

1878-79

## FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION CUP

### FIRST ROUND:

Bell's Life 14/9/78 P.9: "A Committee of the Football Association was held on Wednesday evening at the Surrey Cricket Ground, Kennington Oval, to draw the first round for the Challenge Cup competition. Appended will be found the result:

Forest School v Rochester  
Sheffield v Grantham  
Unity v Remnants  
Oxford University v Wednesbury Strollers  
Upton Park v Saffron Walden  
South Norwood v Leyton  
Hawks v Swifts  
Hendon v Reading  
Herts Rangers v Cambridge University  
Birch, Manchester v Darwen  
Ramblers v Romford  
Old Etonians v Wanderers  
Old Foresters v Royal Engineers  
Great Marlow v Grey Friars  
Minerva v 105<sup>TH</sup> Regiment  
Maidenhead v Barnes  
Runnymede v Panthers  
Pilgrims v Brentwood  
Southill Park v Old Harrovians  
Clapham Rovers v Finchley  
Nottingham v Nottingham Forest

The matches will have to be played off by Nov 15."

FOREST SCHOOL 4 (Scorers not traced) ROCHESTER 2 (J. Blackett, F.J. Richards) (H.T 4-0) (Sat Nov 2<sup>nd</sup>)  
(On the ground in front of the School House, Walthamstow)

Field 9/11/78 P.608/Bell's Life 9/11/78 P.8/Sportsman 4/11/78 P.4/Sporting Life 6/11/78 P.1:

F: "The match for the Cup between these teams came off at Walthamstow on Saturday, Nov. 2, and the result was a victory for the School by four goals to two. Play began at 3.30, the School having won the toss. The Foresters were well together, and before ten minutes had elapsed scored a goal; they added three more before half time. The club now had the hill in their favour, and their superior weight began to tell. Repeated attacks were made on the School goal, but the backs and goal-keeper were all in good form. At last, however, Blackett succeeded in eluding them, and obtained the first goal for his side; this was followed by another from the foot of Richards. The home team now made several attacks on the club goal, but none took effect. For the last ten minutes the Rochester men played hard to make it a draw, but could not gain any further advantage. For the winners Sewell and

Johnson(backs) and Littlewood and Wilkes(forwards) especially distinguished themselves,while Newbery was very valuable in goal;for the club Smith,Prall,and Blackett were very effective.”

BL:“This tie match was played last Saturday,the scene of action being the ground situated in front of the school house at Walthamstow.During the first portion of the game the boys had it much their own way,and,by some capital play,their passing being especially good,secured four goals while their opponents failed to score.After ends were changed an improvement was shown by the Rochester team,who,aided principally by their weight,made several sorties,and succeeded in twice lowering the school colours.This encouraged the visiting team to try and equalise matters,but their efforts were unavailing,and at the call of time Forest School were left the winners by four goals to two.The names of the School were as follows,those of Rochester not being supplied.”

SL:”This tie was played on the School ground on Saturday last.The boys played well together,and working most vigorously,before half-time had scored four goals.On changing ends the visitors made several determined attacks on the School goal,and being the heavier team,succeeded in gaining two goals;but although they played very hard,until the call of time,the good training of the boys prevented them making any further score.The School were thus left victors by four goals to two.The names of the Rochester team were not to be obtained.”

SM:”Played on the School ground on Saturday,and won by the boys by four goals to two.”(No teams)

Forest School:G.R.Newbery(Goal);R.B.Johnson,F.W.Sewell(Backs);C.J.Horner,E.Charrington(Half Backs);F.Webb,A.Wilkes(Right Side);E.D.Shaw,C.A.Lowe(Centres),J.W.Littlewood, R.Burrows(Left Side).

Rochester:F.F.Smith,F.J.Richards(Backs);A.Wayte,J.Wayte(Half Backs);J.Blackett,C.Mansfield, J.H.Prall,W.H.Moore,F.Scott,G.W.Prall(Centre),W.W.Whiston.(F only)

SHEFFIELD CLUB 1 (T.H.Sorby) GRANTHAM 1(A.Hutchinson)(H.T. 0-1)  
(Mon Oct 28<sup>th</sup>)(At Bramall Lane,Sheffield)

Yorkshire Post 29/10/78 P.8/Sheffield Independent 29/10/78 P.8/Grantham Journal 2/11/78  
P.4/Bell's Life 2/11/78 P.3/Field 2/11/78 P.574/Sportsman 30/10/78 P.4/Sporting Life 2/11/78 P.3:

YP:”These clubs,having been drawn together in this event,met at Bramall Lane yesterday.The weather was of the very worst description for this type of outdoor sport,rain falling heavily nearly all of the time,and was accompanied by a strong cold wind.Under these circumstances it was generally thought that the match would not take place,so that when hostilities commenced shortly before half-past three there were only about a dozen spectators present.The ground was very treacherous, and the players were frequently sent sprawling in the mud,and before the finish they presented a pitiable appearance.The visitors won the toss,and decided upon kicking with their backs towards Bramall Lane,the wind blowing from that quarter.Play commenced by M.Ellison,the captain of the Sheffield Club,kicking off.The ball had no sooner been started than the wind blew the bottom goal down,which stopped the game for a minute or two.When the match was continued the Sheffields worked the ball towards their opponents' goal,at which R.A.Sorby had a shot,but the goal-keeper put the ball away with his hands.Shortly afterwards they were favoured with a corner kick,which was

entrusted to J.C.Clegg, but nothing was made of the advantage. A good run by Hutchinson for Grantham was followed by another on the part of Barber for the "club". Some good all round play was next shown in the centre of the ground, and Wake distinguished himself by some herculean returns. A combined attack was made on the visitors' fortress, but the ball was sent on the wrong side of the post. Not long after this Britten—who played in the international a couple of years ago—made a good run, but in making his final effort he sent the ball on the outside of the post. In response to this R.A. Sorby effected a nice run along the low side. He was getting dangerously near the Grantham stronghold when Sharp interposed and kicked the ball to a place of safety. The attack was at once renewed, and R.A. Sorby had a splendid chance to score after he had had the ball crossed to him by his brother, but he slipped and missed his aim. Britten again figured prominently in the van, though in making a second run he missed the ball on being challenged by Willey. Another corner kick fell to the home team, which was left to W.E. Clegg who dropped the leather in front of the goal, but it was put out by Parkinson with his hands. Britten again got on the ball, and had got clear of all opposition, but Ellison, however, rushed out to meet him, and getting the best of the charge, Britten was sent flying in the mud. Directly afterwards the play was at the other end, where J.C. Clegg had another chance from the corner, but the advantage was nullified by the Grantham backs. Britten by a splendid run showed the way once more to the Sheffield citadel, and crossed the ball to Vincent, who had a shot at goal, which was only saved by Ellison using his hands. T.H. Sorby brought the ball back, and getting within range made his effort, but his aim was not correct, and the ball went on the wrong side of the post. After some good back play by Wake a good run was made by H. Sorby. A claim of "hands" was allowed in front of the strangers' goal. The kick was left to J.C. Clegg, but a goal was prevented by Parkinson, who had no difficulty in putting the ball out with his hands. The scene of action was quickly changed, and the Sheffield goal was threatened, but its custodian was equal to the emergency, and returned the ball, when it was taken in charge by Dixon, who showed some good play in the centre of the arena. Another attempt to capture the visitors' goal was nearly successful, the ball going a few inches on the wrong side of the mark. Marsland next showed to advantage for the visitors, but his career was cut short by the elder Clegg. This was succeeded by a neat run between Sorby and Barber. Britten replied with some splendid dribbling, which caused the meagre attendance to applaud him heartily. A foul shortly afterwards was allowed to the home team. All the Grantham players were drawn up in line in front of their goal, but strange to say J.C. Clegg sent the ball between their legs without a single individual touching it, so that no score was made. After continuing, Sharp did some very useful work, back, for Grantham. He was ably seconded by Hutchinson, who made some very fast runs, notwithstanding that he is lame. A few minutes before the expiration of half-time, he got possession of the ball, and set off for the goal at his best pace. None of the Sheffielders troubled themselves, some being content "off-side". Evidently the majority were under this impression, but when Hutchinson had placed the ball safely between the posts the goal was allowed. On resuming Britten and Hutchinson did some hard work but nothing more in the way of scoring was done before half-time. With one goal against them and the wind in their favour, the home team took up positions waiting for their antagonists to resume hostilities. H. Sorby was the first to distinguish himself with a capital run and shot at goal, but the ball went across the mouth of the goal. R.A. Sorby and Barber next showed some good crossing. Again the Sheffielders were favoured with a corner kick, which was entrusted to W.E. Clegg, who however, put the ball behind the goal. Hutchinson was making another dashing run when he was suddenly confronted by Wake, who returned the leather into the centre of the ground. A determined effort was made by Barber to reduce the Grantham fortress but without success, as Parkinson stopped the ball with his hands. The light now became very bad, and it was far

from improved by dense volumes of smoke sweeping across the ground. Eventually after some good play on both sides, and about a couple of minutes before the call of time, the home team managed to equalise matters. After a sharp struggle in front of the Grantham goal, the ball was put through by H. Sorby, amid applause. As no further score was made by either side, the match terminated in a tie, and as the visitors refused to play any longer, the match in all probability will have to be played out at Grantham."

SI: "Sheffield lost the toss, and the Grantham captain decided to let them kick off with the wind and hill against them. Mr Ellison set the leather alive, and for twenty minutes the ball was manoeuvred backwards and forwards, first to one goal then to (the) other, there being little to choose as to the merits of the two sides. Ultimately, Hutchinson, just before half-time, got an opportunity, and seizing it cleverly, he sent the ball through the Sheffield posts, scoring first blood for Grantham. Up to half-time no further headway had been made, and it looked towards the close of the second half as if the match would result in a victory for the visitors. Sheffield were, however, having decidedly the best of this portion of the play, and, fortunately for them, just upon the call of time the globe, after a scrimmage, was passed to Heathcote Sorby in front of goal, and he put it through the Grantham sticks."

F: "The weather was miserable in the extreme, rain falling heavily during nearly the whole of the play. Grantham won the toss, and Ellison set the ball rolling for Sheffield, with the slight hill and heavy rain in their faces. The ground was far too greasy for reliable play, and matters were pretty evenly balanced until within a few minutes of half time, when Hutchinson scored a nice goal for the visitors amid tremendous applause from the partisans who had come with them from Grantham. The game was continued, and after the change of ends Sheffield appeared to have a shade the best of it, though nothing decisive occurred until within three minutes of time, when +Percy Sorby put the ball through the posts, after a scrimmage. The match thus ended in a tie, and the deciding heat will have to be played at Grantham." +T. Heathcote Sorby

GJ: "Grantham won the toss, and elected to kick with the wind and hill in their favour, their opponents kicking off. The home team at once made a raid towards the Grantham goal and drove the ball over their lines, and almost immediately afterwards Britten, by a clever run, nearly scored, the final kick by Vincent hitting the post. The Grantham goal in its turn had a narrow escape, R. Sorby just slipping up when an easy chance was given him by a pass from his brother; and again "hands" were claimed and given against Grantham close to their goal, but Clegg managed to kick the ball through without touching anybody, so, of course, the score was disallowed. Just before half time a misdirected kick by the Sheffield back left the Grantham captain in possession of the ball, which he utilised, and placed the first goal to the credit of his club. After the change of ends, with the wind in their favour, the Sheffielders pressed their opponents a good deal, but Parkinson (goal), Sharpe and Danby (Backs) played so well that scoring was very difficult, and Britten, Marsland, and the captain were successful, too, in relieving their side by incursions into the enemy's territory. But just before the call of time, R. Sorby made matters equal by an easy chance."

SM: "This match, one of the ties for the London Association Challenge Cup, was played at Bramall-lane Grounds, Sheffield, on Monday last. Unfortunately the weather on the occasion was of the most disagreeable character, rain falling in torrents at intervals during the whole of the afternoon. The ground was in a wretched condition, and no estimate could be arrived at as to the real abilities of the

contesting teams. Fortunately for the visitors their captain won the toss, and took advantage of a strong wind that was blowing from the lane end. During the whole of the day the play was particularly even. The visitors were the first to score, but just before the call of time the home side equalised matters. The match thus ended in a drawn game. It is understood it will be finished at Grantham on some other occasion."

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

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

Umpires: A. W. Cursham for Grantham and F. Whelan for Sheffield.

REPLAY: Mon Nov 18<sup>th</sup> : (At Grantham):

GRANTHAM 1 (T. J. Britten) SHEFFIELD CLUB 3 (J. Willey, J. H. Barber, E. Barber) (H. T. 0-2)

Grantham Journal 23/11/78 P.4/Sheffield Independent 19/11/78 P.8/Bell's Life 23/11/78 P.5/Nottinghamshire Guardian 22/11/78 P.12/Field 23/11/78 P.674/Sportsman 19/11/78 P.4:

N.B. No SDT on line for 2<sup>nd</sup> half of 1878

GL: "This match was played on Monday last at Grantham, in the presence of, for this town, a large number of spectators, amongst whom were included a great many ladies. The ground and weather were almost perfect for football. Grantham won the toss and kicked off, the visitors commencing the attack on the Grantham goal, and almost immediately afterwards the home team suffered incalculable loss from an accident happening to one of the most useful and hard-working of their forwards, T. Vincent, who had the misfortune to crack a bone in his jaw by collision with one of his own side; he, with characteristic pluck, tried to continue his place in the game, which was, of course, impossible, so "one short" was the state of things to the end. Hutchinson's knee also gave way slightly, and prevented his playing up to his proper form. Not long after the above occurrence, Clegg with the ball on the Grantham line, neatly placed it in front of the goal, whence it was breasted through. When the ball had been again started, Britten, who throughout the game did yeoman service, and was deservedly applauded, relieved his side by a capital run, but the visitors soon renewed the attack, and before half-time placed a second goal to their credit. After the change of ends the contest presented a rather more even aspect, the chief features being Danby's magnificent back play, ably supported as he was by Sharpe, and Britten's untiring efforts, which were not rewarded with the desired success until about five minutes before the call of time, when from a throw in he quickly ran the ball down from the centre, and passing the backs, he amidst general cheers, made the first goal for his side. Hopes were now entertained that the home team might make matters even, but Sheffield followed the ball up so quickly after their kick-off and put it through the goal that all hope on that score was lost. For Sheffield Dixon, the Cleggs, Sorbys, &c, were always on the spot, and the whole team played with excellent judgment. Grantham were all abroad, and have seldom played worse together. Britten, the two backs, and Parkinson's vigilant efforts in goal were the redeeming features of their side."

SI: "Ellison won the toss, and at 2.55 Hutchinson kicked off for Grantham before a fair muster of spectators. The Sheffielders were much quicker at getting to work than their opponents, and in two minutes a corner kick fell to them, though J.C. Clegg's effort did not prove successful. A rush by J.H. Barber drove the ball just over the bar of the Grantham goal, and soon after Sheffield had another corner from the lower side, W.E. Clegg being as unsuccessful as had been his brother. At this time, Parkinson, the home goal-keeper, had plenty of employment to resist the rushes of the Sheffield forwards, who were all well on the ball; and once he saved his goal finely after an extremely well-directed corner kick by J.C. Clegg. Grantham now for the first time, thanks to the energetic efforts of Britten, got the ball behind the Sheffield goal-line; but it was well returned, and a neat run by Heathcote Sorby along the side took it again into the neighbourhood of the Grantham fortress. Two fast runs by Britten and Hutchinson were applauded by the partisans of the home team, but the Sheffielders soon reopened the attack with vigour, and a shot by J.H. Barber hit the Grantham cross-bar hard, only producing a corner kick to J.C. Clegg. Each of the brothers Clegg had a corner kick without success, but at length when only six minutes were wanting to complete the first half, J.C. Clegg crossed the ball cleverly, and T. Willey breasted it between the posts. The ball had hardly been started before J.H. Barber landed the second goal for Sheffield with a neat kick. Another corner to J.C. Clegg had been tried without result, just as half time was called. It may be mentioned that, very soon after the commencement, T. Vincent of the Grantham team had been obliged to leave owing to an accident, so that for most of the game the home team were one short. After change the game for a considerable period was fairly even - Britten and Hutchinson working hard for Grantham, while the Sorbys and Barbers were foremost on the opposite side.

Twenty five minutes before the close Grantham secured their one corner kick of the match, and Hutchinson made a very good shot, but Ellison took the ball out of the scrimmage. Britten now, more than once, got dangerously close to the Sheffield goal, and at last, six minutes before the close, he was rewarded with a well earned goal, at which there was no small applause. During the short time that remained the Sheffielders strained every nerve, and in three minutes a neat piece of crossing by Arthur Sorby enabled E. Barber to secure the last goal of the match, the Sheffield club thus winning by three goals to one. For the winners all played well, the forwards all working for each other. Britten and Hutchinson did most of the work forward for Grantham, and Danby kicked accurately throughout. Parkinson, too, was very sure in goal."

Grantham: A. Hutchinson (Capt.), T. Vincent, T.J. Britten, A. Howard, S.K. Marsland, H. Kirk (Forwards), G.C. Downing, W.D. Cox (Half Backs); T.W. Danby, W.H. Sharpe (Backs); G. Parkinson (Goal).

Sheffield : M. Ellison (Capt.) (Goal); W.E. Clegg, A.J. Beardshaw (Backs); J.C. Clegg, T.C. Willey (Half Backs); + R.A. (Arthur) Sorby, T.H. (Heathcote) Sorby, E. Barber, J.H. Barber, J. Willey, S.S. Dixon (Forwards).

R.A. Sorby and T.H. Sorby are the same 2 players as Arthur and Heathcote Sorby: they played in the London v Sheffield Match on the previous Saturday when R.A. Sorby played in goal for London!

Umpires: A.W. Cursham (Notts) for Grantham and W.R. Wake (Sheffield).

Referee: C.W. Alcock (Wanderers).

OXFORD UNIVERSITY 7 (W.R.Page 4,A.F.Hills,Others:see below) WEDNESBURY STROLLERS 0(Sat Nov 2<sup>nd</sup>)(At The Parks,Oxford)

Bell's Life 9/11/78 P.8/Field 9/11/78 P.612/Sporting Life 6/11/78 P.1/Sportsman 4/11/78 P.4:

BL:"On Saturday last the first tie match between these clubs was played in the Parks at Oxford. Throughout the University proved themselves greatly superior to their rivals who in the end had to put up with a defeat by seven goals to none."

F:"These clubs played off their tie for the Cup on Saturday last at Oxford,the result being an easy victory for the 'Varsity.The Strollers won the toss,but it was evident from the first that they were overmatched,as the Oxford forwards,especially Page,Rogers and Childs,were in rare form,the former kicking four goals;another goal was kicked by Hills,and two others were added before time was called-one from a good throw in by Savory,the other off one of the defenders."

SL:"This tie was played in the Parks at Oxford on Saturday before a very limited number of spectators and from the commencement was all in favour of the University,who won by seven goals to none."

SM:"This match was played on Saturday in the Parks in very favourable weather (according to Association Rules) and ended in an easy victory for Oxford by seven goals to nothing."

Oxford University:P.J.M.Rogers(Capt.),J.H.Savory, E.W.Waddington(Half Backs),A.W.Wilson, C.W.Wilson(Backs), A.F.Hills,W.R.Page,F.G.Guy,G.B.Childs,H.F.Blaine(Forwards),J.Eyre(Goal).

(J.Guy wrongly in all 4 sources)

Wednesbury Strollers:F.Bryan(Capt),J.Edwards(Backs),J.J.Knowles,E.M.Scott,J.Sutton(Half Backs), S.Tranter(Goal),D.Tonks,B.C.Knowles,J.W.Baines,E.Davis,A.Hardy(Forwards).

Umpires:W.Bughope and S.M.Burrows.Referee:H.F.Pelham.

UPTON PARK 5(T.Mitchell 2,J.B.Hunter,W.C.Williams,Own goal) SAFFRON WALDEN 0(H.T. 2-0) (Wed Oct 30<sup>th</sup>)(At Kennington Oval)

Essex Times 6/11/77 P.7/Sportsman 31/10/78 P.4/Bell's Life 2/11/78 P.5/Field 9/11/78 P.608/Sporting Life 2/11/78 P.3:

ET:

SM:"Yesterday these clubs met at the Oval to decide which should pass into the second round.The showers during the morning had made the ground rather slippery,but the game was so one-sided that the play did not suffer so much as it generally does under such circumstances.Owing to the late arrival of two members of the Saffron Walden,play was not begun until 3.25,and even then they had to commence with only nine men to eleven of Upton.Upton were soon in their lines,and the arrival of the two missing ones did not give Saffron Walden much relief.In ten minutes after the start

Mitchell scored the first goal to Upton, two corner-kicks for the same team having been unproductive. On the resumption another quarter of an hour saw the second goal, well kicked by J.B. Hunter. After two more corner-kicks to Upton, Saffron Walden, for the first time, got the ball behind their opponents' line, but it was soon returned, and just as half-time was called Upton gained another corner. During the second half the Saffron Walden at times roused themselves, but there was nothing like combination, and the backs were very weak. A misskick by Willett soon after the change of ends gave Upton another goal, and Mitchell and W.C. Williams each managed to score before the finish so that the Uptonians remained the victors by five goals to none."

BL: "In the match played between these clubs on Wednesday afternoon, at Kennington Oval, for the purpose of deciding which should enter the second round of the above competition, the superiority of Upton Park over their opponents caused the contest to be extremely uninteresting and one-sided. The game, owing to the non arrival of several of the Saffron Walden Club, did not commence until 25 minutes past 3, and even then there were two absentees from the side which, when complete, was very weak. They, however, arrived shortly after the start was made. During the first half Upton were able to score two goals, and after ends were changed three more fell to their share. In the end the Waldenites, who were completely overmatched, suffered defeat by five goals to none."

F: "The match to settle the question of superiority between these clubs, played at Kennington Oval on the 30<sup>th</sup> ult., proved extremely uninteresting, as the Uptonians were far too strong for their opponents, and won the match easily by five goals to none."

SL: "The cup tie between these clubs was played on Wednesday afternoon last at Kennington Oval. Recent rain had made the ground slippery. Little description is needed of the play, which was throughout in favour of the Upton Park men, who won by five goals—Mitchell (two), Hunter and W.C. Williams, the fifth being scored from a miss-kick by Willett—to "love"."

Sheffield Independent 31/10/78 P.7: ".....the ground being very slippery from the heavy rains. Saffron Walden never had the ghost of a chance, as by half time Upton had scored two goals (Mitchell and J.B. Hunter), and during the second half three more fell to the same side—the first from one of the Saffron backs, the others by Mitchell and W.C. Williams respectively."

Upton Park: C. Warner (Capt.) (Goal); H. Spreckley, + M. Jutsum (Backs); W.C. Williams, O.T. Cook (Half Backs); J.B. Hunter, E. Williams (Right), W.H. Roberts, H.W. Davies (Centres), T. Mitchell, F.L. Woollley (Left).

+ET has C.J. Stuart-King

Saffron Walden: E.D. Marsh (Goal); Rev. J.A. Wix (Capt.), S.F. Willett (Backs), J.M. Thompson, A. Thurgood (Half Backs); A. Jones, J.R. Long (Right Wing); F.M. Glubb, R.B. Thompson (Centres), H.B. Bacon, J.M. Capel (Left Wing).

ET has H.D. Bacon and R.M. Glubb

Umpire: C.W. Alcock.

SOUTH NORWOOD walked over LEYTON scratched : Bell's Life 9/11/78 P.8

Sportsman 4/11/78 P.4:"This match, fixed for Wednesday next, at the Oval, will not be played, Leyton having scratched."

SWIFTS 2( E.C.Bambridge,G.Turner) HAWKS 1(E.A.Ram)(H.T. 0-1)(Sat Nov 9<sup>th</sup>) (At Dolphin Ground, Slough)

Norwood News 16/11/78 P.7/Bell's Life 16/11/78 P.4/Field 16/11/78 P.640/Sportsman 11/11/78 P.4/Sporting Life 13/11/78 P.1/Referee 10/11/78 P.6:

NN:"This match was played on Saturday last on the ground of the former at Slough, and after a very well contested and exciting game, ended in a victory for the Swifts by two goals to one. Bambridge won the toss, and at 3.30 Fox kicked off for the Hawks. The first part of the game was carried on principally in the quarters of the Swifts, and after a short time a goal was placed to the credit of the visitors by Ram, but from then up to the call of half-time, the ball was kept well in the centre of the ground. After half-time, however, E.C. Bambridge made a run up the side, and a splendid shot by him resulted in the downfall of the Hawks' goal, the ball touching the tape, but going through. Shortly after this, another run by Bambridge and Turner, resulted in a second goal for the Swifts being kicked by the latter, the visitors disputing it on the grounds of off-side, but the umpire decided in favour of the home team. No more goals having been obtained at the call of time, the game ended, as above stated, in a victory for the Swifts by a goal. E.C. Bambridge, Turner, Leaf, and A.(L.) Bambridge for the Swifts, and Secretan, Rumball, Ram, and J.R. Fox for the Hawks, played well."

F:"Played on Saturday last on the Dolphin Ground, Slough, and resulted in a victory for the Swifts by two goals to one. Bambridge won the toss and the Hawks kicked off from the Aldin end. The Swifts began two men short, and although they rushed the ball down to the visitors' goals, a concentrated forward movement of the Hawks resulted in the downfall of the Swifts' fortress from the foot of Ram. Shortly afterwards the teams were numerically equal, and the home team pressed the Hawks most determinedly. Still, however, nothing came of it although E.C. Bambridge set the tape in motion by a fine tape side shot. Ends were changed and time went on, the Hawks' backs and goalkeeper having all they could do to get rid of the attacks of Leaf, Turner and E.C. Bambridge. However, at last the score was equalised by a splendid shot by the latter player. Five minutes later the Hawks' goal fell a second time, Turner breasting the ball through from a good middle by E.C. Bambridge. The game continued hard fought for a bit after this, and Secretan and J.R. Fox saved their lines by fine kicking and effective charging. The visitors' forwards, especially Rumball and Scott, did not lose any opportunity of worrying the Swifts' backs, and once it seemed that something tangible would result therefrom, but no other score was made by either team, and the match ended as above narrated. For the winners, besides the above, Hewson and A.L. Bambridge were efficient behind, and Govett and Parry worked well together. E.H. Bambridge's pace stood the Swifts also in good stead. For the Hawks, who played much better together than the Swifts, for first half time, the brothers Fox were especially noticeable, the goal-keeping being very brilliant. The Swifts' goal-keeper had a sinecure his services not being once required."

BL:"A well contested cup tie match, played on the Dolphin Ground at Slough on Saturday afternoon last. The Swifts came off victorious by two goals (Bambridge and Turner) to one kicked by Ram."

SM: "Played at Slough, and won by the Swifts by two goals to one. Bambridge and Turner kicked the goals for the Swifts, and Ram that for the Hawks."

SL: "The Dolphin Ground at Slough on Saturday last witnessed decision of this match in the first round of the Cup ties in favour of the Swifts by two goals to one. The goals for the victors were kicked by E.C. Bambridge and Turner, whilst Ram secured the solitary one scored by the Hawks."

Swifts: J.B. Dunning (Goal); F.S. Hewson, E.H. Bambridge (Backs); A.J. Wake, A.L. Bambridge (Half Backs); W.S. Bambridge (Capt.), E.C. Bambridge (Left), H. Leaf, G. Turner (Centres), A.J.C. Parry, F.L. Govett (Right).

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

+NN has C.J. Broadhurst

Umpire: E.H. Parry (Oxford University).

READING 1 (W. Holbrook) HENDON 0 (Sat Nov 9<sup>th</sup>) (At Reading)

Reading Observer 16/11/78 P.3/Hendon & Finchley Times 16/11/78 P.8/Bell's Life 16/11/78 P.4/Field 16/11/78 P.640/Sportsman 12/11/78 P.4/Sporting Life 13/11/78 P.1:

BL: "The ground of the Reading club on Saturday witnessed the decision of this match in the first round of the cup contest in favour of the home club by one goal, gained by Holbrook, to none. The game was very fast throughout."

