), J.B. Blackett (Left Wing).

Swifts: +W.C. Atkinson (Goal); E.B. Haygarth, Hon. Ivo. F.W. Bligh (Backs); E.H. Bambridge (Capt.), E.C. Bambridge (Half Backs); R.C. Forster, A. Joll (Right Wing), ++J.F. Chitty, +++F. Rawson (Centres), E.M. Short, W. Nicholls (Left Wing).

+Eton College ++ Only A.J. Chitty traced for this season +++ (BL /F/SM /SL all have F. Rawson and not W.S. Rawson mistake in 1st Round

Umpires: J. Forbes for Rochester and J.G. Crossman for Swifts. Referee: Lieut. H.H. Barnet (Royal Engineers)

QUEEN'S PARK, a bye.

THIRD ROUND:

Bell's Life 23/12/76 P.9:

"At a meeting of the committee of the Football Association held at Kennington Oval on Wednesday evening, the third ties were drawn as follows:-

Upton Park v Great Marlow

Pilgrims v Wanderers

Queen's Park, Glasgow v Oxford University

Cambridge University v Rochester

Sheffield Club v Royal Engineers

All ties from this time will have to be played at Kennington Oval, and the third round must be completed by Jan 31 next."

UPTON PARK 2 (S.R. Bastard, F. Winterbotham) GREAT MARLOW 2 (A.D. Price, C. Prior) (H.T. 1-0)
(WED JAN 24th) (At Kennington Oval) (BL/SDT scorers)

Sportsman 24/1/77 P.4/Sporting Life 27/1/77 P.3/Bell's Life 27/1/77 P.5/Field 27/1/77
P.105/Sheffield Independent 25/1/77 P.7 (No teams):

SM: "The prospect of an exciting contest between these clubs, whom luck had drawn together in the third round of the competition, attracted a large attendance at the Oval yesterday (Wednesday)

afternoon. The weather was fine, the ground in good condition, and Marlow—the whole of the male population was there to a man—enjoyed the game in the latter part of the play in a manner that did one good, and thoroughly accounted for the additional energy infused in the Buckinghamshire team towards the close. At three o'clock Wright kicked off for Marlow from the eastern end, Upton in winning the toss having a slight advantage in the wind, which was blowing diagonally across the ground. Upton began without their captain, but he soon appeared, and the game was very even, without anything worthy of note for a considerable time. The play all round was hardly brilliant, and twenty-five minutes passed without anything to record. At this period Upton secured a corner kick, and Bouch made an excellent shot into the centre enabling Bastard to breast it into the Marlow goal. Twenty minutes remained before half time, but nothing more was gained, and at a quarter to four o'clock ends were changed. Upton followed the kick-off by their captain with vigour, and in seven minutes a neat run by Winterbotham ended in a well-earned goal. On the resumption Upton still maintained the game with energy, but only for a short period, and as time advanced, Marlow, to the exuberant delight of their numerous partisans, succeeded in driving their opponents back, slowly but surely. At last their efforts were successful, and twenty minutes before time, from a well-directed kick by Vardy, Price sent the ball through the Upton posts. Marlow were quickly at work on the kick-off, and ten minutes afterwards Vardy planted a free kick directly under the Upton tape, and after the scrummage that followed Price got a goal. With the score even the play grew exciting, but, despite the efforts of both sides, nothing more was scored, and at the end of an hour and a half time was called, with the result a tie. For Upton Hotham and Micklem played well back, but the forwards were hardly so well together as usual. The Marlow forwards at times played well, but their passing was not always judicious, and the backs were at times faulty."

BL: Upton won the toss and sent their opponents to the eastern end of the ground, where the wind was slightly opposed to them. At 3 o'clock Wright, the Marlow captain, set the ball in motion, and in the absence of the captain of the other side, very even play was the order of the day, though when he made his appearance the same state of affairs prevailed. Twenty-five minutes had elapsed from the commencement before anything of a decisive nature occurred, the play of both sides being moderate. Then from a corner kick placed very cleverly in front of the Marlow goal, the ball was breasted through by Bastard. Ends were changed at a quarter to 4 o'clock, when the score remained the same, but after a few minutes Winterbotham added a second goal to the Upton Park account. The Marlow men were now on their mettle and they made the most strenuous exertions to avert what appeared very much like a defeat, but it was not until 20 minutes before the call of time that Price scored for Marlow, and in 10 minutes more, from a corner kick to Marlow Prior was enabled to equalise matters. The game now became very exciting, but by the call of time neither had made any further score, so the match was drawn."

SL: "This match in the third ties of the Cup was played on Wednesday at Kennington Oval, in fine but cold weather. The number of spectators was rather small, but there was, nevertheless, a great amount of enthusiasm. Play commenced at three o'clock, and Upton, having won the toss, elected to first defend the Harleyford-road goal. For some time the game was very even, but after a while a corner kick fell to Upton, and Bouch, dropping the ball well in front of the goal, it was kicked through the posts by Bastard out of a bully. At half time ends were changed, and in a very short time Upton scored a second goal, kicked by Winterbottom. The play of Great Marlow then improved wonderfully. A free kick by Hewett was well followed up, and resulted in a goal being obtained by Price; whilst shortly before time was called "hands" were claimed by Great Marlow. Vardy, who made the kick, sent the

ball just in front of Upton's goal, and partly through a miscalculation by Jutsum, another goal was gained by Marlow, amidst great excitement. Nothing further was done, and the match thus ended in a draw, each side having obtained two goals."

F: "At three o'clock Wright started the ball for Marlow, Upton, who were for a few minutes, one short, commencing with their backs to the sun. The Uptonians were the heavier team, and they had a slight advantage, though it was not until twenty-five minutes had passed that they were able to score. A very neat corner kick by Bouch enabled Bastard to breast the ball through, and this was the only success obtained during the first half. On the change of ends, Upton set to work with a will, and after a few minutes, a fast run by one of their forwards gave them their second goal. From this point the game changed, and as Upton fell off Marlow improved in their play. A quarter of an hour afterwards Vardy dropped the ball under the Upton posts, and Price put it through. Another interval of five minutes and Vardy repeated the performance on the occasion of a free kick, and Prior made the score even. During the last ten minutes the game was not uneven, and time was called with two goals on each side. Hotham, the Upton back, kicked well throughout."

Upton Park: M. Jutsum (Goal); +F. W. Hotham, C. Warner (Backs); T. Mickle, (Capt.), W. Bouch (Half Backs); T. M. Day, J. B. Hunter (Right), S. R. Bastard, F. Winterbotham (Centres), T. F. Spreckley, W. R. Spreckley (Left).

+Herts Rangers only traced

Great Marlow: H. R. Hewett (Goal); +C. A. Vardy (Back); S. H. Wright (Capt.), ++C. K. Poulter (Half Backs); E. Flint, C. Prior (Right Side), +A. D. Price, +++W. Wild, +R. Couper (Centres), C. Cox, R. Shaw (Left Side).

+Maidenhead ++Wycombe/Union +++Philberds

Umpires: M. P. Betts (Old Harrovians) for Upton Park and B. G. Jarrett (Cambridge University) for Marlow. Referee: C. W. Alcock (Wanderers)

REPLAY: SAT JAN 27th : At Kennington Oval:

UPTON PARK 1 ("scrimmage") GREAT MARLOW 0 (H.T. 0-0)

Sportsman 29/1/77 P.4/Sporting Life 31/1/77 P.4/Bell's Life 3/2/77 P.8/Field 3/2/77 P.130/London Standard 29/1/77 P.6/London Daily News 29/1/77 P.3/Sheffield Daily Telegraph 29/1/77 P.4/Sheffield Independent 29/1/77 P.4:

SM: "Another exciting contest marked the second meeting of these clubs, who were drawn together in the third round of the Cup, and who had met the previous Wednesday without a decisive result. Then each club had scored two goals, and the teams had been so evenly matched that it was difficult to adjudge the slightest superiority to either. Hence there was a fair muster at Kennington Oval on Saturday, considering that rain fell consistently throughout the day. On the Upton side F. G. Guy replaced J. B. Hunter among the forwards, and E. B. Beauchamp played back for Warner, who went in goal, Jutsum, who had kept goal on the previous Wednesday, retiring. Marlow had only one change, as Price, one of the forwards, was absent, and Burnham played, so that there were two backs instead of one as before. There was nothing to favour the side winning the toss, though Marlow chose the western goal. The play throughout was very even—the state of the ground prevented any brilliant

individual form. All round the two elevens were very equal, though Hotham's well-timed and powerful kicking was the feature of the match. Couper occasionally dribbled well but he did not keep his proper place, and the Marlow wings were constantly in the centre. Vardy kicked well, and on the other side Micklem set his men a good example by the energy of his play. At half time there had been no score, and ends were changed. In the previous match Upton had shown a great falling-off in the second half of the game, but this time they worked hard until the end. Until almost the last there was little disparity, but just before time a happy corner kick by Bouch produced a fierce scrimmage in front of the Marlow posts and the Uptonians carried the goal. They thus landed a hard victory just at the expiration of the allotted period of an hour and a half."

