

1877-78

FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION CUP

Morning Post 1/10/77 P.2:

"The following Clubs have entered for the Association Challenge Cup and have been drawn as follows:

Upton Park v Rochester
Forest School v 1ST Surrey Rifles
Clapham Rovers v Grantham
105TH Regiment v Old Harrovians
Southill Park v Cambridge University
Pilgrims v Ramblers
Swifts v Leyton
Woodgrange v High Wycombe
St Stevens,Westminster v Remnants
Wanderers v Panthers
Hawks v Minerva
St Mark's(Windsor) v Barnes
Maidenhead v Reading Hornets
Union v Royal Engineers
South Norwood v Reading
Hendon v Great Marlow
Old Foresters v Old Wykehamists
Oxford University v Herts Rangers
Druids v Shropshire Wanderers
Manchester Association v Darwen
Sheffield v Nottingham
Queen's Park,Glasgow,a bye

These ties must be completed by November 15."

UPTON PARK 3 (D.R.Hunter 2,J.B.Hunter) ROCHESTER 0 (Sat Nov 10th)(At Upton)

Sportsman 12/11/77 P.4/Sporting Life 14/11/77 P.3/Bell's Life 17/11/77 P.9/Field 17/11/77 P.596:

F:"Played on Saturday at Upton Park.The home team had an easier win than was expected,getting three goals(two by D.R.Hunter,one by J.B.Hunter) to none.Blackett and Prall worked hard for Rochester,the Hunters and W.C.Williams for Upton."

SL:"The Rochester team have long had so good a reputation for prowess,that their cup match at Upton against Upton Park attracted a considerable number of spectators.Their eleven,however,was not so strong a one as had been anticipated,and the home team proved far too good,besides playing better together throughout,and the ball was nearly always in the neighbourhood of the Rochester goal.So able,however,was the keeping of Lock,and so strong the defence of Smith and Goldney,that when play ended,three goals-D.R.(2) and J.Hunter-only had been obtained.Blackett and Prall did well

in the bully, but did not receive the support they should have done. The back play of Upton was very sure, and the forward players helped one another well."

SM: "Played at Upton on Saturday. The Uptonians were too much for the Kentish eleven, and finally won by three goals (two by D.R. Hunter and one by J. Hunter) to none. For Upton the two Hunters and W.C. Williams deserve mention, and for Rochester Blackett and Prall."

Sheffield Daily Telegraph 12/11/77 P.4: "An even match was expected between Upton Park and Rochester, but Upton Park had the best of it and won by three goals (D.R. Hunter 2 and J.B. Hunter) to none."

Upton Park: C. Warner (Capt.) (Goal); M. Jutsum, W. Bouch (Backs); H. Spreckley, W.C. Williams (Half Backs); J.B. Hunter, H. Williams (Right), D.R. Hunter, S.R. Bastard (Centres), T.F. Spreckley, F.L. Woolley (Left).

Rochester: C.H.A. Lock (Goal); F.F. Smith (Capt.), J. Goldney (Backs); W.G. Denny, T. Waite (Half Backs); J.B. Blackett, G.W. Prall (Right), Y.L. Jones, C. Forbes (Centres), C. Mansfield, E. Mansfield (Left).

FIRST SURREY RIFLES 1 (A. Kirkpatrick) FOREST SCHOOL 0 (H.T. 1-0) (Sat Nov 10th) (At Flodden Road, Camberwell New road, Camberwell)

Referee 11/11/77 P.6/Bell's Life 17/11/77 P.9/Field 17/11/77 P.596/Sporting Life 14/11/77 P.3/Sportsman 12/11/77 P.4:

REF: "A match in the first "ties" for the Association Challenge Cup was played on Saturday, at the headquarters of the above regiment, Flodden-road, Camberwell New-road, when, after a well-contested game, the volunteers gained a victory, but not till after a desperately-fought battle, and the attendance of spectators was not very brilliant, but then, only think of the weather!"

"Allport won the toss, and at 3.30 Browne kicked off from the canteen end of the ground, with a rather stiff breeze blowing right in his teeth. From the very commencement Surrey showed their superiority over their opponents, and pressed them back on their own lines with little remorse. Allport at once returned the ball, and Maynard, having dribbled it over, resigned his charge to Tidd, who, however, was robbed of his prize by Johnson, and the state of affairs was altered for a short time considerably. The Riflemen, fighting shoulder to shoulder, according to established custom, would not be denied, and Allport, who very soon after the commencement of the game, handed over his trust as goalkeeper to a subordinate officer, Hooper, Tidd, and Maynard, performed prodigies of valour, with the hope of ultimately winning the cup from the Wanderers. At length Surrey made a determined onslaught on the Foresters, and Kirkpatrick with the ball well under command, made a fine shot at goal, but the danger was averted through the untiring vigilance of Littlewood, who did his duty bravely throughout the day and deserves honourable mention. The fight was carried on with unflagging spirit by both teams, Surrey continuing to have the best of the scrimmages till about 4 o'clock, when Allport, calling on his men for a sort of infantry charge, went bodily through the ranks of his enemies, and Kirkpatrick, taking advantage of an opportunity that presented itself, made a splendid long kick, and although Littlewood tried hard to turn aside the ball with his hand, it bounded off and went under the tape. At half-time ends were changed, and the Riflemen, inspired by their

victory, worked with redoubled energy to add another leaf to their well-earned laurels, but the grand defence made by the Foresters defied their utmost efforts, so that when time was called the Surrey men left the field winners by one goal to nothing. Lowe, Littlewood, Lindall, and Mills played admirably for the School, and Allport - that crafty general - Haugh, Kirkpatrick, Maynard, Hooper, and Thompson did yeoman service for the corps they so ably represented."

F: "Played at the headquarters of the volunteers at Camberwell on Saturday. Brown, the school captain, kicked off at 3.15. R.L. Allport, having won the toss for the Rifles, the volunteers were soon firing at the school goal, but the excellent defence of Littlewood preserved it intact for half an hour, when it succumbed to a long shot by Kirkpatrick. During the second half the Foresters still had the worst of it, but they kept their opponents sufficiently away to prevent further score, losing the match ultimately by one goal."

SM: "Played at Camberwell on Saturday. Allport won the toss for the Rifles, and Browne kicked off for the School at a quarter past three o'clock. The Foresters were at once driven back to their line, and the Rifles were soon firing at the opposite goal. Several times the downfall of the School goal seemed imminent, but half an hour elapsed before it had to surrender to a long kick by Kirkpatrick. After the change of ends the Rifles still had all the best of it, but the boys prevented any further score, and so the Volunteers won by the one goal just mentioned. Littlewood kept goal in fine style for the School."

SL: "These clubs played their match in the first ties on Saturday last at Flodden-road, Camberwell New-road, in presence of a very select company. The game was a good one throughout, and the boys played very well considering the greater weight and experience of their opponents, who won by one goal (Kirkpatrick) to nil. This goal was obtained just before half-time. For the Rifles Kirkpatrick, Strachan, and Maynard did good work. The goalkeeping of Littlewood for the School deserves special mention, as does the play of Webb and Browne." +Names corrected as per line-up

Sheffield Daily Telegraph 12/11/77 P.4: "At Camberwell, the First Surrey Rifles played the Forest School, beating them by one goal to none. Browne kicked off for the School at 3:15, but the Rifles had the best of the game throughout, though a goal by Kirkpatrick was their only score."

First Surrey Rifles: R.L. Allport (Capt.) (Goal), W.F. Fishbourne (Back); M.H. Featherstonhaugh, +G.F.B. Cobbett (Half Backs); W.J. Maynard, V. Woods (Right Sides), H.T. Hooper, T.G. Thompson, J.E. Tidd (Middle), W. Stransham, A. Kirkpatrick (Left Sides). +Took over as goalkeeper very soon: see REF report

Forest School: J. Littlewood (Goal); H.E.J. Browne, (Capt.), R.B. Johnson (Backs); F.W. Sewell, G. Bolton (Half Backs); C.J. Horner, C.A. Lowe (Left Side), G. Lindall, G.C. Mills (Centres), H. Bronet, F. Webb (Right Side) .

Some 2nd initials added (SL has H. Broxnet) (J.W. Bolton?)

Umpires: E.D. Shaw for Forest School and R.J. Shephard (Runnymede) for First Surrey Rifles.

GRANTHAM 0 CLAPHAM ROVERS 2 (+W. Tayloe, E. Mackean) (H.T. 0-2) (Sat Oct 27th) (At Grantham)

+Disputed

Sportsman 29/10/77 P.4/Sporting Life 31/10/77 P.3/Bell's Life 3/11/77 P.5/Field 3/11/77 P.528/
Grantham Journal 3/11/77 P.4/Sheffield Daily Telegraph 29/10/77 P.4/Sheffield Independent
29/10/77 P.4:

SM:"The Rovers mustered in anything but strength at Grantham on Saturday last,when they had to play off the Grantham club to decide which should go up into the second drawing.The Clapham captain won the toss and Grantham had to commence with the wind against them.Soon after the commencement W.Tayloe landed the leather between the posts,from what everyone on the Grantham side said a palpable off side,but the one umpire could not see and the question was agreed to be left to the decision of the hon. sec. of the Football Association.Not long after Mackean put the ball through the home goal,after an ineffectual call for hands by a Clapham man.After the change of ends Grantham played up better,and at the end of a long scrimmage only preserved the Clapham goal by the goal-keeper picking up the ball and taking it away.The Clapham half-backs were good,and Holden and Rawson made some fine runs.Johnston (back) and Cox played the best for Grantham.The Rovers thus won by a goal and one disputed to none."

SL:"Played at Grantham on Saturday last,the Rovers winning by one goal (Mackean) and one disputed(W.Tayloe)to nil."

SDT:....Field,one of their best backs,Bevington and Buchanan ,two of their best forwards,and others,being absent.On the other hand Grantham had one weak point,as Arthur Hutchinson,the captain,was suffering from a bad ankle."

BL:"Before many minutes had elapsed,W.Tayloe,sent the ball through the Grantham posts,but the goal was disputed on the plea of off side "

SDT:"He was clearly offside ,but the umpire did not see the infringement,and it was agreed to leave the goal as under dispute,the point to be decided by Mr Alcock,the Hon. Sec. of the Association."

"After a short but sharp tussle Maclean scored another success for the Rovers .Nothing further occurred before half time when,on ends being changed ,the home party showed considerable improvement ,and the visitor's goal was only just saved by the vigilance of the goalkeeper.The Rovers ultimately won by a goal and one disputed to love."

SI:"The Rovers,who had a poor team,got both goals early,the first from a decided offside being left open pending a decision from the Association.During the second half Grantham held their own, and just before time nearly got a goal."

F:"Grantham,by losing the toss,had to play first against the wind,but the Clapham forwards were soon busy ,and before long,W.Tayloe got the ball safely between the Grantham posts.An appeal was made to the umpire for a palpable case of offside,but as he had not seen it,the score had to be allowed.Soon afterwards,the Rovers,however,confirmed their advantage,as Mackean,getting possession of the leather,secured their second goal.During the second half Grantham got much better together and the play was more even.Just before the close a tough scrimmage took place in front of the Grantham posts,but the goalkeeper cleverly removed the ball,and at time the Rovers had won by two goals,Grantham having failed to score."

Grantham:J.Parkinson(Goal);W.H.Sharpe,J.G.Johnston(Backs);J.C.Downing,W.Downing (Half Backs); W.D.Cox,T.Vincent(Right),A.Hutchinson(Capt.),P.Dixon(Centres),S.K.Marsland,H.Kirk (Left).

N.B Initial for Parkinson changes from J to G,and J.C.Downing to G.C.Downing,and G.Parkinson to J.Parkinson and S.K.Marsland to J.K. in the Grantham Journal from week to week

Clapham Rovers:O.D.Chapman(Goal);A.Ogilvie,C.C.Tayloe(Backs);R.A.M.M.Ogilvie(Capt.) , N.C.Bailey(Half Backs);A.J.Stanley,F.L.Rawson(Right Side),G.Holden,E.Mackean(Centres), W.Pochin,W.Tayloe(Left Side).

(F/BL/SM/SL/GJ all wrongly have J.Holden)

105TH REGIMENT /103RD LIGHT INFANTRY 0 OLD HARROVIANS 2(H.S.Bevington,M.P.Betts)(H.T.O-2)
(Sat Nov 10th)(At Colchester)(In F report called "105th Light Infantry")

N.B. 105th Regiment also known as 103rd Light Infantry

Sporting Life 14/11/77 P.3/Sportsman 12/11/77 P.4/Field 17/11/77 P.596/Bell's Life 17/11/77 P.9/Lloyds Weekly Newspaper 11/11/77 P.1:

SL:"This cup tie was played off at Colchester on Saturday in wet and windy weather. Winning the toss,the Old Harrovians kicked with the wind for the first half of the play and during that time obtained two goals,kicked by Bevington and Betts.After changing ends the Regiment organised several successive attacks upon the Harrow goal,but without success,whilst the various attempts by the Harrovians to still further increase their advantage,also proved abortive.Thus the match finally ended in favour of the Old Harrovians by two goals to nil."

SM:"Played at Colchester on Saturday in wet and boisterous weather.The Harrovians won the toss and kicked with the wind,hoping that it would fall by half-time,when instead it increased to a small gale.After ten minutes Bevington got a goal for the visitors,and soon after Betts obtained a second, the ball never passing to the Harrovians' half backs until the change of ends.After the change the 103rd had a slight advantage for a quarter of an hour,and got it behind several times,though Jarrett generally stopped it.After this the Harrovians kept the ball up against the wind,and had several tries.Then the soldiers,mettling up,pressed their opponents,but without effect,and so the match ended in a win for the Old Harrovians by two goals to none.For the 103rd Woods(back) played in fine form and Ferrier in goal was splendid,as were also Barter and Adamson for the sides.For the winners,Bevington and Colbeck(forwards)were first rate,and Jarrett ,and A.W.Welch(back),Jarrett especially playing in wonderful form,though the wind made it almost impossible to twice kick. Gibney,in goal,was only once called upon,and then saved the goal in magnificent style."

F:"In point of weather the morning promised well,but at eight o'clock the rain began to descend in a perfect deluge,while the early breeze steadily developed into a high wind.The Harrow captain won the toss,and in the hope that towards sundown the wind would abate,elected to avail himself of the assistance,so long as it might last.With such an ally at their backs the visitors proved irresistible,and for the first half time,with the exception of one single break,due to the fine play of Barter,the ball was kept within a few yards of the home posts.Many were the shots of the attacking party,but these

were again and again parried by the splendid goalkeeping of Capt. Ferrier. At last +Bevington succeeded in opening the score, and shortly afterwards Betts brought the game to two love; but from this point until the change of ends no further advantage was secured, though the play was much in favour of the visitors. By this time a perfect gale was blowing and the Harrovians were able to appreciate the disadvantages under which their opponents had hitherto laboured; and, when we add that, during the last half hour, it became almost impossible for the forwards to drive the ball before them, it will be easily understood that back play was at a discount. However, Jarrett wrought wonders for his side, his fine kicking frequently eliciting rounds of applause from the spectators. To him Parkin responded with a precision which entitled him to the highest praise. On the sides Barter and Anderson were especially conspicuous, again and again bringing the ball up to the Harrow lines, though rarely able to pass the four defending backs. Once or twice, however, the home team carried all opposition before them, and placed the Old School goal in serious jeopardy, but on the first occasion the ball passed over the tape, and on the second Gibney magnificently saved his charge. Meanwhile the Harrow forwards were not idle, Bevington, Colbeck, and Paton, in particular being well to the fore. Capt. Ferrier was, however, at his post, and, time after time, frustrated the hopes of his enemies; and so, when play ceased, the Old Harrovians were left victors by two goals to none, after one of the most pleasant matches it has ever been their good fortune to engage in."

+Not Broughton

105th/103rd: Capt. Symons (Capt), Capt. Ferrier (Goal); Privates Woods and Parkin (Backs); Privates McCormack and Fore (Right Wing), Lieuts. Hilliard, Adamson, Barter (Centres),

Private Morris, Lieut. Dunn (Left Wing).

(BL /SL /SM have Fore but F/LWN have Ford)

Old Harrovians: E.S. Gibney (Goal); R. de C. Welch (Capt.), A.W. Welch (Backs); G. Macan, B.G. Jarrett (Half Backs); H.T. Prior, H.S. Bevington, C. Colbeck, L.W. Revitt-Carnac, (Wings), W.B. Paton, M.P. Betts (Centres)

CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY 4 (Hon. A. Lyttelton 2, W.H. Churchill 2) SOUTHILL PARK 1 (M. Wylie) (H.T. 2-1) (Fri Nov 2nd) (At St. John's College Ground, at Cambridge)

Sportsman 3/11/77 P.5/Bell's Life 3/11/77 P.3/Field 10/11/77 P.561/Sporting Life 3/11/77 P.4:

SM: "Yesterday (Friday) afternoon this match was played on the St John's College Ground at Cambridge. Cambridge lost the toss and had to kick against the hill. During the first part of the game the Cantabs pressed their opponents hard, and obtained several corner-kicks, but failed to turn them to account. After about half an hour's play, during which the Southill Park goal-keeper more than once saved his goal, the Hon. A. Lyttelton succeeded in kicking the ball through, after a capital run. Soon afterwards, however, a good rush by the Southill Park forwards resulted in a goal by a clever shot, a claim of off side by the Cantabs being disallowed. After the kick off the Varsity made a good rush and almost immediately obtained another goal, kicked by Churchill. After change Southill Park were very much penned, and two more goals were obtained, the last being the result of a splendid run by the Hon. A. Lyttelton and Churchill, the latter kicking it through. The play of the Hon. E. Lyttelton at half back was magnificent, while the forwards W.H. Churchill and the Hon. A. Lyttelton at times

showed some brilliant play. For Southill Park Southern in goals was very active, while Jones and Jefferson were the most conspicuous of the forwards."

BL: "There was a select number of spectators present. Southill won the toss, and selected to play down the hill, consequently Mr Hargreaves kicked off for Cambridge, and several scrummages took place, after which the University pressed Southill to the fortress, and made several shots at the goal, but only corner kicks resulted till the game had gone on nearly half an hour, and then the Hon. A. Lyttelton, with the aid of Mr Cole secured the first goal for the 'Varsity. Southill made strenuous efforts to recover the position lost, and gradually forced the fighting up to the Cambridge end, and in ten minutes M. Wylie made the goal which got them level. The Cantabs played with redoubled energy, and some brilliant work was done by Messrs. Churchill, A. Lyttelton, Roughton and Steel, and before ends were changed Churchill secured another goal for Cambridge. The second half was greatly in favour of the Cantabs throughout, Hon. A. Lyttelton and W. H. Churchill scoring another goal each, and as Southill gained no further advantage, Cambridge won with four goals to one."

F: "Played on the St John's College Ground, at Cambridge, on Fri Nov 2, and won by the University by four goals to one. The Cambridge captain, losing the toss, had to kick up the hill, but they had all the best of the play and at last, after about half an hour, after a neat run, the Hon A. Lyttelton secured a goal for the University. This success was, however, soon neutralised by a goal for Southill Park, an appeal for off side having been rejected. The Cantabs were, however, not to be denied, and before half time a second goal had been placed to their score by Churchill. During the second half the visitors were closely besieged, and their goal had twice to surrender to the attacks of Hon A. Lyttelton and W. H. Churchill, who played up well throughout. For the University the half back play of the Hon A. Lyttelton was brilliant. For Southill Park, Southern (goal), Jones and Jefferson (forwards), were the most prominent."

SL: "FRIDAY (By Telegraph) - This match in the first round of the Cup was played on the Johnian Ground, at Cambridge today and won by the University by four goals (kicked by the Hon. Alfred Lyttelton and Mr Churchill - two each) to one goal (by M. Wylie). The game throughout was in favour of Cambridge, who were much too strong for their opponents."

Cambridge University: L. Bury (Capt.) (Trinity), J. R. Morgan (Jesus) (Backs); Hon. E. Lyttelton (Trinity), Q. E. Roughton (St. John's) (Half Backs); W. Y. Hargreaves (Capt.), D. Q. Steel (both Trinity Hall), Hon. A. Lyttelton, A. C. Cole (Trinity), W. H. Churchill (Jesus), E. C. Hammond (Pembroke) (Goal), J. F. Chance (Trinity).

Southill Park: E. Mantle (Capt.), D. J. Wylie (Half Backs); J. Denning, M. E. Dovaston (Backs); F. R. Southern (Goal); J. E. de W. Denning, C. A. Lloyd-Jones, (Left Wing), M. Wylie, C. A. Jefferson (Right Wing), F. V. Denning, L. F. Edwards (Centres).

PILGRIMS 0 RAMBLERS 0 (Sat Nov 3rd) (Pilgrims Ground, at Tottenham)

Field 10/11/77 P.562/Sportsman 5/11/77 P.4/Bell's life 10/11/77 P.3/Sporting Life 7/11/77 P.3/Reading Observer 10/11/77 P.3:

F: " This match,one of the first ties,was played on the Pilgrims' ground at Tottenham,and resulted in a drawn game,no goals being scored.The afternoon was lovely,and the ground in very fair condition, though the grass was a trifle too long down one side.Wohlgemuth won the toss,and selected the Lordship-lane goal,so Hibbert kicked off from the Bruce-grove end,at 3.45,an unusually late hour to begin a cup match.For the first ten minutes play was chiefly in the Ramblers' territory,and it seemed that the Pilgrims would have an easy victory,as the opposite forwards could not get away.After some shots had been had by Poland and Redwood,a long run down by Andrewes relieved the Ramblers. The back play on both sides was very vigorous,and some hard kicking was shown,Ramsey returning the ball well to the centres every kick he obtained.Before half time a combined attack by the Rambler forwards endangered the home goal,Sang,Pope,and Andrewes getting up close,though the shot by the former was however averted,and a corner kick to them also proved of no avail.Several hard fights then occurred close to the Ramblers' goal,but Swepstone,who played admirably throughout,defended his charge against every shot,two corner kicks to the Pilgrims proving failures. After the change of ends the Ramblers made another run down,Detmar on the wing, passing to Pope,whose shot was stopped in time.Then Grieve got a capital opening,but failed to pass Hibbert . Continued attacks were made on the Ramblers' goal,and in the last ten minutes some very fast play was shown,Grieve,Mott,Redwood,and Poland striving hard to get through the coveted goal,though at the call of time no score had been made.On behalf of the Ramblers Hibbert's back play was good, Swepstone kept goal well,Sang,Pope,and Cornwall were well to the fore,their forwards playing up well together.For the Pilgrims,the forwards play was individually strong,but they failed to play in unison,each man striving alone,little or no passing or backing up being visible.The back play was all that could be desired,Elmslie kicking with great power and judgment,while Shepard and Ramsey were capital half backs,being always in the right place when wanted."(SM has similar report)

BL:"But for the length of the grass,which spoiled dribbling to a great extent,the ground was in excellent condition and the weather left nothing to be desired.Proceedings were to have commenced at 3 o'clock ,but in consequence of the tardy arrival of several players ,it was not until a quarter to 4 that Sang,on behalf of the Ramblers,who had lost the toss,kicked off.""During the latter portion of the fight the light was so bad that the ball could scarcely be seen."

Sheffield Daily Telegraph 5/11/77 P.4:"The ground was very dry,the grass was very long,but both teams worked up hard to the last .After a quarter of an hour the Pilgrims got a corner kick,but this was the only event up to half time.After the change of ends another corner was gained by the Pilgrims,but with the exception of one corner to each side nothing further was obtained,and so the match will have to be played off again."

Pilgrims:J.Henderson(Goal); E.A.Elmslie(Back);A.W.Ramsey,R.W.Shepard(Half Backs); E.C.Mott,B.J.W.Grieve(Rights),A.Wohlgemuth(Capt.),G.E.Moore,R.Redwood(Centres), W.Sadler,H.G.Poland(Lefts).

Ramblers:H.A.Swepstone(Goal);A.Harrison(Back);F.W.Hibbert(Capt.),C.Child(Half Backs); A.M.Pope,H.J.Andrewes(Right),T.E.Cornwall,W.J.Sang,C.L.Devitt(Centres),H.Detmar, B.Woolley(Left).

Umpires:C.W.Alcock was umpire for both sides.

REPLAY:FRI NOV 9th(At Ramblers' ground at Walthamstow)

PILGRIMS 1 (R.Redwood) RAMBLERS 0(H.T. 0-0)

Field 10/11/77 P.562/Sportsman 10/11/77 P.8/Sporting Life 10/11/77 P.3/Lloyds Weekly 11/11/77 P.7:

F:"On the 3rd these clubs played a drawn game,so the tie was played off yesterday,on the Ramblers' ground at Walthamstow,when the Ramblers won by one goal to love.Wohlgemouth won the toss,and the Ramblers kicked off against the wind.The Pilgrims at once began to assail their lines,fine runs by Poland and Grieve on the right resulting in two corner kicks , which were well placed by Elmslie without result.After twenty minutes' play Henderson got a clear run in the centre,and passed the ball through the posts,but the goal was not allowed,the umpire deciding that it was offside.Before the change of ends Moore,Redwood,and Henderson had several shots at the Ramblers' goal,but Swepstone saved his charge on each occasion.With the wind the Ramblers were expected to make headway,but the visitors played very well together,the backs-Ramsey especially-being in fine form;some close scrimmages occurred,and in one of these Redwood scored the winning goal by a sharp side kick.To the end the Pilgrims had the best of it,though Sang and Cornwell tried hard to break through.Grieve and Moore twice had shots,but failed to add to the score.For the Ramblers Letts and Hibbert played very hard,while Swepstone in goal was faultless;but the forwards did not pass so well as in the previous match.Elmslie kicked well for the Pilgrims ,whose play all round was good,Poland,Ramsey,and Grieve working very hard.C.W.Alcock was umpire for both sides."

SM:"Yesterday the first tie between Pilgrims and Ramblers ,which had been undecided on the previous Saturday,was played off at (+Tottenham).Heavy rain altogether spoiled the game,and darkness came on about half an hour before the finish,so that the play was not particularly interesting on the whole.The Pilgrims commenced with a strong wind behind them and in five minutes obtained a corner kick,which they failed to turn to account.Henderson at last got the ball between the Ramblers' posts,but as he was clearly off-side,the score was not allowed.Soon after Henderson sent the ball just over the posts of the Ramblers' goal,and up till half-time the Pilgrims had the best of the game,several times getting close on to the opposite posts,but failing to secure anything,except three unproductive corner kicks.After change of ends the game was a little more even,althouth the Pilgrim forwards,individually,were superior to those of their opponents,and Poland,who played well throughout,Grieve,and Moore,kept the Ramblers back.Eighteen minutes before the finish a general rush of the Pilgrims took the ball into the front of the Ramblers' goal, and,after a short scrimmage,Redwood got it through.During the remainder of the game the ball was hardly visible even a few yards off,but the Ramblers seemed to keep it better in view,and three corner-kicks fell to them,though all without result.At the end of an hour and a half the Pilgrims were left the victors by one goal to none.For the winners all the backs played well,while for the Ramblers, Sang,Pope,and Woolley were most prominent,playing up hard throughout."+Played at Walthamstow

SL:"These clubs played off their tie yesterday(Friday),the match on November 3 having been drawn.With the wind during the first half the Pilgrims kept up a hot attack,one goal,kicked by Henderson,being obtained,but disallowed on the plea of off-side.After half time the play was mostly

confined to the Ramblers' quarters, and Redwood secured the winning goal for the Pilgrims by a fine kick. Ramsey, Grieve, Elmslie, Hibbert, Swepstone, and Letts played well for their respective sides."

LWN: "Pilgrims v Ramblers-These clubs played off their tie on Friday afternoon at Walthamstow, when the former won by a goal, gained by Redwood, to nil. Henderson kicked a second goal for the Pilgrims, but it was disallowed by the umpire as "offside"."

Pilgrims: A. Wohlgermuth (Capt.) (Goal); E. A. Elmslie (Back); A. W. Ramsey, R. W. Shepard (Half Backs); B. J. W. Grieve, H. G. Poland (Right); R. Redwood, M. J. Phelps (Left), G. E. Moore, J. Henderson, H. W. Horner (Centres) .

Ramblers: H. A. Swepstone (Goal); A. W. Letts (Back); F. W. Hibbert (Capt.), C. Child (Half Backs); A. M. Pope, T. M. Ford (Right), A. Pearse, B. Woolley (Left), T. E. Cornwall, W. J. Sang, C. L. Devitt (Centres).

Umpires: C. W. Alcock was umpire for both sides.

SWIFTS 3 (W. S. Bambridge 2, E. M. Short) LEYTON 2 (T. Rawson 2) (H. T. 3-1) (Sat Nov 10th)
(At Kennington Oval)

Sportsman 12/11/77 P. 4/Field 17/11/77 P. 596/Sporting Life 14/11/77 P. 3/Bell's Life 17/11/77 P. 9/Sheffield Daily Telegraph 12/11/77 P. 4/Referee 11/11/77 P. 6:

SM: "This tie was played on Saturday afternoon at Kennington Oval, and despite the unpromising aspect of the weather up to the time of commencing, was witnessed by a large number of spectators. The ground, although slippery, was in better condition than might have been expected, and the play was fairly fast. W. S. Bambridge won the toss for the Swifts, and just before three o'clock J. W. Biggs kicked off for Leyton, the Swifts having a strong breeze at their backs. Until half time, with this ally, the Swifts had the best of the game, though several times the effective dribbling of Matchett, and the good passing of the brothers Biggs and Rawson, enabled Leyton to get very close to the opposite posts. At half time the Swifts had made three goals, two of which were kicked by W. S. Bambridge and one by E. M. Short, to one, the result of a good run by Rawson. After the change of ends the game was for a time more even, and Leyton on several occasions threatened their adversaries' lines, being generally checked by the cool play of E. C. Bambridge, who showed well throughout. Towards the end Leyton playing up with great vigour, pressed their opponents a little and at last, after a run down the upper side, G. P. Matchett middled the ball to Rawson, and the result was a second goal for Leyton. During the short time that remained Leyton strained every nerve to get on even terms, but without success, and thus after a hard struggle of an hour and a half, the Swifts were left the victors by three goals to two. For the Swifts E. C. Bambridge played extremely well, kicking with judgment and middling with great precision. For Leyton Matchett dribbled neatly, Rawson worked very hard throughout, and Lee was very efficient in goal."

