

1879-80

FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION CUP:

FIRST ROUND:

Bell's Life 18/10/79 P.5:

"Appended is the draw for the First Round of the above competition, all of which must be played off by Saturday Nov 15<sup>th</sup>. The Cup is at present held by the Old Etonians:

NORTHERN DISTRICT:

Blackburn Rovers v Tyne Association

Turton v Brigg

Queen's Park(Glasgow) v Sheffield Club

Eagley v Darwen

Nottingham Club v Nottingham Forest

Providence(Sheffield)a bye

BLACKBURN ROVERS 5 (J.Brown 2,J.Lewis,J.Duckworth 2) TYNE ASSOCIATION 1(J.Bruce)(H.T. 3-1)  
(SAT NOV 1<sup>st</sup>)(At Alexandra Meadow,Blackburn)

Blackburn Standard 8/11/79 P.8/Athletic News 6/11/79 P.2/Bell's Life 8/11/79 P.4/Sportsman  
3/11/79 P.4/Sporting Life 5/11/79 P.1:

BS:"These two clubs met,in the Alexandra Meadow,Blackburn,to play the first tie in Blackburn for the English Association Challenge Cup.The weather was dry but intensely cold.The game was not a very exciting one,and resulted in a decided victory for the home team by five goals to one.The toss was won by the Rovers' captain,and play was commenced about half-past three by Avery kicking off.The ball was quickly carried to the visitors' goal,and Birtwistle made a shot for the posts,but it went past.The leather was,however,kept dangerously near the visitors' goal for a few seconds,when the Rovers secured a corner kick.The Rovers' captain kicked the ball and it was passed to Duckworth, who centred it to Brown,and Brown,by a splendid screw-kick,sent it through the posts,thus scoring the first goal for the Rovers.The ball was quickly set in motion again,and before a minute had elapsed,Brown had again got possession of the ball and sent it through the posts.Some time elapsed before another goal was secured,but at last the leather was run well into the Rovers' ground and the visitors gained a corner kick.The ball was well kicked amongst the players,and a slight scrimmage took place,when it alighted on Bruce's back and bounded through the posts,thus scoring an unexpected goal for the visitors.Shortly before half time the Rovers made a good run and Lewis getting possession of the ball took it past the visitors' backs and ran it through the posts before any of the visitors had time to prevent him.Two or three minutes after the resumption of play following the interval Duckworth made a splendid shot for the goal and sent it right through.The ball was again driven into the visitors' ground and the Rovers claimed hands.Greenwood made a kick and sent it to Lewis,who in his turn put it through the posts,but the goal was disputed,as the visitors claimed offside,and the referee gave no goal.Another goal was,however,secured by Duckworth before time was called,thus leaving the Rovers victors by five goals to one."

AN:"These two clubs,who were drawn together in the first round of the English Association Challenge Cup competition,met on Saturday,at Alexandra Meadow,Blackburn.The weather was bitter cold,and there were only a few spectators present.The game,which was anything but exciting,resulted in a decided victory for the home team by five goals to one.Brown secured the downfall of the first two goals,and Duckworth also scored two and Lewis one for Blackburn,and the one for the Tyne was made by Bruce.For the losers,which was a badly represented team,Cumberlige, Challoner,and Gibson were the best,and for the home team,Duckworth,Lewis,and Brown played exceedingly well."

SM:"Played on Saturday last at Blackburn,and when time was called the score was five goals to Rovers and one to Tyne."

SL:"On Saturday,at Blackburn,this cup tie was played,the Rovers winning by five goals to one."

Blackburn Rovers:R.Howorth(Goal);D.H.Greenwood,A.Birtwistle(Backs);F.W.Hargreaves(Capt.), W.H.Latham(Half Backs);J.Duckworth,R.Birtwistle(Right),J.Hargreaves,J.Lewis(Left),G.Avery, J.Brown(Centres).

N.B. Blackburn Rovers Goalkeeper R.Howorth and R.Howarth appear to be the same player.The spelling of his name changed from Howorth to Howarth while he was at Accrington in 80/81 and was kept changed in all subsequent newspaper reports.BRCR always changes Howarth to Howorth no doubt on the basis that it is the same player in both spells at Rovers interrupted by the spell at Accrington and regards the change to Howarth in newspapers as a mistake.

Tyne Association:J.T.Evans(Goal);C.F.Cumberledge(Back);W.T.Weeks,W.R.Gibson(Half Backs); T.D.Challoner,J.H.Berkeley(Right),R.W.Thorpe,N.P.Pattinson(Left),J.Bruce,E.Liddell,C.S.Stanhope (Centres).

Referee:J.Martin(Manchester).

TURTON 7 (H.Haworth 3,P.Tootill 2,T.Bentley,J.Hamer) BRIGG 0 (SAT NOV 1<sup>st</sup>)(At Turton,near Bolton)

Athletic News 5/11/79 P.2/Manchester Courier and Lancashire Advertiser 3/11/79 P.3/Bell's Life 8/11/79 P.4/Sportsman 3/11/79 P.4/Sporting Life 5/11/79 P.1:

AN/MC:"This match,which was one of the northern ties in the English challenge cup competition, took place at Turton,near Bolton,on Saturday afternoon;but,owing doubtless to the cold weather which prevailed-snow falling during the afternoon-there was only a small attendance of spectators. The result was an easy victory for the home team by seven goals-obtained by H.Howarth(3), P.Tootill(2),(T.)Bentley(1),and J.Hamer(1)-to nil."

Turton:Hugh Brown(Goal);W.Trainer,W.Mather(Backs);W.Forrest(Capt.),C.Tootill(Half Backs); T.Bentley,J.J.Bentley(Right Wing),James Haworth,Peter Tootill(Left Wing),J.Hamer, H.Haworth(Centres).

Brigg:W.Arling(Goal);J.Heneage,F.H.Weston(Backs);R.M.Hewitt,H.Storm(Half Backs);  
F.Bartle(Capt.),W.Fieldsen(Left Wing),J.T.Barley,A.Miller(Centres),J.Bartle,W.Robotham(Right Wing)..

Umpires:G.O.Nicholson(Brigg) and W.T.Dixon(Turton).Referee:T.Hindle(Lancashire Association).

SHEFFIELD walked over QUEEN'S PARK (Glasgow) scratched (Sportsman 17/11/79 P.4)

EAGLEY 0 DARWEN 1(T.Rostron)(H.T. 0-1)(Sat Nov 1<sup>st</sup>)(At Eagley,near Bolton)

Athletic News 5/11/79 P.2/Blackburn Standard 8/11/79 P.8/Manchester Courier and General  
Advertiser 3/11/79 P.3/Bell's Life 8/11/79 P.4/Sportsman 3/11/79 P.4/Sporting Life 5/11/79 P.1:

AN:"This encounter took place on Saturday last,at Eagley,in the presence of over a thousand spectators.Darwen lost the toss for choice of ends,and were set to work with the ground and wind in their favour.At 3.35 E.Suter put motion to the ball by a long kick,and the Eagley backs at once returning it,the Darwen end became the scene of action for some time,but the visitors, recovering themselves,got possession,and began to press their opponents.However,Durham and W.Burgess,on the backs,were too strong,and relieved all danger from the Eagley fortress,and the home forwards breaking away with the ball were soon at the Darwen end again.Very serious was the situation becoming,but Suter,by a fine piece of dribbling,got the leather away on the right wing.The ball, however,passed out,and the throw in for Eagley being a good one,Darwen had once more to act on the defensive.Danger was averted,and the visitors' forwards getting the leather,a run was made on the left wing,which nearly proved effective,but a corner kick was obtained,which was entrusted to Bury.A slight scrummage ensued,from which the leather was kicked over the goal-line,just by the post.The kick from goal was a good one,and the forwards of the home team getting the ball,a run was attempted into the visitors' quarters,but Suter and Brindle were well there,and stayed all danger,getting the ball to mid-field,where E.Suter manipulated it beautifully,ending with making a shot at goal,but the hit was too strong.Orrell now made a good run on the Eagley left,and a shot at the Darwen goal failed to take effect.For a while the Eagley citadel was kept in perpetual danger,for corner kick after corner kick was obtained by Darwen,when at last,from a well-directed shot by Marshall,the leather was landed in the goal mouth,and Rostron finally put the ball between the uprights.With the wind in their favour,Darwen were striving hard to score further points,which would be needed to back themselves out when fighting against the unseen element,but though they pressed down time and time upon against their opponents,the Eagley fortress would not yield,the defence being well preserved by Durham and Burgess,but especially by Mangnall at goal,who saved many stinging shots.Half-time was called and ends were changed,giving the wind and ground in favour of Eagley.At this point the match seemed to be on an almost equal footing,and Eagley, starting the leather,began to press Darwen.Brindle relieved all danger by a good kick,and Darwen, having worked the leather before the Eagley stronghold,the home team were menaced,but they breaking away,strove hard to reduce the colours of Darwen,but without success.Play was now of a fierce character.Each side put forth their best efforts,but before any further point could be gained the referee called time,the match thus ending in a victory for Darwen by one goal to nil.The best run of the day was made by Marshall,a little before time was up.Eagley were right in the Darwen goal

mouth, the ball was headed out of the scrummage to the right, Marshall got it and put on a beautiful sprint. The rest of the forwards, with some of the Eagley backs in their line, rushed along the centre of the field, the affair looking more like a sprint race at some sports than a football contest, for Marshall led them on right to the opposite goal. For this feat he was greatly cheered."

BS/MC: "This was another tie in the English Challenge Cup competition, and nearly 3,000 spectators paid toll to the grounds at Eagley on Saturday afternoon. Eagley won a try, but after 35 minutes play Darwen gained their first goal from Rostron, after a capital centre by Bury. A claim of offside was made, but the referee ruled with the visitors. This was the only point secured during the game, although shortly before call of "no side" Eagley, from a throw in, made an appeal for a goal off F. Suter, but the referee ruled against them, and during the four minutes that remained to be played, Eagley tried hard to reverse the state of affairs, and looked to be scoring repeatedly, but shot after shot was unsuccessful, and time was called with the score, Darwen one goal, Eagley nil."

Eagley: J. Mangnall (Capt.) (Goal); W. Burgess, J. Durham (Backs); E. Jones, T. Hall (Half Backs); J. Hall, S. Smith (Left Wing), G. Sharples, J. Burgess (Centres), S. Orrell, T. Brooks (Right Wing).

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

Umpires: E. Taylor (Eagley) and J. Marsh (Darwen) or J. Greenhalgh. Referee: Sutton.

NOTTS FOREST 4 (S. W. Widdowson 2, A. H. Smith 2) NOTTS CLUB 0 (H. T. 1-0) SAT NOV 8<sup>th</sup> (At Trent Bridge)

Nottinghamshire Guardian 14/11/79 P.12/Nottingham Evening Post 10/11/79 P.4/Nottingham Journal 10/11/79 P.4/Bell's Life 15/11/79 P.9/Sportsman 10/11/79 P.4/Sporting Life 12/11/79 P.3:

BL: "The match took place at Trent Bridge on Saturday last, and was watched with a great deal of interest by fully 3,000 persons. At an early period of the game Notts had the misfortune to lose the services of Seals, but until half time had nearly arrived fairly held their own."

NG/NEP: "On Saturday the match appointed between these clubs to try conclusions in the first ties, in connection with the All-England Cup ties, was played on the Trent Bridge ground. The weather was all that could be desired, but the heavy mist rendered the ground very slippery, and made it uncomfortable for the players, while the long grass was equally so for the spectators who mustered to the number of at least 2,000. The general opinion was much in favour of the Forest, and this was upheld by the result, for the reds won by four goals to none, evidently much to the gratification of the majority of those present.

The Forest captain won the toss, and the Notts men kicked off from the Gamsten-road end at about five minutes to three o'clock. It was speedily seen that the game would be fast, Earp, Turner, and Widdowson carrying the ball into the Notts territory, but the backs were in splendid form, and resisted the attack. Immediately after Luntley passes to Smith, who centred to Widdowson, and the latter made a good try for goal, but was foiled by the Notts goal-keeper, who secured the ball out of a scrummage and sent it off to the left. Earp made the next attempt, but H. Jessop got hold of the leather and ran it well up to the Forest end before he was stopped. Notts now showed good play

forwards, but again Turner, Earp, and Widdowson, by judicious passing, brought the ball close to the Notts goal, where a try by a misskick sent it wide of the mark. Cursham next came to the fore, his splendid dribbling being applauded, but he was unable to force the Forest backs, although well supported by Oliver and E.H. Greenhalgh. Still two good tries for goal were made. Bates, Goodyer, and Smith got hold of the ball on the right side, and a foul was declared for the Forest almost close to the goal, but H. Jessop again did good service for his side by sending the ball right up the field. Rough play ensued for a scrimmage immediately in front of the Forest goal; Sands had to exercise all his skill to save a success being recorded for the Notts. The latter then obtained a throw in near goal, and the disaster was averted by Widdowson heading the ball away. At this point of the time the Notts men had decidedly the best of it, and a good run down by Goodyer was stopped by Smythe, whose weight told several times during the game. Soon after the Forest obtained a foul, and Luntley kicked off from the centre but the ball was cleverly stopped by Cursham. Oliver and Macrae showed some good play, backed up by E. Jessop and E.H. Greenhalgh, and Cursham made a combined run which looked like getting a goal, but they could not circumvent the Forest backs. H. Jessop next elicited applause by his play in the centre against the formidable opposition of the Forest rights and captain, and Cursham made a fine run up on the right, backed up by E. Jessop. Sands was only just able to save the goal, but he did so in his usual clean manner, running the ball quite half down the field. Loud cheers next greeted the splendid play between Earp and Turner on the one side, and E. Jessop and Cursham; but unfortunately about this time Seals was hurt, and had to retire from the game. Earp next tried for goal, but curled the ball too much, and an attempt by Widdowson was successfully resisted, the ball, after a hard tussle, being sent into the Forest quarters. Widdowson again secured the leather and made a determined rush, being supported by the best part of his team, but the Notts backs met the onslaught with great pluck and prevented any score being recorded. Just before half time, however, Earp screwed the ball in front of goal, and Morse and H. Jessop, hesitating for a moment, which should meet it, the Forest centres, led by Widdowson, rushed it between the posts, thus securing the first goal amidst loud cheers. Play now became very rough, Oliver for the Notts, and Goodyer on the Forest side having very ugly downfalls, but nothing further was secured before half time. The Notts men now laboured under the disadvantage of having ten men in the field, but still they entered the Forest quarters almost immediately, Cursham and Morse together playing well against heavy odds. It was as though this was an expiring effort, the game after this, with a few exceptions, being confined to the Notts end. Earp never played in better style, nonplussing entirely the Notts right wing men, and constantly trying for goal, though without success. Widdowson having the ball passed to him in the centre and near the goal, now made a grand effort to score, but H. Greenhalgh well stopped the ball. After this Morse, supported by E.H. Greenhalgh, made a clever run and almost secured a goal, the failure being due to a lamentable absence of the forwards and centres to help in the passing. After some good passing between the Forest lefts, rights, and centre, three times in succession was the Notts goal threatened, but the backs, who played with wonderful pluck, were equal to the occasion. E. Jessop next drew forth the reluctant applause of the spectators by a gallant run down the right, but not having a man to assist him he had to succumb to the combined attack of three of the heavy battalion on the other side. Earp again getting hold of the ball on the left, and cleverly eluding the Notts men on that side, passed to the centre, and Smith, amidst cheers, gained the second goal for the Forest. Again and again was the Notts goal assailed, and Widdowson, by one of his noted rushes down the centre, scored goal number three for his side, and but for the exertions of the Notts' backs, many goals would have been obtained by their opponents, Morgan and H. Jessop especially distinguishing themselves. Twice E. Jessop made gallant runs down but was unable to effect any result, although well

backed up by Morse, Cursham and Oliver. A dispute then occurred over a goal alleged to have been gained by the Forest, but was ultimately not allowed. Shortly before the call of time Smith secured the fourth goal for the Forest, and although Notts played well up to the last the final result was that the Reds won by four goals to nil."

SM: "Notts had mustered a fairly strong team, including Morgan (captain of the Cambridge University Association team of last year), Smythe (captain of Derby Grammar School), and Macrae, of Newark."

Notts 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 Wings), S. W. Widdowson (Capt.) (Centre), + F. W. Earp, J. P. Turner (Left Wings).

+ "Teddy"

Notts Club: Harold Greenhalgh (Goal); J. R. Morgan, H. Jessop, E. M. Smythe (Backs), S. Macrae, H. Morse, (Half Backs); E. Jessop, G. Seals (Right Wings), E. H. Greenhalgh (Capt.) (Centre), T. A. Oliver, H. A. Cursham (Left Wings).

Umpires: A. T. Ashwell and C. J. Spencer. Referee: Rev. J. B. Owen.

PROVIDENCE (Sheffield), a bye

WESTERN DISTRICT:

Calthorpe (Birmingham) v Maidenhead

Wednesbury Strollers v Stafford Road

Panthers v Birmingham Club

Henley v Reading

Oxford University v Great Marlow

Aston Villa (Birmingham) a bye

MAIDENHEAD 3 (W. Blackwell, W. Bassett, W. Goldsmith) CALTHORPE 1 (W. Bushell) (H.T. 2-0)  
(SAT OCT 25<sup>th</sup>) (At Maidenhead)

Maidenhead Advertiser 29/10/79 P.3/Sportsman 27/10/79 P.4/Bell's Life 1/11/79 P.9/Sporting Gazette 1/11/79/Sheffield Daily Telegraph 27/10/79 P.4/Field 1/11/79 P.602:

Umpires: J. H. Clark (Maidenhead) and Mundy (Calthorpe). Referee: C. W. Alcock (Wanderers)

MA: "The credit of the borough and the Royal County has been well maintained. The Maidenhead men "pulled themselves together on Saturday afternoon, and won their first Cup Tie with flying colours. The Warwickshire men were a good team. They played well together, and passed the ball with great judgment. At first the hopes of the friends and backers of Maidenhead were somewhat depressed, as for the first fifteen minutes the Calthorpe men made the game fast and furious, and the

home backs had plenty of work, but they proved themselves equal to the occasion. The proverb that "it is the pace that kills" was speedily verified, for after the first burst the speed moderated very considerably, and enabled our men to carry the attack into their opponents' quarters. As a result, the Calthorpe goal was several times in great jeopardy, but their goal-keeper was well on the alert, and the danger was for some time averted. At length, a corner kick fell to Maidenhead, and so well did Haseltine place the ball that Blackwell was enabled, amidst great cheering, to pass it through the posts. On kicking off, our men were not to be denied, and after a very fine run up on the left, Mackie made a splendid shot at goal. This was cleverly stopped by the goal-keeper, but in returning the ball into play, he unfortunately slipped, and Bassett had no difficulty in making the second score.

On change of ends, and with the hill in their favour, the home team for some time penned their opponents, and shot after shot at goal was only saved by the very fine play of Mealing. About this time several good runs were put in for Calthorpe by Maxon and Bushell, whose exertions were at length rewarded. Bushell secured a goal for his side out of a scrimmage in front of the posts. Both sides now redoubled their efforts, and the ball was first at one end and then at the other; and thus the office of umpire and referee became no sinecure. Fortune again favoured Maidenhead. A fine and determined piece of play culminated in the third goal being kicked by Goldsmith, after the goal-keeper had twice repelled the attack. As at the call of time no further advantage had been gained, this, the fastest and best contested match played here for some time, ended in a victory for Maidenhead by three goals to one. For the visitors Maxon and Wilkes fought very hard, and the back play of Awdry and Elliott especially of the latter, was excellent. Of our own men, especial credit is certainly due to the play of Wilks, Lyne, Bassett, Blackwell, and Mackie.

SM: "On Saturday last this match, the first of the contests in connection with the Challenge Cup of the Football Association, was decided on the ground of the former club at Maidenhead. A glorious afternoon added considerably to the enjoyment of the game, and there was a very fair attendance of spectators, numbering perhaps between 400 and 500. Owing to obstacles placed in the way by the authorities of the Great Western Railway, instead of leaving at noon the Birmingham players were obliged to start two hours earlier, and after a journey of five hours were hardly in the best possible trim for football. The home captain won the toss, and electing to occupy the lower goal Elliott kicked off at 3.25 towards the railway. The visitors went off with a great rush, and for the first few minutes the ball was chiefly in the Maidenhead half. A sharp run by Bushell for Calthorpe was the first noteworthy event, and the home goal had a narrow escape, the ball going just outside the posts. The Maidenhead forwards, who at the outset had been a little wild, now began to work better together, and Lyne and Bassett on the right, and Mackie and Blackwell on the left showed some fast play. A foul by one of the Calthorpe eleven gave their opponents a chance, and for the first time the ball passed over the Calthorpe goal line. Soon after a corner kick fell to the visitors, but it was unproductive, and a very fast run up the side by Lyne and Bassett resulted in a misskick by one of the Calthorpe backs, which took the ball over his own line. The corner thus allowed to Maidenhead was exceedingly well placed, and Blackwell, rushing forward, put the ball safely between the Calthorpe posts amidst great applause. Ten minutes were left of the first half, but Maidenhead were bent on increasing their advantage and just before the change of ends, after a very good run and middle by Mackie, Bassett accredited the home team with their second score the Calthorpe goal-keeper unfortunately slipping just as he had secured hold of the ball. The call of half time found the home team two goals to the good, and on resuming hostilities it seemed as if they were likely to materially increase their lead. For a few minutes, indeed, Calthorpe were hard pressed, and Lovegrove

made a fine shot over the Birmingham tape. Green next had a good chance, but he failed to utilise it, and again Lovegrove just missed the Calthorpe goal, the ball hitting the tape and passing over. The Birmingham forwards now made a vigorous run up the hill, and Elliott had a corner, which he sent over the line. A neat middle by Bassett gave Maidenhead another chance, but Blackwell shot the ball outside, and Wilkes, with a dashing run, returned the fight to the home defence. Vardy heading the ball over his line, Swain had a corner, but his aim was erratic. During the last twenty minutes the home forwards showed a falling off in energy, and after several unsuccessful attempts, Bushell at last succeeded in lowering the Maidenhead fortress. Birmingham continued to have the best of the play, but Maidenhead with a spurt took the offensive again, and after another shot over the opposite tape by Lovegrove, a long kick by Goldsmith gave Maidenhead their third goal. During the short time that remained nothing further fell to either side, and at time at the end of an hour and a half Maidenhead had won the first tie of the season by three goals to one. The winners at times played well, and the forwards occasionally showed good passing, +Lyne, Mackie, and Blackwell being the most prominent. Vardy as usual was especially active back. The Calthorpe Club missed the help of some of the best players on this occasion, but towards the end their play showed a great improvement. Mealing kept goal well, but he should be careful not to run with the ball, as was the case more than once on Saturday." +Lyne played as Goalkeeper, so these references should probably be to Lovegrove

BL : "Saturday witnessed the first of the many contests which will have to take place before the possession of the Association Cup is decided. The game was played at Maidenhead in the presence of several hundred spectators, and thanks, in great measure to the fine weather, proved most enjoyable. Calthorpe played at a double disadvantage, as in the first place they were without the aid of some of their best men (they were at a "great Conservative gathering at Birmingham": SDT), and came up rather fagged after a five hours' journey by rail. At the opening of the encounter Maidenhead were much pressed, but they soon rallied, and before half time placed two goals to their credit, kicked respectively by Blackwell and Bassett. The second portion of the game proved highly interesting, Calthorpe showing to greater advantage than before, and scoring a goal from the foot of Bushell. This success seemed likely to be repeated, but Maidenhead now played with renewed vigour, and presently Goldsmith scored for them a third goal. As this was the last point gained, (F: "and after three more minutes time was called") victory rested with Maidenhead by three goals to one."

F: "The visitors, who were deprived of the services of their best forward, J. Shute, went off rather too fast, and for the first ten minutes Maidenhead were kept well in their own half. Bushell once just missed making a goal for Calthorpe, but this was the only real danger for the home club. After about a quarter of an hour the game began to assume a more even aspect, and the play became more vigorous on both sides, though the surface of the ground was greasy and rather against dribbling...."

Maidenhead: C.A. Vardy (Capt.), O. Wethered (Backs); F. Hazeldine, J. Wilks (Half Backs);  
W. Bassett, W. E. Lovegrove (Right), W. Blackwell, F. Mackie (Left), W. Goldsmith, G. H. Green (Centres),  
T. Lyne (Goal)

Calthorpe; E. Mealing (Goal); W. E. Elliott (Capt.), E. T. Awdry (Backs); J. Swain, R. Smith (Half Backs);  
H. Maxon, F. Wilkes (Right), W. Bushell, A. W. Maxon (Left), W. J. James, A. Couchman (Centres).

MA has J. Wilkes

Umpires: J. H. Clark (Maidenhead) and J. Mundy (Calthorpe). Referee: C. W. Alcock (Wanderers)



STAFFORD ROAD 2 WEDNESBURY STROLLERS 0 (SAT NOV 8<sup>TH</sup>)

AFS TEAMS ONLY :TRY WEDNESBURY HERALD AND THE MIDLAND ATHLETE?Nothing in Midland Counties Express(Wolverhampton)

Stafford Road;E.Ray;G.Selman,A.Mair,W.Grant,A.Nicholls,  
C.Crump,R.Davies,J.Whitehead,R.Gowland,C.Dorrance,C.J.Brooks.

(All second round sources have Muir for Mair)

Wednesbury Strollers:A.Beddoe(Goal),Job Edwards,Tom Bryan,Edwin Martin Scott,J.J.Knowles,  
Benjamin Clive Knowles,Alf Harvey,J.Onions,W.S.Smith,J.W.Baines,S.Powis.

(Uncertainty as to Barnes or Bains/Baines as all appear)

BIRMINGHAM walked over PANTHERS scratched (Sportsman 17/11/79 P.4)

HENLEY walked over READING scratched (Sportsman 17/11/79 P.4)

GREAT MARLOW 1(E.Flint) OXFORD UNIVERSITY 1(A.J.Aston)(H.T. 1-1) (At Marlow)(THURS NOV 6<sup>th</sup>)

Maidenhead Advertiser 12/11/79 P.3/Bell's Life 8/11/79 P.4/Field 8/11/79 P.643/Sportsman  
7/11/79 P.4/Morning Post 7/11/79 P.6/Bucks Herald 8/11/79 P.8:

MA:"In the first five minutes Marlow barely missed scoring a goal; but some ten minutes after a fine run down by Chitty and Hills,succeeded by a bully in front of the goal,resulted in the ball being placed through the Marlow goal by Aston.After this,until half-time was called the visitors were penned by their opponents,and shot after shot was made at the Oxford goal(one of these being so near as to hit the post),but without success,until at length Flint,by a capitally judged kick,scored a goal for his side.The game was then renewed with vogour,and some splendid play ensued.The light brigade,with the collosal Lunnon at their head(whose previous onslaughts and sinuous evolutions were the marvel and admiration of all beholders),fairly baffled the opposing plungers.Flint,yje ubiquitous,and prior also did fine service.Milward enacted the rôle of the "artful dodger",to the satisfaction of himself,the amusement of the bye-standers,and the discomforture of his opponents, while Biggs,Way,and Shaw opposed a strurdy resistance to their assailants.The goal-keepers on either side did yeoman's service.For the University it would be hard to particularise any player. Unfortunately for them Wilson was hurt at the first onset and had to retire;and although he was ultimately enabled to resume his old place,he was not of much further use to his side.

BL: "Oxford, who scarcely played up to form, had the misfortune, at an early period of the game, to practically lose the services of +A.J. Wilson, their strongest back, in consequence of a sprained ankle. The home team played up surprisingly well, and, with the wind during the first half, their forward play compared favourably with that of the Oxonians. The latter, however, were the first to secure a goal, for which they were indebted to Aston. This was after 10 minutes had elapsed, and for 20 minutes more nothing of a decisive character occurred. Then Flint, with a goal for Marlow, equalised matters, and this state of affairs existed at half time. On ends being changed Oxford had the benefit of the wind, but they failed to make much use of their advantage, owing to the plucky and determined play of the Marlow forwards. Each goal narrowly escaped, but at the call of time this stoutly-contested game had to be left drawn."

+C.W. Wilson

F: "Waddington, losing the toss for Oxford, started the ball up the hill at a quarter to three o'clock, but it was speedily returned and Shaw, after a fine run, shot the ball outside the University posts. This success stimulated the home team, and Flint, R.A. Lunnon, Prior, and Biggs showed some good forward play on their behalf. Oxford were unfortunate enough at the very outset to lose the valuable aid of +A.J. Wilson, an International back, and so Marlow had the advantage of one man throughout the game. At first the Oxford backs found the wind very puzzling, and their resources were sorely taxed to keep off the forwards of the home club. A well executed run by Chitty, Hills, and Mulholland next changed the scene of action into the Marlow lines, and after a short bully Aston managed to guide the ball safely between the posts of the home goal. Not long after the resumption a sharp kick by Prior took the ball just outside the University posts, and almost immediately the Oxford goal-keeper was very warmly applauded for a fine piece of defence in stopping another very warm shot by Prior. On the resumption the Marlow forwards were particularly busy, and Flint, R.A. Lunnon, and Biggs were again conspicuous keeping the opposite backs well employed. Out of a scrimmage the ball was once driven hard against one of the Oxford posts, but it glanced outside and a corner kick by Hewitt soon afterwards met with ill success. For some time luck was rather against the home team, but when about half an hour had elapsed, their efforts were crowned with success, a well-directed kick by Flint making the two clubs again even. After the kick off the game was continued with vigour, though the home team played much better together than their opponents, the dribbling of the Oxonians being considerably below the best University form. Waddington made a very fine corner-kick for Oxford, but the goal keeper, instead of being charged, was able to remove the ball neatly, and a good run of Flint removed it safely into the lower half. A corner also fell to Marlow, but the kick was wanting in strength, and soon afterwards half-time was called with the score showing one goal for each side. The change of ends saw little change in the play, although the Oxonians were more successful from the upper position, and the game was, if anything, slightly in their favour during the second half."

+C.W. Wilson

BH: "The dark blues were the favourites, but scarcely played in a manner which the form they had previously shown this season would have led one to anticipate. Marlow performed remarkably well, not only passing unselfishly but showing defensive tactics which were surprising considering how much lighter they were than their opponents. Oxford lost the toss, and had to start at the lower end against a strong breeze. Waddington set the ball in motion at a quarter to three, and ten minutes only had elapsed when Aston shot between the Marlow posts. This success was very encouraging to

the Oxonians;but the home team,after twenty minutes' play of most even character,also gained a goal through the instrumentality of Flint.Half-time arrived with no alteration in the state of affairs,and ends were changed.Oxford now had the wind in their favour,and it was fully expected they would soon add to their score.This was not the case,however,and although the Marlow goal was in danger once or twice,the Oxonians were on each occasion successfully repulsed,and the match ultimately left drawn."

Great Marlow:S.Hayward(Goal),H.R.Hewett(Capt.),R.Way(Backs);R.Shaw,R.H.Lunnon(Half Backs),R.A.Lunnon,C.Prior,E.Flint,W.Lunnon,W.Milward,A.H.Biggs(Forwards).

Oxford University:E.W.Waddington(Capt.),A.W.Moon(Half Backs);C.W.Wilson,T.H.French(Backs);(C.)R.Bailey(Goal);P.J.M.Rogers,G.B.Childs,A.J.Aston,A.F.Hills,A.J.Chitty,H.Mulholland.

Umpires:S.H.Wright for Marlow and J.H.Savory for Oxford.Referee:C.W.Alcock(Wanderers)

REPLAY:MON NOV 10<sup>th</sup> (In the Parks,Oxford):

OXFORD UNIVERSITY 1 (F.G.Guy) GREAT MARLOW 0(H.T. 1-0)

Bell's Life 15/11/79 P.9/Bucks Herald 15/11/79 P.8/Field 15/11/79 P.678/Sportsman 11/11/79 P.4/Sporting Life 12/11/79 P.3:

BH:"The University had strengthened their team by the substitution of \*F.Heygate,+J.C.King,and F.Guy for ++A.J.Wilson,A.J.Chitty,and A.J.Aston,while only one change,which scarcely proved a judicious one,was made in the Marlow eleven,Cripps taking the place of Way.Mr Rogers winning the toss,started with a strong wind at his back,and no sooner had the game commenced than the ball was driven into Marlow territory,the goal being twice admirably saved by Hayward,once by cleverly lifting it over the tape.The corner kick which resulted led to a claim of hands for Oxford,some thirty yards in front of the goal.The free kick was dropped in front of the goal,and from the scrimmage which ensued the superior weight of the Oxford men told,and from the foot of Guy a goal was made. All this,happening as it did within ten minutes of the start,was an unpromising surprise for the visitors,and a great encouragement to the University,who followed up their advantage with considerable energy,pressing their foes home and maintaining the fight for the most part around the Marlow goal.From some unaccountable cause the Marlow players displayed a very marked falling off from the form they had exhibited at the previous match;their backs and centres,with one or two exceptions being very weak,and altogether there was an absence of that vigour,speed,and dash which won for them so much applause at Marlow.Not only were kicks frequently missed altogether but much feebleness was shown by some of the forwards.Flint,always dangerous,was carefully locked in by the judicious orders of the Oxford Captain,who told off some of his best men for this special duty.A notable feature of this match was the extraordinary number of times hands were called and allowed.The Marlow players were continually getting their hands in the way,though in no instance did this appear to be intentional,but the result was pure accident.The general rule is,we believe,not to claim the penalty under such circumstances.On this occasion,however,every possible chance was promptly seized by the Oxford Captain,and so was witnessed an almost unexampled number of free kicks,from thirty to forty,falling to his side.Mr Hewett magnanimously adhered more strictly to established practice,and so very few claims were put in by him.Notwithstanding the

disheartening drawbacks mentioned, no other goal was scored before half time was called. On ends being changed it was hoped that the Marlow players would pull themselves together and retrieve their previous reverse. Unfortunately the wind, which had materially assisted Oxford, became unfairly partial, and refused to give its powerful aid to Marlow, so that again the Oxford players began to cluster around the Marlow goal. But now the hardest and fiercest fighting of the day began. Shaking off some of their lethargy, Marlow in turn became the assailants, and the Oxford players being by no means idle, the second half of the battle was by far the most animated and interesting. The Marlow players, however, with a few exceptions, by no means came up to the standards formed of them, and thus they lost the match by one goal, made as we have already said within ten minutes of the commencement of the match. The ground was much shorter than the distance usually played upon. The Marlow players avowed that this placed them at a considerable disadvantage. This, with the bumpy state of the ground, made dribbling almost impossible." \*R.T. Heygate +C.J.S. King ++C.W. Wilson

SM: "Yesterday, these clubs, who had played a tie at Marlow on Thursday last, decided their match in the Parks at Oxford. The University won the toss, and elected to play with the wind for the first half time. After the kick-off, which was well returned by King, the game was fairly even, but the University soon showed that they intended business, and after a smart run down by Hills and Thomas, hands were given, and a well-directed kick by Waddington was turned into a goal out of the loose scrimmage. Nothing further occurred until half time, though the University had somewhat the better of the game, the kicking of all the backs being good and accurate. After half-time the game became very fast, and each goal was threatened in turn by the forwards, amongst whom the brothers Lunnon, Flint, and Prior for Marlow, and \*Thomas, Rogers, and Childs for Oxford, were most conspicuous. Before the end the light became bad, and the play of both sides was somewhat wanting in dash, the University backs having to do several times all they knew to save their charge. No more goals were obtained, the match thus ending in a victory for Oxford by one goal to none. The back play of the University was good throughout, King especially kicking with great accuracy and coolness, while Shaw and Hewett behind did good service for Marlow."