SL: "The weather was miserably wet but the spectators, though not numerous, were enthusiastic. Having lost the toss for choice of goals, Micklem kicked off for Upton Park, from the Gasworks end at three o'clock. The Marlow men soon took the ball across the ground, and obtained a corner kick which, however, came to nothing. "Hands" were then called in favour of Upton Park, and Bouch took the free kick, but the ball went a long way from the goal, and Wild shortly afterwards made a good run down for Great Marlow, but the goal was well saved by Warner. Half time was then called, and ends were changed. Still the match went on very evenly, the back play of Hotham for Upton Park being particularly good. A good rush was made by Marlow, but Warner cleverly saved the goal. After a while, a cry for "Hands" resulted in a free kick for Upton Park, which was taken by Micklem, who dropped the ball well in front of the goal, and principally with the aid of Guy, T. Spreckley, and Bastard, it was sent through the posts. Almost directly after this "Time" was called, the victory thus resting with Upton Park by one goal to love. Throughout, the two backs for the winning side - Micklem and Hotham - played remarkably well."

BL: "There were a couple of changes on the Upton Park side, Guy playing instead of Hunter and Beauchamp playing in place of Warner. The ball was started from the eastern end by the Upton captain, Marlow having won the toss, but there was little to choose from the selection of ends. Owing to the greasy nature of the turf, good play was out of all question, but the sides were very evenly matched, and an exciting match was played throughout. Up to half time no goal had been made by either, and indeed neither side could claim any advantage, until just before the call of "time", when from a corner kick a scrimmage occurred (following an excellent shot by Bouch:SDT) just in front of the Marlow goal and the Uptonians carried the ball between their posts."

F: "...and time was up with the exception of two minutes, when Micklem planted a corner kick directly under the Marlow posts, and the Uptonians, carrying the scrimmage, landed themselves the victors by a goal."

SI: "Towards the close Upton began to press their opponents, and within two minutes of time a well-directed corner kick by Bouch enabled the Upton forwards to carry the ball through in a scrimmage, amid great excitement, thus winning, after two hard games, at the very close of the second."

Upton Park: C. Warner (Goal); +F. W. Hotham, E. B. Beauchamp (Backs); T. Micklem (Capt.), W. Bouch (Half Backs); S. R. Bastard, F. Winterbotham, T. M. Day, F. G. Guy, T. F. Spreckley, W. R. Spreckley (Left).

+Herts Rangers

Great Marlow:H.R.Hewett(Goal);+C.A.Vardy,+F.Burnham(Backs);S.H.Wright(Capt.),
++C.K.Poulter(Half Backs);E.Flint,C.Prior,C.Cox,R.Shaw,+++W.Wild,+R.Couper(Forwards).

+Maidenhead ++Wycombe/Union +++Philberds

Umpires:F.Wilton for Upton Park and R.Nicholson for Great Marlow.

WANDERERS 3 (C.H.R.Wollaston ,”scrimmage”,F.B.Maddison) PILGRIMS 0(H.T. 0-0) (SAT JAN 20th)(At Kennington Oval:2nd of 2:3.20 p.m.)

Sportsman 22/1/77 P.3/Bell’s Life 27/1/77 P.5/Field 27/1/77 P.105/Sporting Life 24/1/77 P.3/
Morning Post 22/1/77 P.6/Sheffield Daily Telegraph 22/1/77 P.4/Lloyd’s Weekly Newspaper 21/1/77
P.1/London Evening Standard 22/1/77 P.6:

SM:”This match was commenced without waste of time.It was expected to prove a very easy victory for the Wanderers,and,indeed,at first,it looked as if they would have things all their own way. Wollaston and Hubert Heron ran past the Pilgrims on the upper side,and Smith and Wace played hard to the centre.Several shots were made in quick succession at the stronghold of the Pilgrims,but Newsam was very quick between the posts,and all attacks were fruitless.For a quarter of an hour the Pilgrims were hard pressed,but after this they rallied,and some very pretty form was shown by Baldwin and Mott along the lower side,both of these players dribbling with considerable skill.All the efforts of Wollaston and Hubert Heron on the left wing,and of Hughes on the opposite side,were well met by Elmslie and Guy,both of whom kicked with accuracy as well as power throughout.At half time nothing had been scored and the Pilgrims were applauded for their plucky play.On recommencing the Pilgrim forwards held their own for a time,but the Wanderers began to steadily advance,and again the ball was flying about the Pilgrims’ posts.Until twenty minutes of the end the Pilgrims had kept their goal intact,but here Kinnaird,who had been relieved in goal at half time by Frank Heron,got a chance,and crossing the ball to Wollaston,the latter got the ball safely over the line.After this success,the ball on being again set in motion,was immediately taken down by the Wanderers to the front of the Pilgrims’ posts,and a general scrimmage ensued,in which the Wanderers were triumphant.The Pilgrims followed up the kick-off with vigour,and the Wanderers were in great danger,a hard scrimmage taking place in front of their very posts.They relieved themselves,however,and taking the ball away again Maddison made a clever shot,which hit the tape and went under,making the third goal for the Wanderers.This was the last score,and when time was called the Pilgrims had been defeated by three goals to none.Wollaston,Hubert Heron,Smith,and Hughes played up well for the victors,and the back play was good all round.For the Pilgrims Baldwin and Mott were conspicuous for some brilliant runs,Elmslie and Guy played very well back,and the goal keeping of Newsam was worthy of the highest praise.”

BL:”The second match of the day began on the same ground at 3.20.Having won the toss the Pilgrims chose the western end,and at first they were unable to make much of a stand against the repeated onslaughts of their opponents,who pressed them very hard,and repeatedly fired at their stronghold,which the custodian,who was pretty smart between the posts,ably averted.After they had been playing about a quarter of an hour,however,the Pilgrims rallied considerably,and some capital play was exhibited on both sides,”half time” being announced before any score had arisen to

either team. On changing over the Pilgrims still maintained their stand for some time, but the Wanderers steadily wore them down, and at last completely invested the neighbourhood of their goal. It was not, however, until they had been playing one hour and ten minutes that the Wanderers were enabled to score, Kinnaird and Wollaston being by their united efforts successful in passing the ball under the tape. Directly after this success another goal fell to the Wanderers out of a scrimmage right in front of the Pilgrims' goal, when the latter very nearly wiped off one of the scores, pressing their opponents very hard. As soon as the ball was taken out of harm's way the Pilgrims' half of the ground became the scene of action, and Maddison made a third goal for the Wanderers, who thus won by three goals to none."

F: "The Wanderers were expected to have an easy victory, but it was not until very late in the game that they utilised their opportunities. At first Smith, Hubert Heron and Wollaston were very busy about the Pilgrim goal, and twice Heron middled the ball cleverly to find no one in the centre. The Pilgrim backs kicked well, and some very neat dribbling was shown by Baldwin and Mott along the lower side. At half time nothing had been scored, and ends had to be changed. After the kick off the Pilgrims played up pluckily, and a drawn game seemed far from an unlikely prospect. At length the Wanderer forwards began to see the necessity of action, and Frank Heron, putting the ball cleverly across to Wollaston, a goal was at last obtained by the latter. The Wanderers lost no time in returning the ball when it had again been started, and a general scrimmage followed immediately, with the result that the ball was again forced between the Pilgrim posts. A desperate rally by the Pilgrim forwards drove the Wanderers back to the front of their goal. The defenders though not without a very hard struggle, however, got the ball away, and taking it down, Maddison scored the third goal, the ball hitting the tape and falling under. Soon afterwards time was called, the Wanderers having the victory by three goals to none. The Pilgrims played up right well, and we hope to see their pluck rewarded by a more prominent place in future competitions."

Wanderers: Hon. A. F. Kinnaird (Goal); A. H. Stratford, + W. Lindsay (Backs); F. T. Green, F. B. Maddison (Half Backs); C. H. R. Wollaston (Capt.), G. H. (ubert) H. Heron (Upper Side), H. Wace, C. E. Smith (Centres), T. B. Hughes, ++ Frank Heron (Lower Side).