F: "The weather presented a very unfavourable appearance during the morning, but it cleared up fortunately before the time fixed for a commencement, and the ground was in fair order despite the continuous rain during the week. The Swifts at the outset gained a great advantage in winning the choice of position, as they had the sun as well as a very strong breeze at their backs. The Leyton captain kicked off first at three o'clock, but the ball was soon returned by the Swifts to the opposite

territory. The Swifts, though they did not play up to the form that was expected of them, with the wind, at times pressed their adversaries hard, and during the first half got three goals (W.S. Bambridge two and E.M. Short one), to one by Rawson for Leyton. Just before change the hard work of the Leyton forwards, notably Rawson, Matchitt, and the brothers Biggs, had given a slightly more even aspect to the game, and after half time, with the aid of the wind, they made a still better fight. Several good runs were effected by Rawson, and at length, after a neat middle by Matchitt, he secured a second goal for Leyton, the only score made during the second half. During the last quarter of an hour the Leytonians strained every nerve to equalise matters, but without avail, time being called at the end of an hour and a half with the Swifts in the majority of one goal. For the winners E.C. Bambridge at half was the most prominent, kicking with accuracy and judgment. Rawson did a lot of work forward for Leyton, and Matchitt's dribbling was at times very neat; Lee, too, was very useful in goal."

SDT: "At the Oval the Swifts met Leyton and the result was a very even game though the Swifts won by three goals to two. The Swifts began with a strong wind at their backs and at half time had scored three goals. (W.S. Bambridge 2 and E.M. Short) to one (Rawson). During the second half the game was very exciting, the Leyton forwards playing up well, and with a little the worst of the luck, got one goal, Rawson having several very near shots in addition during the last quarter of an hour."

Swifts: S.J. Weston (Goal); W. Nicholls, E.H. Bambridge (Backs); E.C. Bambridge, F.S. Hewson (Half Backs); P. Chamberlain, C. Prior (Right Wing), E.M. Short, M. Short (Centres), W.S. Bambridge (Capt.), A. Joll (Left Wing).

Leyton: H. Lee (Goal); A.J. Secretan, C.H. Last (Backs); A. Weakley, F. Last (Half Backs); J.W. Biggs (Capt.), G.P. Matchett (Right), T. Rawson, R. Growse (Centres), R.H. Biggs, G.F. Evans (Left).

Umpires: C.W. Alcock (Wanderers) for Swifts and A. Watson (Pilgrims) for Leyton.
Referee: J.H. Clark (Maidenhead).

WOOD GRANGE 0 HIGH WYCOMBE 4 (W. Grange 2, P. Wellicombe 2) (H.T. 0-0)
(At West Ham Park, nr London) (Sat Oct 27th)

Sportsman 29/10/77 P.4/Bell's Life 3/11/77 P.5/Field 3/11/77 P.528/Sporting Life 31/10/77 P.3/
Sheffield Daily Telegraph 29/10/77 P.4:

SM: "The Wood Grange Club is certainly not lucky in its contests for the Association Cup. Last year its first match had to be commenced so late that for the last half hour play had to be maintained in almost total darkness, and on Saturday, on the occasion of the contest with Wycombe, Westham Park presented a more miserable appearance even than it did in 1876, when the Panthers defeated the Grange by three goals to none. The rain commenced to descend in torrents about half past two o'clock, and it increased rather than diminished as the afternoon progressed, so that the first half of the game was played under very unpleasant circumstances. At twenty minutes past three o'clock Wycombe started the ball, Wood Grange having gained nothing by the choice of positions. The Wycombe forwards at once drove their opponents back, and a corner-kick was soon registered to their advantage. Several more followed, but the slippery state of the ground caused the kicking to be anything but accurate, and all the efforts of the countrymen had been unsuccessful up to the call of half time. After the change of ends the sky cleared, and, under the influence of the weather, the play

improved on both sides. The fight still continued entirely in Wood Grange lines, and at last, after two good shots by Wellicome, had just missed a score, the Wycombe forwards drove their opponents back, and the downfall of the home goal was at last achieved. This success stimulated Wycombe, and for the rest of the game they kept up a constant attack on the Wood Grange posts. A second goal was soon secured by Grange, to whom the ball had been cleverly middled, after a good run by Brandram, and before the close Wellicome and Grange each added one, Wood Grange being consequently easily defeated by four goals to none. There was no brilliant form on either side, but the visitors were much quicker, passed better, and generally played the game better than their opponents. The Wood Grange forwards were rarely in their proper place, and showed a great loss of dash in tackling the opposite forward, while the backs were by no means sure."

BL: "The rain descended in torrents during the first half of the game, making the ground very slippery and the kicking somewhat inaccurate. Wood Grange won the toss, and at 20 minutes past 3, the ball was set in motion by Wycombe, whose loss of choice of goal proved no disadvantage. The battle waged principally by the Grange posts, but although several corner kicks fell to High Wycombe, nothing decisive occurred previous to half time. Ends were changed, and the play on both sides and the weather improved considerably. The superiority of High Wycombe was, however, soon apparent, and after a couple of good shots by Wellicome, which just fell short of the mark, a rush of the forwards caused the overthrow of the Wood Grange goal. Stimulated by this success the High Wycombe forwards continued to menace their adversaries' lines and before "time" arrived, three more goals fell to their share, two being kicked by Grange and one by Wellicome. The Wood Grange club were thus easily defeated by four goals to love."

F: "For three quarters of an hour Wood Grange held Wycombe at bay; but after the change of ends the game needs little description. Wycombe ran round the opposite forwards, and it was noticeable that their goalkeeper had not once occasion to touch the ball. Wellicome, who had previously made some good, but unsuccessful shots, got the ball in front of the Wood Grange posts, and in a general scrimmage it was rushed through. A good run and middle by Brandram enabled Grange to secure an easy goal, and before time Wellicome and Grange each added another, so that Wycombe were left the victors by four goals to none."

SL: "Played on Saturday at West Ham Park, and won by the High Wycombe team by four goals (Grange 2, Wellicome, and one obtained out of a bully) to nothing."

High Wycombe: A. J. Thurlow (Capt.), H. K. Bartlett, F. W. Besant, P. Wellicome, S. T. Brandram, R. A. Lunnon, W. Grange (Forwards), A. L. Houlder (Back), C. S. Houlder (Half Back), C. K. Poulter (Back), E. R. Watkins (Goal).

(SDT has F. W. Besant (considered correct) for T. W. Besant (in all the above London Papers) as F. W. Besant also in BH report of Nov 78 Marlow v High Wycombe match)

Wood Grange: J. H. Self (Capt.), R. C. Nettleton (Backs); J. W. Carter (Goal); H. C. Allsopp, G. Hall (Half Backs); A. Rugg, H. G. Housden, J. H. Wilson, W. Leckie, J. Eacock, H. Carter (Forwards).

REMNANTS 4 (W. Hawtrey 2, L. Evans, H. Dear) ST. STEPHENS, WESTMINSTER 0 (H. T. 4-0)
(Sat Nov 10th) (At Aldin House, Slough)

Bell's Life 17/11/77 P.9/Field 17/11/77 P.596:2 Reports/Sportsman 12/11/77 P.4/Sporting Life 14/11/77 P.3:

F(first report):"The Remnants winning the toss played against the wind.For the first few minutes the match was fairly even,but it soon became apparent that the advantage of the wind to the St. Stephen's would hardly avail against the weight of their opponents.A claim for hands being allowed close to the St. Stephen's goal,the ball was kicked through by the half back,C.Hawtrey;but,owing to its not having touched anyone,no score was made.Shortly afterwards the ball was again kicked through,but the goal was not allowed by the umpires,as the offside rule had been palpably infringed.Before long,however,after a short run,the first goal was scored for the Remnants by W.Hawtrey,to which he shortly afterwards added another.After this,by a good piece of backing up, Evans secured the third;the fourth fell to Dear:after a combined rush of the Remnants had taken the ball down.Half time was now called,but although the Remnants penned their opponents completely ,the score remained unaltered.After only an hour's play,the Stephen's gave in,and left the Remnants the victors by four goals to none.Besides those mentioned Flowers and Jendwine(forward),Blackett and C.Hawtrey(half backs),and Rev W.Blackmore(goals) played well,the latter stopping one long shot wonderfully.For the St Stevens,Collins,Simmons,and Chapman played an uphill game with pluck."

SM/F(2nd Report):"Played at Aldin House,Slough,on November 10.The Remnants won the toss,and elected to kick against the wind.Play was fairly even at first,but the Remnants being the heavier team,soon began to gain ground.Before half time was called,the Remnants had secured four goals to none,although twice the ball had been taken down to the Remnant goal by the St Stephen team and only some very clever play on the part of the Rev.W.Blackmore prevented two goals being scored.After half time had been called the Remnants had the wind in their favour,and as it was now blowing more strongly than at first,the ball remained near the St Stephen's goal.After a quarter of an hour's play under these unfavourable conditions,rain began to fall heavily,and St Stephens seeing that it was impossible to recover their lost ground,gave in,and left the Remnants winners by four goals to none.The Remnants played together remarkably well,the play of Evans being very good.The St Stephen's team played very pluckily,but were overmatched."

Remnants:Rev. W.Blackmore(Goal);J.P.Hawtrey,E.H.Davis(Backs);H.Blackett,C.H.Hawtrey(Half Backs);W.F.Hawtrey(Capt.),A.Dear(Centres),E.Keith,Lewis Evans(Left),H.Jewdwine,J.F.Flowers (Right)

(H.Dear or A.Dear:1 F Report has A and the other and BL/SM/SL all have H.Dear.F in other reports has A in one and H in the other:A.Dear in later rounds)(J.T.Flowers in SM/SL)

St Stephen's:A.Chapman(Goal);T.Stone,G.Oakshott(Backs); J.Kay,W.W.Elliott(Half Backs); C.A.Collins(Capt.),C.J.Simmons,T.Wilmshurst,W.Stone,J.W.Melton,S.Burman(Forwards).

Umpires:G.P.Hawtrey for Remnants and W.W.Sheret for St. Stephens.Referee:J.H.Stevens(Windsor Home Park F.C.)

PANTHERS 1(E.G.Farquharson) WANDERERS 9 (G.H.H.Heron 4,H.Wace 2,J.G.Wylie 2,J.Kenrick)(H.T. 0-6) (Sat Nov 10th)(At Sandhurst)

N.B. Panthers, founded in 1871 were the first West Country Club to enter the FA Cup: now called Sturminster Newton?? .CHECK

Field 17/11/77 P.596/Sportsman 12/11/77 P.4/Sporting Life 14/11/77 P.3/Bell's Life 17/11/77 P.9 (no report only teams):

F: "This match was played at Sandhurst on Saturday. At first it seemed that the Panthers would make something like a fight of it, but the Wanderers soon began to score. At half time the Panthers had lost six goals, and during the second half the Wanderers scored three times, while Farquharson made the only goal by the Panthers. Hubert Heron had four of the nine goals obtained by the Wanderers, Wace and Wylie each two, and Kenrick one."

SM: "On Saturday, the Wanderers, the holders of the Cup, played their first tie, meeting the Panthers at Sandhurst. The Wanderers won the toss, and the Panthers kicked off against a very strong wind at a quarter past three o'clock. Hubert Heron, who has not been able to play before this season, in consequence of illness, soon showed that he was in form by scoring two goals in succession for the Wanderers. This was followed by one from the foot of Wace, and before half time three more goals had been added by Wylie, Wace, and Kenrick respectively. During the second half the scoring of the visitors was less heavy, but Heron was again active, and two more goals to his credit were followed by the ninth and last goal for the Wanderers by J.G. Wylie. The Panthers secured one goal (Farquharson) and so at the end the Wanderers had won by (nine goals to one)

SL: "The holders of the Cup went down to Sandhurst on Saturday last to play their match in the first ties against the Panthers. The latter eleven was completely overmatched, and outgeneralled so that it was beaten by nine goals to one. Hubert Heron scored four, Wace and Wylie two each, whilst the ninth was contributed by Kendrick. The solitary goal scored by the Panthers was kicked by Farquharson."

Sheffield Daily Telegraph 12/11/77 P.4: The Wanderers had little difficulty in disposing of the Dorsetshire Club, the Wanderers winning in the end by nine goals to one. The Wanderers had a strong breeze during the first half, and at time to change had scored six goals (Hubert Heron 2, Wace 2, Wylie and Kenrick). During the second part Heron added two more goals and Wylie one while E.G. Farquharson, the captain of the Panthers made their one point."

Panthers: A. Sim (Goal); Hon. S. Monck (Back), E.G. Farquharson (Capt.), R. Fort, C.R. Hunter (Half Backs); H.S. Davis, L.H. Vidal, F. Kenyon-Slaney, E. Cave, E.O. Richards (Forwards). (10 players listed)

Wanderers: J. Kirkpatrick (Goal); A.H. Stratford, S.R. Tatham (Backs); F.T. Green, Hon. A.F. Kinnaird (Half Backs); J. Kenrick, C.A. Denton (Right), J.G. Wylie, H. Wace (Centres), G.H. (Hubert) Heron, C.H.R. Wollaston (Left).

Umpires: G.R. Heron (Wanderers) and A. Garrett (Panthers).

HAWKS 5 (E.A. Ram, J. Hamilton, J.R. Fox, H.M. Rumball, W. Pitman) MINERVA 2 (W.A. Clegg, R. Duthie) (H.T. 3-1) (Sat Nov 3rd) (At Anerley)

Bell's Life 10/11/77 P.3/Field 10/11/77 P.561-562/Sportsman 5/11/77 P.4/Sporting Life 7/11/77 P.3/Norwood News 10/11/77 P.3:

BL:"In capital weather the contest between these two clubs took place at Anerley on Saturday, and after a very hotly-contested game, resulted in favour of the Hawks club by five goals to two. The winners' forwards played well together, Frere, Ram, and Rumball, perhaps, doing the greatest amount of work; while the backs, one and all, kicked well. On the other side, Alderson, Fabian, Clegg, and Turner were most conspicuous. The Hawks' goals were scored by J.R. Fox, Ram, Rumball, J. Hamilton, and W. Pitman; and the Minerva's by Clegg and Duthie."

F:"Played on the ground of the former on Saturday. A hard contest ensued, resulting in favour of the home team by five goals (J.R. Fox, Hamilton, Pitman, Ram, and Rumball) to two (Clegg and Duthie.) For the winners, Frere, Ram, and Rumball (forward) did good service; for Minerva, Alderson, Clegg, Fabian, and Turner."

SM:"This match was played at Anerley on the 3rd inst, and after a hard and pleasant game resulted in a victory for the Hawks, by five goals to two. For the Minerva, Clegg, Fabian, Alderson, and Turner played best, and for the Hawks, Frere, Ram, and Rumball (forward), all the backs kicked accurately. The goals for their respective sides were kicked by Clegg and Duthie, J.R. Fox, J. Hamilton, W. Pitman, Ram, and Rumball."

NN:"This match was played at Anerley on the 3rd inst., and after a very fast game resulted in a victory for the Hawks by five goals to two. The visitors were rather late in arriving, and it was twenty minutes to four when the Hawks captain set the leather in motion. The Minerva had at first the advantage of a slight slope in the ground, but this did not avail them much, for the Hawks soon brought the ball up and obtained a corner-kick. The ball was kicked away, but was quickly taken back again, and after a sharp scrimmage in front of the Minerva posts Ram secured the first goal. A few minutes later J. Hamilton kicked a second, also from a scrimmage. The visitors after this redoubled their efforts, and a good rush of their forwards brought the ball well into the ground of the home team, and after some sharp play Fabian headed the ball between the posts. This success, however, was soon counterbalanced by another goal for the Hawks, a splendid kick by Pitman sending the ball over the heads of the backs, just under the tape. The change of ends did not materially alter the aspect of the game. The visitors secured another goal, kicked by Clegg, and the home team two more, kicked by Rumball and J.R. Fox. For the Hawks, Pitman, Ram, and Rumball played best forward, and all the backs played splendidly, tackling and kicking with great judgment. For the Minerva, Alderson, Clegg, Duthie, and Turner played best."

Hawks: W.G. Hamilton (Capt.); C.G. Broadhurst (Back); J.R. Fox, A.F.M. Gamble (Half Backs); M.C. Capes, F. Fox, E.R. Frere, J. Hamilton, W. Pitman, E.A. Ram, H.M. Rumball (Forwards).

Minerva: G. Coppin (Goal); H. Alderson, J. Dyson (Backs); J. Hutton, A. Murray (Half Backs); J.M. Turner (Capt.), W.A. Perkins, W. Moir, R. Duthie, F. Fabian, W.A. Clegg (Forwards).

Umpires: A.G. Pitman for Hawks and J. Nicholson for Minerva. Referee: W.E. Rawlinson (Clapham Rovers).

BARNES walked over ST MARK'S ,WINDSOR scratched: Bell's Life 17/11/77 P.9/Sportsman 14/11/77 P.4

MAIDENHEAD 10(W.Harris 3,E.Bailey 2,Own goal,A.D.Price,F.Mackie, W.Goulden,W.Lovegrove)
READING HORNETS 0 (H.T. 4-0)(Sat Oct 27th)(At Maidenhead)

Maidenhead Advertiser 31/10/77 P.3/Bell's Life 3/11/77 P.5/Field 3/11/77 P.528/Sportsman
29/10/77 P.4/Sporting Life 31/10/77 P.3:

MA:"The match with the Reading Hornets for the first cup tie took place on Saturday,on our ground,and proved one of the most remarkable games ever played by our club.The contest is difficult to describe from its onesidedness,and the continuance throughout of one sort of play,runs down the centre and sides being only varied by corner kicks,shots at goal &c.The ball never once came within hail of our goal,and the custodian of the latter had nothing to do but walk about and whistle,with his hands in his pockets.Such a complete collapse of a team has rarely been seen,and was totally unexpected,for the Hornets looked a heavy set when they came on the ground,and their friends had been laying 2 to 1 on them with great freedom.One of the Maidenhead team(Wild) did not turn up in time,having been taken on to Reading from town,and so the twelfth man,Blackwell, took his place,and did his fair share of good work.Vardy won the toss,and chose to play up hill for the first part of the game.The umpires and referee having been chosen,and having compared their watches,the ball was kicked off by the Hornets' captain at 3.23.It was returned at once,taken on,and before 3.24 the first goal was scored by Harris,passed by Price.This was followed by much the same tactics,and before five minutes had elapsed from commencement,the second disaster happened for the visitors,the ball being sharply passed through by Bailey,who had taken it under his charge about half-way down the ground,and who worked it through the whole field of opponents in the most composed and at the same time effective manner.This style of play he repeated on several occasions during the match.The spectators crowded towards the upper end when they found where the "fun" was likely to be,and sharp play was continually taking place there.Several corner kickes were gained by our men,and then,by the bye,were invariably well placed by Goulden,who took that branch of the proceedings under his charge.Shots at goal were very frequent,the ball for the most part being brought up by the two Prices and Harris,well assisted at the side by Mackie.The result was two more goals before half-time,one by Harris,and the other off the Hornets' own man.

After the change of ends,proceedings were resumed at the lower goal,and the lookers-on changed their positions.The ball was hardly in motion before a capital shot was made by Harris;the ball struck the post,and bounded behind the line outside;after this matters got worse for the Hornets,and although two or three of their men tried hard to retrieve their luck,and got the ball away now and then,it was always brought back,and no less than seven more goals were jotted down before the end of the game.One was disallowed by the umpires as being a clear case of off-side.The successful efforts were credited to the following different names:-the 5th to A.Price,after a fine bit of dribbling; the 6th to Goulden,off side,as before mentioned;the 7th to Mackie,off his breast,close to the posts; the 8th to Harris,who had brought the ball down from the centre of the ground at a great pace and had sent it through at the right corner,just under the tape,and completely out of the goalkeeper's reach;the 9th was off their own goal-keeper,from Bailey's foot,after another good run down by Harris;the 10th to Goulden,who had made several attempts before,but unsuccedssfully;and the

eleventh to Lovegrove, who came out of goal during the last ten minutes and played well. The shining lights of our side were allowed by everyone to be the two Prices, Harris, and Bailey, all four showing some fine dribbling, though not all at the same pace. Harris's forte was "dash", without loss of a moment; the others were far more deliberate. Of the Hornet's the Captain, G.J. Gibson, played well, and worked very hard for his side. G. Talbot was also very active at the left wing, but the majority of the team had not pace enough, and were disheartened by the continued success of our men. The rain was doubtless the means of preventing a large assemblage of spectators, but there was a good sprinkling, and many came from Reading, Windsor, Uxbridge, Marlow, &c."

BL: "The home party won the toss, and in a few minutes had lowered the colours of their opponents, a long kick by F. Price securing the first notch. Notwithstanding vigorous efforts on the part of the Hornets, four goals were scored by Maidenhead previous to half time. After ends were changed the home team did almost as they liked and goal after goal followed in rapid succession, till on the call of time Maidenhead had gained 10, while their adversaries were scoreless."

F: "Played at Maidenhead on Saturday, and proved an altogether one-sided game, resulting in the hollow defeat of the Hornets. Maidenhead, winning the toss, chose to begin uphill, and very soon a long kick by F. Price gave them their first goal. Before half time three more had been added by the same side, and at the change of ends Maidenhead had got four goals to none. During the second half the play was still more in favour of Maidenhead, and an addition of six more goals left them the winners by ten goals to none. Maidenhead played up hard and well, and their passing was very good."

Maidenhead: W. E. Lovegrove (Goal); C. A. Vardy (Capt.) (Back); C. E. Tilly, F. Burnham (Half Backs); F. Price, W. A. Blackwell, W. Goulden, F. Mackie (Sides); A. D. Price, + E. G. Bailey, W. H. B. Harris (Middle).

+MA has E. P. Bailey: CHECK OTHER GAMES IN MA

Reading Hornets: G. J. Gibson (Capt), J. W. Allaway, G. Talbot, L. A. R. Simpson, G. Pinniger, Fuller, F. Boyce, F. Pontin, C. Pontin, Carter, Vaisey.

Umpires: J. H. Clark and George Gibson. Referee: S. H. Wright.

ROYAL ENGINEERS walked over HIGHBURY UNION scratched: Bell's Life 17/11/77 P.9/Sportsman 14/11/77 P.4

READING 2 (C. G. Field, W. L. Franklin) SOUTH NORWOOD 0 (H. T. 1-0) (At Dolphin Ground, Slough) (Wed Nov 7th)

Reading Observer 10/11/77 P.3/Field 10/11/77 P.562/Sporting Life 10/11/77 P.3/Sportsman 8/11/77 P.4/Norwood News 10/11/77 P.3/Berkshire Chronicle 10/11/78 P.5:

RO: "Reading won the toss, and decided to kick down the hill, and the game was started by the South Norwood captain kicking off. The Reading forwards, by dint of playing together, soon drove the ball into the enemy's territory, and compelled the South Norwood backs to retreat. About ten minutes after play began, Field who got hold of the ball in the centre of the ground, made a brilliant run

down, and by a clever kick scored the first goal for Reading amid much applause from the spectators. The ball having been kicked off again, the play became very warm and the Norwood men did their very best to retrieve their loss, which at one time they very nearly succeeded in doing, but for the handling of one of the Reading men, whereupon a free kick ensued close to the Reading goal which was cleverly charged away. A good run down by the Berkshire forwards again threatened the Norwood goal, but the ball was quickly returned and White made a good shot at the Reading goal. At half-time ends were changed, and soon after Sillence made a splendid shot for goal, the ball just going over the tape. Although the Reading were playing up hill it was pretty evident to all present that they had decidedly the best of the match, the Norwood team having become somewhat disorganised. At this period Marks made a capital run down which brought about a corner kick for Reading. Rogers then kicked off, and landed the ball in front of goal and Franklin neatly obtained a second goal (the ball having glanced off H. W. Wilson one of the Norwood team). The remainder of the game was played with varying success for each side, but no other goals were scored, leaving the Reading team victors by two goals to none."

F: "On Wednesday last these two clubs played off their tie at Slough. Notwithstanding that the morning had been wet the ground was in fine condition, and there was little or no wind to mar the game. At 2.40 Norwood kicked off against the hill, but the Reading forwards soon drove their opponents back, and in ten minutes a goal had been got for them by Field. Some vigorous play followed the kick off, although Reading showed some superiority over their opponents, especially in the passing of their forwards, a point of the game in which Norwood were very deficient. The change of ends gave Norwood the advantage of the hill, but with the exception of C. Wilson, who worked with the greatest vigour throughout, the form was only moderate, while for Reading, Sillence, Marks, and Mullins all dribbled in very predictable style. A clear run by Marks resulted in a corner kick for Reading, and after a short scrimmage in front of the posts, the Norwood goal fell to an accidental kick by one of its defenders. One vigorous rush by South Norwood took the ball up to the Reading goal just before the finish, but it was quickly returned, and the Reading eleven were left the victors by two goals to none. Leeds played back well for Norwood, and I've worked hard for Reading, but generally the back play was not brilliant. "

SL: "This was another of the matches in the first ties for the Challenge Cup, and it was played on Wednesday last on the Dolphin Ground, at Slough. Despite the rain which had fallen heavily on Tuesday afternoon and night, as well as during the greater portion of Wednesday forenoon, the ground was in good condition, and as the afternoon turned out fine, the game was played under far more favourable circumstances than had been anticipated, though the attendance was not a large one. Reading won the toss, and at about a quarter to three White kicked off for South Norwood, who had to play uphill for the first half of the time. Within ten minutes the Reading men had scored a goal through the agency of Field, South Norwood playing somewhat wildly at first, though they afterwards settled down into far better form. After resuming play Reading again carried down the ball, and a corner-kick-though without result-accrued to them. Subsequently, however, South Norwood gradually forced back their opponents, and a capital struggle ensued in front of the Reading goal-posts through which the ball would certainly have passed, but for being "handled". The free kick was charged down, and with no further result ends were changed, South Norwood now had the advantage of the hill, but they could make no use of this, as they played badly together, and though now and then a brilliant piece of individual play would relieve their lines, the united efforts and good unselfish backing up of Reading told its usual tale. Marks made the first noticeable run for Reading, and it

resulted in a corner-kick,from which +Rogers obtained a second goal,aided greatly by a miss-kick by H.W.Wilson. After the kick-off,the Norwood forwards with a general rush took the ball down to the Reading lines,and obtained a corner-kick-which,however,failed of result-but when "time" was called,the Reading men had once again got the ball well down in their opponents' portion of the ground.Thus Reading won by two goals to love." +Rogers took the corner and Franklin scored

SM:"Nothing occurred until after ten minutes,Field getting away nicely along the left side,succeeded by a clever piece of play,in kicking a goal for Reading.The kick-off was followed by some vigorous fighting,and the game proceeded with little inequality until a corner-kick fell to Reading,but without any further result.Soon after this a general rush of the Norwood forwards took the ball up into the front of the goal,and it was handled by a Reading man just as it was passing between the posts.For reasons unknown the ball was moved three or four yards away from the goal for the free kick,but Reading charged it away.A good run by the Berkshire forwards again threatened the Norwood lines,but the ball was quickly returned,and White made a shot at the Reading goal.The change of positions gave South Norwood the hill but their play was of a very straggling kind,and Reading played a much better game all round,Sillence and Marks working hard and dribbling well.On the other side C.Wilson was especially noticeable doing any amount of work forward,while Leeds,though suffering from an injured arm,kicked surely and played pluckily.After a fine run by Marks,Reading secured a corner-kick,and the ball coming back to +Rogers,he landed it neatly in front of the Norwood posts,an unlucky kick by H.W.Wilson sending it through.After the kick-off,Norwood with a vigorous rush,took the ball sharply down the Reading line,and a corner kick was gained,though it failed to result in a goal.Little time now remained,and when time was called the ball was well up in the Norwood lines,the victory resting with Reading by two goals to none." +Franklin scored

NN:"Nothing occurred until after ten minutes,Field getting nicely along the left side,succeeded,by a clever piece of play,in kicking a goal for Reading.The kick off was followed by some vigorous fighting, and the game proceeded with little inequality until a corner kick fell to Reading,but without any further result.Soon after this a general rush of the Norwood forwards took the ball up into the front of the goal,and it was handled by a Reading man just as it was passing through the posts.For reasons unknown the ball was moved three or four yards away from the goal for the free kick,but Reading charged it away.A good run by the Berkshire forwards again threatened the Norwood lines,but the ball was quickly returned,and White made a good shot at the Reading goal.The change of positions gave South Norwood the hill,but their play was of a very straggling kind,and Reading played a much better game all round,Sillence and Marks working hard,and dribbling well.On the other side C.Wilson was especially noticeable,doing any amount of work forwards,while Leeds though suffering from an injured arm,kicked surely and played pluckily.After a fine run by Marks,Reading secured a corner kick,and the ball coming back to Rogers,he landed it neatly in front of the Norwood posts,an unlucky kick by H.W.Wilson sending it through.After the kick off Norwood,with a vigorous rush,took the ball sharply down to the Reading line,and a corner kick was gained,though it failed to result in a goal. Little time now remained,and when time was called the ball was well up in the Norwood lines,the victory resting with Reading by two goals to none."

BC:"About ten minutes after play began Field got hold of the ball from the centre of the ground, made a brilliant run down,and by a clever kick scored the first goal for Reading amid much applause

from the spectators.”(H.T.) “At this period Marks made a god run down,which brought about a corner kick for Reading.Rogers kicked off,and landed the ball right in front of the goal,and Franklin neatly obtained a second goal(the ball having glanced off H.W.Wilson,one of the Norwood men).”