RO/F: "This match was played at Reading on Saturday last, in the presence of a large number of spectators, who watched the game with the utmost interest from beginning to end. Play commenced at 3.30, when Hendon kicked off, and took the ball very close to the Reading goal; but to no advantage as the home team soon got hold of the ball, and penned the visitors for some time. Holbrook and Sillence each making several shots at goal. A very lively game now ensued, Hendon playing with great determination, and Reading did not leave a stone unturned in doing its very best to win. Lewis and Holbrook played well together, and after a capital run down the right side the latter succeeded in kicking a goal by a magnificent shot, which proved to be the turning point of the game. Hendon having kicked off again, the combat recommenced with full vigour, each side playing well. At half time ends were changed, and it was not long before it became very dark, so much so that the ball could not be seen except when in the air. Neither side obtained another goal, and Reading were left victorious by one goal to love after a splendidly contested game. The home team passed the ball in good style—a virtue with which the visitors were not blessed, who in consequence very frequently muddled the ball. For Reading, Morgan, Holbrook, Rogers, and Sillence distinguished themselves greatly, and the same may be said of Buck, Powell, and the two Redfords for the visitors."

H&FT: "During the first half the home team pressed the visitors, but on changing ends the game was more evenly contested, and resulted in favour of the Reading club by one goal, kicked by Holbrook, to love, the result being (certainly) due to the non-appearance of one of the best Hendon forwards, and whose place was taken by Buck, who was to have played in goal, and H. Redford, who came down to

umpire, had to keep goal. For the winners, Holbrook and Lewis forwards, and Franklin, half-back, played best; and for the losers, Stratford, Smith, and J. Powell tried to avert defeat."

SM: "This match came off on Saturday at Reading, and, after a very lively game, terminated in favour of Reading by one goal (kicked by Holbrook) to none. The home team had decidedly the best of the play throughout and during the first half pressed their visitors' goal considerably. The game became rather more equal towards the end but Hendon failed to score. For Reading, Morgan, Holbrook, Rogers, and Sillence distinguished themselves; so also did Buck, Powell, and Redford for the visitors."

SL: "This, at Reading, was one of the most evenly contested Cup matches played on Saturday last, Reading only winning by one goal, kicked by Holbrook, to "love"."

Reading: S. Hayward (Goal); H. F. Rogers (Capt.), J. R. Morgan (Backs); W. L. Franklin, A. J. Richardson (Half Backs); T. Lewis, W. Holbrook (Right), G. Sillence, A. J. Kayll (Centres), Rev. A. Bartholemew, C. G. Field (Left).

Hendon: Hart-Buck (Capt.), F. W. Stratford, J. S. Smith (Backs); F. A. Thompson, H. B. Wimbush (Half Backs), H. O. Ince, R. Redford (Right), R. L. Powell (Centre), W. R. Sewell, J. Powell (Left), H. Redford (Goal).

Umpires: J. W. Martin for Reading and A. Redford for Hendon.

CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY 2 (E. J. Wild, C. P. Harvey) HERTS RANGERS 0 (H. T. 0-0)  
(Sat Nov 9<sup>th</sup>) (At Kennington Oval: 1 of 2)

BL/SM/SL have Wild and Harvey as scorers. F has Wild, Hargreaves. TT/REF/WO have Hargreaves, Harvey.

Bell's Life 16/11/78 P.4/Sportsman 11/11/78 P.4/Sporting Life 13/11/78 P.1/Field 16/11/78 P.639/Sporting Gazette 16/11/78/The Times 11/11/78 P.8/Referee 10/11/78 P.6 /Morning Post 11/11/78 P.2/Watford Observer 16/11/78 P.4:

BL: "The Cantabs were considerably weakened by the absence of several of their best performers who were playing on behalf of the Old Etonians. During the first portion of the game neither side gained any advantage, but, after ends were changed, the Light Blues, who had slightly the best of the game throughout, were, through the activity of Wild and Harvey, enabled to score two goals, while their opponents failed to score."

SM: "This game was played on another part of the Oval, the game commencing a few minutes earlier. The absence of many Old Etonians from their team weakened the University greatly, but they won by two goals (Wild and Harvey) to none."

SL: "This Cup tie match was played at Kennington Oval on Saturday afternoon last, the University being successful by two goals (Wild and Harvey) to nil. The game was a well contested one throughout, and the victors had to work hard, not only to reduce their adversaries' goal, but also to keep their own intact.

F: "This was also played at Kennington Oval on the 9<sup>th</sup> inst. but attracted little notice compared to that felt in the Wanderers and Old Etonians match. No point was gained up to half time; but after the change of sides the University gained the advantage, and two goals were kicked by Wild and Hargreaves. The Rangers made strenuous efforts to bring matters level, but were unable to do so, and Cambridge won by two goals to nothing."

TT: "During the Wanderers and Old Etonian match the tie between Cambridge University and Herts Rangers was being decided on the opposite side of the ground. The Cambridge men did not have their strongest team in the field, but the game throughout was chiefly in their favour. For the first half of "time", however, the Rangers kept their opponents at bay; but, after the change of ends, Hargreaves and Harvey each secured a goal for the University, and, as their opponents failed to score, Cambridge thus won the match by two goals to (n)one."

WO: "This was the second of the ties played at Kennington Oval on Saturday last. The Cantabs were weakened considerably by the absence of some of their best men, who preferred playing for the Old Etonians. During the first portion of the match no advantage was gained by either side; but after the change of ends the Light Blues, who had the best of the game throughout, were enabled to score two goals, through the agency of Hargreaves and Harvey. The Rangers could not succeed in obtaining a point, and at the call of "time" Cambridge were declared the victors by two goals to none." (No teams)

Cambridge University: C.E. Hammond (Goal); J.F. Bean, F.J. Tuck (Backs); A.J. Whittaker, L.K. Jarvis, A.R. Aspinall (Half Backs); W.Y. Hargreaves (Capt.), W. Cooke, C.P. Harvey, E.J. Wild, H. Wood.

(E.D.L. Harvey (Trinity) but C.P. Harvey (Sidney) CHECK)

Herts Rangers: F.J. Villiers (Goal); J.T. Welldon, F.W. Hotham (Backs); E.C. Foa, F. Spencer (Half Backs); R. Barker (Capt.), L. Evans (Right Side), J. Barnard, E.B. Hill (Left Side), J. Kennedy, F.J. Sparks (Centres).

Umpire: S.R. Bastard (Upton Park) for both.

BIRCH (Manchester) scratched DARWEN walked over: Bell's Life 23/11/78 P.5

ROMFORD 3 (F.H. Thirlwall, H.H. Barnes, R.H. Lyon) RAMBLERS 1 (H.J. Andrews) (H.T. 1-0)  
(Sat Nov 2<sup>nd</sup>) (At Romford)

Essex Times 9/11/78 P.7/Chelmsford Chronicle 8/11/78 P.4/Essex Herald 5/11/78 P.8:

ET:

CC/EH: "These clubs, having been drawn together for the Association Cup, the match which took place between them on the Romford ground on Saturday to decide the tie had been looked forward to with considerable interest. The weather was fine and the match was witnessed by a large company. Play commenced at half past three, Romford winning the toss and electing to play uphill and against the wind for the first half. The Ramblers having kicked off the play at once became fast, the ball

traveling all over the ground. Thirlwall at last got possession of the ball and making a good run down the side he middled the ball to Carter, who was just about to kick it, when finding he was offside he let it alone and Thirlwall rushing up put it between the posts, and thus secured the first goal for Romford. No further goal was secured up to the call of half time. After two minutes' rest Thirlwall kicked off for Romford and some capital passing between Cornell and Barnes led up to the second goal for Romford kicked by Barnes, who during the game had made several fine shots at goal. On the ball being again set in motion the Ramblers scored a goal (kicked by Andrewes) owing to the momentary bad play by their opponents, whose backs were not in position. This put the Romfordians again on their mettle and the play became excessively fast. Some very good passing took place between Carter, Cornell and Lyon, the latter putting the ball between the posts and placing the third goal to the credit of Romford. No further goals were made and Romford thus won by three goals to one. Lee for the Ramblers stopped a goal in splendid style. For the Ramblers, Swepstone, Andrewes, and Secretan played well, while for Romford in addition to those already mentioned, W. J. Reid and L. E. Clark did good service."

Romford: E. Champness (Goal); W. J. Reed, H. W. Palmer (Backs); G. A. Smith, L. E. Clark (Half Backs); H. H. Barnes, E. Conder (Right Wing), E. Carter, R. H. Lyon (Left Wing), A. D. Cornell, F. H. Thirlwall (Capt.) (Centres).

Ramblers: Lee (Goal); Lane (Back); Secretan, T. Murray-Ford (Half Backs); H. A. Swepstone, H. J. Andrews, C. L. Devitt, W. J. Lang, F. Knowles, H. Livermore, A. C. Smith (Capt.) (Forwards).

Mr R. Grouse (Brentwood) acted as Umpire for both sides.

OLD ETONIANS 7 (H. C. Goodhart, Own Goal, A. Lyttelton, P. C. Novelli 2, H. B. Sedgwick, H. H. Calvert)  
WANDERERS 2 (J. Kenrick, "Scrimmage") (H. T. 3-0) (Sat Nov 9<sup>th</sup>) (At Kennington Oval: k.o. 3.20 pm-1 of 2 games: see above)

Sportsman 11/11/78 P.4/Morning Post 11/11/78 P.2/Bell's Life 16/11/78 P.4/Sporting Life 13/11/78 P.1/Sporting Gazette 16/11/78/The Times 11/11/78 P.8/Field 16/11/78 P.639/Referee 10/11/78 P.6:

REF: "in the presence of about 500 spectators" (that is for the 2 matches : see above)

SM: "To judge by the excitement of the spectators, this was the more popular of the two ties played at Kennington Oval. The Wanderers, it will be remembered, by three successive wins, became entitled to possession of the Cup last year, but have since returned it to the committee of the Football Association. During the earlier years of the competition the Old Etonians always ran up well, and certainly had more than a fair share of ill luck, but for some time the club ceased to exist, and it was only during the last summer that it was resuscitated, mainly owing to the exertions of Major Marindin, of the Royal Engineers, the president of the Association. A very hard and even match was anticipated, and no one was certainly prepared for the easy way in which the Old Etonians ran round the Wanderers from the first. The Wanderers won the toss, and at 3.20 Lyttelton kicked off for the Etonians. A corner kick within the first few minutes endangered the Wanderers' goal, and the ball was got away only to be quickly returned by the Etonian forwards. The Wanderers have always been bad starters, but it soon became evident that they would have to play their very hardest to have a chance, and they were neither as quick nor as heavy as the Etonian forwards, and the kicking of the Eton

backs, especially Kinnaird and Bury, was perfection. Several dangerous rushes were made by the Etonians forwards, and at last, after only ten minutes Goodhart scored their first goal, the ball having rebounded into play after hitting three of the posts. For some time after this the play was more even, and the Wanderers on two successive occasions drove the ball against the posts, only to see it returned into play and safely rescued by the defending side. Another desperate attack was also well saved, but the Etonians at last relieved their lines, and after a good throw in by Bury, Kenrick was unfortunate enough to head the ball between his own posts. Just before half-time a fast and well-directed kick by Lyttleton gave the Etonians their third goal. Ends were changed, but the Wanderers showed no improvement on their previous form, and three goals were registered against them, the first and third by Novelli, and the second by Sedgwick. Kenrick at last broke the spell with a goal for the Wanderers, and a second fell to them not long afterwards out of a general scrimmage. Just before the finish Calvert placed a last goal to the credit of the Etonians, and the Wanderers were thus defeated by seven goals to two. The Wanderers hardly played up to their form, but the Etonians are both a very fast and powerful lot forward, and strong back, and it will take an exceptionally strong team to lower their colours this season."

BL: "At Kennington Oval last Saturday the above clubs met to compete for a position in the second round of the Association Challenge Cup contest. The weather was of a favourable kind, but the ground, in consequence of the previous day's wet, proved rather slippery. Considering the importance of the match, and that another, also a "cup tie", was going on at the same time, the number of visitors, was by no means large, numbering only between four and five hundred. Proceedings opened at twenty past 3 by Lyttleton kicking off from the goal nearest the pavilion, and it was quickly apparent that the present holders of the Cup had a formidable foe to contend with. The Old Etonians were indeed a strong team, several Cantabs preferring to represent them and thus discount the chance of their University. The Wanderers too were a very fine eleven and started full of hope. From the first the game was exceedingly fast, and at the commencement promised to be a hard fight, but the Old Etonian forwards were rather quicker than their opponents, who they frequently drove back almost to the goal line, and only 10 minutes had been exhausted when a cheer greeted the achievement of kicking through by Goodhart. For 20 minutes after this the contest was carried on very evenly, each goal being in turn assailed and escaping only through the vigilance of the respective backs and goalkeepers. Towards half time, however, the Old Etonians again asserted their superiority, and gradually worked the ball to the Wanderers' end. A well directed throw in by Bury caused a scrimmage to be formed close in goal. Out of this an unlucky Wanderer was instrumental in placing a second goal to the credit of the Old Etonians. Hardly giving the Wanderers time to recover from the shock A. Lyttleton, who performed all through in a most determined manner, ran the ball up, and finishing with a short but effective kick secured another notch for the old Eton boys. Ends were directly changed, and so gallantly did the Wanderers charge their adversaries it seemed they were about to retrieve their heavy losses. The aspect of the game, however, soon changed, and, eight minutes after crossing over, a capital run by Whitfeld enabled Novelli to score a fourth goal. In rather rapid order two more goals fell to the Old Etonians, the first being put through by Sedgwick, after some capital play on the part of Kinnaird and Lyttleton, and the second by Novelli, to whom the ball was cleverly sent by Lyttleton. It seemed as though the Wanderers would fail to gain a point, but fortune smiled on them at last, as at 4.25, after the ball had been some time in front of the enemies' fortress, Kenrick succeeded in lowering the Eton colours. This gave them apparently renewed vigour, and continually forcing the game towards the Eton posts, out of a scrimmage were enabled to score

a second goal. Just before time was called a splendid rush of the Etonians caused the contest to be once more all in their favour, and from a kick by Calvert their score was still further increased. Three or four minutes were sufficed to bring the contest to a close in favour of the Old Etonians by seven goals to two. The Wanderers held the Cup in 1872, 1873, 1876, 1877, and became the actual winners of the trophy in 1878, but have since returned it to the committee of the Football Association."

SL: "On Saturday last, at Kennington Oval, the Wanderers, who last season by winning the Association Challenge Cup for the third year in succession, became entitled to retain absolutely the trophy, were disasterously defeated by the Old Etonians. Cambridge University on the same afternoon were engaged with Hertfordshire Rangers, and had to put up with the loss of some of their best men, who ranged themselves under the command of Major Marindin. When the game between Cambridge and the Rangers had started some 500 spectators were on the ground, but as soon as the other contest was got under weigh there was a general move to the other side of the ground, and Cambridge gained their victory with hardly half a dozen looking on. The weather was in every way suitable for football, and there was hardly any wind to favour either side at the start; what little there was came almost straight from the goal near the Vauxhall entrance, so that when the Wanderers won the toss they chose to take the Vauxhall goal. At twenty minutes past three Lyttelton kicked off, and the Etonians at once began to get the best of the game; in a few minutes they had a corner kick, from which the Wanderers nearly came to grief, and shortly afterwards Goodhart landed the ball between their goal-posts. The Wanderers, playing up better, had several really good chances of scoring, and two or three times looked as if they must gain a goal, but in each case they just failed, the goal-keeper doing good work, and managing to stop the ball when it was coming at a good rate only just clear of the line. Before half-time the Etonians had made two more goals, one through a bit of unlucky play from one of the opposite side, the other from a very fast run indeed by Lyttelton. After changing ends the Wanderers for some time had enough to do to attempt to defend their goal, as they could hardly get the ball out of danger. Three more goals—one by Sedwick, two by Novelli—were added to the score of the light blues, and the Wanderers made a couple, but the Etonians getting yet another, kicked by Calvert, the game stood at "time"—Etonians seven; Wanderers, two. For the winners all showed well. Lyttelton made some extraordinary fast runs, Whitfeld, Novelli, and Sedgwick were always at work, while Kinnaird's kicking was something wonderful, and he was almost ubiquitous. Lindsay, Stratford, Maynard, and Wace were the most prominent of the Wanderers' team, who were decidedly overmatched."

F: "A fine bracing afternoon attracted a large number of spectators to Kennington Oval on the 9<sup>th</sup> inst., to witness what was undoubtedly the most interesting of the first ties for the Association Challenge Cup, viz., that between the Old Etonians and the Wanderers....." (Not many scorers given in this report)

Old Etonians: Major F.A. Marindin (Capt.) (Goal); L. Bury, H.H. Calvert (Backs);  
Hon. A.F. Kinnaird, E. Lubbock (Half Backs); H.B. Sedgwick, J.B.T. Chevalier (Right Wing)  
Hon. A. Lyttelton, H.C. Goodhart (Centres), H. Whitfeld, P.C. Novelli (Left Wing).

Wanderers: C.A. Denton (Goal); W. Lindsay, A.H. Stratford (Backs); F.T. Green, E.B. Haygarth (Half Backs);  
C.H.R. Wollaston (Capt.), W.J. Maynard (Right Wing), H. Wace, J.G. Wylie (Centres), J. Kenrick,  
T.N. Tyndale (Left Wing) .

Umpires:J.Kirkpatrick(Civil Service) for Wanderers and R.A.Ogilvie(Clapham Rovers) for Old Etonians).Referee:W.M.Durnford.

ROYAL ENGINEERS 3 OLD FORESTERS 0 (Sat Nov 9<sup>th</sup>)+(At Snaresbrook)(++At Chatham)

+Sportsman 9/11/78 P.8

++Sportsman 11/11/78 P.4:"Played at Chatham,and won by the former by three goals to none."

(No teams or scorers found in in BL/SM/F/SL)(Double Check Chatham & Rochester Observer?)(No Rochester,Chatham & Gillingham Journal on line for 1878)

Royal Engineers:CHECK AT ROYAL ENGINEERS LIBRARY

Old Foresters:ALSO CHECK AT FOREST SCHOOL LIBRARY

GREY FRIARS 2 (A.J.Frost,F.T.Bennett) GREAT MARLOW 1(Scorer not traced) (H.T. 0-0)  
(Sat Nov 9<sup>th</sup>)(At Grey Friars Ground,Upton Park)

Bucks Herald 16/11/78 P.8/Field 16/11/78 P.640/Sportsman 11/11/78 P.4/Referee 10/11/78 P.6:

BH:"The Grey Friars winning the toss Great Marlow kicked off at 3.15 p.m.The game was very fast throughout.Although the forwards of both clubs made some brilliant runs,neither side succeeded in scoring before half time was called,the Friars missing two chances of placing the leather through the coveted space.Ends being changed,Marlow played up with great spirit and determination and were rewarded for their efforts by scoring their first goal.The Friars now having fairly warmed to their work,Frost succeeded in equalising matters,and Bennett soon after,by a brilliant run and good shot at goal,placed the second goal to the Friars' credit,and so a very enjoyable game was brought to a close."

F:"This Association Cup tie was played off at Upton last Saturday,and resulted in favour of the Friars by two goals to one.The Friars won the toss,so Marlow kicked off at 3.15.The game was fiercely contested throughout;and although the forwards of both sides made some brilliant runs,up to half time nothing was scored,though the Friars,being too eager to score,missed two chances that ought to have scored.After half time Marlow,playing better together,if possible,scored the first goal amid intense excitement.This having roused the Friars,Frost,on their behalf,scored the first notch for his side,and,with a fine screw kick,scored the winning goal for the Friars.For Marlow,Hewitt,Flint,and Shaw showed fine form,though the whole team played splendidly together,their unselfish play and good passing being much admired by the lookers-on.For the Friars,Matchett and Ellis,as half-backs, played in their usual brilliant form,and Frost and Stransham were on the ball the whole of the time."

SM:"Played at Upton and won by the Friars by two goals to one.No score was made up to half time,but after change three goals were got,the Friars winning by the majority of a goal."

Grey Friars: J.H.Williams(Goal);T.G.Stafford(Capt.),E.D.Ellis,E.H.Matchett(Half Backs);  
A.D.Stafford(Back)R.D.Green,R.B.Sinclair(Right Wing),A.J.Frost,J.W.Sharpe(Centres),D.Stransham,  
F.J.Bennett(Left Wing).

J.B.Sinclair in 2<sup>nd</sup> Round

( F.J.Bennett could be F.T.Bennett(as in REF and probably but obscured in BH):F just has  
F.Bennett:see also next round)

Great Marlow :C.H.Major(Goal);H.R.Hewett(Capt),C.K.Poulter(Backs);R.Way,F.Plumridge(Half  
Backs);E.Flint,A.Biggs(Sides),R.Wellicome,W.Milward(Centres),R.Shaw,R.A.Lunnon(Sides).

Umpire:S.H.Wright.

MINERVA walked over 105<sup>TH</sup> REGIMENT scratched: Bell's Life 23/11/78 P.5

BARNES 1 (W.Dorling) MAIDENHEAD 1(C.E.Tilly)(H.H. 0-0) (At Barnes)(Sat Oct 19<sup>th</sup>)

Bell's Life 26/10/78 P.12/Field 26/10/78 P.536/Sportsman 21/10/78 P.4/Sporting Life 23/10/78  
P.1/Maidenhead Advertiser 23/10/73 P.3:

F:"The long series of ties in connection with the above cup have commenced,and will probably last until well into March.Barnes and Maidenhead have led off,but it is to be hoped that most of the other matches will be brought to a more decisive conclusion than theirs was at Barnes on the 19<sup>th</sup> inst.Play began at a quarter to four o'clock,when the home party kicked off from the goal nearest the railway.Not long after the commencement Barnes were unfortunate enough to be deprived of the services of one of their forwards,which it is only fair to suppose materially interfered with their chances of success.Up to half-time neither side had scored.Ends having been changed,Maidenhead began to press their opponents,and two corner kicks were obtained by them,but no substantial success resulted.Soon afterwards similar advantages fell to the lot of Barnes,but with a more satisfactory issue,as out of a loose scrimmage a goal was "shouldered" for them,the ball having been well kicked from the corner by Weston.The match proceeded until nearly its close without anything further being secured by either side;but just before the call of time Tilley obtained a goal for Maidenhead.The game was thus left drawn.Towards the conclusion of the play the light was very bad,and it would certainly be better if some earlier time were fixed for the beginning of "cup" matches."

BL:"The home team had slightly the best of the game all through,but at the end of an hour and a half each side had one goal to its credit.Proceedings commenced at a quarter to 4 by Barnes kicking off from the end nearest the railway.Very few minutes had expired when Barnes were deprived of the services of Geldard,one of their most effective forwards;but notwithstanding this loss they were able to hold their own during the first half,up to which time no score had been obtained.After ends were changed Maidenhead charged their opponents repeatedly,and succeeded in obtaining two corner kicks,neither of which,however,was put to any account.Barnes then became the aggressive party, and in rapid succession four corner kicks fell to their share.From the last of these the ball was so well

directed by Weston that Dorling found no difficulty in shouldering it under the tape. Almost directly after this Dorling finished up a capital run by sending the leather cleverly through the posts, amidst cries of "offside". The umpire's decision was in favour of Maidenhead, who, favoured considerably by the rapidly approaching darkness, equalised matters just before "time", the ball kicked through by Tilley not being distinguishable by the goalkeeper until it was at rest on the wrong side of his fortress."

SM: "This match, one of the first ties for the Cup, was played at Barnes on Saturday, and after an hour and a half's play ended in a draw. The home team were deprived of the services of Geldard, one of their most useful forwards, about five minutes after the game commenced. Neither side scored before half time, although Barnes secured several corner-kicks. Shortly after the ball had been re-started Maidenhead obtained two corner-kicks in quick succession, but the ball in each case went behind. Then Barnes, after a good run down by Wylie, got the ball behind off one of the opposing backs, and Weston placed the ball so well from the corner that Dorling was able to shoulder it through. Directly after this the last-named player again got the ball through the same goal, but he was declared off-side. About half a minute before time Tilley secured a lucky goal for Maidenhead, as it had by this time become so dark that the home goal-keeper was unable to distinguish the ball until it was through the goal. Wylie and Weston were the mainstays of the home team, being well backed up by Muspratt and Lawford; while Vardy, Lunnon, Harris, and Tilley distinguished themselves for the opposing force."

SL: "Unfortunately for the home team, Geldard (Sandhurst), forward, who was playing very fast and effectively, got a nasty kick just above the right ankle shortly after the game was started and had to be assisted from the ground. Doctor Marshall was quickly in attendance, and found that the bone, although it had a splinter knocked off it, was not absolutely broken. With one man short Barnes did rather more than hold their own till half time was called, neither side having scored."

Barnes: W. Dorling (Capt.), H. F. Lawford, C. H. Stanley (Backs); V. Weston, J. P. Muspratt (Half Backs); H. A. Hudson, M. Wylie, C. L. Johnstone, H. Brougham, A. Geldard (Forwards), W. S. Burmester (Goal).

Maidenhead: C. A. Vardy (Capt.) (Back); C. E. Tilly, F. Jarvis (Half Backs); W. H. B. Harris, R. H. Lunnon, W. Bassett, O. (wen) Wethered, F. Mackie, W. A. Blackwell, W. Goldsmith (Forwards), W. E. Lovegrove (Goal).

REPLAY: Sat Nov 9<sup>th</sup>: At Maidenhead:

MAIDENHEAD 0 BARNES 4 (F. Chamberlain, M. Wylie 2, H. A. Hudson) (H. T. 0-2)

Sportsman 11/11/78 P.4/Maidenhead Advertiser 13/11/78 P.3/Bell's Life 16/11/78 P.4/Field 16/11/78 P.639/Sporting Life 13/11/78 P.1:

SM: "Another of the first ties was played at Maidenhead on Saturday, and resulted in an easy victory for Barnes by four goals to none. It will be remembered that these clubs met earlier in the season, when a draw was the result, probably owing to an accident which occurred early in the game to one of the Barnes forwards. The Maidenhead captain having won the toss, Wylie kicked off for Barnes down the hill at three o'clock, when by a united rush of the visitors the ball was sent through the home goal, but no score was allowed as hands were used by one of the Barnes forwards. At this

decision the gallery was evidently pleased, and they showed their delight in a very vociferous manner. Maidenhead, however, were unable to withstand the repeated attacks of Wylie, Chamberlain, and the wings, and the home colours were lowered in a short time by a kick from the foot of Chamberlain. The Surrey men soon added to their success, Wylie on this occasion giving the final kick. No further score was made up till half time. Maidenhead, now having the hill in their favour, hoped to make matters more equal. They, however, were doomed to disappointment, as, although Harris and Bassett made some plucky runs, the back play of Weston and his colleagues invariably stopped all invasions, the ball never once passing the Barnes goal-line during the match, although Burmester was obliged to use his hands on one occasion. Brougham made a splendid run during the second half, which was greatly applauded by the spectators, who were more impartial, but unfortunately for the visitors the ball went behind. Hudson soon, however, obtained possession of the ball, and after a short, but dodgy, run, landed the leather between the home posts. Wylie followed up this success by a fourth and last goal, and soon after this time was called. Maidenhead, although overmatched, tried hard to avert defeat, Vardy, their captain, especially distinguishing himself. Weston's corner kicking for Barnes was as near perfection as possible, while the new importations in the way of backs will do a great deal to keep up the reputation of the old club."

N.B. MA Report is almost identical to SM Report

BL: "Another meeting took place on Saturday last at Maidenhead, and the result was a most decisive victory for Barnes. The visitors had much the best of the game throughout. Up to half time both Chamberlain and Wylie had placed a goal to their credit. For some time after change of ends Maidenhead were seen to better advantage, but they were completely overmatched. Hudson, after a short dodgy run, kicked a third goal for Barnes, and Wylie shortly followed with another. In the end Maidenhead were defeated by four goals to none."

F: "On the present occasion, however, Barnes secured a rather easy victory by four goals (two kicked by Wylie and one by Chamberlain and Hudson) to nothing."

SL: "This time a decisive victory was achieved by Barnes, who scored four goals to nil. The goals were obtained by Chamberlain, Hudson, and Wylie (two)."

MA: "The precision with which Weston placed the ball was a great feature of the game, and it was from one of his corner kicks that, after half-time, Dorling, the captain, was enabled to head the ball through the posts, and thus secure a goal for his side."

"Maidenhead had decidedly the best of the game, and at last their exertions were rewarded, as Tilly, taking the ball through his men, by a good shot secured a goal for Maidenhead. Immediately after, time was called, and the game ended in a draw."

"By referring to the rules of the Association published in the Football Annual 1874, we find that "In the case of drawn matches, the captain of the club which lost the toss in the first match shall have the choice of grounds in the second match."

Maidenhead: C.A. Vardy (Capt.) (Back); F. Jarvis, C.E. Tilly (Half Backs); F. Mackie, W.A. Blackwell, W. Bassett, R.H. Lunnon, W.H.B. Harris, O(wen) Wethered, W. Goldsmith, W.E. Lovegrove (Goal).