+ Not listed in Wanderers History or in some papers ++ Played in goal in 2nd Half: not listed for Wanderers in other games

Pilgrims: J. F. (owler) Newsam (goal); K. Wallace Elmslie, J. W. M. Guy (Backs); W. A. Baker, C. J. Fox (Half Backs); T. F. Letchford, C. E. Detmar (Right side), A. Wohlgemuth (Capt.), Frank Lloyd (Centres), T. B. Baldwin, C. E. Mott (Left Side).

Umpires: Major F. A. Marindin (Royal Engineers, President of the FA) for Wanderers and W. R. Wake (Sheffield Club) for Pilgrims.

OXFORD UNIVERSITY walked over QUEEN'S PARK, GLASGOW scratched: Bell's Life 10/2/77 P.5

CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY 4 (J.Hughes 2,H.T.Prior,A.B.S.Widnell) ROCHESTER 0(H.T. 1-0)
(SAT FEB 3rd)(At Kennington Oval)

Sportsman 5/2/77 P.4/ Field 10/2/77 P.156/Sporting Life 7/2/77 P.4/Bell's Life 10/2/77 P.5/London Standard 5/2/77 P.6/Rochester Journal 10/2/77 P.3/Sheffield Daily Telegraph 5/12/77 P.4:

SM:"On Saturday last there was a large number of spectators at Kennington Oval to witness the match between these two clubs,which brought the third ties in the competition to a close.Rochester had beaten the Swifts in the second round,and as they were known to be a hard-working team,not a few were prepared to see them make a good match with the Cantabs.Play was very late in commencing and it was twenty-five minutes past three o'clock before Rochester started the ball,the wind blowing very strongly across the ground.The Cambridge forwards were seen in the Rochester lines and Hargreaves and Widnell each had a good shot.Nothing,though,came of the University attacks until,after a neat run Hargreaves middled the ball cleverly to Hughes,and as the goal-keeper "muffed" the ball,the Rochester goal surrendered to the latter player.On the recommencement the play was vigorous on both sides Rochester-well lead by the Blacketts,Fawcus,and Shute-occasionally making incursions into Cambridge territory.At half time no further score had been made,and ends were changed.During the second part of the game the University team steadily asserted their superiority,though Rochester worked hard until the last.An extremely well-directed kick from the corner by Bury gave Prior an opportunity of heading the ball between the Rochester posts.Lewis and Hughes,who both played hard and well,were instrumental in the next score for Cambridge,though the latter gave the final kick.Not long before time Widnell,after a short run,landed the fourth goal for the University.He was palpably off-side,but the appeal to the umpires was rejected.,and so the score was allowed,Cambridge winning by four goals to none.Rochester played a hard game throughout,and their wings were well together throughout.The centres got in each others' way instead of getting off with the ball,and the back play was not by any means safe."

F:"On Saturday last the final match in the third round was played at Kennington Oval.At 3.25 Rochester kicked off ,a strong wind blowing across the ground.The first exchanges were all in favour of the University,and Hargreaves and Widnell each had a shot at the Rochester posts.For some little time Rochester averted the downfall that seemed imminent;but at last Hargreaves shot the ball straight to the goalkeeper,and,as he only partly stopped it,Hughes got it through.Some hard play followed the kick off,and Rochester,for whom the Blacketts,Fawcus and Shute at times showed excellent play,were able to keep their opponents fairly at bay until half time.After the change of ends Shute and Fawcus worked hard for Rochester;but the backs were hardly equal to the task of coping with the dribbling skill of Cambridge.A corner kick by Barry was well met by Prior with his head,and the result was a second goal for Cambridge.Not long afterwards,after a good run by Lewis and Hughes,the latter credited the University with another score.Nor was this the last ,as shortly before the close Widnell,after a short run,landed the ball again between the Rochester posts. Rochester justly appealed on the score of offside;but the umpire rejected a very clear case. Rochester were thus defeated by four goals to none. There was plenty of work in them,and their passing was at times good.With a little more skill in dribbling ,and more reliable backs,they would make a very good team."

SL:"Jarrett won the toss,and G.Blackett,at twenty minutes past three,kicked off from the racquet-court end of the ground.Before the ball reached the ground the Cantabs rushed to meet it,and made

a vigorous attack on the Rochester goal and Jarrett with a fine kick dropped it so close to the Rochester posts, that Lock had only just time to save the goal. Rochester now worked hard, but the Cambridge backs were too accurate in their kicking and at length Lewis charged down the side, and on arriving within distance, made a capital kick, which only failed through the vigilance of Lock. G.B. Blackett almost immediately after took down the ball, aided by Fawcus, Ramage, and Mansfield, to the opposite end of the ground, but his final kick failed. On being kicked off again by Hammond, Hargreaves by a good display of dribbling passed the ball to Hughes, who sent it under the tape after just seventeen minutes' play. Cambridge still continued to be very busy, Jarrett, Bury, Widnell, and Foa distinguishing themselves greatly in many well-contested ballies, until Hargreaves got the ball, and made a capital kick, which, however, hit the post, and the ball rebounding rolled behind. Half time arrived, ends were changed, but although Cambridge now had a rather stiff breeze against them, their attacks were as vigorous and closely supported as previously. Rochester's team worked hard, but at length Bury having a corner kick, lifted the ball in front of the goal, through which Prior headed it. Shortly afterwards Styan middled the ball to Hughes, and a third goal resulted. Rochester, however, still continued playing an up-hill game as pluckily as heretofore, until close upon the call of time, when +Widner kicked the ball through the posts for the (fourth) time; the goal, although it seemed that +Widner was "off-side", was allowed by the umpires."

R&CJ: "The match between these clubs, took place on Saturday at Kennington Oval. The fine weather which prevailed had the effect of inducing a large number of spectators to attend. Rochester was the heavier team of the two, but they lacked the combined play of the Cantabs, who won by four goals to none."

Cambridge University: C.E. Hammond (Goal); L. Bury, J.R. Morgan (Backs); B.G. Jarrett (Capt.), E.C. Foa (Half Backs); J. Hughes, H.T. Prior, J. Lewis, W.Y. Hargreaves, A.B.S. Widnell, T.G. Styan (Forwards).

Rochester: C.H.A. Lock (Goal); F.F. Smith (Back); G.B. Blackett (Capt.), M. Kirkby, W. Lockey (Half Backs); J.B. Blackett, G.W. Prall, J. Shute, C.O. Fawcus, W.K. Ramage, C. Mansfield (Forwards).

Umpires: C.E. Farmer (Old Etonians) for Cambridge University and C.J. Tuffill for Rochester.
Referee: C.E. Smith (Wanderers).

ROYAL ENGINEERS 1 (H.E. Rawson) SHEFFIELD CLUB 0 (H.T. 1-0) (SAT JAN 20th) (At Kennington Oval: 1st of 2: at 1.40 pm)

Sportsman 22/1/77 P.3/Field 27/1/77 P.105/Sporting Life 24/1/77 P.3/Bell's Life 27/1/77 P.5/Morning Post 22/1/77 P.6/Sheffield Daily Telegraph 22/1/77 P.4/Sheffield Independent 22/1/77 P.4:

SM: "Under the influence of bright and seasonable weather—a condition of affairs to which football players have been complete strangers for many a week—there was a large muster of spectators at the Oval on Saturday last. Two of the third ties in the competition for the challenge cup of the Football Association were set for decision, and as the first between the Royal Engineers and the Sheffield Club was expected to prove a hard and exciting struggle, there were fully 700 present when the play began, a number that was increased considerably before the close of the afternoon. At twenty minutes to two o'clock Rawson started the ball for the Engineers, the Sheffield captain gaining very

little benefit in his selection of the eastern position. At first the play was a little wild, as the Engineers, who have just returned from leave, were hardly so well together as usual, while the Sheffield backs kicked with more force than judgment, and their forwards showed a decided preference for off side. For some little time the Sheffield team, who played one more back than their opponents, kept the Sappers fairly at bay. The soldiers, however, steadily began to get settled down to their work and Blackburn and Von Donop on the right wing, with Stratford on the opposite side of the ground, caused the Sheffield backs great uneasiness. The play of the northern captain, as well as of E. H. Greenhalgh, was very effective, and though the Engineer forwards at times menaced the Sheffield goal, and more than once placed it in imminent danger, no score had been made until just before half time, when, after some excellent play by Von Donop, Rawson was enabled to obtain a goal for his team. After the change of ends the Sappers commenced with great determination and a corner kick soon fell to them. Nothing resulted from it, but the game still continued in their favour, although Cursham dribbled very cleverly whenever he got a good chance. Once he had a fine opening, but it was of no use, as the umpires decided that he was off side. About this time Sheffield played vigorously up, and the brothers Clegg, who were hardly up to their usual form, made a few good runs, which enabled their side to assume the offensive. A corner kick was unproductive, and then Blackburn, Von Donop, and Stratford, by some excellent dribbling, took the fight once again close to the Sheffield lines. Greenhalgh was especially useful in stopping several of these runs, and Jackson's goal keeping stood the Sheffielders in good stead throughout the game. Cursham got past the Engineer backs, and continued the run until he had reached the centre of the goal, but as he was off-side the ball was taken back, and no goal was allowed. The rest of the game was unproductive, and the end of an hour and a half saw the Engineers the victors by one goal to none. Sheffield lost two of its most useful forwards—J. R. B. Owen and H. Sorby, but the eleven made a good fight, although they did not work at all well together. The Engineers, on the other hand, played for each other most creditably throughout and their form in this match was good enough to make them very formidable candidates for the possession of the Cup."