Reading:S.Hayward(Goal);H.F.Rogers(Capt.),W.L.Franklin(Backs);H.Ive,A.Richardson(Half Backs); T.H.Turner,A.Wakeman(Left Wing),K.H.Mullens,D.C.Marks,(Right Wing),G.Sillence,C.G.Field(Centres).

South Norwood:W.H.White(Capt.),H.L.Stephenson,D.Rennoldson(Half Backs),C.E.Leeds(Back), E.A.Shears(Goal),H.Bishop,C.Wilson,H.W.Wilson,F.O’S.Reade,A.W.Meers,C.H.Mounsey.

Umpires:E.H.Bambridge for South Norwood and J.W.Martin for Reading.Referee:J.H.Clark.

HENDON 0 GREAT MARLOW 2 (E.Flint 2)(H.T. 0-1) (Sat Nov 3rd)(At Hendon)

Sportsman 5/11/77 P.4/Bell’s Life 10/11/77 P.3/Berkshire Chronicle 10/11/77 P.3/Bucks Herald 10/11/77 P.8/Field 10/11/77 P.561/Sporting Life 7/11/77 P.3/Maidenhead Advertiser 7/11/77 P.3:

SM:”This,another of the first ties,was played at Hendon on Saturday,and after a very hard fight, resulted in a victory for Great Marlow by two goals to love.Hendon kicked off,but the Marlow forwards following up well, gained a corner kick,but without any result.Hendon then warmed to their work,and some good runs by the forwards got several corner kicks,but they were very unlucky in their shots.Flint then,just before half time,made a good run,and all the Hendon backs running out to stop him and missing him,he got a well-earned goal.A good rush of the Hendon forwards almost resulted in a goal,Redford charging the goal-keeper,but the ball passed just outside the posts.Luck seemed all against Hendon,and just before time Flint,who had played well throughout,obtained the last goal;thus the match ended after a good game,in a victory for Marlow by two goals to none.For Marlow,Flint,R.Shaw,and Hewett played best,and for Hendon,J.Powell,Maile,and Wimbush.”

BH:”The game had barely commenced when one of the very best Marlow forwards was so badly hurt as to be compelled to leave the field.The contest was therefore throughout between ten on one side v eleven on the other.”

BL:”Hendon then,for a short period had slightly the best of the game,but just before half time Flint ,after a capital run,scored the first goal for Marlow.On ends being changed the home team played up well together ,and a rush of the forwards almost resulted in the downfall of their opponents’ fortress,the ball passing just outside the post.From here to the finish Hendon had considerably the worst of the battle ,and just before time Flint again succeeded in putting the ball beneath the tape ,Great Marlow thus winning by two goals to love.”

F:”These clubs met at Hendon on Nov. 3rd,to decide who should contend in the second round of the cup ties.Hendon won the toss.Marlow,kicking off,at once took the ball to their opponents’ quarters, and for the first ten minutes the game was all in their favour,two corner kicks falling to their share. Marlow then had the misfortune to lose one of their best forwards,he being so hurt that he had to leave the field.Hendon,who were a much heavier lot than Marlow,played a charging game throughout.After this contretemps for Marlow,Hendon at once took the ball to their opponents’ quarters and for some time had the best of the game,several corner kicks falling to their share.

Marlow, however, were not to be denied, and shortly before half time Flint kicked a goal for them, having taken the ball nearly half way down the ground. After half time the game was very even, both goals being several times endangered, Trevlyan and Powell especially working very hard for Hendon. Flint, however, who played splendidly throughout, again got hold of the ball, and after a long run scored another goal for Marlow, about five minutes before time. Marlow thus won by two goals to love. Besides those mentioned, Powell, Maile, and Wimbush played best for Hendon; while for Marlow, Hewett, R.H. Shaw, and Wey worked hard. The goal keeping on both sides was good."

Hendon: Hart Buck (Capt.) (Goal); G.E. Waller, T.A. Fison (Backs); H.B. Wimbush, C.D. Maile (Half Backs); H.O. Ince, R. Redford (Right), R.L. Powell, W. Trevelyan (Centres), W.R. Sewell, J. Powell (Left).

MA has J.E. Fison and could be J.A. Fison

Great Marlow: C.H. Major (Goal); H.R. Hewett (Capt.) (Back); R. Way, R. Shaw (Half Backs); E. Flint, A. Biggs, A.B. Sole, C. Cox (Sides); R.H. Shaw, A. Arnott, W. Milward (Centres).

OLD FORESTERS walked over OLD WYKEHAMISTS scratched: Sportsman 27/10/77 P3

OXFORD UNIVERSITY 5 (H.S. Otter 2, W.R. Page 2, P.J.M. Rogers) HERTS RANGERS 2 (J. Barnard, L.G. Howell) (H.T. 0-2) (Sat Nov 3rd) (In the Parks, Oxford)

Field 10/11/77 P.562/Sportsman 7/11/77 P.4/Sporting Life 7/11/77 P.3/Oxford Journal 10/11/77 P.5:

SL: "Played in the Parks at Oxford on Saturday, in the presence of a large number of spectators. As soon as the ball was kicked off, Oxford forced it towards the Rangers' goal, but a sharp run by Sparks, who passed the ball on to Barnard, quickly placed a goal to the credit of the Rangers. After this Oxford got several corner kicks, but the Rangers again forced down the ball to the Oxford goal, and after some brilliant play by Howell, their score was raised to two goals to none. Until half time the game was then evenly contested, neither side obtaining any advantage. Then, however, some good play by the Oxford forwards, and a splendid shot of Otter's, gave them their first goal, whilst subsequently, some more excellent dribbling by Otter enabled him to obtain another goal, each side now having gained two goals. Immediately after the kick off Page made a capital run, and by a good shot placed the Oxford score ahead. The Rangers made plucky efforts to retrieve their fortunes, but Rogers got a fourth goal for Oxford out of a scrummage, whilst shortly afterwards Page placed a fifth to their credit, and made the score five goals to two. For the remainder of the game Oxford had rather the best of it."

F: "An exciting match resulted from the meeting of these two clubs at Oxford on Saturday. Up to half time the game was very even, although, contrary to expectation, Oxford stood two goals to the bad, having failed to score; while the Rangers had the ball twice between their posts. After half time, however, Oxford effectually turned the tables, and before the finish, Otter and Page had each placed two goals, Rogers one, to their credit, the University thus winning by five goals to two."

OJ: "This match was played at Oxford on Saturday last, and resulted in a victory for Oxford by five goals to two, after an exciting match."

Oxford University:J.H.Savory(Capt.),E.Waddington(Half Backs),O.R.Dunell,J.T.Twist(Backs);
E.H.Parry,C.W.M.Kemp, H.S.Otter,W.R.Page,P.J.M.Rogers,R.T.Heygate(Forwards),E.H.Alington(Goal).

Herts Rangers:R.Barker(Capt.),J.Barnard,L.G.Howell,F.J.Sparks,F.W.Watkins,G.L.Gilbert(Forwards),
G.Hogben,C.E.Baker(Half Backs),E.C.Foa,H.W.McKenzie(Backs);S.J.Holland(Goal)

SHROPSHIRE WANDERERS 0 DRUIDS 1(J.Jones)(H.T. 0-1)(Mon Nov 12th)
(Field in Monkmoor-lane,adjoining Shrewsbury Racecourse)

Wrexham Guardian 17/11/77 P.8/Wrexham Advertiser 17/11/77 P.3/Bells' Life 17/11/77 P.9/Field
17/11/77 P.596/Sportsman 13/11/77 P.4/Sporting Life 14/11/77 P.3(SM/SL Short Reports No teams)

WG:"The above match,the last of the first ties for the Association Cup,was decided on Monday,at Shrewsbury.It had been looked forward to with great interest,the Shropshire Wanderers having earned themselves the reputation of being one of the most powerful sides in the English association, having on one occasion run up into the two final ties for the Cup,while with the exploits of the Druids our readers are already acquainted.Owing to the races commencing on the following day,the match took place in a small field opposite the Grand Stand,but the ground was rather small,the portion roped out for play being 120 yards in length and 80 yards in width.The Druids won the toss and selected the Grand Stand end,with the wind in their favour,the ball being kicked off a few mintes after three o'clock by the captain of the Wanderers,Mr Hawley Edwards,and taken behind the Druids' goal,when a corner kick for Wanderers came to nothing.In the centre of the ground "hands" was called for Druids,and the ball kicked well into the Salopians' quarters,Bryan and Hawley Edwards exhibiting some bright play in the right corner,the ball being kicked out;and.after a throw in for Druids, a good fight took place opposite the Wanderers' goal,the goal-keeper having to use his hands,when the ball was kicked behind.A corner kick for Druids was entrusted to Thomson,but it proved a failure the wind taking it behind.Hawley Edwards next made a most selfish run down the right wing,and although supported by the forwards,he made no effort to pass the ball,and his long shot at goal proved futile,being easily disposed of by the goal-keeper,who passing it to the left wing Dr Grey and J.Jones got possession of the ball and it travelled fast in the direction of the Salopian fortress,being supported in the centre by Thomas and Hughes,and Dr Grey middling the ball Thomson made a shot but it went over the tape.After 18 minutes play the ball was brought up by Hughes and Thomson in the centre and passed to Edwards on the wing,who kept it rolling in the right direction,and by a well-judged kick he centred the ball in front of the Wanderers goal,and the forwards being well up it was easily passed through by J.Jones,thus scoring the first goal for the Druids,who were beginning to "cross" in fine style.The ball was no sooner kicked off than the Wanderers' goal was again attacked,a shot from Hughes going over the tape.Bryan shortly afterwards passed the ball in the centre,when "Jack" made another shot,but he was not so successful this time,the ball going wide.The Wanderers could not succeed in passing the Druids' backs,when the ball was returned,and a long shot by Dr Grey proved a failure.The charging became very severe,C.Edwards being laid on his back for several minutes.Hawley Edwards now made another selfish rush down the centre of the ground,but Kenrick relieved him of his charge and altered its course,passing to the doctor,who took it up the left wing amidst cries of "Well done,doctor",when the Druids' forwards looked like scoring a second goal;for they clustered around,and a good fight took place,but the goal-keeper proved equal to the occasion,throwing it out

when Edwards and Fletcher in the right corner elicited some cheering for their dodging. Another run down the right wing was made by Hawley Edwards amidst great cheering, making no attempt to pass the ball, but this time Richards repelled the invasion, kicking the ball out, but the Wanderers having the throw in attacked the Druids' goal, making a determined effort to equalise matters, but the visitors saved it, and the ball was taken in the left corner, Locke doing good work, when another shot at the Druids' goal went at the side. After some rough play in the centre of the ground, in which Kenrick was severely charged by Hawley Edwards, hurting his knee, Dr Grey and Thomson made a rush at the Wanderers' citadel, resulting in a corner kick, which was entrusted to the doctor, but the ball went through without being touched. Soon after half time was called.

Changing sides the Wanderers now had the benefit of the wind, but the concerted action of the Druids gave them still the advantage, the Wanderers playing very selfishly. The ball being kicked off was taken into the Druids' quarters by Locke, but he was not supported and a long shot at goal went wide. Chapman next succeeded in passing the Druids' backs, and taking the ball within a few yards of the visitors' goal, looked like scoring, when he fell, and his chance was extinguished. A corner kick for each team proved fruitless, and a shot at Druids' goal by Mason going wide, Edwards and Bryan next had the ball, and brought it down the right wing, the former making a shot, which just shaved the post. Nothing came of a couple of corner kicks for Druids; in the second one the ball was taken into the centre of the ground, when it was brought back, and a severe fight in the Wanderers' goal took place, but the goal-keeper proved too good. The game at the close was very much in favour of the Druids, and, at the call of time the score was Druids one goal to none, thus reaching the second ties in the English and Welsh Challenge Cups.

Since writing above we understand that Mr Kenrick is confined to his bed through the severe charge he received, and it is feared he will not be able to play again this season."

WA: "On Monday afternoon, the match in the first ties came off in a field adjoining the Shrewsbury Racecourse, in the presence of only a meagre quantity of spectators. The Druids having won the toss, Mr Hawley-Edwards, the Wanderers captain kicked off, and for some time the play was very slow, especially on the part of the Wanderers, who played selfishly through the game, running out of their places in all sorts of directions. It was very difficult to pick out the contending teams, every man nearly appearing in the same costume as the other. The passing of the Druids, of course, won them the match, which resulted in one goal to nothing. Towards the finish the Wanderers seemed to play a little better together, and bore down well on the Druids' goal, but their goal-keeper and back players were too many for them. For the Druids Kenrick played back in his usually first class style, as did Hughes, but rather selfishly. Quilter, of course, is a grand goal-keeper, being so very tall and acting with such coolness when severely pressed. For Shropshire, Jones (back) and Chapman (half back) were the mainstay of their Club. All the others were fair individual players, but as they did not play together, I do not (notice) them."

F: "This match, the last of the first ties for the association Cup, was decided at Shrewsbury on Monday last, in the presence of a large assemblage of spectators. The Druids are the only Welsh eleven which have entered for the English Cup. The visitors won the toss, and elected to avail themselves of the slight breeze which was blowing when the game commenced. It soon became evident that the Shropshire Wanderers, who, it may be remembered, played up so well for the cup three years ago, had got their work cut out for them. The Druids, who evidently appear to have profited by their Scotch

experience, soon assumed the aggressive, but for a time without avail. Once or twice in the early part of the game the home forwards looked dangerous, but their runs came to nothing, and about twenty minutes from the start the ball was well nursed by Hughes and Thompson, until it was carried to within easy shooting distance of the Salopian fortress; the first attempt to reduce which was a smart shot by Hughes, which was stopped, Thompson making another the next instant, with the like result, but Jones, on the left wing, closing up just when he was wanted, shot the ball safely between the posts. The Shropshire Wanderers made desperate attempts to retrieve their loss, and resorted to the heavy charging for which they used to be somewhat notorious. Their impetuous rushes, however, availed them nothing, and after half time the Druids had them tolerably safe, notwithstanding that one of their backs was disabled during the first half of the game, ultimately winning a hard fought game by one goal to none."

Shropshire Wanderers: G.H. Sprott (Goal); F.J. Cooper, E. Jones (Backs); B. Salt, H.V. Chapman (Half Backs); A. Waters, G. Mason (Right Wing), F. Salt, Hawley-Edwards (Centres), Rev. W. Fletcher, J. Locke (Left Wing).

Druids: C.H. Quilter (Goal); E. Powell, L.L. Kenrick (Backs); W. Williams, R.S. Richards (Half Backs); T. Bryan, C. Edwards (Right Wing), J. Hughes, G.F. Thomson (Centres), Dr. W. Grey, J. Jones (Left Wing).

(WA/WG have J. Bryan and F/BL have T. Bryon)

DARWEN 3 (Jos. Knowles, Jno. Lewis, R. Crookes) MANCHESTER ASSOCIATION 0 (Sat Nov 3rd) (At Darwen) (H.T. 1-0 or 2-1: as 2 goals disputed) (F.T. 3-0 OR 4-1)

Blackburn Standard 10/11/77 P.8/Sheffield Daily Telegraph 6/11/77 P.6/Field 10/11/77 P.562 (Result only)/Sporting Life 7/11/77 P.3 (Result only):

BS: "Those who take an interest in football had an opportunity to witness a capital match on Saturday afternoon, when the Manchester and Darwen teams met on the ground of the latter to play in connection with the cup given by the Football Association. For this contest 48 clubs have entered, and the lottery placed Darwen and Manchester together for the first tie. Unusual interest was manifested in the event, and the spectators numbered about a thousand. The ball was kicked off by Manchester, who occupied the north goal, and for about five minutes the visitors, although they had started with two men short, seemed to have it all their own way. The Darwinians, however, made a good run, getting the ball in the vicinity of their opponents' goal. The ball was kicked up and Lewis made a capital goal by knocking it with his head. The spectators did not fail to appreciate the services of Lewis, giving him a hearty cheer. At 3:42 the ball was kicked off again and after some smart play the home team succeeded in obtaining a second goal in 11 ½ minutes. Another start was made, and both sides played exceedingly hard. Darwen again made a splendid run and got the ball near the Manchester goal—indeed the ball was knocked through but the foreigners disputed it. Another start was made and both sides played exceedingly hard, the two missing Manchester men having previously arrived. T. Bury, on behalf of Darwen, made a good run, but the Manchester goalkeeper gave the ball a fine kick, and it was run down to the south end. After a hard struggle the visitors got a goal at five minutes past four, but it was disputed by the home team. Half time was called at 4:20 and the players changed ends. Some excellent play followed and at twenty minutes to five Darwen got another goal much to the delight of the spectators. Play was continued until 5:5, the result of the

match being three goals and a disputed goal for Darwen and a disputed goal for Manchester. Both teams played exceedingly well. For the visitors Richardson made an exceedingly good goal-keeper, and Potter and A. Spencer showed some really fine play. The Darwen goal was well kept by Booth, and Lewis, and Crookes, Bury, and Hindle did good service for the successful team."

SDT: "These clubs met on Saturday at Darwen to play for the first ties for the Challenge Cup. There was a large attendance of spectators. After some good play on both sides, Darwen was declared the winner by three goals and a dispute, Manchester scoring one in dispute. The goals were obtained by Messrs Knowles, Lewis, and Crookes."

F: "Played on the Darwen ground on Saturday last. Darwen were too much for their opponents, and won by three goals to one." (No teams)

Darwen: Jos. Booth (Goal); Jno. Duxbury, A. McWetherill (Backs); T. Hindle, Jos. Heys (Half Backs); Jos. Knowles, Jno. Lewis, T. Bury, R. Crookes, R. Kirkham, T. Marshall (Forwards).

Manchester: J. F. Richardson (Goal); A. B. Potter (Back); G. A. H. Jones, J. Spencer (Half Backs); Strang, A. Spencer (Capt.), S. G. Smith, J. A. Railton, H. Ellis, A. Pittcairn, C. Schofield (Forwards).

(AFS has J. M. Schofield for C. Schofield)

Umpires: Frank Aspden for Darwen and C. Mason for Manchester.

NOTTS CLUB 1 (H. A. Cursham) SHEFFIELD CLUB 1 (A. W. Cursham) (H. T. 1-1)
(Sat Nov 3rd) (At Trent Gridge, Nottingham)

Sheffield Daily Telegraph 5/11/77 P.4/Sheffield Independent 5/11/77 P.4/Nottingham Guardian 9/11/77 Supplement P.4 /Field 10/11/77 P.562/Sportsman 5/11/77 P.4/Sporting Life 7/11/77 P.3/Referee 4/11/77 P.6:

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SDT: "The first great match of the Notts season was played on Saturday at the Trent Bridge Ground, Nottingham. The match derived additional interest from the fact that it is one of a series of contests for the cup offered by the London Association for provincial clubs on conditions with which the football world is well acquainted. The Sheffield players arrived on the ground shortly before three o'clock, and they made up a remarkably strong team, which included the Brothers Clegg, Matthews, the Sorbys, and others whose names are well known in connection with football. Some little surprise was expressed that A. W. Cursham should have transferred his services to the Yorkshire town. He is one of the leading members of the Notts Club, with which he has been associated for some years, and it was somewhat surprising to find him in the ranks of the enemy on Saturday last. The home club was very fairly represented, though owing to an unfortunate accident to Pearson, they had to play one man short during the latter part of the game. The weather was delightfully fine, and judging by the presence of a large assemblage of spectators who assembled to witness the match we may predict that football will be more popular than ever during the present season, so far as Nottingham is concerned. Shortly after three o'clock E. H. Greenhalgh kicked off towards the West Bridgford goal, and five minutes afterwards the ball was so close to the Sheffield stronghold that the services of

the goal-keeper were needed. The attack was successfully repelled, and the Sheffields attempted a similar move a few minutes later though without any issue, though the ball went very dangerously near the Notts posts. H. Greenhalgh was, however, equal to the occasion, and the contest was again waged in the centre of the inclosure, with no material advantage to either side. Jessop playing back did very good service in the early part of the game, his action being prompt, and his kicking forcible, and H. Cursham and Widdowson, the latter, always a favourite, did most of the hard work for Notts. At twenty minutes to four o'clock, the game having been in progress for about an hour, Keely, on behalf of Notts, effected a run up, and H. Cursham, taking the ball at the right moment, sent it through the posts. Thus the first blood was drawn by Notts, amid hearty applause, from the bystanders. Without loss of time the leather was again set in motion, and Notts tried hard to make a second score, but it was now the visitors' turn, and taking advantage of a weak point in the arrangement of the field, one of the Brothers Clegg got a famous run, nor was his career checked until the ball was safely in the keeping of A. W. Cursham, who succeeded in putting it between the posts. Both these goals were obtained before the call of "half-time." With the change of ends came a more exciting state of things, and Notts seemed to be getting the best of it. On more than one occasion they got the ball in dangerous proximity to the Sheffield goal, and but for the timely intervention of Ellison (the goal-keeper), they would have advanced their position. The play of H. Cursham for Notts was superb, and in a less degree that of Widdowson, Oliver, and one or two others was noticeable. In the course of the afternoon a dispute arose which caused a short suspension. It seems that the ball was put through the Notts posts after it had touched the boundary, and as the umpires could not agree upon the point the referee was appealed to, and a "no goal" was declared. Once during the latter part of the game the visitors nearly gained a second goal - which would have decided the match in their favour - the ball striking the horizontal bar, but generally Notts had the best of it, a remark which applies more especially to the latter part of the game. At a quarter past five o'clock, "time" was announced, the match being drawn."

+N.B. A.W. Cursham was a Notts Club player but he played for Sheffield Club in this game and scored and played in the Replay and scored 2 goals!!

F: "Played on the Trent Bridge ground at +(Nottingham), on Saturday before a large number of spectators. At three o'clock the ball was set in motion, and for the first half hour nothing resulted, though each side had threatened the opposite goal. Notts were the first to score, as, after a good run up, a neat kick by ++C. Cursham resulted in the discomforture of the Sheffields. The success of the Nottingham team was, however, only transient, as almost immediately afterwards A. W. Cursham made matters equal with a clever goal for Sheffield. After half time the game became very exciting, but at length the ball was taken a second time through the Sheffield posts, though a dispute arose about the ball having been in touch; and the question of the score remains to be settled. Nothing more was obtained before the finish." +Not "Sheffield" ++H. A. Cursham

SM: "....and as the weather was all that could be desired, something like fifteen hundred persons assembled to witness the match."

Notts Club: H. Greenhalgh; E. H. Greenhalgh (Capt.), H. A. Cursham, R. J. Greenhalgh, E. M. Keely, T. A. Oliver, G. Seals, H. Jessop, S. W. Widdowson, C. L. Cursham, A. H. Pearson.

(Notts County History)(SDT has W. Pearson)(NG/F/SM/SL have F. Pearson and W. Jessop)

Sheffield Club:M.J.Ellison(Capt.);J.Collins,T.C.Willey;W.E.Clegg,A.W.Cursham,Rev. J.R.B.Owen,
T.H.Sorby,R.A.Sorby,W.A.Matthews,J.C.Clegg,A.H.Denton.

(SDT/SI both have J.Collins but F/SM/SL/REF have J.Rodgers)

Umpires:A.T.Ashwell and W.Chambers.

REPLAY:Sat Dec 1st: At Bramall Lane,Sheffield

Bell's Life 17/11/77 P.9:"After some consideration it was decided that the match between Sheffield
and Notts should be played again."(Committee meeting Wednesday Nov 14th:Bell's Life 17/11/77
P.9)

SHEFFIELD CLUB 3(A.W.Cursham 2,W.A.Matthews) NOTTS CLUB 0(H.T. 1-0)

Sheffield Daily Telegraph 3/12/77 P.4/Sheffield Independent 3/12/77 P.4/Bell's Life 8/12/77
P.4/Field 8/12/77 P.693/Nottinghamshire Guardian 7/12/77 Supplement P.4/Sportsman 3/12/77
P.4/Sporting Life 5/12/77 P.3/Referee 2/12/77 P.6:

SDT:"When these two clubs met in friendly rivalry at Nottingham recently it will be remembered
that the match ended in a tie,each side obtaining one goal .Sheffield on that occasion claimed a
second ,but it was disallowed on some plea or other,and on a reference to the Metropolitan
Association it was decided that the two clubs should meet again to fight their drawn battle out."

SI:"Notts were successful in winning the toss,and the kick off took place soon after three o'clock,the
ground,considering the late rains,being in good condition.The Sheffielders set the ball in motion,and
twice the ball went out.J.C.Clegg then had a throw into goal,and a scrimmage followed in the mouth
of the Notts fortress,but the globe was got away,and the play was removed to the reverse end.
Vigorous efforts succeeded all round,the Cleggs and H.Sorby exceeding for the home team,and the
Greenhalghs and +W.Cursham for Notts.Several fouls were given,and it was evident that both sides
were on their mettle.Splendid kicking was now exhibited,and the Nottingham stronghold was all but
captured,the ball going off Matthews' body just past one of the posts.Soon after,another scrimmage
ensued in the Notts goal,but the sphere was carried away,H.Sorby showing judicious kicking,while
Matthews and J.C.Clegg lent valuable services.Splendid play by +W.Cursham for Notts which,with
the usual fairness of Sheffielders,was heartily applauded,though the Sheffield goal was being closely
besieged.The play thus far had been very even,but now H.Sorby had a shie which went over the
bar.Excellent play by Willey in the centre,and rare passing by the Cleggs were next noticeable,while
the Greenhalgh's,Keeley's,and +W.Cursham were again to the fore on behalf of the visitors.Rare
lunges by Wake,and a fine cross kick by Bradbury,who had previously displayed good form,came in
for due service.Notts now had a corner kick which was got away,but E.W.Greenhalgh returned it by a
magnificent screw-kick,which would have passed clear through the centre of the sticks had not
Elison put up his hands and stopped it in splendid style.For some time after the play,amid
tremendous excitement,was confined to the centre,and a foul was given in the Notts goal-mouth.
+W.Cursham's kick,however,went over the cross-bar.The leather was now despatched to the Notts
territory,and after grand exertions on both sides A.W.Cursham obtained possession and sent it
through the posts amid vociferous plaudits.First goal for Sheffield at 3.30.The leather being again in

motion, a beautifully-timed kick was put in by W.C.Clegg. Notts had a corner kick directly after, but the ball was got out of danger by a grand kick by J.C.Clegg. The globe again appeared in the vicinity of the Sheffield goal, and E.M.Keeley had a shot at the stronghold, which just cleared the cross-bar. Half-time was then called, and again the play was very equal, though A.W.Cursham and Bradbury both had shots at the Notts fortress-the latter, a very fine one-only just going over the Notts cross-bar. The globe having been taken into the other territory, +W.Cursham had a fine flying shot at the Sheffield goal, but it was a few yards wide of its mark. Again the play was removed to the Sheffield end, and from a throw-in by H.Sorby, a goal was obtained by W.Matthews. The score, however, was disallowed. A fine run by Jessop succeeded, but Matthews, after a good run by A.W.Cursham, sent the ball again through the Notts sticks. Sheffield, despite the most untiring efforts of the Notts team, was now having decidedly the best of the struggle, and several shys were aimed in succession at the visitors' citadel. Seal's back play, it should here be stated, had all this time been particularly effective for Notts, his kicking being very strong and sure. A continued attack on the Sheffield goal was frustrated, and the light now was getting very bad, it being almost impossible to see the players. Jessop exerted himself wonderfully hard for Notts and J.C.Clegg had a shot. Eventually, (from a corner kick) A.W.Cursham headed the ball through the Notts fortress from a corner kick by J.C.Clegg, and thus when time was called immediately after, the Sheffielders had won this grand match by three goals to none. Both teams were heartily applauded on retiring to the dressing room. Where all played so well it would be invidious to specify individual play. We are therefore spared that duty, and our only hope is that Bramall lane may have many more such glorious matches as that of Saturday." +H.A.Cursham

BL: "The latter part of the game was played in darkness, it being an impossibility to follow either players or the ball."

F: "On Saturday, this match, the one remaining for decision in the first ties, was played off at Bramall Lane, Sheffield, the first meeting at Nottingham having resulted in a tie. E.H.Greenhalgh won the toss for Nottingham, and Ellison kicked off shortly after three o'clock. A scrimmage soon took place in front of the Nottingham posts, but the ball was removed, and some very fast play took place, the brothers Clegg for Sheffield and H.Cursham for Nottingham, rendering themselves most conspicuous. Each goal was in turn threatened, and at last a corner kick to Nottingham seriously endangered the safety of the Sheffield goal, though Ellison removed the ball in fine style. A foul in front of the Nottingham posts was the next event, but this did not produce anything, though soon afterwards A.W.Cursham, by some neat play, succeeded in making a score for Sheffield. After the change of ends Sheffield showed in better form, and Matthews, after having one goal disallowed on the ground of offside, obtained an unmistakable goal for Sheffield. Nottingham played up pluckily, but they could not prevent Sheffield from effecting another score, Cursham heading the ball through from a corner by J.C.Clegg. Sheffield thus won a very fast game by three goals to none."

Sheffield: M.J.Ellison (Capt.) (Goal); W.R.Wake, T.C.Willey, R.A.Sorby, W.E.Clegg (Backs); S.S.Dixon, A.W.Cursham, W.A.Matthews, T.H.Sorby, J.C.Clegg, J.Bradbury (Forwards).

Notts Club: H.J.Greenhalgh (Goal); E.H.Greenhalgh (Capt.), H.Jessop, G.Seals, S.W.Widdowson (Backs); T.A.Oliver, H.A.Cursham, E.M.Keely, S.H.Keely, R.J.Greenhalgh, E.Jessop (Forwards).