Maidenhead Advertiser 12/11/79 P.3: "The "conqueror" was played on Monday at Oxford, and the local team again made a most creditable show, being only beaten by one goal, and that gained out of a loose scrimmage." (No teams)

Oxford University: (C.) R. Bailey (Goal); C.J.S. King, T.H. French (Backs); E.W. Waddington, A.W. Moon (Half Backs), P.J.M. Rogers (Capt.), G.B. Childs, \*R.T. Heygate, A.F. Hills (Sides), F.G. Guy, H. Mulholland (Centres)

\*R. Thomas in most papers but in fact he was Reginald Thomas Heygate

Great Marlow; S. Hayward (Goal); H.R. Hewett (Capt.), A.J. Cripps (Backs); R. Shaw, R.A. Lunnon (Half Backs); R.H. Lunnon, A.H. Biggs, C. Prior, E. Flint (Sides), W. Milward, W. Lunnon (Centres).

Umpires: S.H. Wright (Marlow) and H.J. Ellison (Oxford). Referee: Mr A.J. Wake (Oxford)

ASTON VILLA (Birmingham), a bye

METROPOLITAN DISTRICT :

FIRST DIVISION:

Rochester v Wanderers

Old Etonians v Barnes

West End v Swifts

Old Carthusians v Acton

Hotspur v Argonauts

ROCHESTER 0 WANDERERS 6 (T.N.Tyndale 2 ,H.Wace,C.H.R.Wollaston,J.G.Wylie 2)(H.T. 0-5)  
(SAT NOV 15<sup>th</sup>)(At Bat and Ball Ground,Gravesend)

Field 22/11/79 P.716/Sportsman 17/11/79 P.4/Sporting Life 19/11/79 P.4:

N.B. No Rochester,Chatham & Gillingham Journal on line for 1879

F:"This match was played on the Bat and Ball Ground at Gravesend on the 15<sup>th</sup> inst.Shortly after 3 p.m.,the Wanderers having lost the toss,kicked off,and within a few minutes scored their first goal from a difficult side shot by Tyndale.The second goal fell to Wace,the third to Wollaston,the fourth to Wylie and the fifth to Tyndale.The ball was kicked through the Rochester goal a sixth time,but the score was disallowed and ends were changed.Henry and Prall for Rochester made some neat runs along the side,and once Hammond was compelled to use his hands in defence of his charge.Several rather wild shots were then made by some of the Wanderers' forwards,whose final kicks were apt to be rather erratic,until at last Wylie again got the ball between the posts and scored the sixth goal.A good run by Henry,J.B.Blackett and Mansfield relieved the Rochester lines,while Smith's accurate back play and long kicks were of the greatest service to his side.As there was no further score,at the call of time victory rested with the Wanderers by six goals to nothing.For Rochester Smith and Henry were untiring in their efforts,and Thomas,J.Blackett,G.Prall and Mansfield also played a losing game well.The Wanderers backs were at times good;but their forwards were wanting in dash and combined play,while many of their shots at goal were ill-directed."

SM:"This match was played on the Bat and Ball Ground at Gravesend on Saturday.The result was an easy victory for the Wanderers by six goals to none."(No teams)

SL:"The Bat and Ball Ground at Gravesend was the scene of this match on Saturday afternoon last when the Wanderers beat their opponents by six goals to "love".(No teams)

Rochester:F.Wyles(Goal);F.F.Smith(Capt.),H.Thomas(Backs);J.Wayte,J.H.Prall(Half Backs);  
C.Mansfield,G.L.Hawker,G.Blackett,J.B.Blackett,A.Henry,G.W.Prall.

Wanderers:C.E.Hammond(Goal);A.H.Stratford,A.G.Kennedy(Backs);F.B.Maddison,F.W.Stratford(Half Backs);C.H.R.Wollaston(Capt.),T.B.Hughes, H.Wace,J.G.Wylie, T.N.Tyndale,C.A.Denton .

Umpires:W.R.Ramage and R.Wylie.Referee:Major Fellowes(R.E.).

OLD ETONIANS walked over BARNES scratched:Sportsman 6/11/79 P.4.

WEST END walked over SWIFTS scratched :Bell's Life 22/11/79 P.8

ACTON 0 OLD CARTHUSIANS 4(W.R.Page,A.H.Tod,E.H.Parry 2) (SAT NOV 8<sup>th</sup>)(At Acton)

Acton Gazette 15/11/79 P.3/Bell's Life 15/11/79 P.9/Field 15/11/79 P.678/Sportsman 10/11/79 P.4/Sporting Life 12/11/79 P.3/No details in the Carthusian)/Referee 16/11/79 P.6:

AG:"This match came off last Saturday,at Acton,and resulted in a defeat for the home team by four goals to none.The Old Carthusin Boys got a grand team together,including Princep,of the Clapham Rovers(who played so well for England v Scotland at the Oval last season),Dorling(of Barnes),a couple of men from the Oxford University eleven,and a like contingent from Cambridge.The Acton forwards played hard,although not always well together,but they were evidently overmatched, Princep stopping charge after charge every time they got away with the ball.For the Carthusians, Dorling,Eddis,and Page dribbled excellently,Page making several fine shots at the Acton goal,which was defended by Chivers throughout.Such a "hot" team has never before visited Acton to try conclusions with our rising young club,and great credit is due to them for not having sustained a worse defeat.The magnificent heading of Collins,and the brilliant kicking of Davison for Acton excited repeated applause from the large crowd assembled on the ground."

BL:"An easy victory was gained by the Old Carthusians,who scored four goals to none"

F:"This match was played at Acton,on Saturday (Nov) 8,and resulted in a rather easy victory for the Old Carthusians by four goals to none.Play did not begin until 3.30,and the slipperyness of the ground prevented any scoring for some little time.The latter half of the game was spoilt by the darkness,which rendered it difficult to distinguish the goal posts.The goals were kicked by Mr Page, A.H.Tod,and E.H.Parry(two),while J.Princep was most useful at half back:for Acton the backs played well."

SM:"In this tie,played at Acton on Saturday,the result was an easy victory for the Old Carthusians by four goals to none."

SL:"This match in the first round was played on Saturday at Acton,and won by the Old Carthusians by four goals to (n)one.Chivers kept goal excellently for the home eleven,whilst Princep at half-back was most useful for the victors."

Acton:C.Chivers(Capt.)(Goal);C.Collins,H.Davison(Backs);A.Savage,J.M.Ford(Half Backs); T.W.Grey,R.Grey,F.Chivers,C.Lacey,Winsland,Thornton(Forwards).

Old Carthusians:J.F.M.Princep,A.J.Wake(Half Backs);W.C.Williams,H.A.Carter(Backs);L.F.Gillett(Goal); W.R.Page,E.H.Parry(Capt.),C.Keith-Falconer,J.E.Eddis,W.Dorling,A.H.Tod(Forwards).

Umpire:W.Martin.

HOTSPUR 1(Winter) ARGONAUTS 1(A.Gore)(SAT NOV 8<sup>th</sup>)(At Forest Gate)

Source of Scorers:AFS

Referee 10/11/79 P.6/Bell's Life 15/11/79 P.9/Sportsman 10/11/79 P.4/Sporting Life 12/11/79 P.3:

REF:""This match,under Association rules was played on Saturday at Forest Gate,and resulted in a draw,each side scoring one goal.The dense fog and the lateness of the startmade the latter part of the game very difficult for both sides.A.Weber,Houghton,and Wylie played well for the Argonauts, and for the visitors the dribbling of Winter and M'Ivor and kicking of Kay were much admired."

BL:"An interesting match between these two clubs was played on Saturday at Forest Gate.One goal each was scored,and at the end of an hour and a half the match was left drawn."

SM:"One of the matches in the first round was played on Saturday at Forest Gate.The result was a draw,each side scoring one goal."

SL:"This match,which was contested at Forest Gate on Saturday last resulted in a draw,each side scoring one goal each."

Hotspur:M'Ivor,Cherry(Left Forwards),Mangham,Cox,Rees(Centres),Carr,Winter(Right Forwards),Ibbetson,Kay(Capt.)(Half Backs);Normandale(Back),Parsons(Goal).

Argonauts:C.Cox,A.Webber,W.Tozer(Right Forwards);J.Wylie(Capt.),G.H.Green,A.Gore(Centres).R.Slowman,W.Tutin(Half Backs),T.Houghton,T.Greenhill(Backs),W.Dover(Goal).

Referee:Captain of the St Alban's F.C.

REPLAY :Sat Nov 15<sup>th</sup>)(At Forest Gate):

HOTSPUR 1 (Cherry) ARGONAUTS 0

Bell's Life 22/11/79 P.8/Sportsman 17/11/79 P.4/Sporting Life 19/11/79 P.1/No report in Field)/Referee 16/11/79 P.6:

BL:"A well-contested game between these two clubs,played at Forest Gate on Saturday,terminated in favour of the Hotspur club by one goal to none."

SM:"Played on Saturday at Forest Gate,and ended in favour of the former by one goal to none."

SL:"The second match between these clubs for the Cup,the previous one having been contested at Forest Gate on Saturday,the 8<sup>th</sup> inst.,resulted in a victory for Hotspur by one goal,kicked by Cherry,to "love"."

REF:"This match,under Association rules,was played on Saturday at Forest Gate,and resulted in favour of the former by one goal to love.The dribbling of A.Weber and the kicking of Houghtonfor the Argonauts were very much admired,whilst the more successfum dribbling of Rees and M'Ivor and the kicking of Kay and Carr for the Hotspurs deserve special mention.Dover's goalkeeping was excellent."

Argonauts: J.Wylie(Capt.),W.Tozer(Centres),A.Webber,W.Hooper(Left Forwards),J.Dickenson,A.Gore (Right Forwards),T.Greenhill,R.Slowman(Half Backs),C.Beer,T.Houghton(Backs),W.Dover(Goal).

Hotspur: Cherry,M'Ivor(Left Forwards),Cox,Mangham,Rees(Centres),Carr,Winter(Right Forwards), Kay(Capt.),Ibbetson(Half Backs),Normandale(Back),Parsons(Goal).

Umpires:G.Muir(Hotspur) and W.Laver(Argonauts).Referee:Hose(Dreadnought).

## SECOND DIVISION:

Cambridge University v Royal Engineers

Grey Friars v Hanover United

Finchley v Old Harrovians

Gresham v Kildare

Upton Park v Remnants

ROYAL ENGINEERS 2(C.V.Wingfield-Stratford 2) CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY 0(Thurs NOV 13<sup>th</sup>)(At Chatham Lines)(H.T. 1-0)

Sportsman 14/11/79 P.4/Sporting Life 15/11/79 P.1/Bell's Life 15/11/79 P.9/Field 15/11/79 P.678:

SM:"Yesterday afternoon,in a gale of wind,this match,one in the first round,was played on the Lines at Chatham.The strength of the breeze,which blew obliquely down the ground,made the toss of some consequence,and the Cantabs,securing the choice of positions,had a very great advantage at the outset.A few minutes after three o'clock the ball was started by the Sappers,but it was soon returned,the backs being unable to drive the ball any distance against the wind,which spoiled the game throughout.For the first quarter of an hour the play was altogether in the half defended by the Royal Engineers,and two corner-kicks fell to the University,both unsuccessful,though the first was very well aimed by Topham,the ball drppping just under the tape.At last,after about twenty minutes, some good play by Lindsay and Stratford on the upper side removed the ball for the first time into the vicinity of the University goal,and after a short scrimmage a corner-kick resulted to the Engineers.A splendid shot by Cowan placed the Cantabs in imminent peril,and a sharp kick by Rice sent the ball just over the tape.By this time the Engineers had fairly settled down to their work,and another pretty run along the left wing gave them once more the advantage.Again Cowan was called upon to attempt a corner-kick,and after a short scrimmage Stratford landed the ball safely between the Cambridge posts.The game had hardly been resumed before half-time was called,and ends had to be changed.The Engineers now had the benefit of the wind,and the play during the second half was much in their favour.Two very good runs along the lower side by Harvey for a time enabled the Cantabs to keep their opponents at a respectable distance,but the passing of the Engineers was much superior to that of Cambridge,and the forwards soon assumed an offensive attitude.An admirably-directed corner by Cowan was well got rid of by the University goal-keeper,but Stratford and Lindsay were not to be denied,and after a good run by the former the ball was a second time taken through the University posts.Towards the last the Sapper forwards worked together in fine style,and well supported by the excellent back play of Cowan,Vidal,and Russell,kept up a constant fire on the Cambridge lines.Topham and Lancashire offered a stubborn resistance throughout on behalf of the visitors,but they were unable to do more than keep their goal intact.Four corner-kicks



in succession were tried by the Engineers without the desired result and twice the University fortress was only saved by the excellent defence of Bates. The game during the last quarter of an hour was all in Cambridge territory, but no further score was made, and at the end of an hour and a half victory rested with the Engineers by two goals to none. For the losers Harvey and Wild (forwards), and Topham and Lancashire (back) were most conspicuous. The Engineers worked well together, and bid well to be dangerous in this year's competition. Cowan's play at half back was very sure, and Vidal and Russell kicked well. Lindsay and Stratford were very fast on the left wing, and during the last half hour the play of the forwards was good all round."

BL: "The Cantabs won the toss and took advantage of a stiffish breeze. This enabled them to keep the ball principally in the home quarters for a long while. Towards half time, however, several smart runs relieved the Engineers, to whom two corner kicks fell. The first caused such anxiety to the Cantabs, but they had the satisfaction of seeing the ball shot over the tape by Rice. More success greeted the efforts of the Sappers on the second occasion, as after Cowan had again placed the leather very finely, a sharp scrimmage resulted in a goal being obtained from the foot of (Wingfield-) Stratford. Change of ends gave the wind to the Engineers, who played up remarkably well. The Cambridge backs and goalkeeper worked extremely hard, but their forwards did not play with such style as the opposing forwards, whose passing was indeed good. The Cambridge goal was frequently assailed, but only once more did the Engineers pass the ball between the visitors' posts. (F: "Matters were now carried on very much in favour of the Engineers, who were performing well together, but the back play of the adversary did much to prevent any further disaster. In rapid succession four corner kicks were obtained for the Engineers, but nothing of importance resulted from them.") Thus, at the end of an hour and a half, victory rested with the Engineers by two goals to none."

Royal Engineers: H.L. Stafford (Goal); J.H. Cowan, B.B. Russell (Backs); H.A.L. Paterson, W.S. Vidal (Half Backs); H.H. Massey, S.R. Rice (Centres), P.G. von Donop, G. Barker (Right), Cecil V. Wingfield-Stratford, M. Lindsay (Left).

Cambridge University: P.C. Bates (Goal); F. Poole, A.F. Ostrehan (Backs); O.P. Lancashire (Capt.), E.H. Topham (Half Backs); E.D.L. Harvey, E.J. Wild (Right Side), H. Whitfeld, J.R. Howard-M'Lean (Left Side), J.B.T. Chevalier, B. Harvey (Centres).

Umpires: T. Cook (Cambridge) and Capt. Mathinson. Referee: C.W. Alcock.

GREY FRIARS 2 HANOVER UNITED 1 (SAT NOV 8<sup>th</sup>) (At Greyhound, Dulwich)

Referee 10/11/79 P.6/Bell's Life 15/11/79/P.9/Sportsman 10/11/79 P.4/Sporting Life 12/11/79 P.3:

REF: "The Greyhound, Duwich was the scene of the battle between the above clubs, who were drawn together in the first round of the above competition. It is nearly unnecessary to give a long description of this match, as during nearly the whole of the time the contest was carried on in the Hanover territory. The "Friars", as usual, were in capital form, and one or two distinguished themselves by their charging capabilities. However, their opponents played up most pluckily, and ably defended their citadel, so that the home team could only score two goals, whilst a capital run round the ground ended in the downfall of the Grey Friar's citadel in return. Broadhurst, Green and

Stransham were prominent for the home team and Deas and Dodd figured conspicuously for the "United", whilst the goal was splendidly defended by Sargeant."

BL:"In this match played ,on Saturday,at the Greyhound,Dulwich,the result was not as one-sided as anticipated.The Hanover club played up remarkably well,and the Grey Friars,although having the best of matters throughout,only managed to secure victory by two goals (to one)."

SM:"This was one of the first ties,played at the Greyhound,Dulwich,on Saturday.The Grey Friars had the best of the play,but the United offered a stubborn resistance,and were only beaten by two goals to one."

SL:"Played on Saturday last,at the Greyhound,Dulwich,and won by the Grey Friars by two goals to one.Sargeant kept goal splendidly for the Hanover,and thereby saved his side from sustaining a heavier defeat."

Grey Friars:H.Gifford(Goal);C.S.Poulter(Back);E.D.Ellis(Capt.),T.G.Stafford,C.G.Broadhurst (Half Backs);R.D.Green,R.Sinclair,D.Stransham,A.Kirkpatrick,T.G.Thompson,A.J.Frost(Forwards).

Hanover United:A.Sargeant(Goal);L.Deas,G.Scable(Backs);J.Nottingham,H.J.Nottingham(Half Backs); H.Apted,E.Ravani,T.Farqharson,J.Deas,F.Dodd,C.H.Tile(Forwards).

Umpires:A.F.Kinnaird and J.Kirkpatrick.Referee:J.Sharpe.

FINCHLEY 0 OLD HARROVIANS 2 (W.Y.Hargreaves 2)(H.T 0-0)(Sat Nov 8<sup>th</sup>)(At Long Lane,Church End)

Field 15/11/79 P.678(No Finchley team)/(Hendon & Finchley Times: no report or Teams)(Barnet Press: no report or teams)(Harrow School :unlikely to be of any further help)(No report or teams in Middlesex Mercury)(Try North London News and Borough of Finsbury Gazette M85266)(Not in Herts Advertiser):

F:"This match was played at Finchley on Saturday last.Owing to some mistake as to the trains only nine Harrovians appeared on the ground.However,a member of the club,who had come to look on, stopped to play,and thus assisted,the visitors went into the field,their captain having won the toss and taking advantage of the hill.From the first the play was very spirited,and the ball was kept in the neighbourhood of the home goal.A long and well-judged kick by the Harrow captain,almost resulted in a score,the ball hitting the tape.After this the play became more even,Hearn and Jackson making several brilliant runs,which,however,were ably frustrated by Law and Henery.Meanwhile,the fine passing of Lowis,Hargreaves and Prior was again and again within an ace of its reward,though,up to half time,no advantage accrued to either party.With the change of ends the play altered.For the first quarter of an hour the Harrovians were severely penned,and twice their goalkeeper was called upon.Once again,however,the visitors asserted their superiority,and for the next ten minutes the ball was kept at the top of the ground.At this point the missing Harrovian-Sterling-appeared on the scene,and at once the old School forwards became busy.Hargreaves promptly secured a goal,the offside claim being over-ruled.This success he quickly repeated,but the referee decided against him.A rush by the Finchley forwards enabled them to drive the ball over the tape,the goal claimed being naturally disallowed.Blaine replied to this challenge by another goal,but on appeal the

defenders received the benefit of the result, it being far too dark for the umpires to decide the case on its merits. Yet once more Hargreaves drove the ball between the posts and brought the game to two love, immediately after which time was called, the Harrovians thus remaining winners—a result due principally to the fine play of Lewis, Hargreaves and Prior, and the accurate kicking of Law and Henery.”

Sportsman 10/11/79 P.4: “Played on Saturday at Finchley, and after a closely-contested game, ended in favour of Old Harrovians by two goals to none.” (No teams)

Sporting Life 12/11/79 P.3: “This cup match was played on Saturday at Finchley, and after a closely-contested game was won by the Old Harrovians by two goals to nil. Neither goal was kicked until after half-time.” (No teams)

Finchley: Not traced : Hearn, Jackson.

Old Harrovians: R. de Courtenay Welch (Capt.), A. W. Welch (Backs); Rev. Wm. Law, P. J. T. Henery (Half Backs); W. J. Raphael (Goal), J. Lewis, W. Y. Hargreaves (Right Side), H. T. Prior, J. H. Stirling (Centres), H. F. Blaine, K. Maclarm (Left Side).

N. B. Walter Yeats Hargreaves : School XI -1874 ; Cambridge XI 1877-79: so have changed from W. G. Hargreaves: no W. G. Hargreaves went to Harrow in this period) (Error repeated in other games in some sources)

KILDARE 0 GRESHAM 3 (A. Cullen 2, T. Jeffery) (H. T. 0-1) (Sat Nov 1<sup>st</sup>) (At Kensal Green)

Bell's Life 8/11/79 P.4/Field 8/11/79 P.643/Sportsman 3/11/79 P.4/Sporting Life 5/11/79 P.1/Referee 3/11/79 P.6:

BL: “Nearly all through this game in the first round of the above competition on Saturday the Gresham club displayed considerable superiority and eventually secured victory by three goals to none. The scene of action was Kensal Green.”

F: “Played on Saturday last, at Kensal Green, on the ground of the latter (Kildare). The ground was very heavy, and the play at times slow. After several ineffectual runs up, Gardner centred the ball to Cullen, who placed it between the Kildare goal posts. The score remained unaltered until ends were changed, when the Gresham forwards played better together, and Jeffery succeeded in scoring a second time for the visitors. Several corner kicks and throws in on the part of the Gresham were of no use, and it was rapidly getting dark, when, a few minutes before time, Cullen kicked a third goal, and the match resulted in favour of the Gresham by three goals to love. Gardner and Dugdale played well for the winners, and Carmichael, Harvey, Stephens, and Lee worked hard to prevent defeat.”

SM: “Played at Kensal Green on Saturday. Gresham had the best of the play and won by three goals to none.”

SL: “Kensal Green was the scene of this cup match on Saturday last victory remaining with the Gresham eleven by three goals to “love”. A. Cullen (two) and Jeffery secured the goals.”

REF: "Played at Kensal Green, on the ground of the former, on Saturday. Gresham winning the toss, the home team started the leather and both teams set to work with a will, but no advantage was secured by either team until just before half-time, when the Gresham..... secured first goal from the foot of A. Cullen. After change of ends the game was as obstinately contested as before, but the visitors played... better, and Jeffrey succeeded in putting it through shortly after from a throw-in. A. Cullen came to the front again and scored third goal. For Kildare, Stephens, Harvey, and Baldwin, and for Gresham, Gardner, Dugdale, Cullen, and Jeffrey played well."

Kildare: A. Gray (Goal), T. Carmichael, A. Cotton (Backs); A. H. Baldwin, H. J. Hall (Three-quarter Backs); C. A. Jones, E. Taylor, W. J. Harvey, T. P. Stephens, H. Lee, G. T. Dadswell (Capt.) (Forwards).

Gresham: J. Davis (Goal); G. L. Jones, C. G. Heasman (Backs); T. R. Scott, H. J. Morison (Half Backs); +R. Dugdale, T. Jeffery, G. Palmer, A. Cullen, W. Pollard, A. W. Gardner (Capt.) (Forwards).

+R. Dougal in 2<sup>nd</sup> round

REMNANTS 1 (W. A. Cuppage) UPTON PARK 1 (E. C. Bambridge) (H. T. 0-1) (SAT NOV 15<sup>th</sup>) (At Slough)

Field 22/11/79 P. 716/Sporting Life 19/11/79 P. 1/Sportsman 17/11/79 P. 4/Bell's Life 22/11/79 P. 8/Referee 16/11/79 P. 6/Bicester Herald 21/11/P. 7:

F: "This match, in the first round of the Association Challenge Cup competition, was played on Saturday last on the Remnants ground at Slough. There was little wind blowing, so Warner, after winning the toss for Upton, allowed his opponents the better of it, but with the sun in their faces. The Uptonians soon warmed to their work, and E. C. Bambridge, getting the ball, made several brilliant runs, and after about ten minutes' play, passed the ball through the Remnants' posts. The score, however, was disallowed by the referee, on the plea of hands, which had occurred some time previously. After some good passing by the visitors, E. C. Bambridge kicked a goal, and soon after the same player compelled Savory to handle the ball to save further scoring. From the free kick which this infringement of the laws occasioned, the Remnants—who are a very heavy team—forced the ball away, and Cuppage, making a good run, passed the ball to Astley in front of the Upton goal, where he was waiting offside, his shot, however, being well stopped by Warner. Soon after a good run by Bastard enabled Mitchell to make a shot at the Remnants' goal, and the ball rebounding off the goalkeeper enabled E. C. Bambridge to shoot it through the posts. The referee, on an appeal for offside, decided in favour of Remnants, though to the lookers-on it appeared a clear goal. On change of ends, E. C. Bambridge, who had played magnificently all through in answer to repeated exhortations to that effect, was knocked off the ball so effectually as to stop his rendering any further assistance to his side, and the game became more even, the back play of Cooke and Weldon, Savory and Flowers being most efficient for their respective sides. Keyser made some capital runs, and was certainly of the greatest service to his side. During the last ten minutes the visitors began to flag, several of the forwards being partially disabled, and the Remnants, assuming the offensive, scored a goal, through the agency of Cuppage, just two minutes before time, the match thus ending in a draw. The match, though arranged for 2.30, was, through the late arrival of some of the home team, not begun until about 2.45, and there was neither light nor time to play an extra half hour. The Upton forwards worked exceedingly well throughout."

SL:"On Saturday last,these two clubs,drawn against each other in the first round of the Association Cup,tried conclusions,but after playing the full hour and a half had not decided the question of their relative merits,each side having scored one goal.The weather was fine,though cold,and the effects of the night's frost had not quite worked off.The visitors won the toss,and elected to start the game with the wind at their backs.Upton Park at the outset pressed their opponents a good deal but did not succeed in scoring until nearly half-time when one of the Remnants' backs accidentally sent the ball through one of his own side's goal posts.After changing ends the Remnants played up with a will,and just before "time" managed to save the game,Cuppage getting the ball through.No further score was made,and the match ended in a draw.Hunter,Cooke,and E.C.Bambridge played well for Upton,as did Savory,Keyser,and Cuppage for the Remnants."

SM:"Played at Slough on Saturday,and ended in a draw,each side obtaining one goal."

BH:"This cup tie game came off at Slough,on November 15.The Uptonians having won the toss,kicked off,having the wind and sun in their favour.For some time the visitors had much the best of the game;no goal,however,resulted for nearly half-an-hour,when,after a good run by E.Bambridge,the ball was centred,and accidentally sent under by one of the Remnants' backs.After ends were changed,play became much more even,and both teams strove hard to gain a point.At length,within a few minutes of "no side",Cuppage succeeded in scoring for the home team,thus equalising matters and leaving the match drawn.For Upton Park,E.C.Bambridge,Cooke,and Mitchell were in excellent form,as were Keyser and Cuppage forward,and Savory at half back for the Remnants."(R positions)

Remnants:C.H.Hawtrey(Capt.),W.A.Cuppage(Centres),A.Dear,E.M.Hawtrey(Right),L.B.Keyser,+F.E.Astley(Left),J.H.Savory,F.J.Flowers(Left),H.Blackett,F.H.Rawlins(Backs),J.Cousins(Goal).

+Also played for Gitanos in matches

Upton Park:C.(W.)Warner;(Capt.)(Goal),J.T.C.Welldon,H.W.Spreckley(Backs);O.T.Cooke,A.L.Bambridge(Half Backs);J.Barnard,E.C.Bambridge(Left Wing),S.R.Bastard,J.B.Hunter(Right Wing),C.Mitchell,D.Cooke(Centres).

Umpires:F.Wilton for Upton and G.P.Hawtrey for Remnants.Referee:J.W.Martin of Reading.

REPLAY:TUES NOV 25<sup>th</sup> (At Kennington Oval):

UPTON PARK 5(E.C.Bambridge 2,C.Mitchell,"rush",another) REMNANTS 2(W.A.Cuppage,E.M.Hawtrey)(H.T 3-0)

Bell's Life 29/11/79 P.3/Sportsman 26/11/79 P.4/Field 29/11/79 P.751/Sporting Life 26/11/79 P.3?(Missing on line)/Referee 16/11/79 P.6:

BL:These clubs,who had already played one game without deciding which was entitled to a place in the second round of the Association Challenge Cup competition,met again on Tuesday afternoon at Kennington Oval.The choice of positions fell to Upton Park,who elected to play the first half with the assistance of a stiffish easterly breeze.At a quarter to three Cuppage set the ball in motion on behalf of the Remnants,who had to act quickly on the defensive.In fact,before many minutes had transpired a goal was kicked by E.C.Bambridge for Upton Park,who,10 minutes later,followed this up

with a second from the foot of Mitchell. Yet another goal was kicked for Upton previous to half time, but after ends had been changed the Remnants rallied, and in rather quick order twice succeeded in lowering their opponents' colours, Cuppage and E. Hawtrej being chiefly instrumental. Again, however, the tide flowed in favour of Upton, to whose credit two more goals were placed. Thus at the end of an hour and a half, Upton were left victorious by five goals to two."

SM: "Yesterday afternoon the Surrey Cricket Ground, at Kennington, showed very slight traces of the severe weather of last week, and, indeed, it was in such excellent condition that no one could have believed it to have been several inches deep in snow as late as Sunday last. The occasion yesterday was the second meeting between the above clubs, who had played a drawn game on the 15<sup>th</sup> inst. in the first round of the Association Cup. Play was to have begun at half-past two o'clock, but it was nearly a quarter of an hour later before a start was made. The Upton eleven in winning the toss gained the advantage of a stiffish wind, Cuppage, for the Remnants setting the ball in motion at 2.42 from the western position. The Upton forwards, showing excellent combination, soon began to press hard on their opponents, and before a quarter of an hour had elapsed their efforts were crowned with success, a well-aimed though rather fortunate shot by E. C. Bambridge from the vicinity of the touch-line carrying the ball a few inches under the cross-bar of the Remnants' goal. On resuming the Uptonians continued the offensive, and before long, A. L. Bambridge, middling cleverly, Mitchell headed the ball just outside the opposite posts. On a few occasions the Remnants penetrated into Upton territory, but with the exception of the energy shown by Keyser and E. Hawtrej, the forward play was weak, and the passing singularly mild. On the other hand, Mitchell, Bastard, Hunter, and D. Cooke kept close on the ball, and a smart shot by the first-named lowered the colours of the Remnants for the second time. After the kick-off the game was a little more even, but once more Upton triumphed, a foul for "hands" in front of the Remnants (goal) enabling the Uptonians, by taking full advantage of the free kick before the return of the opposite forwards, to rush the ball between the posts. At half time ends were changed, and for a brief period it seemed as though the wind was going to produce an important change for the Remnants. The ball had hardly been kicked off before a well-aimed kick by Cuppage proved too much for Warner to stop, and not many minutes afterwards a neat run by E. Hawtrej gave the Remnants their second score. Stimulated by these successes the Remnants returned to the fight with great vigour, and for a time, through the efforts of Cuppage, E. Hawtrej, Keyser, and Dear, it seemed as if they were going to make a close thing of it. The very fine play of O. T. Cooke, Welldon, and Spreckley, however, gave their forwards little chance, and they had again gradually to fall back before the Upton forwards, though Warner was forced to use his hands more than once. A fourth goal was scored for Upton by E. C. Bambridge, after a clever middle by Mitchell, and just before time was up, the Remnants suffered another disaster, the Uptonians winning at the end of an hour and a half by five goals to two. For the losers Flowers and Savory played well half-back, but Keyser, who had worked hard throughout, was the only one of the forwards to merit honourable mention. The Uptonians deserve praise for their all-round play. The forwards acted well together, besides doing plenty of work, and Welldon, Spreckley, and O. T. Cooke back all kicked in faultless style from first to last, Cooke in particular lending his side very valuable assistance."

F: "Having played one undecided match in the first round of the Association Challenge Cup competition, these clubs met for the second time on Tuesday afternoon. The scene of action was the Surrey Cricket Ground, Kennington Oval, which was in surprisingly good condition, considering that as recently as Sunday snow covered the ground to the depth of several inches. Upton Park won the toss, and elected to first defend the eastern goal, thus securing the advantage of a slight breeze. On

behalf of the opposing side Cuppage started the leather at 2.45, but it was soon returned. The Upton forwards, working well together, penned their opponents considerably, and just before three o'clock they succeeded in scoring the first goal, shot under the bar by E.C. Bambridge. Shortly after this incident a capital middle, by A.L. Bambridge, threatened to be dangerous; but Mitchell headed the ball just outside the post. A visit was now and then paid to the Upton quarters, but the Remnants continued to have the worst of the battle, and a shot by Mitchell sent the ball a second time between their posts. The Remnants now played up rather better, but their forwards, with one or two exceptions, did not show to advantage, their passing being very weak. Previous to half time another goal rewarded the efforts of Upton Park, and thus at half time the result was apparently a foregone conclusion. On ends being changed, however, the Remnants, favoured by the wind, carried all before them, and two goals, kicked respectively by Cuppage and E. Hawtrey, were placed to their credit in a very short time. This caused matters to assume an interesting aspect, especially as the Remnants continued to perform well. Towards the end Upton Park again asserted their superiority. E.C. Bambridge, from a middle by Mitchell, secured a fourth goal, and, as the Remnants' colours were again lowered, Upton were left with a victory by five goals to two."