Barnes:W.Dorling(Capt.),H.A.Hudson(Left),H.Brougham,G.White(Right),P.Chamberlain,M.Wylie (Centre),H.F.Lawford,A.Kennedy(Backs),V.Weston,J.P.Muspratt(Half Backs),W.S.Burmester(Goal).

RUNNYMEDE scratched PANTHERS walked over ,after a drawn game:

Evidence of drawn game in Bell's Life 23/11/78 P.5 and in The Graphic 23/11/78 P.9:"with the exception of that drawn between Panthers and Runnymede."Field 23/11/78 P.674:"Panthers and Runnymede played a drawn game"

Sporting Life 20/11/78 P.1"....and either the Panthers and Runnymede who have yet to play off their draw."

Have found no trace of this drawn game which was the only game played by Runnymede in the FA Cup!!

BRENTWOOD 1(H.H.W.Sparham) PILGRIMS 3(E.C.Mott 2,B.J.W.Grieve)(H.T. 1-3)  
(Sat Nov 9<sup>th</sup>)(At Brentwood)

Bell's Life 16/11/78 P.4/Field 16/11/78 P.639/Sportsman 11/11/78 P.4/Sporting Life 13/11/78 P.1/  
Referee 10/11/78 P.6:

N.B. Essex Herald 12/11/78 P.8:Short Report no teams

BL:"The home team,who had won the toss,and elected to play downhill,were the first to gain a decisive advantage,the ball being sent between the visitors' posts by Sparham.Matters were quickly equalised through the instrumentality of Mott,and before half time the same player was again successful.Besides these Grieve scored a goal for the Pilgrims,who,on changing ends,had an advantage of two goals.No score whatever was obtained during the latter portion of the time,and the game resulted in a victory for the Pilgrims by three goals to one."

F:"Bowen won the toss and the visitors kicked up the hill.The first point of note was a good run on the left by Mott,who passed the ball in front.Moore had a shot which Growse saved;another attack by Philpott was unsuccessful-the Brentwood backs,C.H.Last especially,being very safe.A free kick to the visitors a few yards from the goal,was got away by the goalkeeper,and a long throw by Ramsey was nearly rushed through by Newsum and Wohlgemuth.The first thirty minutes' play was mostly in the Brentwood quarters,though enlivened by an occasional run by Sparham and Bowen.Clarke at length got well away,and Edwards playing the ball behind,a corner kick fell to Brentwood,which was,however,badly directed.Then C.H.Last kicked right across the ground to Sparham,who secured the first goal for Brentwood after a short run;a question as to offside being in favour of the home eleven.Nettled at this reverse the Pilgrims then played up hard,scoring three goals in the ten minutes that elapsed before half time;the first fell to Mott,who dribbled the ball down the left, passed the backs,and got it through by a side shot,Grieve added the second after some clever

passing with Philpott, an appeal for offside being disallowed by the umpire. Two minutes before the change of ends Mott, by good backing up again had the leather in front of the posts, and, though Growse reached it, he could not stop the final shot. The last half of the game was unproductive of score; at first Brentwood came vigorously up the hill, and Edwards was pressed by shots from Bowen, Sparham, and S. Morgan, all of which he cleverly saved. Philpott, Moore and Grieve then menaced the opposite goal, twice the ball was nearly through, but Growse met every attack; the backs then had plenty of work, Watson and Wright for the visitors doing good service, as did Crick and the Lasts for Brentwood. The play slackened towards the finish as darkness came on and it was difficult to follow the ball, or distinguish friends from opponents. Each side had had enough of it at the call of time, the short grass having made the play very fast while there was light enough to follow up."

SM: "This match was played at Brentwood on Saturday, the Pilgrims winning a very evenly-contested game by three goals to one. Bowen won the toss and elected to commence down-hill. The visitors at first had the advantage, and pressed the home backs hard, but Last and Morgan kept them off. Clarke made a good run down, and C.H. Last middling cleverly to Sparham, the latter scored the first goal for Brentwood. After this the Pilgrims played up hard, and Mott soon kicked a goal for them. Grieve then added another by a fine run down the side, and Mott backing up well scored another before half-time. The change of ends did not alter the game, each goal being pressed in turn. Edwards on two occasions splendidly saved his charge, while the Brentwood backs resisted the continued attacks of Moore, Grieve, and Philpott. For Brentwood, Sparham, S. Morgan, C.H. and S. Last were very active. The winners played well all round, Ramsey's kicking being exceedingly useful."

SL: "Another of the matches in the first round of the Cup ties, played on Saturday last at Brentwood, when the Pilgrims were successful by three goals—Mott (two) and Grieve—to one kicked by Sparham. All these successes were obtained before half-time."

Brentwood: H.S. Bowen (Capt.), Malcolm Roberts (Centres), P.M. Earle, Sidney Morgan (Right), F.A. Clarke, H.H.W. Sparham (Left), Rev. F.W. Crick, F. Last (Half Backs); G. Morgan, C.H. Last (Backs), R. Growse (Goal).

Pilgrims: A. Wohlgemuth (Capt.), G.E. Moore (Centres), B.J.W. Grieve, O. Philpott (Right), E.C. Mott, J.F. Newsum (Left), F.A. Wright, L. Horner (Half Backs), A.W. Ramsey, A.E. Watson (Backs), W.H. Edwards (Goal).

Umpires: J. Henderson (Pilgrims) and J.F.E. Fanning (Brentwood). Referee: F. Hayne (Reading Club).

OLD HARROVIANS 8 (C.C. Bowlby, L.J. Howell 2, J. Lewis 2, H.T. Prior 2, H.C.D. Davidson) SOUTHILL PARK 0 (H.T. 5-0) (Sat Nov 2<sup>nd</sup>) (At Kennington Oval)

Bell's Life 9/11/78 P.8/ Field 9/11/78 P.608/Sporting Life 6/11/78 P.1/Referee 3/11/78 P.6/  
Sportsman 4/11/78 P.4/Nottingham Evening Post 4/11/78 P.3:

BL: "This match, in the first round of the above competition, failed to attract more than a moderate number of spectators to Kennington Oval, on Saturday afternoon, and proved of a one-sided

character. The Old Harrovians won the toss, and at ten minutes past three the ball was set in motion by the opposite side. An incursion was directly made into the Southill Park territory, and after ten minutes' fast play, all in favour of the attacking party, Bowlby secured first goal for the Old Harrovians. This was only the commencement of a series of disasters. So weak were the Southill Park forwards that little difficulty was experienced in keeping the ball continually in their half, and before the time arrived for changing ends, Lewis had obtained a goal, and Prior had twice successfully directed the ball through, so that the Old Harrovians started the second half of the game with an advantage of five goals. Favoured now by the wind, Southill Park were at first able to resist all attacks, but during the last twenty minutes their play was characterised by extreme looseness, which the Old Harrovians did not fail to take advantage of. Howell, Lewis and Davidson each contributing to the score, which at the close of the game, stood at eight goals to none, the Old Harrovians thus gaining a most decisive victory."

F: "There was rather a poor attendance at Kennington Oval on the 2<sup>nd</sup> inst. to witness the cup tie between these clubs. The Harrovians won the toss, and at ten minutes past three o'clock the ball was set rolling. Several attacks were at once made on the Southill goal. Two corner kicks fell to the lot of Harrow, but nothing resulted from them. Ten minutes, however, had not elapsed before Bowlby kicked a goal for Harrow. All the efforts made by Southill to keep their rivals at bay proved futile, and before half time had arrived four more goals were added to their score (two kicked by Prior, and one each by Lewis and Howell). Ends having been changed the Parkites strove hard to stem the tide, which seemed to have set against them. On the other hand, Howell, Lewis, and Davidson each added to the score of their side, and when time was called the Harrovians were left victors by eight goals to none."

SL: "The Old Harrovians won the toss, and Southill Park kicked off, having the racket court in their rear. In less than ten minutes Bowlby scored the first goal for the Old Harrovians, and shortly afterwards, from a throw in by Jarrett, Howell gained another, whilst almost immediately afterwards, Bowlby middled the ball back to Lewis, who sent it for the third time between the posts. Before an hour had elapsed the same players had achieved two more goals, but nothing further occurred before "half-time". On changing ends Southill, having the wind in their favour, more than once pressed their opponents, but a quarter of an hour before the call of "Time" Howell secured a sixth goal, a success twice repeated during the remaining ten minutes, the Harrovians thus winning by eight goals-Howell and Prior (two each), Lewis, Bowlby, Harvey, and (David)son-to nil"

REF: "From the very beginning the Harrovians had all the better of the game, and eleven minutes only having elapsed since the commencement, when Bowlby, out of a scrimmage, won the first goal for the honour of the old school. Shortly afterwards, from a throw in by Jarrett, Howell gained another, and almost immediately Bowlby middled the ball back to Lewis, who passed it between the posts. The Southill team were evidently grievously out of all form, as shortly before half-time Prior scored a fifth from a rebound off the ground. At half-time ends were changed, but though the Southill team now had the wind in their favour, fortune was against them, as at 4.25 Howell added another chalk to the score, directly afterwards Lewis achieved another, whilst, as a crowning triumph, Davidson won the last just prior to the call of "time"."

Old Harrovians:E.S.Gibney(Goal);R.de C.Welch,(Capt.),A.W.Welch(Backs);B.G.Jarrett,G.Macan(Half Backs);E.D.L.Harvey,J.Lewis(Right Side),H.C.D.Davidson,H.T.Prior(Centres),C.C.Bowlby,L.J.Howell (Left Side).

Southill Park:J.A.Southron(Goal);M.E.Dovaston,W.F.Fishbourne(Backs);  
W.D.Dovaston,C.R.O.Garrard(Half Backs);C.A.Lloyd-Jones(Capt.),E.Mantle(Left Side),  
T.C.Thompson,W.Wild(Right Side),F.R.Southron,F.E.Denning(Centres).

Umpire:C.W.Alcock for both teams.

CLAPHAM ROVERS walked over FINCHLEY scratched :Bell's Life 23/11/78 P.5

NOTTS CLUB 1(Rev. J.R.B.Owen) NOTTINGHAM FOREST 3(J.P.Turner,A.C.Goodyer,A.H.Smith)(H.T. 1-2)(Sat Nov 16<sup>th</sup>)(At the Beeston Cricket Ground)

Nottinghamshire Guardian 22/11/78 P.12/Sheffield Independent 18/11/78 P.4/Bell's Life 23/11/78 P.5/Sportsman 18/11/78 P.4/Sporting Life 20/11/78 P.1/Sporting Gazette 23/11/78/Referee 17/11/78 P.6/Nottingham Journal 18/11/78 P.4(Not typeable as right margin obscures text):

NG:"The above clubs,which curiously enough,had been drawn together for the ties in the Association Cup,met on Saturday at Beeston,The weather was cold,and a disagreeable drizzle fell during the greater part of the afternoon,but this did not prevent a fair number of spectators from assembling,though it would certainly have been far larger in fine weather and on the Trent Bridge ground. A great deal of interest was felt in the result of the match as a certain amount of jealousy had existed for some time between the two clubs."Notts v Forest",moreover,is not found in the ordinary list of fixtures,and but for the accident of being drawn together in the cup ties,they would have had no chance of trying conclusions with one another.The feelings of the spectators were manifestly in favour of the Forest,and their efforts were much more cheered than those of the Notts. men.

Some delay occurred before the start,which was fixed as 2.15,but did not come off until half past. The Notts captain won the toss,and elected to take the Station end and the wind,and the Forest captain,Widdowson,kicked off.The ball was immediately carried into close proximity to the Forest goal,and a corner kick by R.Greenhalgh resulted,but without effect.The Forest,however,at once by clever passing and good runs,threatened their opponents' fortress,but the latter,favoured by the wind,and their backs working well,averted disaster for a time,though Earp,who was playing well as left forward,made a shot for goal which just went over the bar.The Notts team were playing very badly together,and though H.Cursham ran the ball right down to the Forest end,it was gradually worked back by the "Reds".Smith then made a good kick,which H.Greenhalgh kept out,but Earp,for the Foresters,placed the ball in front from the corner and Turner sent it through the posts amidst loud cheers.The ball was again set rolling and still the Forest were to the fore,Widdowson,Smith and Goodyer,by good passing getting the ball well up into their opponents' ground,where Turner made another try for goal,which,however,passed just to the left of the post,as also did a second attempt immediately after.The game was now principally in the centre of the field until Owen,by a good

piece of dribbling, avoiding several of his opponents, almost secured a goal. The danger was, however, averted and Forest again took the ball to the other end, where Earp, who still played exceedingly well on the left, by a judicious kick, placed the ball right in front of the goal, and Goodyer kicked it through the posts, thus securing the second goal for Forest amidst the applause of the spectators. The Notts men then worked very much more together, and the Forest were several times assaulted through the united exertions of Owen, the Curshams, Morse and Oliver. The Forest backs and half backs, however, played well and Sands, here, also rendered good service at goal. At this point, A.W. Cursham, getting hold of the ball, with the aid of his brothers, carried it right down the field, to the front of the Forest goal, where a good rush overcame Sands, the goalkeeper, and secured a goal for the Notts team. Play was again very fast, neither side having much the advantage, until Smith had the ball passed to him, and Earp tried hard for a goal. H. Greehalgh, however, succeeded in repelling several attempts, and some pretty play was here showed by the Curshams, Owen, and Oliver on the Notts side, and Widdowson, Smith, and Earp for the Foresters. Dobson was also in good form as back for Notts. A.W. Cursham then made a brilliant run through his opponents, which elicited loud cheers and a most determined effort was made by the Notts team to equal their opponents' score, Morse making a splendid kick right in front of the Forest goal, but the "reds" rallied and averted the danger. Still the Notts team assaulted the Forest end, and at one time it seemed that a well-timed kick by R. Greenhalgh would gain the second goal for Notts, but Luntley sent the ball away by a good "header" and Widdowson and Earp then carried the ball into the Notts ground, where Turner made a shot which went some feet over the bar. The Forest here made several attempts, and once a goal was only just averted by Seales. Owen at this time brought forth hearty cheers by a splendid run, but no result followed. A little later the Notts forwards made a good rush, which was with difficulty met by Luntley. Shortly before half-time Earp had a good chance to place the ball, but miss-kicked, and the Notts team again making an effort, Cursham got hold of the ball, and some excellent play resulted, his "screw" kicks being much applauded. At this time R. Greenhalgh missed a chance of placing the ball in front of the goal, and up to half time nothing worthy of notice occurred. On play being resumed the Notts men carried the ball into their opponents' country, but the Foresters were well together and soon ran the ball down the field, the wind being now in their favour. Smith then missed a goal by a bad kick and again the Notts goal was threatened, but a rally in front resulted in Morse sending the ball away by a very fine kick. Earp shortly after showed some good play, by which he obtained a corner for Widdowson, but the ball went behind the posts.

Time after time was the Notts goal in jeopardy, and it was only by the hard work of some few that it was saved. Smith then made a fine kick for goal but it went a little too high. He, however, had better luck with his next try the ball striking the bar, and in its rebound went through off the goalkeeper's arm, thus securing the third goal for Forest. From this time to the end of the game the play was fast, Widdowson, Earp, Smith, Turner, Goodyer, and W. Luntley being prominent on the Forest side, and Morse, Oliver, A.W. and H. Cursham, and Owen doing their utmost for Notts, but notwithstanding either end being threatened, there was no increase in the score, and when time was called at four o'clock the game ended in favour of the Forest by three goals to one. The victory of the former was greeted with loud cheers by the large number of people assembled. No one could doubt that the best team won. The victors were probably slightly superior to their opponents in every point of the game, but where they gained their decided advantage was in the unselfish play on the part of their forwards. The Notts forwards seldom played together; each kept the ball to himself as long as he could, and though this style of play may at times bring applause to individuals, it is sure to be ruinous to the side. The Forest forwards, on the contrary, played well together and unselfishly; they also

showed more dash than their opponents, and got far greater pace on the ball. The Notts. back play was on the whole good, and in this respect there was not much to choose between the two teams. For the Forest, Earp often distinguished himself by his brilliant play and Widdowson, Smith, Goodyer, Turner, and Lumley, also rendered very good service, but as we have already said, good play was, on the whole, sacrificed. For Notts, the good play of E.H. Greenhalgh, Dobson, and Morse was decidedly good, while of the forwards, those who played a losing game, the best were the Rev. J.R. Owen, A. and H. Cursham, and Oliver."

SM: "The match came off on the Beeston Cricket Ground, near Nottingham last Saturday afternoon, and resulted in the victory of the former by three goals to one. The weather was splendidly fine, and a large concourse of spectators assembled to witness the match. Notts won the toss, and Widdowson, the captain of the Forest Club, kicked off at half-past two o'clock. Five minutes sufficed to see the first goal obtained by Turner for the Foresters, Earp middling the ball to him from the left-hand corner. The play was still in favour of the Foresters, and after the lapse of another ten minutes Earp again worked the "leather" down the left wing, and Goodyer rushing up in time sent it between the Notts' posts. The latter then showed to more advantage, making several determined rushes, and just before half-time their efforts were attended with a goal, Owen kicking the ball through out of a scrimmage. At half time ends were changed, and as the Foresters had the advantage of the wind, they had much the best of the play. A fine run by Widdowson was followed by some clever passing on the part of Goodyer and Smnith, the latter of whom scored for the third time for the Forest."

Notts Club: H. Greenhalgh (Goal); E.H. Greenhalgh (Capt.), A.T.C. Dobson (Backs); G. Seals, H. Morse (Half Backs); A.W. Cursham, R.J. Greenhalgh (Right Forwards), C.L. Cursham, Rev. J.R.B. Owen (Centre Forwards), H.A. Cursham, T.A. Oliver (Left Forwards).

Notts Forest: J. Sands (Goal); S.W. Widdowson (Capt.), E. Luntley, C.J. Caborn (Backs); A.J. Bates (Right Half Back), M. Holroyd (Left Half Back); A.H. Smith, A.C. Goodyer (Right Forwards), J.P. Turner (Centre Forward), +F.W. Earp, W. Luntley (Left Forwards).

+ "Teddy"

Umpires: A.T. Ashwell and C.J. Spencer. Referee: C.J. Wardle.

EAGLEY (Bolton), a bye: Not in original draw: Bell's Life 23/11/78 P.5

SECOND ROUND:

Bell's Life 23 /11/78 P.5:

"The result of the draw for the Second Round is as follows:-

Oxford University v Royal Engineers  
Old Harrovians v Panthers or Runnymede  
Upton Park v Barnes  
Clapham Rovers v Forest School

Cambridge University v South Norwood  
Grey Friars v Minerva  
Reading v Old Etonians  
Eagley(Bolton) v Darwen  
Pilgrims v Remnants  
Swifts v Romford  
Nottingham Forest v Sheffield Club

These matches must be all played off by or before Dec 21.”:

OXFORD UNIVERSITY 4 (W.R.Page,H.Mulholland,G.B.Childs 2) ROYAL ENGINEERS 0(H.T. 2-0)  
(At Kennington Oval)(Tues Dec 10<sup>th</sup>)

Sportsman 11/12/78 P.4/Bell's Life 14/12/78 P.4/Field 14/12/78 P.766/Sporting Life 11/12/78  
P.3/Sporting Gazette 14/12/78/Morning Post 12/12/78 P.7:

SM:”Yesterday,this match,one of the most interesting of the second round,was played at Kennington Oval.Owing to the hard frost,the ground was in a very dangerous state to play,but as a postponement of the game would have been very inconvenient for both clubs,it was decided to bring matters to an issue at all risks.A fog hung over the ground,but instead of commencing at half-past two o'clock,with usual want of punctuality shown by footballers,the ball was not kicked off until eight minutes past three o'clock.Rogers having won the toss,the kick off fell to the Engineers,but the Oxford forwards were speedily at work,and Waddington had a corner-kick from the upper side, though without effect.The throwing of Savory and Waddington at first rather puzzled the Engineers,but they soon began to settle down,and for a time the play became more even,Hedley, Barnet,and Barker playing up hard for the Sappers.For nearly twenty minutes the game had proceeded without score to either side,but at last the Oxonians found their opportunity,and Page following up a fine long kick by C.W.Wilson secured the first goal for the University.Soon afterwards another attack was made on the Engineer lines,and Mulholland-who by the way was once a member of the R.E. eleven-placed the second goal to the Oxford account.After the kick off the Engineer forwards showed renewed energy,and more than once Hedley,Barnet,and Barker looked dangerous, though Savory and Waddington were generally in the right place for Oxford.Just before half-time Hedley made a sharp shot at the University goal,but the ball passed outside,and soon after ends were changed.Before many minutes of the second half had expired darkness began to set in,and during the last twenty minutes the ball could only be seen with difficulty.About a quarter of an hour before the finish Childs –who may be remembered as the captain of the Forest School Eleven in 1873- managed to add another goal to the credit of the University,and soon afterwards the same player,with a very fine long shot,completed the Oxford score,the Engineers being thus defeated by four goals to none.The condition of the ground was all against a display of good football,and it is a matter for regret that what ought to have been a most interesting match should have taken place under such circumstances.To dribble at all quickly was difficult,to turn almost impossible;but in spite of these disadvantages,the Oxford forwards managed to play a fairly fast game,Page,Childs, Mulholland,and Rogers all doing good service.Behind Savory and Waddington were as safe as usual, and C.W.Wilson's play was excellent throughout.For the Engineers the forwards hardly played up to

their best form, although Hedley, Barnet, Barker, and Lindsay at times showed prominently. Heath and Cowan kicked well."

BL: "Notwithstanding that the ground was frozen hard and consequently in a dangerous state, and fog prevailed, it was agreed to decide the contest. Owing to the start having been delayed until eight minutes past 3, nearly the whole latter portion of the game was played in darkness. The choice of goals fell to the University captain, and the Engineers kicked off (MP: from the Entrance Gate goal). No time was wasted by the Oxford forwards who quickly assailed the Sappers' lines, and before many minutes had expired a corner kick was gained by them. This, however, failed to be productive, and escaping from the threatened danger the Engineers played up with characteristic determination, causing the game to be warmly and evenly contested. No score occurred to either side during the first 20 minutes, but at length a long kick by C.W. Wilson sent the ball close to the Engineers' quarters, and Page, being on the spot, took advantage of the opportunity and scored the first goal. Encouraged by this success, Oxford continued to act on the aggressive, and soon their efforts were rewarded by a second goal from the foot of Mulholland. Incited by these reverses, the Engineers played with renewed energy, and but for the fine back play of Oxford, would have doubtless gained their end. At half time, however, the score remained unaltered. On ends being changed, darkness rapidly set in, and it became more and more difficult to see the ball. For half an hour the ball was kept rolling from one goal to another without any advantage being gained by either team. At last Childs, by a fine kick from the side, added a third goal, and following up with another shortly afterwards, Oxford retired winners by four goals to none."

F: "The weather on the 10<sup>th</sup> inst., the occasion of the second tie between these clubs, was of a most melancholy character. A cold thick fog prevented one's seeing more than a few yards ahead, while the grass was so slippery as to render playing downright dangerous. But a brief description of the game is necessary. Oxford kicked off at 3.15, and a pretty well contested game ended in a victory for Oxford by four goals (two kicked by Child and one each by Page and Mulholland) to nothing."

Oxford University: P.J.M. Rogers (Capt.), W.R. Page, A.F. Hills, H.F. Blaine, G.B. Childs, H. Mulholland (Forwards), J.H. Savory, E.W. Waddington (Half Backs); A.W. Wilson, C.W. Wilson (Backs), J. Eyre (Goal).

Royal Engineers: G. Barker (Capt.), H. Massey, R.S. Hedley, S.R. Rice, (H.E.) Morgan Lindsay, H.H. Barnet (Forwards), F.C. Heath, T. Shaw (Half Backs); J.H. Cowan, T. Brotherton (Backs), H. Dumbleton (Goal).

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

OLD HARROVIANS 3 (Prior 2, Another) PANTHERS 0 (H.T. 0-0) (At Harrow) (Sat Dec 21<sup>st</sup>)

Sporting Life 25/12/78 P.1/Bell's Life 28/12/78 P.5/Field 28/12/78 P.822/Sportsman 23/12/78 P.4/  
The Times 23/12/78 P.6:

SL: "in spite of the hardness of the ground, this match in the second round of the Cup ties took place at Harrow on Saturday afternoon last. The Panthers, a Dorsetshire club, could only muster eight men, but two substitutes were found, and a late arrival brought up their number to the usual strength. Welch won the toss for the Old Harrovians, but the nature of the ground offered no advantage to

either party. From the first the home eleven held a marked advantage, but the ground was so slippery that their numerous shots passed wide of the goal, and up to half time no score had been made. Soon, however, after the change of ends, the Harrovians gained their first Success, Prior kicking the ball through the posts. The Panthers, however, played up well, and for a few minutes threatened the Harrow lines, but the ball was again taken down the side, and a quick run by Howell and Lewis enabled Prior to repeat his former success. Ten minutes only remained, but the players in no way relaxed their endeavours, and just as the clock was on the stroke of "time", the third and last goal was kicked, the Old Harrovians thus winning by three goals to none. Any very good dribbling was impossible, so that the superior passing of the Old Harrovians was much in their favour. We have not received the players' names." (No lineups)

BL: "A match, to decide which should be entitled to entry into the third round of the cup contest, took place between these clubs at Harrow on Saturday last. Owing to the slippery state of the ground, good dribbling was almost out of the question, but some capital passing by the Old Harrovians was witnessed. From the first the home team had a decided advantage, but up to half time no score was obtained. During the latter portion of the game the Harrovians had much the better of it, and ultimately won by three goals (two of which were secured by Prior) to none." (No lineups)

TT: "This was another tie for the Challenge Cup, played at Harrow on Saturday, although the ground was very hard. From the outset the Harrovians had the best of the game, but nothing was obtained prior to half time. When ends had changed, however, the Harrovians were more successful, and three goals were kicked for them. The Panthers could not score, and the match ended in a victory for the Old Harrovians by three goals to none." (No lineups)

F: "The latter—a Dorsetshire club—played their match for the Challenge Cup against the Old Harrovians on Saturday last at Harrow. The Panthers were three short, but a late arrival and two substitutes brought up the number to the proper complement. Welch won the toss for Harrow, but this proved of little advantage. During the first half of time nothing was scored by either team; but when the positions had been reversed, the Old Harrovians played up well together, and three goals were kicked for them, chiefly through their excellent passing. The Panthers played very pluckily, but could not score, and were defeated by three goals to none." (No lineups)

SM: "This tie was played at Harrow on Saturday. Up to half time no point had been gained by either side, but after change the Harrovians were in better luck, and they finally won by three goals to none." (No lineups)

NO TEAMS TRACED (Oxford Journal has a report but no teams) (No details on Harrow School website: relevant Harrovian Magazine missing)

BARNES 3 (C.L. Johnstone 2, P. Chamberlain) UPTON PARK 2 (J.B. Hunter, S.R. Bastard)  
(H.T. 1-1) (F.T. 2-2) (After an extra quarter of an hour) (Sat Jan 4<sup>th</sup>) (At Barnes Club ground, in field of Mr J. Johnstone, Mortlake)

N.B. The F/BL Reports are probably the most accurate, and have Johnstone scoring the first goal from a pass by Hunter, whereas other reports give Hunter as the scorer.