Umpires: F.J.Wheelan for Sheffield and A.T.Ashwell for Notts. Referee: E.A.M.Smythe, Derby Grammar School.

QUEEN'S PARK, GLASGOW, a bye.

SECOND ROUND:

Bell's Life 17/11/77 P.9: "On Wednesday.....The second ties were drawn as under, the Queen's Park Club of Glasgow, having withdrawn from the competition:-

Barnes v Great Marlow

Reading v Upton Park

High Wycombe v Wanderers

Royal Engineers v Pilgrims

Clapham Rovers v Swifts

First Surrey Rifles v Old Harrovians

Remnants v Hawks

Oxford University v Old Foresters

Maidenhead v Cambridge University

Darwen (Lancashire) v Sheffield or Nottingham

Druids, a bye

These ties will have to be played off by December 31."

BARNES 3 (W.L. Ainslie 2, W. Dorling) GREAT MARLOW 1 ("A bully") (H.T 2-0) (Sat Dec 15th) (At Barnes)

Sportsman 18/12/77 P.4/Bucks Herald 22/12/77 P.8/Bell's Life 22/12/77 P.9/Field 22/12/77 P.759/
Sporting Life 19/12/77 P.3:

SM: "These clubs having been drawn together in the second round of the Cup, met to try conclusions at Barnes on Saturday, the home team having won the toss for choice of ground. Some delay was caused at starting by the non-appearance of two of the Marlow eleven, and it was five minutes to three before the ball was set rolling by Vigne, Barnes having lost the toss, and Great Marlow electing to play with what little wind there was against them. The home team pushed the attack with vigour, and obtained a goal in the first quarter of an hour, Ainslie assisting the ball through the posts. After the kick-off Barnes again penned their opponents, who showed an unfortunate aptitude for tripping-so much so that the umpire was obliged to caution them-and after several shots at goal, Solly took charge of a corner-kick, which Dorling converted into a goal with a remarkably neat turn of the foot. After half time Marlow played with great spirit, and the Barnes backs becoming somewhat demoralised after a few sharp rallies, the visitors were rewarded with a goal. This roused their opponents, who again took the offensive, and obtained a third goal from the foot of Ainslie after a good middle by Tyndale. No further score was made, and Barnes remained the winners by three goals to one. Hewett and Shaw were the best on the side of the visitors, and Ainslie and Weston for Barnes."

BL: "The visitors won the toss and decided to play the first half with the wind against them."

BH/SL: "It was not long after commencing play that Ainslie scored the first goal for Barnes, and within a few minutes subsequently Solly, from a corner kick, enabled Dorling to score a second. "Half time" was then called, and it was not long 'ere Marlow was successful in obtaining a goal out of a bully in front of the posts, but then again Barnes obtained the advantage, and Ainslie scored a third goal for them."

F: "This another of the second ties, was played at Barnes on Saturday. Vigne started the ball for the home team, and within a quarter of an hour Ainslie had secured a goal for them. Just before half time Dorling got the second by a clever shot, following on a corner kick. After the change of ends Marlow, by hard play, secured a goal, but Barnes soon made up the ground by another score from the foot of Ainslie, and thus won by three goals to one."

Barnes: W.S. Burmester (Goal), H.S. Jackson, H.E. Solly (Backs); J.H. Vigne (Capt.), V. Weston (Half Backs); H. Brougham, H. von Röwn (Right Side), W.L. Ainslie, H.A. Hudson (Centres), T.N. Tyndale, W. Dorling (Left Side).

Great Marlow: C.H. Major (Goal); H.R. Hewett (Capt.) (Back); R. Way, A.H. Ward (Half Backs); C. Cox, A.B. Sole (Right Side), R. Shaw, R.H. Shaw, A. Arnott (Centres), E. Flint, W. Milward (Left Side).

Umpire: C.J. Morice.

READING 0 UPTON PARK 1 (W.C. Williams) (H.T. 0-0) (Sat Dec 8th) (At Reading)

Reading Observer 15/12/77 P.4/Berkshire Chronicle 15/12/77 P.5/Bell's Life 15/12/77 P.4/Field 15/12/77 P.724/Sportsman 10/12/77 P.4/Sporting Life 12/12/77 P.3/Stratford Express 15/12/77 P.8:

RO/BC/F/SL: "This match was played at Reading on Saturday last in fine weather and on a good ground. The home team, owing to various casualties, did not muster so strongly as it (SL: "might have done") had done just lately, their captain (+H.F. Rogers) not playing through a severe kick. During the first half of the game the match was splendidly contested by both sides, no goals being scored. Play was very fast, but through an unusual (SL: "number of that "parrott") cry of "hands", free kicks were very (SL: "much too") frequent and several good scrimmages occurred. At half time ends were changed, and the visitors began to press the home team rather severely, but so well did the Reading men act on the defensive that Upton had all its work to score a goal. Occasionally Sillence and Turner succeeded in making a brilliant run down, but did not succeed in scoring. Towards the end the Uptonians kicked their first and only goal, which was the result of a capital rush on their part. After this the Reading rallied and played a most hard game until the call of time. For Reading the goal keeping of Hayward was very fine, and Richardson, Turner, Marks, and Field worked well at their posts. For Upton-Bouch, Williams, Woolley, and J.B. Hunter played beautifully (F: "were very conspicuous")."

N.B. The above 4 reports were almost identical. Some differences noted in brackets

SM: "This match was played on Saturday at Reading, and after a well-contested game, ended in a victory for Upton Park by one goal to none. The home team, owing to casualties, did not play their usual strength, but, notwithstanding, the first part of the game was very even. Towards the end the visitors pressed the home team, though it was not until nearly the call of time that a goal was scored for them. After that Reading rallied, playing a very hard game to the finish. The weather was fine, and the ground in very good condition."

SE: "Williams shot the ball through the posts after one of the scrimmages in front of them and though every effort was made to increase the score Upton were unable to do so owing to their adversaries being packed into their goal."

Reading: S. Hayward (Goal); C. G. Field (Capt.), H. Ives (Backs); A. J. Richardson, W. L. Franklin (Half Backs); D. C. Marks, K. H. Mullens (Right), G. Sillence, A. Wakeman (Centres), W. H. Barnett, T. H. Turner (Left).

Upton Park: F. Wilton (Goal); W. Bouch, M. Jutsum (Backs); W. C. Williams, H. Spreckley (Half Backs); J. B. Hunter, P. E. Sanderson (Right Sides), D. R. Hunter, F. L. Woolley (Centres), T. F. Spreckley, S. R. Bastard (Capt.) (Left Sides).

Umpires: +H. F. Rogers for Reading and G. Spreckley for Upton Park. Referee: J. Owthwaite (Henley).

HIGH WYCOMBE 0 WANDERERS 9 (C. H. R. Wollaston 2, H. Wace 2, J. G. Wylie 2, C. A. Denton, Hon. A. F. Kinnaird, Own goal) (Sat Dec 15th) (At High Wycombe)

Bell's Life 22/12/77 P.9/Bucks Herald 22/12/77 P.8/Field 22/12/77 P.759/Sportsman 17/12/77 P.4/Sporting Life 19/12/77 P.3:

BL: "High Wycombe was the scene of this match, which was played on Saturday last, and the game was commenced soon after 3 o'clock in the afternoon, the Wanderers kicking off. That there is little necessity for any description of the game will be gathered from the fact that by the time they had been playing, one hour and thirty minutes, no less than nine goals had fallen to the share of the visiting team. It should be mentioned that the ground was very hard, which prevented good play. Wollaston, Wace, and Wylie obtained two goals each, Denton and Kinnaird, one each, and the other goal resulted from a mistake by one of the Wycombe back players."

BH/SL: "This match in the cup ties was played at High Wycombe on Saturday last on ground so hard and slippery from a severe overnight frost that the play was far from reliable. After the customary one and a half hour's play the Wanderers won by nine goals (one through a miss-kick on the part of one of the Wycombe backs) to "love". The other goals were obtained by Wace, Wollaston and Wylie (two each), Denton and Kinnaird (one each)"

F: "The holders visited Wycombe on Saturday, to play their second tie with the local club. The home team were not represented by their full strength, and the Wanderers had an easy victory by nine goals to none. Wollaston, Wace and Wylie each got two goals, Denton and Kinnaird each one, and the ninth (not "the tenth") was due to one of the Wycombe backs (1)."

SM: "This match was played at Wycombe, on Saturday, December 15, the Wanderers having lost the toss for choice of grounds. The game began at 3 p.m., the Wanderers kicking off. At the end of an hour and a half the Wanderers had obtained nine goals to their opponents none. The goals were obtained by Wollaston (2), Wace (2), Wylie (2), Denton (1), Kinnaird (1), and one of the Wycombe backs. The ground was so frozen that no play could be shown, and turning was impossible."

High Wycombe: A. J. Thurlow (Capt.), B. Davill, A. F. Graves, W. Mason, A. Smith, J. Biggs, W. Grange, S. T. Brandram, R. A. Lunnon, W. Basset, F. J. Hudson.

Wanderers: J.Kirkpatrick(Goal);A.H.Stratford,E.B.Haygarth(Backs);Hon.A.F.Kinnaird(Capt.),
F.T.Green(Half Backs);C.H.R.Wollaston,G.H.H.Heron,J.G.Wylie,H.Wace,J.Kenrick,C.A.Denton
(Forwards).

ROYAL ENGINEERS 6(R.S.Hedley 5,G.Barker) PILGRIMS 0(H.T. 1-0) (Sat Dec 8th)(At Chatham)

Bell's Life 15/12/77 P.4/Field 15/12/77 P.724/Sportsman 10/12/77 P.4/Sporting Life 12/12/77 P.3:

BL:"Another match in the second round of the Cup competition took place at Chatham on Saturday between the above clubs.At an early stage of the game it was clearly apparent that the Pilgrims were the weaker team,and although they averted the continually threatened danger for some time, principally through the gallant efforts of Hart,their colours were at length lowered by Hedley.Ends were soon afterwards changed,and in quick succession Hedley obtained two more goals.Three reverses seemed to quite upset the Pilgrims,and they lost three more goals.For the Engineers,who played up splendidly throughout,Hedley,Lindsay,and Bond were most conspicuous;while for the Pilgrims,Hart(goalkeeper),Baldwin,and Elmslie worked hard."

F:"These clubs met on Saturday at Chatham to decide the right of entry into the third round.The choice of positions fell to the Pilgrims,but they derived no benefit therefrom,as the wind was blowing across the ground.The ball soon approached the Pilgrims' goal;but they rallied,and a good run carried it back into the Sappers' half.After some even play,the Pilgrims had to retire,and until half time the fine goalkeeping of Hart prevented more than one goal falling to the Engineers.After half time the Pilgrims were compelled to act on the defensive,and Hedley added two goals to the score of the soldiers.Towards the end the Pilgrims lost heart,and Hedley got two more goals,Barker one;so that ,in the end,the Engineers were victorious by six goals to none.For the victors Hedley was always on the ball,and he was greatly assisted by Bond,while Lindsay's play on the wing too was very good.For the Pilgrims Elmslie proved a useful back,Baldwin made several good runs,and Hart's goalkeeping was very fine."

SM:"A second tie for the Association Challenge Cup came off at Chatham on Saturday last between these two clubs.The Pilgrims won the toss,but derived no advantage from it as the wind was across the ground.After the ball was set in motion it was carried down to the visitors' goal,for a short time,when the Pilgrims rallied,and by a good run up invaded their enemy's territory.For some time at this point of the game the ball alternated backwards and forwards,but before half time was called it began to again remain in the vicinity of the Pilgrims' goal,and at last the first-rate forward play of Hedley earned a goal for the R.E.'s.The shots at goal up to this time had been frustrated by the good goal-keeping of C.E.Hart.At half time the condition of the R.E.'s began to show,and soon two more goals were obtained by Hedley.The Pilgrims,who had played up hitherto as hard as possible, appeared now to get demoralised,and two more goals were obtained by the Sappers before time was called.For the R.E.'s R.S.Hedley was always to the front,either kicking goals or making good attempts at them,and was ably assisted by F.G.Bond;Lindsay's playing on the wing was all that could be desired.For the Pilgrims,E.A.Elmslie(back)was conspicuous,and T.B.Baldwin made several good runs on the wing;the goal-keeping of C.E.Hart was extremely good."

SL: "This match came off at Chatham on Saturday, and was won by the Engineers by six goals to nil. The play was very even up to half time, just prior to which being called Hedley obtained the first goal for the Engineers, the good goal-keeping of Hart having until then prevented any score being made. After changing ends two more goals were quickly added by Hedley, and the Pilgrims appearing quite unable to resist the attacks of their opponents, three more were added to the total ere "time" was called."

Royal Engineers: Lieut. G. Barker (Capt), + Lieut. W. Lange, G. Levenson, G. Tower, H. E. M. Lindsay, R. S. Hedley, F. G. Bond, J. H. Cowan, C. B. Mayne, F. C. Heath, H. E. Goodwyn (Back).

+CHECK NAME

Pilgrims: A. Wohlgermuth (Capt), A. W. Ramsey (Half Back), H. W. Horner (Half Back), E. A. Elmslie (Back), R. W. Shepard (Back), C. E. Hart (Goal), G. E. Moore, T. B. Baldwin, C. E. Detmar, B. J. W. Grieve, H. G. Poland.

CLAPHAM ROVERS 4 (H. Sedgwick, G. Holden, W. Buchanan 2) SWIFTS 0 (H. T. 2-0) (Sat Dec 22nd)
(At Kennington Oval)

Sportsman 24/12/77 P.4/Bell's Life 29/12/77 P.4/Sheffield Independent 24/12/77 P.7/Field 29/12/77 P.783/Sporting Life 26/12/77 P.3/Referee 23/12/77 P.6/Nottinghamshire Guardian 28/12/77 Supp P.4/Sheffield Daily Telegraph 24/12/77 P.7:

SM: "The expectation of witnessing a hard fight between these clubs attracted a goodly number of spectators to the Surrey Cricket Ground, on Saturday, although the weather was anything but inviting. The Swifts' captain won the toss, and elected to occupy the goal nearest to the racket-court, which gave him the aid of the wind blowing obliquely down the ground. At half past two o'clock the captain of the Rovers set the ball in motion, and the forwards were on the ball at once, quickly taking it up to the goal defended by the Swifts. It soon became evident that the hopes of an even game were not likely to be realised, as the Rovers showed a marked superiority at every point, the forwards not only getting very smartly on the ball, to spoil the kicks of the opposite half-backs, but playing also well together, while the arrangement of the three half-backs left Field very little to do. Occasionally E. M. Short and Sale made a neat run for the Swifts, but generally the forwards were very much inferior to their opponents in point of dash. The first score for the Rovers was made after the expiration of thirteen minutes by a smart kick from Sedgwick which eluded the vigilance of the Swifts' goal-keeper ("REF: "one of the Swifts, having unwittingly middled the ball to Sedgwick"). After the kick-off the Rovers still had the best of it, and some good shots were made by Holden, Sedgwick, and Rawson, though none had the desired effect. Within ten minutes of half-time, however, Holden got another opening, and a sharp kick passed just inside the opposite posts, making goal the second for the Rovers. Nothing more occurred before half-time, when ends were changed. After the ball had been kicked off, the Swifts, playing up with renewed vigour, pressed their opponents for a short time, and twice the Rovers' goal was only saved by the adroitness of Birkett, the ball being nearly forced through in a scrimmage, while again from a free kick by E. C. Bambridge, it hit the post hard and went outside. Again, however, the Rovers played up hard, and some good runs were made by Sedgwick, Jarrett, and Buchanan. At last the ball was once more taken into the centre of the Swifts' fortress, and kicked hard against Buchanan's head, glanced through the goal. A very fine

run by E.C. Bambridge over the whole length of the ground created a diversion in favour of the Swifts, but they were soon driven back, and Buchanan again interposed his person at an opportune moment, securing another goal for the Rovers. During the rest of the game nothing more was secured, though the Rovers were pressing their opponents hard when time was called. The Rovers were then left in possession of an easy victory by four goals to none. Their play throughout was excellent, the forwards, without exception, playing well together, while the backs kicked with the greatest accuracy throughout. E.M. Short dribbled well at times for the Swifts, but the forwards were slow in following up their advantages, and E.C. Bambridge, who worked hard throughout, was the only one who showed any brilliant form. J.F. Princep, one of the Charterhouse eleven, was very sure and cool at half-back for the Rovers."

F: "Despite the cheerless aspect of the weather on Saturday afternoon, there was a good muster of spectators at Kennington Oval to witness the meeting between these two clubs. The choice of positions fell to the Swifts, and, as the wind favoured the end nearest to the gas works, Ogilvie kicked off for the Rovers, having the racquet court at his back. The game commenced at half past two, and the Rovers set to work with a will, driving the opposite backs by their vigorous rushes. For nearly a quarter of an hour no score was made, but at length a smart shot by Sedgwick sent the ball flying through the posts, too fast for the goal keeper to stop. After the kick off the Rovers, whose combined play was very superior to that of their opponents, pressed their opponents, except on the few occasions when Sale and E.W. Short, by good dribbling took the ball into the Clapham Rovers. Some vigorous attacks were made by Holden, Sedgwick and Rawson, and not long before half time the first-named secured another score for the Rovers. The change of ends produced an improvement in the play of the Swifts, and for a few minutes they were the assailants, on two occasions getting the ball into the very front of the Clapham goal, though they could not get it over the line. Then the Rovers forced their way once more into the neighbourhood of the Swifts' fortress, and twice it had to surrender to Buchanan, who was favoured by luck on each occasion. A splendid run by E.C. Bambridge was the most notable event during the remainder of the game, the expiration of an hour and a half leaving the Rovers victorious by four goals to none. Their success was well deserved by excellent play all round, the forwards especially being very quick on the ball. The Swifts at times played well, but there was a lack of concentration as well as dash, and their backs were far from safe."

BL: "The toss was won by the Swifts who elected to play for the first half with their backs to the Raquets Court notwithstanding that the wind was blowing in a slightly adverse direction. At half past 2 Ogilvie set the ball in motion, and ten minutes afterwards Sedgwick cleverly secured a goal for the Rovers from a long kick. The Swifts now played in a very determined manner, but their want of backing up was very apparent, and, although they tried very hard to keep the ball away, their colours were lowered for a second time by Holden. Ends soon afterwards were changed, but the game carried on in much the same style, two more goals (both secured by Buchanan) falling to the Rovers in rather quick succession. A certain amount of looseness characterised the Rovers' play for some time after this, and in consequence the Swifts were able to work the ball up to their opponents' quarters, and several times the goal was in great danger. The backs, however, were up to their work, and they, with the goalkeeper, whose performance was very praiseworthy, on each occasion averted the threatened danger. As nothing further of consequence occurred, the Rovers won by four goals to none."

Clapham Rovers:R.H.Birkett(Goal);Edgar Field(Back);R.A.M.M.Ogilvie(Capt.),N.C.Bailey,
J.F.M.Princep(Half Backs);F.L.Rawson,A.J.Stanley(Right Side),G.Holden,W.S.Buchanan
(Centres),H.Sedgwick,H.St.D.Jarrett(Left Side).

Swifts: W.S.Bambridge(Capt.)(Goal);E.H.Bambridge,E.C.Bambridge(Backs);J.E.Watson,F.S.Hewson
(Half Backs);E.M.Short,M.Short,A.Joll,W.T.Sale,A.J.Chitty,R.C.Foster(Forwards).

(F/SM/SI/SDT have Forster)

Umpires:W.F.Richmond(Clapham Rovers) and C.W.Alcock(Hon Sec and Treasurer Football
Association).Referee:Major Marindin(Royal Engineers)

FIRST SURREY RIFLES 0 OLD HARROVIANS 6(H.S.Bevington 2 ,H.T.Pryor 2,A.A.Haddow,C.Colbeck)
(H.T. 0-4) (Sat Dec 22nd)(At Flodden Road,Camberwell New Road,Camberwell)

Field 29/12/77 P.783/Bell's Life 29/12/77 P.4/Sportsman 24/12/77 P.4/Sporting Life 26/12/77
P.3/Referee 23/12/77 P.6/Sheffield Independent 24/12/77 P.7/Nottinghamshire Guardian 28/12/77
Supp P.4/Sheffield Daily Telegraph 24/12/77 P.7:

REF:"The Harrovians won the toss,and having elected to play from the drill shed end,Hooper started
the game at 3 o'clock.The ball was well followed up by W.J.Maynard and the rest of the forwards,but
the Harrovians soon turned them back again,and Carnac making a good shot at goal,would have thus
early brought Surrey to grief,but for the timely interference of Allport,who,throwing up his hands,
forced the ball over the tape.This gave a corner kick to Colbeck,but nothing came of it.Soon after this
narrow escape Maynard,displaying his wonted skill at dribbling,worked the ball gradually to the
front,and passing it to Kirkpatrick,the latter went on until confronted by Jarrett,who sent the ball
whence it came,and Bevington going along in hot pursuit,kicked it between the posts,only ten
minutes having elapsed since the commencement of the game.Five minutes late,Prior,after a good
run,scored another,and Haddow in an equally short space of time(though Allport tried hard to
prevent it),added a third chalk to the score.The Harrovians decidedly penned their opponents in
their own quarters,and had numerous corner kicks,which though ineffective,must have proved
pretty harassing to the gallant riflemen,considering that they had to endure that species of
annoyance for nearly half an hour,about which time Colbeck,with a well-judged kick,drove the ball
under.On changing ends at half-time,the Maynards,Kirkpatrick,Tidd,and Featherstone-Haugh,tried
valantly to turn the tide in Surrey's favour but all to no purpose,for although W.J.Maynard,after a
capital run passed the ball to Allport,who went forward for that especial purpose,and on receiving it
made a splendid shot at goal,Gibney sent the ball away,and Prior,running it down the side,kicked
through at 4 o'clock.After the kick-off,the fight was carried on in much the same fashion,the
Harrovians being the principal assailants,but ten minutes before the call of time,Bevington,who with
an evident desire to do his share of the atrocities,rushed over and gained the last.The Harrovians,
therefore,won their title to compete in the third round by six goals to none."

F:"On Saturday last the Old Harrovians played off their second tie at Camberwell.It had been
arranged that play should begin punctually at 2.30;but,owing to the late arrival of some of the
volunteers,no start was made until three o'clock.The Harrow captain,having won the toss,chose the
wind for an ally and with this advantage his team were not long in getting to work,though for the

first few moments they were not at all well together. However, hardly ten minutes had elapsed before a good run along the top side resulted in their first score, Bevington administering the final kick; nor had the ball long been kicked off before a splendid piece of middling by Prior gave the opportunity for a second advantage. After this the riflemen seemed to rally, Maynard and Hooper making several good runs, though they were never able to break through the strong defence of the four opposing backs. A free kick was also forfeited to them, but it failed of its object, and the ball, being rapidly carried along the upper side by Colbeck and Bevington, was passed through the home goal by the latter player. The game had hardly been again started before the Harrow captain was enabled so skillfully to place a free kick as to render it easy for Colbeck to add the fourth goal to the score. Soon after this ends were changed, and with the wind against them, the Harrovians were compelled for ten minutes to act entirely on the defensive, and twice Gibney was called upon to use all his skill in order to preserve his charge intact. But relief was at hand, and this time it was +Hadow, who finally eluded the vigilance of the Surrey keeper. Night was now rapidly closing in, but there was yet time for one further success, and this fell to Prior, the match thus ending in an easy victory for the Old Harrovians by six goals to none. For the victors the passing of the forwards was excellent, Bevington, Prior and Carnac being perhaps the most conspicuous. The half backs too so ably discharged their duties as to leave little work for their supports. For the Rifles, Maynard and Hooper were in good form, and the kicking of Smith at half back was most effective.” +Not Haden

BL: “Hooper kicked off for the Rifles at 2:50, and it soon became evident that the home team were far overmatched; the play was very fast and mostly defensive on the part of 1st Surrey, but not to be denied, the Old Harrovians, through the medium of Bevington and Pryor, secured two goals ere 20 minutes had elapsed, and soon after Hadow credited his side with a third. Awhile the 1st Surrey resisted the attack, but before half time Colbeck got the ball under the tape, and accordingly when ends were changed the state of the game was four to nothing. With the wind in their favour 1st Surrey made a little better fight, and Pryor and Bevington getting a goal each, the game ended in favour of the Old Harrovians by six goals to nothing.”

SM: “Played at Camberwell on Saturday. The Harrovians won the toss, and Hooper started the game at three o’clock, the Rifles occupying the lower end. After ten minutes +Broughton made the first score for the Harrovians quickly followed by two more goals, kicked by Prior and Hadow respectively. The Rifles were hard pressed, and before half-time Colbeck had added another goal to the Harrow score. The second half was less productive of disasters for the Rifles, as Prior and Bevington had to be content with goals, and at the end the volunteers had been defeated by six goals to none.” +SL repeats this error for Bevington

First Surrey Rifles: R.L. Allport (Capt.) (Goal); M.H. Featherston-Haugh (Back), W.P. Haskett-Smith, E. Maynard (Half Backs); W.J. Maynard, A.R. Kirkpatrick, R. Greene, F. Stransham, J.E. Tidd, H.J. Hooper, J. Thompson (Forwards).

Old Harrovians: R. de C. Welch (Capt.), B.G. Jarrett (Half Backs), A.W. Welch, A.E. Whittaker (Backs); E.S. Gibney (Goal); G. Macan, H.T. Prior, L.W. Revitt-Carnac (Right Side), C. Colbeck, H.S. Bevington (Left Side), A.A. Hadow (Centre).

N.B. G. Macan normally played as a Half Back but appears to have been a forward in this game.

Umpire: J. Kirkpatrick (Wanderers).

REMNANTS 2(E.K.Douglas,L.B.Keyser) HAWKS 0(H.T.1-0) (Sat Dec 22nd)(At Anerley)

Norwood News 29/12/77 P.3/Bell's Life 29/12/77 P.4/Field 29/12/77 P.783/Sportsman 24/12/77 P.4/Sporting Life 26/12/77 P.3:

NN:"The Remnants had a decided advantage in weight,averaging at least two stone per man heavier than their opponents.Hamilton kicked off for the Hawks at 2.30,and for the first quarter of an hour the ball was generally in the neighbourhood of the Remnants' goal,some good shots being stopped by the goal-keeper.At the expiration of that time the Hawks were unfortunate in losing the services of Jones,who was badly hurt in a scrimmage.Although after resting some time he pluckily resumed play,he was unable afterwards to render material assistance to his side.For a considerable time neither club obtained any material advantage,but just before half-time a rush of the Remnants' forwards took the ball right in front of the Hawks' goal,and after a slight scrimmage it was passed between the posts.After a change of ends luck still favoured the visitors,and a second goal was placed to their credit by Keyser.All the Hawks forwards played up hard,particularly towards the end,but could not succeed in altering the aspect of the game,although several times Ram and Rumball were on the point of scoring,but all their endeavours were frustrated by the excellent goal-keeping of Blackmore.Besides those already mentioned,J.R.Fox,Douglas,and Wood played well for their respective sides."

BL:"In consequence of the heavy state of the ground the play was slow and somewhat indifferent, and it was not until just before the call of half time that a goal was secured by the Remnants.Soon after the change of ends the latter again scored out of a scrimmage close in front of their opponents' goal,and although the Hawks played up well and pressed the Remnants very closely ,they were unable to score,owing to the fine back play of the Rev. H.T.Wood and the excellent goalkeeping of the Rev.W.Blackmore."

F:"Played at Anerley on Saturday.During the first half of the game a good piece of play by Evans and Douglas accredited the Remnants with one goal.Another goal fell to the same side through the efforts of Keyser,during the second half,and they won finally by two goals to none.The goalkeeping of Rev. W.Blackmore for the Remnants was brilliant in the extreme."

SL:"This match in the second Cup ties was played at Anerley,on Saturday,the ground being very heavy.The Remnants won by two goals,kicked by Evans and Keyser,out of bullies in front of the posts.The back play of Wood and the goal-keeping of Blackmore for the victors was very fine."

SM:"This match was played at Anerley on Saturday,being one of the second ties of the Association cup.The ground was in poor order,being very heavy,and in consequence the play was slow.The Remnants scored one goal towards the end of the first half of the time,through a good piece of play on the part of Evans and Douglas.After changing ends the Remnants again scored from a scrummgage in front of the goal,the final kick being from Keyser.The efforts of the Hawks were frustrated by the excellent goal-keeping of Rev.W.Blackmore,and by the good back play of Rev.H.T.Wood.Besides those mentioned of the Remnants,Hawke and Dear were especially conspicuous,while for the Hawks,Hamilton,Gambe,+Rain,and J.R.Fox,did all they could."

+E.A.Ram in fact although wrong in the papers.

Remnants: Rev.W.Blackmore(Goal);Rev.H.T.Wood(Back);C.H.Hawtrey,J.P.Lawrence(Half Backs);
E.K.Douglas,L.B.Keyser(Right),W.F.Hawtrey(Capt.),J.P.Hawtrey,A.Dear(Centres),L.Evans,
Hon. M.B.Hawke(Left).

Hawks: F.Fox(Goal);C.G.Broadhurst,A.G.Pitman(Backs);A.F.M.Gamble,J.R.Fox(Half Backs);
W.G.Hamilton(Capt.),E.A.Ram,A.M.Helmsley,T.B.Jones,H.M.Rumball,W.Pitman(Forwards).

N.B.Some initials corrected by NN

Umpires:G.P.Hawtrey for Remnants and N.Hamilton for Hawks.Referee:Rev. J.W.Hawtrey.

OXFORD UNIVERSITY 1(E.H.Parry) OLD FORESTERS 0(H.T. 1-0)(Sat Dec 15th)(At Kennington Oval)

Sportsman 17/12/77 P.4/Sporting Life 19/12/77 P.3/Bell's Life 22/12/77 P.9/South London Chronicle
22/12/77 P.3/York Herald 17/12/77 P.8/Field 22/12/77 P.759/Referee 16/12/77 P.5/Sheffield Daily
Telegraph 17/12/77 P.4:

REF:"The Old Foresters,who,by the way,looked singularly youthful,having gained the toss,Metcalf
betook himself with his followers to the Crown Baths side of the ground,and at 2.45,Savory kicked
off."