F: "This was the first of two matches forming part of the (third) round set for decision at Kennington Oval last Saturday afternoon. Fortunately the weather for once smiled on football, and as a natural consequence a larger muster than usual of spectators were tempted by the double attraction offered, the numbers amounting to fully a thousand before the end of the afternoon. Sheffield lost two of its best forwards, J. R. Owen and H. Sorby; but on the other hand the Sappers had just completed their Christmas leave, so that they were not in the best of practice. Ellison won the toss but it profited him nothing; and at twenty minutes to two o'clock Rawson set the ball in motion on behalf of the Sappers. The soldiers played one man more forward than their opponents, and, after the first quarter of an hour, they began to assert their superiority, Wingfield Stratford and Blackburn making some very fine runs. The Northerners did not exhibit their usual dash, but they held their own until just before half time, when Rawson, who as usual, was in the right place, landed a goal for the Engineers, after some very effective play by Von Donop. After the change of ends, the Engineers speedily obtained a corner kick, but it was unproductive. Then the Sheffielders were hard pressed for a time, though Cursham now and then made a desperate struggle to break away. Unaided he could do little, and it was only the good defence of the Sheffield backs that prevented some tangible success to the constant onslaughts of the military forwards. At one period Sheffield were better together, and the brothers Clegg showed something like their old form. Twice a corner kick augered hopefully for Sheffield, and once Cursham got clean away only to be voted offside after landing the

ball safely between the posts. Still nothing fell to them, and after having again decidedly the best of the game during the last quarter of an hour, the Engineers were left the victors by one goal to none. It was a well-earned triumph as their play all round was excellent, Stratford, Von Donop and Blackburn dribbling well, while Goodwyn was very useful back."

SDT: "The Sheffield Club has hardly been fortunate in its engagements for the Football Association Cup. Its only chance of a match in the first two ties, when the privilege is allowed of tossing for the choice of grounds, is by losing the toss, as winning it has only meant the withdrawal of the opposing club. In the later drawings the fates have usually placed it in opposition to one of the strongest southern clubs as early as possible. Last year, the Wanderers, who hold the cup, defeated it in the third round, and now in the third ties, luck gave them the Royal Engineers, who are in great form this season. It may be stated that the question of a date for the decision of the match had given rise to some correspondence. The hon sec of the Sheffield Club had wished to toss for choice of days, as the 18th would have enabled him to get his best eleven, but the Engineers were unwilling to play before the 20th, and on appeal to the Committee of the Football Association it was decided that the Engineers could not be compelled to play before the 20th, when their leave expires. Under these circumstances, Mr Chambers had to do the best he could, and on Saturday last he appeared at Kennington Oval with his forces, minus the aid of the two most useful allies, to wit, Messrs J.R.B. Owen, who obtained four goals out of seven in the previous tie against South Norwood, and H. Sorby. Mr Ellison won the toss, but there was little wind, and the kicking to the gasworks end gave the Sheffield team no advantage. It was twenty minutes to two o'clock when the captain of the Engineers set the ball in motion, and it was not long before the sappers began to get together, showing little want of condition or lack of practice from their absence on leave. The Sheffield team did not show their usual energy up and at first showed a decided fancy for getting offside. Still the Engineers showed little headway for a time, as the Sheffield captain kicked with great strength, and the other backs rarely missed their aim. Cursham tried hard to break through the defences of the Engineers, but Ruck and Cowan gave him little chance. Once Wood, Cursham, and Matthews carried the ball up to the Engineers' goal but its custodian was up to the occasion and Sheffield had to beat retreat. For a short time Jackson had had little to do between the posts, thanks to the good defence of those immediately in front of him. At last the Engineer forwards began to grow more confident, and the runs of Blackburn, Stratford, and Von Donop were frequently applauded. Von Donop had made several vigorous dashes along the upper touch-line, but in each case the attack had been frustrated, though Jackson had been compelled to use his hands. When a few minutes only remained of half time Von Donop took the ball down in fine style, and Rawson, who was as usual on the alert, got the ball out of reach of the goal-keeper; this success of the sappers elicited cheering from the spectators, who mustered in very great force, under the startling novelty of a fine afternoon. The change of ends at half time gave the kick off to Sheffield, but the ball was speedily returned, and the Engineers at once began to be obnoxious. A corner kick to their credit was well saved by Sheffield, and a series of attacks about this period met with such a desperate resistance as to evoke frequent applause. Cursham worked hard in front of the opposite backs, and on one occasion got well away, only to see the ball brought back in consequence of his being off side. Again the Engineers were not to be denied, but though they got into the inner lines of Sheffield, the goal-keeper saved his charge. A long kick then sent the ball to Cursham, and outpacing Ruck and eluding the goal-keeper, the ball was deposited in the Engineers' goal. An appeal of off side was given to Cursham's discredit, and the score accordingly was not allowed. For a few minutes the game was less uneven, and the Sheffield forwards

showed a bolder front,obtaining a corner kick,but without any practical result.The Engineers, though,had the best of the play,the forwards not only acting well in concert,but one and all showing great speed.Von Donop and Stratford on their respective wings were unceasing in their efforts,but in spite of all their exertions the Sheffield backs were able to get the ball away,sometimes when every chance appeared to be lost.Once Von Donop got within range of the Sheffield posts,and a scrimmage occurred close in their very front,but the ball was got away somehow,and time was called with only one goal scored,and that to the credit of the Engineers.The winners showed better form than we have yet seen during the present season,and the Wanderers,who now hold the cup, will have to look to their laurels.At present there seems likely to be a hard struggle between the Wanderers,the Royal Engineers,and the two Universities.”+Five in fact

Royal Engineers:J.Bowles(Goal);H.E.Goodwyn(Back);R.M.Ruck,J.H.Cowan(Half Backs); J.E.Blackburn,P.G.von Donop(Right Wing),H.E.Rawson(Capt.),O.E.Ruck,R.S.Hedley(Centres), C.V.Wingfield-Stratford,C.E.Haynes(Left Wing).

Sheffield Club:W.H.Jackson(Goal);J.Rogers(Back);M.J.Ellison(Capt.),+E.H.Greenhalgh, H.W.Chambers(Half Backs), J.C.Clegg,W.E.Clegg(Right Wing), W.A.Matthews,A.W.Cursham(Left Wing),++J.Wood,R.A.Sorby(Centres).

+Captain of Notts Club ++Maybe is I.Wood of Broomhall Club

Umpires:H.Whelan(Sheffield Club) and J.H.Clark(Maidenhead).Referree:C.E.Farmer(Old Etonians)

FOURTH ROUND:

Bell's Life 10/2/77 P.5:

“The committee met at Kennington Oval on Wednesday last to draw the fourth ties.The following was the result of the drawing-

Cambridge University plays Royal Engineers ,Oxford University plays Upton Park,Wanderers(a bye). It was decided that the match between Cambridge and RE should take place on Saturday Feb 17th, that between Oxford and Upton Park,on Feb 24th.The one match in the fifth ties will be played on Mar 10th,and the final on the following Saturday.All matches are to be decided at Kennington Oval.”

CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY 1(W.Y.Hargreaves) ROYAL ENGINEERS 0(H.T. 0-0)
(SAT FEB 17th)(At Kennington Oval)

Sportsman 19/2/77 P.4/Bell's Life 24/2/77 P.5/ Field 24/2/77 P.220/Sporting Life 21/2/77 P.1/
Morning Post 19/2/77 P.2:

SM:“The increasing popularity for the matches for the Challenge Cup of the English Association has been forcefully demonstrated by the large assemblages at the Oval during the present season.After the conclusion of the third ties five clubs were left in-all with a chance of success,and four of them so equally weighted that nothing but very short odds could be obtained against any one.The bye fell

to the Wanderers, and this somewhat spoiled the round. Cambridge University was drawn against the Royal Engineers, Oxford University v Upton Park, and it was the meeting of the two first-named clubs at Kennington Oval on Saturday last that attracted over a thousand spectators. The game was sure to be fast, as the Cambridge forwards were particularly quick, as they had proved against Oxford on the previous Saturday, and the Engineers have always had the reputation of being sharp on the ball. Fine weather and a ground in excellent condition, thanks to the judicious application of the heavy roller, greeted the players, though there was a strong wind blowing almost directly down the ground from the Harleyford-road. The choice of positions fell to Stratford, and so Cambridge had to start under the disadvantage of a stout breeze against them. The ball, started by Jarrett a few minutes after three o'clock, was returned by the Sappers, and Stratford, Von Donop, Barnet, and Hedley were soon busy attacking the University defences. At the outset Cambridge were not well together, and they were greatly indebted to Bury's brilliant long kicking for the safety of their lines. Not long after the commencement Jarrett had a free kick for "hands" just below the Engineers' goal. He directed it cleverly straight across the posts, and there was an easy chance for one of the Cambridge left-wings or centres to get the ball, though no one was on the alert, and so a splendid opportunity escaped. After this the Engineers had slightly the best of the game, though Lewis, on the other side, and Hon. A. Lyttelton made frequent dashes into the territory of the soldiers. Gradually Cambridge forced their opponents back, and when half-time was called the game had been on the whole fairly even, the Engineers' goal-keeper having played well when occasion required. The change of ends afforded the onlookers an opening for applauding the two teams, and up to this point, despite the wind, the play all round had been exceedingly fast. The Engineers were, as usual, quick in starting the ball, but it was soon carried on by the Cambridge forwards, and a fine shot was made from the centre by Hon. A. Lyttelton. By determined play the Sappers removed the fight into Cambridge quarters, and a corner kick fell to them from the upper corner flag. Stratford's kick was a complete failure, and soon afterwards Von Donop also had a corner kick from the lower side of the ground, but this, too, was not well made. Cambridge then relieved their lines by a desperate rush, and after "hands" close to the Engineers' fortress, a corner kick fell to Cambridge. This was entrusted to Bury, and the ball was so well placed in the centre of the posts, that Hargreaves, after a loose scrum, directed it safely through amidst great cheering. For a time after this the Cantabs played up very hard, but gradually the Engineers drove them back, and Barnet made two fine runs as well as two excellent shots straight to the goal-keeper. Stratford, too, seemed likely to have a good chance of reducing the Cambridge goal, but the University were able to maintain their advantage until the call of time, remaining in possession of a well-earned triumph by one goal to none. The back play of the Engineers was not so sure as usual, and they missed their captain, H. E. Rawson, much in the centre. Cambridge one and all played hard and well. The forwards passed with great judgment, and Bury's kicking was very fine from first to last."

BL: "The weather was luckily fine, and there was in consequence a large muster of spectators, 1,000 putting in an appearance at the Surrey Cricket Club head-quarters to witness the good play of both sides, the match being one of the best contested struggles that has taken place this season. The Engineers won the toss, and having elected to play from the Harleyford-road side of the ground, Jarrett kicked off a few minutes after three pm with a strong wind against him. During the early stages of the game the Engineers had a trifle the best of it, the Cambridge men having a hard task in defending their goal; but in a while they rallied somewhat, and the match was very evenly contested up to half time. On ends being changed Cambridge made a fine rush, and Lyttelton only just missed

obtaining a goal for his side. After two free kicks by Bury, Cambridge, from "hands", gained a corner kick, and the ball, falling in front of the Engineers' goal, Hargreaves, out of a loose scrimmage passed it through at seven minutes past four. Cambridge, now favoured by the wind, and cheered by success, rather pinned their adversaries in their own goal until the call of time, when they (the Cantabs) retired from the field winners by one goal to none."

F: "On Saturday last there was a large assemblage of spectators at Kennington Oval, attracted by the prospect of a hard fight between these clubs, who had to decide the first of the two matches in the fourth ties. There was little to interfere with the chances of a fast game, as, although there was a stiffish breeze almost exactly down the line of play, the ground was in the best possible condition for dribbling. The Engineers won the toss, and thus gained the wind as an ally for the first three quarters of an hour. The Cambridge captain set the ball in motion first after the clock had struck three, and for a few minutes the military forwards were vigorous in their attacks. A good run by Cambridge, followed by "hands" on the part of the Engineers, enabled Jarrett to place the ball right in front of the Sappers' post; but, as no one was in readiness to put it through, the chance was lost. Then the game became faster and more exciting, the chief features being the excellent backing-up of the Engineers, some brilliant runs by the Hon A. Lyttelton, and, above all, the powerful kicking of Bury for the University. Nothing had been scored by either side at half time, and as Cambridge changed over they were heartily applauded. On the resumption, some neat dribbling by Barnet and Stratford, enabled the Engineers to assume the offensive, and two corner kicks fell to them, both so badly aimed as to be unsuccessful. A vigorous effort of the University forwards relieved the Cambridge lines, and a corner kick was registered against the Engineers. Bury justified the trust reposed in him by placing the ball directly in the centre of the sappers' goal, and, out of a loose scrimmage, a goal was secured for Cambridge by Hargreaves. After this, the Engineers made desperate efforts to retrieve their loss; but, although they had slightly the best of the game towards the finish, Cambridge were left, at the end of an hour and a half, the victors by one goal to none. The Engineers missed their captain, H.E. Rawson, greatly; but Cambridge well deserved their victory, as Hargreaves was very lame during the second half of the game. Bury's kicking for Cambridge was exceptionally good, being very powerful as well as accurate."

Cambridge University: C.E. Hammond (Goal); L. Bury, J.R. Morgan (Backs); B.G. Jarrett, (Capt.), D.Q. Steel (Half Backs); J. Hughes, Hon. A. Lyttelton, J. Lewis, W.Y. Hargreaves, H.T. Prior, A.C. Cole (Forwards).

(Again Not W.G. Hargreaves)

Royal Engineers: J. Bowles (Goal); H.E. Goodwyn (Back); R.M. Ruck, J.H. Cowan (Half Backs); H.H. Barnet, P.G. von Donop (Right Wing), O.E. Ruck, R.S. Hedley, A.(R.) Ancrum (Centres), C.V. Wingfield-Stratford (Capt.), C.E. Haynes (Left Wing).

Umpires: W.F. Richmond (Clapham Rovers) for Cambridge and R.A.M.M. Ogilvie (Clapham Rovers) for Royal Engineers. Referee: F.H. Birley (Wanderers).

OXFORD UNIVERSITY 0 UPTON PARK 0 (Sat Feb 24th) (At Kennington Oval)

Sportsman 26/2/77 P.4/Sporting Life 28/2/77 P.1/Bell's Life 3/3/77 P.9/Morning Post 26/2/77 P.2/Field 3/3/77 P.252:

SM: "On Saturday last this match, the second and last of the fourth ties, was played at Kennington Oval. The weather was uninviting in the morning, but fortunately the rain held off, and there was a larger attendance of spectators than was to have been expected. The heavy rain during the morning though, had spoiled every chance of anything like a fast game as the ground was very greasy, and on the lower side especially in the worst possible condition. Any odds would have been held on Oxford, but they seemed utterly unable to act on the slippery surface, and their forwards were out of it altogether, none of them playing with the slightest degree of energy. Upton, on the other hand, worked with commendable pluck, backing up vigorously, and passing unselfishly so that the result was a close and exciting game. Parry won the toss for Oxford, and elected to have the aid of the wind, which was blowing almost directly down to the eastern goal. A few minutes after three o'clock Upton got the ball in motion, and for the first quarter of an hour the effective goal-keeping of Warner alone prevented a score for Oxford. Upton every now and then made a vigorous rush, Day, Guy, and Winterbotham doing most of the work. Oxford had more than one corner kick during the first half, but the shots were not well directed, and when half time arrived without a goal for either side, considerable applause was bestowed on the Uptonians for their plucky play. The change of ends gave Upton the wind, and the hopes of their supporters were high. For some little time the play was fairly even, Hotham kicking in fine style, while the only noteworthy feature on the Oxford side was a brilliant run by Otter, brought to a close with a clever kick right into the front of the Upton goal. A corner kick fell to Upton, and for a minute it seemed as if they would get the ball through, but after a hard scrimmage it was safely removed by Oxford. During the last twenty minutes Upton were pressed, but they offered a plucky resistance, and at the end of an hour and a half a drawn game was the result, neither eleven having secured any score."

BL: "The University captain won the toss, and elected to play with the wind, taking the Harleyford-road end, the ball being set in motion soon after three o'clock, Oxford displaying the best form, and when half the game had been played, although several corner kicks had fallen to their share, they were unable to score. Ends were changed and, of course, Upton Park had the advantage of the wind; nevertheless Oxford still continued to have the best of the battle...."