Field 11/1/79 P.45/Bell's Life 11/1/79 P.4/Sporting Gazette 11/1/79/Sportsman 6/1/79 P.3/Sporting Life 8/1/79 P.1/Athletic News 8/1/79 P.6/Referee 5/1/79 P.5:

F: "Postponed several times on account of severe weather, the match between the representatives of the above-named clubs was decided last Saturday in Mr J. Johnstone's field at Mortlake, the ground of the Barnes Club. The weather was cold, but exceedingly fine, and the game, which lasted altogether an hour and three-quarters, proved throughout extremely exciting. Play began at twenty minutes to three. The visitors' captain, having won the toss, elected to defend the goal nearest the entrance gate during the first half, and Dorling thereupon set the ball in motion. The home team, following up in good style, at once assumed a threatening attitude; but the back play of their opponents prevented any disaster, and sent the ball to the centre of the ground. Here for a time it remained, but at length Barnes, playing better together than Upton Park-in fairness to whom it may be stated that two of their most prominent players were unable to put in an appearance-again became the aggressive party. Only five minutes had elapsed since the commencement, when Hudson got well away on the left side, and, after a fine run, middled to Johnstone who shot the ball so close underneath the cross-bar, that Warner's gallant efforts to stop its career proved unavailing. First goal for Barnes. Thus incited, Upton Park played with all their well-known vigour, and the game that ensued was slightly in their favour, although they were unable to avail themselves of the opportunities which two corner kicks presented. At length, after a severe tussle at the visitors' end, Mitchell extricated the ball and passed it to Bastard. The latter-who performed well all through-dribbled it down the centre, and then transferred it to Hunter, who, by a short kick, equalised matters, in which state half-time still found the game. After ends were changed the play became very fast, Barnes making every effort to regain their recently held advantage, and compelling Warner to use his hands for the purpose of keeping his charge intact. The home team were not allowed to have things their own way however, for on two occasions Mitchell looked very like scoring, the splendid back play of Weston and Kennedy alone preventing this. It was then Barnes became the attacking side and so dangerously close was the leather kept to the Upton Park goal that its downfall seemed inevitable. Availing himself of an opening which shortly presented itself, Bastard dribbled the ball splendidly right across the ground, and, when within easy firing distance, made his shot, which proved successful. Thus encouraged Upton Park continued to play well, and, as time drew near, everything seemed in their favour. After being penned for a considerable period, however, Barnes were relieved by Brougham, who, taking possession of the ball out of a scrummage close to the home team's posts, ran it down the side and middled it to Johnstone. The last-named secured second goal, and caused the scores to be again equal. As neither succeeded in gaining a point during the prescribed hour and a half it was agreed to continue the game for a quarter of an hour. At the expiration of half that time ends were reversed, and Dorling started the ball, which, being badly managed by Jutsum, again fell into the possession of the Barnes captain. The latter player, working it to the centre, passed it to Chamberlain, who by scoring secured a victory for Barnes by three goals to two."

BL: "On Saturday afternoon last these clubs met on the ground of the former at Barnes to play off the only undecided tie in the second round of the competition. The weather, although very cold for lookers-on, of whom by-the-by, there were but a few, was beautifully fine, and the condition of the turf was much better than anticipated. Under these circumstances it is not surprising that the game, which commenced at 2.40, was extremely interesting. Fortunate in the toss, Warner elected to defend the goal nearest the entrance for the first half, and left Barnes to get the ball in motion. So well was it followed up that the home team looked like starting their score immediately; but the

Upton backs worked hard, and prevented any disaster. Barnes were, however, playing much better together than their opponents, and five minutes after proceedings began the ball was passed to Hudson on the left, and he in turn sent to Johnstone who gained the first goal for Barnes, Warner, although making strenuous efforts, failing to reach the ball, it almost touching the crossbar as it went through. The play now became spirited, Upton Park having slightly the best of the game and securing two corner kicks, from which, however, nothing resulted. The kicking generally of the visitors was about this time rather wild, and notwithstanding that they managed to keep the ball continually in front of the Barnes goal, several chances were not utilised.

At length a capital bit of passing by Mitchell to Bastard enabled the latter to carry the ball down the centre. Opposed on all sides, he cleverly transferred the leather to Hunter, who, by a short kick from the right side, equalised matters. It was now a quarter past three and from this period to half time nothing of a decisive character transpired, although each goal was seriously threatened. Directly after ends were changed the home forwards played up in a most vigorous manner, and taking their opponents somewhat by surprise forced the ball through their lines and compelled Warner to use his hands. Thus incited Upton played with renewed vigour, and caused the game to be exceedingly fast, plenty of work being given the backs on either side. Twice Mitchell, by capital runs, looked likely to score, but his kick the first time went behind and on the second occasion was stopped by Weston. After this Barnes pressed their adversaries for some little time, but a misskick by one of their forwards placed the ball close to Bastard, who, by the best run accomplished during the match, got within firing distance of the enemies' fortress, and made his shot, meeting with the reward he deserved. Thus encouraged Upton played exceedingly well, and as but 15 minutes of time were left matters looked very much in their favour. Barnes were not to be denied, however, and after combating bravely for some minutes in front of their own goal they managed to extricate the ball from its dangerous position, Brougham taking it well over the border, and Johnstone administering the final kick. This caused the teams to be again on even terms, and as neither succeeded in increasing its score before "time" arrived, it was agreed to continue for a quarter of an hour. Half of that period expired without any definite result, and then ends were, for the second time, changed. Dorling kicked off and it was left for Jutsum to return it. In this respect he displayed great dilatoriness, and, the Barnes men, taking possession, carried it to the centre and gave Chamberlain an opportunity, which was not allowed to pass by. Upton Park strove hard to make up for this loss, but failed, and Barnes retired winners by three goals to two."

Barnes: W. Dorling (Capt.), H. A. Hudson (Left Side), H. Brougham, W. S. Morice (Right Side), P. Chamberlain, C. L. Johnstone (Centres), V. Weston, G. White (Half Backs), J. P. Muspratt, A. G. Kennedy (Backs), C. J. Morice (Goal).

Upton Park: C. Warner (Capt.) (Goal); H. W. Spreckley, W. C. Williams (Backs); R. Stuart-King, M. Jutsum (Half Backs); J. B. Hunter, E. Williams (Right Side), C. Mitchell, A. T. Davies (Centres), S. R. Bastard, F. L. Woolley (Left Side).

CLAPHAM ROVERS 10 (S. W. Scott 2, A. J. Stanley 2, A. B. Giles 2, H. S. Payne 2, E. F. Growse, W. J. Smith )  
FOREST SCHOOL 1 (E. D. Shaw) (H. T. 5-1) (Sat Dec 7<sup>th</sup>) (At Surrey Cricket Club, Kennington Oval)

N.B Some reports give W. J. Smith scoring 2<sup>nd</sup> goal instead of A. B. Giles.

Bell's Life 14/12/78 P.4/Field 14/12/78 P.766/Sportsman 9/12/78 P.4/Sporting Life 11//12/78 P.3/Referee 8/12/78 P.6/Athletic News 11/12/78 P.7/Referee 8/12/78 P.6/Sporting Gazette 14/12/78/The Times 9/12/78 P.6:

BL:"The ground of the Surrey Cricket Club,Kennington Oval,presented anything but a cheerful aspect on Saturday last,when the above-named clubs met to decide which should be entitled to entry in the third round of the cup competition.The weather was extremely cold and dull,and the ground certainly not in such good condition as it might have been,the overnight snow and sleet having caused it to be very heavy.Play was advertised to commence at half past 2,but it was not until 10 minutes past 3 that hostilities began.Shaw,who on behalf of the School won the toss,elected to defend the goal nearest the Gasometers,and Ogilvie set the ball in motion.A return was effected by the Boys,and for the moment the ball remained in the Rovers' half.The play of the School was, however,at this early stage,somewhat loose,so Scott,after getting possession,found little difficulty in taking the ball down the centre and accomplishing the downfall of the School stronghold.Hardly had the game resumed before Stanley and Growse were instrumental in securing a second goal for the Rovers,the first named actually placing the ball between the posts.Incited by these reverses the Boys played with great determination,and presently from a well directed kick by Johnson a goal was kicked at the second attempt by Shaw(F:"The School then ran the ball down,and a corner kick having fallen to them,R.B.Johnson passed the ball under the tape.").They still continued to exert themselves pluckily,but were fighting against very superior forces,and before half time,Giles,Scott and Payne had each passed the ball between their posts.During the greater portion of the second half darkness prevented much of the play being seen.Suffice it to say that the Rovers carried all before them,and in rapid order,Payne,Growse,Smith,Stanley and Giles secured goals.At the end of an hour and a half Rovers were left winners by ten goals to one."

SL:"On Saturday last at Kennington Oval this match was played in the presence of only a limited number of spectators,the day being very dull and miserable.The boys could not stand against the superior weight and strength of the Rovers,who scored goal after goal,until at time they had put to their credit no fewer than ten goals.Within five minutes of the game being started Scott finished a good run by landing the ball between the School's goal posts,and directly afterwards Stanley scored a second.The School,from a corner kick by R.B.Johnson,obtained a goal,and made the game one to two,but this slight advantage was quickly wiped out,as Smith,Scott,and Payne each made a goal in quick succession before half-time,After changing ends the boys at first managed to resist the attacks of their more powerful opponents,but at length Payne scored the sixth goal for the Rovers,and in the remaining few minutes Growse,Smith,Stanley,and Giles each credited the Clapham men with a goal. During the latter part of the game the light was very bad;in fact before the finish it was almost dark."

SM:"In eight minutes the Rovers had got two goals(SCott and Stanley),but the boys then rallied,and an extremely well-aimed corner by Johnson gave Shaw the opportunity to secure a goal for the Foresters at the second attempt,the ball at the first shot hitting the right post and rebounding into play.For a time after this the boys played up hard,but the Rovers were more than a match for them, and before half time three more goals had been added by Giles,Scott,and Payne respectively.During the second half a description of the game was impossible,as the darkness prevented even the players seeing the ball,except at a distance.Payne,Growse,Smith,Stanley,and Giles managed by some means or other to find their way between the School posts,and at the end of the prescribed period of an hour and a half,the Rovers were left in possession of an easy victory by ten goals to one.

Johnson and Sewell both kicked well, the former especially, and Shaw worked hard for the School, though the forwards did not play at all well together. The Rovers all round were in good form."

REF: "Shaw having won the toss, Ogilvie at eight minutes past three started the game from the racquet-court end of the ground. The Claphamites naturally followed up their captain's judicious though gentle assault with becoming intrepidity; but Shaw meeting them, when the ball fell, returned it immediately; Scott soon obtained the first goal, and almost directly afterwards Stanley having received the ball from Growse, scored another. Soon after, from a corner kick by Johnson, Shaw, out of a scrimmage, gained the only goal the boys scored throughout the match. At 3.35, Smith, out of a hot scrimmage in front of the School goal, sent the ball under the tape, Scott won another at ten minutes to four, and Payne added a link to the chain three minutes afterwards. After half-time Payne gained the sixth; Growse added further to the list from a throw-in by Bailey, and at twenty-five minutes after four Smith, having received the ball from Princep, figuratively lowered the Foresters' colours for the eighth time. In almost perfect darkness the game was carried on until Stanley, running down the centre of the ground, added another notch to the score, and as a final blow to the hopes of the boys, Giles, close upon the call of time, gained the last event of the day."

Clapham Rovers: R.A.M.M. Ogilvie (Capt.), Edgar Field (Backs); N.C. Bailey, J.F.M. Princep (Half Backs); A.B. Giles, W.J. Smith (Left Side), S.W. Scott, A.J. Stanley (Right Side), H.S. Payne, E.F. Growse (Centres), R.H. Birkett (Goal).

Forest School: G.R. Newbery (Goal), R.B. Johnson, F. Sewell (Backs); C.J. Horner, E. Charrington (Half Backs); F. Webb, A. Wilkes (Right Side), E.D. Shaw (Capt.), C.A. Lowe (Centres), J.W. Littlewood, F. Wilkes (Left Side).

Umpires: F.J. Sparks (Herts Rangers) for Clapham Rovers and C. Hart (Pilgrims) for Forest School.  
Referee: C.W. Alcock (Wanderers)

CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY 3 (E.J. Wild, P.H. Morton, L.K. Jervis) SOUTH NORWOOD 0 (H.T. 1-0)  
(Wed Dec 4<sup>th</sup>) (At Kennington Oval)

Sportsman 5/12/78 P.4/Bell's Life 7/12/78 P.9/Field 7/12/78 P.738/Sporting Life 7/12/78 P.4/  
Morning Post 5/12/78 P.2/The Times 5/12/78 P.6/Nottingham Evening Post 6/12/78 P.3/Norwood  
News 7/12/78 P.6:

SM/NN: "The second round of the competition for the Challenge Cup presented by the Football Association was commenced yesterday with this match at the Oval. The weather was fine, but there was only a small muster of spectators. The University had not its best eleven, even in the absence of the Old Etonians, but despite that South Norwood made a good fight of it, especially during the first half, the Cantabs had generally the best of the match throughout. South Norwood set the ball in motion at ten minutes to three o'clock, Cambridge preferring to commence against a strong breeze. For the first quarter of an hour the play on both sides was wild, the kicking being very erratic. Cambridge had a corner-kick without effect, but beyond this nothing material occurred for either side until half an hour had passed, when Wild managed to get the ball between the Norwood posts. During the next quarter of an hour the only noteworthy incident was a second corner kick for Cambridge, which, though well-directed by Tuck, did not prove successful. After the change of ends the University had the wind at their backs, and this enabled them to have the best of the play,

although occasionally the Norwood forwards worked well together, and some good runs were made. Towards the finish the kicking of Haig-Brown and Leeds was particularly accurate for Norwood, and they did much to prevent a larger score to Cambridge. The University forwards kept the ball for the most part in their opponents' territory, and during the second half two more goals were added to their account, the first by P.H. Morton, and the second by L.K. Jervis, the latter after a very brilliant run. Some exceedingly well-directed corner-kicks were made for the University towards the last by Tuck, though none of them were utilised."

BL: "The light blues were certainly not well represented, but proved more than capable of coping with the vigorous attacks of their opponents. They won the choice of goals and played for the first half with the wind against them. For half an hour neither side gained any decisive advantage, but at length Cambridge had a goal placed to their credit by Wild. No further score was made during the first portion of the game, but on ends being changed, the University, now favoured by the breeze, continually penned their opponents, whose colours they twice succeeded in lowering, the first time by Martin and the second by Jervis, thus Cambridge proved victorious by three goals to one." (F has a similar report)

NEP: "At 2.50 Leeds kicked off for South Norwood, Cambridge electing to give their opponents the benefit of the strong wind at the outset. From the first the play was of a very mediocre character, and neither eleven appears to have the smallest chance for the Cup. For some time the play was very even, and half an hour elapsed before a rather dubious goal was obtained by Wild for the University. Nothing more was scored before half-time, but after change Cambridge made a better show with the wind in their favour, and some brilliant runs were made by Jervis, of cricket fame. About ten minutes after change Morton the fast bowler of the Cambridge Cricket Eleven, gave the University its second goal, and after another quarter of an hour Jervis, after a very pretty run, added the third."

Cambridge University: P.C. Bates (Goal); F.J. Tuck, C.S. Hunter (Backs); A.J. Whittaker, H.M. Ellicombe (Half Backs); L.K. Jervis, E.J. Wild, T.G. Styan, P.H. Morton, G. Murray-Smith, H. Wood (Forwards).

South Norwood: P.E. Morse (Goal); C.E. Leeds (Capt.), C.W. Haig-Brown (Backs); H.H. Coles, D. Ronaldson (Half Backs); W.S. Knight, W.A. Cuppage, C. Wilson, F.O'S. Reade, H.W. Wilson, W.H. White (Forwards).

Umpire: C.W. Alcock (Wanderers).

GREY FRIARS 0 MINERVA 3 (W. Bain, F.J. Fabian, F. Hearn) (H.T. 0-1) (Sat Dec 7<sup>th</sup>)  
(At Grey Friars Ground, Upton) (AFS has J.M. Turner as scorer for F. Fabian in BL/F)

Sportsman 9/12/78 P.4/Bell's Life 14/12/78 P.4/Sporting Gazette 14/12/78/Field 14/12/78 P.766/Athletic News 11/12/78 P.7:

SM: "This match, one of the second ties for the Association Cup, took place on the Greyfriars' ground at Upton on Saturday, in the presence of two or three hundred spectators, and, contrary to expectation, resulted in a victory for Minerva. Turner kicked off a few minutes after three o'clock, and both sides setting to work with great spirit a very hotly-contested game commenced. The play was very fast, the ball travelling from one end to the other with great rapidity, although during the first quarter of an hour it was nearer to Minerva's goal than their opponents, the half-backs of the Friars

playing in capital form, and being very difficult to pass. About twenty five minutes after commencing, a good run, in which Tozer, Ware, and Bain were prominent, resulted in the latter securing the first goal for Minerva, which elicited loud cheers from their numerous partisans amongst the spectators. The Friars now set to work in earnest to equalise matters, Ellis and Matchett playing in brilliant form, and at last by a combined rush, they got the ball in front of the Minerva goal, and Sinclair put it through, but hands having been claimed just before and (after the disagreement of the umpires) allowed by the referee, the goal was disallowed. Shortly after this Frost only missed scoring by a good shot by a few inches. After changing ends the game continued with great vigour, both goals being repeatedly assailed, and both goal-keepers saving their charges in good style. Ware was now playing in very pretty form, dribbling remarkably well, but often failing to pass when he should have done so. He, however, took the ball safely past the backs and got a shot at goal, which was averted by the keeper, but a "corner" resulted, which, being well placed by Turner, was cleverly headed through by Fabian, thus scoring the second goal for the winners. After recommencing the feature of the game was the frequent runs made by Ellis, who four or five times took the ball down the side and middled it right in front of goal, though Turner, who was playing grandly, was always too much for the Friars' centre, and generally returned the ball well up the ground. Green now made a good run, winding up with a shot at goal, but the keeper was always in the right place, and prevented a score. Hearn now made a capital run down the left, and middled to Fabian, who took a shot, but Williams returned it sharply. Hearn, however, was close up, and by a good kick, secured the third and last goal for Minerva, who thus won by three goals to none. The Greyfriars played with very hard luck, but the brilliant goalkeeping of Peake averted several capital shots made by them, and this (their first) defeat must be principally attributed to that and the really grand play of Turner at back. A word of praise must also be given to Tozer, Leslie, and Connorton, who played with great spirit, although all worked remarkably hard, and certainly earned their victory. For the losers the play of Ellis was remarkably good, and he was well supported at half back by Matchett and Stafford, while Green (forward) and Williams (in goal) also did good service."

BL: "Play commenced shortly after three, Shaw kicking off on behalf of Minerva, in front of whose goal the struggle was principally carried on for the first quarter of an hour. Several incursions were, however, made by the visitors into the enemy's territory, and after 25 minutes had expired some capital passing between Ware, Tozer and Bain brought the leather into such close quarters with the Greyfriars' goal that the latter had little difficulty in scoring. Vigorous efforts were made by the home team to equalise matters, and principally through the play of Ellis and Matchett, the leather was sent between the Minerva posts, but as "hands" had been claimed previously, the goal was disallowed. After ends were changed, each custodian was kept well employed, so vigously did both sides perform. Ware by a good run seemed almost certain to add to the Minerva score, but the ball was sent behind by the goalkeeper. The corner kick which followed, however, was so well directed that Turner was enabled to head the ball through. The Greyfriars' forwards, conspicuous amongst whom were Ellis and Green, worked well together, but the Minerva backs and "goal" proved invincible. A long run by Hearn ended with a middle to Fabian, who kicked at goal; the danger was averted by Williams, only, as it turned out, for a moment, as Hearn, who had followed up, sent it spinning back under the tape. To the splendid goalkeeping of Peake the Minerva club are principally indebted for their victory by three goals to none."

F: "The game was most keenly contested and twenty five minutes elapsed before a score was effected by Bain for Minerva. After some dood passing by the other forwards, and after half time, they

succeeded in scoring two more goals, one kicked by Hearn, and the other headed (from a corner) by Fabian."

Grey Friars: H. Williams (Goal); T. G. Stafford (Capt.); E. D. Ellis, E. H. Matchett (Half Backs); A. D. Stafford (Back); R. D. Green, J. B. Sinclair (Right Wing), A. J. Frost, J. Sharp (Centres), F. J. Bennett, D. Stransham (Left Wing).

R. B. Sinclair in First Round

Minerva: A. S. Leslie (Capt.), J. Hutton, J. G. Connorton (Half Backs), J. M. Turner, J. J. McDermott (Backs); F. Ware, W. Bain (Right Wing), F. Hearn, F. J. Fabian (Left Wing), W. Tozer (Centre), C. Peake (Goal).

READING 0 OLD ETONIANS 1 (J. B. T. Chevalier) (H. T. 0-0) (Wed Dec 18<sup>th</sup>) (At Reading)

Reading Observer 21/12/78 P.3/Berkshire Chronicle 21/12/78 P.5/Field 21/12/78 P.787/Sporting Life 21/12/78 P.4:

RO: "The home team were somewhat the heavier if superior pace were on the side of the Etonians, and it was hoped that the slippery state of the ground would have told in favour of Reading, who in the scrimmages generally had the best of it, as the soiled state of the visitors' tunics testified. Where all played well it would be invidious to make distinctions. The admirable side-play of Bartholemew and Holbrook was frequently applauded, as was the back play of Morgan. The captain of the home team worked vigorously for his side, and the goal-keeping of Hayward was all that could be desired. The Reading forwards played with coolness and judgment, and we were pleased to observe how well they played together, and passed the ball. In this respect we think they exceeded their adversaries, who appeared to us to rely too much upon their speed. Although Reading lost by one goal to nil, it can hardly be said that the game was generally in favour of the other side. Up to half time Reading played against the wind without yielding the citadel, and it was just after changing ends that a shot out of a scrimmage in front of the Reading goal credited the Old Etonians with the only goal obtained during play. Just before the goal was kicked there was a dispute on the call of "hands" in favour of Reading, but as neither of the umpires nor the referee saw it the free kick was not granted, and consequently the goal allowed. The Reading had two good tries at goal before the call of time, but did not succeed in getting the ball under the tape. Morgan, Rogers, Holbrook, and Field played well for Reading, as did also Bury, Kinnaird, Chitty, and Goodhart for Old Etonians."

BC: "The match in the second ties of the Association Challenge Cup was played between these teams at Reading on Wednesday, when, after a well-contested game, the visitors were winners by one goal to love. A thaw set in in the morning, yet but an inch under the surface the ground was quite hard, and this rendered it very slippery and difficult to stand. The visitors won the toss and chose the goal with the light wind which there was in their favour. During the first half of the game they rather penned the Reading men but they failed to score. At half time ends were changed but notwithstanding that the wind was in favour of the home team, the Old Etonians soon kicked the ball into the enemies' territory and scored a goal, the ball touching the goalkeeper's hand, but the ball was so slippery that it bounded off and through the goal posts. Just before the goal was kicked there was a cry of "hands" in favour of Reading, but as neither of the umpires nor the referee saw it, a free kick was not allowed, and an Old Etonian instantly took advantage of the short cessation of play and

kicked the ball through the goal posts. After this the play was very even, the ball being first kicked towards one goal and then in the direction of the other. Just before time was called it seemed as if the home team would have made a tie of it, two good shots being made at the Etonian goal, but the Reading did not succeed in getting the ball under the tape. There were about a dozen appeals of "hands", the ball being kicked against a player's arm in almost every case, and in one case the player was actually falling when the ball hit his arm. Why the unlucky player's side should suffer the penalty of a free kick is incomprehensible to old football players, who also cannot understand why the hand should not be used to save the face or to stop a ball and obtain the drop kick, the best of all kinds. The ball should only be prohibited from being carried. It is evident that some alteration with regards to "hands" is necessary. If the above suggestion were adopted, big and little players would be equalised and a deal of rough play would be done away with. With regard to the merits of the players, the superiority of the visitors was shown in the way in which the forwards and middle men supported each other and in passing the ball. The home team very much improved in this respect towards the finish, and, though beaten, they were a long way from disgraced; and when they have learned to work better together will prove tough customers for any team to beat. Holbrook's forward play was as good as anything to be seen in the match. Bartholemew made several capital runs and played well generally, as did Morgan, Rogers, Field, and Palmer. For the Old Etonians, Bury, Kinnaird, Chitty, and Goodhart were, perhaps, most conspicuous."

F: "On Wednesday this match was played on the Reading ground. The day was utterly unfit for football, and the match was chiefly remarkable for the amount of time spent by the players wallowing in the mire. The Etonians won the toss and elected to play with the wind in their favour. Up to half time neither side scored anything, though the Etonians hemmed in their adversaries a good deal. Shortly after half time Chevalier managed to get a goal, the only one got on either side. The Reading eleven played very well considering the state of the ground, especially Holbrook, while the Etonians did not play nearly so well as usual; they were unlucky in losing two of their best men at the last moment."

Reading: S. Hayward (Goal); H. F. Rogers (Capt.), J. R. Morgan (Backs); C. G. Field, C. H. Palmer (Half Backs); T. Lewis, W. Holbrook (Right Wing), Rev. A. Bartholemew, T. H. Turner (Left Wing), G. Sillence, J. Wollaston (Centres).

Old Etonians: Major F. A. Marindin (Capt.) (Goal); L. Bury, H. H. Calvert (Backs); Hon. A. F. Kinnaird, E. Christian (Half Backs); H. Whitfeld, P. C. Novelli (Left Wing), H. C. Goodhart, A. J. Chitty (Centres), J. B. T. Chevalier, R. D. Anderson (Right Wing).

Umpires: J. W. Martin for Reading and E. H. Parry for Old Etonians. Referee: C. Prior.

EAGLEY (Bolton) 0 DARWEN 0 (Sat Dec 7<sup>th</sup>) (At Eagley)

Bell's Life 14/12/78 P.4/Sporting Gazette 14/12/78/Athletic News 11/12/78 P.7/Sporting Life 11/12/78 P.3:

SG: "The ground was totally unfit for play on account of the hard frost which set in the previous evening, and the match ended in a draw, neither team scoring."

AN:"The above clubs met at Eagley on Saturday to play their tie for the Association Challenge Cup.A hard frost set in on Friday night,which made the ground totally unfit for play,and the game ended in a draw,neither side scoring.The match will be played at Darwen on or before the 21<sup>st</sup> inst."

BL:"These clubs played their match in the second round on Saturday,the result being a draw,neither team scoring."

Eagley:J.Mangnall(Goal),W.Burgess,T.Naylor,E.Jones,S.Orrell,  
G.Sharples,J.Burgess,J.Hall,Smith,Valentine,T.Hall.

Darwen:J.Booth(Goal);A.McWetherall,F.Suter(Backs);J.Knowles,W.H.Moorhouse(Half Backs);  
T.Marshall,J.Love,W.Kirkham,R.Kirkham,T.Bury,J.Entwistle(Forwards).

Replay:Sat Dec 21<sup>st</sup>)(At Darwen)

DARWEN 4 (J.Love 2,T.Marshall,J.Gledhill) EAGLEY 1(G.Sharples)(H.T. 4-0)

Athletic News 24/12/78 P.3/Blackburn Standard 28/12/78 P.6/Bell's Life 28/12/78 P.5/Sporting Gazette 28/12/78/Sporting Life 11/12/78 P.3:

AN:"This encounter was witnessed on Saturday afternoon by some 3,000 spectators on the Darwen ground.The ground was covered with three inches of snow.Darwen had choice of goals,and at 2.39 Eagley kicked off,when a little smart play at once commenced,in which the home team neared the visitors' goal,and a shot at goal just missed the goal.The Darwen men again came in a rush,and after four minutes' exertion,secured the first goal from the foot of Love.Seven minutes later Marshall placed a second goal to the credit of Darwen,the same side then had two free kicks near the goal,but with no material result.Shortly after this three Eagley men had a straight course at the Darwen stronghold,there being only the goalkeeper to meet them,but though they looked like scoring nothing came of it,which might be accounted for by a trip on the part of the trio.Seventeen minutes after the start Love again credited Darwen with a goal,and some five minutes after Gledhill added the fourth and this brought about half time.After sides had been changed Eagley set to work to rub the four goals off,and within five minutes Sharples reduced the number to three,but very shortly after Darwen got another goal,which was,however,disputed by Eagley as being a hand against Darwen previous to the ball passing the post.The umpires disagreeing,the referee decided to throw up the ball,shortly after which Darwen made another good shot,touching the post.The result was a victory for Darwen by four goals and one disputed to one.The unsatisfactory condition of the ground made the contest anything but a criterion of strength,and "flukey" play was very prevalent."

BS:"This tie,for the English Association Challenge Cup,was played at Darwen on Saturday afternoon, being watched by some 2,500 to 3,000 spectators.Last season the two clubs had a couple of draws in club matches,and a fortnight ago had another draw in the cup game.The weather on Saturday, though it placed its veto on almost every other game in the district,did not stay the enthusiasm of the Darwen and Eagley players,who elected to play on the Darwen ground covered three inches in snow.Darwen were victorios,but the unsatisfactory condition of the ground made the contest anything but a criterion of strength."

BL :”Play was commenced at 3:40,but before many minutes had expired Love had placed a goal to the credit of Darwen,for whom a second was obtained by Marshall in very quick time.The game was then carried on more evenly,but Darwen again gradually assumed the offensive,and once more Love scored on their behalf;his success being shortly followed by a fourth from the foot of Gledhill. Starting the second portion of the game,Eagley seemed likely to retrieve their rather heavy losses, and so well did they play together that within five minutes of changing ends Sharples was able to secure a goal.Darwen claimed another goal,but as one of their side handled the ball previous to its going through the posts,the claim was disallowed.From this period to the end the game was exceedingly well contested,but no score was made,Darwen thus won by four goals to one.”