SM:"A very well-contested match was the result of the meeting between these clubs,in the second
ties for the Association Cup at Kennington Oval on Saturday.The Foresters,who are old members of
Forest School,Walthamstow,have shown excellent form during the season,and there were some
who believed that they had even an outside chance for the Cup,although it was only their first entry.
The weather was not of a genial kind,as rain seemed certain,and though it held off,the thaw
following the hard frost overnight left the ground in a very greasy state.Oxford had a strong team,
with the exception of Rawson,Otter having to go half-back and Waddington back.There was nothing
to gain by choice of positions,and Oxford lost nothing when Savory kicked off at 2.45.The Oxonians
were very soon busy,Page,Metcalf,and Kemp working hard.The Foresters returned the ball,but the
back play was not strong enough to withstand the superior weight of the Oxford forwards.Two
corner-kicks fell to Oxford,but the Foresters defended their goal well,and each time the ball was got
safely away.A corner-kick also fell to the Foresters,but a timely kick by Parry saved Oxford,and the
ball was taken up quickly into the Foresters' lines.An infringement of the handling rule gave Otter a
free kick,and the ball passing into the front of the goal bounded from Parry's head,and thence from
the head of J.W.Guy through the Foresters' posts.Soon afterwards,after a good run by Lee,Kemp,and
Page,the ball again approached the centre of the Foresters' goal,and Page landed it safely through,
but as he had got in the front of the ball just before he had his final kick,the umpires gave him off-
side,and the score was not allowed.After the change of ends the Old Foresters were pressed,and
seven corner-kicks fell to Oxford,though the Foresters maintained their defence with the greatest
resolution,being frequently applauded for their plucky play.Some good runs by Cazenove at several
times took the ball into Oxford territory,and in the last ten minutes, Fairclough,Cazenove,and
F.G.Guy succeeded in twice threatening the University goal,which was only preserved by the
effective play of Alington.Just before the finish Oxford made two desperate attacks,but neither
proved successful,and at the close the Old Foresters were only defeated by one goal.They deserve
great credit for their determined play throughout,considering their great inferiority in weight,and

had their back's play been better they would have had a good chance of success. Cazenove, Fairclough, and F.G. Guy played well forward, and the half-backs, though they were too light, worked hard. Waddington kicked well for Oxford, and the forwards generally were in good form."

BL/YH: "Twice during the first half the ball was kicked over the goal posts of the Old Foresters, who, on one occasion, accomplished a similar feat over their opponents' tape; but 40 minutes had expired ere Oxford secured the first and only goal, the ball, from a free kick by Otter, bounding on the heads of Parry and Guy, and thence through the posts. Just before half time Page kicked between the Old Foresters' posts but the goal was disallowed on the plea of offside. Ends were changed, and a splendid game was carried on until time was called."

F: "The weather was dull, and the ground slippery, unfavourable for dribbling, but the game was fast and hard fought throughout. The Oxford captain kicked off at a quarter to three o'clock, and the Foresters' half backs, who were very light, were unable to resist the Oxford forwards, who kept the ball fairly in the opposite half at first. Two corner kicks to Oxford were unproductive, and one to the Foresters threatened the Oxonians, but they got the ball away. At length a free kick by Otter planted the ball in front of the Foresters' posts, and after being headed on by Parry glanced off the head of J.W. Guy through the Foresters' goal. Not long after the kick off the Oxford forwards again took the ball up to the Foresters' posts and Page got it securely through, though, as he was offside when he made his final kick, the goal was not allowed. Nothing more was obtained up to half time. After the change of ends both sides worked hard, F. Guy, Fairclough and Cazenove making some neat runs for the Old Foresters. Oxford had seven corner kicks without being able to increase their score, and at the end of an hour and a half they remained in possession of a victory by one goal to none. Just before the finish the Old Foresters twice seriously threatened the University goal, and throughout their forwards played up in creditable style."

Oxford University: E.H. Alington (Goal); E. Waddington, O.R. Dunell (Backs); J.H. Savory (Capt.), H.S. Otter (Half Backs); E.H. Parry, C.H.T. Metcalfe, C.W.M. Kemp, W.R. Page, F.G.J. Robinson, F.H. Lee (Forwards)

Old Foresters: R. Metcalfe (Capt.) (Goal); K.W. Elmslie, J.W.M. Guy (Backs); E.H. Topham, C.J. Fox (Half Backs); T.M. Day, E. Cazenove, P. Fairclough, E.P. Barlow, F. Barry, F.G. Guy (Forwards). (Forwards).

Umpires: C.S. Davison (Cambridge University) for Oxford University and W.F. Richmond (Clapham Rovers) for Old Foresters. Referee: C.W. Alcock (Hon Sec and Treasurer Football Association)

CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY 4 (+T.G. Styan, ++W.Y. Hargreaves, D.Q. Steel, L.K., Jarvis) MAIDENHEAD 2 (F. Mackie 2) (H.T. 2-1) (F.T. 2-2) (After 15 mins Extra Time) (Sat Dec 8th) (At Surrey Cricket Ground, Kennington Oval)

(++MA/SM/F give second goal to Hargreaves, but BL/SL/REF give it to Steel)

Sportsman 10/12/77 P.4/Bell's Life 15/12/77 P.4/Field 15/12/77 P.724/Maidenhead Asvertiser 12/12/77 P.3/Referee 9/12/77 P.6/ Sporting Life 12/12/77 P.3/Morning Post 10/12/77 P.2/Sheffield Daily Telegraph 10/12/77 P.4:

+MA: "This goal was not asked, or it would have been allowed "off side" by the Referee. This would, of course, have made all the difference to the result. Shortly afterwards, the Cambridge forwards were again busy, but they were stopped by Price. Hargreaves then took possession of the ball, and from a high kick landed it just under the tape. A great many people near concluded that it went over, and some of our players contended that the opinion of the bystanders should overrule the umpires'."

BL: "Cambridge had evidently underrated their opponents, and were not represented by their full strength, while Maidenhead played their strongest available team."

SM: "Favoured by the unexpected treat of a fine afternoon there was a fair number of spectators at Kennington Oval on Saturday to witness the match (one of the second ties for the Cup) between these clubs. The University was anything but well represented, as will be seen by a reference to the names, and the eleven suffered considerably by the absence of the brothers Lyttelton and Churchill. The ground was in good order despite the recent rains, and there was no breeze to render the choice of positions of any value. Maidenhead, having won the toss, chose to commence with their backs towards the racquet-court, and at 2.40 Hargreaves kicked off for the University. The play on both sides at the outset was not at all brilliant, and nothing occurred worthy of notice until a very fine shot by Hargreaves was cleverly saved by the Maidenhead goal-keeper. Twice in succession A.D. Price by good dribbling took the ball up to the Cambridge line, but it was returned, and again Hargreaves made an excellent shot at the Berkshire posts. The ball was stopped by one of the defending backs with his hands, and a scrimmage followed the kick. Once more the goal-keeper saved his charge well, but the ball was brought back, and Styan put it through, Maidenhead making no appeal for a clear case of off-siding. Soon after the kick off Hargreaves and Hills, by a good run, threatened the Maidenhead lines, but A.D. Price relieved his side. Cambridge were, however, not to be driven back, and Hargreaves landed the ball apparently just over the tape, though the spectators in the neighbourhood loudly asserted it to be a goal, and in this view, the umpires, after some consultation, acquiesced. The ball had hardly been re-started before the Maidenhead forwards took it along with a fierce rush, and a neat piece of middling by A.D. Price enabled Mackie to secure a goal for Maidenhead amidst considerable applause. With the exception of a corner-kick to each side, nothing more took place before half time. After the change of ends Cambridge at once forced their opponents back, and after a corner-kick by Bury, the ball was put through the Maidenhead posts by Wild, though the umpires voted him to be off-side. Two misskicks by Bury in succession gave Vardy two corner-kicks for Maidenhead, but in neither case was he successful. Another corner-kick fell to Cambridge, and Bury this time directed it well, Hargreaves heading the ball just over the tape. Again A.D. Price made himself conspicuous with a fine run, along the side, and middling to Mackie, the latter once more scored for Maidenhead. At this there was a burst of applause from the Maidenhead division, and as, with the exception of another corner to Bury and a clever shot by Hargreaves, which was well stopped by the goal-keeper, nothing more occurred before time, and the result at the end of an hour and a half was a tie with two goals to each side, the captains agreed to continue the game for a quarter of an hour, ends to be changed at half-time. The extension was unfavourable to Maidenhead, as just before the expiry of the first half a very fine shot from the side by Jarvis resulted in a goal for Cambridge, and only a few minutes before time a good run by Steel over more than half the length of the ground, gave the University their fourth goal, and the victory by four goals to two. The play generally was not up to the mark, although A.D. Price dribbled very cleverly throughout, Vardy kicked well, and Lovegrove kept goal in excellent form for Maidenhead. The back play of the University was far from good."

F: "At twenty minutes to three o'clock the University captain started the ball, and it soon became evident that there was little disparity between the two teams, although the Cambridge forwards got to work more quickly, and twice Hargreaves, by excellent shots, threatened the Maidenhead goal. Some very neat dribbling was shown by A.D. Price for Maidenhead, but again the ball was taken along by Cambridge, and hands caused a free kick just in front of the Berkshire posts. A clever piece of play by the Berkshire goalkeeper checked the first advance, but the University returned to the charge, and Styan (who was offside) guided the ball safely through. Maidenhead making no appeal, the ball was kicked off the centre; and before long a good shot by Hargreaves carried it just under the Maidenhead tape, making the second goal for Cambridge. Maidenhead now played up hard, and after a fine run along the right side by Price, Mackie got a well-earned goal for Maidenhead. Nothing more was obtained before half time. The change of ends was followed by a great improvement in the play generally, and each side had two corner kicks without further result. E.J. Wild once got the ball through the Maidenhead posts, but he was offside and no goal was called. The brothers Price showed some excellent dribbling along the right side, and again Mackie came to the rescue, securing a second goal for Maidenhead after a short scrimmage. Nothing more occurred to favour either side, and when time was called at the end of an hour and a half the result was a tie with two goals to each club. To avoid if possible a second meeting, it was determined to play on for a quarter of an hour, and during each half the University got a goal, the first from a full side shot by Jervis, the second after a long run by Steel. Cambridge consequently won by four goals to two."

BL: "The ball was eventually worked up to the Maidenhead headquarters, and a capital shot by Hargreaves was only prevented from going through by an infringement of Rule 8. This gave Cambridge a free kick just a few feet from the Maidenhead goal, and after a short tussle Styan secured the first success for the Light Blues. A few minutes later a good throw in from touch landed the ball well in front of the Maidenhead fortress and Steel, getting possession, was enabled to secure a second goal. This second reverse caused Maidenhead to play with great determination, and by a well-organised movement they broke through the enemies' lines, and after a few passes in front of their stronghold Price cleverly middled the ball to Mackie, who succeeded in putting it through. Each goal was now in turn menaced and half time was called ere any further score was made. On ends being changed Cambridge at once assumed the aggressive, and in a very short time a corner kick was gained, and out of a loose scrimmage that followed the ball was put through by Wild, but the goal was disallowed on the plea of offside. In rapid succession Maidenhead secured two corner kicks, but in neither instance did anything of advantage result. The next incident was a capital run by A.D. Price who, however, was deprived of possession ere he had time to effect his object. He again secured the ball, and this time middled it to Mackie, who equalised matters by securing a second goal. Cambridge were now playing up better than ever, and penned their adversaries for a time. The Maidenhead defence, however, prevented any fresh disaster, and "time" saw the score unaltered. To decide the matter it was agreed to play for another quarter of an hour. Hardly had they recommenced when Jarvis followed up a capital run with a splendid shot from the side, which lowered the Maidenhead colours for the third time, and as shortly afterwards Steel, steering the leather straight up the centre of the ground, was enabled to secure another success just before play ceased, Cambridge gained a victory by four goals to two."

MA: "The ground chosen was at the right side of the Pavilion, instead of at the lower end, and was shorter than our men are accustomed to play on by some 30 yards. One alteration in the players had been made since the list was published - Mackie was substituted for the younger Wild, + who made one in the 'Varsity team; and a very good change it proved, for Mackie played hard and well all through, and was lucky enough to get both the goals credited to our side."

Cambridge University: W.N. Woodham (Goal); W.Y. Hargreaves (Capt.), L. Bury, J.R. Morgan (Backs); Q.E. Roughton, O.P. Lancashire (Half Backs); W.Y. Hargreaves (Capt.), D.Q. Steel, L.K. Jarvis, E.H. Hills, T.G. Styan, + E.J. Wild (Forwards). + Maidenhead F.C. N.B 2 QG's in MA for 2 Q's

Maidenhead: W.E. Lovegrove (Goal); C.A. Vardy (Capt.) (Back), W. Goulden (Quarter Back), F. Burnham, C.E. Tilly (Half Backs); F. Price, A.D. Price (Right Side), R. Couper, W.H.B. Harris (Centres), W. Wild, F. Mackie (Left Side).

Umpires: A.P. Widnell, Cambridge University and J.H. Clark, Maidenhead.

Referee: C.H.R. Wollaston (Wanderers)

OVER DARWEN 0 SHEFFIELD CLUB 1 (W.A. Matthews) (H.T 0-0) (Sat Dec 29th) (At Darwen)

N.B. Full name of team - Over Darwen

Sheffield Daily Telegraph 31/12/77 P.4/Sheffield Independent 31/12/77 P.4/Athletic News 5/1/78 P.6/Bell's Life 5/1/78 P.5/Sporting Life 2/1/78 P.3/Sportsman 1/1/78 P.4:

SDT: "It was rather unfortunate that this club was drawn with Darwen on the same day as the great match Sheffield v London. The clashing of the two fixtures considerably weakened both teams, as there were three players in the match under notice who would in all probability have been selected for the Metropolitan match, and two others playing in the London match who would doubtless have done duty for the Sheffield Club at Darwen."

"No one can imagine or adequately describe the state of the ground. On arriving there it was found that a ditch, which runs from one goal to the other in the centre of the field, was a foot or 18 inches deep in water. In the furrows on the top side the snow lay several inches thick, and was entirely saturated with the previous rains."

"The home team appointed their own referee, but when he decided an appeal for a goal in favour of the Sheffielders - not only did the spectators hoot, but the captain of the team stubbornly refused to acknowledge his authority. Such conduct as this should not pass without cognisance of the Association."

"At four o'clock the Sheffielders, by clever dribbling and crossing, took the ball well up and left it ultimately in the care of Matthews, and he at last managed to nonplus the goalkeeper and shot the ball past him. The yelling and shouting at this time was simply disgraceful. The captain of the home team, urged on by others shouting "offside" wanted to claim that penalty on the score that Cursham was offside. He had doubtless followed the ball but even had he not he never touched it. The referee appointed by themselves and who honourably gave most unbiased decisions, gave his fiat against him but he ignored his authority. It was now but about seven minutes to time. The wrangle continued, but just as they were giving in and on the point of resuming play, time was called which

put an end to one of the most unpleasant and most unsatisfactory matches it has ever been our lot to witness in the course of a football experience extending over thirty-two years."

SM:"On Saturday afternoon this, the last of the second ties, was played at Darwen. The weather was fine, but the state of the ground, owing to the recent heavy fall of snow, was in a most wretched condition, and certainly far from being fit to play upon. Darwen won the toss, and Willey kicked off at 2.35. After much hard play, at four o'clock the ball was taken up by several of the Sheffield team, who made a good concerted run, and taken forward by Matthews through the Darwen goal. The Darwen team and captain disputed the goal on the score of off-side and claimed a free kick. The umpires disagreeing, the referee decided in favour of the Sheffield team who won by one goal to none."

SL:"The clashing of this with the match Sheffield v London on Saturday last, considerably weakened both teams. Three were playing for Sheffield in the match under notice who would in all probability played in the London match. But for that contest the brothers Clegg would have also played with the Sheffield Club. The ground was one of the very worst ever seen, a ditch eighteen inches deep in water ran from goal to goal, and most of the ground was submerged. Considering the inclement weather, there was a large company of about 1,500. About seven minutes to "time" Sheffield scored a goal—the only one in the match—but the Darwen captain refused to bow to the referee's fiat, who, on appeal, gave his decision in favour of Sheffield, who thus, after having the best of the play, won by one goal to nil."

SI:"At four o'clock the ball was taken up by several of the Sheffielders, who made a good concerted run, and the leather was taken forward by Matthews through the Darwen goal. The Darwen team and captain disputed the goal as having been obtained from a foul, and they claimed a free kick. The umpires disagreeing, the referee decided in favour of the Sheffield team, who by hard work and good play thus won the match."

Over Darwen: J. Booth (Capt.) (Goal); N. M'Wetherall, J. Duxbury, R. Crookes, T. Hindle (Backs); T. Marshall, W. Kirkham, R. Kirkham, J. Knowles, J. Lewis, T. Bury (Forwards).

Sheffield Club: M. Ellison (Capt.) (Goal); W. R. Wake, T. C. Willey, R. A. Sorby, R. G. Wake (Backs); W. A. Matthews, A. W. Cursham, T. H. Sorby, S. S. Dixon, H. Wood, E. Barber (Forwards).

Umpires: W. H. Chambers for Sheffield and C. Rostron for Darwen.

Referee: Walter Duckworth (Blackburn).

DRUIDS, a bye

THIRD ROUND:

Bell's Life 29/12/77 P.4:"At a committee meeting held on Thursday Evening the third ties of the Cup competition were drawn as follows:-

Old Harrovians v Cambridge University

Clapham Rovers v Oxford University

Barnes v Wanderers

Upton Park v Remnants

Royal Engineers v Druids
Sheffield or Darwen, a bye

These must be played off on or before January 31. All the matches to be played now have to take place at Kennington Oval."

OLD HARROVIANS 2 (R.L. Geaves, H.S. Bevington) CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY 2 (T.G. Styan, E.H. Hills) (H.T. 2-1) (Sat Feb 2nd) (At Kennington Oval: 1st of 2) (Played the first half before the Oxford University v Clapham Rovers match began)

Bell's Life 9/2/78 P.4/Sportsman 4/2/78 P.3/Sporting Life 6/2/78 P.1/Field 9/2/78 P.172/Referee 3/2/78 P.3/The Times 4/2/78 P.10/South London Chronicle 9/2/78 P.5/Sheffield Daily Telegraph 4/2/78 P.4:

BL: "Although 2.15 was fixed for the commencement of this match it was a quarter of an hour later ere Hargreaves, on behalf of the Light Blues, who had lost the toss, set the ball rolling from the Racquet Court goal, Harrow having elected to play with the wind in their favour, from the goal nearest the Gas Works. It was soon apparent that the University were but indifferently represented, especially amongst the forwards, and the ball in consequence was found very often in their territory. The backs, however, were up to their work, and prevented on several occasions what seemed almost inevitable. At length a good throw in by Jarrett along the side was well centred to Geaves, who was enabled to score the first goal for Old Harrovians. A few minutes later a rush of Harrow forwards took the ball well over the frontier. It was then capitally passed to the side, from whence a clever middle took it to within a few yards of the Cambridge fortress, and, despite the efforts of the Cantabs, out of a loose scrimmage Bevington caused the second overthrow of their fortress. Hardly had the consequent excitement subsided when Styan, owing to a misskick on the part of the Harrow goalkeeper, sent the ball spinning between the enemies' posts. Half time was almost directly called, and on ends being changed the play became very spirited, the Old Harrovians, who tried all they knew to prevent matters being equalised. This, however, they failed to do, for in a very short time Styan, who all through was most energetic in his efforts, made a splendid run, and finishing up with a kick towards the centre, Hill took the ball on and succeeded in kicking it under the tape. The game now became very fast, and each goal was frequently threatened, but nothing further of a decisive character accrued to either side, consequently the affair terminated in a draw..."

SM: "On Saturday this match, the first of the two ties in the third round to be decided at Kennington Oval, during the afternoon, was decided. At half-past two o'clock Hargreaves kicked off for the University against the wind. At first the play was far from brilliant on either side, though the Harrovians had the best of it, and for some little time pressed their adversaries. For half an hour the play produced no score, but at last a short scrimmage took place in the centre of the University posts, and a kick by Geaves secured its downfall. This success was speedily followed by another disaster for Cambridge, Bevington scoring the second goal within a very few minutes. The University forwards now rallied, and some good runs by Styan, Hills, and Chance made the game more even, and just before half-time, after a sharp run by Hills, Styan made the first goal for the University. After the change of ends, with the aid of the wind, Cambridge played up much better, and their efforts were rewarded with a goal kicked by Hills. During the remainder of the game each side had the advantage,

but without the attainment of any further score,so that at the end of an hour and a half the game resulted in a tie.Cambridge had a very weak eleven,and the form throughout was not up to the best standard on either side.Jarrett was as active as usual,but otherwise the back play was far from good.”

SL:”The Harrovians won the toss,and chose the gasometer end.At half past two Hargreaves for the ‘Varsity started the game,but for a long while play was very even,and neither side succeeded in scoring.The first goal was obtained by the Harrovians for whom Geaves landed the ball through the Light Blues’ goal posts:this was quickly followed by another kicked by Bevington.Styan,however,soon wiped off one score,Hills after a clever run,passing him the ball,and ends having been changed,Hills succeeded in clearing off the balance against his side.Up to time no further advantage was gained by either side,and the game thus ended in a tie.”

Old Harrovians:R.de C.Welch(Capt.),A.W.Welch(Backs);B.G.Jarrett,G.Macan(Half Backs); E.S.Gibney(Goal);H.S.Bevington,C.Colbeck(Left),E.D.L.Harvey,H.T.Prior(Right),R.L.Geaves, W.B.Paton(Centres)

Cambridge University:W.Y.Hargreaves(Capt.),L.Bury,O.P.Lancashire(Backs),N.J.Abdy, A.J.Whitaker(Half Backs);C.E.Hammond(Goal);T.G.Styan,R.T.Wilson,J.F.Chance, H.Bruce,E.H.Hills (Forwards).

Umpires:J.Kenrick(Wanderers) for Cambridge and J.Lewis(Cambridge University) for Old Harrovians.Referee:Major Marindin (R.E.)

REPLAY:Sat Feb 9th (At Kennington Oval):

CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY 2 (D.Q.Steel,T.G.Styan) OLD HARROVIANS 2 (E.D.L.Harvey,C.Colbeck) (H.T. 1-2) (F.T. 2-2 (After Extra Time: 30 mins and a further 15 mins!)

Bell’s Life 16/2/78 P.9/Sportsman 11/2/78 P.3/Field 16/2/78 P.204/Sporting Life 13/2/78 P.3/Referee 10/2/77 P.3/The Times 11/2/78 P.11/Sheffield Daily Telegraph 11/2/78 P.4:

BL:”In anticipation of another close battle a large number of persons put in an appearance,despite the threatening appearance of the weather.The ground was in capital condition,and the game throughout was fast and exciting.The Old Harrovians won the toss,and elected to defend the goal nearest the Harleyford-road,the wind blowing slightly from that quarter.Hargreaves set the ball in motion at five minutes past 3,and a very fine game commenced.For a long time the contest was evenly carried on,but at length after a fierce struggle close to the Cantabs quarters,Harvey kicked through scoring the first goal for the Harrovians.Very soon afterwards a rush by the Cambridge forwards took the leather close to the enemies’ fortress,and,after the ball had been sent to the side and again middled by Bury,a goal was secured out of a scrimmage by Steel.A further advantage was presently gained by Colbeck for the Harrovians,who at half time had scored two goals to one. Cambridge played up hard after ends were changed,but,although they had slightly the best of the game,it was not until the usual hour and a half had very nearly expired that Styan,from a free kick close to the Harrow goal,was enabled to equalise matters.No further score was made,and the game was continued for a further half an hour.Neither side gained any advantage whatever during this

period, and it was then agreed to play on for 15 minutes. Although each goal was several times in danger the scores remained unaltered."

SM: "On Saturday last these clubs made a second unsuccessful effort to decide which should move up from the third to the fourth round of the competition. A week before they had played for an hour and a half at the Oval, and on Saturday at the same ground the scores obtained were the same, though play was twice extended. The captain of the Old Harrovians won the toss, and just after three o'clock Hargreaves kicked off to the Baths, with the wind against him. Soon after the kick-off Hargreaves, with a splendid shot, nearly achieved a goal for the University, but the ball hit one of the posts and rebounded into play. A brilliant run by Paton relieved Harrow, and after a quarter of an hour a good run and a well-directed final kick by Harvey gave them a goal. Soon after kick-off Steel got the ball well under control, and the result was a goal for the University. Some very even play followed, Broughton and Harvey playing well up for Harrow, and Jarvis, Churchill, and Hargreaves for Cambridge. Not long before half-time, Colbeck, getting the ball after a short scrimmage, secured another goal for Cambridge, and ends were changed, with the Harrovians one goal to the good. For a long time Cambridge were unable to equalise matters, but ten minutes before time Bury placed the ball neatly across the goal, from a free kick for hands, and Styan got it safely between the posts. At the end of an hour and a half two goals had fallen to each side, and therefore play was prolonged for half an hour. Only once did the ball pass through either goal during this period, and then Jarvis was off-side, so that a score was not allowed for Cambridge. With the hope of some definite conclusion the game was again resumed for a quarter of an hour in a very bad light, and as neither side could lay claim to the slightest advantage, play had to be abandoned."

F: "These clubs, who had on the previous Saturday, played a drawn game, met on Saturday last at Kennington Oval, to attempt to arrive at a more satisfactory settlement of their respective merits. Hargreaves kicked off for Cambridge a few minutes after three o'clock, against a slight breeze. The University had a better team than on the former occasion, and within a few minutes the Harrow goal had a narrow escape, a very fine shot by Hargreaves from the side hitting one of the goal posts, and rebounding into play. A very neat dribble by Paton at once recovered the ball into the vicinity of the Cambridge goal; and, after some even play, Harvey, at the end of a smart run, with a well-aimed kick, secured a well-deserved score for the Old Harrovians. Not long afterwards the indecision of the Harrow backs gave Steel an opening, and matters were made even by a goal from his foot for Cambridge. Some very even play now ensued, Bevington for the Harrovians, Churchill and Jarvis for the University at times making good runs. Nothing occurred, however, until a few minutes of half time, when, after a short scrimmage, Colbeck succeeded in directing the ball safely between the Cambridge posts. After the change of ends the game progressed in much the same fashion, as the two sides were so evenly balanced, that there was nothing to choose between them. The play improved in pace and spirit, but it was not until thirty-five minutes had passed that the score was altered. Styan, after a well-directed free kick by Bury, giving the University the second goal. In the absence of any further success to either side, at the end of an hour and a half play had to be continued for half an hour, according to arrangement. During this period Jarvis secured a goal for the University, but as he was given off-side the score was not allowed, and the lapse of the half-hour found matters still undecided. As a last resource another quarter of an hour was given, but to the last there was not a semblance of inequality; and so, after two hours and a quarter, the second match resulted, as had the first, in a tie, with two goals to each club."

Cambridge University:W.Y.Hargreaves(Capt.);J.R.Morgan,L.Bury(Backs);
O.P.Lancashire,C.Scott-Chad(Half Backs);C.E.Hammond(Goal);T.G.Styan,W.H.Churchill,
L.K.Jarvis,D.Q.Steel,E.H.Hills(Forwards).

Old Harrovians:R.de C.Welch(Capt.),A.W.Welch(Backs);B.G.Jarrett,G.Macan(Half Backs);
E.S.Gibney(Goal),H.S.Bevington,C.Colbeck(Left Side),H.T.Prior,E.D.L.Harvey(Right Side),
M.P.Betts,W.B.Paton(Centres) .

Umpire:Major Marindin,sole umpire.

SECOND REPLAY: Sat Feb 16th (At Kennington Oval:1st of 2 the other a Fourth Round Match)

OLD HARROVIANS 2 (H.T.Prior,J.Lewis) CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY 0 (H.T. 1-0)

Bell's Life 23/2/78 P.5/Field 23/2/78 P.236/Sportsman 18/2/78 P.3/Sporting Life 20/2/78
P.3/Referee 17/2/77 P.3/ Sporting Gazette 23/2/78/The Times 18/2/78 P.10/Lloyd's Weekly
Newspaper 17/2/77 P.1/Sheffield Daily Telegraph 18/2/78 P.4:

BL:"The weather was tolerably fine,and,in anticipation of witnessing another close battle between the Cantabs and Old Harrow boys,and a similar affair between the Sheffield and Wanderers Club(a Fourth Round tie),an unusually large number of spectators put in an appearance.How far their expectations were realised will be gleaned from the following particulars.

The choice of positions fell to Cambridge ,who elected to take advantage of the breeze which was blowing from the direction of the Hayleyford Road,and at 25 minutes past 2 the Harrow captain started the leather from the goal nearest the Gas Works.A splendid game was carried on for some time,each goal being visited in turn with no advantage to either side.At length a claim of hands by Harrow was answered in the affirmative,and a free kick from the centre of the ground was made. The ball was so well directed that a scrimmage took place immediately in front of the Cantabs' goal, through which Prior ultimately forced it,scoring first success for the Old Harrovians.Shortly afterwards a rush of the Cambridge forwards brought the ball well into the enemies' quarters,and Styan,taking it on,sent it through,but being palpably offside the goal was disallowed.After ends were reversed the play on both sides was very spirited,the ball traveling up and down very rapidly ;but so even was the game contested that there seemed every chance of the score remaining unaltered.A few minutes from time,however,Cambridge were rather pressed and had to continually act on the defensive .The Harrovians persisted in their attack,and the ball having been passed to Lewis by Paton,the former gained a second goal,Hammond trying in vain to arrest the progress of the leather.As Cambridge had failed to score they were defeated by two goals to none."