F: "Unfortunately for the chances of any fast play, there was heavy rain during the morning, and the ground, at the outset slippery, before the conclusion of the match became altogether unfit for play. An easy victory was anticipated for Oxford, and when the choice of positions gave them the help of a strong wind, their prospects looked still brighter. Soon after three o'clock Bastard kicked off, and for a short time the Upton goalkeeper was kept well employed. The forwards of Upton Park, however, were in no way discouraged; and some excellent play by Guy, Winterbotham, and Day enabled them gradually to relieve their lines. At half time nothing had been scored and ends were changed. With the wind at their backs Upton made a good fight, Oxford hardly playing up to their form. Once, after a corner kick by Micklem, the Oxford goal was in serious peril, but the ball was at length taken away. The last quarter of an hour was all in favour of Oxford, but still no score fell to either side, and the match consequently ended in a draw."

Oxford University: E. H. Alington (Goal); W. S. Rawson, O. R. Dunell (Backs); E. W. Waddington, J. H. Savory (Half Backs); E. H. Parry (Capt.), H. S. Otter, P. J. M. Rogers, A. F. Hills, F. D. Crowdy, F. S. Baines (Forwards).

Upton Park:C.Warner(Goal);+F.W.Hotham,E.B.Beauchamp(Backs);T.Micklem(Capt.),W.Bouch(Half Backs);S.R.Bastard,T.M.Day, T.F.Spreckley,W.H.Roberts,F.Winterbotham,F.G.Guy(Forwards).

+Herts Rangers

Umpires:C.E.Smith(Wanderers) for Oxford University and M.P.Betts for Upton Park.Referee:C.A.Denton(Oxford)

REPLAY:

OXFORD UNIVERSITY 1 (J.Bain) UPTON PARK (H.T. 1-0)(SAT MAR 10th)(At Kennington Oval)

Sportsman 12/3/77 P.4/Bell's Life 17/3/77 P.4/Field 17/3/77 P.310/Sporting Life 14/3/77 P.3/
London Evening Standard 12/3/77 P.6/Athletic News 17/3/77 P.6/Lloyds Weekly News 11/3/77 P.1:

SM:"On Saturday last the fourth ties were brought to a conclusion with the decision of the match between these clubs,who had met before on February 24th without a goal to either.The weather was gloriously fine,and the expectation of a contest as stubborn as on the previous occasion was instrumental in collecting a large number of spectators.Both clubs this time mustered their full force,Upton,although they lost Warner in goal,playing a promising half-back,C.J.Stuart-King,of Felstead School,in place of Roberts,while Oxford had Bain and Fernandez instead of Hills and Rogers.Parry won the toss for Oxford,and chose the eastern goal,with a strong wind at his back.At ten minutes past three o'clock Upton set the ball in motion,but it was speedily taken up by the Oxford backs.,and for a considerable time Upton were only saved by the excellent play of their backs,notably King and Hotham.Still their goal remained intact,though Bain once sent the ball just over the tape,and several times it was in serious peril.The Upton forwards made frequent attempts to break through the Oxford defences,Day,who played in very good style,and worked hard to the last,rendering himself especially conspicuous by his clever dribbling.Just before half time a mistake by Bouch gave a corner kick to Oxford,and,after a short scrimmage,the ball rebounded off one of the Uptonians to Bain,who got it safely between the Upton posts.At half time ends were changed ,but for a time there was little alteration in the game,as Upton were pressed,their goal-keeper more than once saving them.During the last quarter of an hour Upton strained every nerve to equalise matters ,and the play was in their favour,Day,Guy,and Winterbotham on several occasions taking the ball up in very fine style.A good run by Winterbotham placed the Oxford goal in jeopardy,and just at the close there was some excitement,as Upton got a corner kick.The ball was placed in the middle,a few yards from the posts,but a long kick by Waddington had sent it away just as time expired,Oxford accordingly winning by one goal to none.The Upton team played with the greatest determination throughout,and the club is to be heartily congratulated on the excellent show it has made in the competition.There are the makings of an excellent eleven,and,indeed,had all the forwards played up as hard as Day and Winterbotham on Saturday,the result might have been reversed.Day played exceedingly well from first to last,and Hotham's kicking was strong throughout."

BL:"Oxford won the toss and their captain selected the eastern end of the ground ,with the keen wind in their favour,the Upton captain kicking off at 3:15.Directly the ball was set in motion the Oxonians forced their opponents into their own ground ,and made frequent assaults on their goal;but to no purpose,the Uptonians keeping them well at bay until just before half time.Otter then

got the ball to himself, and ran it down splendidly to the southernmost corner, passing it well into the centre, close in front of the Uptonians' fortress. A melee then occurred, and in the scrimmage the ball was passed under the tape, after it had struck against one of the posts. Shortly on resuming play ends were changed, and until the last quarter the Oxford eleven continued to press the Uptonians; but after this, until the end of the game, the latter decidedly had the best of it; but, no other goal being scored, Oxford were the winners by one goal to none."

F: "Both interests were well represented, and, as the weather was fine, there was a large muster of spectators, who were rewarded by witnessing another close and exciting contest. At ten minutes past three o'clock Upton started the ball against the wind, Oxford having won the choice of positions. At first the University team had it much their own way, and the Upton goal had several narrow escapes, one shot by Bain just grazing the tape. Some pretty runs were made by Day for Upton, and the forwards worked well together; but still Oxford held the advantage, although by good defence Upton prevented any disaster until close on half time. It was only a bad piece of play then that destroyed their chances, as a misskick by one of their backs gave Otter a corner kick, and from the scrimmage that followed Bain just landed a goal for Oxford. After the change of ends Oxford still held the lead for a time, though they hardly played up to the best form. During the last twenty minutes Upton began to assert their superiority, and several good runs were made by Day, Guy, and Winterbotham, the last named on one occasion just missing the Oxford posts. Just as time was up Upton got a corner kick, but the attempt, though well made by Hotham, was unsuccessful, and so a stiffly-contested match ended in favour of Oxford by one goal to none."

SL: "Oxford won the toss, and chose the Gasworks end, and at ten minutes past three Micklem kicked off for Upton. Oxford at once returned the ball, and for a considerable time the play was confined to the Upton portion of the ground. A charge by Oxford was finely checked by Wilton, the Upton goalkeeper, and the Oxford received a free kick from "hands", but nothing came of it. After a short time Oxford had a corner kick, which was given to Otter, and therefrom the University secured a rather lucky goal, the ball being sent through the posts out of a scrimmage. The ball was kicked off by Upton, but was soon returned, and a good piece of play by Wilton saved another goal for Upton, whereupon half time having been called, the ends were changed. Upton Park now worked very hard to equalise the score and made several good runs down the ground, but the Oxford backs, especially Rawson, played so well that it was almost impossible to pass them. Until the finish, however, the game was very evenly contested, and when "time" was called, Oxford were left winners by one goal to love."

Oxford University: E. H. Alington (Goal); W. S. Rawson, O. R. Dunell (Backs); E. W. Waddington, J. H. Savory (Half Backs); E. H. Parry (Capt.), J. Bain, H. S. Otter, Arthur H (oratio) Todd, F. D. Crowdy, P. H. Fernandez (Forwards).

Upton Park: F. Wilton (Goal); F. W. Hotham, W. Bouch (Backs); T. Micklem (Capt.), E. B. Beauchamp, C. J. Stuart-King (Half Backs); T. F. Spreckley, S. R. Bastard, F. G. Guy, T. M. Day, F. Winterbotham (Forwards).

+Herts Rangers ++Captain, Felstead School

Umpires: C. A. Denton (Oxford University) and F. J. Sparks (Herts Rangers).

Referee: C. W. Alcock (Wanderers).

WANDERERS,a bye.