Upton Park: C. Warner (Capt.) (Goal); J. T. C. Weldon, H. W. Spreckley (Backs); O. T. Cooke, A. L. Bambridge (Half Backs); S. R. Bastard, J. B. Hunter (Right Wing), J. Barnard, E. C. Bambridge (Left Wing), D. Cooke, C. Mitchell (Centres)

Remnants: C. H. Hawtrey (Capt.), H. Blackett (Backs); J. H. Savory, J. F. Flowers (Half Backs); J. Cousins (Goal); W. A. Cuppage, Hon. A. E. Harbord (Centres), E. M. Hawtrey, A. Dear (Right Side), L. B. Keyser, F. E. Astley (Left Side).

Umpires: F. J. Sparks (Clapham Rovers) and G. P. Hawtrey (Remnants). Referee: C. W. Alcock (Wanderers).

### THIRD DIVISION:

Old Foresters v Hendon

Minerva v Hertfordshire Rangers

Romford v Clapham Rovers

Pilgrims v Clarence

South Norwood v Brentwood

Mosquitoes v St Peter's Institute

OLD FORESTERS 1 (+T.M. Day) HENDON 1 (G.G. Williams) (SAT NOV 8<sup>th</sup>) (H.T 1-1) (At Snaresbrook)

+See Field replay Report

Bell's Life 15/11/79 P.9/Hendon & Finchley Times 15/11/79 P.6/Sportsman 10/11/79 P.4/Sporting Life 12/11/79 P.3:

BL: "Another of the matches in the first round in the Association Challenge Cup was played at Snaresbrook on Saturday between the above-named clubs. The game was very stoutly contested all through. Previous to half time each secured a goal, but during the latter portion of play nothing of a decisive character was gained by either. The match therefore resulted in a draw."

H&FT: "These two powerful clubs met last Saturday on the ground of the former at Snaresbrook, to decide who should enter into the second ties. The game ended in a draw with a goal to each."

SM: "These clubs, drawn together in the first ties for the Challenge Cup, met on Saturday last, on the ground of the latter at Snaresbrook. The visitors having won the toss, Cazenove kicked off for the Foresters, and the game at once became fast and furious, but Hendon were not very well together, and the good passing of the home team caused them some little anxiety. Shortly before half time a general rush, in which Cazenove, Day, and (+Horner) were conspicuous, was charged through amidst a tremendous uproar of "the Boys", who numbered very thickly round the ground, especially round the visitors' goal-keeper. This reverse put the Hendonians on their mettle. A fine run down the ground and some good passing gave Ince a throw-in, which he landed right into the "Foresters'" goal, and Williams speedily shot it through, thus making the game a tie, with one goal each. Half time was then called. The game was still played on with great energy on both sides, the teams trying their most to gain a decisive point, but the fog, which had been gradually getting worse, came on very badly, it being quite impossible to see the goalposts, but a lamp in the roadway gave the visitors some little idea where the goal posts stood, and the "boys" at the other end did good service for the Foresters, but all to no effect, and as neither team were able to score, the game ended in a draw with a goal to each. Besides those mentioned above, Morice, Williams, Dovaston, and Howard for Hendon; and Poole, Mills, and Guy for the Foresters played best." +Not Walker in this game

SL: "This cup match, at Snaresbrook, ended in a tie on Saturday afternoon last, each side obtaining one goal, that for the Old Foresters being kicked out of a general bully, and that for Hendon by Williams."

Old Foresters: E. Cazenove (Capt.), G. C. Mills, E. S. Horner, B. J. W. Grieve, E. A. Wells, T. M. Day (Forwards), L. Horner, J. U. Bolton (Half Backs), Rev. F. J. Poole, J. W. M. Guy (Backs), F. B. Denton (Goal).

Hendon: Hart Buck (Capt.), J. Powell (Left), H. O. Ince, C. Garrard (Right), G. G. Williams, W. S. Morice (Centres), R. H. Redford, H. B. Wimbush (Half Backs), M. E. Dovaston, W. Howard (Backs), +B. H. B. Redford (Goal).

+N. B. H. Redford in several lineups

Umpires: W. R. Sewell (Hendon) and P. Fairclough (Old Foresters).

REPLAY: SAT NOV 15<sup>th</sup> (At Hendon):

HENDON 2 (+G. G. Williams, W. S. Morice) OLD FORESTERS 2 (T. M. Day, J. W. M. Guy) (H. T. 2-1)

+N. B. Hart Buck captain of Hendon is recorded as playing forward and scoring the first goal, but he is listed as playing in goal in this match: he was a forward in the first match and in the third match, so he may have played in goal for only part of this match

Field 22/11/79 P. 716/Sportsman 18/11/79 P. 4/Sporting Life 19/11/79 P. 1/Bell's Life 22/11/79 P. 8:

N. B. No report traced in Hendon & Finchley Times



F: "These teams met for the second time to play off their drawn game on Saturday last, and again the result was a draw, this time with two goals to each side. The ground at Hendon was in splendid condition, and a wonderfully fast game was the result. Cazenove having won the toss, Williams started the ball for the home team, which was immediately taken into the Forester's territory, +Buck having a chance, which, however, he failed to utilise. The Foresters now played up very hard, Cazenove and Day showing up prominently. Still it was nearly half an hour after commencing that the latter player, as in the previous match, obtained the first goal for the Foresters. This was quickly followed by one for Hendon, from the foot of Williams, after a good display of passing. Soon after this Morice made the run of the day, which ended with one of the best goals being kicked that we have seen this season. Nothing further was scored up to the call of half time, when, after the customary interval, play was again resumed. However, it was not until within a quarter of an hour of time that the visitors obtained their second score, which they did under rather curious circumstances. The ball, hitting one of the goal posts, was caught by the goalkeeper and safely got away; an appeal, however, was made by the visitors. The umpires could not decide the point, but on the referee (Mr E. (H). Bambridge) being appealed to, that gentleman gave it a goal, much to the astonishment of both players and spectators. Nothing further was scored by either side up to the call of time, though a few minutes before a fine run down was made by H.O. Ince, Morice and Newnham, which had not the former taken his final shot a little too soon, must have ended in a third goal. For Hendon H.O. Ince, and Williams (forward), M.E. Dovaston and R.H. Redford (behind) were most prominent; whilst for the Foresters Cazenove, Day and Walker (forward), and E.S. Horner and Guy behind were perhaps most conspicuous."

SM: "Played at Hendon on Saturday last, to decide the draw of the previous Saturday for the Cup Tie. The Old Foresters winning the toss, Hendon kicked off at about about a quarter past three o'clock. Hendon at the beginning only mustered ten men, but the visitors allowed them to play with a substitute till the arrival of the eleventh man, who appeared about twenty minutes late. The game from the first was very fast, and some capital runs were made by both sides, notably Cazenove, Day, Morice, and the brothers Ince for their respective sides. At length, after some good passing, they succeeded in making a rush, and secured a clever goal for the Old Foresters. Again, as on the previous Saturday, the Hendon played up with renewed vigour and a general rush was made on their opponent's lines, Hart Buck placing a goal to their credit. This was soon followed by another from an organised attack, the ball just missing the Old Foresters' goal-keeper. Half-time was now called, and the play was, if possible, more spirited than ever. The visitors, however, decidedly harrassed the home team for some time, and a good many corner-kicks fell to their lot, none, however, being fruitful; but from a good kick opposite the goal Guy managed to equalise matters, making two goals to each eleven. Although each side worked their very hardest nothing further occurred. Thus the game ended in a draw for the second time. The Old Foresters, who were playing a weaker team than on the previous Saturday, displayed some very good form, E. Horner (half back), and Mills, Day, and Cazenove (forwards) showing to most advantage. For the Hendon team, who, on the other hand, were superior to their last Saturday form, Morice (forward) and Dovaston (back) did most." +Listed in goal!

SL: "A second match was played between these clubs at Hendon, in order to decide their tie match at Snaresbrook on the 8<sup>th</sup> inst.; a second tie was, however, the issue, each team scoring two goals, the Old Foresters through Day and Guy, and Hendon through +Hart-Buck and Morice." +Listed in goal!

BL: "These clubs, who on the first time of meeting failed to decide who should enter the second round of the cup competition, again tried conclusions on Saturday at Hendon. Two goals each were scored, therefore the result was again a draw."

Hendon: Hart Buck ((Capt.)) (Goal); M. E. Dovaston, (Back); H. B. Wimbush, R. H. Redford, W. Howard (Half Backs); H. O. Ince, G. G. Williams (Centres), J. Powell, J. H. Ince (Left), W. S. Morice, E. Newnham ((Right)).

Old Foresters: E. B. Denton (Goal); J. W. M. Guy, F. A. Charrington (Backs); E. S. Horner, L. Horner (Half Backs); E. Cazenove (Capt.), W. Walker (Centres), B. J. W. Grieve, E. A. Wells (Rights), T. M. Day, G. C. Mills (Left Side).

Umpires: C. Hart for Old Foresters and W. Sewell for Hendon. Referee: E. H. Bambridge.

SECOND REPLAY: SAT NOV 22<sup>nd</sup> (At Snaresbrook):

OLD FORESTERS 1 (Another) HENDON 3 (W. S. Morice, Hart-Buck, "Rush") (H. T. 1-2)

Hendon & Finchley Times 29/11/79 P.5/Bell's Life 29/11/79 P.3/Field 29/11/79 P.751/Sportsman 24/11/79 P.4/Sporting Life 26/11/79 P.3? (Missing on line):

H& FT: "These teams met for the third time on Saturday last at Snaresbrook to decide who should enter the second ties when Hendon were victorious by three goals to one. Owing to the very hard fall of snow on the two previous days, it was thought impossible by many that the match could be played, but as there was little prospect of it disappearing, and both teams having duly turned up, it was thought best to play. For the Old Foresters Cazenove and Walker "ups", and Poole and E. S. Horner "behind", were best, whilst for Hendon, Morice, Ince, and Powell "ups", and the Dovastons, and Redford, "behind" shewed conspicuously."

F: "These clubs met for the third time on Saturday at Snaresbrook, to decide who should enter the second ties, but this time with a different result, as the Hendonians were victorious by three goals to one. The ground was in a wretched condition, being completely covered in snow several inches deep; but, notwithstanding this, the game was entered into with great spirit on both sides. Shortly after play had commenced, Morice made a grand run, nearly the whole length of the ground, finishing with a splendid goal; this was followed with one by Buck. Such quick scoring soon roused the Foresters, who now played up with great energy, and they were rewarded with a goal, which passed through just out of the goalkeeper's reach. Encouraged by this success, the home team rather pressed the visitors, who began to get a little slack, and several corners fell to them, some of which were exceedingly well placed by Poole. On changing ends, Hendon had the benefit of the hill, and the Inces, with Morice, who seemed quite at home in the snow, soon were busy again; and the latter middling to H. Ince, he shot the ball hard between the posts, but, unfortunately, he was ruled offside. But not to be denied, a fine rush of the visitors' forwards ended in the third and last goal of the match. Besides those mentioned, the Dovastons and Powell for Hendon, and Poole, Walker and Grieve, for the Foresters, played well." (SM Report almost identical)

BL: "The ground was covered with snow, but the game, notwithstanding, proved tolerably fast. Morice soon placed a goal to the credit of Hendon, for whom Buck also scored. Before half time a goal was

kicked for the Old Foresters. During the latter portion of the game Hendon again lowered their opponents' colours, and thus gained a victory by three goals to one."

Old Foresters: E. Cazenove (Capt.), A. W. Letts, E. A. Wells, + T. M. Day, B. J. W. Grieve, J. Walker (Forwards), E. S. Horner, L. Horner (Half Backs), J. W. M. Guy, Rev. F. J. Poole (Backs), substitute (Goal)

+ (BL / F / H & FT / SM all have W. Day, but T. M. Day as in AFS and 2 previous games).

Hendon: Hart Buck (Captain), J. H. Ince (Left), W. S. Morice, J. Powell (Right), G. G. Williams, H. O. Ince (Centres) R. H. Redford, W. D. Dovaston (Half Backs), M. E. Dovaston, W. Howard (Backs), B. H. B. Redford (Goal).

Umpires: C. E. Hart and F. W. Stratford.

HERTS RANGERS 2 (J. Winter, T. Hill) MINERVA 1 (A. Fabian) (H. T. 1-0) (SAT NOV 15<sup>th</sup>) (At Watford)

Watford Observer 22/11/79 P.3/Sporting Life 19/11/79 P.1/Bell's Life 22/11/79 P.8/Field 22/11/79 P.716/Sportsman 17/11/79 P.4/Referee 16/11/79 P.6:

WO: "This match was played on Saturday last at Watford in the presence of a large number of spectators, and excited much interest from the fact that it was a "tie" of the "Football Association Challenge Cup". The ball was kicked off soon after three o'clock by Minerva, and a fast game began, both sides making some capital runs, and more than once each goal was threatened, but without success, until about twenty minutes before the call of half time, Sargent by a pretty piece of play middled the ball immediately in front of the visitor's goal, which was taken advantage of by Winter, who scored the first for Rangers. After this the game was carried on with renewed vigour, the Minerva trying hard to equalise matters, but nothing more was scored when half time was called. When the ends were changed the game, if anything, became faster, and several times the visitors' goal was in danger, but the Rangers failed to score further until Hill after a good run down the left side, placed another goal to the credit of the home team. After the Minerva who played a good hard game throughout were rewarded by a goal from a loose scrimmage just before time, thus leaving the Rangers victorious by two goals to one. For the Herts Rangers, Hill and Sargent played very well forward, and Humbert's goal-keeping was excellent, while for the Minerva the backs were very good."

SL: "This Cup contest came off on Saturday last at Watford, and was won by the Rangers by two goals (kicked by Hill) to one goal obtained by Fabian."

BL: "Played on Saturday at Watford, the Rangers, after a capital game, winning by two goals to one."

F: "This tie was decided on Saturday at Watford, and, after a close game, ended in a victory for the Herts Rangers by two goals to one."

SM: "This tie was decided on Saturday at Watford, and ended in a victory for the Rangers by two goals to one."

REF: "This match, under Association rules, was played on Saturday at Watford, and resulted in favour of the Herts Rangers by two goals (kicked by Hill) to one (kicked by Fabian). Thompson, ..., Bain, and

Fabian played well for the losers. Hill played brilliantly for the winners, and Villiers, Sargent, and Barker also distinguished themselves, while the goalkeeping on both sides was remarkably good."

Herts Rangers: C. Humbert (Goal); T. J. Villiers, H. Herrick (Backs); E. C. Foa, L. Evans (Half Backs); R. Barker (Capt.), T. Hill, J. Kennedy, J. Winter, E. Gordon, W. Sargent (Forwards).

Minerva: F. Ware (Capt.), E. Bain (Right Side), A. Fabian, W. Perkins (Left Side), W. Thompson (Centre), F. Birkett, E. J. Clarke, J. Hutton (Half Back), H. Alderson, J. M. Turner (Backs); E. Peake (Goal).

Umpires: T. B. Day and G. Browning. Referee: H. Mason (Finchley F.C.).

ROMFORD 0 CLAPHAM ROVERS 7 (H.T. 0-3) (SAT NOV 8<sup>th</sup>) (At Romford)

Essex Standard 15/11/79 P.4/Essex Herald 11/11/79 P.5/Chelmsford Chronicle 14/11/79 P.7: No Clapham Rovers team in any paper/Clapham Observer unfit (No report in Essex Newsman):

ET: "A match between the above clubs took place at Romford. The Rovers had all their own way in the first round of the Challenge Cup Competition, and won easily by seven goals to nothing. The home forwards never succeeded in passing the Rover's backs, and had darkness not set in about half an hour before time, the winning score would probably have been larger. Clark, the Romford goalkeeper, deserves praise for the skilful way in which he stopped many well-directed shots, and Bailey and Weston played conspicuously for the Rovers." (No teams)

ES/EH/CC: "On Saturday last, the Romford Club, who were drawn in the first ties of the Association Cup with the Clapham Rovers, met their opponents at Romford to decide the tie. Play commenced shortly after half past three, when F. H. Thirlwall kicked off for Romford. The Rovers pressed the home team rather sharply for the first quarter of an hour, L. E. Clark saving several goals, but the visitors were not to be denied, and when half time was called they had scored three goals. During the latter half it was almost impossible to see the ball at any distance owing to the fog. The Rovers, however, managed to add three more goals to their score - one being secured off the goal post, one off the head of one of the Romford men, and the other from hands in front of goal, the Rovers rushing the ball through. The home team was quite overmatched, and never got a shot at the Rovers' goal." (Therefore the 7<sup>th</sup> was probably missed because of the fog)

Romford: L. E. Clark (Goal); H. W. Palmer, W. J. Reid (Backs); E. P. Barnes, C. Noad (Half Backs); F. H. Thirlwall (Capt.), H. Axford, C. S. Palmer, E. Champness, A. D. Cornell, W. Wright (Forwards).

(H. W. Palmer: not W. H. Palmer as in EH/ES/CC)

Clapham Rovers: N. C. Bailey, V. Weston (others not traced)

PILGRIMS 5 (A. W. Ramsey 2, F. H. Last, E. C. Mott, H. G. Poland) CLARENCE 2 (T. Stone, T. Wilmshurst) (H.T. 3-2) (SAT NOV 1<sup>st</sup>) (Pilgrims' Ground, Park, Tottenham)

Bell's Life 8/11/79 P.4/Field 8/11/79 P.643/Sporting Life 5/11/79 P.1/Sportsman 3/11/79 P.4:

BL: "By their defeat of the Clarence club on Saturday, the Pilgrims, on whose ground the match was played, secured a place in the second round of the Challenge Cup competition. All through they had the best of the game and casting up accounts at the end of an hour and a half their score was found to be five goals and one disputed against two gained by the vanquished team."

F: "This match in the first round was played at Tottenham on Saturday, the ground being rather heavy. Clarence won the toss and Ramsey kicked off for the Pilgrims, against a stiff breeze. A corner soon fell to the Clarence, but a long run down by Ramsey resulted in the first goal to the Pilgrims after five minutes' play. Another corner to Clarence followed the kick off, then a fine centre by F.A. Thompson gave Ramsey the opportunity to score a second goal for the home team. After this Clarence played up vigorously, and made good use of the wind; a free kick by T. Stone glanced through the posts off one of the home backs. Two more corner kicks were taken by Clarence, when a shot by Wilmhurst made the score equal; Henderson failing to use his hands. Four goals having been scored in fifteen minutes, the pace began to tell, and after another shot had been averted, the Pilgrims removed the play to their opponents' end, where, from a loose bully, F. Last kicked the third goal. After half time the Pilgrims had the wind, and the game was mostly carried on in the Clarence ground. From a very long middle by Poland, Mott kicked the fourth goal; and the same player shortly after again had the ball under the tape, but this the visitors disputed, on the grounds that it had been behind the goal line. Five corner kicks fell to the Pilgrims, several of which were well placed by C. Last, and some passing by Ramsey and Poland, the Pilgrims thus winning a spirited game by six goals one disputed to two. Wilmhurst, M'Pherson, and T. Stone played best for Clarence, their backs kicking hard, and the forwards passing very fairly. The Pilgrims were playing up well in the second half, Clarke and Poland especially; the Lasts were invaluable at half back, and Shepard kicked strongly."

+This passage should continue "resulted in another goal for the Pilgrims by the former"

SM: "This match took place on the ground of the former, at Park, Tottenham, on Saturday. Clarence won the toss, and elected to play with a stiff breeze at their backs, Ramsey kicking off for the Pilgrims from the Copper Mills End. After five minutes Ramsey kicked the first goal after a good run down, and the same player soon scored another from a fine centre by F.A. Thomson. Clarence then played up hard, and from a free kick by T. Stone scored their first goal. The ball going in off one of the home backs. Four corner-kicks fell to Clarence, who made good use of the wind and passed well. A shot by Wilmhurst produced a second goal, the goal-keeper failing to use his hands. Other shots were, however, averted, and from a loose scrimmage F. Last kicked a third goal for the Pilgrims. After half time the Pilgrims got better together, and pressed their opponents. A splendid middle by Poland enabled E.C. Mott to score, and again the same player got the ball under the tape, but this was disputed by Clarence. (Five corner kicks fell to C. Last, several of which were well placed.) After a long run down the visitors had a couple of unsuccessful shots, but some passing between Poland and Ramsey resulted in another goal to the Pilgrims by the former. After other corner-kicks in the dark, the Pilgrims were left the winners of a stiff contest by five goals and one disputed to two. M'Pherson, Wilmhurst, and T. Stone played best for Clarence, their backs kicking well. For the Pilgrims, Clarke was useful forward, the Lasts very active as half-backs, Shepard and Swepstone also played hard."

+This passage should read: "Five corner kicks fell to the Pilgrims, several of which were well placed by C. Last."

SL: "On Saturday, at Tottenham, the Pilgrims won their first Cup match of the present season by five goals-F. Last, Mott, Poland, and Ramsey (two)-and one disputed, to two, kicked by W. Stone, and Wilmhurst."

Pilgrims: A.W. Ramsey (Capt.), H. Wohlgemuth (Centres), E.C. Mott, F.A. Clarke (Lefts), H.G. Poland, F.A. Thompson (Rights), C.H. Last, F.H. Last (Half Backs); R.W. Shepard, H.A. Swepstone ((Backs), J. Henderson (Goal).

Clarence: T. Stone (Capt.) (Half Back); E. Phillips, C. Nutt (Backs); T. Bockmaster (Goal); T. Wilmhurst, W. Stone, F. Fife, H. Fife, E. M'Pherson, R. Butler, W. Prentice (Forwards).

Umpire: R. Redwood. Referee: F. Tod (Queen's Park (Glasgow)).

SOUTH NORWOOD 4 (W.M. Robertson, W.S. Knight 2, J.G. Hamilton)

BRENTWOOD 2 (H.H.W. Sparham, R. Grouse) (H.T. 1-0) (SAT NOV 1<sup>st</sup>) (At Norwood)

Sporting Life 5/11/79 P.1/Bell's Life 8/11/79 P.4/Field 8/11/79 P.643/Sportsman 3/11/79 P.4/Referee 3/11/79 P.6/Norwood News 8/11/79 P.6:

SL: "This match, one of the first ties in the Cup competition, was played at Norwood on Saturday last, and won by Norwood by four goals to two. Owing to the late arrival of two of the visitors, the ball was not started till a quarter to four, and therefore the latter part of the game was played in the dark. Norwood won the toss, and although having the hill in their favour, the home team were only able to score once before half time by a good side shot by Robertson. After ends were changed, Brentwood soon equalised matters, Sparham kicking a good goal. From then till the finish, the play was very spirited, but Norwood had the best of it, and before "time" was called had placed three more goals to their credit-two by Knight and one by Hamilton. Sparham was also again to the fore for Brentwood by kicking a second goal."

BL: "Played at Norwood on Saturday and ended in the defeat of Brentwood by four goals to two. For the winners, Knight kicked two goals and Hamilton and Robertson one each. Sparham and Grouse obtained the Brentwood goals."

F: "Played at Norwood on Saturday last, and won by Norwood by four goals to two. Norwood played with the hill in their favour for the first half, but, although obtaining several corner kicks, were only able to score once, the goal being kicked by Robertson. Almost immediately after ends were changed Brentwood equalised matters by Sparham landing a good goal for his side. Before time was called Norwood had scored three more goals (Knight 2 and Hamilton one), and Sparham had added one more for Brentwood. The last ten minutes of the game was played in the dark. Pitman's middles were the feature of the game."

SM: "This match was played on Saturday at Norwood, when Norwood won by four goals to two. The goals for Brentwood were kicked by Sparham and Grouse, and for Norwood by Knight (2), Robertson (1), and Hamilton (1)."

REF: "The goals for Brentwood were kicked by Sparham and Growse, and for Norwood, by Knight (two), Robertson (one), and Hamilton (one)."

NN: "This match was played at Woodside, on Saturday last, and resulted in a victory for Norwood by four goals to two. Owing to the late arrival of two of the visitors, the ball was not started until 3.45, and, therefore, the latter part of the game was played in the dark. Norwood played down hill for the first half, but although obtaining several corner kicks, were only enabled to place one goal (Robertson) to their credit during that time. After ends were changed Brentwood soon equalised matters, Sparham kicking a good goal. Each side played now with great spirit, the play of Pitman and Scott for Norwood, and Sparham and Baker for Brentwood calling forth cheers from the spectators. The leather was now taken up the left side by Pitman, and being middled beautifully, enabled Knight to kick a second goal for his side; this was shortly followed by Hamilton placing the ball through from half-back. These reverses caused the visitors to play up harder than ever, and Sparham again was to the fore. Darkness now came on, and the game must have been quite invisible to the on-lookers. Before time was called, however, Knight placed victory beyond doubt, by kicking the fourth goal for Norwood. Besides those above-mentioned, Grouse, Cuthbert, Coles, and Stephenson played well for their respective sides. We were glad to notice several ladies, amongst the spectators. Mr W.H. White umpired most impartially for both sides."

South Norwood: C.E. Leeds (Capt.), H.L. Stephenson (Backs); H.H. Coles, J.G. Hamilton (Half Backs); P.E. Morse (Goal), W. Pitman, W.S. Knight, J.G. Ferns, F.O'S. Reade, W.M. Robertson, B.C. Scott (Forwards).

Brentwood: J.C. Lyster (Goal), F. Hulton (Capt.), R. Growse (Backs), J.L. Nickisson, T. Cuthbert (Half Backs), C.E. Baker, H.S. Bowen, J. Cooper, H.P. Landon, S. Morgan, H.H.W. Sparham (Forwards).

Cook in all other papers for J. Cooper in SL: neither name traced in other matches

Umpire: W.H. White was umpire for both sides

Umpire: W.H. White

MOSQUITOES 3 (C.J. Davey 2, C.F. Borman) ST PETER'S INSTITUTE 1 (H. Daville) (SAT NOV 1<sup>st</sup>) (At Nunhead)

Referee 3/11/79 P.6/Bell's Life 8/11/79 P.4/Sportsman 3/11/79 P.4/Sporting Life 5/11/79 P.1/(No report in Field):

REF: "These clubs met at Nunhead on Saturday, and after a well-contested game the Mosquitoes won by three goals to one. Goals were kicked for the winners by Davey (two) and Borman, and for St Peter's by Daville."

BL: "In this match, played at Nunhead on Saturday, a victory was gained by the Mosquitoes, for whom Davey kicked two goals and Borman one. The only goal obtained by the other side was from the foot of Daville."

SM: "Played on Saturday. The Mosquitoes won by three goals to one. Goals were kicked for the winners by Davey (2), and Borman, and for the St Peter's by Daville."

SL: "This match was played at Nunhead on Saturday, the Mosquitoes securing a place in the second round by scoring three goals-Borman and Davey(two) to one, kicked by Daville."

Mosquitoes: E.A. Whittle, F.W. Holloway (Centres), C.J. Davey, A. Nightingale (Left Wing), W. Skilling, C.F. Borman (Right Wing), T. Sharpington, W. Spelman (Half Backs), H. Young, J.H. Cornford (Backs), J.B. Ginger (Goal).

St Peter's Institute: G. Weir (Goal); A. Richards, F. Walters (Backs); W.H. Browning, A. Knight (Half Backs); J. Wright (Capt.), H. Daville (Left), H. King, C. Cotter (Centres), C. Nicholls, W. Broughton (Right).

Umpires: R.G. Jackson and H.J. Russell. Referee: J.H. Parker.

## SECOND ROUND:

Bell's Life 22/11/79 P.8:

"On Monday evening the Committee met to draw the Second Round. The result was as under. This Round must be completed on or before Dec 31.":

## NORTHERN DISTRICT:

Providence (Sheffield) v Sheffield Club

Darwen v Blackburn Rovers

Nottingham Forest v Turton

SHEFFIELD CLUB 3 (W.A. Matthews, H. Barber, Scrimmage) PROVIDENCE 3 (Scrimmage, F. Brownhill, Another) (H.T. 1-3) (Mon Dec 15<sup>th</sup>) (At Bramall Lane, Sheffield)

Sheffield Daily Telegraph 16/12/79 P.3/Sheffield Independent 16/12/79 P.8/Field 20/12/79 P.840/Sporting Life 17/12/79 P.1/Sportsman 16/12/79 P.4 (No teams):

SDT: "From the teams it will be seen that Providence was more like a Sheffield team than anything else, as it included some of the best local players."

SI: "Though the weather was much milder than it has been for some time past, yet the attendance was by no means large, but those that were absent missed a great treat, as the contest was most spirited and exciting throughout. Owing to the recent thaw the ground was in very soft slippery condition, and the frequent tumbles in the mud and slush, rendered the players anything but presentable specimens of humanity at the finish of the game. There were several changes from the advertised list of players, and Providence sustained a decided loss in the absence of Bishop. Providence won the toss, and about a quarter to three o'clock the Sheffield Club kicked off towards Bramall lane, and the first noticeable piece of play was a neat run and pretty cross by Matthews to Wood which took the ball up to the Providence goal, whence it was immediately returned. Excellent efforts by Brownhill and Mosforth preceded a shot at the Sheffield Club's goal, but the attempt was averted by Moss. The leather being removed to the other end, the Club had a corner kick, but the ball was sent outside. Fletcher and Hunter were hereabouts seen to advantage, but their efforts were



not sufficient to prevent Matthews forcing the leather through the posts. Up to this time it should be stated that Providence had been playing with only ten men, Bishop being an absentee. The score by the Sheffield party raised them up to the necessity of having another man, and Martin therefore came to their assistance. T.H. Sorby distinguished himself by a nice run and cross, but the globe was sent back immediately to the other end, when Fletcher had a long shy at the Sheffield citadel, but the attempt failed. Almost immediately afterwards a brilliant shot by Ollerenshaw was splendidly saved by Ellison, who pushed the leather out of goal in the very nick of time. Brownhill now had a throw in, and although he dropped the ball right in the mouth of the fort, Ellison shot the leather out again. Mosforth had another shot for Providence after a clever run, but the goal-keeper was all alive to the emergency and punted the ball away. Marsden and Mosforth here came in to antagonism, and the honours were pretty evenly divided. Bradbury at this stage exhibited some very vigorous efforts, and the play, owing to the slippery condition of the ground, at times created the utmost amusement, "spills" being of constant occurrence. The leather having again been worked up to the Sheffield Club's goal, it was well steered into the mouth of the fort by Brownhill, and a scrimmage ensuing, the ball went off Moss through the sticks. This made matters equal, and the globe being again started, BATTERY displayed some capital form at back, several of his lunges being extremely vigorous and effective. Fletcher here aimed a grand shot at the Sheffield goal but it was equally grandly stopped by Ellison, though in a melee in the fort immediately succeeding, Brownhill forced the leather through amid great cheering. After the recommencement of hostilities, Woodcock put in a very lively run through the middle; and a shot at goal which Ellison put outside, resulted in a corner kick, from which nothing came. A fine return of Beardshaw's was cheered, but the ball was directed to the Sheffield Club's end, where Ellison had all his business cut out to stop a great shy by Brownhill. The Providence team were again to the front three minutes before half time, as they scored another goal, Ollerenshaw and Brownhill appearing to have most to do with this third success. After the customary short interval Woodcock began with a well-executed run, and finished with a capital kick at goal, but the ball went wide of the posts. Ollerenshaw followed with another run, and then Martin had a severe throw, but he came up smiling notwithstanding.

H. Barber, here, got possession in the centre, and steering the ball straight as an arrow, and the goalkeeper failing to stop it, the Sheffield Club, amid great excitement, scored a second time. A beautiful shot by Fletcher was miraculously averted by Ellison, who almost at the same moment stopped another most dangerous shy of Mosforth's. The Providence team were now having nearly all the best of the play, and the light had become so bad that it was difficult for the spectators to see clearly what was going on. Eventually within about two minutes of time, and when the match looked a certain victory for Providence, the Sheffield club secured a corner kick, and in the scrimmage which ensued the leather was got through the posts. Vociferous applause greeted this equalisation of goals, and time being called immediately afterwards, the game was declared a tie. We think F. Brownhill, Fletcher, Mosforth, Hunter and BATTERY played best for Providence and Matthews, Ellison (goal), T.H. Sorby, Marsden, and Bradbury for the Sheffield Club. Both sides were heartily applauded on retiring to the dressing room."

F: "Monday afternoon last at Bramall Lane ground was arranged for the above tie, which created a large amount of local interest. The Sheffield Club is the leading society of amateur players in the town and district, and, with a membership of nearly five hundred, they can always send a strong team into the field. Providence has not generally been considered a formidable club; but as they have a pushing executive, they last season decided to enter for the English Cup, and accordingly got several

of the crack players of the district to qualify for the tie under notice. The ground, owing to the sudden thaw, was in a wretched condition, and, when the match was over, we never remember teams looking more miserably bedraggled, being literally covered in mud and slush from head to foot. "The spills that occurred during the match were innumerable, and three or four men sustained some very ugly falls."

SL: "On Monday these clubs met at Bramall-lane, Sheffield, to play their match in the second round. Hitherto the Sheffield Club has been the only one that has entered from the cutlery metropolis, but this year the Providence has also entered. The latter club had the pick of the town, and the match in reality was between the Sheffield Association and the Sheffield Club. Providence won the toss, and decided on kicking down hill. The ground was in wretched condition, owing to the thaw, and spills were of frequent occurrence. There was only a moderate number of spectators. The Club were the first to score, and then the Providence team secured three goals in succession. The Club played well together, and quickly obtained a second goal. Soon after half time darkness set in, and it was impossible to see the ball or distinguish the players. Before the call of "Time!", however, matters were equalised, the Club getting a third goal out of a bully. Should fine weather prevail when they meet again, there is certain to be a large company to witness the deciding match between these clubs." (No teams)

Sheffield Club: M. Ellison (Goal); W. F. Beardshaw, H. N. Moss, F. Marsden, C. E. Vickers, T. H. Sorby, W. A. Mathews, H. Wood, J. Bradbury, J. H. Barber, H. Barber.

Providence: W. H. Brownhill (Goal); H. Fletcher, T. Buttery, J. Hydes, J. Hunter, W. H. Mosforth, A. R. Woodcock, F. Brownhill, T. Milner, H. J. Ollerenshaw, R. Martin.

Umpires: A. T. Walker for Sheffield and W. R. Wake for Providence. Referee: R. Gregory.