F:"On Saturday two matches in this competition were decided at Kennington Oval,and,as each gave promise of a hard fight,the spectators mustered in greater force than usual to the number of nearly two thousand.The two meetings were between Old Harrovians and Cambridge University,on the one hand,between Wanderers and Sheffield Club on the other.Of these that between the two first-named clubs was the first decided,but on this occasion there was not the same equality,although the game at no time was very uneven.At first the Cantabs had the advantage of the wind,R.C.Welch starting the ball from the western end for the Harrovians.A free kick for hands gave Jarrett the first chance of endangering the Cambridge lines,but the University removed the ball,and,chiefly by the

exertions of Hargreaves and Steel, kept the game fairly even for a time. Another infringement of the handling rule by Cambridge gave Jarrett a second free kick, and this time out of the scrimmage Prior got a goal for the Harrovians. Nothing more was obtained up to half-time, though soon after the Harrovian score, Styan passed the ball between their posts only to be voted off-side. During the second half the Harrovians had slightly the best of the game, though no result greeted their efforts until just before the finish, when, after a general rush, Lewis secured the second goal for the Harrovians. Cambridge were thus defeated at the third time of asking by two goals to none."

SM: "A fine afternoon, combined with the prospect of witnessing another hard contest, and also some good play in the fourth tie between Wanderers and Sheffield, fixed to be played a quarter of an hour after, attracted quite fifteen hundred spectators to the Oval. At 2.35 P.M. Welch kicked off from the Gasworks end, Cambridge having the advantage of a strong breeze. A free kick for hands soon produced a scrimmage in front of the University goal, but the danger was averted, and for some time the game was stoutly contested, Hargreaves and Steel playing up hard for Cambridge, and Prior, Bevington, and Colbeck for the Old Harrovians. Another free kick for hands fell to Jarrett, and this time the scrimmage was more successful, Prior getting the ball safely through the University goal. Soon afterwards Styan retorted by placing the ball between the Old Harrovian posts; but the spectators, who had given vent to hearty cheers, were disappointed to find that the score was not recognised, Styan having been palpably off-side. With the change of ends the Harrovians several times threatened the Cambridge lines, the half-back play of the University being inferior, though Bury kicked well, and Lancashire did plenty of work full back. Just before the finish a general dash of the Harrow forwards made the victory of the Harrovians more decisive, as Lewis, with another goal, enabled them to win at last by two goals to none."

Old Harrovians: E.S. Gibney (Goal); R. de C. Welch (Capt.), A.W. Welch (Backs);
B.G. Jarrett, G. Macan (Half Backs); J. Lewis, H.T. Prior (Right Side), M.P. Betts, W.B. Paton (Centres),
H.S. Bevington, C. Colbeck (Left Side).

Cambridge University: C.E. Hammond (Goal), L. Bury, O.P. Lancashire (Backs); N.J. Abdy,
C. Scott-Chad (Half Backs); W.Y. Hargreaves (Capt.), W.H. Churchill (Right Side),
D.Q. Steel, L.K. Jarvis (Centres), T.G. Styan, E.H. Hills (Left Side).

Umpire: Major Marindin.

OXFORD UNIVERSITY 3 (+A.F. Hills/E.H. Parry, R.T. Heygate, H.S. Otter) CLAPHAM ROVERS 2
(F.L. Rawson, R.H. Birkett) (H.T. 2-1) (Sat Feb 2nd) (At Kennington Oval: 2nd of 2) (Started when the first
the Cambridge University v Old Harrovians match had been half completed)

+All sources state the 1st Oxford goal followed Parry receiving the ball in an off-side position, and the BL/REF Reports state that he muddled for Hills to score, and the JOJ Report also states that Hills scored, while the other sources state or imply that Parry himself scored.

Bell's Life 9/2/78 P.4/Field 9/2/78 P.172/Sporting Life 6/2/78 P.1/Sportsman 4/2/78 P.3/Referee
3/2/77 P.3/Jackson's Oxford Journal 9/2/78 P.5/The Times 4/2/78 P.10/South London Chronicle
9/2/78 P.5/Sheffield Daily Telegraph 4/2/78 P.4:

BL: "This, the second match (at Kennington Oval), was commenced at 20 minutes past 3, and proved one of the best played during the progress of the competition. Both teams fought with great spirit, which caused the game to be very fast throughout. The toss was won by Oxford who elected to play for the first half from the goal nearest the Gasometers, Ogilvie kicking off from the Crown Baths end of the ground. At first the Rovers were rather pressed and in a quarter of an hour their colours were lowered by Hills, to whom the ball had been centred by Parry. This reverse incited the Rovers to play with renewed vigour, and presently their efforts were rewarded by a splendid goal from the foot of Rawson, who was enthusiastically cheered. At the end of half an hour Heygate on behalf of Oxford, succeeded in again lowering the Rovers' colours, and when ends were reversed the University had the advantage of two goals to one. The game now became very exciting, the ball travelling at a rare pace, each team doing their utmost. Another disaster awaited the Rovers, after a short time, Otter supplementing a good run by a goal, the third for the Blues. The Rovers' chance did not at this stage look very bright, but before long Birkett, who had retired from the position of goalkeeper, raised their hopes by cleverly kicking the ball through the Oxford posts. During the remainder of the time the Rovers had slightly the best of the fight, but were unable to equalise matters though the ball, just before the umpire gave the word, went too near the Oxford citadel to be pleasant. The result was thus in favour of the University by three goals to two."

JOJ: "Kennington Oval was the scene of two interesting matches in connection with the Association Challenge Cup on Saturday last. Cambridge University and the Old Harrovians were the first to commence hostilities, and at the conclusion the match was left drawn. The second match, Oxford University v Clapham Rovers, also for the Challenge Cup, began when the forgoing match had been half completed. During the first portion of "time" two goals were kicked for Oxford (one by Hills and the other by Heygate) and one for the Rovers by Rawson. After the change of ends the game was even more keenly contested than it had been at its commencement. Each team scored a goal, kicked by Otter and Birkett for their respective sides."

F: "This, the second match, was played on the usual ground, adjoining the skating rink. The choice of positions fell to the Rovers, and at 3.15 Oxford kicked off with their backs to the gasworks. At the outset the Oxford forwards were much better together, and, after a quarter of an hour, Parry got the ball safely between the Clapham posts. A claim of off-side was allowed by the Clapham umpire, but rejected by the other umpire, and the referee thought the decision was not a good one. After the kick-off the Clapham forwards set to work with vigour, and hardly ten minutes had passed before a good run by Sedgwick enabled Rawson, with a clever left-footed shot, to secure a goal for Clapham amidst applause. With matters equalised, both sides resumed the contest with an increase of vigour, though still the advantage was with Oxford. Bailey's effective play at half-back for a long time kept the Oxonians at bay, but at last, just before half-time, a general rush overcame all resistance, and Heygate gave the University its second goal. After the change of ends the game assumed a more even aspect, Parry, Heygate, and Page playing up hard for Oxford, and Scott, Stanley, and Jarrett for the Rovers. An opportune kick by Otter enabled Oxford to secure a third success, at which there was a hearty outburst of cheering. Undismayed the Rovers played up with even greater resolution, and for the rest of the game they certainly had the best of it. Birkett, coming out of goal, secured a rather fluky goal for them; but after this, though they were several times within an ace of scoring, and once hit the posts hard, Oxford held its advantage to the end, and ultimately won a very fast and hardly contested game by three goals to two."

SL: "The contest between these two clubs was as exciting and fast as the other game in the afternoon had been slow and dull. The Rovers began with bad luck, as the umpires, despite a claim, allowed Parry, who was really off-side, to score a goal for Oxford. From this time the Rovers played very fast, their forwards doing some quick and good work, and they soon equalised matters, a clever kick by Rawson, to whom Scott and Sedgwick by a good run passed the ball, scoring for them a goal. Despite the Rovers' good play the Oxford men every now and then made some dangerous rushes, and at times appeared to overrun their opponents, one of these concerted charges resulting in a second goal, kicked by Heygate. Just after changing ends Otter kicked the third goal for his side, the ball hitting the tape very hard. Still playing their best, and working together very fast and well, the Rovers kept their opponents fully employed, and some ten minutes before time Birkett landed for them their second goal. Still with one chalk against them the metropolitan club strained every nerve to avert defeat, but unsuccessfully, as the Oxonians managed to hold their advantage, and won by three goals to two. Seldom have we seen a better or more spirited bit of play and though the Rovers showed more dash, there was something almost irresistible about the solid rushes of Oxford."

SM: "The Rovers were a little slow in getting to work, and just before a quarter of an hour had passed, Parry, getting the ball after a short run, the downfall of the Rovers' goal was secured. A claim of off-side was raised by the Clapham captain, but the umpires disallowed it, a very improper decision, as Parry was clearly off-side when he got the ball."

Oxford University: E.H. Alington (Goal); O.R. Dunell, J.T. Twist (Backs); J.H. Savory (Capt.), E. Waddington (Half Backs); J. Bain, E.H. Parry, R.T. Heygate, W.R. Page, H.S. Otter, A.F. Hills (Forwards).

Clapham Rovers; R.H. Birkett (Goal); R.A.M.M. Ogilie (Capt.), E.F. Growse (Backs); N.C. Bailey, J.F.M. Princep (Half Backs); F.L. Rawson, A.J. Stanley (Right), H.St.D. Jarrett, H.(S). Sedgwick (Left), G. Holden, S.W. Scott (Centres).

Umpires: C.A. Denton (Wanderers) for Oxford University and J.G. Wylie (Wanderers) for Clapham Rovers). Referee: C.H. Wollaston (Wanderers).

BARNES 1 (W.L. Ainslie) WANDERERS 1 (C.A. Denton) (H.T. 0-1) (Sat Jan 12th)
(At Surrey Cricket Ground, Kennington Oval)

Bell's Life 19/1/78 P.4/Sportsman 14/1/78 P.4/Sporting Life 16/1/78 P.1/Field 19/1/78 P.80/Referee 13/1/78 P.6/Sporting Gazette 19/1/78/Sheffield Daily Telegraph 14/1/78 P.4:

BL: "Wollaston, having won the toss, arranged his forces at the Gas Works end and at a quarter to 3, Hudson on behalf of Barnes, set the leather in motion. It was quickly returned by the Wanderers, and kept well within their opponents' half for some time, a run by Tindall or Ainslie momentarily relieving the visitors' lines. The Wanderers were, however, playing in splendid style, the passing of Heron, Wollaston, Wace, Denton, Kenrick, and Benson being admirable. After several shots at the Barnes goal had proved unfruitful, Heron made a capital kick into the enemies' quarters and, before the goalkeeper had time to get the ball away, a brilliant charge on the part of the Wanderers' forwards secured the downfall of the enemies' fortress, both ball and custodian being sent through the posts by Denton. The Barnes men from this point showed a great improvement, and, although their goal was several times threatened, they managed to prevent any disaster and occasionally

forced the fighting close to the opposite goal. Nothing of further importance occurred, however, previous to half time. After ends were changed the game became very fast, the ball traveling from one end of the ground to the other with astonishing rapidity, and more than once was dangerously close to the Wanderers' posts. At length a claim of "hands" by Barnes was allowed, and the ball, having been kicked along the side, it was thence cleverly middled, and, out of a gallant charge, headed under the tape by Ainslie, who thus equalised matters. From here to the finish both teams fought with great determination, and the play was extremely interesting, but, neither side gaining any further advantage, the game terminated in a draw."

SM: "On Saturday last the third round was commenced with this match, played at Kennington Oval. The Wanderers who hold the Cup for the second year in succession, were strong favourites, although they had lost two of their best men (J.G. Wylie and A.F. Kinnaird). The ball was kicked off by Hudson for Barnes at 2.45, and after several unsuccessful attacks, twelve minutes after the start, Denton got the ball between the Barnes' posts. After this the Wanderers had the best of it until half-time. After the change Barnes made a much better show, and in ten minutes after a general scrimmage, Ainslie headed the ball through the Wanderers' goal. During the remainder of the game Heron made repeated attempts to score for the Wanderers, and the play was vigorous on both sides, though time was called without any further score, and so the match was drawn."

SL: "This match, at Kennington Oval on Saturday last, commenced the ties in the third round for this Challenge Cup. The weather was as favourable as could have been wished, and nearly 500 persons were present. The Wanderers having won the toss, elected to first defend the goal at the Gasometer end of the ground, with the wind behind them, and Hudson kicked off for Barnes at (a quarter to) three o'clock. The ball was at once returned to the centre of the ground, where a good bully ensued, but Dorling soon extricated the ball, which he carried well down into the Wanderers' territory, where a claim of "hands" gave Barnes a free kick, from which, however, no result was obtained. Just before three o'clock the Wanderers made a well organised attack on their opponents' lines, which at last proved successful; Denton, after having the ball middled to him by Heron, sending it through the goal posts at a few minutes before three. Upon resuming play, the Wanderers at once pressed back their opponents, Wace, Wollaston, and Heron being particularly busy, but the Barnes men were equal to the occasion, and resisted all attempts at the obtaining of a further score. After "half-time" the Barnes team appeared to play better together, and the ball was now kept constantly in dangerous proximity to the Wanderers' goal. At last a splendid rush by the Barnes' forwards carried the ball down the ground, and a loose bully taking place right in front of the posts, Ainslie managed to kick the ball through, and thus make matters equal. After this the match was contested with the greatest energy on both sides, but when "time" was called no further advantage had been gained by either, the game being thus left drawn, and to be played off on Saturday, the 26th instant." +REF: "from the racquet court end

SG: "This match, the first of the third ties for the Cup, was played on Saturday last at Kennington Oval. The ground was "as hard as nails" and very slippery, the surface being covered with half-thawed frost. Barnes played their full strength, but the Wanderers were somewhat weakened owing to the unavoidable absence of A.F. Kinnaird and J.G. Wylie. Wollaston won the toss, and Hudson kicked off for Barnes from the pavilion end of the ground. The ball was well returned by Green, and the fight was carried on for some time in the vicinity of the Barnes goal, several well meant attempts to break away on the part of the Barnes forwards being cleverly stopped by Green and Stratford. After

Wollaston, Wace, and Kenrick had each nearly succeeded in reducing the Barnes goal, the ball was brought down again by Wollaston, Wace, and Denton—the passing being very pretty indeed—and Heron kicked it into the goal-mouth. Burmister, however, was all there and kicking the ball up, was about to throw it away, when he was charged and upset by a dashing rush of the Wanderers forwards, and Denton succeeded in putting the ball safely between the posts. Barnes now began to play better together, and several good chances to score were only frustrated by their own over-eagerness. More than once when the goal seemed at their mercy a forward rushed up, and instead of taking things quietly and coolly gave the ball a tremendous kick and sent it yards over the tape. After half time had been called and ends changed the Wanderers revived the hopes of their partisans by making several close shots at the Barnes goal, but without success. In a few minutes, however, Barnes again woke up, and Tynedale taking the ball rapidly down the left side, made a clever middle, and Ainslie headed it between the posts. The play was now fast and furious, each side striving hard, but in vain, to gain another “notch”, and when time was called the match was drawn with one goal each. The Wanderers’ backs, with the exception, perhaps, of Green, were hardly in their usual form, but Wollaston, Wace, and Heron worked hard forward. The Barnes backs, on the contrary, never played better, Weston being especially noticeable for his accurate kicking, while the forwards Tynedale, Hudson, and Dorling played best.”

Barnes: W.S. Burmester (Goal); J.H. Vigne (Capt.), H.S. Jackson (Backs); H.E. Solly, V. Weston (Half Backs); T.N. Tyndale, W. Dorling, (Left), W.L. Ainslie, H.A. Hudson (Centre), H. Brougham, C.L. Johnstone (Right).

Wanderers: J. Kirkpatrick (Goal); A.H. Stratford, E.B. Haygarth (Backs); W. Lindsay, F.T. Green (Half Backs); C.H.R. Wollaston (Capt.), G.H. (ubert) Heron, H. Wace, R.H. Benson, J. Kenrick, C.A. Denton (Forwards).

Umpire: Major Marindin (R.E.) was umpire for both sides.

REPLAY: Sat Jan 26th (At Kennington Oval)

WANDERERS 4 (C.H. Wollaston, Hon. A.F. Kinnaird, J.G. Wylie, F.T. Green) BARNES 1 (“Scrimmage”) (H.T. 4-1)

Sportsman 28/1/78 P.3/Sporting Life 30/1/78 P.3/Bell’s Life 2/2/78 P.4/Field 2/2/78 P.142/Referee 27/1/78 P.6/Sporting Gazette 2/2/78/Nottinghamshire Guardian 1/2/78 P.4/Sheffield Daily Telegraph 28/1/78 p.4:

SM: “On Saturday last there was a larger attendance than usual at Kennington Oval to witness the second meeting of these clubs in the third round for the above Cup. A fortnight ago a hard struggle resulted in a tie, Barnes having had a slight advantage. On that occasion the Wanderers did not muster their full strength, and the appearance of Kinnaird and Wylie on Saturday improved their chances. The toss was won by Wollaston for the Wanderers, and he elected to play up towards the racket-court, with the wind at his back. At five minutes to three Hudson kicked off for Barnes, but the ball was quickly carried by the Wanderers over the opposite line. Barnes, with a general rush, removed it to the Wanderers’ goal, but had to retire, and a fine run by Wace and Heron took it straight up into the front of the Barnes’ posts, and Wollaston got it safely through, the ball hitting the tape hard on its passage. After the kick-off the ball was soon forced over the Barnes’ line, but the forwards rallied, and a fine run by Ainslie, who removed the fight far into the Wanderers’ territory,

elicited great applause. Heron and Wollaston again distinguished themselves with a sharp run along the left side, and the goal-keeper had no chance in defence of his goal, but to put the ball over his line. Kinnaird's corner was well-directed, and a hard scrimmage ensued in front of the Barnes' posts, though the goal-keeper relieved his side by his gallant defence. Still the Wanderers were not to be denied, and Kinnaird directing a free kick for hands skillfully, the goal-keeper in trying to save his charge touched the ball on its passage, so that a second goal fell to the Wanderers. Soon after the kick-off Kinnaird made another well-directed corner and Wylie nearly secured a goal, heading the ball just over the tape. A corner-kick to the Wanderers immediately afterwards was entrusted to Green, but Barnes had to kick off. Some very clever passing by Wollaston and Heron again threatened Barnes, and Heron crossing neatly to Wylie, the latter by a quick run accredited his side with a third goal. On the recommencement Barnes made a vigorous attack on the Wanderers' lines, and Wylie thinking that "off-side" had been granted in favour of the Wanderers, caught the ball with a view to returning it for the free kick. The mistake was called to account by a claim for "hands" by the Barnes captain, and Weston's kick landed the ball in front of the Wanderers' posts, through which it was forced after a hard scrimmage. Nettled at this piece of bad luck, the Wanderer forwards set to work with renewed vigour, and not long before half-time, after a corner by Green, their fourth goal was made, the ball glancing off the hands of one of the Barnes team on its journey. After half-time the Wanderers for a time had to act more on the defensive, Barnes playing up much better with the wind. For a quarter of an hour it required all the energy of Kinnaird, who was indefatigable back, to prevent a success of the Barnes' forwards, Ainslie, Tynedale, Dorling, Hudson, and Brougham making desperate efforts to break through the Wanderers' defences. An accident to Vigne their captain, who fractured his collar-bone in a charge, however, considerably reduced any chances Barnes might have had, and for the rest of the game the Wanderers had the advantage of one more man than their opponents. Wylie managed to get the ball through the Barnes' posts for the fifth time, but Wace just previously had been off-side, and the goal was not allowed, Barnes having instead a free kick. A neat run by Brougham threatened the Wanderers seriously, and Solly had a corner kick, though the defending side, after a hard tussle, managed to extricate themselves from their perilous position. After this Barnes flagged a little in their exertions, and the Wanderers again were the assailants. Wylie obtained another goal, but had to relinquish his claim in consequence of off-side, and when time was called, the Wanderers had won by four goals to one, the latter part of the game having been unproductive of any score to either side. Barnes played up most pluckily, and their forwards were all most energetic, while Weston did any amount of work back, kicking well and playing hard throughout. Burmester kept goal, too, in very creditable style throughout. The Wanderers were not in their best form that they have shown, and their back play was certainly not up to the usual standard. Kinnaird did most of the work among the backs, and was always in the right place, kicking with the greatest precision. Heron, Wollaston, Wylie, and Wace were most prominent of the forwards, but as a rule they never attempted to get back after the ball had been returned towards their goal, and in this respect their forward play wants improvement."

+REF: "...above four hundred spectators journeyed to Kennington Oval to witness the game, and defying the bitterly cold wind that for three days the outgoing public had been afflicted with, stood out the match manfully till the last."

BL: "At length, starting from the centre of play, Wollaston and Heron brought the ball up to the enemies' quarters, and the latter cleverly middling the leather, Wollaston was enabled to score first for Wanderers. The Barnes goal was now continually assailed and on several occasions the

Wanderers were within an ace of improving their score;but Burmester proved well up to his work , and averted the threatened disaster.Presently a claim for hands by Wanderers close to,and in almost a direct line with,the Barnes' fortress was allowed.The free kick was entrusted to Kinnaird,who, owing to an indiscretion on the part of the custodian,secured a second goal for the home team.The Wanderers still had the best of the game and at the end of half an hour a capital run,in which Wollaston and Heron played the most prominent part,brought the leather in close proximity to the Barnes' fortress.Here Denton took possession,and passing it to Wylie,the latter succeeded in putting it between the enemies' posts,thus securing a third goal.A few minutes later on a misunderstanding on the part of Wylie gave a free kick to Barnes,and after a short scrimmage in front of the Wanderers' goal the latter's colours were lowered,the ball being forced through despite the efforts of the custodian.Just previous to half time a corner kick fell to the Wanderers,and a well directed shot by Green obtained a fourth goal,one of the Barnes' men making an ineffectual attempt to stop the ball,managing to only just touch it.Ends were immediately changed,and from this point to the finish no decided advantage was gained by either side,although the Wanderers had decidedly the best of the game,and twice the ball was sent spinning beneath the tape by Wylie,who,however,on each occasion was proved to be offside."

SL:"The weather,though exceedingly cold,was favourable for football,and the attendance of spectators was rather numerous.The Barnes team was the same that had played on the previous occasion,and the only alteration on the side of the Wanderers was Kinnaird for Haygarth.At five minutes to three Hudson kicked off from the Pavilion end of the ground,the Wanderers,who had won the toss,having elected to play from the Skating Rink side.The ball was at once returned,and kept persistently in the Barnes territory, the Wanderers evidently having made up their minds to secure a victory.The Barnes men, however,offered a stubborn resistance and repelled their opponents time after time,but after the expiration of about ten minutes the Wanderers succeeded in getting the ball down close to the posts,and out of a loose bully Wollaston kicked the first goal. Upon resuming play the ball was again taken down to the Barnes lines,where another persistent attack was kept up by the Wanderers until a quarter-past three,when a claim for "hands" gave them a free kick,from which Kinnaird secured a second goal,whilst a quarter of an hour later,a good run by Heron,Denton,and Wollaston carried down the ball which,being passed to Wylie,was kicked under the tape by that player.A few minutes later "hands" was called by the Barnes team,and from the free kick that ensued a goal was scored. +(Until)change of ends at "half-time" play was carried on with the greatest energy by both teams,and just before half time a fourth goal was added to the score of the Wanderers by Green from a corner-kick.After this,although the interest in the game continued, neither side obtained any further advantage,and so, when "time" was called,the Wanderers remained victors by four goals to one." +"After" makes no sense

Wanderers: J.Kirkpatrick(Goal);W.Lindsay,A.H.Stratford(Backs);Hon.A.F.Kinnaird, F.T.Green(Half Backs);C.H.R.Wollaston(Capt.),G.H(ubert) H.Heron(Left Side), J.G.Wylie,H.Wace(Centres),J.Kenrick,C.A.Denton(Right Side).

Barnes:W.S.Burmester(Goal);J.H.Vigne(Capt.),H.S.Jackson(Backs);H.E.Solly,V.Weston(Half Backs); W.Dorling,T.N.Tyndale,W.L.Ainslie,H.Brougham,C.L.Johnstone,H.A.Hudson(Forwards).

Umpire:Major Marindin,R.E.(President Football Association) was umpire for both sides.

UPTON PARK 3 (H.Williams,D.R.Hunter,J.B.Hunter) REMNANTS 0 (H.T 2-0) (Sat Jan 19th)(At Kennington Oval)

Bell's Life 26/1/78 P.5/Sportsman 21/1/78 P.3/Field 26/1/78 P.110/Sporting Life 23/1/78 P.3/Sporting Gazette 26/1/78/Stratford Times 30/1/78 P.3/Referee 20/1/78 P.6/Sheffield Daily Telegraph 21/1/78 P.4:

BL:"In glorious weather,the representatives of these clubs,drawn together in the third round of the Cup competition,met on Saturday last at Kennington Oval,where a goodly number of spectators assembled,the number including several of the fair sex,who seem to take a greater delight in the game than heretofore.Proceedings were commenced at a quarter to 3 by the captain of the Remnants,who had lost the toss,kicking the ball towards the gasworks end,where Warner had arranged his forces.The ground being in good condition,and both teams playing up well,the game soon became fast,and promised at this early stage to be highly interesting.The ball was kept travelling from one end to the other,but for some time neither goal was placed in jeopardy. At length a rush of the Remnants' forwards took the leather towards the enemies' fortress,but it went into touch.The throw in was short,and easily put aside by Upton Park,who almost directly afterwards forced the game to the opposite end,where,after a sharp struggle close to the posts,D.R.Hunter failed to utilise a chance of a kick at goal,which must have been successful.Here the contest again became even,but the superior passing of the Upton Park forwards soon told a tale.Frequently the leather was found at the Remnants' end,and their colours were on one occasion nearly lowered by Bastard,whose kick went within a foot of the post.Presently a corner-kick was so well directed by Weldon that a goal seemed inevitable,but Woolley sent the ball just over the tape.Continuing to press their opponents Upton succeeded in scoring first goal,cleverly kicked by H.Williams.A very few minutes had elapsed when a splendid "middle" by W.C.Williams enabled D.R.Hunter to secure a second goal for Upton.These reverses,instead of inciting the Remnants to fresh exertions,seemed somewhat to demoralise them,and their play for a time was characterised by a certain amount of looseness.Still their adversaries were unable to add to their score previous to half time.On ends being changed Upton continued to have the best of the game .Once or twice their goal was threatened,but the backs and Warner,whose goalkeeping is always good,prevented any disaster. Some capital runs were now made by the rights and lefts of Upton,and J.B.Hunter,after coming down the side,finished by cleverly middling to Bastard,who,however,was too energetic,and kicked over.Before long a splendid piece of play by Bastard and Woolley took the ball well into the centre, close to the Remnants' goal,and the former being surrounded,passed the ball to J.B.Hunter,who, from the side,sent the ball against the tape,whence it rolled underneath,the umpire giving it as a goal.Just previous to a cessation the ball was taken down on the right side,but went out of play . Before the leather could be thrown in it was kicked back by one of the bystanders,and D.R.Hunter drove it between the posts just as time was called though,of course,the goal was not allowed.Play then ceased Upton Park being victorious by three goals to none."

SM:"On Saturday last these clubs met at Kennington Oval to decide the right of entry into the (fourth) ties.As the weather was fine there was a large number of spectators,and they were rewarded by witnessing some good play.At a quarter to three o'clock Upton kicked off,and for a short time the game was fairly even,although the Uptonians were playing together in better style than their opponents.For half an hour no score was made,but here a general rush of the Upton forwards forced the Remnants back,and after a hard scrimmage,H.Williams secured the downfall of

their goal. Aroused by this success the Uptonians returned the kick-off with vigour, and within a few minutes Upton achieved a second score by D.R. Hunter, to whom the ball had been neatly muddled. After the change of ends the game was still pursued with the greatest vigour on both sides, Anderson, Phillips, Govett, and Dear making desperate efforts on behalf of the Remnants. The advantage, however, was still with Upton, and about a quarter of an hour before the finish their score was increased by a third goal, the result of a kick by J.B. Hunter. During the remainder of the game Upton kept their opponents well employed on the defensive, but without further result, and when the allotted period of an hour and a half had expired the Remnants had been defeated by three goals to none."

SL: "The weather was beautifully fine, and the ground in splendid condition, so that the surroundings of the match were as favourable as possible. The Remnants having won the toss, and selected the goal at the gasometer end of the ground, the ball was kicked off at a quarter to three by W.C. Williams. It was at once returned to the Uptonians quarters, only, however, to be taken down to the lines of the Remnants by J.B. Hunter and H. Williams. Some exciting work then ensued, but a free kick on the score of "hands" being allowed to the Remnants, the danger was thus averted. Play was for some time after this carried on with but slight advantage to either side, both teams working with the greatest energy, and causing considerable excitement amongst the spectators. At the expiration of about half an hour a fine run by the Upton forwards carried down the ball to within a short distance of their opponents' goal, where a spirited bully occurred, out of which H. Williams managed to release the ball, and kicking it through the posts, to score the first goal for Upton. In less than five minutes subsequently a second goal was scored for Upton by D.R. Hunter, who, having had the ball passed to him by W.C. Williams, sent it under the tape. Nothing further particularly worthy of mention occurred until just before four o'clock, though the contest had been carried on with great spirit and determination on both sides. About that time, however, Upton Park made a splendidly concerted attack on the Remnants' lines, and J.B. Hunter, with a capital side-kick, added another goal to the Upton score. Although considerably discouraged by these constant reverses, the Remnants still continued to work hard and succeeded in preventing their opponents from scoring another goal, though, as "time" was being called, D.R. Hunter again sent the ball between the posts; but as it had just previously gone out of play, and had, instead of being thrown in, been kicked back by one of the spectators, the goal, of course, was not claimed."