FIFTH ROUND:

WANDERERS 1(G.H.H.Heron) CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY 0 (H.T 1-0)(Tues Mar 20th)(At Kennington Oval)

Sportsman 21/3/77 P.4/Sheffield Daily Telegraph 21/3/77 P.4/Field 24/3/77 P.351/Sporting Life 21/3/77 P.3/Bell's Life 24/3/77 P.5/Sheffield Independent 21/3/77 P.4/Athletic News 24/3/77 P.6/Sporting Chronicle 22/3/77 P.3:

SM:"Yesterday(Tuesday) the last match prior to the final was decided on the Surrey Cricket Ground at Kennington Oval.It was not by any means an enjoyable day for outdoor sports,as a keen easterly wind blew across the ground,and there was an intermittent fall of sleet,which added considerably to the discomfort of the spectators,who assembled,despite these disagreeables of weather,in fair force.The wind blew strongly directly down the ground from the Gasworks,and the Wanderers,in losing the toss,had thus to face a very considerable opponent.At eight minutes past four o'clock Birley set the ball in motion,and for the first few minutes the Cantabs had a decided advantage,the backs of the Wanderers being a little wild just at the start.Several dangerous attacks were made by the Cambridge forwards,and more than once the Wanderers' goal was in great peril,a happy inspiration of the goal-keeper on one occasion in just putting his hands in the right place at the right moment saving it.Prior made a good shot for Cambridge,and Hughes soon after drove the ball just outside the posts.A corner kick for Cambridge was entrusted to Bury,but the ball went over the tape,and a free kick to Jarrett for hands followed without result.A good run by Hargreaves for Cambridge was well stopped by Birley,and Kinnaird soon had again to use his hands to stop a neat shot by Lowis,the goalkeeper being soon after twice in succession sorely taxed to save his charge. The play then began to become a little more even,and as the Wanderers' backs settled down the forwards showed in better form,Wollaston and Heron making some neat runs,while Hughes and Wace were indefatigable in the centre.After a short run by Heron,Wollaston and Denton took the ball down in fine style to the Cambridge lines,but Jarrett checked them,and a rapid dash of the University forwards took the ball straight to the other end of the ground,Hughes sending the ball just outside the Wanderers' posts.A long kick by Stratford returned the fight to the centre,and a well-concerted run by Heron,Wollaston,Denton,Hughes,and Wace overpowering all the opposing backs, Heron put the ball securely between the posts of the University goal,after forty minutes' play.A fine run by Cole,followed by a neat final kick,preceded the call of half time.The change of ends gave the Wanderers the wind,and Wace,Hughes,and Denton,with a vigorous rush,soon took the ball into the vicinity of the Cambridge goal.Two corner kicks by Birley were unproductive,and for some time the play was maintained well in the University quarters.At last the Cambridge forwards got the ball away,and by hard following up Prior threatened the Wanderers' goal.Cole next elicited well – deserved applause by a very pretty run.He got well past Stratford and Lindsay,and the goal of the Wanderers seemed to be at his mercy,but luck was against Cambridge,as in his final kick he hit one of the posts,and the ball rebounded into play.Soon after this a hard scrimmage took place between the Cambridge posts,but Jarrett got the ball cleverly away,and after some more play,chiefly in University territory,the Wanderers were left the victors by one goal to none.Cambridge lost the valuable services of the Hon.A.Lyttelton forward,but the Wanderers played better than was

anticipated, and after the first quarter of an hour their form all round was excellent. Hughes, Wace, and Wollaston worked very hard up, but without exception the team played well, and their chance of remaining in possession of the Cup for another year is rosy. The Cantabs worked hard, but they were not seen to the best advantage. Bury again kicked well, but otherwise the back play was not up to the highest standard."

SDT: "This match, which had to decide the right to play in the final against Oxford on Saturday next, came off at the Surrey Cricket Ground, in London, yesterday afternoon. A large attendance of visitors was expected, but the cheerless aspect of the weather no doubt deterred hundreds, and the match had to be fought in a hurricane of wind and in, at times, blinding sleet. Cambridge were the favourites, but they lost one of their very best forwards, in the Hon. A. Lyttelton, so that things were regarded as more even. The wind blew great guns straight down the ground, and a valuable ally Cambridge found it in winning the toss. Hargreaves, Lewis, Prior and Hughes dribbled cleverly for the University, but the Wanderers gained the ascendant as they warmed to the work, and within a few minutes of half time Hubert Heron got a goal, the result of a brilliant piece of concerted play by all the forwards, notably Heron, Hughes and Wace."

F: "Birley kicked off at eight minutes past four o'clock, and the wind seemed to puzzle the Wanderers backs altogether, so that the Cambridge forwards had more than one chance of scoring, Hughes on one occasion nearly securing the downfall of the Wanderers' goal. Cambridge obtained a corner kick, but it produced nothing, though well made by Bury. After the first ten minutes the Wanderers settled down into form, and the game became more exciting, Hughes, Wace, Wollaston and Heron, by vigorous play, relieving their lines for a time, though Bury's long kicks often returned the ball up to the neighbourhood of the Wanderers' goal. The Wanderers' backs had no easy time of it against the wind; but they improved wonderfully on their form of the first ten minutes, and half time began to be eagerly awaited. Forty minutes passed without any score; but at this point a very good run by Heron, Hughes, Denton, Wollaston and Wace took the ball straight down the centre of the ground, and the University players were forced between their posts, Heron gaining a well-earned goal. On the change of ends the Wanderers quickly utilised the assistance of the wind, and Cambridge in their turn had to act strictly on the defensive. A neat run by Prior created a diversion, and threatened the safety of the Wanderers' fortress, and soon after Cole, after a very pretty piece of play, almost secured its capture, the ball hitting one of the posts sharply, and returning into play. Several times during the second half the Wanderers got into the very front of the University goal; but they were not able to achieve any further score, and so Cambridge were defeated by one goal. The Wanderers' forwards worked very hard, and the team were far better than they usually are. Bury's back play was extremely accurate for the University, but the forwards hardly showed the same amount of dash as in the early matches of the season."

SL: "The last match previous to the final in the Association Challenge Cup competition was played yesterday at Kennington Oval, the Wanderers being victors by one goal to nothing, and consequently having to meet Oxford University on Saturday next to decide the destination of the Cup."

Wanderers: Hon. A. F. Kinnaird (Goal); W. Lindsay, A. H. Stratford (Backs); F. H. Birley (Capt.), F. T. Green (Half Backs); C. H. R. Wallaston, G. H. (ubert) H. Heron, H. Wace, T. B. Hughes, C. A. Denton, J. Kenrick (Forwards)

Cambridge University: C. E. Hammond (Goal); L. Bury, J. R. Morgan (Backs); B. G. Jarrett (Capt.), D. Q. Steel (Half Backs); J. Hughes, A. C. Cole, J. Lewis, W. Y. Hargreaves, H. T. Prior, H. T. Luddington (Forwards).

AN/SC persist in having R.T.Morgan

Umpires:R.L.Allport(1st Surrey Rifles) for Wanderers and J.G.Wylie(Shropshire Wanderers) for Cambridge University).Referee:W.H.White(South Norwood).

AN/SC have W.H.White as Umpire for Wanderers R.L.Allport as Umpire for Cambridge University and J.G.Wylie as Referee

OXFORD UNIVERSITY,a bye.

FINAL:Sat Mar 24th At Kennington Oval:

WANDERERS 2 (J.Kenrick,W.Lindsay) OXFORD UNIVERSITY 1(++E.W.Waddington)(H.T. 0-1)(F.T. 1-1)(After Extra Time) ++In fact firstly not given and then as an own goal by A.F.Kinnaid,but E.W.Waddington shot the ball:see below)

Sportsman 26/3/77 P.4/Field 31/3/77 P.377/Sporting Life 28/3/77 P.3/London Evening Standard 26/3/77 P.2/Sheffield Daily Telegraph 26/3/77 P.4/Athletic News 31/3/77 P.3:

SM:"On Saturday last there was a very large attendance of spectators at Kennington Oval to witness the final match for the possession of the Challenge Cup presented by the committee of the Football Association in 1871.The Wanderers,who won it the first two years of its institution,were the holders, and opinions were divided on their chances of securing it again,though their victory over Cambridge on the previous Tuesday,had impressed a large majority in their favour.Each club was well represented,and the ground was in excellent condition at the outset,the only drawback at the start being a rather high wind blowing directly down the ground from the Harleyford-road.Play was announced to begin at half past two o'clock,but it was past three before Birley kicked off for the Wanderers against the wind.The Wanderers,as usual,were by no means together at the outset and the Oxford forwards tried hard to profit from their opponents' want of energy.Bain and Fernandez made some excellent runs along the upper touch-line,and Todd and Otter also worked hard.For a few minutes nothing fell to them,though at length a long kick by Waddington drove the ball sharply into the centre of the posts,and Kinnaid inadvertently stepped back between the posts with the ball in his hands.An immediate appeal was made to the umpires,and after some consultation the verdict was given in favour of Oxford-a decision that seemed to be quite correct,and fully confirmed by the spectators in the immediate vicinity of the Wanderers' goal.This reverse stimulated the Wanderers, and they made a vigorous incursion into the Oxford territory.Ultimately a corner kick fell to them,but the ball was kicked behind,and when it was brought out Bain took it down to the Wanderers' goal. Otter's dribbling was very clever,and Todd,Hills,and Bain made some brilliant runs for Oxford,while all round the back play was the best that we have ever seen.The Oxonians pressed their opponents with the wind to help them,but the Wanderers' backs prevented any further score before the call of half time.Ends were changed,but the wind had dropped a little,and the ground was getting greasy from a heavy shower.The Wanderers steadily began to improve their position,and although Wollaston had to retire into goal,the forwards played in splendid style,Kenrick showing well during the second half,while Heron,Hughes,and Wace worked with unremitting energy.More than once