REPLAY: MON DEC 29<sup>th</sup>:

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

Sheffield Independent 30/12/79 P.8/Sheffield Daily Telegraph 30/12/79 P.6/Athletic News 31/12/79 P.6/Bell's Life 3/1/80 P.4/Sportsman 30/12/79 P.4:

SI: "The above clubs met for the second time yesterday, at Bramall lane ground for the purpose of playing off the undecided tie in the competition for the English Association Challenge Cup. When the teams contested about a fortnight back, each succeeded in scoring three goals, so a tie was the result, thus necessitating a second match. For the present occasion both sides had been considerably strengthened. Two Nottingham men, A. W. Cursham and Dobson, had been requisitioned by the Sheffield Club while the following trio appeared for the first time for Providence-Bishop, Marples and Sykes, who kept goal in place of W. H. Brownhill. J. Hunter was unable to play in consequence of injury. The ground was in very soft condition owing to the recent rain, but the going can hardly be said to have been so bad as on the last occasion, when a rapid thaw having taken place, it was almost impossible for the players to obtain a footing. It was about ten minutes to three o'clock when Wood

set the ball rolling, the Sheffield Club having lost the toss. They kicked in the direction of Bramall lane, with the wind against them, and the sun in their eyes. For the first fifteen minutes the game was decidedly in favour of Providence for whom Mosforth, Fletcher, Ollerenshaw and Woodcock were conspicuous. The ball was nearly always in the Sheffield Club's half, and when returned into their opponents' ground was immediately sent back by Buttery or Houseley, whose kicking was vigorous and well timed. Providence had several shots at goal, but Ellison was always ready, and averted the danger. Eventually Providence had a corner kick, but Fletcher sent the leather out. At last Sorby, by a good run, took the sphere well up into opposition territory, and finishing with a good shy at goal, it took all of Sykes' vigilance to stop the ball. The Sheffield Club then had a corner kick, and the leather being cleverly directed, it was put through by Matthews, who rushed forward in the nick of time. Excellent play by Moss followed and Sorby effected another run, while Bishop shortly afterwards sent the ball flying over the cross-bar. Cursham now had an easy chance of reducing the Providence fortress, but he was in too great a hurry, and he steered the ball fully a yard away from the sticks. Mosforth five minutes subsequent to this directed a shot over the Sheffield Club's cross-bar, while a retaliatory shy at the Providence fort was capitally saved by Sykes.

The Sheffield Club then had several corner kicks in succession, but nothing came of them, and half time was called with Providence one goal to the bad. The change of ends gave the advantage of the wind to the Sheffield Club, and they did not fail to make use of it. The sides had not long been engaged, before Sorby crossed in good style to Cursham, who, making a sudden rush, cleverly overthrew the Providence goal, making it two goals to none. Again the men set vigorously to work, Fletcher, Mosforth, Buttery, Ollerenshaw, Brownhill, and Marples being prominent for Providence, and Bradbury (centre), Sorby, Mathews, Marsden, and Beardshaw for the other party.

The Sheffield club getting the ball into the centre, it was passed forward, and Bradbury securing possession, he succeeded in sending the leather through the posts, but the score was disallowed on the grounds that he was offside. With varying fortunes the game continued but the Sheffield club clearly had the winning hand, and adding another goal shortly before the call of time, they won a good match by three goals to none. We think, Sorby, Ellison (goal), Bradbury, Mathews, and Cursham excelled for the winners, and Fletcher, Mosforth, Woodcock, Buttery, and Ollerenshaw for the losers."

SDT: "A few minutes later, however, the goal was once more captured for the Club rushed down in a body, and Cursham making a splendid effort to head the ball through, but failing Sorby rushed in at the proper moment and sent the ball between the posts out of the reach of Sykes. The play from this point was conducted on pretty even terms, but as no further goal was obtained, the victory rested with the Sheffield club by three goals to nothing."

Sheffield Club: M. Ellison (Goal); W. F. Beardshaw, H. N. Moss, A. T. C. Dobson, F. Marsden, A. W. Cursham, W. A. Mathews, H. Wood, J. Bradbury, T. H. Sorby, J. H. Barber.

Providence: T. Sykes (goal); T. Buttery, J. Houseley (Backs), H. Fletcher, J. Maddocks (Half Backs), F. Brownhill, W. H. Mosforth, G. B. Marples, A. R. Woodcock, H. J. Ollerenshaw, T. Bishop (Forwards).

Umpires: F. Whelan for Sheffield Club and W. R. Wake for Providence. Referee: R. Gregory.

BLACKBURN ROVERS 3(J.Brown 2,J.Hargreaves) DARWEN 1(T.Marshall)(H.T. 1-1)  
(SAT NOV 6<sup>th</sup>)(At Alexandra Grounds,Blackburn:East Lancashire Cricket Ground)(Diffent views as to  
the scorers:see below)

Blackburn Standard 13/12/79 P.6/Athletic News 10/12/79 P.2-3/Bell's Life 13/12/79 P.4/Field  
13/12/79 P.812/Sporting Gazette 13/12/79:

BS" ....it is estimated that between 5,000 and 6,000 people assembled on the Alexandra Meadows, Blackburn,to witness the progress and result of the game.Large numbers of people had flocked from Darwen,and about £70 were taken at the gates.To meet the wishes of the Darwen club,the ground itself had been greatly enlarged.The game,it must be admitted,was played under considerable difficulties,in consequence of the heavy downfall of snow,which had taken place the previous day, and measured a depth from to three or four inches."

"Fred Hargreaves threw the ball in,and Avery made a capital shot for goal but the ball passed over the bar.Duxbury,the goalkeeper,kicked the leather well out.Lewis immediately gained possession, and running the ball forward,passed it to Avery,who sent it to Brown and this player,by an excellent shot,landed it through the posts clear of the keeper,scoring the first goal for Blackburn in five minutes after play commenced."

"At this juncture of the game it became evident that a number of Darwen rougns had assembled on the field,and probably disappointed with the turn the play was taking,made a rush from the limits prescribed for the spectators to the tape marking the boundaries of the ground set apart for the play.The game was temporarily stopped while the police cleared the crowd away.Unseemly shouting was prevalent throughout."

"From a throw in by Blackburn Avery secured the ball and passed it to Hargreaves;Suter made a misskick and R.Birtwhistle sent it through the goal in grand style.The goal was immediately disputed by Darwen,who claimed that hands were claimed before the ball went through.The goal was disallowed by the Referee."

"Blackburn threw in immediately before half time.Marshall ran the ball up to the Rovers' quarters.The goalkeeper caught the ball with his hands,but passing the ball through the posts,a goal was claimed by Darwen and allowed by the referee." (F:".....the Darwen forwards set to work with resolution,and Howarth,in stopping a long shot by E.Suter,was driven between the posts, considerable cheering greeting the fiat of the referee allowing the goal to Darwen.This was just before half time and ends were reversed with one goal to each side.For a few minutes after the change of positions the play was fairly even;...")

"J.Hargreaves and J.Lewis,in good style,passed the ball up to the left wing.It was taken up by Duckworth,who passed it to J.Hargreaves,and he,in the midst of the Darwen players,shot the ball between the posts,amid cheers.(F:"A free kick presently fell to the Rovers,and a well placed kick by M'Intyre enabled Duckworth to force the ball between the posts")The remainder of the game was very fast,J.Hargreaves showing well,and before time was called Blackburn had placed another goal to their credit,being obtained by Brown in splendid style.The Darwen colours on several other occasions narrowly avoided being brought down,while the Rovers' posts had a comparative immunity from danger."

AN:"A special train from Darwen conveyed some seven or eight hundred passengers to the scene of operations,and after struggling for some twenty minutes outside the enclosure on the Alexandra Meadows,our representative found on arriving inside that the Darwen Club,arranged in order at the

Park end of the ground, were preparing to kick off the ball from the centre. It will be as well, perhaps, to explain that the game was played right across the cricket pitch, and not, as is usually the case, on the Rovers' ground, viz., in the far corner. The ground was covered in snow two or three inches in depth, but this did not interfere materially with the play, and the spectators, who numbered close upon five thousand, were loud in their applause, at any good or brilliant piece of work on either side. Suter, the Darwen captain, had no sooner put motion to the ball than F. Hargreaves returned, and Avery had it closer upon the visitors' goal, but danger for the time being was averted by F. Suter kicking out. On being put in play, Brindle was to be seen lifting the leather away, and Gledhill and Bury made matters look rather threatening for the Rovers, but Greenwood very coolly tackled the ball and sent it to the wing, and the home forwards running it down with great rapidity, the play was for a few seconds in front of the Darwen goal, and a ringing cheer announced that the Blackburn men had drawn first blood, the youthful, though active, Brown having sent the ball between the posts. A goal after four minutes' play was pretty smart work, and the Darwen supporters looked considerably "blue". E. Suter lost no time in placing the ball once more in a neutral position, and it looked as though the score would be equalised, for F. Suter and Gledhill had a chance, but the latter making his effort too early, Greenwood frustrated the attempt on the home fortress, and in less than it takes to write it the ball was in Darwen quarters once again. Moorhouse and the elder Suter tried very hard to get the leather away, but M'Intyre and F. Hargreaves put in some splendid work, and more than once Brown, J. Hargreaves, Duckworth, and Lewis looked exceedingly dangerous. F. Suter and Fish, however, were "all there", and from a good piece of play the last-named was enabled to break through the persistent attack. Marshall ran the leather up the right wing, and finished up with a "shot", but the ball landed into the adjoining street instead of in goal. For a short time the Rovers were compelled to act on the defensive. Gledhill made a fair shot at the posts, which Howarth, the Blackburn custodian, had very little difficulty in stopping; and J. Hargreaves obtaining possession it was nicely taken to the other end of the ground, and F. Suter kicked behind to avert danger. The corner kick did not have any good result; in fact, Brindle quickly got the ball away, and after a capital run along the left side, Bury crossed it over to Marshall, who made a very decent attempt to lower the Rovers' colours, but without effect. Greenwood put in one of his long kicks, and then for a time Darwen were sorely pressed, R. Birtwistle eventually getting one past Duxbury, the visitors' goal-keeper. This point was disallowed, greatly to the dissatisfaction of the Rovers; but on play being resumed the game became very fast, and from some neat passing E. Suter took a pretty long shot, which the Blackburn custodian caught, but in backing to throw the ball he went through the goal. The Darwen captain at once saw this, and claimed a goal, which, on referring the matter to the referee, was allowed, and the score was made even. Of course the Darwen sympathisers were loud in their expressions of delight at the turn matters had taken, and fully expected their men to bring off the match. Half-time had now arrived and without much loss of time the players crossed over, and the game was resumed. For some time the play was of a pretty equal character, the Suters, Moorhouse, and Bury being most conspicuous for Darwen; whilst Brown, J. Hargreaves, Duckworth, and Lewis (forward), and M'Intyre and F. Hargreaves (back) showed up in splendid form for the home team. After a time the Rovers claimed and obtained a free kick in close proximity to the Darwen goal. This was splendidly manipulated by M'Intyre, who, seeing an opening, lifted the ball over several Darweners to Duckworth, who rushed it through. Elated by this success the Rovers, if anything, played up harder, and had all the best of the game, and time after time the Darwen goal was endangered. The visitors had several chances afforded them of getting the ball away, and once it was thought that they had a certain goal, but Greenwood got back in time and had little difficulty in getting the ball out of danger. It certainly looked a "gone case" for

Darwen, but nevertheless they played up pluckily and well. Whatever chance the visitors had of winning, or even making a draw of the game, was lost when Brown, dodging the Darwen backs, made a screw kick into goal, which was effective, as Duxbury let it slip past him, the Rovers thus scoring their third goal amid great cheering. After this the play needs little comment, although Darwen stuck to their work manfully until the bitter end. "Time" was called with the ball in neutral territory leaving Blackburn the winners by three goals to one, after a manfully played game, and Darwen, who played up so well in the English Football Association Cup of last season, were thrown out in the second round. The Rovers have seldom been seen to greater advantage, every man playing in grand style. The pick of the lot was J. Hargreaves, who was ably assisted by Brown, Duckworth, and Lewis in the front rank. Too much praise cannot be given to the half backs, M'Intyre and F. Hargreaves, who played in faultless style throughout; whilst Greenwood (back) and Howarth (goal) did their work most creditably. Duxbury was not quite so good as we have seen him, but F. Suter, and occasionally Brindle, put in some brilliant work. Moorhouse was serviceable as he always is; and the best of the forwards were Bury, E. Suter, and Marshall. There can be little doubt that the winners on Saturday were decidedly the best men; their passing was good, their kicking capital, whilst they worked with a union that is deserving of the greatest praise. The Darwen men were simply outpaced, and their passing at times was wild and injudicious."

Blackburn Rovers: R. Howarth (Goal); D. H. Greenwood, A. Birtwistle (Backs); F. W. Hargreaves (Capt.), H. McIntyre (Glasgow Rangers) (Half Backs); J. Duckworth, R. Birtwistle (Right Wing), G. Avery, J. Brown (Centres), J. Hargreaves, J. Lewis (Left Wing).

N. B. Hugh McIntyre joined the Rovers in 1880 from Glasgow Rangers.

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

Umpires: J. Ibbetson for Blackburn and E. Taylor for Darwen. Referee: Mr J. W. Thomas (Stoke-on-Trent).

TURTON 0 NOTTINGHAM FOREST 6 (J. P. Turner, F. W. Earp, S. W. Widdowson 2, A. H. Smith 2) (H. T. 0-2) (SAT DEC 13<sup>th</sup>) (At Turton)

N. B. NJ gives first goal to S. W. Widdowson not J. P. Turner

Athletic News 17/12/79 P.2/Nottingham Evening Post 15/12/79 P.4/Nottinghamshire Guardian 19/12/79 P.12/Bolton Evening News 15/12/79 P.3/Nottingham Journal 15/11/79 P.4/Bell's Life 20/12/79 P.4/Field 20/12/79 P.840/Sportsman 15/12/79 P.4/Sporting Life 17/12/79 P.1/Sporting Gazette 20/12/79:

F: "The captain of the home team won the toss, and at twenty minutes to three S. W. Widdowson set the ball in motion on behalf of the visitors in the presence of about three thousand spectators."

NEP/NG: "This match, one of the second ties in the English Association Challenge Cup competition, was played on Saturday last at Turton, a small village in the neighbourhood of Bolton. The local eleven is considered to be one of the strongest Association teams in Lancashire, not having been beaten this season, and having thrashed Brigg in the first round of the same contest by nine goals to

"love". The Forest arrived at their destination a little before one o'clock, and found the ground, although covered in snow, in much better trim for the game than might have been expected. The visitors losing the toss kicked off, and almost immediately after the commencement the services of the Turton goal keeper, H. Brown, were required to defend his citadel, which he did in rather clever style. After the ball had again been put in motion Goodyer rendered himself conspicuous by some good wing play, but Mather relieved the Turton lines from pressure by a long kick, only to have the ball once more returned to his territory. The next noticeable point was a corner kick, which was allowed in favour of Nottingham, and from which E. Luntley made a fine attempt at goal, the ball just going over the cross bar. A second corner kick for the Forest resulted in nothing, and the Turton varied proceedings a little by taking the leather into their opponents' quarters, finishing up by a close shave, the ball striking the bar, but rebounding over it. Some fine all round work by both teams, in which the game was carried on pretty nearly all over the field, ended in the Forest bringing the ball nearly the whole length of the ground, Turner finally securing the first goal in a style which provoked loud cheers." (F: "Turner, after a neat run along the right side, secured a goal for the Foresters, after twenty minutes' hard fighting.") On the ball being kicked off from the centre Turton carried it down to the Notts goal, chiefly through the aid of the brothers Bentley, who played well all the afternoon. A corner kick was fruitless, but the Lancashire men worked so hard that Sands had twice to use his hands to defend his goal in a particularly masterly fashion, and the Turton had bad luck in not scoring. At last, however, the Nottingham men managed to get the ball away to the other end, and the Turton goalkeeper in taking the ball out of danger, dribbled it to midfield. It was no use, however, as it was soon returned, and a fine run down the centre by Widdowson, ended in Earp passing the ball cleverly through the posts for the second time." (F: "Earp, always on the alert, headed it through") The same player shortly afterwards, made a good but unsuccessful attempt and the play was carried to the visitors' goal lines, but Sands was all there, and managed to use his feet to advantage. Half time was called with the play in the Nottingham half of the field.

Only a short space of time was taken up in changing ends, and Turton playing with great determination soon approached the Forest goal, but Sands had little difficulty in clearing it. The natives, however, returned to the charge, and the ball was nearly rushed through from a scrimmage in front of goal. The leather travelled all round the field, and T. Bentley, after nicely tackling an opposing back, ran the ball along the right side and screwed into goal—a very good but unproductive performance. For a time it looked odds on the Nottingham goal being reduced, Forrest placing a ball from half back right in front of the posts, but W. Luntley made one of his famous kicks, which soon transferred the play to the other goal. Mather tried to stem the opposing charge; but Widdowson, getting the ball, went down the centre with a brilliant run and cleverly eluding all opposition, had no difficulty in landing a goal. The home team returned to work, and the elder Bentley was again prominent, obtaining a very good chance of scoring for Lancashire, but showed bad judgment in passing to another of his side, and the opportunity was lost.

Goodyer here had the ball passed to him, and on being pressed, relifted it to the centre, where Widdowson regained possession, ran it towards the left hand side, and then nicely passed to Smith, the latter driving the leather between the uprights for the fourth time. The "Reds" were heartily applauded for their really grand play, which certainly astonished the Turtonians, and it looked as if the Forest would score again, but Goodyer, after running grandly along the right wing, had the hard luck to send the ball over the bar rather than underneath. On kicking into play Turton acted on the aggressive for a short time, the ball being got to the visitors' end through a good run by the home centres, and a corner kick resulted. This was not utilised, and a free kick immediately in front of the

Nottingham goal was not taken advantage of owing to the stubborn defence showed by the visitors. A long run by Smith was the next feature in the play, and the same gentleman finished with a successful kick at goal. From this point up to the finish the Nottingham had all the best of the play, and before time was called Widdowson headed the ball into goal, and although the leather hit the crossbar it went through, and the Notts players were hailed the winners by six goals to "love". Widdowson, Goodyer, and Smith played the best of a team who all worked well."

Turton: H. Brown (Goal); W. Mather, W. Trainer (Backs); C. Tootill, W. Forrest (Capt.) (Half Backs); J. J. Bentley, T. Bentley (Right Wing), J. Walsh, H. Howarth (Centres), J. Howarth, P. Tootill (Left Wing)

N.B. Howarth and Haworth interchange

Nottingham Forest: J. Sands (Goal); C. J. Caborn (Cover Goal), E. Luntley, W. Luntley (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).

Umpires: M. Magnall (Eagley) for Turton and C. J. Spencer (Notts) for Forest. Referee: R. Green (Hon Sec Bolton Association)

#### WESTERN DISTRICT:

Aston Villa v Stafford Road  
Oxford University v Birmingham Club  
Maidenhead v Henley

STAFFORD ROAD 1 (C. Crump) ASTON VILLA 1 (Andy Hunter) (H. T. 1-1) (SAT DEC 13<sup>th</sup>) (At Wolverhampton)

Field 20/12/79 P. 840-841/Sportsman 15/12/79 P. 4/Athletic News 17/12/79 P. 2:

N.B. No Birmingham Gazette for 1879 or 1880 on line. No reports found in 1879 or 1880 Birmingham Daily Post

F: "This match, another in the second round, was played on the ground of the latter at Wolverhampton. The clubs have both an excellent local reputation, and as it was generally fancied that the winner would have to meet Oxford in the final match of the western district, considerable interest was attached to the meeting. The weather was very unfavourable, and the ground certainly not in good condition; but there was a large number of spectators, and they were rewarded by witnessing a spirited contest. Stafford Road secured the services of two prominent Shrewsbury players, and we understand that a protest was lodged against them as not properly qualified members of the club according to the rules of the competition. The Aston forwards set to work directly the ball was kicked off; but their opponents, well led by Tisdell and Vaughan, retaliated with interest, and a corner kick to the home team was the first incident of note. Some vigorous attacks were made on the visitors' lines; but at length the Aston captain, with a smart run, relieved his side, and the play became more even. Arthur, Crane and Whitehead did some useful work for the home team; but the Aston backs were equal to the emergency, Crump's head play at times materially helping his side. A clever run by Mason gave Aston a momentary advantage, but the ball passed over



the visitors' goal, and had to be kicked off. More than once Stafford Road were pressed, and the Hunters gave their backs plenty of employment; at length, by some neat play on the part of Crump and (Green), the Villa were forced to retreat, and the ball passed far over their line. ++(Mayor's )play at half back was especially servicable to Stafford Road just about this period, and Aston had some little trouble to keep their opponents at a respectable distance though Simmonds' defence was very good. A very pretty run by Andrew Hunter and Mason nearly outmanoevered Ray, the Stafford Road goalkeeper; but Selman got rid of the danger, and Crane made an ineffectual shot at the visitors' posts. Soon after this a neat run by Vaughan gave Stafford Road the ascendancy, and a smart shot by Crump resulted in a goal for that club amidst great applause. Soon after this a free kick was given against the Villa but it came to nothing. The visitors now rallied, and some vigorous play ensued to the delight of the spectators. Before long, some good passing by Davis and Mason enabled the Aston forwards to take the leather into their opponents' half, and after a clever run, Andrew Hunter made matters even with a goal for the Villa. During the later part of the game the Astonites showed a decided (superiority), but, though Stafford Road were sorely pressed at times, they managed to hold their own till the end, the match thus resulting in a tie. For the Wolverhampton team Ray's goalkeeping was brilliant throughout." +Crane? ++Muir's ?

SM/AN: "This match, which was played at Wolverhampton on Saturday, resulted in a draw."

N.B. SM/AN both give this under the heading of a Birmingham Association Challenge Cup match.

Stafford Road: E. Ray (Goal); G. Sellman (Back), ++A. Muir, H. Vaughan, A. Nicholls (Half Backs), C. Crump (Capt.), J. W. Whitehead, C. Davies, W. Arthur, W. Tisdell, H. Crane (Forwards).

++All 3 lineups have A. Mayor

Aston Villa: E. Ball (Goal); J. Simmonds (Back), E. B. Lee, T. Pank, S. Law (Half Backs); Archie Hunter (Capt.), W. Crossland, W. Mason, E. C. Davis, C. S. Johnstone, Andy Hunter (Forwards).

(F/SM/AN all have Laws for Law: but in fact Sammy Law: see Peter Morris History) (AVCR lists A. J. Ball in Player Index)

REPLAY: SAT JAN 24<sup>th</sup>:

ASTON VILLA 3 (W. Mason 2, S. Law) STAFFORD ROAD 1 (C. Crump) (H.T. 1-0)  
(SAT JAN 24<sup>th</sup>) (At Perry Bar, Birmingham)

Sportsman 26/1/80 P.4/Athletic News 28/1/80 P.3/Bell's Life 31/1/80/Field 31/1/80 P.123/Sporting Life 28/1/79 P.3/Sporting Gazette 31/1/80:

SM: "This match was played on the ground of the former at Birmingham on Saturday, in the presence of about 2000 spectators. These clubs had played a drawn game a few weeks ago at Wolverhampton and consequently great interest was attached to this second meeting, and few anticipated so easy a win for the Villa as three goals to one. The Villa kicked off having the advantage of the hill and a slight breeze. The Wolverhampton men showed to the front early, and a nice run by Reeves resulted in a corner-kick to Stafford Road. The home team then broke away and a long throw-in by Davis caused the Wolverhampton goal-keeper to use his hands, and soon after Archie Hunter sent the ball over

the bar. For about a quarter of an hour the Villa forwards gave their opponents' backs plenty to do, and Ray had to use his hands repeatedly in defence. At last Davis had a throw in from the corner-flag, and placed the ball well in front of goal, Mason scoring No 1 for the Villa. Several fine runs were made by the brothers Hunter on the one side, and Reeves and Whitehead for Stafford Road, but the score remained unaltered at half time. The home team still maintained the advantage, and seemed to play better up hill, for soon after the kick-off a beautiful run by Andrew Hunter well centred enabled Mason to score a very neat and clever goal. Ten minutes later Laws followed up well from half-back met the return kick and scored No 3. Stafford Road were compelled for the most part to play a defensive game, their forwards seldom being able to come away. At last about ten minutes to call of time they assumed the offensive and made several attempts at scoring. At length Crump was enabled from a throw in to achieve the desired success, and thus the game ended in a win for the Aston Villa by three goals to one. For the Villa the brothers Hunter and Davis played a fine forward game, while Pank, Laws, and Simmonds were efficient behind. For the Stafford Road, Selman, Nicholls, and Muir played very well back; their forwards were weak, Whitehead, Reeves, and Holden being the only prominent men. The Villa have lost the toss with Oxford and it is doubtful whether they will play the tie or not. We hope they will, for from the form shown by the University we think the Villa have a fair chance of winning." (AN Report is almost entirely identical)

F: "The weather was bitterly cold; but despite this drawback, there was an assemblage of quite two thousand spectators to witness the game.

BL: "The backs and goalkeeper of Stafford Road were kept in a continual state of anxiety, and, at length, from a throw in by Davis, their goal was captured by Mason. Previous to half time no other goal was made, but soon after the change of ends, Andrew Hunter finished up a good run by middling the ball to Mason (F: "a corner kick by Andy Hunter resulted in a second goal for Aston, obtained, as the first, by Mason"), who obtained a second goal for his side. Still having much the best of the game, Aston Villa secured yet another goal in the course of the next ten minutes, Laws being chiefly instrumental. When about ten minutes of time were left, a combined rush of the visitors placed the Aston goal in jeopardy, and, after a short tussle, Stafford Road secured their only notch from the foot of Crump (F: "a throw in by Nicholls enabled Crump to head the ball safely through the Aston goal"). Nothing further happened, and at the call of time Aston Villa were hailed winners by three goals to one."

Aston Villa: E. Ball (Goal); J. Simmonds (Back); E. B. Lee, T. Pank, S. Law (Half Backs);  
W. Mason, G. (eorge) B. Ramsay, W. Crossland, Archie Hunter, Andy Hunter, E. (li) C. Davis.

(AVCR lists A. J. Ball in player index as going to Walsall TS)

Stafford Road: E. Ray (Goal); G. Sellman (Back); A. Muir, W. Grant, A. Nicholls (Half Backs);  
C. Crump, +R. Davis, Reeves, Holden, H. Crane, J. Whitehead.

+C. Davies?

(Have added AFS initials but not changed Muir to Mair as in first round)

CHECK WOLVERHAMPTON PAPERS

Umpires:M'Gregor and G.C.Crump.Referee:L.H.Cofield.

BIRMINGHAM 0 OXFORD UNIVERSITY 6( F.G.Guy 5,R.T.Heygate)(H.T. 0-1)(MON JAN 19<sup>th</sup>)(At Birmingham)

Birmingham Daily Post 20/1/80 P.5/Bell's Life 24/1/80 P.5/Nottingham Evening Post 20/1/80 P.3/Sportsman 20/1/80 P.4/Sporting Life 21/1/80 P.3/Sporting Gazette 24/1/80:

No Birmingham Gazette on line for 1879

BDP:"A match between these clubs in connection with the English Cup tie,came off at Aston Lower Grounds,yesterday afternoon.There were very few spectators,not more than 500 persons being present." "In the first half neither team +scored anything,but in the second half the University Cub,with the wind in their favour,scored six goals to Birmingham nil." +Oxford scored just before half time according to all the other reports.

BL:"Birmingham had the misfortune early in the game to lose the services of Nicholls,who met with a serious accident(SG "breaking his collarbone,and retiring in the first half hour").During the first half Oxford had to play against the wind,but despite this disadvantage they more than held their own. Guy,on their behalf,scored the only goal made before ends were changed.Subsequently the visitors carried all before them.Their forwards had the pace of the Birmingham team,and the back play of King and French was exceedingly good.Four goals were obtained by Guy,and one by Heygate,and thus Oxford were,at the end of time hailed victors by six goals to none."

NEP/SM:"Yesterday this tie in the second round for the above Cup was played at the Lower Grounds, Birmingham,in the presence of about 1,500 spectators.The ground was very hard and slippery,and much against good dribbling.The University played against a fairly strong breeze during the first half,and the game was very even until close upon half time,when Guy drew first blood for Oxford.After change of ends the strangers had much the best of the contest,when Guy kicked four and Heygate one goal,the University thus winning by six goals to none.The back play of King and French was decidedly the feature of the match,both kicking strongly and with great judgment,but the forwards were hardly up to the mark.Vaughton and Shute played grandly for Birmingham,as did Daniell +(and W.Back),these three,especially the latter,saving the home team from a much more severe defeat.Nicholls had the misfortune to break his collar-bone after playing for half an hour,which greatly weakened the Birmingham team." +at half-back"

Birmingham:C.Quilter(Goal);G.Quilter,Stevens(Backs);A.W.Daniell,Fitchell(Half Backs); O.H.Vaughton,Tait,Shute,Nicholls,Allen,Cotterell(Forwards).

Oxford University:+P.C.Parr(Goal);C.S.King,T.H.French(Backs);B.Farrer,F.A.T.Phillips(Half Backs); C.M.Smith,J.Eyre,Austin,F.G.Guy,G.B.Childs,R.T.Heygate(Forwards).

+C.Parr in BDP but Payne (no initial) in other papers:full initials as per Oxford University History

HENLEY 1(Hon.R.C.Jervis) MAIDENHEAD 3 (W.E.Lovegrove 2,C.Harris)(H.T. 1-0)(SAT NOV 29<sup>th</sup>)(At Henley)

Henley Advertiser 6/12/79 P.4/Maidenhead Advertiser 29/12/79 P.3/Sportsman 1/12/79 P.4/Bell's Life 6/12/80 P.9/Field 6/12/79 P.785/Sporting Life 3/12/79 P.3/Sporting Gazette 6/12/79/Referee 30/11/79 P.6:

HA/SM:"This match in the second round was played on the Henley ground on Saturday before a goodly number of spectators,and ended,after a well-contested game,in favour of the visitors by three goals to one.Henley having won the toss,chose to play with the wind,and about a quarter of an hour after the start a goal was scored for them,the result of a well-placed corner kick by Cooper.Up to half time,although having the best of the game,they failed to increase their score.On change of ends the home team for a time held their own,but at length Maidenhead broke through,and Lovegrove by charging the goal-keeper scored for them,thus making the game a tie.The home team now fell off considerably,and but for an occasional rally on their part,the visitors held their own to the finish,and succeeded in scoring two more goals-one from a sharp shot by Harris,the other by Lovegrove after a smart run down.For the winners Vardy at back was in his usual good form and all the forwards showed pace and good combination,especially towards the finish;whilst for Henley,Ive,Cooper, Hughes,and Jervis were most prominent."

MA:"The first match in the second ties for the Association Cup was played at Henley on Saturday between the Henley and Maidenhead clubs.Henley having won the toss,elected to play with a strong wind and the hill in their favour,and consequently,for some time,had the better of the game,a goal being kicked for them by Jervis from a well-placed "corner" of Cooper's.Nothing daunted by this reverse,the Maidenhead men played up well against the wind,and carrying the ball into the Henley territory,made two or three shots at goal,one of which,by Harris,deserves special mention.

On change of ends,although the wind had dropped,Maidenhead speedily assumed the offensive,and within five minutes of starting,a run up by Mackie enabled Lovegrove to equalise matters.The leather again being set in motion,the Henley forwards made a fine rush,and played with great determination.Jervis and Clarke on the right,and Secretan and Hughes on the left,tried their utmost to pass our backs,but without avail.The play of our men was too true,and,especially in the case of Vardy,It elicited great applause from the spectators.The ball having been again quickly worked over,a second goal was kicked by Harris for Maidenhead,and this considerably raised the hopes of the visitors.Henley again played up very fast,but a chance of scoring by Secretan failed through a miss-kick,which gave them their only bye during the second half of the game.The ball having been kicked off,the game for a short time was very even,and each side strove to improve its position.Two or three corner kicks and byes fell to the lot of Maidenhead,and Lovegrove getting hold of the ball,by a fine piece of play right up the centre of the ground,kicked the third and final goal for Maidenhead, and thus left them victors,by three goals to one.For Henley,besides those already mentioned,Wing, Collard,and Ive were prominent in their efforts to avert defeat,while for Maidenhead,Harris,Bassett, Blackwell,Mackie among the forwards,with Wilks and Hazeldine as backs,rendered especially good service.The Sportsman says the game was well-contested,and that "for the winners Vardy,at back,was in his usual good form,and all the forwards showed pace and good combination."

BL:"Henley won the toss and they elected to play for the first half with the wind in their favour.This enabled them to continually press their opponents,and when the contest had proceeded 15 minutes

a well-directed corner kick by Cooper was followed by the ball being rushed between the Maidenhead posts. Nothing else was scored previous to half time, but soon after change of ends, Lovegrove, with a goal for the visitors made matters level. Thus encouraged, Maidenhead, with the wind at their backs, repeatedly charged their adversary, and their efforts were rewarded by two goals, gained respectively by Harris and Lovegrove. Maidenhead thus secured victory by three goals to one."

Henley: W.S. Palmer (Goal); F.P. Ives (Capt.), W. Stoker (Backs); Rev. J.M. Collard, J.F. Cooper (Half Backs); D.L. Clarke, Hon. R.C. Jervis (Right Side), B. Palmer, W. Wing (Centres), W.J. Hughes, E.H. Secretan (Left Side).

Maidenhead: T. Lyne (Goal); C.A. Vardy (Capt.), J. Wilks (Backs); Owen Wethered, F. Hazeldine (Half Backs); W. Bassett, W.E. Lovegrove (Right Side), W. Goldsmith, W.H.B. Harris (Centres), F. Mackie, W.A. Blackwell (Left Side).

Umpires: J. Owthwaite (Henley) and J.H. Clark (Maidenhead). Referee: H.R. Hewett (Marlow).