SG:”Played at Darwen on Saturday and resulted in a victory for Darwen by four goals and one disputed to one goal for Eagley.The ground was covered in three inches of snow.”

Darwen:J.Booth(Goal);F.Suter,A.McWetherall(Backs);W.H.Moorhouse,J.Knowles(Half Backs); T.Marshall,J.Love,J.Gledhill,W.Kirkham,R.Kirkham,T.Bury.

Eagley:J.Mangnall(Goal);Isherwood,T.Fletcher(Backs);S.Orrrell,E.Jones(Half Backs); G.Sharples,W.Burgess,R.Hall,S.Smith,J.Hall,T.Hall.

N.B.Eagley had 2 players named Burgess,J and W.

Umpires:T.Hindle(Darwen) and S.Greenhalgh(Eagley).Referee:C.Slaney(Captain Staffordshire County and Stok-on-Trent Clubs)

REMNANTS 6 (E.M.Hawtrey,E.H.Parry 4,L.B.Keyser) PILGRIMS 2(A.Wohlgemuth,B.J.W.Grieve)(H.T. 4-1) (Sat Dec 21<sup>st</sup>)(At Aldin House, Slough)

Sportsman 23/12/78 P.4/Bell’s Life 28/12/78 P.5/Sporting Life 25/12/78 P.1/Sporting Gazette 28/12/78/Referee 22/12/78 P.5/Athletic News 24/12/78 P.3/Nottinghamshire Guardian 27/12/78 P.12:

SM:”This match was played on Saturday at Aldin House,Slough.The frost had made the ground very slippery,but this was in some degree counteracted by the sawdust which had been spread over the ground,though still some very heavy falls took place.The Pilgrims at starting were three short,and the Remnants were without their goalkeeper.In two minutes the Remnats obtained a goal,the final kick being given by E.M.Hawtrey,who played very well throughout.Very shortly afterwards Parry was the cause of the downfall of the visitors’ goal,twice in rapid succession.The other three Pilgrims now appeared,and the Remnants,in their turn,were at a disadvantage,having only ten men to eleven.This did not prevent Parry from securing another goal by a magnificent side shot after a fast run. Wohlgemuth was now able,owing to the good passing of Baldwin and Grieve,to kick a good goal for the Pilgrims.Half-time was then called,and the Remnants’ goal-keeper turned up.No score was made for some time,but after twenty minutes’ even play the Remnants obtained two more goals,one got by Keyser,the other by Parry,who was again to the fore with a good side shot.It was now the Pilgrims’ turn to score,as Grieve,who played well throughout,after a short run secured their second goal.Keyser had now to leave in order to catch a train,and the Remnants had for a quarter of an hour to play one man short,but no score was made,and the Remnants were left the victors by six goals to two.There was some fast play,but the ground was in a very dangerous state,and the match would

doubtless have been postponed had not Saturday been the last day for playing the ties. For the Pilgrims Wohlgemuth, Baldwin, and Grieve (Forwards), Weston (Back), and Edwards (Goal) were most noticeable; while for the Remnants, Parry, Hawke, and Keyser (Forwards), and French, Flowers, and C.H. Hawtreay played very well."

BL: "At starting the Pilgrims only mustered eight, while their opponents although not so badly off, were without the services of their goalkeeper. Directly after the kick off the ball was taken down to the Pilgrims' quarters, and in a few minutes kicked through by E.M. Hawtreay. Encouraged by this early success the Remnants played up extremely well and in rapid succession succeeded in twice lowering their opponents' colours, both goals being obtained from the foot of Parry. Soon afterwards the three tardy Pilgrims made their appearance, and thus strengthened, the visitors were better able to resist the enemies' attack. Parry, however, presently finished up a run with a kick from the side, and scored a fourth goal for Remnants. Just previous to half time, Wohlgemuth, owing to some capital play on the part of Grieve and Baldwin, was able to place a goal to the credit of the Pilgrims. Ends were changed and during the last portion of the game both sides played eleven men, the Remnants' goalkeeper making his long looked for and welcome appearance. For full 20 minutes the struggle was carried on without much advantage to either side, but at length the superiority of the home team again asserted itself, and, through the instrumentality of Keyser and Parry, two more goals fell to their share. Only one other goal was obtained, and that by Grieve on behalf of the Pilgrims, who were in the end defeated by six goals to two." (Similar report in Field)

SG: "There was some fast play, but the ground was in a very dangerous state, and the match would doubtless have been postponed had not Saturday being the last day for playing the ties. Mr G. Hawtreay acted as umpire for both sides, as Mr Hart, of the Ramblers, who was to have umpired for the Pilgrims, did not come."

Remnants: W.F. Hawtreay (Capt.), E.H. Parry (Centres), Hon. M.B. Hawke, L.B. Keyser (Left), A. Dear, E.M. Hawtreay (Right), C.H. Hawtreay, J.F. Flowers (Half Backs), T. French, C.D. Gilmer (Backs), Rev. W. Blackmore (Goal).

Pilgrims: A. Wohlgemuth (Capt.), G.E. Moore (Centres), T.B. Baldwin, E.C. Mott (Left), B.J.W. Grieve, E.B. Denton (Right), W.H. Horner, L. Horner (Half Backs), A.G. Watson, A.W. Ramsey (Backs), W.H. Edwards (Goal).

Umpire: Hart (Ramblers) did not come so G. Hawtreay was umpire for both sides.

SWIFTS 3 (A.J.C. Parry, E.C. Bambridge 2) ROMFORD 1 (R.H. Lyon) (H.T. 2-0) (Sat Dec 21<sup>st</sup>) (At Kennington Oval)

Sportsman 23/12/78 P.4/Essex Times 25/12/78 P.8/Sporting Life 25/12/78 P.1/Chelmsford Chronicle 27/12/78 P.8/Bell's Life 28/12/78 P.5/Sporting Gazette 28/12/78/The Times 23/12/78 P.6/Field 28/12/78 P.822/Referee 22/12/78 P.5/Athletic News 24/12/78 P.3/Nottinghamshire Guardian 27/12/78 P.12:

SM: "On Saturday last-the day fixed for completion of the second round in this competition-these clubs met at Kennington Oval, and duly brought off their match. The ground was hard, of course, after the lengthy frost, and though the play was fairly fast, dribbling was difficult. The choice of positions gave the Swifts the aid of a stiffish breeze and this enabled them, though they began two short, to hold their own at the outset. Romford occupied the goal adjoining the racket-court, and Thirlwall started the ball on their behalf. Not very long after the start the Swifts' team was made up to the compliment and Romford soon began to feel the force of their opponents' attack. Barnes occasionally made a good run along the right side for Romford, and at times the forwards showed fairly well together, though there was little system or combination, and the back play was not of the safest. For half an hour the Essex eleven managed to keep their goal intact, but at last a well-aimed corner kick by E.C. Bambridge brought the ball directly under the bar, and Parry rushed it through making score the first for the Swifts. Romford tried hard to recover their loss, and more than once removed the fight into their opponents' lines but the forwards of the Swifts made better use of their opponents, and just before half-time E.C. Bambridge secured the downfall of the Romford goal. After change of ends the game for a time appeared a little more even, but the Swifts gradually assumed the offensive, and Romford had hard work to prevent more scores to the enemy. E.C. Bambridge, who had played particularly well throughout, at last broke the spell, and a very fine run, resulting in another goal for the Swifts was deservedly applauded. Romford towards the finish made desperate efforts to reduce the gains of their antagonists, and after a good run by Barnes, Lyon secured their one goal of the afternoon. Once afterwards they looked very dangerous, but no further score occurred and so the Swifts were left the winners by three goals to one."

ET: "At length a powerful attack by the Swifts forced the enemy to fall back on their reserves, who, unable to stem the torrent that came ruthlessly down upon them, unfortunately for themselves, sent the ball behind, and E.C. Bambridge having an inevitable corner kick, Parry sent the ball under the tape, half-an-hour having elapsed from the commencement of play."

"Shortly before half-time a brilliant attack by the Swifts took them over to the Romford quarters, and A.L. Bambridge, entrusted with a corner kick, dropped it so neatly that his relative, E.C., innocently put the ball between the posts..."

"The teams having reversed their positions, the Swifts, emboldened by their success, launched charge after charge against the devoted band opposed to them, and in a comparatively short space of time E.C. Bambridge, taking the ball under his immediate patronage, dribbled it well through the centre of play, and added another chalk to the two already gained. Numerous corner kicks fell to the Swifts after the game was restarted, and the hero of the last goal made many fine attempts to add to the honour of the cause he served. At last the Romfordites, recovering from the lethargy that seemed somewhat to oppress them, made a vigorous onslaught, Barnes leading the way, Thirlwall, Clark, and Palmer well in support. The ball neatly middled by Wright was shot under the tape by Lyon amidst well deserved applause."

F: "It was not generally expected that there would be any football of importance in the neighbourhood of the metropolis on Saturday last. The severe frost which prevailed did not, however, prevent several of the matches in the second round for the Challenge Cup being played. The Swifts and Romford met at Kennington Oval, and there played off their tie in the presence of a rather meagre number of spectators. The Swifts won the toss, and defending the goal nearest the

gasometer end of the ground, left Thirwell to kick off. Aided by the wind they soon began aggressive operations; but for some time all their efforts to score were frustrated. At the commencement they were two short of the complement; but after twenty minutes' play the absentees came on the ground, and before ten minutes had passed, Parry kicked the first goal for the Swifts after the ball had been well run down the ground and kicked to him by E.C. Bambridge. A second goal soon after followed, obtained by the last-named player, who had received the ball from A.L. Bambridge. Ends having been changed, the Swifts, though against the wind, continued to have the better of the play and E.C. Bambridge placed a third goal to the credit of his side. Towards the end of the match Romford played a little better together, and Barnes, making a good run, middled the ball to Lyons, who shot it between the posts. Beyond those points nothing further was scored by either team, and when time was called the Swifts were declared the victors by three goals to one."

BL": Shortly after 3 o'clock the Romford captain kicked off from the end nearest the racquet court, and at once the Swifts, who at this time only mustered nine players, assumed the aggressive. Romford's defence was during this early portion of the contest remarkably weak, and their goal narrowly escaped destruction on two or three occasions. After playing about 20 minutes the Swifts received the aid of their two previously missing members, and although their opponents now worked with a great deal more energy than at first the ball was continually to be found at the Romford end. Still no decisive advantage was gained by the Swifts until half an hour had been expended, when, from a well directed corner kick by E.C. Bambridge, the ball and goalkeeper were rushed through by Parry. The Swifts continued to have the best of the game, and, although occasionally a good run would relieve the Romford lines, the former shortly secured a second goal, the ball being sent through by E.C. Bambridge after a corner by A.L. Bambridge. Directly as the ball was again brought into play half time was called. After ends were changed it seemed that the Swifts would carry all before them, so severely did they press their opponents. Romford extricated the ball from its dangerous position only, however, to allow possession of it to be gained by E.C. Bambridge, who finished up a splendid run down the centre by sending the ball under the tape. For a while the game proceeded more evenly, but again the Swifts asserted their supremacy, and four or five corner kicks fell to them, none of which, however, proved productive. Apparently Romford, although not playing so well together as their adversaries, possessed more stamina, as towards the end of the engagement they frequently forced the Swifts back towards their own goal line. Several of the Romford forwards tried hard to break away, and at length Barnes succeeded in doing so, and outpacing all in pursuit, got to within a few yards of the goal; he then cleverly middled the ball, and Lyons, being on the spot, passed it through. Nothing of further importance occurred so at the call of "time" the Swifts were left the winners by three goals to one."

Swifts: W.S. Bambridge (Capt.), E.H. Bambridge (Backs); J.B. Dunning, A.L. Bambridge, F.S. Hewson (Half Backs), F.A. Govett, H. Leaf, A.J.C. Parry, E.C. Bambridge, W. Nicholls (Forwards), G.F. Bambridge (Goal).

N.B. It appears that F.A. Govett played in this game, not F.L. Govett.

Romford: E. Champness (Goal); H.W. Palmer, W.J. Reid (Backs), C.H. Smith, L.E. Clark (Half Backs), F.H. Thirlwall (Capt.), H.H. Barnes, E. Carter, W. Wright, R.H. Lyon, C.S. Palmer (Forwards).

Umpires: W. Dorling (Barnes) for Swifts and M. Roberts (Romford). Referee: S.R. Bastard (Upton Park).

NOTTS FOREST 2(F.W.Earp,A.H.Smith) SHEFFIELD CLUB 0 (H.T. 0-0)(Sat Dec 21<sup>st</sup>) (At Nottingham)

Athletic News 24/12/78 P.3/Sportsman 23/112/78 P.4/Bell's Life 28/12/78 P.5/Sporting Life 25/12/78 P.1/Referee 22/12/78 P.5/Sporting Gazette 28/12/78/Nottinghamshire Guardian 27/12/78 P.12/Nottingham Journal 23/12/78 P.4/Sheffield Independent 23/12/78 P.4/Field 28/12/78 P.822:

AN:"On Saturday last the Forest Club and the Sheffield Club met at Nottingham to decide their tie. The Forest Club, it will be remembered, have previously defeated Notts, and the Sheffield Club beat Grantham, after playing a drawn game. As may easily be imagined, the ground was in very bad condition for football playing, being covered with snow to the depth of two or three inches, and frozen hard underneath. There were only about 400 persons present on the Forest ground when proceedings commenced. Notts having won the toss the Sheffielders kicked off about a quarter to three o'clock, and the ball being sharply returned by Caborn, an attack was immediately made on the Sheffield goal, Ellison being compelled to use his hands in the first five minutes. W.E. Clegg and Willey then got it away into the Notts territory, but a clever bit of play by Holroyd again altered the state of the game, the Notts forwards being well on the ball and passing in good style. The leather being in touch, Goodyer was entrusted with the throw in, which was well judged, and Smith sent the ball flying into goal, but Ellison was on the alert and just managed to avert the shot. For some time after this the play remained in favour of the Forest, although Moss, Willey, and the brothers Clegg worked hard to alter the state of affairs. Turner was applauded for a clever bit of dribbling on the left wing, and Goodyer had another shy at goal, but it was "no go". H. Barber and R.A. Sorby now gave some trouble to the Forest backs, but Caborn and A. Luntley now kicked with great precision, and their goal was not yet seriously menaced. Again Turner distinguished himself in the front rank, but when he appeared to be on the point of scoring he was well stopped by Moss, who was cheered for this fine effort. W. Luntley had a long shot which Ellison had to work hard to keep out, and this last narrow escape seemed to put the visitors somewhat on their mettle. R.A. Sorby and the brothers Barber executed a clever run right down the field, ending with a shot which Sands had some difficulty in keeping from between the posts. Gradually the war again was carried to Sheffield territory, and Luntley and Holroyd were very busy in front of goal, but Moss and Ellison were on the qui vive, and no score was made. Jardine, who had taken the place of Bates, half back, now rendered himself very useful, and was within an ace of scoring, Mr Ellison's post being anything but a sinecure at this time. After Holroyd had had another shot, the brothers Sorby, Willey, and H. Barber, altered the state of the game to the other end of the ground, and a corner kick fell to J.C. Clegg, but nothing resulted from it, Widdowson being in the way. The home forwards were not to be denied, and another shot was made at the Sheffield goal, when the Sorbys came again with a rush and looked very dangerous, but Sands cleverly stopped the shot. The remainder of the game up to half time was greatly in favour of Nottingham, Turner having a very close shave, and Holroyd and Goodyer also made good attempts to score, which were mainly frustrated by the excellent goal-keeping of Ellison, and the back play of Moss, and when half-time was called the ball was near the Sheffield goal.

With the change of ends came a change of fortune for Nottingham, Widdowson bringing the ball down with a rush, but J.C. Clegg got it away before the Forest captain had an opportunity for a shot. A smart return by E. Luntley gave Goodyer a chance which he was not slow to take, but the leather went just outside the post. In spite of these repeated attacks the Tykes seemed quite unable to remove the scene of conflict from their own goal, and this was principally due to the determined tackling of Holroyd, Jardine, and Caborn. Earp, who had not played in his usual good form in the first

half of the game, woke up a bit, and play became very fast. A prettily-managed bit of passing by Widdowson, Earp, and Holroyd ended in a shot, but the ball again went outside. Five minutes afterwards Earp very judiciously middled the ball from the left wing, and Moss in trying to stop it, got in the way of the goal-keeper, and the ball glanced from his head through the post. The feat was received with loud cheering, and play was immediately resumed with renewed vigour. Smith sent the ball flying to the goal, and it touched the cross-bar, thence bounding into play; Goodyer headed it in again, but a magnificent piece of goal-keeping by Ellison averted the danger, the Sheffielder being deservedly cheered for his efforts. R. Sorby and T. H. Barber got three-fourths of the way up the field with the ball, but Caborn was in the way, and it was sent to the Sheffield goal again. Smith had a good shot from a corner kick, but failed to score, and Goodyer sent one rather too high. About five minutes before the call of time a grand effort was made by Widdowson, who passed to Goodyer, and thence to Smith, the latter securing a second goal for the Forest by a clever shot. When time was called the ball was in the middle of the ground and the Forest had won by two goals to none."

“SI: The ground was in wretched condition for playing, being covered with snow to the depth of three or four inches.”

F: “...in the presence of about four hundred spectators. Sheffield kicked off a little before three o’clock, and the home team were not long before they ran the ball down into their opponents’ territory, but during the first portion of the game neither side gained any decisive advantage.”

BL: “Very determined efforts were made by both parties, but up to half time no score had been made.”

SI: “After a shot by Widdowson, which also failed, Earp middled the ball very smartly, and Moss, in trying to stop it bothered the goalkeeper, the ball going through the posts off Moss’s shoulder, amidst loud cheers. A shot by Smith struck the crossbar and bounded out again but although Earp and Widdowson tried all they knew to score, Ellison proved too good a man and kept the leather out. About five minutes before the call of time a splendid goal was secured by Smith for the Forest, after some clever passing between Widdowson and Goodyer. Nottingham thus won by two goals to none after a very fast game.”

Nottingham Forest: J. Sands (Goal); C. J. Caborn, E. Luntley, W. Luntley (Backs), E. Jardine, M. Holroyd, (Half Backs); A. C. Goodyer (Right), S. W. Widdowson (Capt.) (Centre), + F. W. Earp (Left), A. H. Smith, J. P. Turner (Forwards).

+ “Teddy”

N. B. For the second half Turner replaced Sands in goal as Turner had hurt his leg (NG)

NJ has E. Earp : NJ in first round had T. W. Earp

Sheffield Club: M. Ellison (Capt.) (Goal); H. N. Moss, C. E. Vickers (Backs); J. C. Clegg, W. E. Clegg (Half Backs); R. A. Sorby (Right Wing), H. Barber (Left Wing), E. Barber, T. C. Willey, T. H. Sorby, J. H. Barber (Forwards).

NG has W. Ellison

Umpires: C. J. Spencer (Nottingham) and H. W. Chambers (Sheffield). Referee: C. Wardle (Nottingham).

### THIRD ROUND:

Bell's Life 28/12/78 P.5:"On Monday evening the Committee of the Football Association met to draw the third ties in the Challenge Cup competition .Below will be found the result:-

Cambridge University v Clapham Rovers  
Old Etonians v Minerva  
Old Harrovians v Nottingham Forest  
Remnants v Darwen  
Oxford University v Upton Park or Barnes  
Swifts,a bye

These matches will all have to be played at Kennington Oval on or before Jan 31."

Bell's Life 8/2/78 P.5:"The extremely severe weather experienced this season has interfered sadly with our highly-popular winter pastime,but while other contests,especially those under Rugby Union rules,have been postponed,and indeed,in many instances abandoned,the matches in the ties of the Association Cup Challenge competition,have,with few exceptions,been decided on the dates fixed, although it must be admitted under very adverse circumstances.To play with the ground in such dangerous condition says much for the courage and hardihood of those engaged,and,though it would have been matter for regret rather than surprise,if accidents had occurred,we are glad to say that nothing of a serious nature has reached our ears.On Saturday last with the turf as hard as ever, but perhaps not so slippery as on several previous occasions,the two remaining matches were played off at Kennington Oval in the presence of a goodly number of spectators who,despite the bitterly cold weather, were by no means wanting in enthusiasm. Owing to the Oxford eleven(who had to meet the Barnes Club) being incomplete at the advertised time for commencement,the first match begun was Cambridge University v Clapham Rovers."

CLAPHAM ROVERS 1(E.F.Growse) CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY 0(H.T. 0-0)(F.T. 0-0)(After extra 20 minutes)(Sat Feb 1<sup>st</sup>)(At Kennington Oval:1 of 2)

Athletic News 5/2/79 P.3/Sportsman 3/2/79 P.4/Sporting Life 5/2/79 P.1/Bell's Life 8/2/79 P.5/Sporting Gazette 8/2/79/Field 8/2/79 P.146/Referee 2/2/79 P.5/Morning Post 3/2/79 P.7:

AN:"The above contest was decided at the Surrey Cricket Club Ground,at Kennington Oval,in the presence of a numerous,but very frost-bitten looking number of spectators.The weather was bitterly cold,the ground hard and knobby,and a keen wind from the north-east added painfully to the general discomfort that prevailed.These drawbacks,however,had but little effect in keeping down a certain amount of enthusiasm that occasionally arose from those ardent admirers of our winter pastime,whose feelings no adverse circumstances can possibly repress.Shortly before three o'clock the representatives of Cambridge University and the Clapham Rovers made their appearance on the

ground. Styan, having won the toss, drew up his followers near the entrance gate side part of the ground, and at eight minutes past three Ogilvie started the game. The Rovers at once following up, made a strong attack on the Cantabs' home, but the ball was quickly returned, and some good passing took place between the forwards of both teams. The Rovers, who had rather an uphill struggle against the wind that struck right through their ranks, kept up a succession of attacks that only failed to be mischievous through the never-failing watchfulness of Tuck, Lancashire, and Hammond, each of whom distinguished himself brilliantly throughout the day. A claim of hands by Cambridge having given Topham a free kick, the ball, out of a loose scrummage, was sent over, and the Rovers had to make a fresh start. The game continued to be carried on very evenly, each goal in turn being alternatively visited, and Hammond and that excellent custodian Birkett had to keep wide awake to guard their separate trusts from the dangers that continually threatened them. At length a combined movement in advance by Cambridge took them right over in range of the hostile fortress, when Wood, with a grand shot, sent the ball at goal, which, however, though it grazed the tape went over. At half-time ends were changed, and the Claphamites charged again and again on the devoted ranks of their opponents, but still Tuck, Lancashire, and Hammond denied all their efforts, and drove them back as often as they rushed to the assault. Though Styan, Hargreaves, Wild, Harvey, and Smith fought with unabated vigour to gain a point in favour of the University, Bailey, Ogilvie, Field, Stanley, and Growse were equally obstinate for the same purpose, till the call of time warned the competitors to cease hostilities, neither team having gained the slightest advantage whatever. Consequently, after a brief consultation with the captains, it was agreed they should continue to play for twenty minutes longer. The ball being restarted, the Rovers commenced a series of attacks that the Cantabs found great difficulty in turning aside, and at length when the game looked very much like ending in a draw, the Rovers charging almost recklessly across the ground. Stanley from the side shot the ball to Growse, which, alighting on his knee, rebounded under the tape, and as nothing further occurred, this splendid match was won by the Rovers by one solitary goal."

F: "Finding that the frost showed but little signs of relaxing its hold, Association players decided on running the risk of playing on the hard ground. Although this was very dangerous, happily no accidents have taken place, so far as we have heard, and many of the matches have produced keener struggles than have generally been witnessed under more favourable circumstances. The last day upon which matches were played in the third round was on Saturday, when the Clapham Rovers met Cambridge University and Barnes contested Oxford University. Considering the severity of the weather, the attendance was large. The interest of the spectators centred in the first-named match, which began at ten minutes to three o'clock. The Cantabs at the outset only mustered ten men, as Wood did not put in an appearance until nearly half time. The University won the toss, and elected to play during the first half of time with the wind in their favour leaving Ogilvie to kick off from the gasometer end of the ground. Aided by the wind the University soon assumed aggressive operations, Bailey and Princep rushing the ball well into the Rovers' half of the ground. It did not long remain there, however, as E.H. Topham and F.J. Tuck retaliated with one or two very fine runs into their rivals' territory. Neither side, however, seemed to kick with any very great accuracy, and the ball was repeatedly sent over the line. A free kick fell to Cambridge, and was well made by Topham, who planted the ball right in front of the posts; but an excellent piece of play by Birkett prevented anything disastrous occurring. Wood now arrived and let off with a capital shot at goal, but like so many of its predecessors, it ended in failure. Half time now arrived, and the sides crossed over. With the wind in their favour it was anticipated that the Claphamites would succeed in obtaining

something substantial. The University, however, played a capital defensive game, Topham, Tuck, and Hammond showing very fine form. The Rovers, however, made repeated attacks, and once Princep struck the tape with the ball, but it passed over. The match proceeded without anything definite accruing to either of the two teams. It was resolved therefore to continue the game for another twenty minutes. During the first part of this time the University had the wind in their favour, and the Rovers' goal had many very narrow escapes. Growse, on the other hand, made a close attack, which only missed the Cantabs' posts by a few inches. Once more ends were changed without either side having scored. With the wind in their favour the Claphamites made most persistent attacks, and about two minutes before the call of time Growse kicked the only goal of the match, and thus secured the victory for Clapham."

BL: "This match saw commencement at eight minutes to 3, the ball being set in motion by Ogilvie, who had lost the toss, from the end nearest the gasometers." "So evenly indeed were the sides balanced that neither could gain any advantage during the first portion of the game ..... "After ends were changed the Light Blues were considerably penned for some time, and on several occasions their goal only escaped destruction through the excellent play of their backs and goalkeeper, Tuck and Hammond especially distinguishing themselves. Nettled at these attacks Cambridge played up with renewed vigour and made frequent incursions into their opponents' territory. The former had, however, principally to act on the defensive, but so good did their defence prove that no disaster befell them. At the end of the usual hour and a half, as neither side had scored, it was agreed to continue for 20 minutes, a few minutes before the expiration of which time a goal was obtained for the Clapham Rovers by Growse, to whom the ball had been passed by Stanley. Thus Cambridge were defeated by one goal to none."

Clapham Rovers: R.A. Birkett (Goal); Edgar Field, R.A. M.M. Ogilvie (Capt.) (Backs); J.F.M. Princep, N.C. Bailey (Half Backs); S.W. Scott, A.J. Stanley, E.F. Growse, H.G. Payne, N. Smith, W.F. Trevelyan (Forwards).

(BL/F/SM/MP have H.G. Payne for H.S. Payne): see Second round game

Cambridge University: F.J. Tuck (Trinity), O.P. Lancashire (Jesus) (Backs), R.H. Brown (Trinity), E.H. Topham (Caius) (Half Backs), C.E. Hammond (Pembroke) (Goal), T.G. Styan (Capt.) (Trinity), W.Y. Hargreaves (Trinity Hall), H. Wood (Sydney), C.P. Harvey (Sidney), G. Murray-Smith (Jesus), E.J. Wild (John's) (Forwards).

N.B. Colleges added from AN Report

(F/SM/SL have G.F. Tuck) (F.J. Tuck was King's not Trinity)

Umpires: Major Marindin (R.E.) for Cambridge University and C.W. Alcock (Hon. Sec. and treasurer, F.A.) for Clapham Rovers. Referee: S.R. Bastard (Upton Park).