ST: "The day was extremely suitable for football, and about 3000 spectators were treated to a fast and well-contested game, which they seemed to appreciate."

Upton Park: C. Warner (Capt.) (Goal); F.W. Hotham, J.T. Weldon (Backs); H.W. Spreckley, H. Garrett (Half Backs), J.B. Hunter, H. Williams (Right), D.R. Hunter, W.C. Williams (Centres), S.R. Bastard, F.L. Woolley (Left).

Remnants: Rev. W. Blackmore (Goal); Rev. H.T. Wood (Back); H. Blackett, J.F. Flowers, F.H. Rawlins (Half Backs), R.D. Anderson, F.A. Govett (Right), W.F. Hawtrey (Capt.), A. Dear (Centres), R. Flowers, W.P. Phillips (Left).

Umpires: Major Marindin (R.E.) for Upton Park and G. Hawtrey for Remnants.

Referee: J.G. Wylie (Wanderers).

ROYAL ENGINEERS 8 (G.Tower 2,R.S.Hedley 3,H.E.M.Lindsay,C.E.Haynes,Goalkeeper error)
DRUIDS 0(H.T. 3-0)(Wed Jan 30th)(At Kennington Oval)

Bell's Life 2/2/78 P.4/Field 2/2/78 P.142/Sportsman 31/1/78 P.4/Sporting Life 2/2/78 P.3/Sporting Gazette 2/2/78/Sheffield Daily Telegraph 31/1/78 P.7:

BL:"Although the weather of Wednesday afternoon was particularly fine,the attendance at Kennington Oval to witness this match in the third round of the above competition was very small. The ground,owing to the thaw,following on the overnight frost,was in bad condition,and the game very one-sided, and as uninteresting as one can possibly imagine.The Druids won the toss,and surprised a good many of those looking on by electing to play from the Crown Baths end with the wind against them.The ball was set in motion by Hedley just before 3,and so well was it followed up that the Druids were at once in danger.This was,however,for a short time averted,the ball going behind,but ere long another visit was paid to their quarters with a similar result.It was thus early apparent that the Welshmen had no chance whatever with their military opponents,and if they did occasionally manage to get within reach of the goal,they had always to retreat over the frontier line at a more rapid pace than they crossed it.In less than ten minutes,Tower,after a clever dribble,was enabled to score the first goal for the Sappers,and almost directly afterwards Hedley gained a second.This was followed a few minutes later by a third,kicked by Tower.At this stage numerous corner kicks fell to the Engineers,but nothing further was scored previous to half time.On ends being changed the Druids played better for a short time,and made a vigorous attack on their opponents' goal,which however was kept intact.The Engineers then made repeated charges on the Druids' citadel,and Quilter had to work hard.At length out of a loose scrimmage Lindsay kicked through the posts,and this was followed quickly by another from the foot of Haynes.Hedley then in rapid order scored two more and an eighth success was gained in a very amusing manner.Hedley was rushing towards the ball,when a cry of "offside" caused him to stop,and the goalkeeper,evidently absent minded,allowed the ball to roll gently past him between the posts.The Engineers thus won by eight goals to none.""

F:"This,the third match of the third ties,was played at Kennington Oval on Wednesday last.The Druids showed some pluck in journeying from Wales for this meeting,but their play was not equal to their enterprise,and throughout the game there was hardly a piece of play on either side good enough to elicit applause from a limited number of spectators.The clock at Kennington church struck three just as the ball was started by Lieut.Hedley for the Engineers,and it was immediately in the neighbourhood of the Druids' goal.The Engineers showed little of their form of a few years ago; but they had nothing to fear from the weak play of their opponents all round,and at the end of an hour and a half they had won by eight goals to none.Of the goals scored H.S.Hedley got three,and G.Tower two."

SM:"There was a select company at the Oval yesterday afternoon to witness the match between these clubs,who had been drawn together in the third round of the Cup.The Druids,whose headquarters are at Wrexham,had beaten the Shropshire Wanderers in the first ties,and a bye in the second round entitled them a place in the third drawing.The ground yesterday afternoon was in bad condition after the thaw following on the overnight frost,and the game suffered in consequence.Just before three o'clock the ball was set in motion by the Engineers and they were soon busy in the vicinity of the Druids' posts.Seven minutes after the commencement Tower got away with the ball

and scored the first goal, though he was really off-side. The play of the Druids was all round of the weakest description, and before long Hedley was instrumental in adding to the score of the Engineers. The Druids were still closely besieged, and Tower again came to the fore, making the third goal for the Sappers. After this, though the Engineers had several corner-kicks, and all the best of the game, no further score was made before half-time. A brief effort on the part of the Druids forwards made the play a little more even for a short time after the kick-off. At length the Engineers broke the spell with a goal by Lindsay, and this was followed quickly by one from the foot of Haynes. Hedley by his vigorous attacks scored two goals in succession, and just before the call of time much amusement was caused by an eighth goal. Hedley finding himself off-side stopped as he was rushing for the ball and the Druids' goal-keeper allowed it to pass between the posts. The Engineers accordingly won as uninteresting a match as it is possible to imagine by eight goals to none."

SL: "Scarcely anything can be said about this match, which was played at Kennington Oval on Wednesday last. The Druids had not the shadow of a chance with their opponents, and seeing that they never played in the (second) round of the Cup ties, one could not help thinking of the old "fly in amber" query, and "wondering how the devil they had got there". From the start the ball was kept in the neighbourhood of the Druids' goal, and at intervals the Engineers scored, until at the finish there were eight goals to their credit—Lindsay kicked one, Haynes one, Tower two, Hedley three. Considerable amusement was caused by the way the eighth goal was made, as the goal-keeper—whose performances were of a "vague" character—allowed the ball to dribble through at the speed of about a mile an hour."

Bell's life 9/2/78 P.4 (Letter from "A. Spectator"): "...there were only three players out of the team which played against the Shropshire Wanderers, and defeated them on their own ground, and only two out of the team which played against Queen's Park, and only one player who plays regularly for the Druids."

Royal Engineers: C.B. Mayne (Goal); W.G. Morris, J.H. Cowan (Backs); F.C. Heath, F.G. Bond (Half Backs); G. Barker (Capt), J. Jervois (Right), C.E. Haynes, R.S. Hedley (Centres), G. Tower, W. Lindsay (Left).

Druids: C.H. Quilter (Capt.) (Goal); Rev. W. Evans, A. Watson (Backs); R. Evans, C. Allen (Half Backs); F. Ball, H. Slack (Right Wing), T. Bryan, L. Thomas (Centres), A. Harvey, E. Davies (Left Wing).

Umpires: J.G. Wylie (Wanderers) for the Engineers and L.I. Kenrick (Druids).

Referee: C.A. Denton (Wanderers).

SHEFFIELD, a bye.

FOURTH ROUND:

Bell's Life 2/2/78 P.4: "The committee of the Association met on Wednesday evening to draw the fourth ties of the Challenge Cup. The result was as follows:

Feb 9th—Old Harrovians or Cambridge University v Upton Park

Feb 16th—Wanderers v Sheffield Club

Feb 16th—Royal Engineers v Oxford University or Clapham Rovers

The matches are all arranged to take place at Kennington Oval."

WANDERERS 3 (J.G.Wylie,H.Wace,C.A.Denton) SHEFFIELD CLUB 0(H.T. 1-0) (Sat Feb 16th)
(At Surrey Cricket Ground,Kennington Oval :+2nd of 2:the other was the Third Round 2nd Replay Old Harrovians v Cambridge University) +15 minutes after the start of the Old Harrovians v Cambridge University match

Bell's Life 23/2/78 P.5/Sportsman 18/2/78 P.3/Sporting Life 20/2/78 P.3/Field 23/2/78
P.236/Referee 17/2/77 P.3/The Times 18/2/78 P.10/Sporting Gazette 23/2/78/Sheffield Daily
Telegraph 18/2/78 P.4/Sheffield Independent 18/2/78 P.4/Sheffield Daily Telegraph 18/2/78 P.4:

BL:"The Wanderers won the toss,and elected to defend the goal adjacent to the Racquet Court,although nothing was to be gained by such a proceeding,as the wind was blowing impartially.At 2.40 the ball was started on its way,and forced into Wanderers' territory,where it remained for some time.A case of handling,however,gave the home team a free kick which took the ball away from its dangerous position,and Wace following up,sent it harmlessly over the Sheffield goal line.After the kick off Cursham made a splendid run on the right side and finished up with a clever middle,but as none of the visitors were close enough to be of any service the ball was allowed to pass in front and go behind.The passing on both sides was now exceedingly good,but the charging of the Wanderers met with considerable success,and caused the ball to remain some little time at the Sheffield end.Twice did Heron send the ball direct to the goalkeeper,who,however,being well up to his work prevented any disaster.Another capital run by Cursham took the ball dangerously close to the Wanderers' citadel,but Kinnaird and Stratford proved equal to the occasion and got it away,a corner kick falling to the Londoners shortly afterwards.The ball being sent into touch Heron threw it in,and Wollaston passing it to Wace,the latter just kicked over,the ball touching the tape in its transit.The Wanderers now pressed hard on their opponents,and presently Kinnaird had a throw in.So well was the ball directed that,after some capital play on the part of Heron,Denton,Wace,Wollaston and Wylie,the last-named by a fine shot succeeded in lowering the Sheffield colours,Wake doing his best to avert the disaster,but managing only to just touch the ball with his right hand.Nothing further of consequence transpired previous to half time,and after ends were changed the game was as hotly contested as during the first portion.The Wanderers had somewhat the best of the fight,but it was by no means easy to break through the Sheffield lines.A misskick by Rodgers, after a throw in on the part of Sheffield,enabled Wollaston to gain possession,and pursuing his course without interruption,landed the leather well in front of the Northerners' fortress,and Wace, being on the spot,kicked it under the tape.The Sheffielders made strenuous efforts to retrieve their losses,but were unsuccessful,and shortly before the umpire gave the order to "cease firing" a clever bit of passing by Wace and Wollaston enabled Denton to score a fine goal for the Wanderers,who were thus left the winners by three goals to none."

SM:"At twenty minutes to three o'clock Sheffield set the ball in motion,the Wanderers,who had won the toss,electing to play with the racket-court at their back.It was soon evident that the game would be fast as the forwards of both sides at once set to work with vigour.The Wanderers were the first to show prominently,and the ball was soon near the Sheffield posts,Kenrick shooting it outside.A very pretty run by Cursham,who outmanœvered as well as outpaced the Wanderer backs,took the ball back over the home goal-line,not very far from the posts,and soon afterwards,after a run by Barber, Matthews was within a few feet of the Wanderers' goal.Then the Sheffielders had to retire before a desperate onslaught of the opposite forwards,and Heron and Wace each had a shot a little above the Sheffield tape.Twice Kinnaird had a corner-kick for the Wanderers,but each time,by hard play,

Sheffield frustrated the attacks. Cursham and T.H. Sorby each made a fine run for Sheffield, but the ball was well returned by Wylie, and taking advantage of a mistake of one of the Sheffield backs, at the end of a good run he landed the first goal for the Wanderers. Once or twice the Sheffield forwards, by good passing, gained ground, but the back play of the Wanderers was too sure to admit of any success, and half-time arrived without further score. The Wanderer forwards were very quickly together after the change and Heron, Wace, and Wylie were each dangerously close to the Sheffield posts. For some little time the northerners held their lines intact, but at last a very pretty run in which Wylie, Wollaston, and Wace took part in turn, resulted in another goal for the Wanderers through a clever kick by Wace. After this the Sheffielders played up harder, and once J. Clegg got an easy chance of securing the downfall of the Wanderers' goal. Cursham and T.H. Sorby made more than one good run, but the Wanderer forwards were better together, and again their efforts were successful, Denton securing their third and last goal for them. This was the last score, and when time was called at the end of an hour and a half, the Wanderers remained in possession of a well-earned victory by three goals to none. The play of the Sheffield eleven was hardly up to their form, and back they were certainly weak, while the forwards did not pass with their usual accuracy. Cursham was prominent as usual, and Sorby dribbled well at times. The Wanderers showed a great improvement on their form against Barnes in the previous round, especially in their back play. Kinnaird was as active as ever, and Lindsay not only kicked very judiciously, but stopped more than one dangerous run. The forwards all worked hard, though Wace and Wylie were perhaps the most conspicuous."

SL: "Attracted by the prospect of seeing two great football matches in one afternoon, there was a capital attendance at Kennington Oval on Saturday last, the beautiful weather doubtless accounting in some measure for the presence of something like 1,000 specators. By the time that Cambridge and Old Harrovians had got their game well under weigh the Wanderers and Sheffield took up their positions, and attracted to their ground nearly all the company, the other game apparently creating but little interest. The Wanderers won the toss, and took possession of the racket-court end, their opponents having somewhat the worst of the wind. From start to finish this was a very closely-contested and hardly-fought match, every member of each side doing his best, the Sheffield goal-keeper especially distinguishing himself, though it must be said that his frequent opportunities were made for him only too willingly by the Wanderers, and kept him fairly busy. Sheffield, whose forwards were very speedy and clever, soon succeeded in getting the ball down to their opponents' line, but it was quickly returned by the Wanderers, who kept it for some time at the other end of the ground, and had several shots at goal, Heron and Wace each sending the ball over the tape. Kinnaird, who worked very hard, was favoured with a corner-kick, but despite the best efforts of his side, Sheffield managed to get the ball away. Sorby, Barber, and Cursham made some good runs, but were always sooner or later pulled up by the Wanderers. Heron and Wollaston, by a cleverly-concerted run, worked up to the Sheffield end, and passing the ball on to Wylie, the latter landed amid great cheering the first goal for the Wanderers, and this was the only score up to half-time. Ends having been changed, the Wanderers' weight began to tell somewhat, a clever bit of work, in which Wollaston, Wylie, and Wace were concerned, ending up in a well-judged kick by Wace, who just succeeded in beating the Sheffield goal-keeper. Sheffield did their best to avert defeat, but their best was not good enough, and before time Denton kicked a third goal for the Wanderers, who won by three goals to none. Where all did so well it is difficult to speak of individuals, but for the metropolitan team, the work of Kinnaird, Wylie, Wace, and Wollaston calls for comment, while that of the Cleggs, Cursham, Sorby, and Wake is also worthy of honourable mention."

ADD SDT REPORT

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

Sheffield:W.R.Wake(Capt.)(Goal);W.E.Clegg,T.C.Willey(Backs);R.A.Sorby,J.Rodgers(Half Backs); J.C.Clegg,W.A.Matthews,(T.)H.Sorby,J.Bradbury,A.W.Cursham,E.Barber(Forwards).

Umpire:R.A.M.M.Ogilvie(Clapham Rovers) for both.

ROYAL ENGINEERS 3 (R.S.Hedley 2,G.Barker) OXFORD UNIVERSITY 3(W.Roberts 2,E.H.Alington)(H.T. 2-2)(Fri Feb 15th)(At Kennington Oval)

N.B. It appears that this game was played on the Friday because there were 2 FA Cup ties at the Oval on the Saturday

Field 16/2/78 P.204/Sporting Life 16/2/78 P.4/Sportsman 16/2/78 P.8/Bell's Life 16/2/78 P.9/Referee 17/2/78 P.2/Morning Post 16/2/78 P.7/Sheffield Daily Telegraph 16/2/78 P.6:

F:"Yesterday,despite the unpromising appearance of the weather,there was a goodly muster of spectators at the Oval to witness the meeting between these clubs,which formed the first match in the fourth round.Play began just before a quarter past three o'clock,when Hedley kicked off for the Engineers.Oxford were soon at work,and within a very few minutes the weak play of the Military backs enabled Roberts to score the first goal for the University.Not long afterwards the same player, after a throw in from touch,got the ball again within the foot of the Engineers' goal,and thus Oxford soon had two goals to the good.For a time Oxford still had a little the best of it,but gradually the Sapper forwards got better together,and a long kick by Morris planted the ball right under the Oxford posts,through which the Oxford goal-keeper was charged by Hedley.Stimulated by this success,the Sapper forwards set to work with an increase of energy,and a well-concerted run enabled Barker to make the score even,amidst great applause.Nothing more was scored up to half-time.After the change of ends the play was very fast and the game fairly even,though Oxford once nearly succeeded in achieving another score.The Engineer forwards now made some vigorous attacks on the University lines,and for a time Oxford were pressed,until,after a good run and splendid shot,Hedley got a very well-deserved goal for the Engineers,amidst great excitement.Not long afterwards by a stupid mistake time was called,but after the players had got into the pavillion it was discovered that the game had only lasted for an hour and a quarter,and the teams had again to turn out.This was a bad quarter of an hour for the Sappers,as during this time,after a scrimmage, Alington got the ball between the Engineers' posts,and when time did really expire,the game was three all.The Engineers played forward in much better form than they have yet done this season,and with their weight they will take some beating,though their back play wants strengthening."

SL:"At a quarter past three yesterday(Friday) the game was started by Hedley,the Oxonians being favoured by having the wind at their backs.At first the Sappers were rather slow,and did not play well together,and the consequence was that they soon lost two goals-one kicked by Roberts almost directly after the game had been started-the second not long after by the same player.From this

time Oxford found the Engineers more troublesome, as they gradually got the best of the play, and succeeded in twice landing the leather between their opponents' goal-posts, once by Hedley from a very good kick by Morris, the second by Barker. At half-time each side had to its credit a couple of goals. After ends had been changed the Engineers, who improved as they went on, secured their third goal (Hedley) and the game appeared to have been decided in their favour. Owing to a mistake "Time" was called a quarter of an hour too soon, and the mistake having been discovered, there was nothing for it but to turn out again. As a bitter shower was falling, this was not pleasant, but despite the wind and weather the teams went at it again, with the result that, Alington gaining a goal for Oxford, scores were equalised, and the match ended in a draw. This tie will be fought out at Kennington Oval on February 27."

SM: "Yesterday (Friday) afternoon this match, the first of the fourth ties, was played at Kennington Oval. It ended in a tie, each side getting three goals."

BL: "At a quarter past three the ball was set in motion by Hedley, but was quickly returned by Savory, and for a short time the action was confined to the centre of the ground. A kick by one of the Engineers then sent the ball out, and upon being thrown in by Waddington, possession was taken by Bain, who, after a short run down the side, ended up with a capital middle, which enabled Roberts to score the first goal for Oxford five minutes after commencement of proceedings. This was shortly followed by another from the foot of the same player. These early disasters caused the Engineers to play up with increased vigour, and their efforts were rewarded with a goal through the instrumentality of Hedley, to whom the ball had been well middled by Morris. Hardly had the applause which greeted this success subsided when the ball was again brought to the University end, and sent through by Barker, thus equalising matters just before half time. Very fine play on both sides was seen after ends were changed, Oxford playing gallantly against the wind. The Engineers, however, had slightly the best of the game and ten minutes before time Hedley secured a third goal for the Sappers. Oxford exerted themselves strenuously from now until the finish, but were unable to increase their score, and they were consequently +defeated by three goals to two."

+Obviously the reporter for this match left after the teams had left the pitch, but before the short time error was realised, and the game resumed with the equalising goal being scored!

Bell's Life 23/2/78 P.5: "Owing to a mistake by the umpire in this match on Friday "time" was called a quarter of an hour too soon, when the Engineers were considered victors by three goals to two. Subsequently, however, and when our representative and the majority of the visitors had left the ground the error was discovered, and the teams turned out to play another quarter of an hour, during which period Alington kicked a third goal for Oxford, and the match consequently ended in a tie. The next meeting will take place at Kennington Oval on Feb 27."

N.B E.H. Alington formerly played in goal but in later games he appeared as an attacker: see his Biography in Early FA Cup Finals)

Royal Engineers: L.B. Friend (Goal); W.G. Morris, J.H. Cowan (Backs); C.B. Mayne, F.C. Heath (Half Backs); G. Barker (Capt), J. Jervois (Right), R.S. Hedley, C.E. Haynes (Centres), G. Tower, H.E.M. Lindsay (Left).

Oxford University: A. James (Goal); O.R. Dunell, J.T. Twist (Backs); J.H. Savory (Capt.), E. Waddington (Half Backs); E.H. Parry, H.S. Otter, W. Roberts, A.F. Hills, J. Bain, E.H. Alington (Forwards).

+SDT:” The umpire called time with the Engineers three goals to two, but it was found that time had not expired by a quarter of an hour, and when the players reappeared to conclude the game Alington secured a goal for Oxford, and the game ultimately ended in a tie, and will have to be played over again.” (No teams)

+Umpire: Looks as if only 1 Official whose name was not recorded: no doubt to save embarrassment!

REPLAY: Wed Feb 27th (At Kennington Oval)

OXFORD UNIVERSITY 2 (H.S. Otter 2) ROYAL ENGINEERS 2 (F. Bond, C.B. Mayne) (H.T. 2-0)

Bell's Life 2/3/78 P.4/Sportsman 28/2/78 P.4/Field 2/3/78 P.264/Sporting Life 2/3/78 P.4/Morning Post 28/2/78 P.7/Oxford Journal 2/3/78 P.8/Sheffield Daily Telegraph 28/2/78 P.6:

BL: “Both teams were composed differently from those on the previous occasion—on behalf of the University W.R. Page, A.W.F. Wilson and P.J. Rogers playing in lieu of A. James, W. Roberts and J. Bain; while on the other side J. Rich, F. Bond, J.C. Barker and H.H. Barnet were substituted for G. Barker, J. Jervois, R.S. Hedley and G. Tower. Being unsuccessful in the toss, Barker, for the Engineers, kicked off with the wind against him from the goal nearest the Gas Works. At first the play was slightly in favour of Oxford, whose forwards were working well together and several times forced the ball dangerously close to their opponents' quarters. The Engineers, however, quickly improved and the game that then ensued was of a very even description. At length 35 minutes after the commencement, a capital bit of passing between Parry, Alington and Otter took the leather well within range of the Engineers' fortress, and the last named succeeded in kicking the ball finely between the posts, scoring the first goal for Oxford. A few minutes later Otter placed a second goal to the credit of the Oxonians. Ends were reversed, and the Sappers played up with renewed vigour. In less than 10 minutes, Lindsay, getting the ball under his command, finished a good run by middling to Bond, who was enabled to kick under the tape. The Engineers were not long in following up this success, and having forced the ball well in front of the enemies' goal, Mayne, out of a loose scrimmage, placed a second goal to their account. Rain had been falling for some time in slight quantities, but now came down heavily, making the ground very slippery, and accurate kicking by no means easy. Notwithstanding these disadvantages the game was by no means slow and the ball travelled from one end to the other in an impartial manner up to the call of time. As each side had scored two goals, it was agreed, after a lengthy discussion, to continue for half an hour. During this period nothing of a decisive character accrued to either team, and the match for the second time terminated in a draw.”

SM: “This took place at the Oval yesterday afternoon, and again the issue had to be left unsettled. There was a strong wind blowing diagonally across the ground, and Oxford winning the toss, chose to play with it for the first half. The Engineers, owing to casualties, were much weaker than on the previous occasion, having lost Hedley, their best forward, Tower, (G.) Barker, and Jervois. At five minutes past three o'clock, (J.C.) Barker started the ball for the Engineers, who played up to the racket court. At first the sides were very evenly balanced, though the Oxford forwards were a little better together, and were several times dangerous, Page allowing one easy chance to escape. As the game progressed the Engineers became more used to each other's play, and some excellent runs were made by Barnet

and Bond on the respective wings. For some considerable time neither side was able to score, but at last after thirty-five minutes had elapsed, Otter guided the ball safely between the opposing team and landed the first goal for Oxford. The ball was kicked off, and only a few minutes had expired before Otter took advantage of another opportunity, and with a good kick shot the ball through the centre of the Sappers' goal. When half-time was called Oxford had two goals to the good, but the change of ends soon put a different aspect on affairs, as before a quarter of an hour, Bond and Haynes were each instrumental in securing a goal for the Engineers. With the score even there would, under ordinary circumstances, have been some brilliant play during the later portion of the game. Unfortunately, however, the rain, which had been threatening all day, now came down heavily, and the turf soon became so slippery that it was almost impossible to stand, much less to turn. The state of the ball, too, was greatly against any accuracy of kicking, though on both sides the back play was better than might have been expected. Until the last the game was very even, and as time arrived without any addition to the score, at the end of an hour and a half each side had two goals to its credit. A lengthy discussion took place between the captains, and it was ultimately decided to play for another half-hour in the hope of deciding matters. The Engineers began with the wind, but the kicking of all four Oxford backs was too true to give the military forwards a chance, and at half-time nothing had been gained. During the last quarter of an hour the Oxonians strained every nerve to get the deciding point, and more than once the brilliant goal-keeping of Friend alone saved the Engineers. Three splendidly-aimed corner-kicks were made in quick succession by Savory, and Waddington's throws from touch several times placed the Engineers' goal in serious peril. Still the desperate resistance of the soldiers kept the Oxonians at bay, and when time was finally called, the match had to be left drawn."

F: "On Wednesday last these clubs, who had previously met without decisive result, tried conclusions a second time to determine the right of entry into the fifth ties. The Sappers, since the first meeting, had lost G. Barker, Hedley, Jervois, and Tower, all of whom were on the sick list, and hence their chances did not appear to be particularly bright on the second occasion. A strong wind blew diagonally across the ground from the racket court, and at 3.5 (J.C.) Barker started the ball for the Engineers, who had lost the toss, and occupied the goal nearest the Gas Works. At the outset the Oxford forwards showed better organisation generally than their opponents, though Barnet on the left wing dribbled well, and on the other side Bond occasionally showed good form. For half an hour both goals remained intact, but at last the Engineer backs were overpowered, and a goal to the University fell to Otter's foot. This success was speedily followed by another to the same player, a sharp kick in quite his old form enabling Otter to score a second goal. After the change of ends the Engineers made a better show, and at short intervals goals were kicked for them by Bond and Haynes respectively. The score was now even, and the excitement increased. Unfortunately the game, just as it became interesting, was spoiled by a heavy downfall of rain, which made the ball greasy and the ground too slippery to admit of dribbling. Neither side was fortunate enough to make any further point, and so the game, at the end of the prescribed period of an hour and a half, ended in a tie. With a view to arrive at a definite conclusion, another half hour was agreed upon; but this, too, was unproductive, although towards the last the Engineers were hard pressed. Waddington's throw ins from touch constantly placed the Engineers' goal in danger, and three corner kicks in succession were made by Savory, all dropping just under the bar of the Engineers' fortress. Only two goals fell to each side during the two hours, so that the two clubs will have to meet a third time."

Oxford University:A.W.F.Wilson(Goal);O.R.Dunell,J.T.Twist(Backs);J.H.Savory(Capt.),
E.Waddington(Half Backs);E.H.Parry,W.R.Page(Centres),H.S.Otter,A.F.Hills,P.J.M.Rogers,
E.H.Alington(Forwards).

Royal Engineers:L.B.Friend(Goal);W.G.Morris(Capt.),J.H.Cowan(Backs);F.C.Heath,
C.B.Mayne(Half Backs);J.Rich,F.G.Bond(Right),J.C.Barker,C.E.Haynes(Centres),H.H.Barnet,
H.E.M.Lindsay(Left).

Umpires:H.Wace(Wanderers) and B.G.Jarrett(Old Harrovians).Referee:C.W.Alcock(Wanderers).

SECOND REPLAY:Tues Mar 12th (At Kennington Oval):

ROYAL ENGINEERS 4(H.H.Barnet,F.G.Bond,O.E.Ruck,Another) OXFORD UNIVERSITY 2
(F.D.Crowdy,"Scrimmage")(H.T. 2-1)

Sportsman 13/3/78 P.4/Bell's Life 16/3/78 P.3/Field 16/3/78 P.326/Sporting Life 13/3/78
P.3/Sheffield Daily Telegraph 13/3/78 P.3:

SM:"With the decision of this match yesterday afternoon at the Oval the fourth ties in this competition came to a close.On two previous occasions the clubs had met,each time without decisive result,though the second game had been extended by an additional half hour.The third meeting was favoured with splendid weather,though there was not such a large attendance as might have been expected,the spectators hardly exceeding 400.At ten minutes past three o'clock Hedley started the ball from the Clayton-street end,and a weak piece of play by one of the Oxford backs nearly gave a goal to the Engineers,the ball,after a short scrimmage,passing just over the bar.Cowan had two corner-kicks in quick succession for the Engineers,but nothing came of either,and the ball was carried by the Oxford forwards into the opposite half.The (Engineers) pressed the (University) frequently,but the good kicking of Savory and Dunell generally checked their attacks,and the Engineer backs had no light task to repel the quick runs of Rogers and Baines on their respective sides.For a long time neither team proved equal to the attainment of any score but,at last,after a general run,a scrimmage took place close to the sappers' posts,and a smart kick by Crowdy resulted in the downfall of the Engineers' goal.The ball was kicked off,and within a few minutes the score was again even,Barnet coming to the rescue of his side with a timely goal.On the resumption of play the Engineers worked with great determination,and after a run across the centre,Hedley crossing to Bond,the latter secured a neat goal,the appeal for off-side being negated by the umpires.At half-time the Engineers had one goal to the good,and after the change of ends the play was still in their favour,the Oxonians showing little energy.The game proceeded without any sensational incidents, and with few brilliant displays on either side until Ruck succeeded in adding another goal to the score of the sappers.Not long afterwards the Oxonians had to suffer another reverse,their goal having again to surrender to a kick by an Engineer forward,which touched one of the Oxonians on its passage.Matters looked very unpromising for the University,but about ten minutes before the finish a fine kick by Savory landed the ball in the mouth of the Engineers' goal,and after a short struggle,in which the goal-keeper once got the ball away,it was forced between the posts.The last few minutes were unproductive,and hence,at the end of an hour and a half,the Engineers were left the victors by

four goals to two. The University, it is only fair to state, was represented by nothing like its best eleven, having lost E. H. Parry, W. R. Page, A. F. Hills, J. Bain, and L. Heygate (forwards), and J. T. Twist (back)."