#### METROPOLITAN DISTRICT:

##### FIRST DIVISION:

Wanderers V Old Carthusians

West End v Hotspur

Old Etonians, a bye

WANDERERS 1 (H. Wace) (H.T. 1-0) OLD CARTHUSIANS 0 (SAT JAN 10<sup>th</sup>) (At Kennington Oval)

Bell's Life 17/1/80 P.4/Carthusian Vol 67-129 P.5/6/Field 17/1/80 P.72/Sportsman 12/1/80 P.4/Sporting life 14/1/80 P.3/Sporting Gazette 17/1/80/Referee 12/1/80 P.5/6:

SM/CAR: "This match, one of the second ties originally fixed for December 13<sup>th</sup>, but postponed from that date in consequence of the frost, was decided at Kennington Oval on Saturday afternoon. The weather bore a very unpromising aspect all morning, and there were a few drops of rain during the game, but still the attendance was fairly up to the average. Owing to the late arrival of some of the Carthusians play was not begun until ten minutes past three o'clock, when Wace started the ball for the Wanderers, who, having lost the toss, had to face the wind. The ground was in better condition than could have been expected, but the forwards on either side were not quite up to the mark, and the game at the outset was unaccountably slow. Growse's speed was of great service to the Carthusians, but he did not make the use he ought to have done with his final shots. A corner-kick to the Carthusians was entrusted to Princep, but it was unproductive, and the game still continued somewhat in favour of the old boys. Wollaston, Hughes, Tyndale, and Wace were busy for the Wanderers, but Princep's play at half back was as cool as ever, and indeed without him the Carthusians would have fared badly back. At last a foul by one of the Wanderers gave Princep a free kick for the Carthusians, and the ball went through the posts. The goal was claimed by the assailants on the ground that Hammond had touched the ball before it had crossed the line, but the Wanderers

pleaded that it had only been so touched when actually over the line, and the umpires taking the latter view no score was allowed. Within a few minutes a run along the left side, followed by a good middle, produced a scrum in front of the Charterhouse goal, and Wace, getting his chance, planted the ball securely between the posts. After the change of ends the game still continued very even, though the forward play was anything but vigorous except in the matter of charging. Both sides at times looked dangerous, but there was no individual brilliance to make the game exciting. Towards the end the Carthusians had more than one corner kick, and just before the close a very fine piece of goalkeeping by Hammond saved the Wanderers from what seemed like certain disaster. It was difficult to follow the ball during the last few minutes, but the Wanderers held their own, and were finally hailed the victors by one goal to none."

SL: "In miserable weather these clubs met on Saturday last at Kennington Oval in the second round of the Association Cup. At a few minutes after three o'clock the Wanderers, who had lost the toss, started the game from the end farthest from the Crown Baths side of the grounds, the Carthusians having the help of the wind at their backs. At first the Wanderers had none the best of the game, and were for a time pressed, but at length Denton, Hughes, Tyndale, Wace, and Wollaston, working hard, caused the Carthusians to act on the defensive. Still, as a rule, the ball was more often than not in the Wanderers' half of the ground, and they had one or two narrow escapes, notably when Princep, who did any amount of work for his side, kicked a goal from a free kick, which was afterwards disallowed. By a bit of smart play the Wanderers took the ball across the ground, and Wace out of a scrum in front of the Carthusians' goal made the first score for the Wanderers. After ends had been changed the game was fast and more interesting, until the light began to fail. The Carthusians played up well, but failed to equalise the scores, and at time the Wanderers had won by one goal to none."

REF: "A match, though not a very exciting one, in the second round of the above competition was decided on Saturday at Kennington Oval between the Wanderers and the Old Carthusians, which ultimately resulted in favour of the former team by one goal to nothing. The weather was unpleasantly damp and dreary and the attendance of spectators was consequently limited solely to enthusiasts in the game. Parry having won the toss chose to defend the Crown Baths side of the ground for the first half of the game, and a few minutes after three Wace kicked off. The ball was immediately returned by the Carthusians, who for a time pressed their adversaries rather inconveniently in their own quarters, and gained a corner kick which, however, being entrusted to Princep, failed to prove effective, though his evil intention to be mischievous was good, if we may be allowed to say such a contradictory remark. The Wanderers then went over, led on by Hughes and Denton, when the latter sent the ball behind. Shortly after the free kick the Carthusians made several brilliant attacks on the home of the Wanderers, Page and Growse particularly distinguishing themselves. During this period of the contest the Carthusians gained two more corner kicks, but as before Princep was unsuccessful. At length, after another corner kick to the Carthusians, a claim of hands gave the ancient denizens of Charterhouse lane a chance of scoring, but although the ball went through the posts the goal was disallowed by the umpires. A change in the state of affairs soon after took place, for out of a rather warm scrum Wace was instrumental in gaining the only goal made during the afternoon. At half-time ends were changed, according to precedent, and the game was carried on with perhaps a little more animation, the Wanderers, something after their old fashion, doing their duty bravely, A.H. Stratford, Denton, Rawson, Wylie, Wace, and Tyndale especially distinguishing themselves, whilst Parry, Growse (the mutilated in a former match), the almost omnipresent Page, Princep, and Orford, remembering the old renown of the establishment that rose in

1611 under the fostering care of Thomas Sutton, citizen of London, fought gallantly for a success they unfortunately were unable to obtain. Nothing further worthy of record occurred up to the call of time, when the "tribe" retired from the field victors as above stated."

Wanderers: W.S. Rawson, F.W. Stratford (Half Backs); A.H. Stratford, A.G. Kennedy (Backs); C.E. Hammond (Goal); C.H.R. Wollaston (Capt.), T.N. Tyndale (Left Side), C.A. Denton, M. Wylie (Right Side), H. Wace, T.B. Hughes (Centres).

Old Carthusians: L.F. Gillett (Goal); A. Orford, A.J. Wake (Backs); J.F.M. Princep, H. Somers-Cocks (Half Backs); E.H. Parry (Capt.), C.L.N. Bishop (Right Side), W.R. Page, E.M. Pollock (Centres), W. Dorling, E.F. Growse (Left Side).

Umpires: J.G. Wylie (Wanderers) and E.H. Bambridge (Swifts). Referee: Hart-Buck (Hendon).

WEST END 1 (A.W. Forster) HOTSPUR 0 (H.T. 0-0) (SAT DEC 13<sup>th</sup>) (At Shepherd's Bush: Hotspur's Ground was opposite the Askew Arms, Uxbridge Road, Shepherd's Bush, near Acton)

Bell's Life 20/12/79 P.4/Field 20/12/79 P.840/Sportsman 15/12/79 P.4/Sporting Life 17/12/79 P.1/Sporting Gazette 20/12/79/Referee 14/12/79 P.6:

BL: "Despite the wretched state of the ground these two clubs contested their match in the second round of the cup competition on Saturday, at Shepherd's Bush. The game was most stubbornly fought, and ended in a victory for the West End by one goal to none."

F: "These clubs met on Saturday at +Shepherd's Bush (the ground of the former) to decide who should enter the third round for this cup. West-end won the toss and elected their opponents to kick off at 2.30, the ball was well followed up by the Hotspur forwards, and taken to a very uncomfortable position near the West-end goal. After remaining there some time, a grand run by J. Harkness took the leather into the visitors' territory; he continued to pass the Hotspur backs, and was at last checked in his career by the Hotspur goalkeeper (Stanton); after this the visitors made several determined efforts to lower the fortress their opponents, and had several corner kicks, but all to no purpose. When half time was called; after changing ends, the West-end's forwards played much better together, their passing being on several occasions first class, they had several kicks at the Hotspur goal, but all to no purpose, until about a quarter of an hour before time, Elmslie managed to pass the Hotspur backs, and passed the ball to Foster, who shot it between the posts. The Hotspur team worked hard after this to equalise matters, but were unable. Shortly after the referee called time, and the West-end after a very hard and fast game were victorious by one goal to none. Foster, Harkness, and Elmslie (forwards), Palmer and Scott (backs) played well for West End, while Kay, ++ (Bolton), Ashton, and M'Ivor did good service for Hotspur." +Hotspur's Ground in fact ++Boulter

SM: "This match, one in the second round of the above competition, was played on Saturday, at Shepherd's Bush. The ground was very hard, but some fair play was shown, the West End eventually proving victorious by one goal to none."

SL: "This match in the second round of the Cup competition, was played at Shepherd's Bush on Saturday last, when, after a very even game, the West End men, just before "time", scored the only

goal made, Harkness being the successful player. The goal-keepers on both sides did their duty most efficiently."

REF: "This match, in the second round of the Association Challenge Cup, was played on Saturday at Shepherd's Bush, and resulted in favour of the West-end by one goal to love. After a very fast and pleasant game the home team proved victorious. For the visitors, Black, Elmslie, Palmer, and Scott were of great service, whilst Kay, M'Ivor, and Carr deserve praise for the determined manner they tried to avert defeat."

West End: J.W. Way (Goal); J.G. Scott, T. Roddy (Backs); R.A. Palmer, F.J. Huxtable (Half Backs); J. Harkness, A.W. Forster (Right Side), F. Elmslie, J.A.J. Reid (Left Side), J.S. Black (Capt.), A. Shaw (Centres).

(F/SL/SG have W. Shaw) (All papers have F. Foster)

Hotspur: Stanton (Goal); Ashton, Normandale (Backs); Kay (Capt.), Boulter (Half Backs); Winter, Carr (Right Side), Cherry, M'Ivor (Left Side), Mangham, Rees (Centres).

Umpires: J. Dickinson and Muir. Referee: C.W. Alcock.

OLD ETONAINS, a bye

#### SECOND DIVISION:

Grey Friars v Gresham

Royal Engineers v Upton Park or Remnants

Old Harrovians, a bye

GREY FRIARS 9 (R.D. Green 2, D. Stransham 2, C.G. Broadhurst, R.G. Thompson 2, A. Kirkpatrick, J. Sharpe) GRESHAM 0 (H.T. 3-0) (SAT DEC 20<sup>th</sup>) (At Greyhound, Dulwich)

Bell's Life 27/12/80 P.2/Sporting Gazette 27/12/79/Field 27/12/79 P.870/Sportsman 22/12/79 P.4/Sporting Life 24/12/79 P.3/Referee 21/12/79 P.5/Nottingham Guardian 26/12/79 P.12:

BL: "Proceedings commenced at a quarter past 3, Jefferys setting the ball in motion against the wind. Playing with a great deal of spirit and determination the Grey Friars were soon in the ascendant, and from a well-directed corner kick by their captain Green was enabled to score the first goal. Previous to half time two other goals were placed to the credit of the Friars, respectively by Stransham and Broadhurst. The change of ends gave Gresham the assistance of the wind, but despite this advantage their disasters were more frequent than during the early portion of the game. Thanks chiefly to Green, Sharp, Thompson and Arthur Kirkpatrick, the ball was passed through the posts on six subsequent occasions and thus the call of time left Grey Friars with a victory by nine goals to none."

F: "Ellis won the toss for the Friars, so Jeffery kicked off. It was evident from the very first that Gresham were overweighted and outpaced as they had to act on the defensive nearly the whole time. Five minutes after commencement Green scored the first goal, and very shortly after Stransham, with a good rush, scored the second. The third goal was secured by Broadhurst, from a long kick at half back. From this time to half time the Gresham goalkeeper was very busy, saving his goal in



splendid style. After half time the Friars still had it all their own way, scoring six more goals in rapid succession, kicked respectively by Thompson(2), Green(1), Kirkpatrick(1), Sharpe(1), and Stransham(1). The Friars thus won by nine goals to love. A word of praise must be given to the Gresham goalkeeper, J. Davis, for if it had not been for him the Gresham would have had a more overwhelming defeat."

SM: "These clubs met on Saturday, on the ground of the latter, at Dulwich. The result was an easy win for the former by nine goals to none."

SL: "Played at Dulwich on Saturday last, and won by the Friars, who had matters all their own way, and made nine goals to none."

REF/NG: "This match in the second round of the above competition was played at the Greyhound, Dulwich, on Saturday, before a rather large audience. Ellis won the toss, and Jeffrey kicked off for Gresham at 3.15 p.m. The ball was quickly returned, and the Friars playing well together, compelled the Gresham to kick behind their goal line in self-defence. The corner kick by Ellis was effective, Green giving the needed direction soon after commencing. Three goals were scored for the Friars before half-time, the one mentioned by Green, another by Stransham, and the third by Broadhurst from the centre of the ground. On the call of "half-time" Gresham secured a slight advantage in getting the wind, which was blowing down the ground, but even this did not have any effect in altering the fortunes of the day, as at the finish of the match the home team had won by nine goals to nothing, Kirkpatrick, Thompson, Green, and Sharp scoring the last goals. A word of praise must be given to Davis for his excellent defence in the Gresham goal, thus saving his side from a more overwhelming defeat."

Grey Friars: E.D. Ellis (Capt.), C.G. Broadhurst, R. Rutherford (Half Backs); T.G. Stafford (Back), H. Gifford (Goal), T.G. Thompson, J. Sharpe (Centres), R.D. Green, F.S. Johnson (Right Wing), D. Stransham, A. Kirkpatrick (Left Wing).

Gresham: A.W. Gardner (Capt.), A. Cullen (Right Wing), R. Dougal, G.F. Evans (Left Wing), G.E. Rutter, T. Jefferys (Centres), T.R. Scott, H.J. Morison (Half Backs), C.G. Heasman, G.L. Jones (Backs), J. Davis (Goal)

Umpires : W.H. Cullen and J. Kirkpatrick. Referee: J.H. Williams.

ROYAL ENGINEERS 4 (C.D. Learoyd 2, M. Lindsay, H.N.L. Paterson) UPTON PARK 1 (H. Garnett-Clarke) (H.T. 2-1) (TUES DEC 23<sup>rd</sup>) (At Chatham)

Bell's Life 27/12/80 P.2/Sporting Gazette 27/12/79/Field 3/1/80 P.7 (No Upton Park team)/No reports found in Sportsman or Sporting Life:

F: "The ground, owing to the alternate frost and thaws of the previous week, was not in good condition, being slippery and greasy on the surface and hard below. The R.E. won the toss, and E.C. Bambridge kicked off for Upton Park at 2.55pm. At first the game was very evenly contested, the Upton backs showing strong powers of defence, while the forwards played well together. After ten minutes' play a combined rush of the R.E. forwards, in which Massy and Rice figured conspicuously, brought the ball down to the enemy's goal, where a splendid shot by Lindsay was well stopped by the

goalkeeper, but Learoyd succeeded in taking the ball between the posts. After this reverse the visitors worked hard and some good runs were made by Bastard along the right wing; but he was well met by Paterson, whose play as half back was very good throughout. Soon, however, a loose scrimmage taking place in the R.E. ground, Clarke made a good shot at goal, and Russell, missing the kick, the ball passed under the tape. When the ball was restarted both sides played up very hard, and for some little time the result of the match appeared uncertain. An excellent run by Barker along the top side was followed by a good shot at goal, the ball passing just outside the posts. Soon after this a corner kick fell to the R.E., which was entrusted to Cowan, who, however, kicked the ball behind. Several vigorous attacks were now made by the military team, and just before half time a good rush by Lindsay, Learoyd, and Rice carried the ball and goalkeeper between the posts (Lindsay credited above with the goal). Exchanging ends the military men still had the best of the game, and several good runs were made by Lindsay and Learoyd on the left wing, and two corner kicks were tried but without success. A cry of hands in the visitors' ground gave the R.E. a free kick, and Paterson, having aimed the ball well, it struck one of the backs on the hand and passed through the goal. Shortly after this another goal was obtained for the R.E. by Learoyd, and the match ended in their favour by four goals to one."

BL: "These clubs played their match in the second round of the Association Cup competition on Tuesday at Chatham. Upton Park lost the toss, and on their behalf E.C. Bambridge kicked off at five minutes to 3. During the early stages there was very little to choose between the contending teams, but, settling down to work, the Engineers' forwards at length succeeded in getting close under the visitors' citadel. Lindsay attempted, with an excellent shot, to lower the Upton colours, but the goal-keeper proved equal to the occasion. The danger was averted but for a brief period, however, as Learoyd, returning to the charge, sent the ball between the posts. This placed the Upton men on their mettle, and so well did several of them pass the ball, that resistance proved useless, and Clarke was enabled to make matters even. Upton, however, had not long congratulated themselves on this achievement, when their goal was, for the second time, captured, thanks chiefly to the exertions of Learoyd and Lindsay. On change of ends the Engineers, by a series of attacks, caused Upton much anxiety. The backs of the latter club, however, did most useful service, and kept the adversary at bay. A claim of "hands" by the Engineers being allowed, they had a free kick in close quarters, and Paterson's well-directed shot glanced off a luckless Upton back's head, and thence under the cross-bar. From this stage the Engineers had a great deal the best of the game, and as Learoyd placed another goal to their credit, they retired winners by four goals to one."

Royal Engineers: H.L. Stafford (Goal); J.H. Cowan, B.B. Russell (Backs); H.A.L. Paterson, W.S. Vidal (Half Backs); M. Lindsay, C.D. Learoyd (Left Wing), G. Barker, J.A. Tanner (Right Wing), S.R. Rice, H.H. Massey (Centres)

Upton Park: H.R. Barnett (Goal); H.W. Spreckley, J.S. Diffy, R.S. King, A.L. Bambridge, J.B. Hunter, S.R. Bastard (Right), J. Barnard, H. Garnett-Clarke (Left), C. Mitchell, E.C. Bambridge (Centres).

OLD HARROVIANS, a bye

THIRD DIVISION:

Mosquitoes v Old Foresters or Hendon

Pilgrims v Hertford Rangers

Clapham Rovers v South Norwood

MOSQUITOES 1(J.B.Ginger) HENDON 7 (H.O.Ince 3,R.L.Powell 2,Own goal,W.S.Morice)(H.T. 1-4)(SAT DEC 20<sup>th</sup>)(At Kennington Oval)

N.B. BL/NG/NEP(same reports)/F/SL report 1-6 but others record 1-7 :it was dark at end of 2<sup>nd</sup> half so maybe didn't see the goal.

Hendon & Finchley Times 27/12/79 P.4/Sportsman 22/12/79 P.4/Referee 21/12/79 P.5/Sporting Gazette 27/12/79/Nottingham Guardian 26/12/79 P.12/Nottingham Evening Post 22/12/79 P.4/Field 27/12/79 P.870/Bell's Life 27/12/79 P.2/Sporting Life 24/12/79 P.3:

H&FT:"This match in the second round of the Association cup competition was brought off on the ground of the Surrey Cricket Club,on Saturday.The toss resulted in favour of the Mosquitoes' captain,who elected to defend the goal nearest the Crown Baths,and at 2.55 H.O.Ince kicked off for Hendon from the gasometer end of the ground.It was apparent from the commencement that the Mosquitoes were overmatched,and before half time Hendon had scored four goals to their opponents' one.After changing ends the Hendon team continued to attack their opponents with great pertinacity,and added three more goals to their score,which left them victors by seven goals to one.The goals were obtained by H.O.Ince(three),Powell(two) and Morice(one)the other goal being obtained from off a Mosquito for HendonThe Mosquitoes' goal was secured by B.Ginger.H Buck, Dovaston,Redford,Whittle,Holloway,and .Parker played well for their respective sides."(No teams)

SM:"There was a fair number of spectators at Kennington Oval on Saturday to witness this match, one of the second ties in the above competition.Just before three o'clock the ball was kicked off by Whittle on behalf of the Mosquitoes,but it was soon evident that the insects,who were very much inferior to their opponents in the matter of weight,would have very little chance.Hendon carried the ball into the opposite half,and a goal was at once obtained for them by H.O.Ince.This was soon followed by another from the foot of R.L.Powell,and almost immediately H.O.Ince came a second time to the fore with the third score for Hendon.A weak piece of play by one of the Mosquitoes was productive of a fourth success to the opposition,and things certainly seemed to foreshadow an overwhelming defeat for the Surrey team.Up to this time their play had been rather losse,but at last after a very good run Holloway succeeded in eluding the Hendon backs,and a neat middle enabled Ginger to obtain an easy goal for the Mosquitoes.Up to half time nothing more had been recorded,and ends were changed with Hendon three goals to the good.During the second half Hendon lost the services of Howard,but despite this advantage they still had things all their own way.The Mosquitoes towards the finish played up in better style,and some good runs were made by Whittle,Holloway,and Davey,but they were overweighted,and the Hendonians had little difficulty in forcing them back.Three more goals were added for the Middlesex club,by H.O.Ince,R.Powell,and Morice respectively,and at the finish the Mosquitoes had to put up with a decisive defeat by seven goals to one.For the winners Morice and H.O.Ince did some good work up,and Whittle,Holloway,and Davey were most prominent amongst the opposite forwards."

REF:"Whittle having won the choice of goals,betook his men to the Crown Baths side of the ground,and a few minutes before three H.O.Ince commenced the action from the gasometer end.On

receiving the ball the Hendon men very naturally returned it as quickly as possible, and much to the dismay of their opponents, H.O. Ince kicked a goal, just as the clock struck the hour. This was not altogether an encouraging commencement for the Mosquitoes; who, however, almost directly had to sustain another loss, through the agency of R.L. Powell, and before they had time to mourn over this second disaster, H.O. Ince figuratively set them weeping in earnest. The Hendon team continued to press their adversaries in their own quarters, and soon added another chalk to their score, through an inadvertent kick by one of their opponents, who, amidst maledictions if not particularly loud were undeniably deep, sent the ball between his own posts. At length the Mosquitoes, led on by Holloway, charged rather briskly over, and Ginger, who at the request of his captain had previously resigned his appointment as goalkeeper to somebody else, happily for his reputation, was instrumental in gaining the only goal secured by his comrades during the match. Having changed ends at half-time, Hendon kept up a succession of attacks that became somewhat monotonous by constant repetition, and as darkness came on, and it became a difficult matter to distinguish one player from another, Powell gained the fifth. H.O. Ince also was again successful, and just before time was called Morice kicked the last. Hendon therefore left the field the winners by seven goals to one."

BL/NG/NEP: "Advertised to commence at half past 2, the game was not commenced until within a few minutes of 3 o'clock, and this caused the latter portion to be played after darkness had set in. The ground, considering the weather experienced recently, proved to be in better condition than might have been expected, but the contest was too one-sided to be interesting. Only a moderate number of spectators were present, and many of them left the scene of action previous to the completion of the affair, evidently satisfied as to the result. The Mosquitoes won the toss and left Hendon to kick off. Hardly had the ball been set in motion when it was found in dangerous proximity to the Mosquitoes' goal, through which it was almost directly passed by H.O. Ince. A second goal followed from the foot of R.L. Powell, and then H.O. Ince again proved to be successful. Continuing to act on the aggressive Hendon were rewarded by another goal, sent through the goal by an unfortunate Mosquito out of a loose scrimmage. Hendon seemed likely to carry everything before them, but previous to half-time Ginger, who had been relieved from his duties as goalkeeper, after a fine run by Holloway, secured the only notch for Mosquitoes. After ends were changed, Hendon were again in the ascendant, and despite the praiseworthy exertions of the opposing side, Morice and H.O. Ince each placed a goal to their credit. Thus Hendon secured victory by six goals to one."

Mosquitoes: E.A. Whittle (Capt.), F.W. Holloway (Centres), C.J. Davey, C. Plunkett (Left Side), W.G. Skilling, J.H. Parker (Right Side), T. Sharpington, W. Spelman (Half Backs), H. Young, J.H. Cornford (Backs), J.B. Ginger (Goal).

Hendon: Hart Buck (Capt.) (Goal); R. Brooks-King, W.D. Dovaston (Half Backs), M.E. Dovaston, W. Howard (Backs); H.O. Ince, R.L. Powell (Centres), R.H. Redford, W.S. Morice (Right Side), J. Powell, J.H. Ince (Left Side),

Umpires: C.W. Alcock (Wanders) for Mosquitoes and A. Gamble (Grantham) for Hendon.

Referee: W. Wild (Pilgrims).

PILGRIMS walked over HERTS RANGERS scratched (Sporting Life 24/12/79 P.3)

CLAPHAM ROVERS 4(F.J.Sparks,C.A.Lloyd-Jones,A.J.Stanley 2) SOUTH NORWOOD 1(Another) (SAT DEC 20<sup>th</sup>)(At Wandsworth)

Norwood News 27/12/79 P.3/Bell's Life 27/12/79 P.2/Field 27/12/79 P.870/Sporting Life 24/12/79 P.3/Sportsman 22/12/79 P.4(Result only):

NN:"This match was played on Saturday last at Wandsworth,and won by the Rovers,by four goals to one.This was looked upon with such certainty for the Rovers that odds were laid on their getting ten goals,but although they had the best of the game throughout,Norwood played up so pluckily that not half that number was obtained.The ground was in a very treacherous condition,being very hard with a greasy surface,so that brilliant play was out of the question,and the last quarter-of-an-hour was played in almost total darkness.In the first half the Rovers obtained two goals(Stanley and Sparks)and in the second half they obtained two more(Stanley and Lloyd-Jones).Norwood also obtained one,kicked by Ferns.The back play of Norwood was very good,Coles and Hamilton playing especially well,whilst Robertson and Bishop(forward) played very pluckily,Stephenson also keeping goal very well.For the Rovers,Field(back) and Sparks and Lloyd-Jones played best.Norwood lost the services of three of their best men."

BL:"The visitors proved no match for the Rovers,who secured victory by four goals(Sparkes, Lloyd-Jones and Stanley 2) to one."

F:"This was another tie played at Wandsworth on the 20<sup>th</sup> inst.,and ended in a victory for the home team,who won by four games to one."

SL:"While one team of the Rovers were engaged at Upton Park on Saturday last,another eleven were successfully trying conclusions with South Norwood,who met them at Wandsworth.The visitors were not fast enough for the home team,who won by four goals(Sparks,Lloyd-Jones,,and Stanley two) to one."

Clapham Rovers:E.H.Wellesley(Goal),R.A.M.M.Ogilvie(Capt.),Edgar Field(Backs),N.C.Bailey, V.Weston(Half Backs);A.J.Stanley,E.A.Ram,C.A.Lloyd-Jones,F.J.Sparks,F.Barry,Rev. S.Walker (Forwards).

South Norwood;C.E.Leeds(Capt.),W.Leete(Backs);H.H.Coles,J.G.Hamilton(Half Backs);H.Bishop, J.G.Ferns,W.M.Robertson,E.A.G.Gamble,F.O'S.Reade,B.C.Scott,H.L.Stephenson(Goal).

Umpires:E.H.Bambridge and E.Grouse.Referee:W.E.Rowlinson..

THIRD ROUND:

NORTHERN DISTRICT:

NOTTINGHAM FOREST 6 (A.C.Goodyer 2,A.H.Smith,J.P.Turner,S.W.Widdowson 2)

BLACKBURN ROVERS 0 (H.T. 3-0)(SAT JAN 31<sup>st</sup> )(At Trent Bridge)

Nottingham Evening Post 2/2/80 P.4/Nottinghamshire Guardian 6/2/80 P.12/Blackburn Standard 7/2/80 P.6/Nottingham Journal 2/2/80 P.4/Sheffield Daily Telegraph 2/2/80 P.4/Sheffield

Independent 2/2/80 P.4/Derby Daily Telegraph 2/2/80 P.3/Athletic News 4/2/80 P.6/Sportsman 2/2/80 P.4/Sporting Life 4/2/80 P.3/Sporting Gazette 7/2/80:

F: "The Rovers .....were successful in winning the toss, and the kick off accordingly fell to the home team, who at the outset played under the double disadvantage of having a powerful sun in their faces as well as a slight breeze against them."

NEP: "The Blackburn team, it was expected, would be a particularly strong one, and would include the Scottish player D. Campbell, but neither he nor the brothers Hargreaves put in an appearance, which caused the team to be palpably weak. On the other hand, the Forest team was intact ..."

"Play, however, was still continued in most dangerous proximity to the visitors' goal, and a corner kick having fallen to the Forest, the duty was entrusted to Earp, who passed the sphere to Bates, who in turn put it to Widdowson, whence it was sent to Goodyer, who put it through at the expiration of seven minutes from the start."

"Turner was again on the ball, which he most handsomely ran down to the mouth of the goal, where Smith sided it in the nick of time and put it through. This, a second goal to their debit in twenty five minutes, made affairs look far from cosy for Blackburn, but although their falling fortunes seemed to inspire them with increased energy, they failed to make headway....."

"At last Turner, after a pretty dribble, got another opening, but T. Birtwhistle came to the rescue, and got it away, but Smith taking possession and making a rush, passed it to Earp, who attempted to score, but failed through T. Birtwhistle again being in the way, but although by the aid of R. Birtwhistle and Avery it was soon brought back, after being played into the corner by T. Birtwhistle, Turner, with a splendid left screw kick shot it through the posts. From this point until the call of half time the ball was kept in the visitors' ground, and immediately after the expiry of the usual interval, the home team attained such a complete mastery over their opponents, that Caborn did his share of work in the centre of the field..... "" ...and Widdowson with a run, which was loudly cheered, rushed the ball back, and passed to Smith, he in turn passed to Goodyer, who made no mistake, and a fourth goal for the Forest was hailed most demonstratively. No sooner, however, had it been sent rolling, that Widdowson and Goodyer were extremely busy, and jointly ran it very close to the Blackburn goal, but the charge was repulsed, and the ball being returned, Duckworth and Avery took it well into the Forest quarters, but it was immediately brought back by W. Luntley, who passed it to Smith, and from him it found its way to Widdowson, who put it through. "

"...the ball got into the possession of Earp on the left, who dribbled it to the centre, where Widdowson converted a superb piece of rapid play into a goal, and nothing else occurring to affect the state of the poll until time was called, the Forest were thus left the victors by six goals to none."

AN: "Fortunately the Foresters were able to put their very best eleven on the field; in fact the team was identical in every respect with the one that played through the Cup ties last season. On the other hand, the Rovers were by no means so well represented as they would have wished, for the brothers Hargreaves were still unable to put in an appearance, besides which D. H. Greenwood was, for some unavoidable reason, absent. Under the circumstances the success of the Lancashire men could scarcely be anticipated, but everyone expected to witness a fast and determined struggle. The Rovers received a cordial cheer as they walked onto the ground from the pavilion, and without delay the opposing captains spun the coin for the choice of sides. There was little wind stirring, and the home team, with their faces to the sun, started the ball in a novel way by kicking the ball to the back players of the same side. W. Luntley lifted the ball to the wing, where Duckworth and R. Birtwhistle fastened on

to it, and by some pretty passing worked their way to the Forest goal. Caborn here came to the rescue, and neatly getting the ball away landed it to the centre with a fine kick, and from here it went down to the other goal like "greased lightning". Goodyer passed to his captain (Widdowson), and the latter parted with the leather (to) +Earp, who promptly put it through the goal. Enthusiastic cheering greeted this early success, and without loss of time the play was resumed from the centre. E. Luntley's head was put in the way of a good kick, and again some fine play by the Forest forwards was shown. Turner went away at a good pace in a pretty dribble, and finding M'Intyre in his way, passed on to Earp, but the shot by the latter was far away from its mark. From the kick-out Goodyer ran well down on the right, and for a little time the Rovers' goal was in great danger. A. Birtwistle at length kicked away to Caborn, who, slipping in attempting to kick, let in Duckworth, and he, without loss of time, had the ball near to the Forest citadel. E. Luntley got round and relieved his side, but a good kick by M'Intyre returned the leather into dangerous quarters. For several minutes the play was of a give-and-take character until "hands" by Turner gave the Rovers a little pull, and the Lancashire players by some good work pressed on the "Reds" a little, Brown and Beverley both making capital shots into goal, which Sands had the greatest difficulty in getting away. The visitors were impartially cheered for the show they made, and the Forest men did not seem at home until Caborn kicked to centre. M'Intyre, however, returned with a huge kick. W. Luntley and Holroyd here put in some fine play, and a Rovers' back missing the ball, Smith rushed up and kicked a second goal for the Notts men. M'Intyre once more put the ball in play with a vigorous kick, which Caborn replied to with a lift nearly as good. Latham met the leather and sent it forward, but the elder Luntley headed it back in fine style. The Foresters now got a free kick from "hands" right in front of the visitors' goal and the ball was placed through. There appeared to be something wrong about this piece of work, for an objection was made, and after a conference had been held, lasting over some minutes, the goal was disallowed. Duckworth, Avery, Lewis, and R. Birtwistle here showed to advantage, making short runs; whilst when they got a chance, A. Birtwistle, M'Intyre, and Latham put in some serviceable kicks. Momentarily the Foresters were pressed, but Goodyer and Smith quickly transferred matters to the other end of the ground, when the Rovers' backs were considerably bothered by some capital passing by the home forwards, Turner putting on the finishing touch by a grand left screw into goal, which the Rovers' custodian failed to stop, and thus the "Reds" were three goals to none. As soon as the ball was put in motion again, Turner made a grand run down the ground, and nearly scored after a sprint half the length of the ground. Latham showed up well hereabouts, putting in several good kicks, whilst Brown, Duckworth, and Lewis tried hard to make their way past the Nottingham backs. With the ball near the centre of the ground the umpires called half time. On resuming Holroyd got repeatedly cheered for his pretty play, and W. Luntley removed the ball one time when it looked dangerous. Widdowson rushed the ball to the opposing end, and Turner put the leather over his head in masterly style. M'Intyre and Beverley (who had been put back) got the ball away several times, but Caborn was always there, and a fine run by Smith was succeeded by "hands" on the part of a Rover not far from the visitors' goal. Things looked queer for the Blackburn men, Holroyd and Earp playing like Trojans, and Goodyer, by a grand screw in from the right, put the leather between the posts, to the great joy of the Nottingham supporters. The Rovers individually worked harder than ever after their latest reverse, Brown now and again dribbling nicely, whilst there seemed to be an improvement in the back play, Beverley, Harrison, and Birtwistle all doing their best, and once or twice they approached the opposing line, but only to be repulsed very quickly. The next prominent piece of play, was a good, clever run by Goodyer, who eventually centred, leaving Widdowson to rush up and put it through for the fifth time. A fast dodging run by Avery did not pass unnoticed, but,

unfortunately, this was not properly utilised, as the ball passed over the goal-line. Smith and Goodyer were next to the front with shots that were ineffective, and as a last contribution Widdowson scored again. After this M'Intyre went forward for the Rovers, and he and Duckworth several times made fine rushes, and the Lancashire men, working up hard to the finish, looked like scoring once or twice, but they were unable to wipe off any of the score put on by their opponents. The winning team worked together like machinery, and completely baffled the Rovers, who seemed all to pieces. Caborn, for the Foresters, kicked hard and strongly, but he sent the ball out too often. The brothers Luntley were impassable almost, and of the half backs Holroyd was by far the best. Forwards it seems almost impossible to pick out one as standing over the other, so grandly did all five men play. With regard to the Rovers, we may say that we have seen Howarth keep goal better than he did on Saturday, nevertheless he showed some fine play occasionally. A. Birtwistle played resolutely, but unfortunately he hurt his arm during the game. M'Intyre, of course, greatly strengthened his side by his safe and vigorous play; whilst Latham, for a young player, did well. Duckworth, Avery, and R. Birtwistle were most prominent forward, and Lewis worked hard until he got put hors de combat after a collision with W. Luntley." +NEP/SM say Goodyer

SG: "Played on the Old Trent Bridge Grounds, at Nottingham, last Saturday, upwards of 3,000 spectators being present. Two or three weeks previously these clubs met on the same ground, and played a drawn game, each side scoring a goal, but on Saturday the Forest scored an easy victory. Widdowson kicked off, and the Rovers were so hardly pressed that in seven minutes Goodyer scored a goal from a corner-kick, and ten minutes later Smith, from a good middle by Turner, got another. Just before half time a difficult kick right out of the left corner, by Turner, resulted in a third goal for the Forest, and during the second half the latter had matters nearly all their own way. Goodyer made the fourth goal, and two others were made in brilliant style by Widdowson. The Rovers could not score at all, and were defeated by six goals to nil."