OLD ETONIANS 5 (H.C. Goodhart 2, H. Whitfeld, J.R., Sturgis 2) MINERVA 2 (W. Bain, F. Thompson) (H.T 0-2) (Sat Jan 11<sup>th</sup>) (At Kennington Oval)

Bell's Life 18/1/79 P.10/Field 18/1/79 P.67/Sporting Life 15/1/79 P.1/Sportsman 13/1/79 P.4/  
Referee 12/1/79 P.7/Sporting Gazette 18/1/78/Athletic News 15/1/79 P.3/Sheffield Daily Telegraph  
13/1/79 P.4:

BL: "Drawn together in the third round the representatives of the above clubs met at Kennington Oval, on Saturday afternoon last, to decide which shall be entitled to entry in the next stage of the cup competition. As might naturally be supposed, the ground was extremely hard, but a thin covering of snow tended somewhat to neutralise this disadvantage. Bitterly cold, the weather was by no means inviting to watchers of the game, but despite all drawbacks a fair sprinkling made their appearance, the majority of them - to judge by their demeanour - were friends of the Minerva Club. In fact could encouragement have secured success, the issue of the match would have been very different. The Old Etonians were thought by many to have an easy task before them, and although victory was very decisive, still at half-time, with two goals scored against them, their case did not look so hopeful as they would have wished. Success went with the Minerva captain in the spin of the coin, and he elected to defend the goal nearest the Gas Works, leaving the starting of the game to Kinnaird, who kicked from the Crown Baths' end at 10 minutes to 3. The ball was almost immediately taken possession of by Whitfeld, on the left, and centred, so close, indeed, to the Minerva fortress, that it seemed that the predictions for an easy victory for the light blue and white stripes were about to be strengthened. Owing to the slippery nature of the ground the kicking was somewhat erratic, and the goal escaped, although at the expense of a corner-kick, which failed, however, to be productive. The ball now paid a short visit to the Old Etonian territory, but, a chance presenting itself, Whitfeld again flew away, with the leather, and repeated his first performance. This time, after a short scrummage, the ball was kicked a yard side of the post, and went behind. So far it looked as if the Old Etonians would carry all before them, but Minerva now settled down to work, and so well did they combine that the fight for some time was kept in the enemies' territory, and Major Marindin was forced to use his hands to keep his trust inviolate. This so incited the Etonians as to cause their ensuing efforts to be of the most vigorous character. They were well met, however, by the Minerva forwards, whose passing at this period was exceedingly creditable. The ball was rapidly taken from one end to the other, but on each side the backs proved difficult to go by. At length the Etonians once more asserted their superiority, and the Minerva goal was only saved by some of the most plucky play, the ball at last going over the goal line. Following up the ball from behind the ball was made to travel well over the Etonian frontier, and ultimately kicked into goal by Ware, Major Marindin again having recourse to his hands. Several times after this the Minerva goal was assailed, but by the merest chance escaped. This want of success apparently disheartened the Etonians, who now played somewhat loosely. A capital run down the left side by Bain, carried on by Ware, took the ball to within a short distance of the Etonian goal. Here Bury attempted to remove it from its dangerous position, but missed his aim, and Ware was enabled to obtain the first goal for Minerva, amidst most enthusiastic cheers. This was after 37 minutes' play. Only a few minutes later, after a throw in from the left side, Thompson again lowered the Etonian colours. Half time was shortly called, and on ends being reversed Minerva continued to play up well, but they had a slight wind against them and were continually acting on the defensive. Only eight minutes had expired when Goodhart placed the first goal to the credit of the Etonians, and so numerous were the attacks now made upon the Minerva quarters that the latter's players began to show signs of distress. Still no further loss befell them until 4 o'clock, when Whitfeld, after some fine play on the part of Anderson and Sturgis, secured second goal for the Etonians, who gave very substantial delight at finding themselves once again on even

terms. During the remaining 20 minutes the game was all in favour of the Old Etonians, their opponents now being somewhat demoralised. Once or twice they got the ball away from their territory, but a long shot by Bury or Christian then sent it within range of their citadel. At 10 minutes past 4 Goodhart for the second time eluded the vigilance of the backs, and shot through the posts, and after a brief period Sturgis added another notch. Just before play ceased Whitfeld, after a capital dribble on the left, passed the ball to Sturgis who, by again scoring, assisted the Old Etonians to score a victory by five goals to two."

F: "The ground was very hard, and to make matters worse, there was a thin sprinkling of snow. It was the first appearance of the Minerva Club at the Oval, and the result was highly creditable to them. Eton lost the toss, and Minerva chose the side of the ground nearest the baths. For the first few minutes it seemed that the Etonians would have matters all their own way, as Whitfeld made some very good runs on the left, and several times looked like scoring. Soon after this, however, a complete change came over the game, and the Eton play having become rather slack, Minerva succeeded in kicking two goals in quick succession. This happened about ten minutes before half time. After the change of ends, the Etonians played up wonderfully well, especially Whitfeld, whose dribbling and middling were almost perfection. Goodhart, by a neat piece of dribbling, was the first to score for the Etonians, who now began scoring very rapidly. Before time was called, they obtained four more goals, kicked by Whitfeld, Goodhart, and Sturgis (two). Considering the state of the ground, the play all round was very fair. Besides the above-mentioned, Sturgis and Bury for the winners, and Ware, Thompson, and Fabian for the losers, played especially well. The referee, unfortunately, did not put in an appearance, which caused two disputes during the course of the game."

SL: "The ground was, of course, terribly hard, and a slight fall of snow rendered the surface none the better for the players, but nevertheless the game was fastish throughout. The Old Etonians having lost the toss, Kinnaird kicked off at ten minutes to three, and the Light Blues, following up the ball well, soon gained a corner kick and shortly afterwards again pressed their opponents, Whitfeld finishing a good run by only missing the goal by a shave, the ball going just outside the post. Minerva now played up better, and the game was well contested on both sides, each in turn having the best of the fight. A few minutes before the three-quarters of an hour had expired, Minerva made the first score, Bain landing a goal for them, and almost directly afterwards a well-placed kick by Thompson gave them a second. After ends had been changed the Old Etonians quickly began to equalise matters. In a few minutes they had wiped off one of the goals against them; Pares getting one, and after having had some trouble in defending their own line, the Etonians gained another, Goodhart getting the finishing touch, to a good bit of play, in which the Eton forwards were principally concerned. This made the scores even, but in the last quarter of the game the superior weight of the Etonians told, and Whitfeld landed one goal and Sturgis two putting Minerva in a minority of three when time was called. All played well—the Cambridge men, Whitfeld and Bury capitally so. Of the Minerva team, Thompson, Ware, and Bain did exceptionally good work. Weather considered, the attendance was large and a good deal of interest was shown in the match. The losers did their best, but the superior strength and weight of the Etonians enabled them to stay the longer, as may be judged from the fact that when they made their five goals in the second half of the game they had the worst of the wind."

Old Etonians:Major F.A.Marindin(Capt.)(Goal);L.Bury,E.Christian(Backs);Hon. A.F.Kinnaird,E.Lubbock (Half Backs),J.R.Sturgis,H.C.Goodhart(Centres),H.Whitfeld,R.D.Anderson(Left Wing),J.B.T.Chevalier, N.Pares(Right Wing).

Minerva:C.Peake(Goal);J.J.M'Dermott,J.M.Turner(Backs);J.Hutton,J.G.Connorton(Half Backs); F.J.Fabian,F.G.Hearne(Right Wing),F.Thompson,A.S.Leslie(Capt.)(Centres),F.Ware,W.Bain(Left Wing).

Umpires:C.W.Alcock(Wanderers) and N.L.Jackson(Finchley). Referee:"did not appear"

OLD HARROVIANS 0 NOTTINGHAM FOREST 2(A.H.Smith,S.W.Widdowson)(H.T. 0-1)(At Kennington Oval) (Tues Jan 28<sup>th</sup>)

Nottingham Evening Post 29/1/79 P.3/Nottinghamshire Guardian 31/1/79 P.12/Field 1/2/79 P.124/Bell's Life 1/2/79 P.5/Athletic News 5/2/79 P.3/ Sportsman 29/1/79 P.4/Sporting Life 29/1/79 P.3/Sporting Gazette 1/2/79/Nottingham Journal 29/1/79 P.8(Very short report):

NEP/NG:"Yesterday afternoon the Nottingham Foresters paid their first visit to the Surrey Cricket Ground in London,to meet the Old Harrovians to whom they were opposed in the third round of the above competition.A cutting north-easterly wind reduced the number of spectators to about 200, and also caused the ground to be very hard,making spills very frequent and unpleasant.R.de C.Welch won the toss for the Harrovians,and the Nottingham eleven had to play against a strong breeze.At 3.7 Widdowson kicked off for the Forest Club,and although the ground was smaller in dimensions to those they are accustomed to,the plucky play of the visitors soon elicited applause.The Harrovians were slow to start,and before many minutes had elapsed their goal had an escape from an attack by Goodyer,Jarrett just coming to the rescue in time.The Harrovians then had a little the best of the play,and some good kicks by Lowis and Harvey caused the Nottingham backs no small uneasiness.A sharp shot by Lowis was well saved by Sands,and after a short scrimmage Widdowson got well away, and some neat play by the captain and Smith resulted in the first goal for the Foresters about a quarter of an hour after the commencement.On resumption a weak piece of play by the Nottingham goal-keeper gave Colbeck a corner kick for the Harrovians,but this was unsuccessful,as was one immediately afterwards by Widdowson for the opposition.A clever run by Harvey along the right side for the Harrovians was well stopped by the Forest goal-keeper,and the ball was taken away in fine style by the Nottingham forwards.Goodyer had an excellent chance of a score for Notts,but he waited too long for his final kick.A heavy charge between Caborn and Colbeck now deprived the Foresters of the services of the former,who seemed to be stunned,and had to retire until about twenty minutes before the finish.On resuming the Harrovians made a desperate effort,and a corner by Colbeck boded ill for the Foresters,though Howell kicked the ball just outside the posts.Prior next headed the ball hard against the Nottingham bar,but the visitors held their own bravely,and just before half-time an attack of theirs was cleverly stopped by Macan.With the wind against them the Harrovians did not make such a good fight.Soon after the kick-off Widdowson hit the bar of the Harrow goal,and Goodyer had another shot only to send it a few inches over the line.Three corner kicks,two by Widdowson and Earp,fell to the Foresters in quick succession,but all failed.Some very dodgy play by Earp on the left wing was deservedly applauded,and the Foresters continued to have the best of the play although their shots at goal lacked accuracy.About ten minutes before the close two very bad mistakes on the part of the Harrovian backs and a final mistake by the goal-keeper,

gave Nottingham their second goal, and this was the last score, the Foresters thus winning by two goals to none."

F: "The reputation which the Nottingham club has gained in their own district caused most people to anticipate a most interesting match. Both sides were well represented. Harrow won the toss, and chose to play with the wind during the first half of time. At five minutes past three Widdowson set the ball rolling, and both elevens were soon busy. The visitors were the first to act decisively on the (off)ensive; but their efforts were frustrated by the determined play of Jarrett. Colbeck then passed the ball well to Lewis, who made a clever, though ineffectual attack on the Nottingham posts. The Foresters now began to play a little better together, and, through the joint efforts of Widdowson and Smith, a goal was placed to their credit. For some time the play was very fast; and the only noteworthy incident was a cessation of play, owing to an accident to Caborn, which caused him to temporarily retire from the game. Soon after this a corner kick fell to Harrow, and the ball was so well directed by Colbeck that a scrimmage ensued in front of the posts, and Howell was unfortunate enough to kick the ball a little the wrong side of the post. A little before half-time the Notts men made a combined attack upon their opponents' goal; but the danger was averted by Macan. Ends were changed, and having the wind with them, the northerners seemed bent on making the most use of it. Twice did Goodyer kick the ball a little over the bar, and once Widdowson even hit the bar itself. Three corner kicks followed, but still nothing substantial resulted from either. At last the Foresters rushed the ball down the ground, and, as both R.C. Welch and the goalkeeper failed to stop the ball, the game ended in a victory for Notts by two goals to none. The Foresters showed good form throughout; and, judging from their play, on this and former occasions, they stand a good chance of winning the Cup this year."

BL: At Kennington Oval on Tuesday afternoon the above clubs, drawn together in the third round of the Association Cup competition, met to decide which should be entitled to entry in the next stage. So great a reputation had the Foresters gained by the manner in which they defeated the Nottingham and Sheffield clubs in the earlier ties, that it was fully anticipated that the present match would prove attractive to those fond of watching the Association game. Owing, however, to the severity of the weather, and the consequent doubt in many minds as to the practicability of playing the match, there was but a small gathering on the Surrey Cricket Ground, the frosty state of which caused matters to be somewhat dangerous, and a fall a thing by no means to be desired. The game throughout was moderately fast, but, despite the fact that Widdowson, the Notts captain, was still suffering from the accident received in the match against Edinburgh University, and that the services of Caborn (back) had to be dispensed with for a while, the visitors were more than a match for the old Harrow boys, who were certainly well represented. The choice of positions fell to the Old Harrovians, whose captain wisely elected to defend the goal nearest to the gasometers, from which direction the wind was blowing. At five minutes past 3 Widdowson kicked off on behalf of the Foresters, whose play was for a short time somewhat wild. This enabled the Harrovians to keep the ball principally in their opponents' quarters, Lewis, Prior, and Harvey making themselves conspicuous by some good runs. At length the position of affairs was changed, and a good shot on the part of Goodyer was only just averted by Jarrett, whose play throughout was of a lively description. Again the Harrovians forced the fighting, and at one time seemed certain to score; but Sands succeeded in stopping a shot by Lewis, to whom Colbeck had muddled the ball. This narrow escape so incited the Foresters as to cause them to redouble their efforts, and Widdowson, securing possession, dribbled the leather from the centre close to the Harrow posts, through which Smith, who came up in the nick of time, safely placed

it. After a corner kick to each side, both of which proved fruitless, Harvey, by a very fine run along the right wing, threatened to be dangerous; but again getting the ball under their control, the Notts forwards, passing splendidly, quickly caused the Harrovians to fall back. About this period hostilities were for a few minutes suspended in consequence of an accident to Caborn, who, coming into collision with Colbeck, received so severe a blow as to necessitate his leaving the field, to which, however, he returned during the latter portion of the game. The Old Harrovians now seriously menaced their opponents' goal, but did not meet with any reward, a corner by Colbeck sending the ball just outside the right post, and Prior a few minutes later hitting the cross-bar. At half time, the call of which found the ball at the Harrovians' end, Notts had the advantage of one goal, and on ends being changed quickly asserted their superiority. With the wind to aid them the northern forwards took the ball well into the opposing side's quarters, and after Goodyer had twice narrowly missed scoring, Widdowson sent the ball against the cross-bar, being eventually removed by the goal-keeper. The Foresters continued to have the best of the game, and in rapid succession three corner kicks fell to their share. Neither of them proved of much use, although well directed, and presently Smith failed to avail himself of an opportunity of scoring, after a fine run by Widdowson. All round the passing was good on behalf of the Foresters, and their combined attacks were only prevented from being successful by the vigilance of the Harrow backs. On one occasion, however, R.C. Welch missed the ball, and the goalkeeper was left to save his side. This he failed to do, and thus a second goal fell to the Nottingham club, Widdowson administering the final kick. In the end the Harrovians were defeated by two goals to none."

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

Nottingham Forest: J. Sands (Goal); C. J. Caborn (Back); E. Luntley, W. Luntley (Three Quarter Backs), M. Holroyd, A. J. Bates (Half Backs); A. H. Smith, A. C. Goodyer (Right), S. W. Widdowson (Capt.) (Centre), + F. W. Earp, J. P. Turner (Left).

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Umpires: W. R. Lymbery (Notts Forest) and S. R. Bastard (Upton Park). Referee: C. W. Alcock (Wanderers)

REMNANTS 2 (E. M. Hawtrey 2) DARWEN 3 (T. Bury, J. Love 2) (H. T. 1-1) (F. T. 2-2) (Thurs Jan 30<sup>th</sup>) (At Kennington Oval)

Field 1/2/79 P.124/Bell's Life 1/2/79 P.5/Sportsman 31/1/79 P.4/Sporting Life 1/2/79 P.4/Sporting Gazette 1/2/79/Athletic News 5/2/79 P.3:

F: "It was little expected probably that this match in the third ties for the Challenge Cup would prove as interesting as it did. It was played at Kennington Oval on Thursday last in most unfavourable weather. Half past two was the hour announced for commencement and twenty-five minutes from this time the captain of the Remnants kicked off from the western goal against the wind. Not long after the start the Darwen men commenced aggressive operations. The unselfish passing of the northerners was especially a feature which clubs in the south of England may imitate with advantage. Both sides, however, were weak in accuracy of kicking. A good run by Keyser and Dear

took the ball down in close proximity to the northern goal, and E.M. Hawtrey rushed it through. This caused the Lancastrians to play up with great determination, and before half-time had arrived Marshall passed the ball to Bury, who cleverly shot it between the posts. From now to the change of ends the play was very fast; but no further goal was kicked. Afterwards the play, so far as the scoring was concerned, proved a counterpart of the first period of the game. M. Hawtrey kicked a goal for the Remnants and Love performed the same kind of office for Darwen. At the call of time, therefore, nothing decisive was arrived at. After a little time had been wasted in disputes, whether the game should be prolonged or postponed to another day, it was resolved to continue it for another half hour. The play was now faster than ever, and the ball was kicked against an unhappy Remnant, off whom it bounded between the posts. The Southerners strove hard to repair their loss, but without success, and at the call of time Darwen were pronounced victors by three goals to two."

BL: "Despite the bitterly cold weather of (Wednesday: in fact Thursday), one of the most interesting of the contests that have yet been played in the competition for the above cup was witnessed by a mere handful of people at Kennington Oval. The match was between the representatives of the Darwen and Remnants Clubs, drawn together in the third round, and the match was so stubbornly contested that the usual hour and a half proved insufficient to bring the affair to a decisive issue. The hard ground was covered with sleet which fell previous to and nearly the whole of the time the encounter occupied, so that it will be readily understood everything was unfavourable to excellence of play. Notwithstanding, each side worked with such determination that the game turned out surprisingly fast. It had been arranged to commence at half past 2, but although the Lancastrians were ready even before that time, a start could not be effected until a few minutes to 3, owing to the tardy arrival of some of the Remnants. The Darwen captain won the toss, and sought the assistance of a stiffish breeze, leaving the Remnants to set the ball in motion from the end nearest the Crown Baths. During the first few moments Darwen played rather loosely, and the ball was frequently found at their end, but no greater success was achieved by the Remnants than two corner kicks, which, entrusted to Hitchcock and Hawtrey respectively, were unproductive of anything further. Darwen now showed greater energy, and in turn became the attacking party. As with the majority of the northerners, passing in the most unselfish manner was freely indulged in, Gledhill, Marshall, Love, and Bury showing up conspicuously in several incursions made towards the Remnants' goal. The back play of the Remnants left room for improvement, and thus their citadel was once or twice in danger, but the shots made by the northerners were somewhat erratic. Frequent combined rushes were made by the Remnants' forwards, but, although they succeeded in breaking through their opponents' lines, the backs proved difficult to pass. On behalf of the Remnants Hawke, Orlebar, Keyser and Dear dribbled in capital style, and it was after a fine run by the two last named that E.M. Hawtrey succeeded in scoring first goal. Nothing daunted by this turn of affairs, Darwen played with even more energy than before, and the Remnants' backs and goalkeeper were kept continually employed, the latter having to use his hands on several occasions. Getting the ball away, however, a rush of the Remnants' forwards took it right over; but Duxbury was on the alert, and averted the threatened danger. For a brief period the fight went on in neutral territory, but at last Marshall, getting clear, made a fine run on the right wing and then passing the ball to Bury, the latter was able to head it under the Remnants' crossbar. From now to half time the game was somewhat in favour of Darwen, who, however, were unable to gain any further decisive advantage, and thus on ends being (changed) each side started on equal terms. Although the wind now aided the Remnants, they were considerably penned by the Lancastrians for a short time. At last a miskick by one of the

Darwen half-backs gave the southerners an opportunity, and, sweeping down, they seemed about to score, when Duxbury shot out from goal and saved his charge. The ball was immediately made to travel to the opposite end where the struggle continued until E.M. Hawtrey, extricating the leather from its dangerous position, took it cleverly down the centre, and was not dispossessed until he had planted it safely between the (Darwen) posts. As time advanced, and the Remnants still had a powerful ally in the wind, everything looked in favour of the southerners, to whose share two corner kicks fell. Still Darwen were not to be denied, and roused by the indefatigable exertions of Gledhill and Marshall, their forwards again turned the tide against the Remnants. Two corner kicks, although well directed, met with no reward, but at length, after a splendid struggle in the centre, Gledhill got the ball away on the left, and placing it right in front of goal Love was enabled to make matters level as they still were when time was called. After a somewhat lengthy discussion as to the advisability of proceeding with the game, it was agreed to play for another half hour. This time the Remnants won the toss, and left Darwen to set the ball in motion with the wind behind them. The kick off was well returned and a rush of Remnants' forwards threatened to be destructive; but the northerners quickly transferred the game to the other end, and in ten minutes, after a neat bit of passing by Gledhill and Marshall, a goal was placed to their credit, the ball, kicked by Love, glancing off one of the opposing backs. Ends were reversed at the close of a quarter of an hour, but beyond a couple of corner kicks to the Remnants, nothing further transpired, and Darwen retired winners of a capital contest by three goals to two. The winners, who are a good working eleven, although rather light forward, have to meet the Old Etonians in the fourth round. On behalf of the losers it is but fair to state that they were deprived of perhaps their best forward E.H. Parry."

Remnants: W.F. Hawtrey (Capt.), Hon. M.B. Hawke (Centres), L.B. Keyser, A. Orlebar (Left), E.M. Hawtrey, A. Dear (Right), W.L. Hitchcock, J.F. Flowers (Half Backs), T. French, E.B. Cooper (Backs), Rev. W. Blackmore (Goal).

Darwen: J. Duxbury (Goal); F. Suter, W. Brindle (Backs); W.H. Moorhouse, J. Knowles (Capt.) (Half Backs); T. Marshall, J. Love (Right), J. Gledhill, W. Kirkham (Centres), T. Bury, R. Kirkham (Left).

Umpires: W.T. Walsh (Darwen) and A.S. Bambridge (Swifts). Referee: C.W. Alcock (Wanderers).

OXFORD UNIVERSITY 2 (H.F. Blaine, "Loose scrummage") BARNES 1 (W. Dorling) (H.T. 2-0) (Sat Feb 1<sup>st</sup>) (At Kennington Oval: 1 of 2)

Field 8/2/79 P.146/Bell's Life 8/2/79 P.5/Sporting Life 5/2/79 P.1/Sportsman 3/2/79 P.4/Athletic News 5/2/79 P.3/Sporting Gazette 8/2/79/Referee 2/2/79 P.5/Morning Post 3/2/79 P.7:

F: "When the match between Cambridge University and Clapham Rovers had been in progress for as near as possible a third of the prescribed time, that bearing the above title, also in the third round of the cup competition, was commenced along the upper end of the ground. It was though, and not unreasonably, that a large number of spectators would be attracted to the scene of action; but so interesting had the first match evidently become, that the majority of those present preferred to remain where they were. Oxford were certainly not well represented, and owing to a slight mistake made in a telegraphic message had to begin operations with only ten players. Under these circumstances the Barnes Club's chances of victory looked somewhat rosy, especially when the

manner they contested their tie with Upton Park in the second round was taken into consideration. Fortunately for the Dark Blues, one of their most useful backs, W.S. Rawson, put in a late appearance, and thus the material strength of the opposing teams was evenly balanced. Oxford having won the toss elected to first defend the goal nearest the Crown Baths, and at 3.3(0) Dorling, on behalf of Barnes, started the leather. Favoured by the wind, the Oxonians had little difficulty in returning the ball to the centre of play, where for a short time the struggle ensued. Barnes had continually to resort to defensive tactics, but the constant rushes of Oxford were well met by Kennedy and Weston. After ten minutes had transpired, however, Guy, backed up by Hill and Blaine, ran the ball close under the enemies' fortress, and, a chance presenting itself, Blaine shot between the posts, gaining the first goal for Oxford. Almost directly the ball was restarted, it was made to travel back towards the Barnes' goal, but an impetuous forward sent it out. Dorling had the throw in, which did not favour the Barnes team much, as soon afterwards a scrum was carried on in front of their goal. A claim of hands then gave Waddington a free kick, which proved unproductive; and, elated with their escape, the Barnes men fought most energetically in the hopes of equalising matters. In this they were doomed to disappointment, and shortly after 4, despite the active services of Dorling, Muspratt, Wylie, and Kennedy, the ball was sent between the posts by one of the Oxford forwards out of a loose scrum. This incited Barnes to redouble their efforts, but on ends being changed, Oxford started the second half with an advantage of two goals. Although against the wind Oxford were continually at their opponents' end; but all their attacks were successfully repelled. Nothing daunted by the position of affairs, Barnes played up with great determination, and at last a combined movement, in which W.S. Morice, Hudson, and Dorling, were the most prominent actors, took the ball to the Oxford end. In spite of those surrounding him, Morice middled very finely to Dorling, who, as usual, did not allow the chance to escape him. Twenty minutes were still left, but, although each side made strenuous efforts to score again, nothing of a decisive character transpired, and the Oxonians left the field the winners of a capital game by two goals to one."

BL: "The match between the representatives of these two clubs, to decide which should be entitled to entry into the fourth round, began at half past 3. Oxford won the toss and elected to defend the goal nearest the gasometers, leaving Barnes to kick off from the Harleyford Road end. The University at once assumed the aggressive, and after 10 minutes' play, Blain, supported by Hills and Guy, scored first goal, this being the only score obtained before half time. On ends being changed Barnes performed much more vigorously than before, but their colours were, for a second time, lowered, the ball being sent through the posts out of a loose scrum. Nothing daunted Barnes continued to play up hard, and presently their efforts met with due reward, a goal being obtained for them by Dorling. Encouraged by this success Barnes strove hard to equalise matters, but failed in their endeavours, and were consequently defeated by two goals to one."

SL: "The Oxford captain won the toss, and took possession of the Harleyford-road goal. At half-past three Barnes kicked off, and in ten minutes from the commencement Baine landed a goal for the University. For some while after the play was pretty even, the Barnes backs and half-backs especially distinguishing themselves by their hard work. A second goal for Oxford was gained after about half an hour's play, the ball being got through out of a bad scrum. After half time Barnes was for some time a good deal pressed, but rallying well, finished a good bit of play by scoring a goal, Morice middling the ball to Dorling, who sent it through. At time Oxford had won by two goals to one."

Oxford University: E.W. Waddington (Oriol) (Capt.), A.W.F. Wilson (Exeter) (Half Backs), C.W. Wilson (Exeter), W.S. Rawson (Christ Church) (Backs), J. Eyre (Keble) (Goal), A.F. Hills (University), G.B. Childs (Magdalen), H.F. Blaine (Brasenose), F.G. Guy (Magdalen), E.H. Hill (Oriol), C.W. Howe (Trinity) (Forwards).

N.B. Colleges added from AN.

Barnes: W. Dorling (Capt.), D.J. Wylie, H. Weston (Half Backs), A.G. Kennedy, J.P. Muspratt (Backs), C.J. Morice (Goal), W.S. Morice, H.A. Hudson, A. Back, C.L. Johnstone, H. Brougham (Forwards).

Umpires: R.D. Anderson (Old Etonians) for Oxford and E.H. Bambridge (Swifts) for Barnes.

Referee: P. Fairclough (Old Foresters)

SWIFTS, a bye

#### FOURTH ROUND:

Field 1/2/79 P.124: "On Thursday evening the Committee met to draw the fourth ties. The following was the result:-

Cambridge University or Clapham Rovers v Swifts

Old Etonians v Darwen

Oxford University or Barnes v Nottingham Forest

All these matches must be played at Kennington Oval, and the Fourth Round must be completed on or before Feb 28. After the conclusion of the Third Round admission to the ground will be one shilling."

CLAPHAM ROVERS 8 (A.J. Stanley, N.C. Bailey 2, S.W. Scott 2, "loose bully", H. Leaf (o.g.), F.S. Rawson)  
SWIFTS 1 (J. Bain) (H.T. 3-1) (Sat Mar 8<sup>th</sup>) (At Kennington Oval : 2<sup>nd</sup> of 2)

Bell's Life 15/3/79 P.5/Field 15/3/79 P.302/Sportsman 10/3/79 P.4/Sporting Gazette 15/3/79/  
Sporting Life 12/3/79 P.3/Referee 10/3/79 P.6/Nottinghamshire Guardian 14/3/79 P.12/Sheffield  
Daily Telegraph 10/3/79 P.4/Morning Post 10/3/79 P.2:

BL: "On the conclusion of the preceding match the representatives of the clubs above named met to decide the question of superiority. Although the Swifts have gained a reputation for determined and excellent play, the result was not altogether a matter for surprise. The Rovers lost the toss and a few minutes after 3 saw the ball started by Ogilvie.

After a quarter of an hour, during which time matters had been somewhat in favour of the Rovers, a throw in by Bailey gave Stanley an opportunity, which was not lost, and a goal resulted, to which another was quickly added by Scott. Not long after this the retirement of E.H. Bambridge, through an accident, was rendered necessary, and for the rest of the time the Swifts played one man short. A

third goal was scored for the Rovers by Bailey;and just before half time Bain,from a kick by Leaf gained the only success achieved by the Swifts.After change of ends the Rovers had matters all their own way.Scott,Leaf(own goal),Bailey and Rawson each obtained a goal and another was scored out of a scrummage,so that at the call of time the Rovers were left victors by eight goals to one."