they seemed to have an excellent chance of a score, and one shot by Heron went just over the bar of the Oxford goal. Neither were the Oxonian forwards idle, as Bain, Parry, and Todd made several splendid runs, and one corner kick placed the Wanderers' goal in serious jeopardy. When only a few minutes remained of time the Oxford score had not been reduced, but here a fine run by Heron along the upper side, followed by a good kick, placed the ball neatly to Kenrick, and the latter got it securely through the Oxford posts. When time was called each side had scored one goal, and the captains tossed for choice of ends for the extra half hour that had been agreed upon in the event of a drawn game. The Wanderers winning, retained their positions at the Harleyford-road end, and before long a corner kick fell to them. Lindsay placed the ball well in the centre, and when it was headed out by Oxford he had a second kick, again directing it into the centre of the Oxford posts, this time so cleverly that the goal-keeper could not save his charge. Soon after this Heron made a brilliant run, and middled the ball in splendid form, but nothing resulted (nor did any score fall to either during the first quarter of an hour). After the change of ends the Wanderers never relaxed their efforts for a moment, while Oxford got slack, and the game was chiefly in University territory. During the last ten minutes the Oxford forwards played with more energy, but the Wanderers retained their advantage to the finish, and they won a hardly-contested and well played match of two hours by two goals to one, making their fourth victory in this competition." Confused as the goal was in the first half of extra time

BL: "The final tie for the trophy which entitles the holders thereof to the "Championship" of the "dribbling" game of football, for the year took place at Kennington Oval last Saturday; and, although the weather was most unfavourable, there was a large attendance, a well-contested game being anticipated. The Oxonians, who had won the toss, arrayed themselves at the western end of the ground, and some most determined play ensued for about 15 minutes, when a goal was made by the Oxonians, resulting from a corner kick, the goalkeeper on the Wanderers' side (Hon. A. F. Kinnaird) falling through the goal with the ball in his hands. This looked like being a most unfortunate piece of business for the Wanderers, for, despite their most energetic play, they were unable to equalise matters until very nearly the call of time, when Kenrick was successful. It had been agreed that, in the event of a drawn game, they should play an extra half hour; and, as such was the case, the game was renewed. For the first quarter of an hour the game was carried on with the greatest spirit, but after this the ball was nearly always in the Oxford territory, and the Wanderers eventually won by two goals to one"

F: "On Saturday the final tie in this competition took place on the Surrey Cricket Ground at Kennington. The clubs were regarded as very evenly matched, and the prospect of a very exciting match attracted the largest attendance that had been seen at the Oval during the season, although the weather was not the most inviting. Just after three o'clock Birley set the ball in motion for the Wanderers, Oxford, in winning the toss, secured the aid of a very stiff breeze directly from the Harleyford-road goal. The Oxford forwards were the more busy, and for a few minutes the ball was chiefly in the lines defended by the Wanderers. Bain was very quick on the ball, and Fernandez backed him up well, while Otter at first dribbled with great skill. For a quarter of an hour no score was obtained by either side; but at this point Kinnaird, after stopping a long shot from Waddington, stepped back, ball in hand, between his posts, and a goal was rightly given to the University. After the kick off the game was vigorously kept up on both sides, the Oxonians having the best of the play until half time, although the excellent defence of the Wanderer backs prevented any further score to the University. The wind was not quite so high during the second half, and some heavy showers had

made the ground very slippery; still the play showed no abatement of energy, although the Wanderers steadily began to assume the offensive, the forwards improving materially as the game advanced. Some very fine runs were made by Kenrick, Hubert Heron, Wace and Hughes; but Rawson and Waddington were in rare form, and it seemed as if time must come with the one goal of Oxford undisturbed. Just before the close, however, a splendid run by Hubert Heron took the ball down the side, and a fine middle enabled Kenrick to secure a goal. Long-continued applause followed this success. Only a few minutes remained for play, and these were unproductive of further score to either side. It had been agreed, though, before the start to play for an extra half hour in case of a drawn game, and the toss fell to the Wanderers, though the wind had fallen considerably. Soon after the kick off a corner fell to the Wanderers, and after the ball had been put into the middle by Lindsay it came back to him, and he sent the leather this time just under the Oxford tape, and out of reach of the goalkeeper. The remainder of the game was in favour of the Wanderers, and time came, leaving the victory with them, after a stubbornly contested match, by two goals to one. The Wanderers stayed better than their opponents; but the play all round was excellent, and the backs on both sides were in brilliant form."

SL: "The afternoon promising to be fine on Saturday there was a large muster of spectators at Kennington Oval to witness the final match in the ties for the Association Challenge Cup. As it turned out, however, cold showers of sleet and rain made matters rather unpleasant. Oxford won the toss, and having elected to play from the Crown Baths side of the ground, Birley, at three o'clock, kicked off. The ball was at once returned by Rawson, and some bullies took place not far from the Wanderers' quarters, when a corner kick obtained by Oxford, was entrusted to Waddington, who dropped the ball into Kinnaird's hands, who staggering back, carried it through the posts just fifteen minutes after the commencement of the game. Soon after another corner kick was allowed for the University, but Fernandez sent the ball behind. On recommencing hands were called close in front of the Oxford goal, and Birley kicked under the bar, but as the ball was untouched by anyone in its transit, no score resulted. Some fine passing between Otter, Bain, and Parry now seemed to threaten the Wanderers dangerously, but Bain kicked over. The Wanderers charged repeatedly, and Heron and Wace kept Alington perpetually on the qui vive. Nor was Oxford idle, and on one occasion a desperate bully occurred in front of the Wanderers' goal, but the ball was cleverly turned away by Kinnaird. At half time ends were changed, and the Wanderers played up splendidly, being now slightly favoured by the wind, nevertheless the Oxonians met them at every point, and Rawson having worked the ball over, made a fine straight shot at goal, averted by Wollaston. Kenrick now made a good run, and being well backed up, avoided Alington, and kicked a goal. The game went on without any advantage being gained by either team till "time" was called, when of course the match was declared drawn, but by mutual consent they agreed to play for another half hour, during which a fierce attack by the Wanderers led to a desperate bully in front of the Oxonian goal posts, through which Lindsay passed the ball, enabling again the Wanderers to become the holders of the Cup till next season by two goals to one."

SDT: "For a quarter of an hour the University had the best of it, though without any result, but at this point a long shot by Waddington sent the ball smartly into the hands of the Wanderers' goalkeeper, and he unfortunately slipped as he was about to kick, going back with the ball between the posts. Some excitement followed as the Umpires were far away, and the supporters shouted loudly in favour of a goal, and long continued cheering followed the verdict of the umpires in favour of a score."

LES: "During the first half of the time Oxford had much the better of the play, and a goal was kicked for them by Waddington"

Sheffield Independent 26/3/77 P.4: "Waddington, by a good long shot, secured the first goal for Oxford.." (Very short report: no teams)

EFACF: "Some time after the match this (the Oxford University) goal was annulled and this final appeared in all subsequent records as a 2-0 win for the Wanderers after extra time. However, without the goal, extra time would not have been necessary and so it has been reinstated by the F.A. in modern times."

Wanderers: +Hon. F. Kinnaird (Goal); W. Lindsay, A. H. Stratford (Backs); F. H. Birley (Capt.), F. T. Green (Half Backs); G. H. Hubert Heron, C. H. R. Wollaston (Upper Side), H. Wace, T. B. Hughes (Centres), C. A. Denton, J. Kenrick (Lower Side) (SDT Forward positions). +Wollaston was hurt early in the second half and replaced Kinnaird in goal"

Oxford University; E. H. Alington (Goal); W. S. Rawson, O. R. Dunell (Backs); E. W. Waddington, J. H. Savory (Half Backs); P. H. Fernandez, E. H. Parry (Capt.) (Right Side), H. S. Otter, Arthur H. Todd (Centres), A. F. Hills, J. Bain (Left Side).

N.B. Oxford University forwards positions taken from Early F.A. Cup Finals by Keith Warsop

Umpires: C. Warner (Upton Park) for Wanderers and B. G. Jarrett (Cambridge University) for Oxford University. Referee: S. H. Wright (Great Marlow).