Nottingham Forest: J. Sands (Goal); C. J. Caborn (Back), W. Luntley; E. 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. Earp, J. P. Turner (Left Wing).

Blackburn Rovers: R. Howarth (Goal); +A. Birtwistle, ++F. G. Harrison (Backs); H. McIntyre, W. H. Latham (Half Backs); J. Duckworth, R. Birtwistle (Right Wing), J. Brown, J. Beverley (Centres), G. Avery, J. Lewis (Left Wing).

Umpires: C. J. Spencer for Notts Forest and H. Ibbotson for Blackburn Rovers. Referee: J. C. Clegg.

+There is confusion regarding A. Birtwistle's initial as "T" in the NEP report and in several lineups, but assume A. Birtwistle as listed in BRCR as playing in many other games with R. Birtwistle.

++N. B. Glasgow Herald 2/2/80 P10: "The home team had their best eleven, whereas the Rovers were without the assistance of J. and F. Hargreaves and D. H. Greenwood"

Preston Chronicle (7/2/80 P.3 gives T. Gibson and BRCR (no trace of Harrison) gives Gibson in the lineup and in the Players' List, with this match as his only game. No trace any ref Harrison, and no other reference to Gibson (which may be "Harrison"), in BRCR: either could have been a "foreign" player (see below)

Field 31/1/80 P.123 (Letter to the Paper:



“Sir,—I think some notice should be taken of the practice of introducing foreign players into the teams competing for the English Cup,as I believe if it is not put a stop to it will tend to demoralise the game.I refer more particularly to a club in Lancashire,which is in the habit of engaging the services of two or three celebrated Scotch players for all their cup ties,and if this sort of thing is to be allowed there is no telling where the limit will be,and the competition will eventually remain with those clubs who are able to engage the services of the best players from anywhere. If a club cannot win on its own merits,I cannot see what honour is to be gained if it succeeds through the exertions of players brought from a distance. I trust the committee of management will discountenance this practice before it spreads further.”  
NEMO

SHEFFIELD CLUB,a bye

WESTERN DISTRICT:

OXFORD UNIVERSITY walked over ASTON VILLA scratched

MAIDENHEAD,a bye

METROPOLITAN DISTRICT:

FIRST DIVISION:

OLD ETONIANS 3 (H.B.Sedgwick,H.C.Goodhart 2) WANDERERS 1(H.Wace)(H.T. 1-0)(SAT JAN 24<sup>th</sup>)  
(At Kennington Oval)

Bell's Life 31/1/80 P.12/ Sportsman 26/1/80 P.4/Referee 26/1/80 P.6/Sporting Life 28/1/80  
P.3/Athletic News 28/1/80 P.3/Sporting Gazette 31/1/80:

BL:”Drawn together in the third round of the cup competition these clubs agreed to meet on Jan 17<sup>th</sup> at Vincent Square,+but for reasons already stated,the affair had to be postponed until Saturday last.This was rather unfortunate owing to the change in the weather since the date first fixed upon. Then the turf was in fairly good order,but on Saturday the surface proved very hard and unfavourable to good dribbling.Despite the disadvantage,however,a fast and by no means uninteresting game was witnessed by some 400 persons assembled within the well known enclosure at Kennington Oval.The Old Etonians were successful in the toss,and elected to play for the early half with their backs to the west side of the ground.Wace kicked off for the Wanderers at 3:10,and soon both teams were on their mettle.If anything the wearers of the light blue and white were quicker on the ball,but there was,during the first ten minutes,not much to choose.At the end of a quarter of an hour,however,the Etonians pressed their opponents vigorously,and a capital shot by Sedgwick took effect(SG /F/SL/SM all state 5 minutes).Hammond,usually so good in goals,made but a feeble attempt to save his charge.Indeed it was pretty generally remarked that he had overlooked the fact

of being able to use his hands. Incited by this early disaster the Wanderers forwards several times broke through the opposite lines, but Bury and Christian, the former especially, proved difficult to pass. Major Marindin on one occasion prevented the downfall of his goal, and soon after Kinnaird sent the ball flying over the enemies' crossbar. Three corner kicks then fell to the Wanderers but although two of them were well directed by Lindsay no decisive advantage was gained. The ball was then taken to the Wanderers' end, but a fine run by Wollaston removed it well into the Eton half, where it was when half time arrived. A few minutes subsequent to the change of ends a scrimmage was formed in front of the Wanderers' posts, through which Goodhart headed it, thus placing a second goal to the credit of the Etonians. This did not discourage the Wanderers who, individually played extremely well; but there was a lack of the combined play showed by their rivals. Two corner kicks were gained by Eton, and from the second of these (F: "was so well directed by Foley") Goodhart once more headed the ball under the tape. A fine run by Sedgwick on the right took the leather close to the Wanderers' fortress, but the shot by the same player was permitted to roll harmlessly in front of goal, and thence over the line. Towards the end the Wanderers played with commendable style. Once or twice the Eton goal was in danger, and at length Wace, who had played uncommonly well all through, at last succeeded in lowering their colours. (SG: "a claim of "hands" being allowed, a good kick by Kennedy enabled Denton to pass the ball to Wace, who sent it under the tape"). All the Wanderers' later efforts, however, did not improve their position, and they consequently suffered defeat by three goals to one."

SM: "This match, one of the ties in the third round, was played at Kennington Oval on Saturday last. The weather was not of the most genial kind, but there was a good turnout of spectators, and they were rewarded certainly by the best game that has been seen in the Cup competition on the Surrey ground this season. Neither side mustered quite its full strength, as the Hon. A. Lyttelton and C. J. Clerke were away from the Etonians, and the loss of W. S. Rawson, as events proved, was a serious blow to the Wanderers. The ground, though a trifle hard, was in the best possible condition, and as there was no wind of any consequence, everything was in favour of fast and vigorous play. Major Marindin having won the toss for the Old Etonians, Wace set the ball in motion on behalf of the Wanderers at ten minutes past three o'clock, but the Etonians were much quicker in getting to work, and the Wanderers' backs being quite abroad, the struggle for a few minutes was all in favour of Eton. Indeed, at the start the Wanderers all round were very loose in their play, and when five minutes had elapsed, Sedgwick, after a short and unopposed dribble, secured an altogether unlooked-for success, the goal-keeper, who might easily have used his hands, missing his kick, and allowing the ball to pass between his posts. For a brief period after this the Etonians still held the advantage, but by degrees the game assumed a more even phase, and the Wanderers' forwards, with Wollaston, Wace, and Hughes, always in the front, were frequently applauded for their runs, though the back play of the Etonians was far too good to admit of any success. Nothing, however, beyond corner kicks occurred before half-time, a very neat run just before the change by Wollaston, who took the ball half-way up the ground along the edge of the right touch-line, being the best piece of forward play during the first half. When positions were reversed the game became very vigorous, but the Wanderers were heavily handicapped in their backs, although Lindsay during the second half, besides kicking accurately, stopped many attacks, and A. H. Stratford at times was useful. The Wanderers forwards, who worked hard all round, certainly showed better together than they have done for some time, and indeed in this point the sides were fairly matched, Wollaston's dribbling throughout being particularly effective for the losers. At one time it seemed as though the latter would have a chance,

but their backs failed them when the trial came, and in some cases the kicking was very inaccurate. Not long after the change the ball was taken in front of the Wanderers' goal and it glanced off the head of one of their forwards through the posts. Some animated play followed the kick-off, but every assault of the Wanderers was well stopped by the Eton backs, Bury's kicking being not only very powerful but wonderfully accurate, the ball going hardly ever into touch. More than one corner kick had fallen to the Old Etonians, and at length, after a finely directed shot by Foley, Goodhart headed the ball between the posts. With three goals against them the Wanderers played up, if anything, harder than ever, and after a short run Wace succeeded in sending the ball safely into the Eton goal out of the reach of its keeper. During the last ten minutes each side in turn had the advantage, but neither was favoured sufficiently to score, and at the end of an hour and a half the Old Etonians were left the victors by three goals to one."

+Referee 18/1/80 P.6: "A match between these two teams in the above competition, announced to take place on Saturday at Vincent Square, Westminster, through some misunderstanding, fell through. It will, however, be played on Saturday at Kennington Oval."

REF: "This match, the second in the third round of the above important competition, was decided on Saturday at Kennington Oval in favour of the Etonians by three goals to one. The Wanderers, having won the cup on five occasions—viz., in 1872, when they defeated the Royal Engineers by one goal to nothing; in 1873, when they defeated Oxford University by two goals to nothing; in 1876, when they defeated the Old Etonians by three goals to nothing after a drawn game; in 1877, when they defeated Oxford University by two goals to none, having played for an extra half-hour; and in 1878, when they beat the Royal Engineers by three goals to one—and as the Old Etonians are the present holders [++(and also won it in 1875 and 1876)], the interest attached to the meeting under notice drew together a great number of enthusiastic spectators anxious to witness the result of a decidedly well-disputed contest. Eton having won the toss took the west side of the Oval to commence operations from, and at 3.13 Wace made a commencement from the eastern end. The Wanderers following up, a good fight took place near the centre, but Sedgwick disengaging the ball, ran swiftly down the middle, and made his shot which Hammond, taken rather unawares, proved unequal to cope with, and Eton scored the first event of the day, five minutes only having elapsed since the start. On recommencing the game was carried on with considerable spirit, though the Etonians contrived to keep the ball dangerously close to the Wanderers' home, their forwards, more particularly Kinnaird, the Andersons, and Sedgwick, making themselves very formidable in every attack made on their opponents. At length Wollaston, dribbling the ball rapidly down the side, passed it to Denton, who in turn handed it over to Wace; but before the latter had the opportunity of making his effort Bury threw himself in the way and the assault failed. Soon after this R.D. Anderson, well supported, charged the camp of the enemy with much vigour, and having middled the ball, Kinnaird had a fine chance of scoring, as Hammond was off his guard, but kicking too high, the ball flew over. Close on half-time Wollaston made a splendid run down the right side, but meeting Bury in his onward flight, the captain of the Wanderers saluted his mother earth, only, however, to rise again, apparently none the worse for the unlooked-for embrace. Having changed ends, the Etonians went to work, with the evident intention of adding to the success already obtained, and in a short space of time their wishes were gratified through the agency of Goodhart, who out of a scrimmage headed the ball through. Some very excellent play was now shown by Wace, Lindsay, Tyndale, and Denton, each of whom displayed good play throughout the game. The Etonians, however, still continued to harass their opponents considerably, and a little later on, from a corner kick by Foley, Goodhart once again headed the ball

between the posts. All hope for the once fortunate Wanderers had by this time died out, and although a good bit of play between Tyndale and Denton gave Wace an opportunity of winning a goal which he cleverly took advantage of, nothing of any further interest occurred, and when time was called the Etonians were declared victors as previously mentioned."

+Later in modern times corrected to 2-1 ++Incorrect!

Old Etonians; Major F.A. Marindin, R.E. (Capt.) (Goal); L. Bury, E. Christian (Backs); Hon. I.F.W. (Ivo) Bligh, C.W. Foley (Half Backs); C.W. Foley, W.J. Anderson, R.D. Anderson, H.C. Goodhart, H.B. Sedgwick, R.H. Macaulay, Hon A.F. Kinnaird (Forwards).

Wanderers: C.E. Hammond (Goal); A.H. Stratford, A.G. Kennedy (Backs); W. Lindsay, F.W. Stratford (Half Backs); C.H. Wollaston (Capt.), T.N. Tyndale, T.B. Hughes, H. Wace, C.A. Denton, D.B. Roffey (Forwards).

Umpires: Lieut. H. Rice (Royal Engineers) and F.T. Green (Wanderers). Referee: E.H. Bambridge (Swifts).

WEST END, a bye

#### SECOND DIVISION:

ROYAL ENGINEERS 2 (C.D. Learoyd, H.N.L. Paterson) OLD HARROVIANS 0 ((H.T. 2-0) (WED FEB 4<sup>th</sup>) (At the Lines, Chatham)

Field 14/2/80 P.190:

N.B. Other papers only have the result or a short description.

F. "This match took place on the Lines at Chatham on Wednesday Feb. 4<sup>th</sup>, and, after a very fast game, the R.E. were left winners by two goals to none. Rice started the ball for the Sappers at 3.30pm, and at first the contest was carried on in the half defended by the Harrovians, and two corner kicks were entrusted to Russell, but without success. Soon the play became very even, the visitors' forwards being very heavy and fast; but they were well met by the R.E. backs, while Lindsay and Learoyd on the left wing were not slow in returning the attack. After about twenty minutes some good passing by Rice and Lindsay on the lower side, was followed by a scrimmage close to the enemy's posts, and Learoyd, getting the ball, succeeded in achieving the required result. The game now became very fast, and some vigorous onslaughts were now made on the home goal; but the shots of the O.H. centre were generally wide of the mark; while on the other side a capital corner kick by Russell was succeeded by a close scrimmage, which had all the features of the sister game. The players of both sides precipitated themselves on the ball, which was invisible to the umpires for about the space of a minute; but the visitors by a combined effort repelled the attack of their opponents. Shortly after this a cry of hands on the Harrovian territory gave Paterson a free kick, and the ball passed just under the tape, Bates having unwarily touched it with his hands. Just before

half time a long pass was made from the centre to Lewis, who was very much offside; but he not hearing the decision of the umpires, continued his progress, and aided by Stirling, succeeded finally in carrying the ball between the posts, only to be disappointed. On changing ends the aspect of the game was not altered. Lewis, Hargreaves and Blaine, well backed up by Welch and Jarrett got dangerously near to the home posts on two or three occasions, while for the Sappers, Rice and Williams, in the centre, were indefatigable in their exertions, and Learoyd once appeared likely to score; but the shot, a difficult one, just missed. A foul, claimed by the Sappers close to the Harrovian posts, was productive of no result, and an easy chance missed by Lindsay by his failing to impart a sufficient velocity to the ball to overcome the resistance of Betts. These attacks were followed by two excellent ones by Rice, from the second of which a corner kick was obtained; but the ball, though admirably aimed by Russell, was well got rid of by the goalkeeper. Towards the end of the match, Hargreaves made a very good run along the top side, and two shots at the home goal followed in quick succession. On the first occasion the ball rebounded from the right post, and the second shot was like unto the preceding one, though this time it was the left post that intervened. The heat of the sun and the heavy state of the ground made the game a very trying one, and both teams showed want of condition towards the end. The Royal Engineers were not in their usual form, and seemed to miss much the back play of Cowan, though Russell, Vidal, and Paterson defended their posts in a most creditable manner. For the Harrovians Lewis, Hargreaves, and Blaine (forward) and Welch and Jarrett (back) were most conspicuous. An unfortunate accident happened just after half time to Lewis, who received a very severe injury to his cheekbone, but who continued to play to the end with undiminished energy."

Royal Engineers: H.L. Stafford (Goal); B.B. Russell, A.G. Drummond (Backs); H.A.L. Paterson, W.S. Vidal (Half Backs); S.R. Rice, G. Williams (Centres), G. Barker, T.B. Shaw (Right), M. Lindsay, C.D. Learoyd (Left).

Old Harrovians: M.P. Betts (Goal); R. de Courtenay Welch, Rev. W.M. Law (Backs), Rev. B.G. Jarrett, G. Macan (Half Backs); H.T. Prior, J.H. Stirling (Centres), H.F. Blaine, L.J. Howell (Right), J. Lewis, W.Y. Hargreaves (Left).

N.B. The Harrovian School Register records Walter Yeats Hargreaves playing for the Football XI in 1874, going to Trinity College and playing for Cambridge University Football XI 1877-79.

GREY FRIARS, a bye

THIRD DIVISION:

CLAPHAM ROVERS 7 (F.J. Sparks 3, F. Barry 2, Stanley, C.A. Lloyd-Jones) PILGRIMS 0 (H.T. 3-0)  
(SAT JAN 17<sup>th</sup>) (At Kennington Oval)

Bell's Life 24/1/80 P.5/Sportsman 19/1/80 P.4/Referee 18/1/80 P.6/Field 24/1/80 P.98/Sporting Gazette 24/1/80/Sporting Life 21/1/80 P.3:

BL: "The Rovers' forwards were soon busy and made several vigorous incursions into the opponents' territory. It was evident from the first that the Pilgrims were overmatched, proof of which was

afforded by the easy manner in which the contending forces broke through their lines. Hardly five minutes had elapsed when Barry passed the ball to Sparks, who succeeded in lowering the Pilgrims' colours, and a short time subsequently a second goal was placed to the credit of the Rovers by Barry. Then more determined play was shown by the weaker side, but it was principally due to Swepstone's goalkeeping that for the next half hour their citadel was kept intact. After, however, a capital bit of passing, in which Stanley, Ram, Barry, Bailey and Sparks were all engaged, the last named scored a third goal for the Rovers. It was hoped that the change of ends at half time would bring a change of fortune for the Pilgrims, but such was not the case. In fact matters grew worse, and worse for them, their backs proving almost powerless to prevent the continuous attacks upon their quarters. A shot by Sparks hit the post, and the danger was thought to be averted, but Stanley rushed up and sent the ball under the tape. Then Lloyd-Jones added to the list of successes, and a middle by the same player enabled Barry to do likewise. Following the kick off the Rovers were again found acting on the aggressive, and from a pass by Stanley the ball was shot through the posts by Lloyd-Jones, who on appeal was decided to be offside. Another goal was presently made by Sparks for the Rovers who, as nothing else happened, secured victory by seven goals to nothing."

SM: "On Saturday last this match, the first in the third round, of the competition, was decided at Kennington Oval. Just before the hour appointed for the commencement the weather looked dark and threatening, but fortunately matters improved a little before the game began, and the ground was in fair order after the continuous rain on Friday. Ramsey having won the toss for the Pilgrims, chose to kick up to the baths, and just after three o'clock the ball was started for the Rovers. The Clapham forwards were soon busy, and at a very early period it was manifest that the game would be in their favour. Within seven minutes, Sparks with a good shot, gave the Rovers their opening goal, and almost immediately a second goal followed from the foot of Barry. Two goals within ten minutes augered badly for the chances of the Pilgrims, but they made a slightly better show until half time, only one more score having been added to the Rovers' account (by Sparks) in addition to one by Stanley disallowed on the ground of off-side. After the change of ends the Rovers had things all their own way, the play of the Pilgrims being very weak all round, and altogether devoid of dash. During the second half four more goals were added to the Clapham eleven, and when time was called they were left with an easy victory by seven goals to none."

REF: "The Rovers, however, again advanced to the assault, and Barry leading the way, passed the ball to Sparks, who, with a fine straight shot, gained the first score of the day, and shortly afterwards, Barry out of a loose scrimmage, obtained another, eleven minutes only having elapsed since the commencement of play. On recommencing the Rovers again acted on the offensive, and Field, playing up well, sent the ball over the bar. Although most of the Pilgrims played up with considerable spirit, they could make but a poor stand against their opponents, till at length Stanley kicked through the posts but the goal was disallowed on the plea of off-side. As half-time approached Ogilvie's forwards charged over in a body, Stanley, Barry, Ram, Bailey, and Sparks working well together in the van, when the latter added another chalk to the two already obtained. Having changed ends, the Claphamites still pursued the same aggressive tactics, and although C.H. Last, supported by Ramsey, Bennett, Poland, Clarke, and Mott, tried energetically to get away with the ball, there was always some obtrusive Rover ready to prevent him. At last, after a strong run by Bailey, the ball was middled to Sparks, who kicked at goal, and, the ball rebounding from the post, Stanley put it through. The fight still continued to be carried on close to the Pilgrims' goal, when, out of a rather sharp *mélée*, Lloyd-Jones was successful in a well-directed attack. On two occasions Swepstone was instrumental in repelling

the violent onslaughts of the Rovers, Stanley, Lloyd-Jones, and Sparks showing to considerable advantage in each rush; but nothing could keep the impetuous Rovers at bay, for Barry, having received the ball from Lloyd-Jones, kicked it beneath the bar, and just before time was called, Sparks inflicted a final blow to the hopes of the Pilgrims. The Rovers thus proved themselves victors by seven to nothing."

F: "There was but a poor muster of spectators at Kennington Oval on Saturday last to witness the tie between these clubs for the Association Challenge Cup. The weather was fine, and the ground in very fair condition. The Pilgrims won the toss, and defended the gasometer goal, while Ogilvie set the ball in motion. Although from the first the game was in favour of the Rovers, it was not so one-sided as the result would seem to point. During the opening period of time three goals were accredited to the Rovers (two kicked by Sparkes and one by Barry). After ends had been reversed the same ill fortune stuck to the Pilgrims, and four other scores were made by Clapham (two kicked by Lloyd-Jones and one by Barry and Stanley). The Pilgrims failed to obtain anything, and were thus defeated by seven goals to none."

Clapham Rovers: E. H. Wellesley (Goal); R. A. M. M. Ogilvie (Capt.), Edgar Field (Backs), N. C. Bailey, V. Weston (Half Backs); Rev. S. Walker, A. J. Stanley (Right Sides), F. Barry, F. J. Sparks (Centres), E. A. Ram, C. A. Lloyd-Jones (Left Sides).

Pilgrims: H. A. Swepstone (Goal); E. H. Puttock, R. W. Shepard (Backs); F. H. Last, C. H. Last (Half Backs); F. A. Clarke, E. C. Mott (Left Sides), W. Wild, H. G. Poland (Right Sides), A. W. Ramsey (Capt.), J. H. Bennett (Centres).

Umpires: E. H. Bambridge (Swifts) for Clapham Rovers and J. E. Tidd (First Surrey Rifles) for Pilgrims.  
Referee: C. W. Alcock (hon sec, Football Association).

HENDON, a bye

#### FOURTH ROUND:

##### NORTHERN DISTRICT:

NOTTINGHAM FOREST 2 (A. H. Smith, S. W. Widdowson) SHEFFIELD CLUB 2 (J. H. Barber, H. Wood)  
(H. T. 0-2) (At Trent Bridge) (THURS FEB 19<sup>th</sup>)

Nottingham Journal 20/2/80 P.4/Nottingham Evening Post 20/2/80 P.3/Sheffield Daily Telegraph  
20/2/80 P.4/Sheffield Independent 20/2/80 P.4/Field 21/2/80 P.219/Sportsman 20/2/80  
P.4/Sporting Life 21/2/80 P.4:

NJ: "The fourth tie between these clubs in the contest for the Association Cup was played on the Trent Bridge Ground yesterday afternoon before upwards of a thousand spectators. The wind was very rough and occasionally rain fell. Forest were the favourites, but up to half-time they had not scored, although subsequently they played with great determination, and finally brought about a tie. Sheffield set the ball in motion at half-past three o'clock, and after a few harmless exchanges the Forest forwards carried it into their opponents' territory. Here Ellison, the goal-keeper, made a loose kick, and the "reds" all but scored. This was followed by a kick at goal from the foot of Goodyer, and

some smart back play by E.Luntley enabled Earp to put the Sheffield forwards truly on their mettle. A second try at their goal was made by Smith, but the "leather passing out" and a cry of "off-side" being raised, the latter continued the attack, and presently obtained a (bye). Cursham very nearly scored, and then Barber on the right wing, landed the ball on the right goal-post and it passed inside. On resuming, the "reds" made a rapid raid upon the Sheffield backs, and some pretty crossing by Widdowson, Goodyer, and Smith came in for well-deserved recognition. Cursham retaliated with a capital run along the Notts (left) and, after a throw in, caused Sands to use his hands to avert further disaster. Owing to the violence of the wind the ball was frequently out of play. At five minutes to four o'clock Matthews, on the right wing, worked the ball in dangerous proximity to the Nottingham stronghold, and as it was well middled, a second goal resulted through the ball gliding off the back of one of the Foresters. The ( ) which had been freely offered on ( ) latter changed in favour of the visitors, whose friends had assembled in considerable force. The home team strained every nerve with a view to equalising matters, but had not succeeded when half-time was called.

During the second half the Foresters had a little the best of the wind, and the play of Earp, Widdowson, Turner, and Smith was very good indeed. A shot at the goal by the last named was followed by one (by) Caborn, and then J.Luntley landed the ball over the cross-bar. Soon after Goodyer secured a corner kick, and out of a pretty middle to Smith the latter was instrumental in placing a goal to the credit of the "reds". The excitement increased, and just before the expiration of time Widdowson, the Forest captain, put in with a brilliant run in the centre of the ground, and succeeded in making the second and last goal, so that the teams will again have to meet."

NEP: "As was anticipated the Sheffield Club mustered a very strong team, and with one exception the local eleven was up to its usual strength, the one change being that the place of Bates, who has not yet recovered from his accident, was filled by J.Luntley, and it is only fair to say that the latter did his work manfully and well." (SDT: "At the last moment W.Moss, of Sheffield, telegraphed to say he was unable to attend, and another man was put in his place")

F: "Despite the recent rains the ground was in very fair condition; but there was a nasty cross wind blowing, which very materially interfered with the play, and certainly interfered considerably with the passing tactics, for which the Nottingham eleven are so famous. The kick off was announced for three o'clock; but owing to the late arrival of the Sheffielders, a start was not made until twenty-five minutes after that hour."

F: "The first incident was a run by Widdowson in the centre, and crossing the ball, one of the Forest forwards got it safely between the Sheffield posts, though, as the Nottingham captain was offside when he commenced his run, the leather had to be returned to the point whence he started, the goal being consequently disallowed."

SDT: "At the last moment, Moss, of Sheffield, telegraphed to say he was unable to attend, and another man was put in his place, whilst J.Luntley took Bates' place at half-back in the Forest team. The weather was very favourable, sunshine and showers alternating, whilst a strong wind blew obliquely from goal to goal. There was an attendance of about fifteen hundred persons. A late commencement was made, it being about half past three o'clock, when the Forest captain, having lost the toss, set the ball in motion against the wind, and, after a few minutes even play, Matthews and Sorby set out with a run, which took the ball behind the Forest goal-line. Two neat kicks by W.Luntley and J.Luntley enabled the Foresters to get well away with the ball, and after some passing on the right wing



between Goodyer and Smith, the latter sent the ball into Ellison's hands. E. Barber and Cursham brought the leather down again, but Caborn blocked the way, and Goodyer, Widdowson, and Smith retaliated for the "Reds", the latter sending the ball into the goal, but Ellison was still on the alert, and kept it out. Beardshaw and Marsden put in some useful work in the back division, and Matthews was prominent with a neat dribble. Widdowson made a useful run ending with a shot, which the Sheffield custodian had to handle, and immediately afterwards Smith had a chance, but his shot went wide. The Sheffielders, working well together, now began to press their opponents, Cursham and Matthews showing prominently, but the Foresters changed the appearance of matters by a run on the left, which took the ball in touch. By a grand throw in by Beardshaw Cursham got a chance, and Caborn only just came up in time to save the goal. H. Barber got possession, and with a fine left screw sent the leather true for the goal, and the ball striking the inside of the posts high up, went through, Sheffield thus making the first score. Upon resuming Earp made a pretty dodging run, and screwed the ball into the Sheffield goal, but it struck the bar and went over. Immediately afterwards Turner sent the leather into Ellison's hands, but he got it away, and H. Barber was cheered for a nice run in conjunction with P. Sorby. Goodyer led the way for the "Reds" into the Sheffield quarters, but his shot was wide of the mark. Cursham and Matthews, working well together, looked dangerous, but Cursham missed his shot, and the game was then carried on in Sheffield territory, Smith failing on one occasion, when he had a fine opportunity. Play continued to be fast and somewhat rough, the back play on both sides being excellent, and after some exchanges Matthews brought the ball well down the right wing and middling the ball to Wood, the latter secured the second goal for Sheffield, the ball going through the posts off one of the Forest backs. From this point up to half time, about five minutes, the game was well contested, Earp and Cursham having shots at either goal, whilst the visitors secured a corner kick, which was unproductive. With the change of ends the Foresters had the wind in their favour, and leading off quickly Smith had got the leather well in front of the Tykes' fortress, but "offside" was declared. From the free kick which ensued, Matthews, the Brothers Sorby, and H. Barber got well into the Forest ground, but the two elder Luntleys averted danger, and the Foresters broke away on the right, Smith failing to allow for the wind when screwing the ball from the corner, and thus putting it outside. The home team were now playing in greatly improved form, Earp being particularly busy in the left corner, and on three occasions putting the ball just in front of the uprights. Ellison kept goal grandly, however, and after cleverly nullifying two shots, by Widdowson and Earp, Marsden came to the rescue and sent the ball away. J. Luntley returned it smartly, and only just missed scoring, the ball going over the cross-bar. A foul occurred in front of the Sheffield goal, and from the free kick which followed it was considerably endangered, but Beardshaw sent the ball away. Earp's dribbling in the left corner evoked applause, and he was instrumental in obtaining for his side a corner kick. Goodyer, to whom it was entrusted, tapped the ball to Smith, who took a long shot and scored the first goal for the Foresters neatly (F: "Ellison just touching it as it went through"). This was within twenty minutes of the call of time, and the Foresters worked hard and fast to avoid defeat which at one period seemed almost inevitable. There was a deal of excitement amongst the spectators, and the Sheffielders found plenty of supporters, every point of play on either side being cheered. Goodyer and Smith took the initiative, and ran well into the Sheffield right corner, where the ball was put out, and after the kick from the goal-line, Goodyer, having got the ball in the same place, did not allow sufficiently for the wind, and again the ball was out of play. Matthews, whose play throughout the match was excellent, broke away down the centre, but could not get near the goal, being beautifully stopped by Caborn, and from a succession of throws in from touch the ball was again worked up into the visitors' ground. Thus it was kept travelling up and down the field by

the forwards, but the backs were well up to their work on either side. The next feature was a run by Cursham and Matthews from which Barlow got well in front of the Forest goal, and Sands had to handle to keep the ball out. The Forest forwards, passing well together again, invaded their opponents' half and a dispute occurring regarding a claim for "hands", on either side the referee ordered the ball to be thrown up. P. Sorby and Wood dashed off, but were stopped by Holroyd, and Turner receiving the ball put in some useful dribbling and made a shot which went clean off the post. Cursham then made a grand attempt to augment the score, and dribbling the ball past five men made a shot which struck the bar, and again bounded into play, but Sands by a brilliant piece of goal-keeping, cleared his fortress, the feat being loudly cheered. During this scrimmage the Foresters had closed in upon the Forest goal, and the ball being quickly kicked out from the goal line, Widdowson got hold of the ball and had a clear course before him. He fairly raced Marsden down, and going the whole length of the ground, with the ball at his feet within a few yards of the Sheffield goal, where he floored the goalkeeper and put the ball through. The run was the most brilliant one ever seen on the Trent Bridge ground, and the cheering which followed were long continued. Only eight minutes remained until the call of time and the "Reds" tried hard to win the match, but although the Sheffield goal had two or three narrow escapes it remained uncaptured, and at the call of time "the game resulted in a tie, after a splendidly contested game.

The Foresters wished to play an extra half hour to decide the question of superiority, this, they alleged, being in accordance with the rules governing the competition, but the Sheffielders left the field and declined to do so. The Foresters claimed the match but the matter will have to be referred to the Association to decide whether the match will be played over again or whether the Foresters have the right to claim it as a win." (The referee Mr C.W. Alcock had left the ground so no appeal could be made to him)

NEP: "By dint of hard work they (Nottingham) managed to make the scores tally just prior to time being called, and a challenge from them to prolong the game for thirty minutes fell through, by reason of the referee having left the ground. The basis upon which the challenge was made is a rule which has recently been framed, it is said, conveying to the referee the prerogative of prolonging a game in the cup ties with a view to disposing of the same. Thus the game was left drawn with a brace of goals on either side."

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

Sheffield Club: M. Ellison (Goal); W. F. Beardshaw, F. Marsden (Backs); H. Wood, J. H. Barber (Half Back); W. A. Matthews (Capt.), E. Barber (Right Side), A. W. Cursham, T. H. Sorby (Centres), H. Barlow, P. Sorby (Left Side).

Umpires: H. W. Chambers (Sheffield Club) and C. J. Spencer (Notts Forest). Referee: C. W. Alcock (Hon. Sec. Football Association)

SHEFFIELD DISQUALIFIED: Nottingham Evening Post 26/2/80 P.3: "We have the best authority for stating that the Association have awarded to the Notts Forest a bye in the Fifth Round, in

consequence of the Sheffield Club having declined to continue the match, on the 19<sup>th</sup> last when called upon to do so by the referee."

#### WESTERN DISTRICT:

MAIDENHEAD 0 OXFORD UNIVERSITY 1 (E.H.Hill) (SAT FEB 14<sup>th</sup>)(At Maidenhead)(H.T.0-0)

Maidenhead Advertiser 18/2/80 P.3/Bucks Herald 21/2/80 P.12/Oxfordshire Telegraph 18/2/80 P.4/Sporting Life 21/2/80 P.4(No report found in SM/F/BL):

Reading Mercury 21/2/80 P.5 says the goal was disputed

MA:"Saturday last was decidedly a red letter day for our club, for although the actual match was against us according to the rules, our team made a most plucky fight for it; indeed, it was allowed by many to be the hardest and most evenly-contested match ever seen on our ground; and what might have happened had the weather been dry and the wind had not dropped, as it did towards the close of the game, it is impossible to say. Another great point is that the whole team were out of our own town; they all did their work honestly, but if anyone can be chosen in particular as A-1, we think it would be Wilks, at back. The Oxford team arrived by the branch line at 1-15, and were met at the station by the president, and entertained at luncheon by him on behalf of the club, at the Bell Hotel. They were thus enabled to dress and be on the ground ready to play by 3 o'clock.