F"This match played on the same day and the same place(at the Oval),formed a striking contrast to its predecessor(Old Etonians v Darwen Replay),and needs but little description.The Clapham Rovers put a powerful team into the field,and the Swifts,early in the game,were unfortunate in losing the services of E.H.Bambridge,who was so badly hurt,he had to be taken off the ground.The Rovers carried all before them,and,notwithstanding the fact that the Swifts played in a most determined manner,they were clearly overmatched,and sustained a defeat by eight goals to one."

SL:"This match in the fourth ties was played at Kennington Oval on Saturday last.W.S.Bambridge won the toss,and Ogilvie kicked off from the Clayton-street side at three minutes past four.After playing for a quarter of an hour,Stanley,from a throw in by Bailey,gained the first goal,for the Rovers. The latter at once began to show their superiority,and heavy charges followed in rapid succession.At length an unfortunate accident occurred to E.H.Bambridge and that player had to be carried off the field,his services being consequently lost to his side for the rest of the play.Soon after this unlucky incident Rawson,Growse,and Scott ran down the ball,the last-named player adding another goal to the Rovers' score,and about ten minutes later on Bailey followed the same example.Shortly before half-time Bain,from a kick by Leaf,obtained the only goal gained by the Swifts during the match.On changing ends the Rovers completely overpowered their opponents-who,however,worked hard-and five more goals were quickly added to the three previously scored by the Rovers-the first out of a loose bully,the second by Scott,the next through the ball rebounding off Leaf,the fourth by Bailey, and the last by Rawson."

Clapham Rovers:R.H.Birkett(Goal);Edgar Field,R.A.M.M.Ogilvie(Capt.)(Backs);  
N.C.Bailey,J.F.M.Princep (Half Backs);S.W.Scott,C.E.Keith-Falconer(Left Wing),  
E.F.Growse,W.F.Trevelyan(Centres),A.J.Stanley,F.L.Rawson(Right Wing).

(D.Trevelyan NG/BL/MP )( J.Trevelyan SM/SG/SDT )(W.F.Trevelyan F/SL)

Swifts:W.S.Bambridge(Capt.)(Goal);E.H.Bambridge,C.G.Colvin(Backs);W.Nicholls,A.L.Bambridge  
(Half Backs),E.C.Bambridge,A.J.C.Parry(Left Wing),H.Leaf,H.Vassall(Centres),F.L.Govett,  
J.Bain(Right Wing).

N.B.F.L.Govett and F.A.Govett both played for Bradfield Waifs and Swifts as forwards:it appears  
F.L.Govett played in this game.

Umpires:C.H.R.Wollaston(Wanderers) for Clapham Rovers and A.J.Wake(Swifts).  
Referee:J.Kirkpatrick(Civil Service).

OLD ETONIANS 5 (H.Whitfeld,E.Christian,H.C.Goodhart 3)  
DARWEN 5 ((W.)Kirkham,J.Love 2,T.Marshall,"Scrummage")(H.T. 5-1)(Thurs Feb 13<sup>th</sup>)(At Kennington  
Oval)

Sportsman 14/2/79 P.4/Field 15/2/79 P.178/Bell's Life 15/2/79 P.5/Athletic News 19/2/79 P.8/  
Sheffield Independent 14/2/79 P.4/Sporting Life 15/2/79 P.4/Sporting Gazette 15/2/79/(Not traced  
in Blackburn Standard):

SM:"A wet afternoon greeted the meeting of these two clubs at Kennington Oval yesterday to decide the first match of the fourth ties. Darwen played precisely the same eleven that had defeated the Remnants in the previous round, but the Old Etonians did not muster their full strength in the absence of Hon. A. Lyttelton, Messrs +Bury (who we regret to hear has met with an accident that is likely to disable him for the remainder of the season) and Novelli. The ground was very greasy from the heavy rains of late, and there was a strong wind blowing down from the pavilion which made the toss a matter of some importance. The captain of the Old Etonians won the choice of ends, and he elected to defend the goal in front of the press box, with the wind at his back. At two minutes to three o'clock, nearly half an hour after the time fixed, Darwen set the ball in motion, before perhaps a couple of hundred spectators. The Etonians, who were much the heavier team, making the best of the advantage they had, were soon busy, and the dribbling of Whitfeld, together with the runs of Goodhart and Chevalier, proved a source of great anxiety to the Lancastrian backs. Kinnaird's throw ins from touch were also of great use to the Etonians, and at length from one of these throws Whitfeld was able to secure the first downfall of the Darwen goal. Play was resumed, but the Etonians were still in the ascendant and within a few minutes a well directed shot by Christian resulted in the second score for the Old Etonians. The Darwen forwards, who had at first been a little wild in their play, now settled down, and after a good run by Marshall down the right side, and a judicious middle by the same player, Bury nearly secured a goal for Darwen, the ball passing over the bar. Again Bury distinguished himself by a smart kick which passed a few feet outside the Eton posts, but a quick rush by Goodhart and Chevallier sent the ball into Darwen territory, and from another throw in by Kinnaird Novelli headed the third goal for the Etonians. Undeterred by these reverses, the Darwens played up pluckily, Suter at back being especially cool and quick. Some good passing was shown by the northern forwards, and at last a general rush produced a scrummage in front of the Etonians' posts, through which the ball was ultimately forced amidst considerable applause. For a short time the play was very vigorous on both sides, but the throwing in from touch of the Etonians, in addition to well-directed corner kicks, proved irresistible, and Goodhart twice headed the ball between the Darwen posts, besides having one goal disallowed on the ground of a previous infringement of hands. With four goals to the good the Etonians changed ends, and there seemed to be a very remote chance of Darwen saving the match. For a few minutes after the reversal of positions the Etonians held their own, but they gradually fell off in their exertions forward, and the backs failed to kick with quite the same accuracy as during the first half. The Lancashire team, indeed, seemed to be in better condition than their opponents, and they had all the best of the game towards the last. Well don, in attempting to save a throw in by Moorhouse, unfortunately headed the ball through his own posts, and this score of Darwen was soon increased by a third goal headed by Love. The game now proved more exciting, and presently, after a heavy scrummage, the ball was rushed through the Eton posts for the fourth time. The ball had been undeniably handled by Kinnaird, during the bully, but the Darwen team denied having claimed hands, and the umpire gave it a goal, not by any means a satisfactory score. Not very many minutes now remained, but there was sufficient to allow Love to make the game even, and with the fifth goal to Darwen the match ceased, ending in a draw. Goodhart played energetically for the Etonians, but the forwards generally were not up to their best form, and with the exception of Christian, the backs were hardly so telling as usual.

Suter played very well back for Darwen, and the other forwards all passed well, Bury and Marshall being perhaps the most conspicuous."

+But he played in all the remaining ties!

F: "On Thursday last this tie in the fourth round for the Challenge Cup was played at Kennington Oval. The weather was most unfavourable and the attendance not particularly large. The goals were placed at the western side of the ground. Eton won the toss and elected to defend the northern goal for the first part of the match, and at six minutes to three Darwen set the ball rolling. Soon after the start a run by Bury (Darwen) threatened to be destructive, but the shot at goal fell wide of the mark. Eton then played up hard, but for some considerable time they did not have matters all their own way. At length, however, they succeeded in penning their opponents, and, from a throw in by Kinnaird, Whitfeld managed to score first goal at five minutes past three. The Etonians now kept the ball for some time in their opponents' ground, and before half time four others were secured for them (one kicked by Christian and three by Goodhart), while one solitary goal represented the Darwens. It thus appeared that Eton would have matters pretty much their own way, and at the change of ends most people were confident of their success. A surprise, however, was in store. Darwen played up pluckily, and out of loose scrimmages they were able to obtain four other goals. Both teams struggled hard to get an additional goal, but neither were successful in doing so, and at the call of time the match was left drawn. We understand that the teams will again meet on March 8."

BL: "The weather was of a most miserable description, and the ground, owing to the heavy rains experienced lately, in very slippery condition, causing accurate kicking and good runs to be extremely difficult. Darwen was represented by the same eleven which successfully contended with the Remnants in the previous round, but the Old Etonians were deprived of the services of the Hon. A. Lyttelton, Messrs Novelli and L. Bury, the latter having met with an accident which, we regret to hear is likely to prevent his appearance on the football field again this season. The choice of goals having fallen to the Etonian captain, he elected to play from the end nearest the press box, and a few minutes before 3 the ball was set on its way by Darwen, who had a stiffish breeze against them. The ball was well followed up, and a good run on the left by Bury and Kirkham threatened the Eton lines, but the ball went harmlessly over the line several yards from the post. On both sides the kicking was rather wild, more particularly on the part of Darwen, and the ball was more frequently than usual sent into touch. Kinnaird's throws in were exceedingly good, and from one of them Whitfeld was enabled to score first goal for Eton. A few minutes later, after some capital play by Whitfeld and Bonsor, a second goal was secured by Christian. Soon after the kick off a fine bit of passing by Marshall and Love took the ball into Etonian territory, and the former cleverly middling to Bury, a goal seemed imminent but the shot went about a foot from the right post. A rush of the Eton forwards now sent the fight to the opposite end, and from another throw in by Kinnaird a third goal was obtained by Goodhart, who headed the ball through. Nothing daunted by these reverses, Darwen continued to play with great determination and presently a rush of their forwards, conspicuous amongst whom were Gledhill, Marshall and Love, carried the ball in front of the Eton posts, through which it was quickly passed. The passing of the northerners was at this time extremely good, but the play of Whitfeld, Chevalier, Goodhart, Kinnaird and Christian kept the ball principally at the Darwen end. Before half time the ball was headed through thrice by Goodhart from corner kicks but one of the goals was disallowed on the plea that "hands" was claimed previously. Having four goals in

hand,Eton were looked on as being certain to win,but with the change of ends came a change of fortune.The Darwen team improved considerably,and although their repeated attacks were resisted for a time,Eton began to show a great falling off.A throw-in by Moorhouse was so well directed,that Welldon in attempting to alter the ball's course headed it through,and then Love headed a third goal for Darwen shortly afterwards.A fourth,forced through after a scrimmage,was disputed on the ground that Darwen had claimed "hands",but a denial coming from the northern team the umpire allowed the goal.Matters now became very exciting as there were but a few minutes left.During this time Darwen again scored,and thus the match terminated in a draw each side having scored five goals."

SI:"Yesterday this match,the first of the fourth round,was played at Kennington Oval,in London.The ground was very slippery,and rain fell throughout the game,so that the play was not as fast as it would otherwise have been.The Etonians won the toss,and at 2.58 Darwen kicked off against a strong wind.Before twenty minutes had elapsed Whitfeld,(E.Christian),and Goodhart had each got a goal for the Etonians.Kirkham then scored for Darwen,but the Etonians used their weight to advantage,and before half-time Goodhart had twice kicked the ball through the Darwen posts.When ends were changed the Etonians stood five goals to one,but with the wind to help them the northerners had things all their own way and there was great excitement as they increased their score.Love kicked two goals,Marshall one,and another was got by a general scrimmage,so that at the end of an hour and a half the result was a tie,each side having obtained five goals."

Old Etonians:Major F.A.Marindin(Capt.)(Goal);J.E.C.Welldon,H.H.Calvert(Backs);  
Hon. A.F.Kinnaid,E.Christian(Half Backs);H.Whitfeld,R.D.Anderson(Left),  
A.G.Bonsor,H.C.Goodhart(Centres),J.B.T.Chevalier,H.B.Sedgwick(Right).

Darwen:J.Duxbury(Goal);F.Suter,W.Brindle(Backs);W.H.Moorhouse,J.Knowles(Capt.)(Half Backs);  
T.Marshall,J.Love(Right),J.Gledhill,W.Kirkham(Centres),T.Bury,R.Kirkham(Left).

Umpire:C.W.Alcock

REPLAY:

OLD ETONIANS 2 (C.J.Clerke,H.Whitfeld) DARWEN 2(R.Kirkham,T.Bury)(H.T. 1-1)(F.T. 2-2) (After Extra Time)(Sat Mar 8<sup>th</sup>)(At Kennington Oval:1<sup>st</sup> of 2)(Played before the Clapham Rovers v Swifts Match:see above)

Athletic News 12/3/79 P.3/Field 15/3/79 P.302/Bell's Life 15/3/78 P.5/Sporting Gazette 15/3/78/Blackburn Standard 15/3/79 P.6/Sportsman 10/3/79 P.4/Sporting Life 12/3/79 P.3/Referee 10/3/79 P.6:

AN:"In beautiful spring-like weather,a match between the above teams in the fourth round of the above competition,left drawn on the 13<sup>th</sup> ult.,was resumed at Kennington Oval on Saturday last, when,after playing for two hours,the game was once more left undecided,each team having scored two goals,and they will consequently meet again on some future occasion yet to be named.The Etonians,having won the toss,elected to commence the action from the Crown Baths side of the ground,and at 2.14 W.Kirkham started the game.The Etonians at once returned the ball and,after a

skirmish which lasted about eight minutes, Clark gained the first point in favour of the College. On recommencing a smart run by T. Bury took him over to the Eton goal, when, having middled the ball to Love, the latter kicked over, and L. Bury made a fresh start. The Darwenites, well supporting each other, then made a dashing attack on the Eton goal line, and, at a quarter to three, R. Kirkham, out of a fierce scrimmage that ensued, sent the ball between the posts. The Lancashire team made repeated attempts to force their way through the Eton backs, but whenever they did succeed in reaching the desired haven Marindin was always ready to receive them, and they were compelled to retire to their own quarters again. The game continued to be carried on with great spirit until half-time, when ends were changed. The warning cry "Are you ready!" having been given, L. Bury, with one of his powerful kicks, sent the ball far into the distance, but an equally fine shot by Suter drove it back to the Etonian goal, when, after a brisk *melée* (in which Sedgwick, Kinnaird, Goodhart, and Christian on one side, and Knowles, Gledhill, and the Kirkhams on the other, shone prominently forward), Sturgis, Chevalier, and Whitfeld, making a brilliant charge, succeeded in reaching the Darwen citadel, and Whitfeld was instrumental in driving the ball under the bar. The Etonians, with one goal to the good, now penned their adversaries considerably, and nothing but the admirable watchfulness of Duxbury, saved them from frequent defeat. At length the Lancashire men, working bravely together to try and equalise matters, were rewarded with success shortly before time was called, when T. Bury, having received the ball from Gledhill, rushed it through. It was then mutually agreed that they should continue to play for an extra half hour, but although the Etonians might have taken advantage of one or two opportunities that offered themselves, at the end of the stipulated time nothing had occurred to alter the condition of affairs; they will, therefore, have to fight their battle over again for the third time as previously mentioned."

F: "Football, like cricket, is a game of surprises. When the draw was first made few people would have picked out the Lancashire Club as one that would be left in until the fourth ties, or that they would make so gallant a fight as they have done. Already they have met foemen of no mean ability, and twice have they been pitted against the Old Etonians, without this celebrated club being able to overthrow them. The second meeting, on the 8<sup>th</sup> inst., at Kennington Oval, was held under favourable circumstances, both in point of ground and weather. Play began at a quarter past two, when the Old Etonians, who had won the toss, defended the westernmost goal, and W. Kirkham kicked off. At the outset it appeared as though Eton would carry all before them, as rushing the ball into their opponents' quarters, (Clerke) kicked first goal for them. Darwen now played a little better together, and, after some good passing on the part of the Burys, the ball was middled to Love, who kicked it over the tape. By no means disheartened at this disappointment, the Darwen men continued to attack their rivals' fortress; and when half an hour had elapsed, R. Kirkham kicked a goal for them out of a severe scrimmage. The score now being even, the play became faster than ever, and the Lancashire forwards now made repeated attempts to get past the Etonian backs, but in vain, and when half-time was called, the score remained unaltered. Ends were changed, and the second half of play formed a counterpart of the first. As before the Etonians were the first to act on the offensive, and a combined rush by Sturgis, Chevalier, and Whitfeld ended in a second goal for their side. The Etonians now seemed not only likely to hold their own, but it looked extremely probable that they would add to their advantage. The skillfulness of Duxbury, however, enabled Darwen to keep their goal intact, and the play proceeded until nearly the expiration of the stipulated time, when the hearts of the Lancashire men present were gladdened by a goal for their side, the result of combined play on the part of Gledhill and T. Bury. At the call of time the game was left drawn, and, although it was

prolonged for an extra half hour, no definite result could be arrived at. A third meeting will take place this afternoon at Kennington Oval."

BL: "Having won the toss the Old Etonians elected to first defend the goal nearest the Crown Baths side of the ground, and W. Kirkham set the ball in motion on behalf of Darwen, who had to commence with the sun in their eyes. Suffering from this disadvantage the Darwen men were slow to settle down, and at first the game went slightly in favour of their opponents. Whitfeld made some good runs along the left side and several times the ball approached to within reach of the Darwen goal, but the back play prevented anything like a disaster for some time, Suter's kicking being especially accurate. At length Whitfeld cut his way through the opposing lines, and shot the ball under the tape. This unexpected reverse caused the Lancashire representatives to play up in most determined style, and principally due to the exertions of Gledhill, Bury and R. Kirkham, the latter was enabled to equalise matters. Half an hour had now transpired, and during the quarter of an hour that remained of the first portion of the game, no decisive advantage was gained by either side. On ends being changed the Etonians repeatedly attacked the Darwen goal which was kept intact solely through the excellence of Duxbury's defence. The play was very fast, but the Darwen forwards were hardly so quick on the ball as on the previous occasion, and they had principally to pursue defensive tactics. At length a rush of the Etonian forwards again imperilled the Darwen stronghold, and before the ball could be taken away, Clerke had planted it safely between the posts. After the kick off the Etonians still had the best of the game but some fine passing by Bury, Gledhill and the Kirkhams brought the ball in front of the Eton goal, through which it was forced by Bury. Matters were now growing very exciting, as each side claimed two goals. No alteration took place in the score during the remainder of the hour and a half, and it was agreed to continue for 30 minutes. During this period nothing of a decisive nature occurred, and the match was for the second time left drawn."

Old Etonians: Major F. A. Marindin (Capt.) (Goal); L. Bury, Hon. A. F. Kinnaird (Half Backs); E. Christian, J. C. T. Welldon (Backs); H. Whitfeld, J. B. T. Chevalier (Left Wing), J. R. Sturgis, H. C. Goodhart (Centres), C. J. Cerke, H. B. Sedgwick (Right Wing).

Darwen: J. Duxbury (Goal); F. Suter, W. Brindle (Backs); J. Knowles (Capt.), W. H. Moorhouse (Half Backs); J. Gledhill, W. Kirkham, R. Kirkham, T. Bury, J. Love, T. Marshall (Forwards).

(BL has W. Rendall for W. Brindle) (BS/SG have T. Marshall for T. Williams)

Umpires: R. D. Anderson (Old Etonians) and W. T. Walsh (Sec. D. F. C.).  
Referee: C. W. Alcock (Hon. Sec. and Treasurer, Football Association).

#### SECOND REPLAY:

OLD ETONIANS 6 (H. C. Goodhart 2, C. J. Clerke, H. B. Sedgwick 2, H. Whitfeld)  
DARWEN 2 (F. Suter, T. Marshall) (H. T. 3-1) (Sat Mar 15<sup>th</sup>) (At Kennington Oval)

Bell's Life 22/3/79 P.5/Athletic News 19/3/79 P.6/Sportsman 17/3/79 P.4/Morning Post 17/3/79 P.2/Sporting Life 19/3/79 P.3/Referee 16/3/79 P.6/Blackburn Standard 22/3/79 P.3/The Times 17/3/79 P.6:

BL: "The weather was exceedingly favourable, and the ground in admirable condition, but contrary to expectation the game proved considerably less interesting than on either of the previous occasions. Darwen who, with the exception that M'Lachlan played instead of W. Kirkham, were represented by the same eleven, did not perform so well as before; while the Etonians were seen to much better advantage, their forwards working in very unselfish style. The Eton captain won the toss and elected to play for the first half against a stiffish breeze, and with the sun in his face. At 20 minutes past 3 M'Lachlan set the ball in motion, and labouring under the disadvantages mentioned the Etonians had for some time to act on the defensive, Major Marindin being called upon to save his charge. At length a rush of the Eton forwards, conspicuous amongst whom were Goodhart, Sedgwick and Clerke, removed the ball to the Darwen end, and the first named succeeded in placing a goal to the credit of his side. Despite the wind some good runs by Sedgwick and Clerke kept the Darwen backs continually employed, and before long a second goal was secured by Clerke, from a capital middle by Sedgwick. It was now Darwen's turn, and after pressing their opponents for some little time, they obtained a corner kick, which Marshall directed so well that Suter had little difficulty in scoring. Before half time Sedgwick scored a third goal for Eton, who with the change of ends (F: "...with the wind in their favour") had much the best of the game. Sedgwick, Whitfeld and Goodhart each obtained a goal for the Old Etonians, whose colours were only once again lowered, this being effected by Marshall. At the expiration of the usual hour and a half, Eton were declared winners by six goals to two."

AN: "After two drawn games, the first having taken place on the 8<sup>th</sup> of last month, and the second on the 13<sup>th</sup>, this, the last match in the fourth round of the above competition, was at length decided on Saturday last, at Kennington Oval, in delightful weather, and in the presence of a large body of spectators. The Etonians won the toss, and their leader, contrary to general custom, having elected to play the first half of the game against the wind, M'Lachlan at 3.22 kicked off from the Crown Baths side of the ground. The Darwen team, at once following up, attacked their enemies vigorously in their own quarters, and the danger from a straight shot by T. Bury was only averted just in time by the vigilance of the goal-keeper. From a claim of hands soon after Suter had a free kick, but nothing came of it. A fine run by Gledhill, supported by Kirkham and T. Bury, carried him over the Etonian fortress, when, after a smart scrummage in front, the ball went behind, and Bury was called upon to restart the game. At length Clarke, travelling rapidly down the right side, middled the ball cleverly to Whitfeld, who made his shot; but Duxbury was ready for him, and sent it away before the rest of the Etonians could rush to the charge. Some good passing was now shown in the centre of the ground, when Goodhart, disengaging the ball, tore through his opponents' ranks, backed up by Clarke, Sedgwick, Christian, and Whitfeld, and won the first goal in favour of the College. On resuming operations Suter had a free kick from a call of hands; and although the ball fell close to the Etonian goal, the energy displayed by Marindin, Bury, Burrows, Lubbock, and Christian soon put matters right, and the Darwenites had to beat a retreat. Shortly prior to four o'clock, Sedgwick, avoiding all those who came in his way, passed the frontier line, and, having middled the ball to Clarke, the latter drove it under the bar, and two minutes later on Suter, from a corner kick by Marshall, gained the first score for the honour of Lancashire. The Etonians, playing up with unusual spirit, added another chalk to their score, through the aid of Sedgwick, just before half-time was called. Having changed ends, the Etonians, assisted by the wind, hurled repeated charges on the ranks of their antagonists, and about fourteen minutes after reversing their positions, they were once more indebted to Sedgwick for a goal, out of a loose scrummage. The Darwen team were now completely penned, though now and then they made strenuous efforts to make a sortie. At last a united attack by the Collegians bore all before them, and

Whitfeld added still further to the score;and Gledhill, having received the ball from Suter, passed it to Bury, who in turn handed it over to Marshall, and the Darwenites were credited with a second goal. With the exception of one obtained by Goodhart, just before time was called, nothing further occurred, consequently the Etonians won the match by six goals to two."

SM: "The weather was fine and the ground in good order, but the game itself did not prove anything like as exciting as its two predecessors. With the exception of the substitution of W. Maclachlan, for W. Kirkham the Darwen eleven was the same as that which had represented it on the two previous occasions, while the Old Etonians were deprived of the services of Welldon and Chevallier, rather an important loss. The captain of the Old Etonians won the toss, and he chose to play against a very strong wind and with the sun in his face. Maclachlan started the ball on behalf of the Lancashire players at 3.22, and with the aid of the wind they kept the ball chiefly in the opposite half, though the Eton forwards played much better together, and less selfishly than in previous matches. The defence of the Eton goal, however, was more than once sorely taxed, but a good run by Sedgwick, Clarke, and Goodhart at length freed the lines of the Old Etonians, and the last-named succeeded in outmanoeuvring the Darwen goal-keeper amidst great cheering. Some neat runs were made by Sedgwick and Clarke along the lower side for the Old Etonians, and the result of one of these was a second goal kicked by Clerke, from a centre by Sedgwick. Darwen soon after the resumption obtained a corner kick, and Marshall sending the ball to Suter the latter with a neat half-volley sent it into the Eton (goal) the leather striking one of the posts and bounding through. Despite the wind to help them, Darwen, although at times threatening the Eton defences, were not able to score, while their opponents were more fortunate, Sedgwick adding another goal to their account before half time. After the change the Etonians had the wind to aid them, and the result was never in doubt. The back play of Darwen was good all round, but the forwards lacked the dash they displayed on their previous visits to London. Sedgwick, Whitfeld, and Goodhart were each able to score on behalf of the Old Etonians, and as the only success for Darwen during the second half was one goal by Marshall, at the end of an hour and a half the Lancashire team were defeated by six goals to two."

SL: "Let us here premise that since their last meeting the Etonians had lost the services of Chevallier, Welldon, and Sturgis, in whose places were Burrows, Anderson, and Edgar Lubbock, whilst Darwen were also without W. Kirkham and Williams, for whom substitutes were found in M'Lachlan and Marshall. Time ended the match in favour of the Old Etonians—who thus have to meet Nottingham Forest at Kennington Oval on Saturday next—by six goals to two. The silly parrot cry of "hands" was frequent throughout the match, and when at times perfectly uncalled for."

Old Etonians: Major F. A. Marindin (Capt.) (Goal); L. Bury, S. M. Burrows (Half Backs); E. Christian, Edgar Lubbock (Backs); H. Whitfeld, R. D. Anderson (Left Wing), Hon. A. F. Kinnaird, H. C. Goodhart (Centres), H. B. Sedgwick, C. J. Clerke (Right Wing).

Darwen: J. Duxbury (Goal); F. Suter, W. Brindle (Backs); J. Knowles (Capt.), W. H. Moorhouse (Half Backs); T. Marshall, J. Love (Right), T. Bury, R. Kirkham (Left), J. Gledhill, W. M'Lachlan (Centres).

Umpires: H. H. Calvert (Old Etonians) and T. Hindle (Hon. Sec. Lancashire Football Association).  
Referee: C. W. Alcock (Wanderers).

NOTTINGHAM FOREST 2 (A.H.Smith,A.C.Goodyer) OXFORD UNIVERSITY 1(A.F.Hills)(H.T. 1-1)(Tues Feb 25<sup>th</sup>) (At Kennington Oval)

Nottingham Evening Post 26/2/79 P.4/Nottinghamshire Guardian 28/2/79 P.12/Athletic News 5/3/79 P.6/Bell's Life 1/3/79 P.5/Field 1/3/79 P.234/Sportsman 26/2/79 P.4/Sporting Life 26/2/79 P.1/Sporting Gazette 1/3/79/Nottingham Journal 26/2/79 P.8:

AN:"Soon after an appeal of no side,Rawson obtained a free kick,which was grandly followed up by Waddington and Rogers,but it was left to Hills to accomplish the coup,as gaining possession of the ball he took the first goal for the Dark Blues after a quarter of an hour's play."

SL:"At a quarter past three Smith kicked off from the gasometer end.Oxford,led on by Waddington, soon sent the ball in front of the goal,whereupon Hills kicked it through the posts,and thus gained ,at the expiration of a quarter of an hour,the first goal for Oxford.The next goal resulted in favour of Notts,Widdowson middling the ball,which struck Smith on the chest,and bounded through the goal."Half time" was now called,and ends changed.The wind now favoured Oxford,but their opponents now exhibited marked superiority,and in twenty minutes,Goodyer,with a fine rush, obtained a second goal for Notts,who thus won by two goals to one."