BL: "The Oxonians were fortunate in the toss, and elected to defend the goal nearest the Harleyford Road. At 3.12, Hedley, on behalf of the Engineers, started the leather, and in a very short time the University had to act on the defensive, their backs, however, preventing any disaster. Although the Sappers had decidedly the best of the game, their opponents were the first to score, Crowdy, out of a loose scrummage sending the ball under the tape. This advantage was not maintained for more than six minutes, as after a rush by the Engineers' forwards, who had taken the ball close to the Oxford goal, Barnet succeeded in equalising matters, and before half time a second goal was obtained by the Engineers, from the foot of Bond. After ends were reversed the game was continued in much the same style, and a third goal was soon obtained by Ruck for the Engineers. The Oxonians tried hard to retrieve their losses, but were unsuccessful, and presently their colours were once more lowered, the ball, from a kick by one of the Engineers' forwards, glancing through the posts off an Oxford man. Some capital runs by Rogers, backed up by Baines, now and then threatened the Engineers' lines, and about five minutes before time, a capital shot by Savory sent the ball to the Engineers' posts, through which, after a short scrummage, it was forced. Nothing of further importance occurred to either side, and victory thus rested with the Engineers by four goals to two."

F: "After two unsuccessful attempts, these clubs at last decided their match in the fourth ties on Tuesday last, at Kennington Oval. The Sappers had mustered most of their strength, while Oxford were severely crippled by the loss of six of its usual team, E. H. Parry, W. R. Page, A. F. Hills, J. Bain, L. Heygate, and J. T. Twist. At 3.10 the ball was kicked off by Hedley for the Engineers, and the first rush drove the University back, their goal having a very narrow escape. Two corner kicks in immediate succession boded ill for the Oxonians, but they got the ball away each time, and the play proceeded with varying fortune. Good runs were made by Barnet and Bond for the Engineers, and Hedley in the centre gave the Oxford backs plenty of employment. The back play of the University was excellent, but forward they lacked vigour, though Rogers dribbled fast and well at times. For nearly half an hour they proceeded without result, but at last a scrimmage took place in front of the Engineers' goal, and a well-sustained kick by Crowdy gave the first score of the match to Oxford. The kick-off was well followed up by the military forwards, and their efforts were soon rewarded, Barnet, after a short scrimmage, effecting the reduction of the Oxford goal. Soon after the renewal of hostilities, Hedley got well away in the centre, and, crossing to Bond, the latter cleverly secured goal the second for the Engineers. At half time nothing further had fallen to either side, and ends were changed. During the second half the Oxonians flagged in their efforts, and generally the Engineers had the best of the game, though on neither side was the play up to the highest standard. Ruck added a third goal for the Engineers, and after a lengthy interval, a fourth fell to the same side, the ball glancing off one of the Oxford team. Not long before the finish a neat shot by Savory sent the ball into the mouth of the Sappers' goal, and it was forced through, the call of time leaving the Engineers victorious by four goals to two."

Royal Engineers; L. B. Friend (Goal); W. G. Morris, J. H. Cowan (Backs); C. B. Mayne, F. C. Heath (Half Backs); O. E. Ruck, F. G. Bond (Rights), R. S. Hedley (Capt.), C. E. Haynes (Centres), H. H. Barnet, H. E. M. Lindsay (Lefts).

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

Umpires:H.Wace(Wanderers) for Oxrord and W.Lindsay(Wanderers) for Royal Engineers.
Referee:J.Kirkpatrick(Wanderers)

OLD HARROVIANS 3 (M.P.Betts 2,C.Colbeck) UPTON PARK 1(J.B.Hunter)(H.T. 1-1) (Sat Mar 9th)(At
Surrey Cricket Ground,Kennington Oval)

Bell's Life 16/3/78 P.3/Field 16/3/78 P.326/Sportsman 11/3/78 P.3/Sporting Life 13/3/78
P.3/Referee 10/3/77 P.6/The Times 11/3/78 P.10/Morning Post 11/3/78 P.2:

BL:"Fortune smiled on the Old Harrovians in the matter of choice of positions,and they elected to defend the goal nearest the Harleyford Road.At a quarter past three,D.R.Hunter,on behalf of Upton, set the ball in motion,and a fairly even game was for some time carried on,each side in turn acting on the aggressive,but without any definite advantage.At the end of half an hour,however,the ball was well taken to the front of the Harrow goal.In the tamest possible manner the custodian attempted to remove the ball from its dangerous position,but ere he could achieve his object J.B.Hunter took possession and succeeded in kicking it under the tape,thus securing the first goal for Upton Park.Matters were,however,soon equalised,a capital kick by Macan,and a piece of "head" work by Betts lowering the colours of Upton Park just previous to half time.On ends being changed the Old Harrovians paid frequent visits to the enemies' fortress but Warner stuck well to his post, and kept the goal intact for a short time.From a capitally-directed throw by Jarrett the ball was forced to the Upton Park end,and Betts,after one unsuccessful attempt,kicked through.Towards the close of the match a smart run was made down the side by Bevington,who finished with a "middle", and Colbeck,taking the leather on,ultimately kicked it between the posts,the goalkeeper trying in vain to get near enough to avert the calamity.As nothing of any further advantage accrued to either team,the Old Harrovians were left masters of the situation by three goals to one."

F:"On Saturday last,in the presence of upwards of five hundred spectators,the Old Harrovians met Upton Park at the Oval to decide the tie in the fourth round of the Cup competition.The Harrow captain,having won the toss,elected to play with the wind,Upton thus starting the ball from the gasometer end of the ground.For the first ten minutes the play was all in favour of the Old school, Warner again and again having to act on the defensive.Soon,however,the Upton men pulled themselves together;and,inspired by the gallant efforts of Bastard and others,more than once endangered the Harrow lines.The game was now carried on with little advantage to either side,but at five minutes to half time a fatal mistake on the part of Gibney gave Hunter a chance,of which he was not slow to avail himself.Roused by this unexpected reverse,the Harrow forwards set to work with a will,and before three minutes had elapsed,a splendid throw in by Macan was headed through by Betts.The change of ends made little difference in the play.For a quarter of an hour Upton fairly held their own,but after this they were sorely pressed,and Betts was once again instrumental in securing a goal.When the ball had been once more started,Bastard and Hunter made some good runs for Upton,but Macan and Jarrett were invariably equal to the occasion.On the other hand, Lewis, Colbeck,and Bevington were very busy,a splendid shot by the last-named hitting the cross-bar

and bounding over. Soon after, too, Betts again got the ball through the posts, but, as he was palpably off-side, no score was allowed; Colbeck, however, was more successful, contributing the third and last goal to the total. The Old Harrovians were thus left in to contest the next tie with the Royal Engineers."

SM: "On Saturday last these clubs decided their engagement in the fourth ties at Kennington Oval. Both sides were well represented, and the expectation of a hard game attracted fully five hundred spectators to the ground. R. C. Welch won the toss for the Harrovians, and at a quarter past three o'clock D. R. Hunter started the ball for Upton, who began with the disadvantage of a slight breeze against them. For the first few minutes the Upton backs were severely taxed, but after the forwards had fairly settled down the game was more even. For forty minutes the play proceeded without any advantage to either side, but at this point Gibney, by a very bad piece of play, gave the Uptonians an easy chance, and J. B. Hunter, charging the goal-keeper, who had instead of kicking the ball away placed it gently on the ground, secured a goal to Upton, to the delight of their supporters. On the kick-off the Harrovians set to work with great dash, and just before half-time a throw in from touch enabled Betts to head the ball between the Upton posts. After the change of ends, the game, which had previously shown little inequality, became altogether one-sided. The Upton forwards showed a great diminution of vigour, although Bastard's example ought to have infused some energy into their play. Not long after the change a scrimmage took place in front of the Upton goal, and Betts again interposed opportunely, giving a second score to the Old Harrovians. Though the ball was rarely out of their half, the Uptonians prevented any further disaster for some time, but at last they were overpowered, and a smart kick by Colbeck carried the ball out of reach of Warner in the Upton goal. Soon after the kick-off Bevington nearly secured another success for the Harrovians, but the ball hit the cross-bar sharply, and the goal was saved. Despite the vigorous efforts of the Harrovian forwards nothing more was secured before the close, and the call of time left the Harrovians the winners by three goals to one."

Old Harrovians; E. S. Gibney (Goal); R. de C. Welch (Capt.), A. W. Welch (Backs); B. G. Jarrett, G. Macan (Half Backs), J. Lowis, H. T. Prior (Right Side), H. S. Bevington, C. Colbeck (Left Side), M. P. Betts, W. B. Paton (Centres).

Upton Park: C. Warner (Capt.) (Goal); F. W. Hotham, J. T. Welldon (Backs); E. D. Ellis, H. Spreckley (Half Backs); S. R. Bastard, F. L. Woolley (Left Side), J. B. Hunter, H. Williams (Right Side), D. R. Hunter, A. M. Inglis (Centres).

Umpires: Umpire: Major Marindin (R. E.) (President Football Association) was umpire for both sides.

FIFTH ROUND:

Bell's Life 2/3/78 P.4: "On Thursday afternoon the draw for the fifth ties in the Cup Competition took place with the following result:-

Oxford University or Royal Engineers v Upton Park or Old Harrovians; Wanderers, a bye.

The fourth round tie between Old Harrovians and Upton Park will take place at Kennington Oval on Saturday, March 9. "

ROYAL ENGINEERS 2 (H.H.Barnet,C.B.Mayne) OLD HARROVIANS 1(H.T.Prior)(H.T. 0-1) (Sat Mar 16th)(At Kennington Oval)

Bell's Life 23/3/78 P.5/Field 23/3/78 P.356/Sportsman 18/3/78 P.3/Sporting Life 20/3/78 P.1/Referee 17/3/78 P.6/Morning Post 18/3/78 P.2/The Times 18/3/78 P.10/Sheffield Daily Telegraph 18/3/78 P.4:

BL: "Having won the toss the Old Harrovians elected to defend the goal nearest the Gas Works, what little wind there was blowing being in their favour. At 3.40 the ball was set in motion by Hedley and for a short time the action was confined principally to the centre of the ground. The Old Harrovians then pressed their opponents considerably, and, after a corner kick by Colbeck had proved unproductive, several capital shots were made at the Engineers' goal, Jarrett on one occasion sending the ball to within a few feet of the post, and Prior twice narrowly missing his mark. The Engineers were not to be denied, however, and frequently invaded the enemies' territory, but were as often repelled. After play had been commenced 20 minutes, the downfall of the Sappers' fortress, owing to a vigorous onslaught on the part of the Harrow forwards, seemed almost inevitable, but Prior just managed to head the ball over, rather than under, the tape. On kicking off a capital game ensued, the Engineers, after a most determined resistance by their opponents, getting the leather dangerously close to the Harrow posts. So well did the Harrovians work, however, that the threatened disaster was averted, and soon after, from a splendid throw in by Colbeck, the ball was cleverly put through by Prior, who thus scored first goal for Old Harrovians. Nothing further of a definite character occurred before half time, but unfortunately just previous to that period the captain of the Harrovians met with an accident, which compelled him to give up his position as back for that of goalkeeper, thus weakening his side considerably. After ends were changed the Engineers played up remarkably well, and quickly succeeded in equalising matters, through the instrumentality of Barnet, and continuing to assume the aggressive, were not long in placing a second goal to their credit, Mayne this time sending the ball between the posts. From this point the Harrovians fought very hard to save a defeat, and with a certain amount of ill-luck as twice they were within an ace of securing a goal. "Time", however, arrived without their object being effected, and they were consequently defeated by two goals to one."

F: "On Saturday the semi-final tie in the above competition took place at Kennington Oval. The weather was fortunately favourable; and, as the ground was hard and the clubs were evenly matched, there was every promise of some good play, which was fully verified by the result. The Harrovian captain, winning the toss, elected to occupy the eastern goal, which gave his side the benefit of a fresh breeze blowing straight down the ground. The Harrovians secured two corner kicks in quick succession, but neither was productive of a score. The Engineers moved the fight to the centre, and then the game assumed a very even aspect, Prior, Lewis, and Paton making some very pretty runs for the Harrovians, while Jarrett's cool play at half-back checked most of the rushes of the heavier forwards of the Engineers. The play had been very fast for half an hour without the attainment of any result by either side. At this point the Harrovians secured a corner kick, and Colbeck, landing the ball well under the posts, Prior got it safely through for the Harrovians amidst great applause. The quarter of an hour that elapsed before half time showed no material advantage to either side, and ends were changed with only one goal scored. The Engineers soon began to profit by the help of the wind now at their backs, and the ball, thrown in by Morris from touch, fell close in front of the Harrow goal. A desperate charge by Hedley knocked the Harrow captain heavily to the

ground, and it was feared that he was seriously hurt, so that the goal-keeper, overlooking his charge, allowed Barnet to plant the leather safely between the Harrovian posts. Welch, having received a nasty blow on his left eye, went into goal instead of Bowen, and the game was resumed. After this, though the Harrovians played up hard, and twice just missed the Engineers' goal, the superior weight of the Sappers stood them in good stead, and Mayne at last with a good kick gave them their second goal. With the exception of a brilliant run by Prior, which just failed to produce a goal for the Harrovians, and an equally fine piece of play by Hedley for the opposite side, no other features of note occurred, and the Royal Engineers were left the winners of a hard fight by two goals to one."

SM: "On Saturday last there was a strong muster of spectators on the Surrey cricket ground at Kennington Oval to witness the semi-final tie in this competition. The weather was fine, though the wind was a trifle too keen and the ground was in the best possible condition. The toss was won by R.C. Welch for the Old Harrovians, and as he determined to secure the benefit of the breeze blowing down the ground from the Gasworks, the kick fell to the Sappers. At twenty minutes to four o'clock Hedley set the ball in motion, but the Harrovians speedily returned it, and Colbeck had a corner-kick, but without result. After another to the same side had met with the same ill success, the Engineers drove their opponents back, and the play became very even. The military forwards, well led by Hedley and Bond, made strenuous efforts to break through the opposing line, though Jarrett and Macan were mostly equal to the demands, the former being frequently applauded for his precision of kicking. Forward, Prior, Lewis, Colbeck, Paton, and Bevington had been doing good work for the Harrovians and at last, after the lapse of half an hour, a corner-kick by Colbeck enabled Prior to plant the ball safely between the posts of the Engineers' goal. This was the only point made up to half-time, and ends were changed with the Harrovians a goal to the good. The wind, on the resumption of play, added fresh vigour to the exertions of the Engineers, and after a short scrum in which the Harrow captain received a nasty blow on the eye that necessitated his retirement into goal for the rest of the game, Barnet secured the downfall of the Harrovian goal. The struggle now grew animated, and both sides stuck to their work gallantly, though the back play of the Harrovians fell off considerably during the second half. The Engineers at times pressed hard on their opponents, and Mayne, with a well-directed kick, planted the ball for the second time in the Harrow goal. During the last quarter of an hour the game became still more interesting. Once the Harrovians nearly secured a second score, and again, after a very fine run, Prior just missed the Engineers' goal. Hedley on the other side made a quick run down the centre, and shot the ball over the Harrovian tape. Each side in turn preponderated, but the Engineers held their advantage till the end, and finally, after an hour and a half, were left the winners of a hard fight by two goals to one. Of their forwards, Hedley, Barnet, and Bond were the most prominent, while the backs generally showed greater accuracy of kicking than in their previous matches. For the Old Harrovians Jarrett and Macan did any amount of work throughout, and of the forwards Lewis and Prior did the best service."

Royal Engineers: L.B. Friend (Goal); W.G. Morris, J.H. Cowan (Backs); C.B. Mayne, F.C. Heath (Half Backs); O.E. Ruck, F.G. Bond (Right), R.S. Hedley (Capt.), J.C. Barker (Centres), H.H. Barnet, H.E.M. Lindsay (Left).

Old Harrovians: E.E. Bowen (Goal); +R. de C. Welch (Capt.), A.W. Welch (Backs); B.G. Jarrett, G. Macan (Half Backs); J. Lewis, W.B. Paton (Right), M.P. Betts, H.T. Prior (Centres), H.S. Bevington, C. Colbeck (Left). +Got injured and went into goal just before half time

Umpires:H.Wace(Wanderers) for Royal Engineers and C.Warner(Upton Park) for Old Harrovians.
Referee:W.H.White(South Norwood).

FINAL: Sat Mar 23 (At Kennington Oval)

WANDERERS 3(J.Kenrick 2 ,Other:see below) ROYAL ENGINEERS 1 ("Scrimmage")(H.T. 2-1):

Field 30/3/78 P.390/Sportsman 25/3/78 P.4/Sporting Life 27/3/78 P.1/Referee 25/3/78 P.6/Sheffield Daily Telegraph 25/3/78 P.4/Bell's Life 30/3/78 P.4:

F:"The final tie in this competition was decided on Saturday last at Kennington Oval.The two clubs have taken such a prominent part in the contests for the Cup since its first institution,that their meeting in the last struggle was sure to be attractive;but on this occasion there was an additional attraction attached to the match from the fact that a victory for the Wanderers would entitle them to the permanent possession of the Cup,as they had held it for the two previous years.A glorious afternoon favoured the two elevens,and at twenty minutes to four o'clock,when the game commenced,there could not have been less than three thousand spectators present,amongst whom was a goodly proportion of ladies.Hedley,who had lost the toss,started the ball for the Engineers, who began with the sun in their faces,and the wind rather against them.The Wanderers were warm favourites,and within a very few minutes they were able to score,Kenrick securing the downfall of the Sappers' goal after a neat run by Wace.After the kick-off the Engineers set to work with energy, and for a time their policy of hustling the opposite backs was effective.The ball was chiefly in the Wanderers' territory for nearly a quarter of an hour,and at last,after a well-directed throw in from touch by Morris,the ball was carried through the Wanderers' posts in a scrimmage.For a few minutes after the resumption,the Sappers had slightly the best of the play;but the Wanderers' forwards,who had the pace of their opponents,speedily succeeded in clearing their lines,some fine runs being made by Denton and Kenrick on the lower side of the ground.A free kick soon fell to Kinnaird,and, after a short scrimmage,a second goal was secured for the Wanderers.During the ten minutes that remained of the first half some spirited play was shown on both sides,but no further result was obtained.At the end of three-quarters of an hour ends were changed,and soon after this operation had been completed Hedley got the ball safely into the Wanderers' goal,though,as he was off-side, the goal was not allowed.The Wanderers now began to press rather heavily on their adversaries,and a miss-kick by Morris enabled Heron to get well away on the upper side,the result of a neat middle being another goal for the Wanderers from the foot of Kenrick.The Engineers played up hard to the last,but they certainly did not stay so well as their opponents and,though nothing more fell to either side,the Wanderers had the best of the game.The Engineers were thus defeated by three goals to one,and their defeat enabled the Wanderers to claim the Cup as the property of their club.The victory was won by good play all round,and was thoroughly deserved.Heron,during the second half, showed in quite in his old form,and all the forwards worked hard,while Kinnaird and Lindsay did good service.Kirkpatrick fractured his left arm early in the game,but played on to the last."

SM:"On Saturday last the possession of the Challenge Cup presented in 1872 by the committee of the Football Association was finally decided.The Wanderers,who had won it in 1872 and 1873,were also the holders in 1876 and 1877,and hence victory on Saturday for them meant a permanent hold on the cup,which becomes,according to the rules,the property of any club holding it for three

successive years. The weather, though cold, was gloriously fine, and the prospect of a hard fight attracted the largest gathering that has been seen at the Oval this year, over 3000 spectators being present during the game. To judge by the opinions of some the result was a moral (victory) for the Wanderers, and though on public form they were certainly the better eleven, there was nothing to justify the long odds that were talked about. Both clubs were well represented, and as the ground was in excellent condition, there was everything in favour of a fast game. The Engineers lost the toss, and at twenty minutes to four o'clock Hedley kicked off from the eastern end with the sun in his face, and the wind, though blowing across the ground, slightly against him. The Wanderers were quickly at work, and Kinnaird had an unsuccessful shot at the opposite goal. Immediately afterwards Wace at the end of a short run crossed the ball, and Kenrick directed it safely into the centre of the Engineers' posts, this first score being obtained within five minutes of the start. Nettled at this early reverse, the Engineers made some vigorous attacks, the forwards being evidently bent on worrying the Wanderer half-backs and backs. At first the Sappers profited a little by this style of play and for a few minutes the Wanderers were pressed. In one of these onslaughts Kirkpatrick fractured his arm, but with great pluck he kept his place in charge of goal till the end, and, indeed, it was not until the match was finished, that the accident was known. The Sapper forwards gave the Wanderers little chance of rallying, and at last a good throw in by Morris enabled them to carry the Wanderers' goal with a determined rush. On the renewal of hostilities the Engineers held a momentary advantage, but the Wanderers were not to be settled, and at length they carried the ball down the ground in fine style, just missing another score. Shortly after the Wanderers made a sharp attack, and after a free kick by Kinnaird the ball was a second time driven between the Engineers' posts. After the kick-off the play became faster than ever, and some fine runs were made by Denton and Kenrick on the one side, by Heron and Wollaston on the other, while Hedley, Ruck, Bond, and Barnet were untiring for the Engineers. At half-time ends were changed, and not long after resumption Hedley got the ball through the Wanderers' goal, but as he was given off-side, no score resulted. After this the game became more interesting as the Engineer forwards grew less demonstrative to the Wanderer backs, and all round the play was excellent. The Wanderers, as they have always done on previous occasions, improved as time advanced, and after a very fine run by Heron, Kenrick landed the third goal for them. This third score was obtained about twenty-five minutes before the finish, and there was plenty of time left for the Engineers to recover their losses. The Wanderers, however, were not to be overcome, and towards the last their play was excellent, Heron's dribbling being very fine, while Wace was usually on the ball, and the forwards generally were well together. More than once the Engineers looked dangerous, but the play during the second half was certainly in favour of the Wanderers, and finally at the end of an hour and a half they were left the winners by three goals to one."

SL: "The final match for the possession of the Cup until next season took place at Kennington Oval on Saturday afternoon last. About 3,000 supporters were present. The Wanderers, who had twice previously won the Cup, and who now by their victory on Saturday became its absolute possessors, were greatly favoured, but the Engineers, who had easily defeated the Old Harrovians on the previous Saturday, were not without admirers, though odds of 4 to 1 could have been obtained about them. Having won the toss, the holders first elected to defend the western goal, and at twenty minutes to four o'clock the ball was started by Hedley from the Gasworks end, a slight wind blowing in the faces of the Engineers. During the first portion of the game the Wanderers secured two goals (the first kicked by Kenrick) and the second resulting from a free kick by Kinnaird the ball being forced through

out of a bully in front of the posts, while the Engineers scored a goal out of a bully that ensued immediately after a throw in by Morris. Shortly after ends were reversed Hedley sent the ball spinning under the Wanderers' tape, but the goal was disallowed on the plea of "off-side". Some splendid play by Kenrick and Heron then resulted in the former adding another notch to the score of the Wanderers, who ultimately retired winners by three goals to one. We regret to state that during the play Kirkpatrick had the misfortune to break his arm, but he pluckily kept at his post until the match was ended."

REF: "In the presence of quite 3,000 spectators the final match in this great football competition so fondly looked forward to by all admirers of the game, was decided on Saturday between the celebrated Wanderers and equally gallant Royal Engineers, at Kennington Oval, and, after playing a most exciting match for an hour and a half, it resulted in a victory for the former team by three goals to one. The Wanderers now having won the trophy three seasons consecutively, have power to claim it as their own. The competition commenced on October 27th, 1877, and as the winners of the various "ties" may be found interesting, we give them as follows:-(listed)"

"We will now give the concluding struggle. The Wanderers having gained the toss, elected to play the first half of the game from the Crown Baths side of the ground, and at twenty minutes to 4 Hedley kicked off with the wind against him, the odds being 4 to 1 on the holders. The moment the ball fell one of the fastest games we have ever witnessed commenced in earnest. Kinnaird soon after, from a throw-in by Green, made a good shot at goal, the danger from which, however, was averted through the timely intervention of Morris's head and the ball went out of bounds. On being returned into play by Kinnaird, Wace took it in hand, middled it to Kenrick, who drove it between the posts, about five minutes from the commencement, the Wanderers thus gaining the first event. On re-commencing, the Engineers made a desperate rush on the Wanderers' home, and during the fierce scrimmage that ensued, Kirkpatrick's arm was unfortunately broken, but though he must have suffered considerably, he stuck to his trust bravely to the last, and his wounded limb was not attended to till the match was over. Some splendid play was now shown by both teams, and never did the Wanderers display greater skill and quickness than on this momentous occasion when they had so great a stake at issue. The Engineers met their opponents with great determination and nothing could exceed the great attacks made by them on their adversaries' fortress, among the most prominent being Hedley, Bond, Lindsay, Mayne, Barnett, and Ruck, while Cowan and Morris formed a rear guard, who did good service for their comrades. Close upon 4 o'clock, the Sappers, making a combined charge over the ground, one of the Wanderers sent the ball out, which on being returned by Morris, was hustled about in a scrimmage in front of the Wanderers' goal, and went through. Ten minutes later on, however, the Wanderers returned the visit, but meeting with powerful resistance from the Engineers, a *melee* occurred, and the ball bounding off, went under the tape. The Wanderers, elated by success, being once more ahead, redoubled their exertions to add still further to their good fortune, and Kenrick, Kinnaird, Wollaston, Wace, Wylie, Green, and Heron, the latter especially, never appeared to greater advantage, though it is almost invidious to particularise, when all were so good. At half-time ends were changed, and the Engineers, nothing daunted, continued to play with all their wonted spirit, but fate was against them, for at a quarter to 5 Heron, making a splendid run down the side, middled the ball to Kenrick, who kicked between the posts. As nothing further was scored by either team, the Wanderers, when time was called, retired from the field victors, as stated above."

SDT: "At twenty minutes to four o'clock the Engineer captain sent the ball on its travels, but it was quickly returned, and almost the first rush was fatal to them, a quick run by Wace enabling Kenrick to score a goal for Wanderers before five minutes had elapsed."

"Twenty minutes had passed when a throw in from touch gave Morris the chance of dropping the ball in front of the Wanderers' posts, and a goal for the Engineers made the score even again."

"...soon afterwards a free kick for hands fell to the Wanderers within a few yards of the Engineers' posts. This was entrusted to Kinnaird and as he placed it directly under the bar a scrimmage occurred in which Kenrick, Wace and Wylie, between them managed to secure a second goal for the Wanderers."

"After the change of ends it was thought that the Military forwards would show to better advantage, and before a few minutes had expired Hedley passed the ball through the Wanderers' goal, though he was voted offside, and the ball was kicked off from the goal, much to the disappointment of the spectators. The Wanderers now began to get into their best form, and their passing was good, while Heron's speedy runs evoked constant cheering. Taking the ball along in grand style in a body, Heron carried it on past the Engineers' backs, and putting it with the greatest skill under the Engineers' bar, Kenrick gave the Wanderers their third goal. Nearly half an hour remained but any hopes of a success for the Engineers was soon dispelled by the steadily improving play of their opponents. The soldiers indeed had the greatest difficulty in holding their own, and on several occasions their goal had the most extraordinary escapes."

BL: "Splendid weather was experienced during the progress of the final match in the above competition, which was decided on Saturday last, at Kennington Oval, where fully 3,000 spectators assembled. The Wanderers were very much fancied; but the Engineers, owing to their defeat of the Old Harrovians on the previous Saturday, were not without admirers. Having won the toss, the Wanderers elected to defend the western goal, and at 3.40 Hedley kicked off from the end nearest the gas works. Pretty even play characterised the early proceedings, but at length the superior tactics of the Wanderers began to tell, and principally through the instrumentality of Wace and Kenrick, the Engineers' colours were lowered. On restarting the Engineers made a vigorous attack on their opponents' fortress, and in a scrimmage which ensued +Kilpatrick's arm was unfortunately broken, but though he must have been in considerable pain he saved the goal, and pluckily stuck to his post to the end. The play on both sides was very fast, but the ball was more frequently to be found in the Engineers' quarters. The Sappers were not to be denied, however, and a throw in by Morris was so well directed that out of a scrimmage which ensued, the ball was forced through. Matters were thus equalised, but before half-time a second goal was secured by the Wanderers out of a short tussle in front of the (Engineers') posts. After ends were changed the Engineers worked very hard, and Hedley succeeded in sending the leather under the tape, but the goal was disallowed on the plea of offside. Shortly afterwards a splendid piece of play by Kenrick and Heron enabled the former to again score, and as this was the last point of importance, the Wanderers were at the call of time left masters of the situation by three goals to one. *The Wanderers having been successful three times in succession, the Cup now becomes their property."

+His left arm: ESACF

*But they handed it back on condition that it could not be won outright again.

Wanderers:J.Kirkpatrick(Goal);A.H.Stratford,W.Lindsay(Backs);Hon.A.F.Kinnaird(Capt.),F.T.Green (Half Backs);C.H.R.Wollaston(Capt.),G.H(ubert)H.Heron(Right Side),J.G.Wylie,H.Wace(Centres), J.Kenrick,C.A.Denton(Left Side).

Royal Engineers:L.B.Friend(Goal);J.H.Cowan,W.G.Morris(Backs);F.C.Heath,C.B.Mayne(Half Backs); +H.E.M.Lindsay,H.H.Barnet(Right Side),R.S.Hedley(Capt.),C.E.Haynes (Centres),F.G.Bond,O.E.Ruck (Left Side). +Recorded as M.Lindsay as more often known as Morgan Lindsay

Umpires: C.Warner(Upton Park) for Wanderers and B.G.Jarrett(Old Harrovians) for the Royal Engineers.Referee:S.R.Bastard(Upton Park).