Oxford having won the toss, elected to defend the lower goal, and immediately the ball was kicked off by Vardy, at 3.1, it was returned by the Oxford back, and being very materially assisted by the wind, which blew straight up the ground, the game was speedily taken into the Maidenhead half. As Oxford obtained several byes and a corner kick in quick succession, it was thought by many they would secure an easy victory. In this, however, they were disappointed, as the defence was always equal to the attack, and by some very good play Maidenhead were able to assume the offensive, and several byes and two corner kicks rewarded their efforts. A fine run by Goldsmith was stopped by a palpable piece of foul play, for which a free kick was awarded, but it was proved of no service. From this point the game was stubbornly contested on both sides. The fine combined play of the Oxford team, which was noticeable throughout, was much admired, while a magnificent run by Harris elicited applause on all sides. When half-time was called, neither side had obtained any substantial advantage.

On change of ends, and with the wind now in their favour, it was hoped that Maidenhead would be able to score, but their ill-luck stuck by them, as after a shower of rain the wind entirely dropped. However, both sides played with great determination, and Smith and Childs on the left, and Heygate and Hills on the right made good runs for Oxford, which were, however, splendidly checked by Wilks and Vardy. These were responded to by Lovegrove and Mackie taking the ball well up their respective sides, and giving the Oxford backs and goal-keeper plenty of work. As there were now only ten minutes longer to play, it was thought the game would end in a draw, but from a throw in from touch by Heygate, out of a fierce scrimmage in front of the Maidenhead goal, the ball was breasted through by Hills, and although the goal was disputed, on the score of off-side, the referee gave it as good. Oxford thus won one of the stiffest games ever played on the Maidenhead ground, by one goal to love. For Oxford, Heygate, Childs, and Guy were very conspicuous, and the back play of Wilson and King was very true. The Maidenhead team were all in good form. A feature in the Oxford play was that

each man kept his own place—a practice that might well be copied by some of the Maidenhead players.”

BH/OT: “These teams met on Saturday afternoon on the Maidenhead ground, which was so greasy that falls were numerous on both sides. The ball was started about three o’clock, and the Oxford team, who appeared much heavier than the home eleven, started uphill, but had a brisk wind in their favour, and seemed bent upon having matters all their own way, and on many occasions a goal seemed a certainty, but they were doomed to disappointment, for Maidenhead defended their territory in the most gallant style, kicking the ball back to the centre and carrying it back to their opponents’ quarters, but goalkeeping and good backs would not allow, up to half time, a score on either side. When ends were changed, amid much cheering and excitement, great determination was exhibited all round, the teams being so evenly matched that there did not appear the slightest chance of a goal being obtained on either side, until nearly the close of the game, when Oxford ran the ball down to the home team’s quarters, resulting in a corner kick, from which the Varsity men secured the first score. This appeared to make both sides more desperate than ever, and some splendid play was exhibited, but to no purpose, thus leaving the visitors, at the call of time, victors by one goal to none, very hardly earned. The players were heartily cheered upon leaving the ground for the pavillion, and well they deserved it, for a more level or spirited match could not be witnessed.”

SL: “This match in the fourth round of the Cup competition was played on Saturday afternoon last at Maidenhead, in heavy rain. The play on both sides was very even, and it was not until just before the allotted time that, from a corner kick, the University were enabled to score the only goal of the match, and thus secure a hard-earned victory.”

Berkshire Chronicle 21/2/80 P.8: “The game was well-contested throughout, and it was not till about ten minutes before the call of “time” that Oxford gained a goal, which left them the victors by one goal to their opponents’ nothing.”

Reading Mercury 21/2/80 P.5: “A very exciting and interesting game took place on Saturday between Oxford University and Maidenhead. The game was well contested through, and Oxford won by one goal, which was dispute, but allowed by the referee.”

Maidenhead: E.J. Diver (Goal); C.A. Vardy (Capt.), F. Hazeldine (Backs), O. Wethered, J. Wilks (Half Backs); F. Mackie, W.A. Blackwell (Left Side), W.E. Lovegrove, W.H.B. Harris (Right Side), W. Goldsmith, C.E. Reay (Centres).

Oxford University: P.C. Parr (Goal); C.W. Wilson, C.S. King (Backs), B. Farrer, W.R. Arundel (Half Backs); G.B. Childs, C.M. Smith (Left Side), F.D. Crowdy, F.G. Guy (Centres), E.H. Hill, R.T. Heygate (Capt.) (Right side).

Umpires: J.H. Clark (Maidenhead) and T.H. Phillips (Oxford). Referee: R. Hewett (Marlow).

METROPOLITAN DISTRICT:

FIRST DIVISION:

OLD ETONIANS 5 (H.C. Goodhart 3, Hon. A.F. Kinnaird 2) WEST END 1 (F. Elmslie) (HT. 4-0)  
(SAT FEB 7<sup>th</sup>) (At Kennington Oval)

Bell's Life 7/2/80 P.10 and 14/2/80 P.9/Sportsman 9/2/80 P.4/Sporting Life 11/2/80 P.4/Referee 8/2/80 P.6/Sporting Gazette 14/2/80:

BL:"The Old Etonians played in good style, but the absence of Bury weakened the backs. Eton won the toss; and elected to first occupy the western half, leaving the ball to be set in motion by Black at five minutes to three. The return was well followed up and the West End goal at once placed in jeopardy by Kinnaird, but the rival custodian proved equal to the occasion. Only a few minutes had transpired, however, when for the second time a goal seemed imminent. The danger was again averted; but the third attack met with better fortune, as, with a well-directed corner kick by Christian, a goal was placed to the credit of the Old Etonians by Goodhart. A visit was then paid to the Etonians' quarters, but the shot at goal proved erratic and again West End were put on the defensive. Bligh sent the ball spinning over the tape, and soon afterwards a corner kick fell to the Etonians. To Christian the task was entrusted and his unerring shot again enabled Goodhart to score. A claim of hands gave West End a slight advantage; but Macaulay got the ball away, and finished up a run by passing to Goodhart, the latter for the third time lowered the enemies' colours. Elmslie, Black, Reid and Harkness were extremely busy for the West End, while capital service was done for the Etonians by Sedgwick, Macaulay, Kinnaird and Clerke, and for a time the game was principally carried on in the centre. A rush of the Etonian forwards, however, presently gave Kinnaird a chance, and with a capital shot he succeeded in scoring, the ball hitting the bar underneath in its flight. No other goal was obtained before half time, and subsequently the game was carried on more evenly. Several times the West End fortress narrowly escaped, but nothing daunted they continued their exertions, which were ultimately rewarded. A short run in the centre by Black was followed by some passing in front of the Etonians' citadel which wound up by a goal for West End from the foot of Elmslie. From this period until within a few minutes of time the West End showed rare defence, and kept their goal intact, Way doing his duty admirably. At last Kinnaird shot right between the uprights, and although the goalkeeper endeavoured to punch the ball away he failed. As nothing further of consequence happened the Old Etonians retired victors by five goals to one."

SM:"The first match in the fourth round, which has to be completed by Saturday next, was played at Kennington Oval. The competing elevens represented the Old Etonians, the holders, and the West End Club, which consists of employes of the well-known firm of Marshall and Snelgrove. Steady rain had fallen in the morning, up to the time of commencing play, and there seemed every prospect of a very small attendance, though a powerful detachment of the partisans of West End brought the numbers to a fair show before the game was over. The Etonians, winning the toss, chose the western end, which gave them the help of the slight breeze, and at three o'clock Black set the ball in motion on behalf of West End. The ground was very slippery, but the Eton forwards were quick in getting to work, and soon began to press their opponents, Macaulay and Goodhart being especially troublesome. Before many minutes had elapsed Goodhart was instrumental in the first downfall of the West End goal, and this was quickly followed by another from the foot of the same player, one which the opposite side might well have disputed on the ground of off-side. Some good passing was shown for the West End by Black, Harkness, and Foster, and Elmslie on the left wing was at times very conspicuous, but the forwards could make little headway, and a smart run by Goodhart gave the Etonians a third goal. Several corner-kicks were registered against West End, but beyond another goal by Kinnaird for Eton, nothing more had been scored up to half-time. With the wind in their favour after the change of ends, West End played up better, and not long after the ball had been kicked off, some neat passing enabled Elmslie to get the ball safely between the Eton posts, out of the reach of the goalkeeper.

During the last half hour the West End backs offered a determined resistance to the attacks of the Eton forwards. Several corner-kicks fell to the Etonians, but none proved successful, Way more than once saving his goal in very creditable style. The Eton backs were not in the best form, and more than once the West End were dangerous, though their assaults were always repelled. A well-directed shot by Kinnaird gave Eton their fifth goal, and this proved to be the best score of the day, the holders at the close remaining in possession of the victory by five goals to one. On the winning side, Macaulay was the most conspicuous forward, but the back play was not up to the best standard, Bury being much missed. Scott worked hard at back for the losers, and Way kept goal well, while up, Black, Harkness, Elmslie, Roddy, and Reid were most energetic, though they would do well to remedy a decided fault in their play and keep the ball close to them instead of making long kicks which went on Saturday straight to the opposite backs."

REF: "Drizzling rain, which fell with little intermission throughout Saturday, no doubt accounted for the limited attendance of spectators at Kennington Oval, when a match in the fourth round of the above competition between the holders of the cup and a comparatively new club, which we understand owes its existence to the employees connected with the important firm of Marshall and Snelgrove, was amicably decided. Major Marindin having won the toss, elected to open fire from the western side of the ground, though as the rain came down gently enough, and there was scarcely wind enough to tell from what quarter it came, it mattered but little which end he chose to commence the action from, and at a few minutes to three o'clock Black started the game, having the gasometers in his rear. When the ball fell among the Etonians, Kinnaird took it in charge, and, dribbling it back from whence it came, made a mischievously-looking shot at goal, but Way rather smartly turned the threatened danger away to his right. The Etonians, however, had no intention of being so easily baulked in their efforts to gain an advantage for almost immediately after a good run by Clerke, Goodhart, out of a warm scrimmage, sent the ball under the bar. On re-commencing the West-enders made a strong attack on their opponents' goal, and looked very much like equalising matters as the Major, running forward to make his kick, missed, and the ball went behind, but unfortunately outside the post, and a good chance was lost. The Etonians still continued their harassing system of warfare, and their adversaries had all their work cut out for them to keep them at bay. At length from a corner kick by Christian, Goodhart passed the ball between the posts, and shortly afterwards Macaulay, having worked the ball well across the ground, muddled it to Goodhart, who, for the third time, was instrumental in scoring for his comrades. The ball being re-started, some spirited play took place, but still in close proximity to the west end position than was altogether pleasant for them, Sedgwick, Clerke, Kinnaird, and Christian playing in first-rate form for the honour of Eton, while Roddy, Elmslie, Reid, and Black bravely did all they could to check their impetuous foes, though their backs were scarcely up to what they might have been. Numerous corner kicks fell to the Etonians, but nothing resulted from them, when, after a vigorous advance on the part of the Etonians, Kinnaird gained a chance, and, taking advantage of it, added another score to those already gained. At half-time ends were changed, when almost directly Sedgwick, making a rapid rush over the border, kicked the ball straight at goal, but Way, watchful at his post, settled the difficulty at once. The Westerners, with commendable pluck, continued perversely to try to do something for the reputation of their house, which at last they succeeded in doing, through the agency of Elmslie, who well deserved the goal he won, though, alas, it was the only one. Shortly before time was called, the Etonians once more rushed to the assault which, however, was so well received, that for a short time they were baffled and fell back, but returning to the attack more vigorously than ever, Kinnaird figuratively speaking lowered

the enemy's flag for the last time. On returning to the pavilion, therefore, the Etonians were declared victors by five goals to one."

SL: "These clubs, drawn together in the fourth round of the Association Challenge Cup, met on Saturday last at Kennington Oval. Rain had made the ground very slippery, and greatly against fast play. The Etonians had matters pretty much their own way, and won by five goals (Goodhart three and Kinnaird two) to one (Elmslie)."

Old Etonians: Major F.A. Marindin, R.E. (Capt.) (Goal); E. Christian, H.H. Calvert (Backs); Hon. Ivo. F.W. Bligh, E.B. Lehmann (Half Backs); C.J. Clerke, H.B. Sedgwick (Right Side), R.H. Macaulay, H.C. Goodhart (Centres), Hon. A.F. Kinnaird, J.F. Chance (Left Side).

West End: J.W. Way (Goal); J.G. Scott, M.W. Hayward (Backs); F.J. Hextable, T. Roddy (Half Backs); J.S. Black (Capt.), J. Harkness, +A.W. Foster (Right Side), J.S. Black (Capt.), A. Shaw (Centres), F. Elmslie, J.A.J. Reid (Left Side).

+Forster?

Umpires: R.A. Palmer and G. Streatfield. Referee: A.H. Stratford (Wanderers).

## SECOND DIVISION:

ROYAL ENGINEERS 1 (J.A. Tanner) GREY FRIARS 0 (H.T. 1-0) (WED FEB 18<sup>th</sup>) (At Chatham Lines)

Field 28/2/80 P.254/Sportsman 19/2/80 P.4/Bell's Life 21/2/80 P.10/Sporting Life 21/2/80 P.4:

F: "On the 19<sup>th</sup> inst. this match was played on the Lines at Chatham, the weather being bright, and the ground dry, considering the previous heavy rainfall; but a strong cross wind, combined with the slope of the ground, rendered it almost impossible to keep the ball out of touch on the lower side; its flight, even after a strong and straight kick, was most extraordinary and detrimental to the play of both teams. The ball was started by the Friars at 2.45 pm, the game being carried on for some time on the lower side, and, notwithstanding the many attempts on the part of the R.E.'s to get away with it, their efforts were frustrated by their opponents' good back play. For a short time the play was confined to the centre of the ground, until Rice, having had the ball passed to him by Barker, made a vigorous onslaught on the Friars goal; but the goalkeeper proved equal to the occasion, and the danger was averted. A neat run by Honeysett ended in a futile attempt to lower the military colours. Half time was now fast approaching without any definite result, but within four minutes of its being called, some good passing by the R.E.'s resulted in a scrimmage in front of goal, the ball, after having been kicked out once by Giffard, was driven between the posts by Tanner, and this proved the only score of the day. On changing ends the Engineers had much the best of the game, and seemed more at home with the wind, and better able to take advantage of the slope than the visitors. The play was again in the lower part of the ground, and then again the Friars' goal was repeatedly assailed, but the backs were not to be overcome, Frost in particular playing brilliantly throughout. Twice Green made a good

run, the second time from a bad kick by Paterson;he had a clear run away on the military goal,but mis-directed the final kick.Until call of time the play was carried on in neutral territory;the Engineers thus winning a hard fought game by one goal to nil.”

SM:”Yesterday this match,one of the fourth round,was played on the Lines at Chatham.The weather was bright,but a strong cross wind rendered it almost impossible to keep the ball out of touch on the lower side,and this fact made the game less interesting than would have been the case under more favourable circumstances.The ball was started by the visitors at 2.45pm,and the game was carried on for some time on the lower side,as the strength of the breeze prevented the military team from getting close to the enemy’s goal.Soon the play became better and some vigorous assaults were made by the R.E.,but two good shots by Rice were well stopped by the goal-keeper,nor did a capital scrimmage in front of goal produce any score.Meanwhile the Friars were not idle,and now and again gave some exercise to the half-backs,but the long kicks of Russell prevented them from making any very serious attack on the home goal.Just before half-time some good passing in the visitors’ ground was turned to account by Tanner,and this proved the only score of the day.On changing ends the R.E.had much the best of the game,though they assailed their opponents’ goal with rather more obstinacy and perseverance than success;the result,however,may be attributed to the effect of the wind,as the flight of the ball,even after a strong and straight kick,was most extraordinary.Just before the call of time a bad kick by Paterson gave Green a chance,but the ball was kicked behind.The match then ended,leaving the R.E.winners by one goal to none.The R.E. played well together, Rice(forward) and Russell(back) being,perhaps,the most noticeable.The back play of the Grey Friars was good throughout,only they were scarcely aided sufficiently by their forwards,who did not relieve the continued attacks made throughout the game.Frost,Ellis,Broadhurst,and Johnson were best.”

BL:”Even play characterised the early stages,but as the game progressed vigorous incursions were made by the Royal Engineers into the visitors’ quarters.The Grey Friars,in turn,penned their rivals , but their forwards did not combine sufficiently,and just before half time their colours were lowered by Tanner.After change of ends the Engineers had much the best of the game,but failed to increase their score.At the call of time the Engineers were hailed victors by one goal to none.”

Royal Engineers:H.L.Stafford(Goal);B.B.Russell,H.B.Mullaly(Backs);H.A.L.Paterson,W.S.Vidal(Half Backs),S.R.Rice,G.Williams(Centres),G.Barker,J.A.Tanner(Right),M.Lindsay,C.D.Learoyd(Left).

Grey Friars:E.D.Ellis(Capt.),C.G.Broadhurst,T.G.Stafford(Half Backs) A.J.Frost(Back),H.Gifford(Goal); R.D.Green,F.S.Johnson(Right Wing),+C.H.Honeysett,D.Stransham(Left Wing),G.P.Matchett, T.G.Thompson(Centres).

+Also played regularly for Pilgrims

Umpires:H.Williams and Capt.Mathison.Referee:Capt.Renny-Tailyour.

THIRD DIVISION:

CLAPHAM ROVERS 2(C.A.Lloyd-Jones 2) HENDON 0(SAT FEB 14<sup>th</sup>)(H.T. 2-0)(At Kennington Oval)



Sporting Life 21/2/80 P.4/Sportsman 16/2/80 P.4/Referee 15/2/80 P.6/(No teams or report in Bell's Life or Field) /Nottingham Evening Post 16/2/80 P.4/Sheffield Independent 16/2/80 P.4(No teams)/Hendon & Finchley Times 21/2/80 P.5(No teams):

NEP:"Successful in the toss the Rovers first elected to defend the western goal, and at ten minutes past three Williams, on behalf of Hendon, kicked off against a strong wind. So greatly were the Rovers favoured by the situation that they were soon able to approach within a dozen yards of the enemies' stronghold; but having advanced thus far encountered a very formidable opposition. Some very sharp work ensued, the Rovers' forwards doing all they knew to break through the excellent defence set up by the backs of Hendon. This lasted for about five minutes, at the end of which period the ball travelled to the left of the Hendon posts and close to the goal line. Lloyd-Jones, gaining possession, kicked towards the mouth of the goal, and as luck would have it, carried the ball through. Fortunate in this instance, the Rovers experienced great difficulty in adding to their score, although despite the effective play of the Hendon, they were principally to be found on foreign territory. Charge after charge was made by the Rovers but it was seldom that Hendon caused Birkett any anxiety. Still the latter, thanks in measure to their goalkeeper, did not again suffer a reverse until the first portion of the game had well-nigh run its course. A case of handling then gave the Rovers a free kick, which Bailey put to very good use, sending the leather directly in front of goal. Sparks gave it additional impetus, and just as the Hendon custodian was about attempting to avert the danger, Lloyd-Jones rushed up and sent the ball between the posts. With the change of ends it was thought probable that Hendon would retrieve their losses, but the Rovers played quite as well against the wind, as they had done with it. Indeed, the Hendon men have principally to thank their goalkeeper, that the Rovers did not score on several occasions. Visits were, now and then, paid to their opponents' quarters, but only in one or two instances was Birkett called upon to make any particular effort. Throughout the last 45 minutes no advantage of a decisive character was scored, and consequently victory rested with the Rovers by two goals to none."

SL:"This match in the fourth round of the Association Challenge Cup competition was played at Kennington Oval on Saturday afternoon last. The unpleasant weather doubtless accounted for the comparatively few spectators present. Ogilvie, having won the toss, elected to defend first the Crown Baths side of the ground, and at a quarter past three Williams kicked off against the wind. The ball was quickly returned, and before five minutes had elapsed, Lloyd-Jones scored the first goal for the Rovers. On re-starting, Hendon played remarkably well, and a fine kick by Williams narrowly missed the goal. A rush by the Rovers' forwards then carried down the ball, Lloyd-Jones, Stanley, Ogilvie, and Field working with great energy. Williams, Powell, Morice, and the brothers Ince, were extremely difficult to pass, however, but at length a claim of hands was allowed for the Rovers, and Bailey was entrusted with the kick, from which Lloyd-Jones found little difficulty in sending the ball under the cross-bar, and thus scoring a second goal on behalf of the Rovers. After ends were changed, play became more even, and each side made strenuous efforts to score, but although the Rovers had decidedly the best of the game, the excellent back-play and goal-keeping of their opponents neutralised their efforts. The match thus ended in favour of the Clapham Rovers by two goals to one."

SM:"This match in the fourth round of the above competition was played on Saturday at Kennington Oval, and ended in favour of the Rovers by two goals to none."

REF: "Ogilvie, having won the toss, betook himself and followers to the Crown Baths side of the ground, and at thirteen minutes past three Williams kicked off from the Clayton-street end, with a strong breeze direct from the south, accompanied by rain, blowing dead against him. When the ball, brought back by the wind, fell among the combatants, some smart play was shown by both teams, the Rovers, however, having a decided advantage in every way, till, out of a loose scrimmage, near the Hendon goal, Lloyd-Jones, assisted by the wind, kicked through from the side, five minutes only having elapsed since the commencement of the game. On resuming operations, Bailey, Weston, Barry, and Ram distinguished themselves considerably, but Powell, getting the ball away from them, ran well down the side and middled it to Williams who, however, missing his mark, sent it behind, but, unhappily, on the wrong side of the post. After the free kick the Claphamites repeatedly charged their opponents with relentless vigour, Ram, Stanley, Sparks, and Lloyd-Jones being ever foremost in the fray, finely supported by Field and Tayloe, their captain, who has rarely been in better form, being in the centre. The Hendon men still continued to fight the battle with unflagging spirits. Williams, Powell, Maurice, and the brothers Ince making themselves conspicuous in resisting the heavy onslaughts made by the enemy on their home, while Hart Buck defended the trust reposed in him in a manner that deserved a better fate. Shortly before half-time, a claim of hands being allowed for the Rovers, Bailey was entrusted with the kick, who sent the ball neatly in front of the Hendon goal, when Lloyd-Jones for the second time passed it under the bar. Having changed ends, it was generally thought the Hendon team would prove mischievous, having the wind in their favour, but fate ordained it otherwise, for though they struggled on bravely to the end, they were unable to alter the score, and consequently, after playing for the customary hour and a half, they left the field defeated, though according to boxing phrasology, not disgraced, as previously stated."

Clapham Rovers: R.A.M.M. Ogilvie (Capt.), Edgar Field; C.C. Tayloe (Backs), N.C. Bailey, V. Weston (Half Backs); A.J. Stanley, F.J. Sparks, E.A. Ram, C.A. Lloyd-Jones, F. Barry (Forwards), R.H. Birkett (Goal).

Hendon: Hart Buck (Capt.) (Goal); M.E. Dovaston, W. Howard (Backs), W.D. Dovaston, B. King (Half Backs); B.H.B. Redford, J. Powell, W.S. Morice, G.G. Williams, H.O. Ince, J.H. Ince (Forwards).

Umpires: F.W. Stratford (Wanderers) for Hendon and E.H. Bambridge (Swifts) for Clapham Rovers.  
Referee: A.H. Kennedy (Wanderers).

#### FIFTH ROUND:

Bell's Life 21/2/80 P.10: "On Monday evening the committee of the Association met to draw the fifth ties. The result of their labours was as follows:

Royal Engineers v Oxford University

Old Etonians v Clapham Rovers

Notts Forest or Sheffield Club, a bye

March 6 is the date on which this round must be completed. The semi-final tie will be played at Kennington Oval on March 27 and the final at the same ground on April 11."

OXFORD UNIVERSITY 1(J.Lubbock) ROYAL ENGINEERS 1(C.D.Learoyd)(H.T. 0-1)(F.T. 1-1)(After Extra Time)(Fri Mar 5<sup>th</sup>)(At Kennington Oval)(Scorers muddled in BL)

F:"These clubs met at Kennington Oval yesterday (Friday) afternoon,in the presence of a fairly large number of spectators."

Bell's Life 6/3/80 P.9/Field 6/3/80 P.289/Sportsman 6/3/80 P.8/Sporting Life 6/3/80 P.3:

BL:"At seven minutes past three Eyre kicked off,and soon afterwards the forwards on both sides were extremely busy.Despite the wind Oxford at first more than held their own,and a splendid rush of their forwards jeopardised the Engineers' goal.The ball,however,went just outside the posts. Following this narrow escape a fine run was made by Paterson on the left,and the ball being taken on it was quickly in front of the Dark Blue citadel,the capture of which was effected by Learoyd,after a sharp scrummage.Thus encouraged the Engineers played with great determination,and thrice Parr was forced to use his hands to save his charge.A visit was then paid to the Engineers' quarters, where some hard fighting occurred without any final result.For a considerable period subsequently the game proceeded much in favour of the Engineers,the Oxford backs having their work cut out to prevent a disaster.This much they succeeded in doing,and at length ran the ball well over to the other side.The play had lasted half an hour when an accident of a serious character occurred.Lieut Barker and one of the opposite side in attempting to charge the ball,came into violent collision,and unfortunately the leg of the former,was,we are afraid,severely fractured.After a quarter of an hour's delay the match was proceeded with,but half time arrived without any further score.Ends had been changed only a few minutes when +Lubbock was enabled to give Oxford their first goal ,and thus equalise matters.(F:"Hardly two minutes had elapsed before Lubbock ran the ball down,and equalised matters by kicking it through")From this stage till time the match was hotly contested,but no further point being gained by either side,at the end of an hour and a half it was agreed to continue for 30 minutes.This was somewhat surprising,as the Engineers were one man short.Despite this,however,they displayed quite as good form as their opponents.Neither team increased its score,and another meeting will have to take place to decide the question of superiority." +Not Learoyd

F:"Play began at 3.10,when the Engineers,having won the toss,took the western goal,having the wind in their favour.Eyre kicked off for Oxford,and despite the disadvantage they laboured under,a visit was quickly paid to the Engineers' quarters,and after a loose scrimmage,the ball passed within a yard of the posts.After this escape,the ball was conducted by Paterson on the left side of the ground, and after some good passing,Learoyd kicked a goal for the Engineers.Soon after this Barker and one of the Oxonians came into collision,and the former unfortunately broke his leg.The game continued in favour of the Sappers up till half time,when ends were changed.Hardly two minutes had elapsed till Lubbock ran the ball down,and equalised matters by kicking it through.Some capital play followed,and a corner kick soon afterwards fell to the Engineers,but nothing came of it-a fate which soon after befell a second corner.From now until the expiration of the game the play was very fast, but nothing else was obtained,and it was agreed to play for an extra half hour.Soon after the ball had been restarted Learoyd ran it down the left side of the ground,and conducted it to the middle,but the goalkeeper saved it.Although the wind was against the Engineers they played well for the first quarter of an hour,but no further score was made,and sides were once more changed.Both

sides were put in jeopardy, but nothing else was obtained at half past five, when time was called, and the game left drawn, each side having scored a goal."

SM: "The expectation of witnessing a hard struggle between these clubs, who were drawn together in the fifth round of the above competition, drew a goodly company to Kennington Oval yesterday afternoon. The weather was fine, and the hopes of a stubborn contest were fully realised, though the enjoyment of the game was altogether destroyed by a collision between the captain of the Engineers and one of the Oxford eleven, in which the former was unfortunate enough to break his leg. Soon after three o'clock Eyre started the ball for the University against a strongish wind. Play was only commenced about five minutes when a foul for hands was given to the Engineers, and a quick shot by +Massey resulted in a goal for his side. At times the Oxford backs found it difficult to drive the ball any great distance against the wind, but still they offered a determined resistance against the attacks of the opposite forwards, Wilson especially not only kicking with great force and judgment, but also charging with telling effect. After the game had advanced half an hour play had to be stopped for about twenty minutes in consequence of the accident above referred to, the Engineers continuing and concluding the contest with only ten men. Up to half time nothing more was scored but on changing ends the University forwards made a vigorous attack, and the result was a clever goal from the foot of Lubbock. The play continued fairly even, and without any particular brilliance on either side, and when an hour and a half had elapsed the score was equal, with one goal to each team. It was a little hard on the Engineers to have to play an extra half hour, but the two captains both concurred in the propriety of the extension in accordance with the rules of the competition, and once more the fight was resumed. Each side had the wind for a quarter of an hour, but the Engineers were as unsuccessful during the second as the University had been during the first half, and after two hours of tough fighting, the question of superiority was still in abeyance, both sides being fairly exhausted at the finish." +Learoyd

SL: "This match in the fifth ties was played at Kennington Oval yesterday (Friday), and ended in a draw, even after playing an extra half-hour, each side obtaining a goal—the Engineers by Learoyd, and Lubbock for the University. We regret to state that Lieutenant Brker broke his leg."

Oxford University: P.C. Parr (Goal); C.W. Wilson, T.H. French (Backs); B.M.H. Rogers, F.A.T. Phillips (Half Backs); G.B. Childs (Capt.), F.B. Baines (Left Side), J.B. Lubbock, E.H. Hill (Right Side), F.D. Crowdy, J. Eyre (Centres)

Royal Engineers: H.L. Stafford (Goal); B.B. Russell, J.H. Cowan (Backs); W.S. Vidal, H.A.L. Paterson (Half Backs), M. Lindsay, C.D. Learoyd (Left Side), S.R. Rice, H.H. Massey, (Centres), G. Barker (Capt.), G. Williams (Right Side).

Umpires: C.E. Hart and J. Morgan. Referee: C.W. Alcock.

REPLAY: MON MAR 15<sup>th</sup> : At Kennington Oval:

OXFORD UNIVERSITY 1 (J. Eyre) ROYAL ENGINEERS 0 (H.T. 0-0)

(BL/F/SL/LDN all have scorer as J. Eyre: SM as G.B. Childs)

Bell's Life 20/3/80 P.10/Field 20/3/80 P.361/Sportsman 16/3/80 P.4/Sporting Life 7/3/80 P.1/London Daily News 16/3/80 P.3:

BL: "Bright but cold weather was experienced, a stiffish easterly breeze interfering slightly with the play, and causing looking-on to be not altogether an agreeable occupation. Cowan won the toss, and arranged his men at the goal nearest the gasometers, leaving Oxford to set the ball in motion at 10 minutes past 3 against the wind. Although having a powerful ally in the wind, the play of the Engineers fell short of anticipation, and Oxford, besides keeping their own goal intact, several times endangered that of their opponents. Ends were changed without score to either side. With the wind Oxford penned their rivals considerably, and but for Parr's excellent goalkeeping, their efforts must have been crowned with success. Three corner kicks were tried by Oxford, and twice the Engineers' goal narrowly escaped being captured by Eyre, whose shot on the second occasion hit the crossbar, causing the ball to rebound into play. A visit was afterwards paid to the Oxford quarters, and two capital throws from touch caused the hopes of the Sappers to run high. The Dark Blues, however, averted the present danger, and within 10 minutes of time secured a goal from the foot of Eyre, which gave them a victory."

F: "A second meeting therefore was necessary, and was fixed for Monday last at the same place. On that day the weather was bright; but a keen north-east wind rendered it unpleasantly cold for spectators, and gave the side who had it in their favour an immense advantage. The Engineers, although the lighter team, were decidedly the favourites at starting, but some of their forwards, especially one of the left wings, showed great weakness and uncertainty in kicking. Play began at a quarter past three o'clock. The Engineers won the toss, and took up their positions at the gasometer goal, having the wind at their back. Eyre set the ball rolling, and the Oxonians soon acted on the aggressive. Heygate, in particular, was most pertinacious in his attacks; and on several occasions the Engineers' goal was in imminent danger. The latter's backs did not show a great deal of judgment, but they managed to keep their lines intact until half time. The military had also made several good attempts on their opponents' goal, but their men did not follow up so well as they might, and one or two opportunities were lost through no one being in the middle at the right time. After the sides had crossed over, Oxford with the wind soon caused the Sappers some anxiety. Eyre, Heygate and Childs were most energetic in their endeavours to force the ball through. The former once kicked the ball against the crossbar, but it bounced back in front of goal, and Stafford succeeded in taking it away. The game thus proceeded until within ten minutes of its conclusion, and no score had accrued to either team. Eyre, however, then came to the rescue, and, taking advantage of an excellent opportunity, shot the ball under the bar. An appeal on the ground that he was "offside" was made, but this the referee overruled. The Sappers cheered by their friends, made desperate efforts to retrieve this disaster, and once or twice were very nearly doing so. "Time", however, arrived without any other score, and the match was thus won by Oxford by one goal to nothing." +Not Stratford

SM: "Yesterday afternoon these clubs, who had failed on March 5 to settle the question of supremacy, even after an extra half-hour, met again at Kennington Oval, and this time managed to decide the right of meeting Notts Forest in the semi-final tie for the Challenge Cup of the Football Association. The weather, though cold, was fine, and as the ground was in excellent order, there was nothing to interfere with the game, except a strongish easterly breeze blowing almost directly along the ground. The poor show made by the Oxonians against Cambridge on Saturday led many to predict a victory for the Engineers, but the University eleven showed a very great improvement on

their form of last week, and the result was something of a surprise. Cowan won the toss for the Engineers, and naturally elected for the goal nearest the Gas Works, which gave his side the advantage of the wind. At ten minutes past three o'clock Eyre set the ball in motion on behalf of the University, and it was soon evident that the Sappers would have their work cut out to win. Heygate made some good runs along the left wing for Oxford, and the forwards generally worked well, while the backs all showed judgment, Rogers and Wilson being most conspicuous. The Engineer forwards, on the other hand, failed to play up to their reputation, and though once or twice they caused Parr to use his hands, at the expiration of the first period of three quarters of an hour there had been little to choose between the two clubs, certainly nothing to justify any claim to superiority. After the change of ends, and with the wind to help them, the Oxford forwards soon began to grow troublesome, and, indeed, during the second half the play was much in their favour. Heygate, on the lower side, was especially prominent for the University, and Hill, Childs, and Smith all worked hard. The Engineer forwards on several occasions got close up to the Oxford goal, but, as a rule, the game was chiefly in the opposite half and the Sappers' goalkeeper was sorely pressed at times. A very smart shot by Eyre was particularly well stopped, and Childs sent the ball twice directly into the centre of the enemy's posts. Three corner-kicks fell to the Oxonians but none proved successful, and soon after the ball was sent whizzing against the Engineers' cross-bar, though luck was adverse to the University, and it rebounded into play to be well got away by Stafford. Only ten minutes remained, when the ball, passed to Childs, was sent by that player between the R.E. posts, and as an appeal for off-side was disallowed by the referee, the result was a goal for the University. The short time that remained was unproductive, and at the end of an hour and a half the Oxonians were left the victors by one goal to none. Consequently Oxford will have to meet the Notts Forest Club in the semi-final tie at Kennington Oval on the 27<sup>th</sup> inst., and the winners will have to oppose the Clapham Rovers in the final on April 10." +Eyre was scorer in the other papers

Oxford University: P.C. Parr (Goal); C.W. Wilson, T.H. French (Backs); B.M.H. Rogers, F.A.T. Phillips (Half Backs), G.B. Childs, C.M. Smith (Right Wing), J. Eyre, F.D. Crowdy (Centres), E.H. Hill, R.T. Heygate (Capt.) (Left Wing).