NEP/NG:"After defeating in succession the Notts,Sheffield,and Old Harrovain Clubs,the members of the Nottingham Forest Club,which on public form may certainly claim to be this year the premier association club of the North of England,visited Kennington Oval for the second time this season to fight out their match in the fourth round with Oxford University.Considerable interest was felt in the contest,and there were not a few good judges who were of opinion that the winner of this tie would prove to be the club entitled to hold the Cup itself for the next twelve months.The excellent all round play of the Foresters in the third round at the Oval when they defeated the Old Harrovians impressed the Londoners no little,although their victory was discounted in some degree by the comparatively poor form shown by the Old Harrovians,whose back play was very weak.The impression of those who watched the game on that occasion was that the Foresters were a very strong,fast,hard-working,and unselfish lot forward,but that their backs were not so accurate as could be named in other clubs-Oxford University,Old Etonians,or Clapham Rovers,to wit.Several chances of scoring,some easy ones,were thrown away in that match,but still it was conceded that with such forwards as Widdowson,useful alike with his head and feet,Goodyer,whose pace and middling gratified the spectators at times considerably,Earp and Turner,with hard-working,plucky,and energetic backs,the club would be a lucky one that would be able to secure a victory over such a team as the Foresters.The reputation of the Nottingham Club,it is certain,had a full effect on the Oxonians,for they had strained every nerve to place their very best eleven in the field,and,as the names will show,the whole available talent of the University had been placed at the disposal of the Oxford captain.As the Oxford forwards included A.F.Hills,the amateur mile champion,and others known to possess great pace,there was every chance of a fast game under favourable conditions of ground and weather.The heavy fall of snow on Friday,which covered the Surrey Cricket Ground to the depth of quite a foot,however,caused matters to look a little gloomy,and when it was found that the inter-University match,and the cup tie between Clapham Rovers,both fixed to be played at the Oval on Saturday,had to be put off there seemed just a chance that the Foresters would have to defer their visit to London.On Monday,as the Oval was still covered with six inches of snow,a consultation took place between the Secretary of the Surrey County Cricket Club and the Oxford

captain, who happened to be in London that day, and the result, after a telegraphic communication with the hon. sec. of the Forest Club, was that it was decided to bring off the match under any circumstances of ground or weather. A gang of men had been engaged early in the morning to commence the work of clearing away the snow, but the hard frost of Sunday evening caused this to be no easy task, though at night a part had been effectually cleared, and there only remained the heaps of snow to be cleared on Tuesday morning. A glorious morning gave hopes of a fine afternoon, but by one o'clock matters looked less favourable, and as the sky darkened there appeared to be every chance of more snow, which proved to be the case, though the downfall was not heavy. A biting easterly wind still further reduced the probabilities of a large attendance of spectators, and there could not have been more than two hundred during the game. Play was announced to begin at three o'clock, but it was 15 minutes later before the ball was started on behalf of the Foresters, the Oxford captain, who had won the toss, electing to commence against the wind. At the outset the Oxonians carried the ball well down into the territory of the Foresters, but it was soon returned, and Widdowson soon set his team a good example, taking the ball along the middle of the ground in fine style. Some good passing between the captain and Smith was heartily applauded, but the Oxford forwards were well together and some clear dribbling by Blaine and Hills along the left side enabled the University again to assume a menacing attitude. In spite of the condition of the ground which

was exceedingly heavy and unfavourable for forward play, the game was very fast, the Oxonians having still the best of the fighting for a time. A smart run by Page and Blaine in the centre boded ill for the safety of the Nottingham goal, but Holroyd was equal to the occasion, and by cool play he got the ball securely away. Still the Oxonians were not to be denied, and the forwards, advancing in a body, carried the ball through the Foresters' posts a quarter of an hour after the commencement. On the resumption the Foresters set to work with a will, and some dodgy play by Earp on the right side was warmly applauded, especially by the Nottingham contingent among the spectators. About this time Earp played in excellent form, but still Oxford had the advantage, the kicking of Rawson and Waddington standing them in good stead. A misskick by A. W. Wilson gave Widdowson the chance of a clear run, but the goal-keeper managed to avert his kick, and Smith and Goodyer each had a final kick but without success. A miss-kick by C. J. Wilson then enabled Widdowson to have a corner kick, but nothing came of it. Earp and Turner next made themselves conspicuous by their excellent passing for the Foresters, and a kick by the latter sent the ball whizzing over the bar of the University goal. Widdowson, who seemed to have the pace of most of his opponents, after a short run succeeded in passing the Oxford backs, and middling with the greatest accuracy, Smith, who had backed up well, got the ball between the Oxford posts, amidst enthusiastic cheering. After the game was renewed Oxford kept the Nottingham backs for a time well employed, but Luntley, Caborn, Holroyd, and Bates showed the greatest pluck, and time after time the attacks of the University forwards were frustrated by the effective resistance of their opponents. The game still continued very fast despite the ground and the pace at which the University had begun, although the Foresters were beginning to show the benefits of superior condition. A neat run by Goodyer gave his side the advantage, and passing to Smith, the latter made a determined attempt on the University goal. In trying to stop Earp at the end of a clever run, C. J. Wilson gave that player a corner kick, and just as the ball had been removed by the Oxonians half-time was called. The wind freshened as hostilities were resumed, and it looked as if Oxford would have a very powerful ally, though it dropped again after a short period till the finish. For a few minutes the University forwards played up so vigorously that the ball was kept in Nottingham territory, but the Foresters steadily overpowered their opponents, and for a brief interval Oxford had

to endure a succession of attempts, one splendid kick from the right side by Goodyer being especially noticeable. A long run along the right side by Widdowson evoked a round of applause, and Earp followed suit with a close run and middle. It now appeared most probable that the Foresters would onstay their opponents, and Widdowson middling with his usual skill, Goodyer placed the second goal to the credit of the Nottingham eleven. Oxford, nettled at this reverse, showed fresh vigour, and Page got the ball well into the front of the Foresters' goal, but the chance was not utilised, and a corner kick by Waddington was also thrown away. Immediately afterwards a splendid throw in from touch by Waddington, who dropped the ball just under the bar, saw another opening lost by the University. A corner by C.J. Wilson was a failure, and again the Foresters assumed the offensive with resolution, Goodyer twice in succession making neat shots at the Oxford posts. Runs by Widdowson and Earp repeatedly were followed by a smart kick by Turner over the bar, the Foresters having at this period all the best of the game. Towards the last Oxford called, and made a desperate attack on the Nottingham lines, but the Foresters held their own till the finish, and thus won a freely contested match by two goals to one. On the whole the game was very even, but the Foresters outdid their opponents in passing and their play all round was most creditable. Despite the wretched condition of the ground and ball the backs, one and all, kicked well, and the forwards played up to the last, though Widdowson and Earp were the most conspicuous. The Oxonians played well at first, and the forwards during the first half were vigorous in their efforts, but the backs were hardly so good as usual."

F: "Play began at 3.15 on the 25<sup>th</sup> ult. At Kennington Oval, when Oxford, who had won the toss, chose to play with the wind against them.

BL: "Oxford were represented by their available team, but the Foresters were deprived of the services of J.E. Luntley, one of their most useful backs. The choice of positions fell to Oxford, who elected to play for the first half from the western goal with a strong wind against them, and at a quarter past 3 the Foresters' captain set the ball in motion. At the outset the Oxonians were quicker on the ball than their opponents, to whose backs, by their constant rushes, they caused considerable anxiety. A fine run by Widdowson and another by Smith, together with some capital passing between Earp and Turner, relieved the Foresters' lines, but the Oxonians were persistent in their attacks, and after a quarter of an hour's hard play, a well organised rush of Oxford forwards, conspicuous amongst whom were Blain, Hills and Rogers, carried the leather to the front of the Notts' posts, between which it was quickly passed. Incited by this reverse, the Foresters played up hard. Earp, Turner and Widdowson were particularly busy and twice Eyre was called upon to use his hands to save his charge, but the ball was not allowed to remain long in Oxford territory. At length Widdowson gained possession of the leather, and eluding all in pursuit, planted it directly in front of the Oxford posts, through which Smith had little difficulty in breasting it, much to the delight of the Nottingham club's partisans. Following the kick off the ball was taken rapidly to the Foresters end, where it was for some time to be principally found. The Nottingham backs, however, proved equal to the occasion, and every attack was repulsed, Luntley (three-quarter back) being particularly active. A capital run by Goodyer on the right relieved the Notts lines, and some fine passing between Earp and Smith gained for them a corner kick, which, however, proved fruitless.

After change of ends the wind blew all in favour of Oxford, and their repeated charges were only prevented from being disastrous by the splendid back play of the Foresters. Widdowson cleverly changed the scene of action to the centre of the ground, and some capital passing of the Notts' forwards took the ball dangerously close to the Oxford stronghold. A fine middle by Earp was sent away, but Widdowson brought the ball back, and centering it, Goodyer was enabled to score second

goal for Nottingham. Oxford now exerted themselves to equalise matters. A run by Page gave them a corner kick, which was placed inaccurately by Waddington, who, however, presently gave Oxford a fine chance from a throw in, which was not utilised. Goodyer, Widdowson, and Earp were unceasing in their exertions, and Turner passed the ball over the Oxford bar.

Nothing daunted Oxford continued to work with unflagging energy, but although two more chances were presented in the shape of corner kicks, they were ultimately defeated by two goals to one. The winners without a single exception worked well, the backs kicking accurately, and the forwards passing timely. The Oxford forwards performed most creditably, but their back play was not so good as usual."

Nottingham Forest: J. Sands (Goal); C. J. Caborn (Back); E. Jardine, W. Luntley (Three Quarter Backs); A. J. Bates, M. Holroyd (Half Backs), A. H. Smith, A. C. Goodyer (Right Wing), S. W. Widdowson (Capt.) (Centre), F. W. ("Teddy") Earp, J. P. Turner (Left Wing).

Oxford University: A. W. Wilson, C. W. Wilson (Backs); E. W. Waddington, W. S. Rawson (Half Backs); P. J. M. Rogers (Capt.), W. R. Page, A. F. Hills, H. F. Blaine, G. B. Childs, F. G. Guy (Forwards), J. Eyre (Goal).

Umpires: J. Brown (Notts Forest) and C. A. Denton (Wanderers). Referee: Major Marindin (R. E.).

#### FIFTH ROUND:

OLD ETONIANS 2 (H. Whitfeld, +C. J. Clerke) NOTTINGHAM FOREST 1 (T. Bishop) (H. T. 0-0)  
(Sat Mar 22<sup>nd</sup>) (At Kennington Oval)

+No contemporary record of scorer found: AFS gives it to Clerke

Nottingham Evening Post 24/3/79 P.4/Nottinghamshire Guardian 28/3/79 P.12//Bell's Life 29/3/79 P.12/Field 29/3/79 P.366/Sportsman 24/3/79 P.4/Sporting Life 26/3/79 P.1/Athletic News 26/3/79 P.6/The Times 24/3/79 P.11/Referee 23/3/79 P.6/Sheffield Daily Telegraph 24/3/79 P./Nottingham Journal 24/3/79 P.4:

NEP/NG: "Neither side was represented by its full strength, as the Foresters suffered considerably by the loss of F. W. Earp, who was ill, while Burrows was away from the other side, and Major Marindin, the captain, was also unable to take his usual place between the posts. The ground was in splendid order, but the weather was most uninviting, and a cutting easterly wind no doubt kept a very large number of spectators away, though the attendance was not in any way small. The Nottingham eleven were, perhaps, the most fancied, though besides Earp's absence, Goodyer was very lame, and on the form of the Old Etonians on the preceding Saturday there was every reason for predicting a hard struggle as well as a hard game.

The Eton captain won the toss, and he chose to play against a very strong breeze blowing directly down the ground. At a quarter past three Widdowson set the ball in motion on behalf of the Nottingham eleven. It was soon evident that the play would be witnessed with considerable interest as there was a burst of applause when the Old Etonians took the ball in fine style up to the Nottingham lines against the wind. Again Eton got the ball over the goal-line of the Northerners, but directly the Nottingham team settled to their work they began to assume the offensive, and in a

quarter of an hour a corner-kick fell to them, though Widdowson did not make sufficient allowance for the breeze, and the ball went over the line. Nottingham now kept the ball well in their opponents' territory for a time, despite the good play of Sedgwick, Clerke, and Whitfeld, and the neat kicking of Christian at half-back for Eton. A splendid run by Goodyer and Smith seriously endangered the safety of the Etonians, and Hawtrey had to use his hands. A neat piece of play by Clerke and Sedgwick, who passed all the Nottingham backs, caused Nottingham once more to kick off from behind, but the Forest forwards were (not) slow to resume the offensive, and after some clever passing between Widdowson, Smith, Goodyer, and Turner a neat back kick by the first-named sent the ball over the Eton bar. Almost immediately afterwards another chance of a corner kick fell to Widdowson, and this time he made good use of the opportunity, a splendid shot being well saved by the Etonian goal-keeper. A few minutes more and half-time was called, both teams being heartily cheered as they proceeded to change ends. For a short time after Bury had kicked off it seemed as if the wind had dropped, but it soon asserted its presence, and the Etonians in their turn had the benefit of its assistance. The Foresters played up with great vigour on the change of ends, and it seemed as if they were going to do better against the wind. For the first few minutes they kept the ball in the Eton half, but again Clerke got well away, and Notts were then threatened. Whitfeld next got away for the Etonians, and his shot being only half stopped by the Nottingham goal-keeper the same player was able to get it between the Nottingham posts at the second attempt, this score being greeted with no small amount of enthusiasm. Soon after the ball had again been started the Etonians had a corner which was very well tried by Christian, though without success. Working well together, the Forest forwards again took the lead, and after some good play along the lower side Bishop secured the downfall of the Eton goal. Nottingham now seemed to feel the force of the adverse wind considerably, and two corners were obtained by Eton, though in each case by plucky resistance Nottingham relieved their lines. Goodyer, who despite his lameness, played extremely well throughout, now made a fine run almost along the whole length of the ground on the right side, but although he middled the ball cleverly there was no one to put it through. A fast run by Clerke and Sedgwick again enabled the Etonians to threaten the northern lines, and after a short scrimmage they were again successful, E. + Smith unfortunately putting the ball through his own posts."

+Probably meant E. Luntley (see SDT below)

Only six minutes now remained and although the Foresters strained every nerve to make matters even, the Etonians were equally bent on holding their own, and thus after an hour and a half the Nottingham eleven were defeated after a very even and fast game by two goals to one. For the winners Sedgwick, Clerke, and Whitfeld (forwards) did excellent service forward, and back Christian kicked with the greatest accuracy throughout. For Nottingham Widdowson was lame towards the end of the game, and Earp's services were much missed, though Goodyer and Smith (forwards) worked hard, and Bates played extremely well from first to last."

+SDT: "A fast run by Clerke and Sedgwick enabled the Etonians to threaten the Northern lines, and after a short scrimmage they were for a second time successful, Luntley unfortunately putting the ball between his own posts."

BL: "A stinging north-easter and gloomy haze had the effect of rendering Kennington Oval anything but a cheerful locale on Saturday last, yet with the final for the Cup so near at hand it was scarcely to be wondered at that a large number of votaries of the winter game braved the inclement weather. A

better match than the "fifth ties" produced has hardly been seen this year, and, contrary to general opinion, the Old Etonians were left in to "play off". The captain of the Notts team won the toss, and at 3:15 Kinnaird kicked off. The strength of the wind had a considerable effect on the ball, yet the Old Etonians faced the bitter blast without losing a goal, several corner kicks for Notts failing to be of service through not sufficient allowance having been made for windage. Christian saved the nearest approach to disaster, and at half time nothing had been scored on either side. The play became faster as the "light blues" with the wind in their favour pressed Notts back on their lines, and out of a loose scrummage Whitfeld was instrumental in getting rather a lucky goal for his side. Notts continued to play very finely, and a splendid exhibition of passing put Goodyer in possession of the ball, and middling it to Bishop, the visitors secured a goal through sheer fine play. For some time after this things were pretty evenly balanced, but 10 minutes before time the Notts fortress was again seized on, and, the Foresters failing to balance matters afterwards, the Etonians won by two goals to one. Widdowson, Goodyer, Bishop, Luntleys, and Turner played well for their side, and Christian, Whitfeld, Sedgwick, and Clerke were prominent in the winning team."

F: "The Etonians won the toss and elected at first to play with the strong wind against them. At the outset they had the better of the play; but steadily the northerners worked the ball into their rivals' territory, and a corner kick was allowed them, which Widdowson made, but without success. After this twice had the Eton goalkeeper to use his hands to prevent the ball passing through, one of the shots having been well made by Widdowson. Up to half time nothing was scored; but quickly after a change of ends Whitfeld kicked a goal for Eton. The play then became very even until Goodyer, rushing the ball well down and centring it to Bishop, that player kicked a goal for the Forest. The struggle for mastery now became very keen; but up to within five minutes of time no further advantage fell to either team. Then, however, a second success fell to the Etonians, the goal being kicked out of a loose scrummage. Notts struggled in vain to retrieve their loss, and at the close of the match Eton were hailed the winners by two goals to one."

SM: "The Foresters lost one of their best men, owing to the illness of F.W. Earp, while the Old Etonian team differed from that of the previous Saturday in the substitution of H.H. Calvert for M. Burrows (back) and of J.P. Hawtrey for Major Marindin (in goal), the latter being unable to play in consequence of his professional duties."

SL: "Having changed ends, the Etonians commenced a series of attacks, that every moment promised success, and scarcely six minutes had elapsed ere Sands, failing to hold the ball, which was kicked hotly into his hands, Whitfeld rushed it through the posts. Almost before the enthusiasm had subsided, Goodyer middled the ball to Bishop, who, with a smart kick, made the score level. The play on both sides now seemed to improve, until at last after some spirited play, the Etonians, out of a loose bully, kicked the ball under the Nottingham men's bar. In spite of this Nottingham still struggled on, though to no purpose, as when "time" was called after playing an hour and a half, the Etonians had won by two goals to one."

TT: "Between 500 and 600 spectators were present..." SM: "...about 700..." AN: "...above 700 spectators being present." "REF: "About 700 spectators"

REF: "At length, after some of the most spirited play witnessed during the season, a splendid attack by Eton took them over to the Nottingham quarters, when out of a loose scrummage, in which Kinnaird, Whitfeld, Clerke, and Sedgwick were prominent actors, the ball went between the posts."

Old Etonians:J.P.Hawtrey(Goal);L.Bury,H.H.Calvert(Backs);E.Lubbock,E.Christian(Half Backs);  
H.Whitfeld,R.D.Anderson(Left Side),Hon.A.F.Kinnaird(Capt.),H.C.Goodhart(Centres),H.B.Sedgwick,  
C.J.Clerke(Right Side).

Nottingham Forest:J.Sands(Goal);C.J.Caborn(Back);E.Luntley,W.Luntley(Three-Quarter  
Backs);M.Holroyd, A.J.Bates(Half Backs));A.C.Goodyer,A.H.Smith (Right),S.W.Widdowson(Capt.)  
(Centre),T.Bishop,J.P.Turner(Left).

NJ has J.Bishop

Umpires:E.D.Ellis(Greyfriars) and Hubert Heron(Wanderers).Referee:C.W.Alcock(Wanderers).

CLAPHAM ROVERS,a bye.

FINAL:

SAT MAR 29<sup>th</sup> (At Kennington Oval)

OLD ETONIANS 1 (C.J.Clerke) CLAPHAM ROVERS 0 (H.T. 0-0)

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31/3/79 P.10/Referee 30/3/79 P.6/Athletic News 2/4/79 P.2:

SM:"Saturday last witnessed the settlement of the question which has been vexing Association players in England for the last six months as to which club was to be the fortunate one able to claim the honour of holding the challenge cup of the Football Association for the next twelve months.The Wanderers last spring,it may be remembered,won the cup outright by three successive victories,but they decided to offer it again to the Association.In the first round the holders were knocked out of the competition,and the decisive victory gained by the Old Etonians on this occasion caused them to be regarded as the most dangerous competitors for the cup,though as the affair advanced,the victories of the Nottingham Foresters over prominent clubs,and the hard struggles between the Old Etonians and Darwen,left the final much more open than had at first been believed.The Clapham Rovers having drawn the bye in the fifth ties,were thus left in for the deciding struggle,and that they were expected to make a good bid for victory,was proved by the attendance of spectators,who numbered between 2500 to 3000.A heavy shower about three o'clock was somewhat unfortunate, but when play began shortly before half-past three,the sky had cleared again,and the wind,though blowing stifly from the west,was not so violent as on the two previous Saturdays.The ground was in excellent condition,and when Ogilvie started the ball at 3.25,for the Clapham Rovers,with both wind and sun at his back,there was every prospect of a fast game.Major Marindin,to whose energy the resuscitation of the Old Etonian Club is mainly due,was unable,through illness,to occupy his place between the posts in the last two matches of the competition,and the team suffered also by the absence in the final of R.D.Anderson.The Clapham Rovers were the first to obtain any marked advantage,and a corner-kick from the lower flag by Bailey was so skillfully aimed that the Etonians were unable to get the ball away,and twice more Bailey made fine shots from the corner,though in each case,by desperate efforts,the defending side averted a score.Whitfeld made some good runs

on the left wing for the Etonians, and Growse was particularly busy in the centre for the Rovers, but otherwise the forward play was not particularly brilliant on either side, and hardly up to the standard of a final tie, while on the other hand the backs were admirable, Bailey and Princep never missing a chance for the Rovers, nor Christian for the opposite team. Some vigorous attacks were made by the Etonians, and three corner kicks were essayed without success, though on the second occasion Birkett just managed to prevent a goal by putting the ball onto the cross-bar. Not long before half-time Bevington missed an easy shot at the Eton goal, and neither eleven had gained any point when ends were changed. During the second half the weather was threatening, but with the exception of a slight fall of hail, no damage was done, and the game was kept up briskly until the last. The Rovers' backs never relaxed their efforts for a moment, but as the game advanced the forwards flagged. The Etonians gradually took the lead, and twenty-five minutes before the finish, after a good run along the centre, Goodhart crossed neatly to Clerke, and the latter with a clever shot landed the ball just within the Rovers' posts, this score forming the signal for enthusiastic applause among the partisans of Eton. On the resumption the Etonians had slightly the advantage until the end, and the expiration of the prescribed period left them the winners by one goal to none. Whitfeld's play was far and away the best on the Eton side, whilst Christian's accurate kicking helped materially to give them the victory. For the Rovers Bailey and Princep were throughout brilliant, and their back play all round was the best we have seen in this season's Cup competition, but with the exception of Growse, who did a lot of work during the first half, the forwards were not up to the mark." +Not nearly

SL: "The final match in the eighth competition for this Cup was played at Kennington Oval on Saturday afternoon last, in the presence of nearly 3,000 spectators. Ogilvie having won the toss, selected the Harleyford-road side of the ground, and just before half-past three Goodhart kicked off against the wind. Field at once returned the ball, but Whitfeld quickly ran it back again, but Birkett, who kept goal splendidly throughout, kicked it once more into the centre of the field. A good run was then made by Growse, who middled the ball to Bevington, but he sent it behind, and Bury had a free kick. Whitfeld, well backed up by Goodhart, now again ran down the ball, and a claim of hands for Eton gave Christian a chance which was well utilised by Whitfeld and Pares, but Birkett saved his goal again. Although the Etonians had a rather stiff breeze to contend against, they contrived to keep the ball principally in their opponets' quarters, though the Rovers' backs, who worked admirably, neutralised all their efforts. Ends were changed at half-time, no advantage having accrued to either eleven, and Ogilvie kicked off. The Etonians, who had previously, under adverse circumstances, pressed their opponents severely, now penned them completely, and Hawtrey had scarcely anything to do. At length, at five and twenty minutes to four, a splendid run by Goodhart carried the ball down the side, and it being cleverly middled to Clerke, that player shot it under the bar. Play continued up to the call of "time," but no further score was made, and thus the Old Etonians won by one goal to "love".

BL: "Saturday last witnessed the completion of the eighth competition for the Challenge Cup, instituted by the committee of the Football Association in 1871. The weather during the forenoon was of a much more genial character than had been experienced on the few preceding days, and this state of affairs, together with the prospect of an exciting match, induced a very large number of persons to put in an appearance at the Surrey Cricket Ground, Kennington Oval. A heavy shower of hail threatened to mar the latter part of the game, but fortunately the sky again cleared, and altogether the contest may be said to have been played under favourable circumstances, especially as the ground was in such capital condition. Proceedings commenced at 3.27, Goodhart, on behalf of the Etonians, who had lost the toss, kicking off against a stiffish north-easterly breeze. During the first

half the play was of an even character, Whitfeld, Clerke, and Goodhart, amongst the Eton forwards being extremely busy, while on the other side Growse and Scott were the most conspicuous. The back play of both teams was remarkably good, more especially that of Christian, Bailey, and Princep. Bevington missed a chance of scoring, and numerous corner kicks were tried by both sides, but no decided advantage could be claimed by either at half-time. With the wind it was confidently anticipated by many that Eton would prove much superior to their opponents, and to a certain extent these anticipations were verified. The Rovers' forwards flagged considerably, but their fine back play, and the goal-keeping of Birkett prevented any disaster for some time. At length Clerke, after a smart run by Goodhart, succeeded in scoring first goal for Eton, which was the only one obtained. From this point to the expiration of the usual hour and a half the Etonians had somewhat the best of the game, but, as nothing further was gained, the match terminated in a victory for the Old Etonians by one goal to none."

F: "At length the ties in this competition have been brought to a conclusion. Throughout the whole of the winter the affair has been productive of some of the best games of the season. The two surprises of the affair were the early overthrow of the Wanderers, and the unexpectedly good form shown by the Drawen club. The two clubs left in the final, played on the 29<sup>th</sup> ult. at Kennington Oval, were considered to be pretty evenly matched, although the Etonians were, perhaps, a little more fancied than their rivals. The attendance was large, about 3000 spectators being attracted by the fine, though fitful, weather, and the prospect of a keen contest. Ogilvie set the ball rolling at 3.25, the Rovers having both the wind and sun at their backs. From the dashing forward play of both teams, and the dogged defence shown by the backs, it soon became evident that there would be a hard fight. Repeated shots were made by either side at the other's goal; and any fears that might have arisen about the safety of the Eton fortress through the unavoidable absence of Major Marindin were soon set at rest by the clever play of the goalkeeper. Corner kicks fell to each team, but up to half time neither had secured any decisive advantage. Ends were changed, and Eton, who had the benefit of the wind in their favour, soon led the attack, neither team being apparently disconcerted by a rather heavy shower of hail. Goodhart ran the ball down, and passed it judiciously to Clerke, who, amid the enthusiastic cheers of the Etonian partisans, cleverly kicked the ball between the posts. From now till the close of the match the Etonians had a little the better of the play, and completely kept in check the many gallant efforts of the Rovers to retrieve their loss. When time was called the Etonians were, for the first time since its institution, hailed the winners of the Football Association Challenge Cup."

TT: "Having won the toss, the Clapham Rovers elected to start with the wind at their backs, and at 3.27 Goodhart set the ball in motion. During the first 20 minutes the play was of a very even character and mostly in the centre of the ground; but then the Rovers assumed the aggressive, and it required all the well-known powers of Bury and Kinnaird to keep the enemy out of their quarters. With the change of ends Eton were favoured by the wind, but the Rovers succeeded in holding their own for some time, despite most strenuous exertions on the part of Beaufoy, Whitfeld, Clerke and Goodhart. During this stage Field, Ogilvie, Princep, Bailey, Rawson and Scott played up vigorously, and due principally to their efforts the ball was once more to be found at the Etonian end of the ground. The Old Etonians now rallied, and Goodhart, getting the ball under his control, ran it right down on the left, finishing up with a capital centre. A sharp scrimmage close in goal was brought to an end by Clerke, whose shot planted the ball safely between the Rovers' posts and gained the only goal scored during the match. The back play of Eton kept the game principally in the centre, and, as the Rovers' energies began presently to flag, Eton had much the best of the game during the remaining portion

of time. The Light Blues were, however, unable to score any further advantage and at the expiration of an hour and a half retired winners of an evenly-contested game by one goal to none."

REF/AN: "At length, at 4.35, a splendid run by Goodhart carried him down the side, when, having muddled the ball to Clerke, that energetic player shot it under the bar."

Old Etonians: J.P. Hawtrey (Goal); E. Christian, L. Bury (Backs); E. Lubbock, Hon. A. F. Kinnaird (Capt.) (Half Backs), M. H. Beaufoy, C. J. Clerke (Right Side), H. C. Goodhart, J. B. T. Chevalier (Centres), H. Whitfeld, N. Pares (Left Side).

Clapham Rovers: R. H. Birkett (Goal); R. A. M. M. Ogilvie (Capt.), Edgar Field (Backs); N. C. Bailey, J. F. M. Princep (Half Backs); A. J. Stanley, F. L. Rawson (Right Side), C. E. Keith-Falconer, E. F. Growse (Centres), H. S. Bevington, S. W. Scott (Left Side).

N.B. The Captain's full names as revealed by Keith Warsop's research were Robert Andrew Muter Macindoe Ogilvie :See "The Early F.A. Cup Finals and the Southern Amateurs" P.109

Umpiers: S. R. Bastard (Upton Park) and C. E. Leeds (South Norwood). Referee: C. W. Alcock (Hon. Sec. F.A).