Royal Engineers: H.L. Stafford (Goal); J.H. Cowan (Capt.), B.B. Russell (Backs); H.A.L. Paterson, W.S. Vidal (Half Backs); S.R. Rice, H.H. Massey (Centres), M. Lindsay, C.D. Learoyd (Left Wing), G.F. Levenson, G. Williams (Right Wing).

Umpires: F.W. Stratford (Wanderers) and F. Richmond (Clapham Rovers).

Referee: C.W. Alcock (Wanderers)

CLAPHAM ROVERS 1 (C.A. Lloyd-Jones) OLD ETONIANS 0 (H.T. 1-0) (At Kennington Oval) (SAT FEB 21<sup>st</sup>)

Sportsman 22/3/80 P.4/Bell's Life 21/2/80 P.10/Field 28/2/80 P.254/Sporting Life 25/2/80 P.3/  
Referee 22/2/80 P.6/Windsor & Eton Express 28/2/80 P.4/London Daily News 23/2/80 P.2/ Derby  
Daily Telegraph 23/2/80 P.3/Athletic News 25/2/80 P.6/Sheffield Daily Telegraph 23/2/80 P.4/  
Sporting Gazette 28/2/80:

SM: "On Saturday last the fifth round of the above competition was opened with the match between the above clubs at Kennington Oval. Each had shown good form during the early ties, though the

Etonians had only played two matches in the four previous rounds, though the expectation of a hard struggle were fully realised. It will be remembered that the Rovers were only defeated in the final match last season after a stubborn contest, and they undoubtedly had a great number of supporters, though their opponents were generally the most fancied. Both sides had been fortunate in securing their best team, and but for the heavy rain which utterly marred the second half of the game, the play throughout would have been very fast. Ogilvie beat the President of the Association in the toss, and this must be accounted a piece of luck for the Rovers, as there was a strong wind blowing down the ground to the Gas Works. At a quarter past three o'clock the ball was started by Foley on behalf of the Etonians before perhaps a thousand spectators, and it soon became evident that the game would be fast, the ground being in very fair order considering the late rains. At the outset the Clapham forwards were not so well together as their opponents, though the wind, in conjunction with the excellent play of all their four backs, enabled them to keep their ground fairly clear. Bailey and Weston both did excellent work for the Rovers, and as the forwards settled down, they proved very troublesome, Sparks, Ram, and Lloyd-Jones being the most conspicuous. More than one corner kick was tried by Weston from the lower side, but all without success, and Bailey also made an excellent shot from the upper corner with a like result. Several attacks were well saved by the Major, but the opposite goal-keeper had little to do, though he was once called upon to stop a shot by Lyttelton. For some time the Etonians kept their lines intact, but at last, by a short run, in which he was altogether unopposed, Stanley sent the ball across to the left side, and Lloyd-Jones put it between the Eton posts. A similar success previously having been disallowed on the ground of off-side. Until half-time, despite unceasing efforts, the Rovers had failed to increase their score, and ends were changed with the Etonians one goal to the bad. Unfortunately for the latter the wind dropped, and a very heavy downpour of rain made the ground in a very different condition to what it had been at the start. Soon after the kick-off Ram safely guided the ball between the Eton posts, but again the officials disallowed the goal in consequence of off-side. During the rest of the game the play continued with much vigour, and the Etonians more than once looked like recovering their loss, Kinnaid on one occasion sending the ball against the Clapham cross-bar. Still the excellent back play of the Rovers stood them in good stead till the finish, and they left the ground the winners of a stubbornly-fought match by one goal to none. The various members of the victorious team were heartily cheered on their return to the pavillion, as they well deserved, the whole eleven working well and vigorously together. The Etonians were certainly a bit unlucky with respect to the wind, and their backs had a difficult task during the first half, but we have seen them play better, and there was an absence of the dash which usually characterises some of the best-known of their forwards."

F: "This tie in the fifth round for this challenge cup between these clubs produced the best play we have seen this season, and attracted a large number of spectators." (F report very similar to BL report below)

BL: "At the commencement of the game the weather was fine and the turf in capital condition; but a strong breeze gave the Rovers, who, having won the toss, chose to defend the western goal, a decided advantage. Foley started the ball at 3:15, and soon the fight was carried to the Rovers' quarters. The Etonians found it no easy task to maintain this position, and presently they had to beat a retreat. Eton returned to the charge, and Lyttelton, gaining possession, shot directly into goal, but Birkett was true to his colours, and averted what seemed almost inevitable. Up to this time the kicking of the Rovers had been too vigorous, considering the force of the wind; but, having settled down, they showed capital form. Two corner kicks fell to them in quick succession, but neither proved

productive, and on one occasion Stanley's shot took the ball over the crossbar. Then followed some exceedingly fast play in front of the Eton posts, which was defended gallantly. Kinnaird, Sedgwick, Clerke, Bury and Christian were most energetic on behalf of the Etonians, while Stanley, Sparks, Ram and Bailey worked very hard for the Rovers. Bailey's throwing in was extremely accurate, and several times the Etonians' goal was endangered thereby. Bury's kicking was severely handicapped by the force of the wind, and, despite the exertions of the backs generally the ball was more frequently than not in the Etonians' end. Major Marindin was not allowed to remain idle, and did his work admirably. He was, however, at last defeated, as from an excellent middle by Stanley (F: "on the left side") the ball was forced through by Lloyd-Jones. Soon after the kick off a corner was carried by Eton, but the ball went behind. A fine run by Sparks looked dangerous but Bury shot the ball into touch, and the throw in by Bailey sent the ball through without being handled. The wind had by this time lulled, and soon after ends had been changed, a heavy rain storm was experienced, drenching the players, and converting the ground into a perfect quagmire. The Rovers at once assumed the aggressive, and Ram succeeded in passing the ball between the posts. On appeal the player was decided to be offside, and the score, consequently disallowed. From this point the Etonians had somewhat the best of the game. Kinnaird and Lyttelton both shot over the tape, and the former shot the ball against the cross bar. Do all they could, however, the Etonians were unable to score, and thus rather unexpectedly the match resulted in favour of the Rovers by one goal to none."

REF/AN: "At length the Rovers, after many persevering efforts, and in spite of the grand back play of Bury and Christian, with the Major in the rear, succeeded in making a lodgment within the enemy's line, and Stanley having smartly middled the ball to Lloyd-Jones, the latter useful player put it through."

Clapham Rovers: R.A.M.M. Ogilvie (Capt.), Edgar Field (Backs); N.C. Bailey, V. Weston (Half Backs); R.H. Birkett (Goal); T.G. Styan, A.J. Stanley (Right Side), F.J. Sparks, F. Barry (Centres), C.A. Lloyd-Jones, E.A. Ram (Left Side).

Old Etonians: Major F.A. Marindin (Capt.) (Goal); L. Bury, E. Christian (Backs); Hon. A.F. Kinnaird, C.W. Foley (Half Backs), Hon. A. Lyttelton, H.C. Goodhart, R.D. Anderson, R.H. Macaulay, C.J. Clerke, H.B. Sedgwick (Forwards).

Umpires: P. Fairclough (Old Foresters) for Clapham Rovers and E.D. Ellis (Grey Friars) for Old Etonians.  
Referee: E.H. Bambride (Swifts)

NOTTINGHAM FOREST, a bye.

SEMI-FINAL:

OXFORD UNIVERSITY 1 (G.B. Childs) NOTTINGHAM FOREST 0 (H.T. 0-0) (SAT MAR 27<sup>th</sup>) (At Kennington Oval)

Nottingham Evening Post 29/3/80 P.4/Nottinghamshire Guardian 2/4/80 P.12/Field 3/4/80 P.425/Bell's Life 27/3/80 P.10/Referee 28/3/80 P.6/Sheffield Independent 29/3/80 P.7/Athletic



News 31/3/80 P.3/Sportsman 29/3/80 P.4/Sporting Gazette 27/3/80/Sporting Life 31/3/80  
P.1/Nottingham Journal 29/3/80 P.4:

NEP/NG: "On Saturday last fully two thousand spectators attended the Surrey Cricket ground in London to witness the semi-final tie between Nottingham Forest and Oxford University. Both sides were well represented and the result was one of the fastest and best games seen in London during the present season. Oxford gained the assistance of a slight wind in winning the toss, and at 3:15 Widdowson started the ball with a back kick. The ball soon got into possession of Guy, and there was a cheer as the University took the ball over the Nottingham goal line. The Foresters were a little slow in getting to work and a corner kick soon followed to Oxford though nothing came of it. Then Earp and Lindley by clever play on the left elicited the first applause for the Northerners, and a long run was only stopped by a big kick of Wilson's into touch. A fine run by the Oxford captain was neatly checked by Holroyd, whose tackling at the outset was very useful to his side, and Smith and Goodyer dodging several of their opponents, were soon threatening the University lines. A short run by Widdowson forced the fight into the front of the Oxford goal, but a good kick by Wilson got his side out of an evident difficulty. The Foresters, however, not to be denied, soon returned to the charge, and Lindley, after some good play with Earp on the left, crossed to Widdowson. The captain, with his usual unselfishness, returned the ball, and Lindley, a little over anxious, only missed the opposite cross-bar by the narrow margin. By this time the Nottingham forwards had got well together, and Goodyer and Smith on the right, Earp and Lindley caused the opposite backs no small amount of anxiety, the Oxford play, with the exception of that of Heygate, Hill, and Childs, being rather casual. Goodyer, after a smart run, was taking his final shot when one of the Oxford centres intervened, and the same player almost immediately in conjunction with Smith threatened the University goal. After some few exchanges the Foresters were again busy, and twice in succession Widdowson's shot was dangerously close to the enemy's posts. Hill now made himself conspicuous with a clever dribble for Oxford, and an attack of the forwards was well met by W. Luntley. A judicious kick by the latter enabled Goodyer to get clear away on the right, taking the ball up to the Oxford line before the backs could offer any real opposition. Another assault by the University forwards was checked by a clever piece of heading on the part of W. Luntley, but Heygate and Hill with a smart run along the right touch-line, again took the ball into Nottingham territory and Childs twice in quick succession attempted a shot at the northern posts, though each time the goal was missed by a few feet. A combined attack by Smith and Goodyer resulted in a corner, but though Billyeald's shot was true to its aim, Oxford stuck well to their work, and Heygate removed the fight with a plucky run to the centre. A free kick to Oxford was of serious danger to the Foresters, and W. Luntley trying to save his side gave a corner to the opposition. The Northerners got rid of this risk, but just before half-time, Sands was again called upon, and with this the two teams proceeded to change ends. The Foresters had now the aid of what little wind there was, and it seemed as if they were going to overpower their opponents, a very smart shot by Widdowson almost hitting the left post of the Oxford goal. Almost immediately the Nottingham captain again came to the rescue of his side, but fortune was again unpropitious, Parr being once more quite equal to the occasion. A long kick by Wilson now transferred the ball to the centre, and Hill, going away at a great pace, ran it down the left side. A middle to Childs proved unexpectedly disastrous to the Foresters, as Caborn missing his kick, Sands was unable to prevent the final shot of the Oxonian, and a goal was thus registered for the University amidst great applause. From this point Oxford were hard pressed, and several scrimmages in front of the Oxford posts created intense excitement. A corner kick was well got rid of by the Oxonians, but they were soon driven back, and

Earp and Widdowson continually menaced the Oxford lines. The Oxonians had several extraordinary escapes before, Guy got clear away from the centre, forcing Sands to use his hands in self defence. Time was now almost up, but a clever corner by Earp still kept up the interest, and after Widdowson had shot the ball over the Oxford bar time was called. The victory of Oxford was certainly a lucky one, as they were certainly the inferior team, and the Oxford goal ought never to have been got. The Foresters had things all their own way during the second half, and but for the consistently good play of the Oxford backs and goal-keeper, they would have had in all likelihood an easy win."

F: "It may also be said that a more favourable day could scarcely have been selected. There certainly was not an entire absence of wind - so troublesome to football players - but the weather proved fine, and the ground was in excellent condition. Heygate, on behalf of the University, won the toss, and elected to first defend the most advantageous position, that nearest the gasworks."

BL: To decide which should have the right to play the Clapham Rovers in the final of the Association Cup competition, Oxford University and Notts Forest clubs met yesterday (Saturday) afternoon at Kennington Oval. Bright, although rather cold, weather prevailed, and it is not overstepping the mark to say that no contest during the series attracted so large a gathering of spectators as that of yesterday. Past and Present Dark Blues were well represented; ladies were certainly not conspicuous by their absence; and the Nottingham contingent made up in enthusiasm what it lacked in point of numbers. The Foresters came up with a rare reputation, and their victory was in some quarters considered almost a foregone conclusion. The form displayed by them, however, fell short of expectation. One fault, that of dwelling too long on the ball, indulged in by several of the Foresters, was particularly noticeable. With an inferior team this would probably have answered, but against the heavy and fast eleven of Oxford University it proved altogether unprofitable. The Dark Blues to a man played uncommonly well, and the Rovers will have to be strongly composed to overthrow them in the match of April 10. Winning the toss secured for Oxford the advantage of an easterly breeze, which enabled them almost immediately after Widdowson's kick-off to place their opponents on the defensive. The Foresters worked exceedingly hard, but did not for some time succeed in forcing the enemy to beat a retreat. At length, after Oxford had tried two free kicks and a corner, the ball was conducted towards the half way line, and Goodyer, getting possession, went on until stopped by Wilson. Returning to the charge, the Foresters again approached the Oxford citadel. At this critical moment King made a miskick, and that a goal would follow seemed imminent. The final shot, however, went spinning over the crossbar, and the kick off from behind was the signal for a rush of the Oxford forwards into the Notts territory. Phillips made a clever run on the left as far as the opposing backs, one of whom returned the ball to the centre of play. Goodyer was particularly busy on the right until he attempted to resist a charge by King, which was so severe that it depreciated his play during the remainder of the game. For Oxford, Heygate, on the left, and Guy and Childs, in the centre, frequently threatened to be dangerous, but found the two Luntleys difficult to pass. Widdowson by a fine run got round the Oxford backs, but the ball was too near the goal to admit of his shot being successful, and shortly afterwards the Notts fortress was strongly attacked. Phillips muddled in capital style but the danger was for a time averted. Smith, however, made a capital centre from the left, but after a sharp scrimmage the ball was shot over the line. Presently a corner from the foot of Phillips favoured Oxford's chance of success, but the ball being shot into Sands' hands was smartly thrown away. Earp then got away on the left but Wilson stopped his progress, and removed the ball to the centre from whence it was taken on to within a few yards of the Notts goal. Just before half time a smart run by Goodyer boded ill for Oxford. King met the Notts forward well, but

could not prevent the ball going to Smith, whose shot missed its mark by a few feet only. So suddenly after the change of ends did the Foresters assume the aggressive, that it looked as if, with the wind in their favour, they would have much the best of it. After a good run by Caborn the Foresters' captain shot within a foot of the posts, and following a run by Goodyer, the same player must have scored but for the smartness of Parr in goal. Incited by these assaults Oxford played up very hard. Hill took the ball from the centre and middled to Crowdy, whose shot Parr handled very feebly, and Childs, coming up in time, scored the first and only goal of the match. (F: "Sands being unintentionally prevented from exerting himself as he otherwise would by one of his own side.") Notts evidently bent on retrieving their loss, if possible, soon bore down on their opponents, but an unproductive corner kick was the only result. An ill-directed shot at the Notts goal by Childs, immediately preceded one of the finest struggles ever seen in front of the goal-posts. The excitement was intense. Notts Forest had the ball frequently within an ace of the citadel, but so well did the University behave that no disaster occurred. Twice in rapid succession Sands was called upon; while the Oxford goal was besieged very frequently. On two occasions Earp middled splendidly, but each time the ball was got away, and, as at the close of proceedings, the score still remained unaltered, victory rested with Oxford by one goal to none."

REF: "The weather was bright and cheerful on Saturday at Kennington Oval, though a north-east wind that blew across the ground might with advantage be dispensed with when the last match, with the exception of the final, was disposed of. Although the Foresters have been made favourites for a considerable time past, they had to succumb to the Oxonians, after a magnificently-disputed game, who, however, principally owed their victory to Parr's amazing goal-keeping and King's admirable back play. Oxford, having won the toss, took up their position on the eastern side of the ground, and at a quarter past three Widdowson commenced the game by kicking the ball back with his heel to one of the forwards, who, well supported, dribbled it through the centre, till met by Guy and Crowdy, when his onward career was stopped. A claim of hands almost immediately afterwards gave a free kick to Oxford, but although the ball dropped dangerously close to the Notts goal line, out of a scrimmage that occurred the defenders were able to work it away. The play was unusually fast and furious, and many on both sides were sent rather heavily to earth, though they soon revived seemingly but little worse for their rough handling. The Oxonians, who were a more powerful team than their opponents, worked together with great disinterestedness, and their all-round play was consequently greatly admired, while the fine play displayed by Widdowson, Goodyer, Earp, and the Luntleys on behalf of Notts was deserving of the warmest praise. Still, no result could be obtained by either team, though both fought bravely for success, so that when half-time arrived they reversed their positions, and had to commence de novo. The Foresters, with the wind now in their favour, repeatedly charged their opponents, and Widdowson on one occasion, making a fine shot, just missed the post by a comparatively short distance. At length the Oxonians, running across the frontier line, Hill from the side cleverly middled the ball to Childs, who sent it under the bar at ten minutes past four, amidst tremendous cheering from the adherents of Alma Mater. From this point to the end the Foresters decidedly penned their adversaries, and on many occasions seemed likely to succeed in their efforts to equalise the game, but fate ordained it otherwise, and when to them the unwelcome call of "time" was announced they retired from the field beaten by one goal to nothing, and Oxford will thus have to meet the Clapham Rovers next Saturday week to decide the destination of the cup for this season."

NJ: "The semi-final match for the Association Challenge Cup was played at the Oval on Saturday afternoon, before a large assemblage. J.P. Turner, probably the best player in the Forest ranks was, through some cause or other, left out. The weather was all that could be desired, and after an exciting contest the Forest representatives were beaten by one goal to none." (No teams)

Oxford University: P.C. Parr (Goal); C.W. Wilson, C.J.S. King (Backs); F.A.T. Phillips, B.M.H. Rogers (Half Backs); R.T. Heygate (Capt.), E.H. Hill (Right Wing), F.G. Guy, F.D. Crowdy (Centres), G.B. Childs, C.M. Smith (Left Wing).

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

N.B. Positions of backs as per previous game and of forwards as per the reports.

Umpires: Lieut H.H. Massey (Royal Engineers) and E.H. Bambridge (Swifts).

Referee: Major Marindin (Royal Engineers).

CLAPHAM ROVERS, a bye

FINAL: Sat April 10<sup>th</sup> : At Kennington Oval:

CLAPHAM ROVERS 1 (C.A. Lloyd-Jones) OXFORD UNIVERSITY 0 (H.T. 0-0)

Bell's Life 17/4/80 P.10/Field 17/4/80 P.481/Sportsman 12/4/80 P.4/Sporting Life 14/4/80 P.3/Athletic News 14/4/80 P.3/Referee 11/4/80 P.6:

BL/AN: "Perhaps on no occasion since the institution of the Association Challenge Cup in 1871 has the final attracted a larger number of spectators than on Saturday afternoon last when the above-named clubs met at Kennington Oval to decide the right of possession until at least next year. Despite the coldness of the weather, the field on both sides was thickly lined and those present displayed a keen interest in the proceedings from beginning to end. In 1874 Oxford University succeeded in gaining a victory over the Royal Engineers in the concluding tie, and on two other occasions they have played the part of runners-up. Until last year when they had to succumb to the Old Etonians, the Rovers had not previously reached the final stage of this interesting contest; but notwithstanding the overthrow of the much fancied Notts Forest Club by their opponents, they were thought capable of making a most exciting game of it. This the Rovers succeeded in doing, with a result most gratifying to themselves and their partisans, as the following particulars will show. Fortune favoured the Clapham Rovers in the toss, and they elected to first defend the goal nearest the Gas Works, from which direction there was a stiffish breeze. Against this Oxford set the ball in motion at a quarter past 3, and immediately assumed the aggressive, a claim of hands giving Phillips a

chance of a shot at goal, which went within an ace of its intended destination. Recovering from this sudden attack, the Rovers played up in fine style, and kept their opponents' backs in a continual state of anxiety. Lloyd-Jones made a capital run and then threatened the Oxford quarters with an excellent middle, which had scarcely been got away when Ram shot the ball onto the post. This danger averted the Rovers' forwards came over in a body, but being well met by the Dark Blues' backs, had to beat a retreat. Sparks, however, again brought the ball into foreign territory, but was effectually repulsed by Phillips, whose shot removed the fight to the half way line. The Rovers were not content for it to remain there long, and forcing their way to the enemies' quarters, narrowly missed scoring, the ball, from the head of Lloyd-Jones, just escaping the top of the cross bar. Following the kick off from behind, Heygate and Lubbock invaded the Rovers' half, and, after a short scrimmage close to the goal line, a corner was gained for Oxford. Wilson's kick was well directed, but Field, always on the alert, at once obtained possession and prevented any disaster. Childs returned the ball in front of the Rovers' fortress, but a combined movement on behalf of the latter team put Oxford on the defensive. A capital middle by Lloyd-Jones caused matters to look anything but bright for Oxford, but fortunately for them Brougham's kick sent the leather over the bar. Returning to the charge, the Rovers, but for the gallant behaviour of Parr, must have scored, and for some time subsequently they maintained an aggressive position. Childs, at length, relieved them with a fine run, and as Field's attempt to stop him proved futile, the downfall of the Rovers' goal seemed imminent. The Oxford man's shot planted the ball just beyond the left post, and Crowdy sent it over the line. A rush by the Clapham Rovers, which terminated by Lloyd-Jones kicking the ball over the tape proved the last incident of the early portion of the game. On ends being changed, Oxford, with the wind, for a few minutes carried all before them, and in quick succession had two corner kicks. Escaping these attacks the Rovers played wonderfully well. A fine run by Ram caused Oxford to be on the alert, and so surrounded was Stanley that his shot proved very erratic. Still keeping the ball at the Oxford end, the Rovers were only prevented on one occasion from scoring by Parr, and several capital runs were made by Ram, Bailey and Brougham. Wilson and King worked very energetically on behalf of Oxford, and Childs, Heygate and Phillips did most useful service. Owing principally to the three last named, Oxford made vigorous incursions into the Rovers' territory, but two corners gained by them proved unproductive. Visits were then repeatedly paid to either goal, and, in fact, the game proceeded so evenly, that thoughts of an extra half hour were freely entertained. Within 10 minutes of time, however, a splendid run was effected by Sparks on the left, and as King, who assayed to stop a centre by the same player, failed, Lloyd-Jones rushed up and shot between the posts. Incited by this reverse Oxford played up most determinedly, and a shot by Childs caused Birkett to use his hands. Beyond this there was little of any moment during the remainder of the contest, and at the call of time the Clapham Rovers were hailed victors by one goal to none. For the winners Lloyd-Jones, Ram, Field, Bailey, Sparks, and Weston were most conspicuous, but one and all performed their respective parts well."

F: "A dull, miserable morning, with heavy clouds floating overhead, it seemed doubtful whether there would be many people to witness the final tie of the Association Challenge Cup, played at Kennington Oval, on the 10<sup>th</sup> inst. It lay between Oxford University and the Clapham Rovers; and the fact that there was every chance of a well-contested game, doubtless attracted a great many people; in fact, despite the many adverse circumstances, the attendance was the largest that we have ever witnessed at any of these competitions. Fortunately the threatening rain held off, and the match proved one of the most interesting that has been seen for a long time. Play began at 3.15 when Clapham, who had won the toss, elected to defend the western goal, having the wind in their favour.

Oxford set the ball rolling, and the play soon became very fast. The Rovers' forwards were the first to invade their rivals' territory, and Ram got the ball close up to the University goal; but the cool play of Wilson and King prevented any mishap. Lloyd-Jones, however, quickly returned to the charge, and, conducting the ball along the top side of the ground, muddled it so well that the downfall of the Oxford fortress seemed inevitable, but Parr, catching the ball, kicked it to the centre of the ground. This caused the Oxonians some anxiety; but their fears were soon allayed by some excellent runs on the part of Childs, Eyre, and Hill. On three different occasions the ball was taken into the very mouth of the goal, but each time Birkett proved equal to turning it away. The game continued to be well contested until half time arrived, and ends were changed. The Dark Blues, it was thought, would prove more than a match for their opponents during the second half. They had perhaps the worst of the luck. The wind, which up to this point had been blowing pretty strong, now dropped considerably. Despite this, however, they quickly assumed the aggressive, and made several attacks on their opponents' goal, Childs, Eyre, and Heygate being very pertinacious in their endeavours to score. The Claphamites then rallied, and once more their opponents' goal was in jeopardy. The play thus proceeded, everyone expecting that the match would be drawn. About six minutes before the call of time, however, Sparks conducted the ball up to about six yards of the University goal, and, as King made a very weak kick, Lloyd-Jones, who had followed up well, shot it between the posts. This feat quite "brought down the house". Oxford made a gallant and repeated effort to retrieve their loss, but without success; and the Clapham Rovers were hailed the victors by one goal to none."

SM: "On Saturday last the final tie in the competition for the Silver Challenge Cup, presented by the Committee of the Football Association in 1872, was decided at Kennington Oval. The weather during the morning was threatening, and a cold north-easterly wind made matters rather unpleasant, but still there was a large number of over 2000 spectators, and such excitement as was shown during the game has never before been witnessed on the occasion of a football match on the Surrey ground. The Clapham Rovers were the slight favourites, and the applause bestowed on each piece of individual play, proved that they were the popular party, the plucky manner in which they have fought for the Cup since its institution, and the hard luck they have had on more than one occasion, justifying the feeling in their favour. The captain of the Clapham team was fortunate in winning the toss, and he elected to play with his back to the Gas Works, thus securing the aid of a stiff breeze which blew rather across towards the lower touch-line. At a quarter past three o'clock Oxford got the ball in motion, and the two sides settled down at once to work. It was soon manifest that the game would be a stubborn one, as the Oxford backs were all in form, and though the wind neutralised the force of their kicks, some huge heaves were made by King, who was much applauded during the early part of the game. The Rover forwards showed some very neat passing, especially Lloyd-Jones, Ram, and Stanley, and time after time they were close on the Oxford posts, but Parr got it away, and twice afterwards the University had a narrow escape the leather hitting the cross-bar of their goal. Meanwhile the University forwards were not idle, and Childs, Heygate, and Eyre made some good runs, though Bailey's cool play and Weston's energy prevented them from penetrating very far into the Rovers' territory. Thrice in quick succession the ball was sent just over the Oxford bar, but still the Oxonians held out, and at half-time nothing had been scored, both sides being heartily cheered as they proceeded to change ends. It was fancied that in the second half the University would have all the best of the game, but the wind dropped considerably before the finish, and in this respect the Oxonians were less favoured than their opponents. A good run by Childs on the left seriously threatened the Clapham goal, and for the first quarter of an hour the University were chiefly the

assailants. Towards the close the Oxford forwards began to show the effects of the severity of their efforts during the first half, and, indeed, the play of both sides was hardly up to the mark of some previous finals. Lloyd-Jones was always busy on the lower side for the Rovers, and at last just six minutes before time, after a good run along the centre by Sparks, a miss-kick by King gave the Clapham forwards a clear shot, and Lloyd-Jones took advantage of the opportunity to secure a goal for the Rovers amidst vociferous cheering, throwing up of hats, and other demonstrations of delight from their supporters. Oxford tried hard to make matters even, but their adversaries were more than equal to the occasion, and the Rovers at the end of an hour and a half had won the Cup, after a well-contested fight, by one goal to none. Both sides were enthusiastically cheered as they passed through the lines of spectators to the pavillion, but a special demonstration was given to Ogilvie and Lloyd-Jones, and to the former, who has worked so energetically for the Rovers for the last eleven years, the success of his side must be most gratifying. The game was throughout pleasantly conducted, and there was not one appeal."

SL: "The ninth competition for the Challenge Cup, instituted by the Football Association Committee in 1871, was concluded on Saturday last in the presence of several thousand spectators. The Rovers won the toss, and Ogilvie having elected to defend the goal nearest the gasometer, at a quarter past three o'clock the Oxonians kicked off, against a strong breeze. Following up well the University men quickly carried down the ball, and within a few minutes a kick by Phillips just sent the ball outside the Rovers' goal posts. The Rovers now played up well, Sparks, Lloyd-Jones, and Ram making capital runs, the last-named at the finish making a splendid kick, which sent the ball against one of the posts. For some time now the play was continued in the centre of the ground, the backs on both sides playing exceedingly well, until a combined rush down by the Clapham forwards resulted in a bully just in front of the Oxford goal, which was neatly saved by Parry. The next event was the Oxonians endangering the Rovers' goal, the excellent keeping of Birkett alone saving it from being reduced. A capital middle by Lloyd-Jones now threatened the University goal, but the final kick by Brougham was too hard and sent the ball over the cross-bar. Once again the play was very even, and when half-time was called ends were changed without either side having gained any advantage. The Oxonians now had the assistance of the wind, and after the Rovers' kick-off, they penned their opponents, and in quick succession gained two corner kicks, which were unproductive. The Rovers, however, played the better together, and headed by Ram, Bailey, Lloyd-Jones, Stanley, and Sparks, carried down the ball in face of the wind, and more than once Parr had to use his hands to save his charge. Heygate, Phillips, Wilson, and Childs headed the Oxford attacks, and by dint of great exertions secured a couple of corner kicks, from which, however, nothing resulted. The game was now carried on so evenly that a draw appeared imminent, but about ten minutes before "time" a splendid run by Sparks enabled Lloyd-Jones to kick a goal for the Rovers, amid tremendous enthusiasm and excitement. The University made strenuous efforts to retrieve the day, but although several times within an ace of scoring, failed to do so, and the Clapham Rovers won a well-earned victory by one goal to none."

REF: "The final struggle for the above valuable and much-coveted trophy was decided on Saturday at Kennington Oval, between the Oxonians and a carefully-selected eleven of the Rovers, which, after a well-fought and closely-contested match, terminated in favour of the Claphamites by one goal to nothing, who will now retain possession of the cup till next season, when for the tenth time this annual contest will be resumed. Ogilvie, having won the toss, naturally drew up his followers on the eastern side of the ground to take advantage of a particularly sharp north-east wind, which blew vindictively in the teeth of the gallant representatives of the University, and at a quarter-past three

the Oxonians started this last and the most exciting game in the competition. Directly the Rovers received the ball, Barry, Ram, and Sparks, assisted by the other front rank men, returned it, but the Oxonians, well prepared for the onslaught, immediately sent it back, and a claim of hands unexpectedly gave Phillips a free kick, which he lifted neatly, but Weston, who played admirably, checked the danger, and carried the ball safely away. The Rovers, greatly favoured by the wind, bullied their adversaries considerably during the first half of the game, all playing well together, and but for the brilliant exertions of their opponents, among whom we may mention Phillips, Rogers, Childs, Crowdy, Heygate, and Parr as greatly distinguishing themselves, though it is almost invidious to particularise, they must have scored, but with the exception that Eyre received a rather nasty injury, which compelled him to retire from the field for a short time, though he presently came back greatly applauded, nothing of any consequence occurred until half-time was called, when they changed ends. The cheering at this stage of the proceedings from above 2,000 spectators, who thronged enthusiastically round the lists, was something to listen to, and the excitement became intense. It was generally considered that the Oxonians, with the disagreeable wind in their favour, would then carry all before them, especially as they had hitherto held their own so bravely against it, but it was ordained otherwise, for at 4.33, Sparks having made a fine run down, King missed his kick, and Lloyd-Jones, favoured by fate and opportunity, kicked through the posts, to the great delight of the adherents of the Rovers, who for the first time won a well-deserved victory."

Clapham Rovers: R. H. Birkett (Goal); R. A. M. M. Ogilvie (Capt.), Edgar Field (Backs); V. E. Weston, N. C. Bailey (Half Backs); H. de V. Brougham, A. J. Stanley (Right Side), F. Barry, F. J. Sparks (Centres), C. A. Lloyd-Jones, E. A. Ram (Left Side).

N. B. Keith Warsop's research has established the Captain's full names as Robert Andrew Muter Macindoe Ogilvie (See his "The Early F. A. Cup Finals and the Southern Amateurs" Book P. 109)

Oxford University: P. C. Parr (Goal); C. W. Wilson, C. J. S. King (Backs); F. A. T. Phillips, B. M. H. Rogers (Half Backs); R. T. Heygate (Capt.), E. H. Hill (Right Side), F. D. Crowdy, J. Eyre (Centres), J. B. Lubbock, G. B. Childs (Left Side).

Umpires: C. W. Alcock (Hon. Sec. Football Association) and R. Barker (Herts Rangers): Referee, Major Marindin, R. E. (Old Etonians)



